

Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Peace Festival -- Religious Leaders Must Lead the Way

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Dear True Mother, the Mother of Peace: Please receive our greetings from South Africa. I hope this finds you in good health. I would like to start by thanking True Mother for my appointment as the chairman of IAPD Africa. This is a great honor to lead spiritual and inter-religious activities in Africa. This is a huge responsibility. However, I trust True Mother's judgment that I can fulfill this responsibility. After my appointment as chairman, True Mother gave me the opportunity to lead the Water Ceremony for peace for the fifth Rally of Hope. What a great honor!

Recently, I have been appointed as a spiritual advisor of the Ama Hlubi Kingdom. This kingdom, which started in the 1500s is currently ruled by King Langalibalelle II, who has forty traditional rulers under him, with his people scattered in different parts of South Africa as well as in

Lesotho.

The more than eleven million Ama Hlubi people are known as people who love peace and who have lived peacefully with others. The Ama Hlubi kings are famous for being wise leaders with spiritual gifts of healing and prophecy. This is the first appointment of an indigenous spiritual guide by a king since the arrival of colonizers in South Africa in 1652. This nomination as a spiritual advisor is indeed aligned with True Mother's mandate given to spiritual and religious leaders in 2020.

True Mother said, "It is all of you, particularly religious leaders in America and throughout the world, that must let people know about True Parents and lead everyone to become Heavenly Parent's children. You have the responsibility to embrace and guide all people with one united heart. When you fulfill that responsibility, it will create a new history. I'm saying that God will be with you, with us, only when we let go of everything of the past that has human-centered origins, and advance to a position that focuses on True Parents and our Heavenly Father, Heavenly Parent."

Umfihlakalo, the Creator is the God of all people, the Heavenly Parent of humanity. In African spirituality, Umfihlakalo, is the sustainer of life, working through the angels and our ancestors to guide our lives. For Africans, Umfihlakalo is not just a concept whom we just believe exists. Nevertheless, there is absolutely the need to relate to our creator. Indeed, a life without him has no meaning. It is unfortunate that most people have lost their connectedness with Umfihlakalo. Modern lifestyle and culture have separated people from their roots. In today's world we can see that nationalism, racism, materialism, and selfishness are rampant. It is about time we all realized the need to develop our spirituality, as we are first and foremost spiritual beings, by nature. True Mother, the only begotten daughter of God is absolutely right when she says that we all need to know and attend God as our Heavenly Parent, and that, once we do that, all our problems will be solved. We all need to work to build a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values in which we all value, respect and love one another as children of the same parent, our Creator, Umfihlakalo.

As a spiritual leader and chairman of IAPD Africa, I will accomplish my duty and responsibility to let people know about the Creator as our Heavenly Parent, our True Parents and I will contribute in building one human family under God, as mandated by True Mother. True Mother, your desire and wish for Africa shine vibrantly with people knowing and attending Umfihlakalo, our Heavenly Parent, will be fulfilled.

Mother, I am grateful for your blessing, prayers and support. I am up to the task given to me. I thank you.