

At God's Day 2012 a Day was as a Week

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Father and Mother Moon, dressed in traditional Korean hanbok and surrounded by their children and grandchildren, smile at an annual family photo shoot.

On January 23, 2012, Unificationists from around the world gathered at the Main Hall, Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, to celebrate the 45th True God's Day and to usher in the Lunar New Year in prayer with True Father, True Mother and the True Family. The celebrations continued for days to include True Parents' Holy Birth, True Mother's *Gohui* Celebratory Luncheon, the 11th Anniversary of the Coronation of God's Kingship and the 29th Day of Victory of Love.

True Father wrote the motto for the year, which tentatively was translated as: "Era of the victorious liberation of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind."

At 8:00 a.m. on January 23, 2012, True Parents and members of the True Family, all dressed in traditional Korea *hanbok*, gathered with Unificationist brothers and sisters in the Main Hall of the Cheon Jeong Gung for the "Celebration of True Parents' Holy Birth and *Gohui*, the 45th True God's Day and the 11th Anniversary of the Coronation for God's Kingship."

Ambassador Krishna Rajan of India gave the following congratulatory remarks:

"Father Moon's powerful message of boundless love and unconditional compassion of service and sacrifice of family values and spiritual leadership is like a lighthouse. Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon is a truly exceptional being. He has walked the surface of the earth for more than nine decades. By his side has been his great and wonderful wife, Dr. Mrs. Hak Ja Moon. She has given her lifetime to dedication and devotion to her husband as he pursued, struggled, suffered and sacrificed for a great and noble cause – the cause of world peace. His concept of one faith is the realization that we are one human family created by God. Living for the sake of others is the only road to real happiness. Peace is unattainable unless the religions of the world recognize their responsibility and potential cooperate with each other and are given their space in considering issues of concern at the United Nations.

"We are meeting today for a very special, very auspicious occasion. We celebrate a moment of great joy, a great life of great achievements, thanksgiving and prayer. We wish you a happy birthday, Father and Mother Moon! The world needs you more than ever before. The best birthday gift that we in the UPF

(Universal Peace Federation) family can give to Father and Mother Moon is to re-dedicate ourselves to studying their message of love and peace, of sharing and caring. And we will surely reach a critical mass of men and women, young and old, who are willing to be agents of change. Then, from individual to family, family to community, community to nation, nation to the world, we will see an irreversible process towards achieving a better world. Father Moon, you have cared so much for us, given so much to us, sacrificed so much for us, and for so long, we want you to know that those sacrifices will not go for vain.”



The tentative translation for Father Moon's motto for 2012 is the "Era of the victorious liberation of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind."

The program for God's Day, the "Pledge Service for True Parents' Holy Birth, 45th True God's Day, and 11th Anniversary of the Coronation of God's Kingship," was the following:

Welcome by Master of Ceremonies – Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, President of the Unification Church in Korea
Cheon Il Guk Anthem
Gyeongbae Ceremony
Family Pledge
Prayer – Rev. Hyung Jin Moon
Cutting of the Celebratory Cake – True Parents
Partaking of Holy Food – True Parents
Congratulatory Song by the Osaka Sakai Church
Offering of Flowers to True Parents – President Sun Jin Moon and In Sup Park
True Parents' Awards – representatives from each region
Hoondokhae – Dr. Peter Kim
Three Cheers of Eog-mansei – Jong Gwan Yoo, President of the Segye Times
Close of Ceremony by Master of Ceremonies

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Cheon Il Guk Anthem
Report Prayer – Rev. Yeong Seob Song, Chairman of the Unification Movement in Japan
Reading of the Declaration to Heaven – Rev. Hyung Jin Moon
Entrance of the Officiators
Entrance of the True Parents
Gyeongbae – representatives
Congratulatory Remarks – ILC (International Leadership Conference) representative
Congratulatory Song – Miran Kim and others

Offering of Flowers – Chairman Kook Jin Moon
Presentation of Gifts and Published Works by representatives
Recession of the True Parents
Close of Ceremony by Master of Ceremonies

At 10 a.m. the same morning, Father and Mother Moon oversaw the official "Celebration of True Parents' Holy Birth and *Gohui*" in the 2nd Floor Chapel Hall and Banquet Hall in the Cheon Jeong Gung, for which all women dressed in white formal wear and all gentleman dressed in black suits.

The program for "True Parents' Holy Birth and True Mother's *Gohui* Celebration (Wedding)" was the following:



Together, True Parents celebrated True Father's 93rd birthday and True Mother's 70th birthday.

At noon the same day, Father and Mother Moon, their family and guests of honor gathered at the Main Hall of the Cheon Jeong Gung for "True Parents' Holy Birth and *Gohui* Celebratory Luncheon."

Entrance of True Parents
Cutting of the Celebratory Cake – True Parents
Offering of Flowers by representative ILC (International Leadership Conference) participants
Welcome by Master of Ceremonies – Dr. Thomas Walsh
Prayer – Archbishop George A. Stallings
Toast – Tongil Foundation Chairman Kook Jin Moon
Luncheon
Congratulatory Entertainment:
Songs by the grandchildren of True Parents
Play: "True Love Heungbu" by Ambassadors for Peace
Songs and dance by Brazil-CARP
Song by Natalia Shelepnytska from Ukraine
Hwaseon Mugok Dance by Professor Myo Seon Kim
Creative Dance by Seiwa Crews from Japan
Songs by the daughter-in-laws of True Parents
Songs by the Sunhak Children's Choir
Three Cheers of Eog-mansei – Korea UPF Chairman Dr. Sun Jo Hwang
Close of the Ceremony by Master of Ceremonies

The program for "True Parents' Holy Birth and True Mother's *Gohui* Celebratory Luncheon" (and celebratory performance) was the following:



Rev. Hyung Jin Moon and his wife Yeon Ah Moon offered a prayer during the God's Day festivities.

Prayer by Archbishop Stallings

Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, one of the 172 Christian clergy who traveled to Cheong Pyeong, Korea in September of 2011, offered the following prayer:

“Oh eternal God, our Heavenly Supreme Parent, we acknowledge how great Thou art, knowing that it is in You and You alone that we live, move and have our meaning. We give You thanks for having so fearfully and wonderfully made each one of us in Your divine image and likeness, and for having blown into our nostrils the breath of life, creating all humanity as brothers and sisters, one family under God. You are absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal; You are the owner and the one to bestow true life, true love and true lineage. When we strayed from You and fell from grace, You did not abandon us, but You have sought down through the ages to draw us back to Your true life, true love and true lineage. Even when You sent your Son, we did not accept Him, believe in Him or love Him, and assigned Him to an ignominious death on the Cross. Yet You still never gave up on us, You still never left us alone. You have now sent the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, by which You will now restore all things and engraft men and women back to Your true life, true love and true lineage.

“On the occasion of the joint birthdays of True Parents, as we celebrate the 93rd birthday of *Abonim* and the 70th birthday of *Eomonim*, we also celebrate the manifestation of a new day of alignment in which the numbers 9 and 3, equaling the number 12, symbolize fullness and completion. True Mother’s birthday, 7 plus 0, symbolizes perfection, for all things can now be made perfect, and the pathway to perfection has now been firmly established for all those who receive from True Parents the marriage Blessing and are restored once again to God’s true lineage.

“If each one of us had 10,000 tongues we would never be able to thank True Parents enough for all of their love and devotion, sacrifice and suffering, dedication and commitment for the liberation of our God and humankind. God, we pray that You will grant unto True Parents long life and continue the health of mind and body so they may behold one day with their own eyes the recognition of all humankind who have discovered their true purpose for which You have sent them upon the earth. May they, as the guiding light for humanity, bring us all to the kingdom of God in this era of Cheon Il Guk, where heaven and earth become one, and that they may be the ones who allow us to see the face of God. So let us together, my beloved brothers and sisters, with one, united voice, acclaim them as our True Parents and wish them well on their birthday with our cheers of Eog-mansei. I offer and report this prayer in the name of all Blessed Central Families and in my own name George Augustus Stallings, Jr., a Blessed Central Family, Aju, Aju, Aju.”

Remarks from Kook Jin Moon



Kook Jin Moon delivered the message that "It is for those who love God and love freedom to be vigilant and strong and to stand up against tyranny."

Tongil Chairman Kook Jin Moon gave the following speech before a toast to True Parents' health:

“As we approach the next year, 2013, which our True Father has declared to be a year of spiritual significance, we are seeing many of the things that our True Parents have declared start to make sense. Think about how the world has changed in the last few short years. Even three years ago, the world was confident about the direction it was taking. We felt certain about the strength of America, the strength of democracy as we knew it, the march of civilization and the progress and economic development which was spreading around the world.

“But today that confidence has been replaced by a deep concern. We are very much concerned about possible collapse of the economic system and we are concerned about the contagion that may spread throughout the economies of America, which is still going through a very weak recovery. And we see political instability around the world. We see the hope that the Arabs bring, but then we see that hope quickly replaced by the reality of the rise of fundamentalist Islam and radicalism. And we have seen the conflict in the state of Israel, and this year we see even more trouble in the belligerence surrounding the state of Iraq.

“And not only that, our confidence in our civilization and the security that we once had has been shaken by acts of God. Last year we saw the unprecedented natural disasters in Japan, with earthquakes, tsunamis and nuclear disaster. We saw floods in Thailand. And amidst these very troubling events in these troubling times, we are now seeing the rise of a new power in the east, the rise of China. We’re seeing an exponential growth in the military power of this nation, which is not a democracy, a nation that does not abide by the codes and the ethics and the values that we free people hold. We are faced with a situation in which somehow we are watching the emergence of this great new superpower.

“In times like this, more than in any time, we need the messiah. We need somebody to lead us and show us what we must do to find a solution to the very troubling and complex problems we are facing. Our True Parents have fought for God’s will and fought for freedom and fought to bring God’s blessing to the world. Even today our True Mother and True Father fight for this very purpose. Today they’re proclaiming to the free nations of the world, those nations that love God, love freedom and believe that God blessed humankind and that humankind is God’s children, and if they want to receive God’s blessing and to inherit His grace, then the free people need to understand and value all the gifts God gave them. And that in understanding and valuing those gifts, the free people must stand strong and must be

courageous and be willing to defend their God-given rights and freedom, at any cost.

“In the first family of God, we see the story of Cain and Abel and how God loved Abel. And Cain felt great jealousy and killed Abel. Because of this tragedy, humanity took a very dangerous and treacherous course. But if we think about it, it is not just the fault of Cain. We must understand that if Abel had the strength to defend himself, he would not have died. He should not have been the victim, and if he had been strong, he would not have been the victim. And through his strength he would have preserved peace in his family, and created a situation where God’s family could see God’s blessing at that time.

“Friends, colleagues and brothers and sisters, in much the same way as that original family, the world is divided between two great realms. One that loves God, loves freedom and respects humanity and human dignity, and one which knows nothing but its own power and denies God. It is for those who love God and love freedom to make no excuse for themselves, it is for those who love God and those who love freedom to always be vigilant and to be strong and to stand up against tyranny.

“So I would like to propose a toast to our True Father and our True Mother, who have given us this teaching to strive to become strong people in front of God, who will stand to defend our God-given freedom throughout the world. Thank you very much.”