

## Gathering to Celebrate the Start of the New Year

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To leaders, including regional leaders who had flown in from the mission field  
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A year has ended and a new year has begun, the year of the red rooster. Twenty-four days remain in this year on the heavenly calendar, but the coming year is the year of the red rooster. They say the rooster lets us know when the time has arrived. Time... In light of that, what is the very first thing we, FFWPU, must find so we can realize Heaven's providence, Heavenly Parent's dream, True Parents' dream and humanity's dream?

Heaven's struggle and efforts to reach fallen humankind is indescribable. I spoke of this earlier, but under the name, "chosen people," after the long period of four thousand years, with great difficulty, God sent his only son, Jesus Christ, whom God could connect to. Heaven worked hard to send his only son and to create an environment in which the son could fulfill his responsibilities. I have said this before, but the providential central figures must have absolute faith and absolute obedience in order to receive Heaven's will. However, when looking at Jesus, in the end, the people around him could not fulfill their responsibilities.

### **Catastrophic history**

At that time, a nation for the Israelites was just about to form under the Roman Empire; that was the contemporaneous situation of the Israelites. If they had attended Jesus, had been immediately aware of Heaven's providence and fulfilled their responsibilities, a homeland for the Israelites, the chosen people, would have come into being. However all of that was swept away. The Israelites could not fulfill their responsibilities and had to go through an indescribable course of indemnity. Even if I do not speak of it here, you are all well aware of it.

### **The vow to return**

As Jesus was dying on the cross, he said he would come again. He also said he would come back to the hold the marriage supper of the Lamb. At that time, Jesus, who had not been able to act in the capacity of a True Parent, said he would return to achieve that. Thus, the Christian providence is the providence to find the only daughter of God to be the counterpart to the God's only son. Do you understand? However, Christians today are unaware of this.

## **Korea, in the providence**

The environment for the returning Lord is the same. Heaven chose the Korean people to create the foundation for the only daughter of God.

After raising these people for about two thousand years, Korea's liberation ended the monarchy, and the age of one person as a ruler making decisions ended. The US Constitution is a model of democracy, of the people, for the people and by the people. This is the basis of democracy. Heaven raised this nation [Korea] to be a nation that can greet the returning Lord. That foundation existed so that Christians, those in the Christian cultural sphere, would recognize the returning Lord. They must be prepared to greet the returning Lord. Only then, can this nation form the national foundation and stand in front of True Parents, the returning Lord, as Heaven's chosen people in deed as well as in name.

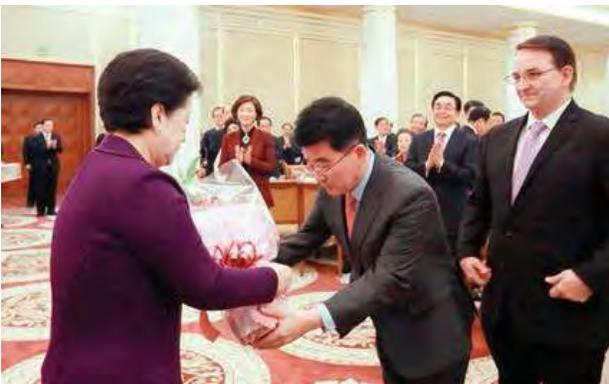


## **Look ahead**

What you must think about today is that only three years remain until 2020, for which we have made goals. But do you have confidence in national restoration? Are you confident?

Your answer is weak. With our current system and in our current circumstance, you cannot say it with confidence. Then, for the new year, as we greet the year of the red rooster in which the rooster tells us the time has come, what are our responsibilities for national restoration? Do you not understand what your responsibilities are?

You must inform all the people of this nation that they are the chosen people that Heaven has prepared. They are the people of Korea, the Republic of Korea, the people among whom True Parents were born. I have considered with what seriousness you must inform the people about this time. Your attitude to this point has been too casual. That is why, in our current state, we do not have a suitable attitude to receive Heaven's blessing. We must fix that by 180 degrees. Do you understand?



## **Setbacks on the way to victory**

Through this long period, God has waited for True Parents, who were able to realize their dream. Christianity, which Heaven had prepared to spread the providence, did not cooperate and no choice remained but to start again from the very bottom. We have experienced many of those desperate moments over the last fifty years. However we could not see this from a parent's perspective. God had originally planned to send the returning Lord with a national foundation.

Through that one nation, all the world's nations would participate in our Heavenly Parent's providence. Do you have any idea how much effort it took to create that environment? You must realize that.

## **How Father should have ascended**

Your duty when Father was alive was to achieve national restoration; you should have sent Father to the spirit world as the chosen people of Heaven's homeland. However, what happened?

Who can we say created that environment? None of you could see even one step ahead. There are many senior leaders and early members here today. However, they could not fulfill their responsibilities. If we

had not been able to create even this Cheonwon complex, we would have had no choice but to send Father to the spiritual world poorly. Blessed families and early members, you must deeply repent. Do you understand?



### **Save the nation**

In our work to create the environment for the returning Lord, the True Parents, our most urgent priority is national restoration. One of us has gone to spirit world. While I am still here, we absolutely must create that environment. However, how confident are you in this? The people of this nation still do not recognize True Parents. We are in an era with the benefits of civilization. We live in an era in which we can connect through the internet in a second, but what have you been doing? Why have we been unable to use the path of civilization Heaven has given to us to get ahead? Do you know what I am saying? That the person in charge takes responsibility is important.

Heaven has given you the means by which one person can reach ten people or a hundred people. Why are you not using that method? Why are you not taking this seriously? This is deeply regrettable.

### **Time and effort are needed**

How is it that no sons or daughters think of the future? How are there no sons or daughters that say they will make national restoration a reality? Who will give you praise for fulfilling your responsibilities after True Parents are both in the spirit world? Who will tell you that you have worked hard? Do not miss this opportunity. Do you understand?

That is why I have thought about many things. Right now, we have proclaimed Foundation Day, and after proclaiming Cheon Il Guk, we also created the constitution and the five [governmental] organs. However, the task of national restoration will take more time.

### **Move in unity**

Among those here today, I am sure not many of you participated in the Korean War. You would have to be more than ninety years old today. If you think in terms of "enemy lines," and think that you must regain the most important high ground in order to be victorious, what is the high ground you are facing right now?

Where is it? It is the high ground of national restoration. In that case, we must appoint a commander-in-chief in order to regain that ground. We must have the cooperation of all the institutes here. Do you understand what I am saying? That is why we need to strengthen the federation. You must center on the Korean headquarters, and especially center on all of you gathered here today. What I want to say is that these blessed families, the early members, ambassadors for peace, national messiahs, must unite with the Korean headquarters for the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, especially for the grand goal of national restoration. As elders of the *Cheon Eui Won* [Cheon Il Guk Assembly] you must unite with the Korean headquarters and you must advance together.

In order to regain the high ground, you must all become one. Do not think you are older so you know more. More important is the goal of becoming one. There is only one goal, the fulfillment of which brings us to this high ground. Have you made the determination to fully advance? If you have, this year of the red rooster will be full of hope.

Until now, we have been unable to fulfill our responsibilities and offer this to Father. We must absolutely achieve this. If we advance with determination to do that, we can accomplish it.



### **Organizational matters**

In our constitution, it says there is a term of office. There is one for the Supreme Council. However, because we have not attained our nation, I have decided to push the terms back a bit. Therefore, centered on the Korean headquarters... the Korean headquarters will fulfill the role of the Cheon Eui Won. Also in addition to church activities that I preside over directly through the international headquarters, I am the president of all institutes, UPF, the *Segye Times* and those related to the newspapers. I am the president of the Family Federation and the president of the *Segye Times*. I am also the chairwoman. I am the president of many things. Do you understand? While I am on earth, I must take my place for your sake, for the sake of your descendants. It is not possible for you to achieve the whole of the providence on your own. I have to be involved. That is why I am a True Parent.

### **The Sunhak Global Foundation**

True Parents understand Heaven's providence. Do you understand? You must live in direct vertical alignment with True Parents. I am telling you not to look to the side. Recently foolish people abound. I am a True Parent; there is no successor without True Parents' seal and blessing. There is no successor in the providence. Do you understand? Even though I taught you this and told you, there can no longer be foolish people who do not realize this.

Therefore, I am planning many things. There is an educational institute centered on the Sun Moon Foundation for cultivating future leaders. However, we will also have the Sunhak Global Foundation, which will globally tie Korea, the United States and Asia together under one system. Sun Moon will also go in that. Do you understand? I am developing this kind of organization. I will be the one in charge of all of this. I will select the people who will cooperate in this work.

### **Go beyond the nation**

I spoke about national restoration, but it does not end with just national restoration. We must also achieve global restoration. Heaven prepared much of True Parents' environment but human beings were the ones that could not fulfill their responsibilities.

That is why no choice existed but to take a difficult path. Now even just this nation... True Parents are the owners of this nation. The people who say they will be the president [of Korea] think they are the owners. Once they are president, they do this and that but they finish [their term] without honor.

Right now, this nation is in the midst of confusion. There is no one whom we can say is in charge. If there were a person of that type, the person must become one who will attend True Parents. True Parents are this nation's owners. They are this world's owners. Heavenly Parent is the Creator, and the ones that will achieve Heavenly Parent's dream are True Parents. In that case, isn't the answer clear? The owners of this nation and of the world are the True Parents. The principle is that the nations that unite with True Parents' teachings will flourish and the nations that cannot unite will fail.

## **IAPP developments**

At the beginning of last year, we proposed the establishment of IAPP and throughout the year, we have worked to conclude its founding. In America, I proclaimed, "I am the True Parent" in a place with the same significance as the Roman Senate during the time of the Roman Empire. I said that we should go forward united with the True Parents.

Did I do well? In front all people, who are surrounded by confusion, I said clearly that I am the True Parent who will reveal the truth and the heavenly secrets. In that regard, I will once again be patient and as the True Parent I will once again teach the children that are still immature, waking them up so that they can become children that are able to fulfill all of their responsibilities. This is what I am trying to say today. Do you understand?



## **Let's expedite the kingdom**

I have centered national restoration on the Korean headquarters. Those in charge and the early members and all blessed families must unite and achieve national restoration. According to what goals you make and how you go forward, Heaven's blessings and reward will come. It depends on what you do. Also we cannot let the environment that UPF has created throughout the last year for the sake of global restoration be swept away. We must continue to educate others so that each nation can become a nation that receives Heaven's providence and attains national restoration during this age.

The larger the number of fully restored nations there are, the quicker Heaven's providence can come about. Isn't that so? If that happens, what this nation can take responsibility over, what they can do to accelerate this, the method, will come through the IAPP we will hold during True Parents' Birthday, extensively through the press and UPF's ambassadors for peace foundation. Now we must help people clearly understand that we are attending the True Parents.

## **National restoration is a base**

What must we do to become the people that receive True Parents' will? We must inform others. They must know Father and Mother as their True Parents. They must know True Parents. That is why we must educate and take care of them in that sense. We must take care of them according to the global providence.

UPF has an international president as well as a Korean president. Therefore, I will appoint a secretary-general of UPF International, so they can all unite. Therefore, unite with Thomas Walsh. Because I directly guide the FFWPU International Headquarters and True Parents' Secretariat, I have selected a person who will go forward after first clearly understanding the direction of the providence. Yang Changshik, you are here, right? National restoration is also restoration but for the sake of global restoration, you should have credentials as the vice-president of the *Segye Times*. With that position, you must travel the world and inform people, leading the way to national restoration. You should be in Korea for about one-third of the time, but for the other two-thirds, you must invest in touring the world.

You have to do that in order to sink roots in all of the nations and regions where we established IAPP, so that they may restore the surrounding nations. You must educate them in that way. Heaven has given us the opportunity to make this happen.



### **Build on the foundation**

Right now, many problems have arisen around the world. The strong nations are thinking first of the benefit to their own nations. However this is not Heaven's will. What they are saying and what they are asserting will not go far. You must take the lead and you must be clear regarding Heaven's providence. In this way, Heaven has prepared a global foundation. Your not being able to fulfill your responsibilities would be serious. Do you understand? Do not focus on who your superior or your subordinate is, but instead focus absolutely on the development of God's will, which will complete the providence. Until your last breath, you must do your utmost with the determination that you will absolutely realize national and global restoration in attendance of True Parents. Do you understand?

### **Will you do that?**

I also spoke a bit about the Sun Hak Global Academy of Arts and Sciences earlier. Is Son Dae-oh here? I want you to put down everything else you are doing

and work on research and development. Do you understand?

### **Embrace the world**

I will manage all of the institutes. In order to do that, the FFWPU International Headquarters and the Secretariat must unite. The same goes for the *Segye Times*. There are two *Segye Times* vice-presidents. Yang Chang-shik will mostly work for the global providence. I appoint Yoon Jeong-ro as a *Segye Times* vice-president. He has worked hard until now to educate politicians and ambassadors for peace about national restoration. Now all things are prepared in name and deed for the sake of national restoration.

The [FFWPU-Korea] president has to go forward toward one goal. Do not worry and fully advance for the sake of national restoration, which we absolutely must accomplish.

Everyone stand up. We will do our best in order for this nation, this people, to receive Heaven's blessing in 2020. I pledge this. I pray that you will all absolutely become the people that embrace the world as God's homeland. We pledge this! We pledge this! We pledge this!