

UPF USA: Realizing the Peaceful Reunification of Korea

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Distinguished leaders and blessed families, I would like to congratulate our co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon on the resounding success of the Summit 2022 and Leadership Conference, and the beautiful memorial program on the 10th anniversary of the passing of her husband and our co-founder the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

The Summit had several key components: 1) the focus on the development of African unity 2) Asian unity and development 3) focus on the reunification of Korea through the UPF/ Washington Times fact finders, and 4) A celebration of the 40th Anniversary of The Washington Times. These all were culminating in the FFWPU memorial service honoring Father Moon and Mother Moon in August of this year.

Dr. Young Ho Yoon, Director General of UPF Korea and Dr. Thomas Walsh, Chairman of UPF International, convened the conference with the support of all affiliated leaders on every continent, with special thanks to our North American UPF leaders. Though every continent has profound testimonies, I will only share some of the affirmations of support that came from the North American delegation.

Pastor Paula White, spiritual advisor to former President Donald Trump, said, "Rev. Moon suffered in a death camp in North Korea for two years and eight months, and yet he came out of that suffering with a heart of love to heal the North. Mother Moon came to the south as a five-year-old girl with her devout Mother and Grandmother following the call of Jesus. She has kept that dream and call of bringing her homeland back together again. Mother Moon, we all came here to this Summit in 2022 because we want you to know that you are succeeding and the peaceful reunification of Korea is sure to come."

Other North American speakers included former US House Speaker Newt Gingrich, The Right Honorable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada (2006-15), The UPF / Washington Times fact finding delegation and Archbishop Stallings and the ACLC leadership.

October 2022 17 Former U.S. Secretary of State Secretary Mike Pompeo gave a tribute to Father Moon's life that will never be forgotten. As the former director of the CIA (2017-18) and U.S. Secretary of State

(2018- 21), his reflections on the life of Rev. Moon are certain to be taken earnestly by all nations involved with Northeast Asia, especially the ROK and the DPRK. Secretary Pompeo conveyed one of the most clear summaries of the path that Father and Mother Moon walked as Christians. The following paraphrases what he shared:

Rev. Moon was sent to Heung Nam Death Camp along with other Christian pastors. It was in that camp that he was forced to study the communist ideology and he learned two things: 1) to have absolute faith in God, and 2) that communism must be stopped because it denies the existence of God. Due to Gen. MacArthur's troops liberating Hungnam Prison Father Moon escaped to the south along with two others.

He formed the Holy Spirit Association and worked to fight communism in Japan and Korea, and came to America to do the same work. To fight communism globally, Rev. and Dr. Moon founded The Washington Times. Chairman Kim Il Sung sent assassins to kill them, however they survived and, following Jesus teaching, they went back to North Korea to love their enemy. They told Chairman Kim's close advisors that the Juche Ideology will not work because it denies God. They thought they might be arrested but instead, a miracle occurred. Chairman Kim invited them to break bread together and they became like family.

Following Rev. Moon's passing, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has continued the great work she and her husband spent their lives engaged in. She embraces all leaders, from Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and the Americas as well as China, Russia and North Korea. We've seen it over the last few days of this Summit 2022. Leaders everywhere are joining her in her efforts to bring North and South Korea together peacefully. She has done a magnificent work in expanding what she and her husband started. Bless you, madam. I can say with all my heart that I can see that North and South Korea will come together peacefully.

On this memorial day my wife Susan and I would like to thank Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han for their work toward peace, and we pray for Dr. Moon's success in bringing North and South Korea together.

The audience was deeply moved and this historic day will never be forgotten. We sincerely thank Secretary Pompeo for his great message.

Mother Moon has always shared with these prestigious leaders, "Only when nations attend and honor God can they work together for peace." At the post conference celebration, she said " I promise you that we will successfully establish Heaven on earth as it is in Heaven (Cheon Il Guk), complete the creation of the environment (for peace) and without fail celebrate our day of victory in 2027." This is the day when the Korean Peninsula will be restored as one nation in peace and the world will be a world of hope for all mankind."