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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon on the 20th anniversary of WFWP USA on October 27, 2012

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In September 1993, after only one year of active service, I was invited to give an address at the UN headquarters in New York; and then, after three years of sincere investment and hard work, the Women's Federation for World Peace was approved by the United Nations' Economic and Social Council as an NGO in General Consultative Status, which is the highest status given to an NGO by the United Nations. Since then, our status has been approved continuously at the reevaluations held every four years. I am confident to say that these reviews reveal and endorse our true value, based on our activities and achievements. Among the more than 3,500 NGOs affiliated with the UN, only 140 have received the General Consultative Status that WFWP has achieved.

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WOMEN'S ROLE IN WORLD PEACE

October 20, 1992 · Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon



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During this historic age of transition, my husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and I have advocated Godism in our efforts to overcome the forces of oppression. It is my belief that our efforts have played a role in the demise of the cold war era. Today, I would like to introduce a philosophy that advocates that we rise above racial, religious and national barriers to heal this world. This philosophy is called Godism.

How, then, is a world of true freedom, peace, and prosperity to be achieved? To know this we must first start by understanding God and His purpose of creating the universe.

Originally, God created an object of love in order to feel joy. To create one masterpiece, a sculptor, for example, works day and night, investing his youth and all his strength. Where does this heart of such a sculptor come from? It comes from God, who has the same desire in wanting an object of love through which God can experience joy.

If we look at the physical world, we can see that everything has an inherent duality. Minerals, plants, animals and people all exist in pairs. This is so that each being has an object with which to interact. In the mineral world, there is the action between positive ions and negative ions. In the plant world, we have the relationship between stamen and pistil. Likewise, in the animal world, we have the relationship between male and female. God created all things with a reciprocal partner so that all levels of creation would experience joy and love. At lower levels, the expression of God's love takes the form of harmonious laws of physics and natural instincts. At the highest level, God's love is expressed through the dynamic loving relationship between a man and a woman.

My dear friends!

We all have loving husbands and loving wives, don't we? How much do we love our spouses? If someone offered you a fortune for your loving husband, would you give him up? Is there a husband who would exchange a loving wife if he were offered a crown? When I asked my husband this question, he looked me in the eyes and said lovingly, "Not even for the world." What it all comes down to is that man was born for the sake of woman, and woman was born for the sake of man.

Who, then, is God's partner of love? It is the universe centered upon God's sons and daughters. In other words, God created the universe so that He could reciprocate and experience love.

LIVING FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS

Moreover, if God created the universe for the sake of love, it is important to understand the nature of God's love. In our world today, we use the word love in many ways. I have heard some say that they love chocolate, or that they love to dance. The often heard expression, "I love you", no longer refers to everlasting love. How often has "I love you" turned into "I want a divorce" in our society today? This kind of limited or self-centered love is not God's love.

God's love is true, selfless and unchanging. True love is the act of giving without the condition of receiving. When God created us, He invested one hundred percent of everything He had again and again. The reason why God wanted to invest Himself completely is because He wanted His object of love to be better than Himself. The act of living for others means that you give one hundred percent of yourself until there is nothing left to give. Only then will the love of your object rush back to fill the void. An example of this is the earth's atmosphere. When a low pressure system forms, air moves in from a high pressure system. The air starts circulating, and can even result in a hurricane. In other words, it is the complete rendering and sacrificing of yourself for the sake of others that produces a vacuum, which will be the very source of tremendous power when God replenishes you with His love.

God's true love is such that though He loves and loves again, or gives and gives again, He does so unconditionally and unconsciously. If you consciously remember what you have given, then you will begin to calculate how much giving is enough. And if you decide that you have given enough, then love cannot continue eternally. Love flows perpetually only if it is given unconditionally.

If your mind and body become one centered on true love, then each of you will become God's companion of love, and will assume the position of God's eternal object. Moreover, you will come to inherit the eternal love of God.

God created the first humans, whom the Bible calls Adam and Eve, to achieve true love and to serve as a paradigm for ideal human relationships. These relationships can be likened to a vertical line that bisects a horizontal line. In this model, God is positioned at the top of the vertical line, and Adam and Eve are positioned at opposite ends of the horizontal line. The point of intersection of the vertical and horizontal axes symbolizes true love, where God, Adam, and Eve meet in a harmonious relationship.

God is the parent of vertical true love, and Adam and Eve are the parents of horizontal true love. If we are born of the love, life and lineage of God, our Heavenly Parent, as well as of our earthly, physical parents, then our minds are vertically connected to God while our bodies are connected to the horizontal, physical realm. More importantly, when our "vertical self" and our "horizontal self" are unified, we become the true love companion of God.

If humanity had matured according to God's will and inherited God's absolute, unchanging love, then our history would not have been a history of war, bloodshed, and misery. Instead, it would have been a history of harmony and peace.

As God's true love companions, we can communicate freely with God and feel everything God feels. Our minds and bodies will resonate in unison with the original heart of God. From this principle of "resonance," or communal oneness, we can say that God's love is my love, God's life is my life, God's lineage is my lineage, and God's creation is my creation.

THREE ATTRIBUTES OF TRUE LOVE

True Love contains the three great attributes of "inheritance", "participation", and "equality". Thus, if you truly love God as He loves you, then you can possess what God possesses, you can participate in everything that God does, and you can share in God's infinite value. Take, for example, a poor man who did not have the means to get an education. If he is married to the President of the United States, and they are a loving couple, then what belongs to the wife belongs to the husband. He has the right to participate in his wife's affairs. Moreover, because the husband and the wife each love the other more than themselves, they are equal in value.

Ladies and Gentlemen, which do you think comes first, love or life? A person's life is conceived from the ideal of love, therefore, it is love that comes first. The essence of life is love and life is the embodiment of love. Thus, life, from the moment of conception, has infinite value and should be lived for the sake of others.

If we claim that our lives are to be lived only for the sake of ourselves, and for no one else, then we would never experience love. True love starts only when we sacrifice ourselves for the purpose of loving others. This is captured by the classic Charles Dickens tale in which Mr. Scrooge, who, despite all his riches, was never able to experience joy until he learned to live for others. When Mr. Scrooge sacrificed himself for the sake of his community, he became the initiator of love among his neighbors. Likewise, when a person sacrifices herself for the sake of her family, she becomes the initiator of love in her family.

When we sacrifice ourselves for the sake of others, it may seem as if we will lose everything, but actually the opposite is true. Not only do we become the subject and master of love, but we also transcend to a higher realm of love.

It is the principle of love that the more we sacrifice for the sake of others, the higher our level of love becomes. When we sacrifice ourselves for a greater purpose, we will not simply be absorbed by it, but rather will come to hold a central position within the greater purpose where a higher level of love will be realized. A good example of this principle of love can be seen in the history of Christianity. The very reason that Christianity became a religion of resurrection lies in the fact that its principal teaching extols the virtue of sacrificing oneself for the sake of others. Jesus himself practiced this very principle of love. Even as he was being sent to die on the cross, his heart of sacrifice and love was captured by his last words, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Jesus' life was the paradigm of God's true love. His life of love and sacrifice resulted in the attainment of a higher level of life for many Christians around the world.

Another example of this principle of love is our beloved Mother Teresa. She herself may be small and fragile, but as a woman of God, living for the sake of others, she becomes the strongest of all. The reason is that if a woman loves and gives one hundred percent to others, then God's love will fill up the vacuum that is left after she has given everything, and the power of God's love will replenish her. Thus, if a woman resembles God and becomes the subject of love, a tremendous force will be unleashed and the power of that love will give life to the family, to the nation, and to the world.

Last year, in November, my husband and I traveled to North Korea a Communist society closed to the outside world. There we met Kim Il-Sung, the president who has ruled that nation for 40 years.

Forty years ago, before we were married, my husband spent nearly three years in a Communist labor camp for preaching the word of God in North Korea. Since that time, my husband has been in the forefront of the effort to educate people about the error of Communist ideas and the tyranny of Communist governments. Because of this work, the North Korean government did its best to propagate misinformation about my husband and even threatened his life on several occasions. But Reverend Moon and I felt called by God, and went to North Korea, relying only on God's protection. We put into practice the words of Jesus, "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it."

We preached God's truth to the Communist rulers of North Korea for the first time in that nation's history. Furthermore, we told Kim Il-Sung that "the unification of Korea can only be brought about through the ideology of Godism." In reality, we put our lives at risk by speaking out so boldly. Nevertheless, we were willing to sacrifice everything for the reunification of our homeland. It is precisely through the power of true love that one gains the ability to conquer even hell.

GOD'S STRATEGY OF LOVE

Throughout human history, God's strategy for the salvation of humanity has always been the way of true love. Satan, on the other hand, uses force, for he does not possess the capability of true love. God's strategy is to receive the first blow but ultimately emerge victorious, while Satan's way is to strike first, but lose everything in the end.

Look, for example, at the First and Second World Wars, and the third world war between the ideas of Communism and the free world. In each case, the side of evil was the aggressor, and in each case the evil side was defeated. God is omnipotent, and has the power to strike and take back what is His at will. God, however, does not do so because to strike first is not the way of true love. God always remains true to the principle of love. God works patiently to win the world back by continually pouring out His love and by allowing those who are closest to Him to suffer for the sake of the world. God has deep compassion for those who are persecuted for doing His work. Being persecuted for doing God's work is one way to inherit God's blessing.

The history of the prophets shows us this principle at work. The prophets who came to teach the word of God should have been revered and honored as great teachers, but instead, they were bitterly persecuted and wrongfully beaten. Some of them have even lost their lives at the hands of their accusers. But do you know what happens in the end to the beaten and persecuted prophets? They eventually receive all that they had lost and more. Moses was driven into exile by the Pharaoh of Egypt. Confucius and Mohammed both received heavy persecution during their lives. Joan of Arc was burned at the stake, and Jesus was crucified as a criminal. But as time passed, history revealed their greatness as men and women of God. God has let my husband and me experience this many times in our lives. My husband is one of the most persecuted religious leaders of our time, yet God has allowed us to prosper.

If we truly come to understand God's heart, we would never seek revenge on our

enemies. On the contrary, we would move heaven and earth to help them. By embracing and becoming one with your enemy centered on love, you will come to stand in front of the gates of the Kingdom of Heaven. There, God will be moved to tears. He will exclaim, "You are just like Me!" and He will be overcome with joy. This is the secret behind the words, "Love your enemy." No amount of money, power, or knowledge can ever match the infinite power of true love. Moreover, God knows that even His enemies have parents, spouses or children who still love them. Since God Himself has gone through the valley of tears, He understands the loving hearts of His enemies' families, and so withholds His punishment.

TRUE LOVE, TRUE LIFE, TRUE LINEAGE

God has true love, true life and true lineage. Since we originated from God, we also have true love, true life and true lineage. Centering on the true love of God, we were born to achieve a perfect union with God through the ideal relationship between parent and child. Just as the mind and body of God are naturally unified through true love, the mind and body of men and women also should have been naturally unified.

Because of the fall, however, humankind has inherited Satan's love, life, and lineage. Satan seduced the first man and woman and prevented them from harmonizing their mind and body centered upon true love. This is why our body, controlled by Satan, fights with our mind which is on God's side. The self-centered love that we see around us today does not originate from an individual's mind but from his body. The mind was to represent heaven as the subject over the body, but the body has become another subject, centered on Satan, challenging our mind.

This is why religion teaches us to overcome the self-centered desires of our physical bodies through fasting, sacrifice, and service. Moreover, religion teaches us how to strengthen our mind through constant prayer, faith and devotion. Guided by religion, an individual can develop the ideal harmony of mind and body, and live as an enlightened being of true love. Philosophy, knowledge or conscience alone is not enough.

How, then, did Satan prevent man's mind and body from becoming one with God's ideal? The Bible tells us that Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. What part of the body, however, did Adam and Eve cover after they had eaten the fruit? If they were ashamed of eating the fruit, they would have covered their hands and mouths. But instead the Bible says that they were ashamed of their nakedness and covered their lower parts. Indeed, the fall was an illicit love relationship centered upon Satan.

According to God's plan, the embodiment of true love, true life, and true lineage is man and woman's reproductive organs. The act of love was meant to be a husband and wife's most holy possession. Because of the fall, however, the act of love has been considered shameful. Adam and Eve, the ancestors of humankind, fell when they were still immature teenagers. Influenced by Satan's initiative, they sowed the seeds of false love, false life and false lineage.

Today throughout the world, young people like Adam and Eve are destroying the ethics of love and living lives of corruption. Many of our youths are abandoning their hopes and dreams and pursuing lives of promiscuity, drugs and violence. How many more times must we bear the news of teenage pregnancies, of newborn infants

addicted to cocaine, and of schoolboys getting shot and stabbed in our schools? When we see these phenomena, we know that the age of Satan's dominion has reached its climax.

Throughout history, any city or country that has ignored God and engaged in wanton behavior has been destroyed. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by fire and brimstone. Rome was destroyed because its citizens became morally decadent.

Look at America, Europe, Japan and the other developed nations of the world. Who can control the hedonistic way of life that only seeks to stimulate our carnal desires? We have to realize that this life, based on the desires of the body, will ultimately lead us into ruin. This decadent path is not what our minds want. In fact, our original minds are crying out in despair.

Humankind, which fell and became allied with Satan, is like the wild olive tree. Therefore, the wild olive tree must receive the branch of the true olive tree through which the wild olive tree can be adopted into the true lineage of God. God has prepared the religious people, and people of good conscience, of the world so they may be adopted into the true family of God when it appears on earth. Only as part of God's true lineage can we fulfill God's original ideal of true love. This is the reason the Messiah must come.

Ladies and Gentlemen, what is the Messiah?

The Messiah is the True Parents of humankind. God's original plan was to establish perfected Adam and Eve as the true ancestors of humanity. Satan, however, invaded this ideal, and God, ever since, has been working toward the emergence of ideal True Parents through which all humankind can be restored. As True Fathers and True Mothers ourselves, we must vanquish Satan, liberate humanity and build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

As God's sons and daughters we must inherit God's love, life, and lineage. Moreover, we must also inherit True Parents' love, life, and lineage. Then we will have achieved unity between heaven and earth, vertical and horizontal, and mind and body. This will be the starting point for the eternal world of peace.

My dear guests of the Women's Federation for World Peace!

Starting now, in this year of the woman, we must be the model movement of true love for the whole world. We must begin with ourselves and unify our minds and bodies and become vertically connected with God's true love. We must then live for the sake of others to bring about love and understanding with those around us.

The Women's Federation for World Peace recognizes that the moral and spiritual roots of this great nation are still alive. Let us help each other, let us commit our time, let us share our ideas and our strengths to accomplish this noble cause. Centered on our leadership then, ideal families will join together and create the ideal nation and world. Upon this foundation, the Women's Federation for World Peace soon will initiate the Family Federation for World Peace.

My dear sisters, let us pledge to shed our blood, sweat and tears for the purpose of creating a world centered on God and true love.

Let us all rise up and take the lead in completing this historic mission.

May God bless all of you, your families and your nation.

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April 10, 2002 · Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon



TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF WFWP

Distinguished guests, leaders of women's organizations, members of the Women's Federation for World Peace. Today, as I stand here before you, I am filled with many deep emotions. In particular, I feel a deep sense of gratitude to God, who has guided our federation with true love for the ten years that have passed since its founding.

My husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and I jointly founded the Women's Federation for World Peace with the purpose that it would proclaim the arrival of the era of women and function as a pivotal organization for the women's peace movement.

This federation was not founded simply as another women's organization among the many that already exist. Rather, the first and foremost characteristic of WFWP is that it was founded for the providential purpose of realizing God's ideal world, a world which centers on the ideal of True Parents.

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A man and woman who are united through the power of original, true love acquire entitlement to a single common status. They also share entitlement to participate together and be with each other, whatever the situation or location. Moreover, a man and woman united in true love also share an ideal right of inheritance; they share ownership of each other's things, for she is his second self, just as he is hers.

Thus, a man and woman united in God's true-love ideal share fully and totally all rank and position, all rights of participation, and all rights of possession. Men and women were created to be equal in terms of value when they are centered on true love.

Naturally, then, a man and woman should not exist in a relationship of hostility or opposition, where the characteristics and qualities of the other are to be mimicked or coveted. There is no need for that, because man and woman belong to each other. Their relationship is designed to be one where all their qualities as well as possessions are shared with each other so as to bring each to completion and perfection, and thus together become something greater than the sum of the two.

Women have the important role of bearing children, raising them, and guiding the family as God's representatives -- with the uniquely feminine sense of affection and love that God has granted to women. This original feminine nature is something God endowed each woman with.

By nurturing the fruits of love and investing in her children's upbringing, a woman connects and extends the traditions and lineage of her family. For this reason, although her external efforts are important, the role of the mother in cultivating character and raising her children to have healthy, wholesome natures is the highest function of motherhood. In fulfilling this role, mothers truly represent the heart of God.

As the future unfolds, humanity will have no option but to live interdependently in a pluralistic, global society. A culture of peace will be established all across the globe. When this happens, the precious role of women who are grounded in the love of God

will be recognized as an absolutely essential ingredient not only for the family, but also for society, for the nation and on the global level as well.

That is because women play a sacred role that is both historical and related with the blood lineage. We carry the future of humanity in our wombs; we give birth to and nurture humankind's potential. If the role of mothers is ignored, where will the hope and future prospects for humanity come from?

In the worldwide peace movement led by WFWP, women play the central role. Members of WFWP should feel proud that the work we are doing across the globe deals with such a unique area and has such providential significance. We should also be grateful that WFWP can carry out its work under the direct guidance of the True Parents.

Over the past ten years, I have been privileged to give talks and keynote addresses in the parliamentary halls of many nations across the globe, from the UN headquarters to the U.S. Congress and Japanese Diet. We have held hundreds of international meetings where I delivered the message of the Women's Federation. Sometimes the audience comprised several hundred people, sometimes ten thousand, and sometimes more than a hundred thousand people.

I have been fortunate to have been able to carry out a number of global tours embracing North and South America, Europe, Asia, including Russia and China, Oceania and Africa. During these tours, my message has always been the proclamation of the era of women and an emphasis on the role of women in bringing about world peace.

We have addressed the serious crises facing modern civilization, including decadence among youths, family breakdown, teenage and single parenthood, AIDS, drug abuse, crime and national instability. Moreover, we have raised the issue of ethics and morality centering on the family, and shown the need for the establishment of a new value system aligned with God's truth. In short, we have rung the warning bell.

Consequently, in each nation across the globe, movements for national reformation and social restoration are being led by inspired and enlightened women motivated from within. These movements are creating a foundation of hope throughout the world.

So once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the members of the Women's Federation for World Peace. In more than 180 nations around the world, and particularly in South Korea, Japan and America, you have participated with fervor and accomplished many tangible results for our cause.

Beloved leaders of women everywhere!

What should be the central direction and activities of the women's peace movement during the coming ten years? Reverend Moon has focused on the year 2012 as the year in which the ideal world of peace -- the hope of humanity and God alike - needs to be substantially realized. To that end, he is at this time heading up a global movement for the practice of true love. Likewise, for the Women's Federation for World Peace, the next ten years will be a very important period.

The world of peace is not initially accomplished on the global or even national level. Peace must first be realized in the individual and in the family because these form the basis for all human organizations and systems. Core issues of world peace essentially depend on the question of how peace can be attained within the individual and the family.

The original ideal of God's creation was to accomplish the Kingdom of Heaven on the earth, and beyond that, a world of the ideal of love that also embraced the spiritual dimension. Thus, a Kingdom of Heaven both was to be formed in both the spiritual and physical worlds. This ideal was to be achieved by expanding the model of an ideal family to the world level and then the cosmic level. For this reason, a family of true love is the fundamental unit and basis of an ideal world of peace.

When true parents, a true husband and wife, and true children all attend God and form a true family of peace, and when that family expands to form a clan, nation and world, true world peace will be realized. The role of the mother and wife in creating peace in the family is an absolute and eternal one.

Today, immorality and decadence are spreading over the world and the family is crumbling under the influence of soaring divorce rates and increasing self-indulgence among youth.

In these circumstances, the true family blessing movement and the pure love youth education that WFWP is promoting worldwide are, in the fundamental sense, movements for peace. They are movements that can save the nation and save the world unique peace movements of the highest dimension driven by the power of God's true love.

I believe that we members of WFWP need to have a special sense of mission in our work. Based on the moral laws and principles of the universe, we need to make our families whole and sound in accordance with the heavenly way of life. We have to point our societies in the right direction and make our nations righteous and strong.

Thus, participation by women is needed in all aspects of society, from diplomacy and politics to the economy and legal system reform. Women also need to be active in education and culture, in sports and the arts, not to mention the diverse activities of NGOs.

However, I want to emphasize that before all these things, the highest priority for our activity needs to be education of our society in a righteous value system, and the True Love and True Family movement. We need to encourage and foster the practice of living for the sake of others.

Moreover, we women have to be the vanguard of the movement for unification. It has always been a clear objective of our federation to carry out a number of activities that will aid the reunification of the Korean peninsula, for example. Women have to take the lead in both national and global unification by providing an example through education based on a true value system and the practice of true love.

War and conflict arise when we attempt, from selfish motives, to acquire things, such as land or possessions that belong to others. Conversely, peace is realized when we invest ourselves for the sake of others; in other words, when we practice true love.

For some time now, our federation has invested its heart and soul in developing our

Service and Sharing for the Neighborhood and Society activities. These activities will surely become a precious foundation for peace in the future.

This year, we initiated the 1% Love Sharing Project to practice true love and help our compatriots in North Korea; particularly women and children. In my view, this campaign exemplifies the spirit with which WFWP was founded. As a campaign that emphasizes the practice of true love and sharing, this project is being developed in many nations around the world. Transcending religion, race and nationality it is rising above the established conflict-centered framework to bring peace in a tangible way.

In recent years, WFWP has worked hard to build bridges of peace between nations in many parts of the world, under Reverend Moon's guidance. An example of this is the creation of sisterhood relationships between 320,000 South Korean and Japanese women. Sisterhood ceremonies between women of different nations have now firmly taken root as an integral part of many international conferences and as a concrete practice for the realization of peace.

In the future, WFWP will pursue the growth of our active efforts for peace by developing a joint platform embracing many different fields, including education, culture, sports and the arts. This will be achieved through cooperation that transcends nationality, race, religion and different NGOs.

Moreover, bringing together women from all over the world in harmony and cooperation, we will further volunteer activities based on true love-so that more and more people can become the recipients of love in a tangible way.

My dear members of the Women's Federation! In the twenty-first century, men and women together must become the main players of world history, cooperating as the driving force for the realization of a world of peace. The central role of women is all the more vital if the unfolding century is to be characterized not by power and technology, but by culture and by love.

It is my fervent hope and expectation that the members of WFWP will take the lead in guiding the movement for restoring true families. That movement is the basis and foundation for the realization of a world of peace.

Enlightened women are the centre of the love, peace and service that preserve the family, and a sound, healthy family is the school of love and virtue. The starting point of world peace lies with the mothers at the centre of such families, families that perfect and bring to fruition God's true love.

We must all push ahead in the conviction that no matter how wounded and scarred this world becomes, it can be healed and cleansed by the substantial work of a women's federation united in the vision of God's true love. If we have that determination and if we make that effort, then God's absolute authority will be with us, as will be the blessing and guidance of the spiritual realm.

Let us all stand up and be counted; let us complete the building of an ideal world of peace both on earth and in the spiritual world.

In conclusion, let me thank you, both our distinguished guests and federation members, once again for taking the time from your busy schedules to allow us the pleasure of your presence today.

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WOMEN AS THE TURNING POINT FOR PEACE AND THE ABEL WOMEN'S UN

November 21, 2011 · Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

Distinguished guests from around the world, peace leaders and women representatives from all 50 states of America!

Dear members of the Women's Federation for World Peace USA, and WFWP International.

My husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who has ascended to the spirit

world, and I, would like to extend our sincere welcome to you for coming to Las Vegas to attend this historic WFWP USA Turning Point Assembly for the 'Abel Women's UN.' We are gathered here to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Women's Federation for World Peace in the United States.

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the seven million caring leaders and citizens from 194 nations who sent their great love and respect to me upon the passing of Rev. Moon. Thank you to all who visited the prepared altars around the world to offer condolences.

Rev. Moon came to earth as the True Parent of humankind, and proclaimed throughout his life, the vision of an ideal world that was God's purpose at the Creation. He devoted all his effort, often at the risk of his life, to promote a peaceful world where conflict and war could no longer exist.

This past July 16, after completing a busy schedule in America, Reverend Moon and I returned to Korea where we proclaimed it the providential homeland of God.

Immediately upon our arrival, we held the inaugural rally for the 'Abel Women's UN' – an organization led by women that will play an active role in building a peaceful world in this new era.

The event was attended by 25,000 people at the World Peace Center in Cheongpyeong, Korea. Among them were women leaders representing 194 nations.

Beloved women leaders: that was the last providential event on earth that Rev. Moon hosted. About 50 days later, he put the providence on earth in order, and then prayed the words, "I have completed everything." Soon afterward, he passed into the



heavenly realm. In the Korean language, this transition is called the seonghwa, which means "Ascension of Peace and Harmony."

CREATION OF THE ABEL WOMEN'S UN

Beloved women leaders from around the world, we now carry the heavy responsibility to complete the providential mission of the 'Abel Women's UN,' which is the final organization that Rev. Moon and I created together.

Let me explain what I mean by the term, "Abel Women's UN."

As you may be aware, people who endured unbearable suffering all over the world in the aftermath of the catastrophic Second World War, founded the United Nations with a deep yearning for peace based on the viewpoint that war must never be waged again. This was in accordance with God's will.

However, what is the reality today? In the almost 70 years of the United Nations' existence, it has been unable to prevent the outbreak of war, including the Korean War. Although the Cold War has ended, the world is still not free from the threat of war. There are still conflicts large and small which stem from divisions between rich and poor, different races, and people of different faiths. Despite the original intention of its founding mission to maintain global peace, the UN has seen repeated breakdown in its efforts to attain that noble goal.

At the time of the inauguration of the UN, there was a compromise negotiated between the United States and the former Soviet Union, rendered by the confrontational structure of the Cold War. As a result, the UN was limited in its ability to bring about a lasting world peace sufficient to transcend the interests of individual nations.

This is why we have proclaimed that, from the viewpoint of God's Will, the UN has been unable to emerge from the position of 'Cain' – representing a secular view of life from which the heart of God is missing. We now emphasize that the re-creation of an Abel United Nations that recognizes God, is an absolutely critical step toward building a world of lasting peace.

Unending peace for humankind is what God envisioned at the time of the Creation.

Respected women of peace!

The United Nations has struck a brick wall and is unable to move beyond merely attempting to balance the self-interests of its individual nations. Until now we have depended on government organizations, created by men, to bring about global peace. To surmount the limitations of their efforts, I believe that a peace movement of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), guided by women, should take root as the cornerstone of a new system that can resolve problems arising with respect to world peace.

Such a dynamic women's peace movement can only be realized through global cooperation that goes beyond the NGO level. It is our sincere hope that the launch of the 'Abel Women's UN' can establish itself as a starting point in society, with the new leadership paradigm of the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN).

A NEW WOMEN'S PEACE MOVEMENT

Looking back, today's historic 'Abel Women's UN' assembly actually began in 1992 with the establishment of the Women's Federation for World Peace, which the Reverend Sun Myung Moon and I jointly founded as a central organization for a new women's peace movement. With the declaration of "the advent of the global era of women," by Rev. Moon, WFWP was inaugurated on April 10, 1992, at Olympic Stadium in Seoul, in accordance with the Will of Heaven. That inaugural event was attended by women representatives from some 70 nations plus 150,000 Korean women.

The goal of WFWP was not to become another secular women's organization. It does not aim to be an external, political, or combative women's rights movement targeting the misdeeds of men. Nor does it exist just to advocate the expansion of women's rights, gender equality and the women's labor movement. Rather, it is a global peace movement on an entirely new level with the providential significance of realizing the ideal world that was God's vision at the time of Creation.

WFWP was inaugurated in an historic moment of providential significance, and has engaged in diverse activities over the past 20 years, geared to realizing the vision and ideals of pure love, happy families, and a peaceful world that transcends the barriers of race, religion, language, and national boundaries. This has been carried out in the spirit of Rev. Moon's founding message, which urged us to expand a model movement of true love to the whole world based on living for the sake of others.

WFWP is an organization compelled by maternal love. We have achieved remarkable growth and development through promoting the establishment of families centered on true love. Its extensive educational programs and worldwide volunteer activities are aimed at elevating the status of women. These activities have contributed to the alleviation of international conflicts and have excelled at promoting reconciliation.

In September 1993, after only one year of active service, I was invited to give an address at the UN headquarters in New York; and then, after three years of sincere investment and hard work, the Women's Federation for World Peace was approved by the United Nations' Economic and Social Council as an NGO in General Consultative Status, which is the highest status given to an NGO by the United Nations. Since then, our status has been approved continuously at the reevaluations held every four years. I am confident to say that these reviews reveal and endorse our true value, based on our activities and achievements. Among the more than 3,500 NGOs affiliated with the UN, only 140 have received the General Consultative Status that WFWP has achieved.

SUBSTANTIAL EFFORTS TO BUILD PEACE

Our WFWP Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East has been held every year since 1997. It has attracted much interest and participation from women leaders of more than 20 nations from the Middle East. It has now expanded and given birth to more concrete activities in the field, which I am glad to be able to report.

For example, this year WFWP sponsored the sixteenth annual Middle East Conference, which was held as a session of the Human Rights Council at the United Nations Office in Geneva. That conference, entitled "Children affected by conflict and disaster: Prevention, protection, healing and empowerment" was attended by women leaders from 18 nations of the Middle East and by diplomatic officials, UN ambassadors to Geneva, representatives from UN agencies and global NGOs from around the

world. These 180 or so participants came together to discuss this very severe issue of children's protection. The women gathered came to many serious conclusions, and resolved to apply solutions in the field, and to reconvene with their results and findings.

Today, each of the WFWP chapters around the world is actively conducting relief work to address problems caused by natural calamities and poverty in various parts of our global village. One outstanding program is the "1% Love Share Project" which helps women and children in North Korea. Their slogan, "Let us share a little of what we have," has helped to reach so many people and, I am happy to tell you, they have achieved wonderful results.

From the founding of WFWP, and reaching the highest status as an NGO in consultative status under the UN, our members have never lost their vision for a loving and safe world, and have quietly pioneered the path of a women's peace movement with an unwavering heart. WFWP stands at the center of a new women's movement for world peace, continuing to emerge fresh and vibrant with the power to heal.

At this time, I would like to request a big round of applause to express our infinite gratitude to these women leaders all over the world who have never held back in their encouragement and participation.

However, WFWP must not remain at its current level. It must now develop to the next level by working in common cause and cooperation with women leaders and NGOs from all parts of the world, to serve greater numbers of women and families in smaller and more remote parts of the world.

WFWP should go beyond the level of a women's NGO, and bring together governments, organizations and individuals from every country to forge a unified international effort modeling the ideal of the 'Abel Women UN' by utilizing the Global Women Peace Network. Let's work together to bring this about, and in fact, it is God's absolute decree.

FOUNDATION DAY IS JUST AHEAD!

In giving my sincere congratulations and encouragement to the excellent women here today, I would like to declare the launch of the United States Assembly for the 'Abel Women's UN'.

As we usher in an age of universal and historic revolutionary change, I would like to emphasize the shining truth that women make up half the world's population. Let us now become aware of our historic mission to expand the scope of our activities to all regions of the world.

Beloved women leaders who seek peace! What is the path that humankind should take today? In the end, the problems afflicting humanity can only be resolved through the logic of love and the understanding that we are all one family under God. This is the teaching of true love with God at the center that my husband and I, as the True Parents, received from Heaven. We have championed and taught this precious truth throughout our lives. This ideal represents the path that will lead humanity to a world of everlasting peace and happiness.

This is a historic time of a great cosmic revolution in which we must change history. We must harmonize the spiritual and physical worlds and create the ideal kingdom of

heaven that God has longed for since the beginning of time. We can no longer postpone or delay it. Heaven has already proclaimed that the thirteenth day of the first lunar-calendar month in 2013 will be Foundation Day.

Therefore, it is now time for all people to be humbly obedient to Heaven's decree. I hope you will bear in mind today, that this fateful date of Foundation Day is approaching and that we need to devote ourselves completely with a commitment of intense sincerity until that day comes. Let us go forward together, following the guidance of True Father, the King of Peace, and Savior of Humanity, who now presides over God's Providence from the heavenly realm, and that of True Mother here on earth!

Beloved women leaders! The course for humanity is set. Now that we have the upcoming Foundation Day, which heaven has given us through the True Parents, what reason is there to hesitate? We now have less than four months to go. Heaven will bless your endeavors to establish a world of peace through the leadership of the Abel Women's UN.

I would like to reemphasize that the priority of the 'Abel Women's UN' is to create a true family movement that emphasizes "living for the sake of others," based on true love, and is carried out in conjunction with education focused on principled true family values.

WOMEN AS A TURNING POINT

Beloved leaders!

We women were not put on earth merely to help, or to be protected by, men. We are independent individuals who, as representatives of the feminine aspect of God's nature, are meant to help men become more complete. Through true love, women are to be men's precious partners in love. Men and women are absolutely equal in terms of value.

Men and women who unite through the true love that is inherent in the original ideal share the same position and have equal worth. Also, they attain the right to be with each other, wherever they may be. Thus, a man and woman who are brought into oneness through the original love in God's ideal of true love have been created as equal beings, sharing not only the same status and the right of participation, but also their possessions with each other.

Men and women do not need to struggle with each other, because they do not need to imitate the characteristics, dispositions or roles of the other. It is not necessary to confront, compete or covet the things of the other, or take them by force. Instead, by giving what one has to the other, with true love, and by completing the other, they can become united as a greater whole and share in a relationship of joint ownership.

Now women and men should play a major role in world history, by serving alongside each other like the wheels of a great engine pulling the construction of a peaceful world forward. Today I invite women to accept an important role and become the turning point in building a new century characterized by a loving, peaceful culture.

I sincerely ask you to follow the path of a true mother, the path of a true wife, the path of a true daughter and true sister, and the path of a true woman leader, who will build

a unified world where freedom, peace, and happiness overflow. Begin in your family, your church, your community.

Rev. Moon always urged us to live without casting any shadow, which he called a "life set at high noon." If every one of us lives like a brightly shining lamp, no shadows will be cast. No places of darkness will be created. If we only receive things, they become our debts. Please repay your debts by living a life of true love, of living for others, spreading light throughout the world and wiping away the tears of those less fortunate.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am grateful to you for listening closely to me today. I pray that God's blessing will be with you, with your families and with your work.

Thank you!

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