

True Mother's Peace Starts with Me: Healing America Rally is held at Nassau Coliseum, New York

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Building on the "Peace Starts with Me" rally at Madison Square Garden in 2017, True Mother convened a major "Peace Starts with Me: Healing America" rally at Nassau Coliseum, Long Island, New York on November 12, 2018. Co-sponsored by the Family Federation and American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC), the rally drew more than 15,000 people, including many clergy and their congregations. It included performances by Grammy Award winners Hezekiah Walker and Yolanda Adams, a 5,000-voice choir, 500 praise dancers and an introduction of True Mother by Bishop Noel Jones of the City of Refuge Church in Los Angeles. In honor of Veteran's Day, True Mother donated more than \$50,000 to four veteran's groups.





True Mother's speech focused on Christianity and America's mission from the perspective of Heaven's providence. She stated, "Jesus' true essence remained unknown" and had not been put into practice. She described the slave trade as "inconceivable" and said, "The only answer to solving all today's problems is through receiving the Marriage Blessing through the True Parents." She described "a world of one human family centered on God" as "Heavenly Parent's dream and humankind's hope." She called on those present to "become central messianic figures" capable of building a hopeful future." In a banquet for religious leaders following the rally, True Mother said, "The center of this nation is not the president. It is the ministers." She called on them to "receive the Blessing and as a Blessed Family" to "Bless their congregations."

Damien Dunkley, Vice President of Family Federation USA and executive producer of the rally, explained that the Nassau Rally was different from the previous "Peace Starts with Me" Rally at Madison Square Garden in that it was initiated by the Family Federation USA as a Hyojeong (filial) offering and because the movement had broken through into "public" space. Building on the momentum from Madison Square Garden, he noted that the Family Federation was "expanding our network into both the Christian and entertainment communities."

