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# Following the Footprints of Our True Mother

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As we continue our march towards the year 2020, we realize that bringing a victory to this providential goal requires amazing commitment and devotion. We must restore four hundred and thirty families as our Tribal Messiah responsibility and we must also restore nations back to Heaven. The time is short so we need not only our individual and family commitment, but we need heaven's intervention, heavenly fortune.

How we can mobilize Heaven's power to assist us in our mission? Studying True Mother's model and example very closely we see that in the midst of incredible challenges and painful situations, True Mother goes on. How can she so steadfastly guide our movement and our forward progress? Where does she find her power, her peacefulness, her sense of hope and calm? Where does her beautiful smile come from in spite of endless anguish? Just like our True Father, Mother never waivers. How does she do it?


Recently, True Mother told us, "If you have gratitude for every situation and difficulty, you will receive heavenly fortune and achieve your goals." Having gratitude in every situation sounds so easy and yet is so difficult. In West Africa where I am working, the rainy season began in May and the rain becomes stronger with the passage of each day. Our Heavenly Tribal Messiah activity is centralized in zones that are more in the rural areas of our nation, in the villages and small cities where we work with traditional leaders and paramount rulers. This part of the country is not well developed, which means the roads are not paved and public services do not function. When the rain comes, the streets fill with water and deepen the potholes that we cannot see because of the rain. Traveling even small distances is an exhausting experience. Your clothes are caked with mud and your hair is drenched. Our schedule has us going daily to different villages and cities, meeting leaders and educating them about the blessing. However due to the rain, we just want to just stay home and wait for the rain to stop (which is most unlikely in the rainy season). Knowing that you can't stay home or you won't be able to fulfill your goals, you go out anyway!

Going out is good, but how to feel "gratitude" is difficult. Day in and day out, how to feel gratitude for every situation we encounter? How to feel gratitude for the rain and the mud and the potholes? How to feel gratitude when the people reject our blessing programs? Yet, if we can overcome—we can receive heavenly fortune as True Mother has taught us.

Struggling with this problem of gratitude, trying very sincerely to be grateful—praying with tears and repenting for our struggles, suddenly the national leader's wife received a message from a VIP contact that we have known for years. He called our sister, who explained all the activities we are involved in to renew the nation. This man said, "You must explain this to the head of state! He should know this! Two days later, we were in the presidential office with the president! The head of state received us for a one-hour meeting. We gave a presentation on the work our True Parents have done and all our ongoing projects.

True Parents vision for bringing peace and stability to his nation impressed the president. He asked us to stay in touch with him and report our activities regularly! I have worked in Africa for over forty years. People think it's easy to meet a head of state in Africa but that is not true. Sometimes, we spend years trying to get an appointment to meet the president. But, in this case, someone calls us and offers to bring us to the president—an important step in restoring the country!

Our True Mother's words were "Always feel gratitude" with all your heart and soul." Our entire delegation knew that the Head of State could receive us in such a timely manner and with such openness because we followed Mother's words about gratitude. Not just grateful from our mouths, but grateful from the depth of our feeling.

So now, when the rain begins, we fall down on our knees and praise our Heavenly Father for the wonder of this downpour. This rain that gives life to us and to the creation, this rain that cleanses us from our sins. When people reject us we are energized and grateful! We try to live this life that our True Mother leads. So many difficulties, sacrifices, and pain that True Mother goes through everyday and yet she always greets us with a beautiful, gracious smile. We will follow her forever! 

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## Cheon Il Guk Is the Ideal Heavenly Kingdom's Reign of Eternal Peace

*True Father delivered this speech on June 13, 2006, on the occasion of True Parents' Entrance into Cheon Jeong Gung and True Parents' Coronation as the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth.*



# 天—國真聖德皇帝億兆蒼生為務君主 太平聖代萬事亨通

**E**steemed leaders of all nations in the world, honored guests of Heaven who have gathered from every corner of the Earth to celebrate this treasured historic and providential day, and people of the spirit world and physical world who are being reborn as citizens of Cheon Il Guk.

In the name of all human beings in the spirit world and physical world, numbering more than three hundred billion souls, I offer boundless gratitude and glory to God, the Creator of all things, the eternal True Parent of humankind and great king of the cosmos.

## The Cheon Il Guk path

I ask you to raise your voices high in praise of the victory of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth. They have personally completed the entire course of restoration through indemnity in order to save all human beings, who as descendants of the Fall would otherwise be eternally destined to wander in evil and suffering, ever sliding down the path to hell.

You stand today in the venue of a tremendous event in the history of God's providence. This event is unprecedented and not replicable. It is the day when the King of Peace finally ascends in glory. Please recognize that although they may not be visible to you, thousands—tens of thousands—of good ancestors of blessed families have come here. They are above your heads now, joining with you in celebration of this awesome moment. All nature is rejoicing, and heaven and earth resound with choruses of "Hallelujah!"

If you truly understood the infinite value of this day, you would not be able to sit still. You would go throughout the world singing hymns of joy and dancing in ecstasy.

Do you know the significance of January 13, 2001? It was the day of the Enthronement Ceremony for the Kingship of God. For countless years, Heaven had been waiting for that event in eager anticipation. It was the greatest and most exalted celebration humanity had ever witnessed. On that day, Rev. Moon, who had been anointed as the True Parent of all humankind and had traveled a path of indescribable suffering and pain until he gained the final victory, offered his entire foundation to Heaven.

## Returning earth to God

For tens of thousands of years, God had endured an existence full of lamentation and grief, even as he conducted his providence with a parental heart. When that enthronement ceremony was offered to him, it marked the moment of his long-awaited liberation and inner freedom. On that providential day, we declared to all heaven and earth that we would attend God as the vertical True Parent and Great King of Heaven and Earth, that we would unfurl and raise high the banner of Cheon Il Guk and that the new sovereignty of Heaven had begun.

For the next three years, we, the True Parents, held firmly to the helm while the winds of heavenly fortune surged around us like a typhoon. On the foundation of True Parents' victory, we declared May 5, 2004 to be the Day of the Victory of the Number Ten Combining Two Halves (Ssang Hab

Shib Seung Il). On that day, the True Parents brought to a close the era before the coming of heaven with its long years of grief, and opened the era after the coming of heaven, the new age when we can build a new heaven and a new earth. This marked the beginning of a great and historic revolution to return the earth to God as a substantial reality.

## A dream fulfilled

Beloved citizens of Cheon Il Guk, today you are receiving amazing grace. You are participating in the Coronation Ceremony of the Substantial King of Peace in Heaven and on Earth, and you are being registered as citizens of Cheon Il Guk. You and your ancestors by the tens of thousands are receiving this grace along with you today, and they will thank you throughout eternity.

The Bible says, "But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Today you are witnessing the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, the substantial sovereignty in the era after the coming of heaven. By the first day of the new millennium, God had already placed Cheon Il Guk on the horizon. Who could have imagined though that being able to see the day when the King of Peace in Heaven and on Earth would ascend to his throne? You thought it was just a dream, but you are witnessing it in your lifetime.

## Three-generation realm

Citizens of the kingdom of heaven, this is a precious and blessed day of victory and glory. Now, as the King of Peace in Heaven and on Earth, I will declare, on this thirteenth day of June in the sixth year of Cheon Il Guk, the

fundamental duties and mission that every citizen of Cheon Il Guk must understand and live by.

First, as God is the vertical True Parent and you are true children of God, you will establish the realm of three generations in your family, perfect the four great realms of heart and attend God on the vertical axis for eternity.

Further, you will inscribe on your heart the need to uphold the king of peace, who is the horizontal True Parent, in heaven and on earth, and to live with absolute obedience on the horizontal axis for eternity as a citizen of Cheon Il Guk. You will make living for the sake of others, which is the practice of true love, the standard for your life. You will establish a true family and raise true children who are sinless and pure, thus protecting God's lineage and bequeathing it intact from generation to generation.

#### **Obey your conscience**

Second, no matter what the situation, you will live with your mind and body united as one. God has given you a conscience as your guide in accomplishing this objective. Your conscience knows everything about you. It has complete knowledge of every action and step you take; it even knows your thoughts. Your conscience knows all these things about you before your teacher or pastor knows. It knows them before your parents know. It knows them even better than God knows. So if you place your conscience in God's position over your life, and follow a course of absolute obedience, of "high noon" settlement whereby your life casts no shadows, that you will establish a realm of resonance between your mind and body and perfect their unity is certain.

#### **Marriage for world peace**

Third, the unification of the spirit world has been completed. The issue now is the people living on earth, in their physical bodies. They struggle in agony in the midst of sin and suffering, yet they are your brothers and sisters. Your third mission is to educate them and bring them home as people of Cheon Il Guk.

You need to educate everyone to understand that all human beings without exception are descended

from the Fall and that they have to change their bloodline through receiving the holy marriage blessing from the True Parents. You need to continue the work of engrafting people onto the true olive tree, by having them participate in the grace of intercultural marriage, until the day when all human beings, numbering more than three hundred billion souls, are restored to God's lineage.

#### **Connect with the spirit world**

Fourth, you are created to spend about ten months in your mother's womb, about a hundred years on earth breathing air, and then all eternity in the spirit world. You need to understand that just as preparation in the womb is required for a healthy life after birth, you need to devote your earthly life to preparing yourself for the next stage of life, in the spirit world. Never forget that in every time and place, your ancestors in the spirit world are with you. Be ever mindful to live in harmony with the spirit world. Sincerely communicate in prayer with the heavenly world, so that you may become perfected in your spirit self while living on earth.

#### **For humanity's sake**

Fifth, your talents and abilities are required for the management and governance of Cheon Il Guk. Now, therefore, cut away and cast off your mask of selfish individualism. It is just a remnant of the era before the coming of heaven. In addition, all citizens of Cheon Il Guk will provide funds for the wellbeing and peace of humanity, by taxation and by voluntary contributions.

They will demonstrate the model of offering the first three-tenths of their income for public purposes. This cannot be an imposed tax; it has to be a gift that citizens offer willingly to heaven with joyful hearts.

#### **Love the natural world**

Sixth, recovering the ideal world of creation that was lost as a result of the Fall is possible. God created everything in the universe as our natural environment. Human beings and nature are meant to share mutual resonance. Men and women as the subject partners of love and nature is


the object partner thriving under our management and beautified by our creativity. We can no longer ignore or accept actions that destroy nature and pollute the environment.

As citizens of Cheon Il Guk, please exercise wisdom to protect and love nature. Return to nature to enjoy a life of liberation and complete inner freedom. To love nature is to love God and humanity. When human life resonates with nature, human character can blossom in perfection. The flowers of a true culture of heart, a true artistic world, will bloom. It will be the garden of Eden, the original ideal world where God, human beings and all creation live in complete harmony and express their original nature.

If you practice such true love in your daily life, how can God do anything but bestow great blessings upon you? You will live for all eternity in blessing and happiness.

#### **Build the peace kingdom**

Seventh, the era after the coming of heaven that God and True Parents have opened is a time of dramatic change. As registered citizens of Cheon Il Guk, you have the mission to make this era blossom and bear fruit in blessing and glory. Therefore, please become Heaven's emissaries, fulfilling the dual missions of the peace kingdom police force and peace kingdom corps. Serve humanity under the banner of the Universal Peace Federation, which is working to establish the position of the Abel UN. Worthy countrymen and women, if not you, then who will nurture and protect the blessed families and this blessed planet Earth that God has given us?

Beloved people of Cheon Il Guk, I hope you truly will celebrate and enjoy this precious and holy day. The beautiful mountains, streams, trees and flowers here in the vicinity of Cheongpyeong Lake are showering their blessings upon you as you prepare to embark on your ambitious journeys. Your descendants, too, will take pride that you participated in this long-awaited day, and they will honor and praise you forever. 

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# You Must Learn, and Save Others

*True Mother delivered guidance to an audience of participants at True Parents' Special Conference to Select the Key Strategic Nations for Vision 2020 on July 20, at Cheon Jeong Gung, thereby marking the formal end of the conference.*



**E**arlier, Thomas Walsh said that he hoped I would still be beautiful after four years, in 2020. Why four years? I will continue to be beautiful for forty years. [Dr. Walsh's expectation of forty more years' of True Mother's beauty was somehow lost in the translation into Korean.]

In order to do that, I must take care of my health. When you bring me news of your victories, I want to embrace you and say to heaven, Thank you. You have waited for so long.

Yet, you have said, until the day you die, you will bring me victories. Let today be a day you can make that firm resolve. That is why I expressed my heart of wanting to boast and compliment you on your hard work.

#### **Preserve our planet**

We must once again establish the environment that Heavenly Parent hoped for in the beginning. Today, humans are causing many environmental problems all over the world. The Earth is diseased. That is why, through the nations selected based on their foundation for victory, I will protect a healthy Planet Earth and create a natural environment that will

provide true nutrients for the health of future human beings.

#### **Nutrition's importance**

In order to survive, we must consume the necessary nutrients. We must eat to live. The food we eat should be derived from crops that have been cultivated in the cleanest and healthiest manner. So far, people in food-related businesses in the world have raised prices for the sake of their own profit, rather than from their being motivated to maintain the health of human beings.

For example, if you inject something weird into soda, raise the price and then make money, doing that has an effect on people who consume that drink. They seem not to have considered this. They think solely of their own interests. We must enlighten all of these people.

That is why, especially on the restored lands of Africa, we can protect the health of all human beings through scientific and ideal methods of planting crops or raising cattle on their vast lands. In order to establish one human family under True Parents—a healthy human family—we must develop nations prepared to do this both internally and externally.

You must do this while True Par-

ents are on earth. Do you understand? The same goes for Asia and South America. South America has plenty of land. Of course, I have known this for a long time; we raised cattle on our land in South America. Nevertheless, they say that bovine flatulence, gas from cattle, causes extreme pollution. In that case, we should not only raise cattle on South America's vast land but plant such things as medicinal herbs or wholesome vegetables or fruit trees for the sake of our health. We can then move toward protecting the health of the people on earth.

#### **Absolute values and brainy people**

Father began conferences for scientists in 1972 for this reason. Circumstances were difficult back then, but he invited the top scientists in the world—some of whom had received the Nobel Prize—and taught them about the need for absolute values in science. He educated scientists on what they should do for human peace. Then, in 1985, he challenged Dr. Kaplan, the chairman of the science conferences, and told him to proclaim that communism would collapse. At this time, Father was in Danbury prison in the United States. Dr. Kaplan was a professor specializing in East-West political relations,



Rev. Rudolf Faerber, national leader of Zambia, presenting flowers to True Mother







- ❶ Dr. Thomas Walsh, a Supreme Council member and president of the Universal Peace Federation
- ❷ Mr. Kim Seog-byeong, head of the Mission Foundation
- ❸ Mr. Cho Sung-il, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters

so he knew a lot about communism. To say something that he is not confident in is not easy for a professor of such prestige, so he asked Father if it was acceptable for him to add the word “maybe.” But Father said, No, do as I say.

As a result, at the Intercontinental Hotel in Geneva, Switzerland, next to the Soviet Embassy, he proclaimed

that communism would end. Proclaiming that was tantamount to risking his life. What happened afterward? Communism fell and the professor is still alive. Hence, a few years ago, I instructed someone to take care of that professor. To True Parents, whether it was a big or a small thing does not matter; he was someone who furthered the providence. You need to be aware of that. Do you understand?

**The world depends on you**

Whatever I have decided and have told you will surely come true. The problem is you. In this respect, as long as I am on earth, I will directly help

you. The same applies to everyone else. We must be victorious while I am on earth. When you are a true filial, loyal son or daughter, you will receive blessings.

Do you realize what I am talking about? It is a blessing for you. Whether you receive this blessing and form a noble family is up to you. Do you understand? Centering on True Parents, we represent Heavenly Parent’s, True Parents’ and all of humanity hopes’ for success. Waiting and hoping are 7.3 billion people. The people of the world must come to an awareness of how you are attending True Parents and that we are renewing and developing the providential history.



The prayer before the banquet; the leaders had gone through a grueling preparation process to create their presentations. The conference, too, was an intense and sincere effort to find the nations best suited to lift our movement globally.





Mr. Umberto Angelucci, president of our Middle East region receives a gift from True Mother alongside Mr. Jack Corley, president of our Europe region.



The regions with selected nations must do their best to ensure that the nations fulfill their responsibilities. At first, I said at least seven. That all twenty-one nations succeed would be nice but thirteen nations achieving victory would also be nice. I have increased the number, but I will not decrease it. I hope that everyone here will give their best effort.

If I were to add one more thing... When you look at the Christian providence, at one point in history, Britain had expanded her territory overseas to the point that people said the sun never sets on the British Empire. I am not sure what their starting motivation was, but as a result, the fact is that they spread Christianity all over the world. However, they did not realize the internal heart of heaven when it came to God's only begotten son Jesus Christ.

On the cross, Jesus died saying that he would return. However, Christians have received salvation viewing the cross as redemption. God is omnipotent. He is an absolute being. Would he have suffered for four thousand years in order to send his only begotten son to the cross as a means of salvation? Does that make any sense?

Catholicism honors Mary, who did not fulfill her responsibilities, as the

Holy Mother. She is a woman who cannot be called a Holy Mother. She did not understand God's will in giving life to Jesus. She did not understand why Jesus had to come to earth. She is a woman who greatly hurt God. It is wrong that two thousand years of Christian culture has seen the Catholic Church centered on Mary and for so long centered in Britain. For Protestants, the Bible used to only be read in Hebrew, but once it was translated into English, the general population was exposed to it. The Bible itself contains many metaphors and symbols, but it has no focus. Jesus said he would return and have the marriage supper of the Lamb.

#### Hierarchical support

Under those circumstances, in the providential history through the new True Parents, we must complete the past duties Britain left unfulfilled. I established a second-generation member as the national leader in the headquarters in England. The first-generation members around the world who attended True Parents have now aged. A gap exists between them and those in the second generation, who must take responsibility for the coming generation. However, I demanded that a second-generation member be assigned. As you know, I

had assigned a second-generation leader in Korea. The president of FFWPU-England, you need to know, even a twenty-one-year course [to national restoration] is good, but England must fulfill its responsibility while True Mother is still alive. You still have much to learn in those areas. Do you understand? Jack Corley, you are the regional president and must mostly help the FFW-PU-England president and must move forward with full strength for the national restoration of England. A similarity we have with the Catholic Church is in the way they have bishops and above them Cardinals. Jack Corley, as the president above the presidents, you must educate them and help fill in their deficiencies, doing your best for the national restoration of England.

Do you understand? That does not mean you should not take responsibility over the region. Fulfill your responsibilities. In your activities in England, focus on the good relationships we have created with ambassadors for peace. When Father held the ICUS gatherings of scientists, many doctorate holders and scholars from England participated. Work with them through UPF. You must not let those people just pass by. You have to open the path, so the





From left to right: Ryu Kyeong-seuk, FFWPU-Korea president; Professor Yeon-ah Moon, WFWPI international president; Mr. Hong Hyeon-gi, PeaceTv, director of filming; True Mother; Kim Ki-hoon, North America regional president; a security staff member; Cho Sung-il, FFWPU International Headquarters director-general

providence can bear fruit. Do you understand?

England is important. Right now with the situation in the world being what it is, each nation only thinks of its own profit. This is causing many obstacles on the path to creating one world. In that way, England must stand up. The same is true of Germany. Ahn Jun-seok is in Germany as are two special emissaries. Europe must not wilt like a flower; you must revive it. I am saying that Europe must not fall behind Asia and Africa. Members in the strongest nation invested in their country, but it does not make sense that there was no result. Do you understand? [Yes] Everyone else should answer too. Do you understand? [Yes] We must become one.

#### Restore the Earth as God created it

I am doing activities to find the 7.3 billion children of the world through the church but you must create the environment in which we can save the Earth and protect the health of humankind. Now we will work with a "brains" once again through the *Segye Times* and we will continue educating humankind. I will have you continue to report on how you were able to achieve good results from educating

the nations and the world.

An example is the Kona coffee farm in Hawaii. At one time, bugs were causing a lot of damage in the coffee fields. I told one person, You should not use harmful pesticides. You roast the whole bean, so using pesticides is not good. I asked the person to research ways to get rid of the bugs naturally and he found something. There is a way to send a signal to the bugs so they run away as if saying, I do not like it here.

I had heard that that was possible, which is why we humans must work harder to restore the polluted oceans and land tainted through some farming practices to their original states when God created them. I am saying that I will show the world scientific solutions that came from my brain. Do you think this is something good, or not?

#### Continual assessment

"Chanting repeatedly in a cow's ear" is a Korean proverb about ignorant people, but we have to repeat things over and over until the day we come to a realization. That is why through giving these presentations of your results, we can see a hopeful future in which all human beings can live healthy lives. I want to show through science that we can achieve one hu-

man family under our Heavenly Parent, which is what both God and humankind desire.

The conclusion is this, you all are happy because I am here. Right? What must happy people do? We must be filial children in relation to our parents. We must be loyal subjects in front of our nation of Cheon Il Guk. Do you understand?

I will guide you on that path. That is why, especially on this occasion, I have prepared Il Hwa products that the world acknowledges and which you should use strategically in your countries for your most eminent contacts and the people who will work together with you. If you get the Ginseng products, the world recognize them. We have solved the problem of how to absorb 100 percent of the ginseng when we eat it. You need to explain that. You must listen, too and learn why this is so precious. I have another holy item for all of you—not just the seven nations, who are running with the heart of life or death toward the victory of 2020. I saw socks among Father's keepsakes. That is why I want to give you socks. I am only giving Father's socks to you here. Aren't these precious? The Ilhwa CEO will explain about the Ilhwa products. ㄸ



- ① Bakary Camara, regional president of East Africa
- ② Rudolf Faerber, national leader of Zambia
- ③ Hod Ben Zvi, national leader of Israel
- ④ Umberto Angelucci, president of the Middle East region
- ⑤ Members from numerous nations listen as Jack Corley, the regional president for Europe, speaks at True Parents' special conference to select the key strategic nations for Vision 2020.



# VYING FOR SELECTION AS KEY STRATEGIC NATIONS

**O**n July 17, the banquet for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the coronation of the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth and their entrance into Cheon Jeong Gung took place in conjunction with the ceremonial opening of True Parents' special conference to select the key strategic nations for Vision 2020. On this occasion, Song Yeon-cheon, president of

the blessed couples associations in Japan, and Kim Ki-hoon, regional president of North America; gave their testimonies.

**History of selecting key nations**  
Mr. Cha Jun-young, president of the *Segye Times*, gave a report based on what Mother had said regarding the restoration of seven nations after True Father's Seonghwa Ceremony. Originally, he explained, before True Father's





Seonghwa we should have restored a nation.

Ultimately, we proved unable to accomplish our responsibility of sending True Father to heaven on the base of a restored nation. In light of that, we must now repent, Mr. Cha explained, for the responsibilities that we could not accomplish. We must now offer to True Parents and to Heaven the accomplishment of the restoration of more than seven nations by 2020. He also spoke about the Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly 2016, at which the idea of restoring more than seven nations was proposed.

Since April, Mr. Cha said, each region and its nations had begun the process of selecting nations and had gone through a preliminary round of selection. Emerging from that were twenty-one nations that moved on to the next stage.

#### **Mother guides the process**

True Mother then came to the podium and explained that those twenty-one nations must write a proposal of the goals they intend to reach by 2020. She spoke of the prepared people on earth in the Cain realm. Mother empha-

sized that all the preparations are complete in the spiritual world, but we in the physical world need to fulfill our responsibilities.

"Why are miracles not occurring among those in blessed families, to whom God has given all his blessings?" she asked the national and regional representatives. "We must offer devotion and pray sincerely to heaven and we must meet the tall order set by heaven," was her assessment.

Mother then offered to give away her ring (a jade ring made from father's necktie pin, thus, representing father) and the outfit she was wearing at that time, which she cherishes. This outfit would represent her. We do not know who will receive these holy items; we do know that because they represent True Parents, they will bring great blessing and grace to whomever receives them.

#### **Significant matters**

Excluding Korea, the United States and Japan, all nations with the ten regions had prepared a Vision 2020 strategic proposal. Based on evaluation of those proposals, twenty-one

nations proceeded to the next level and came to Korea. Under True Mother's special management and with her support, a smaller number of key strategic nations emerged from among those twenty-one nations.

#### **Aims of the proposal process**

Under Mother's direction, a fair system emerged for the selection of nations. One aim of selecting key strategic nations was to strengthen members' sense of mission toward Vision 2020 centered on True Parents. The process itself called for all the members in each nation to contemplate a path toward national restoration. By querying the presenter following a proposal, those in the audience could draw out more information and offer comments that helped hone the 2020 strategic proposals that the nations had submitted. True Mother expects that increased interest toward the key strategic nations will arise in the hearts of our members all over the globe, side-by-side with their efforts to move their own countries toward national restoration.

### Event program (Method)

After a lunch banquet, twenty-one nations presented proposals in Cheon Jeong Gung's second-floor ballroom. Yong Jin-heon of the Strategic Missions Department within the FFWPU International Headquarters explained the schedule and gave a PowerPoint presentation about the evaluation standards. He then introduced the evaluation committee and participants.

Sixty people were involved in the overall process. Among them was the evaluation committee, comprising twenty-one prominent figures; eighteen observers, regional presidents and some national leaders. Everyone had to be punctual so that the process proceeded smoothly. Simultaneous translation allowed everyone to receive the same information at roughly the same instant. Materials used by each nation to present its case were in both English and Korean.

Before each of the twenty-one national presentations, the relevant regional president spoke for five minutes about what strategic advantages that nation possessed that had compelled him to choose that nation. A national representative then had twenty minutes to present the case for acceptance for that nation as a key strategic nation. At the conclusion of the presentation, questions, answers, debate and discussion took fifteen minutes.

### Day one of the presentations

The first day's schedule covered presentations by the Asian nations—Nepal, Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines and Taiwan, representing Greater China—five presentations in all. At these passionate presentations, everyone had conspicuous interest in the process because regardless of what region the selected countries are part of, they had to be nations in which the unification movement had the greatest possibility of accomplishing national restoration.

Representing Nepal, Robert Kittel spoke confidentially about the external environment, such as Nepal's Family Party, its nascent parliamentarians association and the revitalization of national messiahs.

Representing the Philippines, Julius Malicdem spoke of their estab-



Rev. Kim Ki-hoon, president of the North America region; and Rev. Cho Dong-ho, president of the West Africa region during a question-and-answer session

lishment of the Family Party, their foundation for self-reliant tribal messiahs and the phases of their strategic plan.

The Thai spokesman expounded on the needs of his country and how those connect with true family activities. He expressed the view that Thai members have received positive support. He then explained how they are connecting interreligious activities to national messiah activities.

The Cambodian representative spoke of making connections with high officials and leaders and creating a miracle through the national messiah's efforts with the support of those major figures in Cambodia.

Next came the Taiwanese presentation representing Greater China. In the beginning, Taiwanese members received a great deal of persecution and endured difficulties but through their continuous efforts, they were able to overcome and received acknowledgment as a mainstream religion. Through organizations like the Pure Love Alliance and by cooperating on activities with the government, they have been able to connect with prominent members of society. They feel great hope toward achieving national restoration.

### Day Two

On the second day, Jo Seong-tae of the FFWPU International Headquarters presided over the meeting. In the morning, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire and Benin of the

West African region gave their presentations. The DR Congo spokesman said that despite the difficulties of civil war, their members continuously witness, bringing in new members and building additional blessed families. He also spoke of a religious group prepared by heaven whose three hundred thousand members believe in a revelation that the new Messiah would come from Asia.

For Côte d'Ivoire, Ivorian members proposed that they become models of development in their country through their community efforts and that they accomplish national restoration based on their members being models and on UPF activities.

The Cheon Il Guk special envoy to Benin, Sasaki Tatsuo, gave Benin's presentation. While speaking of the history of our missionaries' work in the country, Mr. Sasaki broke into tears. Those on the evaluation committee offered profuse words of encouragement. Members from the other regions also expressed words of support.

### Song to begin the afternoon

Mr. Bang Seung-man, head of the Family Department in the international headquarters, sang and danced to get the afternoon session off to a graceful start.

From the Northeast Region, Russia and Ukraine gave presentations. The Russian representative spoke of the difficulties faced due to recently enacted laws, adding that the com-



munist influence on the world is heavy. He spoke of bringing success through new beginnings among young people and using hoondok family churches.

Ukraine, owing to the efforts of three generations of Korean national messiahs, has a clear member education system and structure that emphasizes cooperation. The national spokesman explained how a substantial vision of victory would arise through their exerting their cultural influence over Ukrainian communities.

South American nations then presented their cases. First, the Brazilian spokesperson explained how their course has focused on one-on-one witnessing, home groups and *oikos* [A masculine Greek noun, *oikos* literally means “house” or “dwelling” but is used in religious circles to mean “befriending a person and not witnessing to him or her until the time seems right.”] He added that members are striving toward Cheon Il Guk through witnessing.

The spokesperson for Paraguay and Bolivia spoke of the high standard of their central members, with whom they will focus on witnessing at universities and striving for continuous growth. During the South American question-and-answer session, a North American representative promised to provide support to our South America churches. The atmosphere was such that regions could become one and unite to bring about Cheon Il Guk.

The second day concluded with the committee having heard from eight countries in three regions between 9:00 in the morning and 6:00 pm. On the third day, they heard three presentations in the morning and five in the afternoon.

### Day three

Speakers gave presentations covering two nations in West Africa. The first was Kenya. The Kenyan movement plans to expand its tribal messiah activities and to witness to entire churches through church visitations. The presenter spoke strongly about the Principle of Creation and its educational effectiveness. He suggested we change the way we think as we move toward 2020.



Prof. Yeon-ah Moon and Dr. Thomas Walsh intently listening to a presentation in Korean

Zambia was the other West African country. In Zambia, the tribal chiefs have a great influence, so they are witnessing to these chiefs under the theme of “One Zambia.” Their members have already formed a connection to a tribal chief that has half a million members in his tribe. They promise they will convince the people of this tribe to follow True Parents first.

The last nation represented in the morning was the Solomon Islands in our Oceania region. In 2010, the president, who remains in office, declared Cheon Il Guk an ally. Though it is a small nation with only 600,000 people, the possibility of explosive witnessing there is great.


The first presentation in the afternoon was Iceland. This country is very significant in the history of the providence. The presenter spoke of mission history and the love and devotion Iceland gave to Jesus and Jerusalem. They said they would achieve victory through conveying the peace ideology, morals, and values to VIPs.

From Europe, spokesmen for Albania and England gave presentations. Albania’s history includes a long period under an extremely harsh communist regime. Now, our members there use a variety of methods to witness to young people, who have grown up in a culture of greater religious tolerance. He spoke of their strategies for strengthening members through clear Divine Principle educa-

tion and having influence over the nation through the ambassadors for peace and the parliamentarians for peace. The presenter for England was the national leader, Matthew Huish, a second-generation Unificationist. He spoke of keeping their pride as an important country in the providence by re-educating the blessed members and maintaining a good relationship with Parliament members to bring success by 2020. He also said that England will send young missionaries around the world.

The last region was Central America. Costa Rica’s second-generation members have been working hard in their activities. The spokesman explained their use of one-on-one witnessing, home groups and other witnessing methods to strengthen their foundation for tribal messiah outreach.

The representative for the Dominican Republic gave the final presentation. He spoke of strengthening tribal messiah activities through the education of young people and home group activities. They have adopted the slogan, Bring in one new member per month. All the members are confident about achieving this goal.

On the final day, three nations who were not vying for positions, nevertheless presented their strategies for national restoration. A final banquet took place in the evening. 

*The FFWPU International Headquarters contributed this article.*





True Parents riding a conveyance that the preparation committee had to come up with to avoid their having to walk up the equivalent of four of five flights of steps for the coronation and entrance ceremonies.



# BEHIND THE SCENES: TRUE PARENTS' ENTRANCE INTO CHEON JEONG GUNG

By Hwang Sun-jo

**T**hinking of all the unprecedented events that have happened in the last ten years moved me deeply. After listening to True Mother's speech, I felt something in addition to this. I am repentant of how I have fallen short in many areas. To give a testimony about that time is not easy; I feel a bit embarrassed to speak because doing so would reveal areas in which I was wanting.

According to the Divine Principle, history is a revelation. Most of what happens in the world becomes buried in the past. One area, though, is eternally present and does not become buried in the past. That is providential events. I believe the events of ten years ago at the entrance ceremony (True Parents' entrance into Cheong Jeong Gung) are not in the past but are events that will forever be part of the eternal world.

## **An exceptional ceremony**

The entrance ceremony, differed from other events we have held before in many ways, but I will only talk about three of them today. The first is that it was the longest event we had held, lasting eight days.

When we heard that, we said that eight days is too long, but True Father told us to think of the number eight; eight is the number of new beginnings. So, in order to represent the



creation of something new, the event took place over eight days.

The second point was that all of True Parents' lives' work was focused on re-creation. When they created something new, that new creation became eternal. During the time of the entrance ceremony, True Parents founded and established many things, the most in history.

They established the twelve tribes, the Peace Kingdom Police and the Peace Kingdom Corps. Also, as you are all aware, they formed the identity of Cheon Il Guk through the Cheon Il Guk national name, national flower and national bird. Through the entrance ceremony, True Parents, in

order to create new eternal creations, went through the more creation processes than they had ever before; that was second difference.

The third difference was the scale of the event. Being, of course, the fruition of True Father's life, from the time of the Coronation for the Kingship of God [January 13, 2001] all the events until the entrance ceremony were a series of processes that culminated in that worldwide and cosmic event. As we saw earlier on the video, people from 194 nations participated; Cain and Abel nations presented a crown to True Parents. Representatives of the 120 tribes came and participated. We had not seen an event on so vast a scale before.

## **The weight of attendance**

I could mention many other differences and characteristics unique to this event but I want to talk about these three characteristics and the process and difficulties we faced with them.

During the preparations, we faced many difficulties due to our deficiency but also many administrative difficulties. I would like to speak about two of those difficulties. The first is that True Parents' process of decision making always kept us anxious. They would not make decisions regarding the crown, the robes, the rituals and all the little details quickly. I once spoke to True Mother

about this, saying, Father needs to make the decisions quickly so we can proceed quickly.

I was scolded. True Father said, Am I the one to make decisions? As True Parents' providence unfolds, nothing is left to chance!

One example of this arose during the Coronation for the Kingship of God. The ceremony took place at seven o'clock in the morning. Those of us who attended can attest to this but during the entrance, True Parents took twenty-one steps and then performed a ritual; they took another twenty-one steps and performed another ritual. This was decided at four o'clock in the morning that day. The event was at seven o'clock but the final decision for the event was not made until four o'clock.

During the entrance ceremony, True Parents' decision-making process for the event comprised praying with God and then praying again followed by discussion between themselves and then discussion again. This process made us very anxious. When I think about it now, it was a very moving and inspirational process.

### **True Parents arise**

There was a second difficulty. This is something even you leaders probably do not know. Do you know how many steps there outside in the front of Cheon Jeong Gung leading up to the square? There are three sets of steps, each with sixteen steps, making forty-eight steps. That is roughly equivalent to climbing four or five flights of stairs in an apartment building. We asked ourselves, how would we escort our True Parents up those steps? Would we expect them to walk?

We could not ask them to walk. They were wearing the royal crowns, the royal robes. We should assist them in a way that allows them peace of mind. They had to show benevolence toward all the people that would watch the event throughout the ages, so everything had to be calm and natural.

How would we overcome the difficulty of the steps? We worried and contemplated this a lot. That is why we made a mechanical conveyance for them to use. An elevator that

just goes up and down is easy to procure, but it is very difficult to go up diagonally, above the steps, without installing an escalator. For this, we thought we might need to call a moving company. [They have trucks that park in front of a building and use a platform on hydraulic supports to bring heavy furniture, at an angle, to apartments on the upper floors.] If we went to a moving company, could we get what we needed? How would we do this?

We worried about this, and then we worried about what we would do if the lift stopped in the middle. Once, while True Parents were visiting Bridgeport University, they were on the elevator that suddenly stopped halfway. For forty minutes, they were stuck in that hot elevator. As we were preparing for True Parents' entrance, we were very worried about how to use a lift safely and without any accidents. What would we do if the lift broke?

The person in charge of that is today the FFWPU president, Ryu Kyeong-seuk. So we set up a plan. We would try using it automatically once, but if it proved bumpy, we would try it again on the manual setting.

Those were our choices. We wrote in the script that if the lift stops while it was on the automatic setting, switch to the manual setting. Luckily, there were no accidents and everything concluded without incident. I believe that was all because those in the spirit world were moving with us.

Through many difficulties, the event took place, but in the end what was its greatest significance—the providential meaning behind this event? True Parents' providence is too long to speak of every detail now, but I will mention a few: Father's and Mother's births, being the births of the original Adam and Eve; the arrival of God's only begotten son and daughter, their Holy Wedding in 1960, the emergence of True Parents, the culmination of forty years of the providence, and the Coronation for the Kingship of God...

The Coronation for the Kingship of God was the fruit of blood and tears shed during restoration through indemnity. Now the time of God's authority had come. Did that mean that Cheon Il Guk would come to



realization through God's authority? We needed to start over again. Through the Coronation for the Kingship of God, the Cheon Jeong Gung entrance ceremony and Foundation Day, the substantial nation of God, Cheon Il Guk, was established. Accordingly, the six years between the Coronation for the Kingship of God and the Cheon Jeong Gung entrance ceremony, so many important events happened that each day felt like a thousand years.

### **Stepping-stones to salvation**

In the first year of Cheon Il Guk, after the time of the coronation, we made the proclamation as citizens of Cheon Il Guk. In 2003, True Parents' Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk took place to open the gates to Cheon Il Guk. In 2004, the coronation of the first, second, and third Israel were held all over the world, for a year, in 124 nations with 120 different religious circles. In 2005, after the establishment of UPF, True Parents spoke many times to global audiences.

Centered on True Father, they traveled to a hundred and twenty nations. The entrance process for the





True Parents wave to a crowd that included heads of state and other prominent figures from nations throughout the world.

Cheon Jeong Gung entrance ceremony called for True Parents to tour 120 nations in 120 days and then mother toured 180 nations again. Following that, the True Children fulfilling the three generations toured forty nations.

If we have to summarize the providential significance of the Cheon Jeong Gung entrance ceremony, as mentioned in True Parents' prayer, it is that the sovereignty of our intangible God has substantially manifested on earth. As True Parents made this meaningful historical event, another providence was occurring up to Foundation Day. At the time, we were in the midst of preparing for the entrance ceremony, but as I look back on the event, as those of you who attended can attest, it truly was a beautiful event without any flaws. There is a reason we could accomplish this.

#### Diligent True Parents

I believe there are two parties who made great contributions toward the success of the entrance ceremony. The first is True Parents themselves. After True Parents founded UPF in September 2005, they toured 120 nations in 120 days. They returned to Korea on

December 24, and then on the December 27, they held an event at the Kintex Convention Center. They were living in Hannam-dong at that time. I went to Hannam-dong and True Father called all the senior members and spoke of many things to us. One thing he told us was that when he left to cover 120 nations in 120 days, he asked himself, "Will I make it back here?" It was a challenge that put his life on the line. "But I did finish and made it back," True Father said as he looked back on the tour.

It is True Parents pain and suffering that brought about the historical Cheon Jeong Gung entrance ceremony and the substantial realization of God's authority. That is how I wanted to summarize it.

#### Spiritual efforts

The second was Dae-mo nim and Heung-jin nim and the spiritual works that happened. Who could have possibly accomplished such a great deed? It was truly a moving occasion. True Mother spoke of this earlier, but we are the deeply ingrained pulse of the providence. This one time, we were being driven up to Cheon Jeong Gung from below, and True Father and True Mother were in

the back seat. I was in the front seat, and as we were going up True Father spoke to me. There is a large guardrail next to the road on the way to Cheong Jeong Gung. The rocks there are very big. Each rock is a good rock, and each rock is very large.

Father saw that and said, "Look at that! Who has the boldness to do that? Who else would have the boldness, but spirit world and Dae-mo nim." Father looked at the position of the stones and said, "This would not have been possible without the help of those in the spirit world."

That is why I believe that the two greatest contributors are True Parents themselves, and the spiritual works of Dae-mo nim and Heung-jin nim in the spirit world. After the entrance ceremony, True Parents personally presented awards. Dae-mo nim and Heung-jin nim received an award.

#### My conclusion

What type of goal should we make as we celebrate the anniversary of such a meaningful event? True Mother and True Father have already told us, the victory of Vision 2020! That is when True Father would have been a hundred years old and True Mother will be seventy-seven. When Father turned seventy-seven, he established Chil Pal Jeol. At seven seconds past seven minutes past seven o'clock on the seventh day of the seventh month of 1997 he declared the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

Then what should we offer on True Mother's providential seventy-seventh year? I believe that we must find the sovereignty. We must complete the headquarters of that sovereignty, the [Hyo Jeong] HJ Cheon Won Complex. In 2020 on July 17, the day of True Father's Seonghwa Anniversary, at seven seconds past seven minutes past seven, as mother faces her seventy-seventh year, let us be able to declare the substantial Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Let us be resolutely determined as we celebrate the tenth Anniversary of True Parents' coronation and entrance ceremony. 

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# Origins, and Bringing Loved Ones toward Heaven

*How I Joined the Unification Church*

By Joe Kinney

I was born in December 1950, the illegitimate child of a poor thirty-year-old Cherokee woman and the local mayor's brother, one of the richest men in a small Tennessee town near the city of Nashville. If discovered, this would have been a huge scandal, so they gave me up for adoption immediately. I was transferred to an orphan asylum in Memphis.

My birth mom was later married for thirty-two years with no children. I would finally meet her fifty years after my birth. At the age of eighty, she met her only child, four grandchildren and her daughter-in-law. I eventually met my Father's side relatives: I met brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins. My birth mom received and drank the Holy Wine.

From my birth mother I inherited my spiritual openness or "sixth sense." I grew up communicating with the spirit world, having out-of-body experiences and knowing about events before they happened.

I was adopted from the orphan asylum as an infant by the Kinneys, an Irish Catholic couple who married too late to have their own kids. They sent me to Catholic schools, where I attended Mass every school day. This intensive religious education combined with my Cherokee spirituality engendered in me a deep awareness of God.

## Setting conditions

As a young boy I "made conditions" long before I heard that term from our church members. I prayed the rosary



The fruits of faith and effort, Mr. Kinney and his family

every day, and I promised to stop in the church and pray every time I passed by on my bicycle. I attended a Catholic Church camp one summer when I was in middle school and made the condition to thank God for everything constantly, even for the most trivial, mundane things like dust, fingernails, or air. I had the profound experience of God coming down in tears, moved by gratitude from one among the self-centered race of man.

## Considering the priesthood

The priests and nuns in my Catholic school noticed that I was "different." A young priest, who was dying of cancer, took me under his wing and asked me to attend confession face-to-face in his room in the rectory (the priest's residence) every Thursday afternoon. This was a great honor for an elementary school boy. At this young age, I promised God that if

Jesus returned in my lifetime, I would follow him at the sacrifice of everything. I knew it would happen before the end of my twenty-first year. I would join eighteen days before my twenty-second birthday.

I became an altar boy, which was a deep experience for me, especially serving mass for the nuns in the convent at 4:00 AM, which was so informal and the congregation so sincere. Between my freshman and sophomore years of college at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, I decided that I had to make a condition to ask God to guide me on whether to become a Catholic priest or not. My condition was to attend Mass every day for the summer term, about a hundred days. This led to the most incredible spiritual experience of my life.

The weekday masses took place in a side chapel with only ten to twenty congregants attending. At that time, church law allowed only an ordained priest to touch the Eucharist (bread, representing the body of Christ) and distribute communion. The time for communion arrived and the chapel filled with a brilliant spiritual divine light that stunned and overwhelmed all present. It was the most brilliant light I have ever seen, blinding, not to the eyes but to the soul. Under the influence of this miraculous heavenly manifestation, the priest said, "Joe would you please distribute communion?" This violated church law and practice and was unprecedented. He then handed me the ciborium, which





Mr. Kinney's first interaction with True Father in May 1973, while he was working at the Belvedere training center



The writer and Dae-mo nim at East Garden

contained the eucharistic bread, or hosts. A nun tried to raise her voice to protest but was unable to speak. I distributed communion to the dozen or so attending. When I returned the ciborium to the priest, the divine light was gone. So I had the answer from heaven: I was a priest for just a moment, but my destiny was beyond that.

### Lecture negotiations

For the next two and a half years, I searched. I researched all kinds of religions, read books, attended meetings, prayed and asked God for guidance.

I met my spiritual mother, Diane Frink Drucker, on Easter Sunday morning 1972. For several months she repeatedly tried to get me to listen to Divine Principle. I gave her money and helped her with laundry and transportation, but Diane just would not give up pushing me to hear the lectures. Finally I said that if she would go out on a date with me, I would listen to the lectures. Diane went out with me, but no good night kiss! As we stood at her door, she threw up her hands to block my advance and said, "OK, now you have to attend lectures!"

### My state's first member

I was then attending my senior year at Christian Brothers College in Memphis and working almost full time. I rode my bike to lectures a couple days a week, and on Sunday, November 28, I said Pledge for the first time and committed my life to

True Parents.

About a week later, Diane told me that she would be away for about a month. Later I understood that she wanted to visit her family and then had to attend God's Day with True Parents, then on January 1. I told Diane that I would not move into an empty rented house, but I promised to move in the day she returned.

Spiritually that month was very difficult with so many temptations that would have ended my relationship to True Parents. Diane returned and I moved in to the Tennessee center, the first member to join in Tennessee.

### Opposition

The greatest test was yet to come: In mid-March 1973, the direction came that every state should send one member to the first One Hundred Day International Training Session; from Tennessee, that was me. I felt a terrible dark force trying to block me from going to Belvedere.

My Father told me that he was having surgery for colon cancer, and then he had a heart attack two days before the surgery was scheduled. The prognosis was dire; my father was not expected to live. My mother begged me in tears not to go; the tension was hell.

I said goodbye to my parents in the intensive care unit (ICU) with my Father unconscious and expected to die and my mother screaming in rage. The scratches on my face from my mother's fingernails took weeks to


heal. I was on my way to Belvedere and the rest is history.

My father survived and lived eleven more years. I think he would have died if I had stayed. When my dad did pass away in 1983, I experienced another miracle.

### A farewell blessing

His doctor explained to us my Dad's steps to death. In the final step, he would be in a coma. My dad had been in this terminal stage coma for twelve hours with death hours away. My wife and I were leaving for the evening. We had told my mom that we would return in the morning. At that point, my dad moved mechanically like a body in a horror movie. He sat up in bed, bending mechanically at the waist, and then his head turned to us as if he were a robot and he said, "Goodnight Joe and Kumiko, and may God bless you both." Then he mechanically returned to lying flat. He never spoke or moved again. His last words were May God bless you both! From the man who should have died eleven years earlier.

My adopted mom, who had cursed me and scratched my face, lived with my family in our home in New Jersey, where she was surrounded by her grandchildren for the last four years of her life, passing away at the age of ninety-two.

Even though joining our church meant that I had to go through things that seemed impossible or cruel, by faith and taking responsibility, we found happiness. 

# Energizing Korean Tribal Messiahs

**M**oving forward together through four hope-filled years! From June 24 to 26, a heavenly tribal messiah training experience took place to spur the victory of vision 2020. Approximately seventy blessed members from the southeastern, southwestern, eastern, and oceanic (island) regions of Korea came together to participate

in a three-day workshop at Blue Sea (Cheong Hae) Garden in Yeosu. Participants were chosen from among active Korean members who had twelve or more spiritual children.

### Enlarging our tribes

The purpose of this training was to guide our five thousand central blessed families as they expand their twelve-family (core) tribe until they reach the completion of their four-hundred-and-thirty-family tribe. The training focuses on considerably strengthening our understanding of heaven's vertical culture and heart as well as strengthening our abilities as tribal messiahs upon the foundation

of the word coming to us through the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

On the first day, during the opening ceremony, national president of FFW-PU, Ryu Kyeong-seuk, spoke to the central members. He said, "Of course pastors, but indeed all blessed members have received the mission and grace on a cosmic level from our True Parents as tribal messiahs. It is time for us to look back deeply into our past lives, which bloomed and withered according to the dispensation of True Parents' providence. We need to think deeply about how much precious fruition we have borne during that time. This is the greatest blessing in

- ① Rev. Ryu, the Korean church president, addresses members, all with more than twelve spiritual children, who took part in tribal messiah training.
- ② The Missionary Education Department led the development of the innovative curriculum.
- ③ To date, they have completed this and a second workshop and are now bringing the key concepts to all members in the nation.







our lives. I sincerely hope that we can become people who can inherit True Parents' culture and take on the unfinished work with grace as our last responsibility as tribal messiahs."

### Leave comforts behind

True Parents told us, "The work that must be done now cannot be delayed, the providence cannot be pushed back." Do not carelessly waste even a minute or a second. I think during that time, we thought too highly of ourselves and of our position in the providence. From now on let us completely immerse ourselves in our goal of forming our twelve family tribe as tribal messiahs and striving for victory this year, 2016, the first year of our four hope-filled years.

"As blessed members who have inherited True Parents' word and culture, we have more than enough strength to change the world. Let us not be foolish by hiding this strength heaven has permitted us within ourselves, but use it to its fullest to become proud and courageous filial sons and daughters who can move and save the world."

The Missionary Education Department of FFWPU-Korea led the development of the tribal messiah training curriculum. The team comprised approximately twenty researchers from the Cheong Shim Graduate School of Theology, personnel from Sun Moon University, pastors and lay members from our Master's and Doctor's group. The team spent eight

months and went through ten different forums, researching to create these eight modules.

### Hand-in-hand

Amidst the workshop, Shin In-seon, director of the Department of Education and Witnessing spoke of the training program. "We are first conducting tribal messiah training workshops," he said, "using the eight modules for pastors and central members who have witnessed to more than twelve families, but we plan to expand this to all blessed members in Korea."

"It must be clear that tribal messiahship cannot be achieved only by one spouse, not a cooperative couple in the family. Let us courageously take the path of true happiness. Through husband and wife becoming one, children and parents becoming one, three generations will become one to achieve our Heavenly Parent's dream."

### The eight tribal messiah modules


1. Understanding and Conviction in God's will (Conviction in God's will and the providence leads to realizing our mission as tribal messiahs.)
2. Absolute faith, absolute love, absolute obedience (Inheriting True Parents' life courses and their lives of devotion toward Heaven)
3. Constant development (Faith in oneself, a clear sense of purpose, constant effort)
4. Becoming one as husband and wife (Developing a True connubial relationship, mutual respect and

- cooperation as husband and wife)
5. True love in action (object-oriented, listening and empathetic, effective self-expressive)
6. Development of true love (Sincerity, education in faith and the blessing)
7. Organize a community (Develop a community vision, mission proposal, long- and short-term plan, manage a hoondok family church)
8. Cultivating individuals and networking (Inheriting culture, cultivating and developing individuals, networking)

### Interaction and debate

After each module was conducted the blessed couples from the various regions of Korea met severally in groups and were given time for discussion and debate. They discussed topics such as forming tribal messiah trinities, organizing family-level communities for families with more than three spiritual children and organizing three-generation hoondok family churches.

### The road ahead

A second training workshop will last from July 8 to the 10 at the Cheongpyeong Training Center. Afterward, FFWPU-Korea will work toward spreading the eight-module program to all members so they can embody these lessons in their lives as the blueprint to Victory in our Vision 2020 efforts and the four years of hope in national restoration. 

*This was contributed by FFWPU-Korea.*

# Involving Young People in Divine Principle Study

The 2016 Summer CARP Five-Day Workshop began on Wednesday, June 27. The five-day workshop is the first part of our Forty-Day Short Term Witnessing Program. Two hundred and twenty-five second-generation Unificationists, not all of whom are CARP members, came together with twenty-three staff members in the multipurpose auditorium in Sun Moon Universities' Student Hall. Mr. Yang Kwon-Il, the Sun Moon University CARP center leader, led the opening ceremony and orientation. This led into a series of lectures by Mr. Cho Hyeong-hui, CARP leader of the Chungcheong region (composed of

two South Korean provinces) group discussions and prayer.

Mr. Moon Sang-pil, president of CARP-Korea, spoke to the eager young members who had agreed to attend the workshop. He said, "True Parents spoke and put their words—that they would give all the blessing and good fortune they have to the children of the church—into action. True Mother at True Father's Seonghwa Ceremony promised that we would see Heaven's will achieved in her lifetime. Thus, we must become CARP members that go forward to achieve God's will." Continuing, President Moon reemphasized the core of CARP members' mission by

saying, "I sincerely hope that during this five-day workshop we can gain the determination to make Heavenly Parent's word and will our own in our lives and for our futures."

### Study and play

On Thursday morning, the participants were able to become one with our Heavenly Parent while experiencing the reading of the word under the bright sky, in the clear air. Divine Principle lectures filled that beautiful day. During the lecture on the Human Fall, participants learned about the standard for the blessing that our Heavenly Parent holds us to and what mind-set we should have toward that standard.







That afternoon, the participants enjoyed a sports festival, encouraging them to unite within their groups. The participants relished the opportunity to run and exercise, the hot weather being no match for their energetic passion.

In the evening, leader of the Sun Moon University regional CARP center, Lim Jong-hoon, gave a special lecture on faith entitled "Principle! Action! Unification! Let's Be Victorious through the Challenge of True Love!" Mr. Lim focused on what faith is and what our attitude should be toward it. Participants finished the day with a reflection and prayer service.

### True Parents' teachings

The hoondokhae excerpt that the young people heard on Friday had the title, "The Marks Left in History through the Providence of Restoration." Lectures on the second half of the Divine Principle filled the morning. Following lunch, attendees met in groups for discussions and then continued with Divine Principle lectures. Later that day, Mr. Cho held a question and answer session covering any questions that had accumulated in the attendees minds from the many lectures they had heard.

On Friday evening, Jung Hyung-gyu, regional CARP leader of South Gyeongsang Province, delivered a

lecture about the blessing. The lecture focused on the value of the blessing that True Parents have given us. Mr. Jung stated that the blessing is an important part of a life of faith and that practicing absolute sex (absolute purity before marriage, absolute fidelity in marriage) is crucial. The third day ended with the young people reflecting on their experiences and writing in journals.

### Using news outlets

On Saturday morning, Cha Jun-young, president of the *Segye Times*, gave a lecture, "Global Media and I." He said that we should be conscious of how digital communication, which



- ① Mr. Moon Sang-pil, the personable and dedicated president of CARP-Korea
- ② Participants used hardbound books that included material used each day for hoondokhae.
- ③ Participants came from all around Korea, including some from the UK and Russia who are living in Korea.
- ④ The young men played football; the young women let off steam in equally energetic games of basketball.






During a CARP Café the young adults shared their aspirations and hopes.

workshop, “Later, I want to show you how much I have grown.” Among other participants that spoke, Park Mun-suk said, “After hearing the lecture on True Parents’ life courses, I realized that we cannot let their efforts go to waste. . . . I will spread knowledge of their achievements.” Moon Hong-ju said, “I am remorseful about how I am spending my youth after hearing all that True Father did at my age. Through this workshop, I now want to go out and lead my wandering friends to the right path. I want us all to work together to achieve our Heavenly Parents’ dream.”

President Moon said, “Let us take what we have learned of the Divine Principle during these five days and put it into practice as we each return to our homes. I hope that those of you who continue on to the longer workshop will finish the forty days well. Do not forget that we are all one as children of our Heavenly Parent and continue to live a life of devotion. Remember that when you, as one part of the whole, stands upright, the rest will follow. Connected to True Parents’ hearts, let us be young people that bring success to the unification movement.”

The five-day workshop was a success. As people who have learned from this experience, let us keep True Parents’ standard in the forefront of our consciousness and represent our Heavenly Parent in the way we live. 

*CARP-Korea contributed this article.*

now permeates society, effects our lives and reflect on how we can spread knowledge of God’s will and of the Divine Principle to the world through the media. As we come into an age of personal media (social media), we should become CARP members that can touch many people’s hearts as we spread God’s word.

Before and after lunch, Yang Un-seong, the leader of CARP in Seoul, gave lectures covering the fifth chapter of Divine Principle, Resurrection. Afterward, President Moon explained True Parents’ life courses. Participants learned about the foundations made before either of the True Parents were born up through the whole of their lives. It was a time of deep reflection as the students pondered how they should use their time as young adults and what standards they should uphold.

### Where are you headed?

In the evening, members shared their dreams and life goals with other participants at a “CARP Café.” They also shared the resolutions they had made after listening to the Divine Principle lectures. It was a time in which potential future leaders of the Unification movement spoke out and cheered one another on. The day ended in prayer.

After breakfast on Sunday, participants had time to reflect and fill out a survey, after which Mr. Yang Kwon-il, the Sun Moon CARP center leader, led them through the ceremonial end of the workshop at which the cultural team performed and the participants received certificates of completion.

As the organizers had hoped, some participants, such as Yoon Dong-jin, will go on to a forty-day workshop. Mr. Yoon said about the forty-day



One group of the more than two hundred young members that successfully completed the CARP summer workshop pose with CARP-Korea President Moon.




# Major Korean National Weekly Magazine The Union of the Only Begotten Son and Only Begotten Daughter: FFWPU's Doctrine



Because Jesus, the only begotten son, was unable to establish a family, "God's dream" could not be realized and "God's providence" was established through values of FFWPU, the union of the only begotten son and only begotten daughter. That is to say that all the world's religions serve as methods to realize the same ideal of becoming one family as brothers and sisters, regardless of doctrinal differences.

### America's place in the FFWPU world

The explanation of America's providential mission and role is also the same. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon emphasized that among the two hundred nations in the world, America stands as the eldest-son nation and should not abandon its role. America must not seek its own happiness or personal interests. An FFWPU members explained that the "union of the only begotten son and only begotten daughter is a principle that has been emphasized since before Rev. Sun Myung Moon passed away." She added, "Before Rev. Moon passed away, he said that we must take down the of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity sign and replace it with a Family Federation for World Peace and Unification sign because a religion is not meant to exist for its own sake. It is meant to realize one family and a peaceful world."

Whether it was a coincidence or not, a rainstorm began immediately after Dr. Moon's address. Those in attendance began singing, "You Are My Sunshine," but the rain continued. The afternoon program included the Il shim Purity Vow Ceremony, a Taekwondo demonstration. Other events were canceled. While an interview with Patsy Casino was being conducted in the office that Rev. Moon used during his lifetime, the sun began to brilliantly shine through. In the future, will these believers look back on this day and interpret this as an act of providence? 

If you compare FFWPU doctrine and events with that of other religions, you will find many similarities, but you will also find many differences. At the start of the event, the FFWPU members sang, "How Great Thou Art," a song from the Catholic Church, as well as "Country Roads," which is known to us as a John Denver song. Their events include formalities that are independent of other religions, including their use of the word, "Aju," in place of "Amen" and the unified call of "Eog Mansei" at the end of the program.

The highlight of this particular event was the keynote address by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Her speech contained the core FFWPU doctrine. "If when Jesus came as the only begotten son, he had met the only begotten daughter, Jesus would have been able to realize the ideal envisioned by God. However, that did not happen."

# We Can Do It: A New Way of Looking at Tribal Messiahship

By Demian Dunkley



**T**he We Can Do It workshop, a two-day transformational experience, is designed to change the way we think about tribal messiahship. It was born out of careful study of True Parents' teachings, my personal life journey, my experience as a pastor and now as the director of Evangelism at the Family Federation headquarters in the United States.

## My background

I joined the church in 1974 as a one-year old with my mother. It was a very challenging time; my father did not have a good experience with church leaders, so he did not join. Because my mother was a full-time missionary, she was advised to find someone to care for me. My father took me and raised me outside of the church for twenty years.

My father loved and protected me, and because of his bad experiences, he raised me to fear the church. Over the years, he cited many examples of misconduct and even introduced me to "deprogrammed members" in an effort to reveal the dangers of the unification movement. For twenty years, I went

through anti-Unification Church training. I was also blocked from seeing my mother. Nonetheless, I searched for the truth about life. I could sense we were living in a time when new truth would be revealed, and I knew I would find it.

## Meeting True Parents

After time spent in England and Italy, in 1995, I came back to America to find the truth about my origins. Both my mother and my uncle spoke about True Parents and the Divine Principle with me. All of a sudden, my whole life made sense. Studying the Divine Principle was like drinking fresh water in a desert. I instantly accepted all parts of it as true. I was proud that my mother had sacrificed her son to serve True Parents, and because of that, I felt my life had greater value.

On God's Day 1996, in the New Yorker Hotel's Grand Ballroom, I saw True Parents for the first time. True Father's manner and his sermon that day amazed me. Immediately, I could understand why so many people feared him and spread false stories about him; yet I just sat there thinking, This is the coolest guy I've ever seen.

Nevertheless, I understood I was

embarking on a journey that would result in a long time passing before I would be able to reconcile with my father and all the other people I had left behind.

Thanks to True Parents, I was blessed to Yumiko Sakamoto in 1997. We now have three children. After many experiences around the world, in 2011 we moved to Las Vegas, where we bought a house directly next door to True Parents' house, Cheon Hwa Gung. Within three months, I was privileged to become the local pastor.

## Pastoring a church

There were some challenging times ahead for our movement. The leadership and structure were changing, and many members had questions about our future. Despite the deep faith within our blessed families, I noticed how fragile we were as an organization at that time.

I was also trying to resolve many questions in my heart: Why am I the pastor for these precious members? The majority of them were older than I was, so I used to wonder, Why am I giving sermons? True Father had trained most of these members for years; they know the Divine Principle





- ① Demian Dunkley, director of Evangelism for FFWPU in the US, presenting the concepts he has been developing.
- ② The tribe kit in its box
- ③ Members seem to deeply appreciate the support from their national headquarters in what had seemed the blessed couples' personal burden. The tribe kit, the workshops and the investment made in envisioning a path forward are precious.



better than I do and have more experience in the movement than I do. Unless we are growing and bringing in new members, what are we doing?" Looking back, I know that the inspiration for the We Can Do It workshop was planted at that time.

### Expanding church membership

I know that many members study what Christian churches do to be successful and grow. We look at the mega-churches and growing churches to see what we can learn from them, but we often overlook some important differences. First, many churches grow from transference; Christians leave smaller churches for bigger, better churches. For one church that is growing, perhaps four others are closing down. Aside from church growth, an important thing to



- ❶ Using the material in the tribe kit during the workshop
- ❷ A diverse group of members from the Chicago area attended the We Can Do It workshop.
- ❸ Interaction with like-minded citizens of Cheon Il Guk produces joy. This is the essence of what we want to share with others.

look at is how many are converting from non-believer to believer, and that number is much smaller in Christianity today.

Conversion is usually most effective in one-on-one discipling relationships, but most Christian churches do not disciple. Members come on Sunday; they tithe, and then go about their daily lives. It is almost as if the ministry provides a service and the members are customers. In American Christianity, they call this “spiritual consumerism.” Reflecting upon this phenomenon, I noticed how we too are susceptible to the same trend. I wondered where the passion of the early days had gone.

I started asking first-generation members why they joined. I must have asked over a thousand members, including leaders from Europe and America. I noticed that none of them joined our organization as it is today. In some sense, they all joined a movement to change the world. None of them joined a church in the conventional sense. None of them joined because of a great Sunday service. Ironically, Sunday used to be our day

off, but now the two-hour period on Sunday is the most active time for many members.

### Working in today’s environment

I started thinking deeply about this. I noticed that in America this trend began when most members started family life in the late 1980s. I also heard from older leaders that we started to organize more as Christian churches do in the 1990s to create good relationships with Christian ministers. Even though True Father spoke frequently about home church and tribal messiahship, we were not successful at it.

### Reaching “out”

As I was researching this, I came across something called “missional church” that started in the Anglican Church in England about twenty years ago and is now spreading to the US. The basic concept behind missional church is to bring the church to the people, rather than trying to bring people to the church. Everyone contributes to bringing new members to the community. It turns out that this

is one of the most successful conversional-type church growth systems in Christianity.

Missional church practitioners say that if you focus only on coming to church and bringing people into the church, the culture can become self-serving and can lead to spiritual consumerism. They do still meet frequently in large numbers, once or twice a month, but they meet more frequently in each other’s homes with an emphasis on reaching out to people that live nearby in one’s community.

I found many similarities between this approach and the things True Father taught about home church and achieving tribal messiahship. I became excited to see how brilliantly True Father had been guiding us. He is so advanced. Despite some of our own doubts, others have been applying these principles and bringing results.

### Assessing the situation

Many of us have strong opinions about witnessing, but I think acknowledging that not everyone wants to witness in the same manner is important. Based on my research, usually less than 5 percent of members in a community actually want to witness in the conventional way. When held to that standard, those that attempt the conventional meth-





ods may end up feeling bad about their own efforts. Furthermore, even if they do bring new guests into the community, members are unsure of the treatment their guests will receive.

We never figured out how to transition into a family movement that can witness as families. Naturally, a family is going to witness in other ways. We're going to witness to the people we work with, go to school with, play sports with, ride the bus with, and so on. Tribal messiahship is a much more evolved form of evangelism that not only can but must include all aspects of our lives.

#### **Wanting to turn words into substance**

As a pastor, I started giving more sermons and having more discussions about tribal messiahship. Although some members were very active, I noticed that many felt they could not do more than they were already doing. Some were too busy with work and family duties, others felt their family relationships were too unstable to be able to take care of others, some were concerned about problems within the church and many were simply unclear about how to do tribal messiah activities. I wondered how we could encourage our faithful members to achieve tribal messiahship. Surely, this was the biggest missing piece in

our movement and even the cause of many of our struggles. As a pastor, I concluded with a simple question, What could be more important to support than blessed families becoming successful tribal messiahs?

My wife and I started a condition with some core members. We would pray on the land in front of Cheon Hwa Gung every morning at 5:00 AM and then do hoondokhae together in a public place and witness for a short time before starting our day. I was mapping out a one-to-three-year plan to help shift our church culture toward growth through tribal messiah activities. However, it was not long before I was invited to work at the headquarters as the director of Evangelism.

#### **Key insights while in Korea**

As my views on tribal messiahship developed, I received a lot of positive feedback from members. Many confirmed these insights from their own experiences. However, it came to a point where I did not want to preach about it without offering the tools to follow through on it. I wanted to apply a process that would support the change to occur on a fundamental level.

At that stage, we went to Korea for the first Global Top Gun Workshop. My team was responsible for designing the structure and education of the

workshop. We received a lot of blessing and love from True Mother. I had a number of experiences at Cheongpyeong that answered many of the questions I was grappling with. On the third day, God told me not to call it a workshop anymore; to stop using the terminology "teams" and "groups."

I started thinking in terms of tribal messiahship, and I realized that our group at the workshop was the size of a growing tribe. We organized it with the natural terminology for a tribe, such as clans and families. This helped me to understand organization in a more natural sense. It may seem simple, but I felt that it totally changed the atmosphere. What we experience with each other should be the same thing we are promoting to other people, so we need to experience the heavenly kingdom with ourselves first.

#### **Application begins**

My experience at Global Top Gun showed me that it was possible to organize hundreds of people; it was possible to lead with purpose and at the same time give people maximum flexibility and freedom to contribute the fullness of their own unique character and creativity.

When you have a common purpose that everybody understands and agrees upon, and when you have a





In the West, where three-generation households are rare and extended families are generally a collection of independent units, members have struggled to find a frame of reference they are comfortable with in regard to the tribal messiah mission. It is early days, but the We Can Do It workshops seem to be satisfactorily providing that.

clear structure and continual communication, something magical happens. You start to see God working through everybody in such a beautiful way, and you can learn from each other much more quickly.

I also realized that the concept that we are just building a church limits many of us. At Global Top Gun, we expanded the framework to include everyone's unique talents and abilities that could help build Cheon Il Guk. The purpose of our organization is to build a kingdom through tribes that inherently focus on educating and blessing people, but also to build that kingdom. That means there is a lot of work to do and blessing people is not the only goal. The end goal is to build the kingdom as blessed families.

It occurred to me that to sustain our momentum, we need to work together as a community. I had heard that True Mother encourages church communities to work together as a

tribe first, instead of everyone trying on their own. If we want to make this work, I was convinced, we need to do it together. We need to go in as a community in which the pastor and enough of the members are willing to try something new.

**We can do it!**

Once I returned from Korea, our team immediately began organizing the We Can Do It workshop. The purpose of which is to understand and set meaningful goals for our tribal messiah work in a way that promotes a heavenly culture within our families and the community at the same time.

The workshop is an invitation to come together as a tribe, and map out a meaningful and inspiring three-month plan for tribal messiah efforts. During the three months following the workshop, families meet together regularly in trinities, the leaders of the community are meeting together

regularly, and we continue with follow-up support from the national headquarters.

We have to trust that blessed families have more capability, genius and ability to expand True Parents' foundation than we give ourselves credit for. We Can Do It workshops help to pull that out and remind us how much God is already working in our lives. We acknowledge the gifts and talents of our members and find practical ways to contribute to the providential needs of the community.

**Better as a threesome**

For the trinity to work, it needs to live for something greater than itself. True Father guided us to work in trinities years ago, and I have found that when you do so, a new level of protection arises. There is greater accountability, support as well as more manpower and resources to get things done. It creates an environment where you





can exercise and test your ideas, and find relevant ways to love one another and those whom we are reaching out to. This takes a huge burden off the pastor, whom members often expect to do everything. Organizing into trinities and clans is an effective distribution of authority that aligns with a common purpose. Everyone shares in the victory.

#### **Love those nearest you first**

In many areas, I felt inspired to help. I want members to feel proud of our faith; to recognize that God has worked in our lives to bring us to True Parents and position us in the providence. I want them to understand that everything starts with love. The first and most precious member of our tribe is our spouse, our family. To give love within the home and among those we know is already witnessing. Tribal messiahship does not involve individual activity but

calls for something we can do as a couple and as a family. I want us to take better care of the people we already know, both inside the church and outside the church. The idea of constantly reaching out to new people on the street, while neglecting those close to us is painful.

#### **Aim for the heavens**

I want us to think bigger than building or maintaining a church. God has called us to build the kingdom, and many aspects of society need our love and support. Adopting this perspective encourages us to respect one another's unique gifts and talents. To pursue our passions and contribute to the providence at the same time is possible. The two are not separate. When we act in this way, we will be more relevant in society. These activities naturally contribute to the witnessing environment, because we are actually building the kingdom.

Clearly, this is a paradigm shift. How, then, can we facilitate this type of change? These considerations went into the We Can Do It workshop:

We need inspiration, but to be lasting we need transformation as well. We want to give people hope and the theory behind tribal messiahship, but we also want to create experiences for members to feel a shift in their perspective and heart. We have put some of these exercises to facilitate these ends in the workshop.

We want to work together, but we understand that for unity to exist their needs to be a common purpose. In terms of a community, this common purpose needs to be very clear, practical and measurable. When the common purpose is clear, there is greater flexibility. We achieve this by reflecting on True Parents' top priorities and the top priorities of the local community. We then initiate discus-



sion and strategy around some of these issues.

We want members to rally around a clear vision, but in order for the vision to occur we need planning, which needs to be practical. We encourage members to work confidently using their strengths.

We also need determination to pursue this vision, but determination is nothing without goals and accountability. This means setting inspiring goals that are relevant to our area and working together to keep one another accountable. One of the ways we achieve this is to form trinities that meet weekly. The goal is to support one another and find ways to witness and make an impression on society that is most appropriate in each geographical area.

In order to learn and develop, we need communication, but for communication to run smoothly there needs to be a structure. We do this by looking at the community as a tribe. Within the tribe, there are clans, and within each clan, there are trinities. With clear order, clear communication and a reporting system emerges.

### Introducing the tribe kit

To support the members both during and after the workshop, we have developed the Tribe Kit, which has four main components: First, there is a small hoondokhae book that has a collection of excerpts from *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Cham Bumo Gyeong*. This is a reminder for all tribal messiahs to center their activity on the word. We printed this small book to encourage them to use this in their trinity meetings, on the go. These excerpts relate to home church and tribal messiah work. Ultimately, we wish to encourage members to get the full set of holy scriptures and base their work on that.

Second, we have a list of resources and on-line tools. We have samples of outreach materials they can custom-order. We have a sampler program, which is a scripted facilitator's guide for the participant to be able to convey the core concepts of the workshop to families that did not attend the workshop.

Third, the handbook is the book that the participants use to go through the workshop. During the



workshop, there is a series of exercises, and you can write your answers down in the handbook to refer to once you are done.

Fourth, the planner is something you work with for three months after the workshop. You take it to your weekly trinity meetings, to help you track your goals.

### Results so Far

We have held four We Can Do It workshops in North America and have at least six more scheduled within the next few months. Based on personal testimonies, that people feel transformed and empowered is apparent. As a result of the workshop and the three-month commitment, community events have taken place in Hawaii, New Jersey, and the Bay Area, all of which trinities and clans planned and organized.

### Looking ahead

We have built a web site with tribal messiah resources and stories at [heavenlytribe.org](http://heavenlytribe.org). Currently we are working on a system for families to be able to share short stories about their activities. Ultimately, we hope to learn from the testimonies of members and see how God is working and guiding us to accomplish this incredible blessing.

- ① A Japanese woman with an American husband responds to the workshop material.
- ② Unificationism is a lifetime commitment; that members maintain their desire to fulfill the tribal messiah mission is uplifting.
- ③ About one-third of the members at the workshop were young.
- ④ The US headquarters has embraced the visual age we are living in and record and disseminate vibrant images to encourage members.

Our goal for 2016 is to have 430 families in America registered and actively doing tribal messiah work—meeting regularly in their trinities and reporting their activities.

My assessment is simple: If we clarify our vision and purpose and set up a healthy working structure within a community in which we communicate frequently, God will work. We will see God working through our incredible brothers and sisters.

As we become a more successful movement, we will look back and see that we were all a part of that success—the elders, the young ones—and yes—even the people we haven't met yet, because I believe that with True Parents' love and guidance and with our unified creative genius working together toward common goals, we can take over the world as tribal messiahs. ☞



## WORKSHOP TESTIMONIES

—Sarah Brown—

The workshop was excellent. I had similar ideas about creating a workbook for tribal messiahs before coming to this seminar; it was as if Demian had taken the ideas straight from my head! The materials were helpful and professional and the presentation was insightful, well-designed and portrayed meaningfully. I truly appreciated the emphasis on creating real goals and action steps and wish we could have spent more time on it. I hope all of us will hit the ground running with the rest.

—Keiichi Munakata—

It was a very good workshop, and I am grateful to True Parents for guiding us. After the workshop, I feel as if I see things on a different level. Whenever I meet a person, I automatically think, How can this person fit into my tribe?

True Father's speeches have become more meaningful, and I can relate to them more after Demian explained God's global providence all the way down to the individual level.


Demian broke down our focus to the two most important things we can do right now for our community. This allowed our community to come together, to focus on things that are important for the community and to effect greater change by working together. I liked being reminded to practice

working together as a tribe before we start our own tribes. In that way, we are able to understand our community better.

—Bob Gauper—

Demian's enthusiasm and visionary thinking inspired me. My wife and I have been looking over the Tribe Kit. The care and work it must have taken to put it all together impressed us. The vision that the trinity model promotes validates and clarifies some directions in which we already were (tentatively) going. Our first agenda item is the revival of a national Parents' Day event, which we used to do every year. I am grateful for all the effort and positive energy that I saw from the National Ministry Team. These presentations were a breath of fresh air and I hope they spark a revival of evangelical activity in District 11.

—Margaret Polloi-Sisserson—

The idea of the whole community as a tribe and then small groups as a clan fits the island culture; to actually have a small clan to work with is great. I feel inspired that this clan will develop into a long-lasting neighborhood of friends. This clan is a practical way of navigating, getting support and being empowered to finally be on our own and achieve heavenly tribal messiahship. 

## CLAN LEADERS AFTER A MONTH

These testimonies from came through a follow-up call a month after the workshop.

—Kevin—

The sense of cooperation and follow up by the headquarters moved me. It felt as if the headquarters is really serving the field. To be honest, it usually feels the other way around, but now it feels like a partnership. They are responding to people's needs in the field. They want to help us accomplish what we already want to accomplish.

—Bento—


Setting targets has helped me a lot. To set a date and a plan for follow up witnessing events was impactful.

—Michael—

This workshop inspired the members. I have been trying to inspire them for years but it has not been easy. That someone from the headquarters came out

to encourage us to do things together is significant. I can definitely see it is the beginning of something new. A shift in thinking is occurring. We now have a focus and purpose. When we get results, it will stimulate the whole community. To have a goal and create objectives is so simple, and so powerful.

—Wayne—

Forming a trinity and working in a planning atmosphere is beneficial. I am now working with members that I have known for a long time but realize I did not know well. It is so invigorating. We are getting closer to each other. Frankly, just having casual relationships with members is tiring. Being more seriously involved in this brings me into a better relationship with my wife. We are now going in the same direction. This is the first time I have enjoyed witnessing since I joined the church. I am not afraid of being rejected anymore. I am constantly revising my hotlist and meeting new people. 

# The Battle for the Souls of Our Children

*Some of the quotations in this article are allusions to the announcement by the UN of their 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.*

By Carolyn Handschin



The author speaking from the head table during the conference, which covers a topic of grave and immediate concern to nations, especially in Europe

Since the recent terror attacks here in Brussels and in Paris, the theme of this conference, Engaging Civil Society to Build Security and Cohesion in Europe, has become more relevant than ever. We called this meeting today in this august institution to provide a platform for the sharing of some extraordinary efforts occurring on the international, governmental and local level toward understanding and finding the vaccine for this epidemic of the radicalization of young people. In order to solve it, we cannot avoid self-criticism. In order to heal it, we have to understand the sickness at hand and the model of health.

That this is not the first time in European history that we find ourselves in this situation is important to remember. The failure of policy and practice in social, economic and cultural integration is clearly an important backdrop to this “revolutionary pull” on young people that has been compared to that at the time of the French Revolution and even to the youth element of the rise of Nazism in Germany. Recently, the director of research in anthropology at the *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* in Paris, Mr. Scott Altran, reported to the UN Security Council’s Counter Terrorism Committee. He explained that a worrying number of IS [Islamic State] recruits in the West actually come from Christian families. Some





had had no history of violence; friends had radicalized them. Perhaps most significant, he went on to say, was that the “mindless” terrorist leaders that we thought we were dealing with may actually understand the desires of our young people better than the governments and institutions trying to stop this do.

#### **Family as a safety net**

This brings us to a fundamental element in the theme of today’s session. Who knows the minds of the young people best? Peers, yes, but even more profoundly, their parents—more specifically, their mothers. Not only do they know them but they are in a position to monitor them and influence them like no other can. We have seven children and I can see when there is a cloud around one of them. When one of my younger girls became detached, started to not feel “at home” around our table and easily became angry with us, my husband and I had sleepless nights. No one can force a change of heart, but her breakthrough came when she arrived home one evening in tears, saying, “You are the only ones who really care about me.” That realization changed her.

Through twenty years of WFP projects and peace conferences for women in the Middle East, I have heard stories from woman leaders of how their children, relatives or friends have been radicalized at universities, but I have also heard dramatic testimonies that due to brothers or sisters and friends reporting to parents about their fears, some could be turned around. Some of these women learned from these experiences and on their own initiative went on to create prevention networks among themselves.

#### **The threat is real**

The stereotype of a “terrorist” as a foreigner from a disadvantaged, distant country that has no connection to my life has faded. Current statistics show that well over five thousand Western young people have made the dramatic decision to join the ranks of IS fighters. The breaking news stories of the three teenage girls (Shamima Begum, then fifteen years old, Kadiza Sultana, sixteen, and Amira Abase, fifteen) from Bethnal Green, east London, who dropped out of high school to fill positions as brides of IS fighters shocked us.

According to Oxford University, social networks rank high in the process of radicalization but friends or peers play the primary role in the recruitment of three-quarters of foreign fighters to IS. Family members account for a fifth, mosques for just one in twenty. It is nearly impossible for social institutions to protect young people from their friends. Families are in a much better position to do that.

#### **Poison and its antidote**

Decisions to adopt and adhere to such an ideology were not made quickly, but began with disappointment, insecurity and confusion which then came into contact with the wrong elements and grew like a bacteria. How many more young men and women may be in the process of coming to such conclusions? There is no single cause and there is no simple solution.

The same places that may have contributed to the problems can also be the birthplace of solutions—home, school, work, media, culture, religion, government. That is why we, who are all concerned elements, have to talk. That is why we are here today.





There was much to discuss; that previously passive individuals have become radicalized and committed heinous acts against society is indeed frightening.



It was a good opportunity to make connections between organizations. "Supporting organizations included the World Youth Alliance, the Universal Peace Federation-Europe and Women without Borders."

### Deceiving our children

How are the promises of ISIS leaders able to take root in the minds of our European boys and girls on the cusp of adulthood? Natural qualities of youth are hope, passion, expectation and vulnerability. Some of our young people have become frustrated in their attempts to lead meaningful, exciting lives. If we really do consider ourselves a European "family... committed to working together for peace and prosperity"—as stated on the EU homepage—we can find solutions. Families do that; they do not give up and do not "leave anyone behind." That telling quotation from a Disney animated film has taken on a new dimension since it was recently quoted in the Preamble for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's).

### The UN's vision

WFWPI has been involved in the discussions leading up to the Declaration on "Transforming Our World—the 2030 Development Agenda." There is so much hope and there are so many possibilities for young people to contribute to a brighter future. They do not want to be mediocre. They want to dream big and find realistic ways to make those dreams come true—as those *jihadi* leaders seem to know well.

I just came back from a UN NGO conference in Korea entitled, "Educating for Global Citizenship: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

together." Surely, almost half of the four hundred participants were under thirty-five years old. WFWPI brought over forty young women to participate. What creative and brilliant ideas they have, especially as they stimulate one another in positive directions. How transformed are their lives when they find themselves involved in platforms and negotiations that hope to chart a brighter future for our planet. One could not imagine a better dream!

For months in advance and still now, the e-mail and links being sent around among them were focused on the five keywords of the 2030 Agenda—people, planet, peace, prosperity, partnership. Discussion groups focus on ending poverty and hunger, reducing inequalities, promoting decent work, ensuring quality education, making inclusive and safe communities, empowering young people.

### Engage their hearts

Our failures in these areas (the five Ps) are part of the reason for the radicalized element in our societies. How can we mobilize and build communities around these shared values? Young people in most nations are already offering their ideas to this campaign through Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Can we not find a way to guide our searching young people to those web sites? Can we not engage our young people to help us find

more creative, constructive programs that are more attractive to young minds than a suicide ideology?

This is just what young Ahmed (fifteen years old) said to me when I interviewed him at the Human Rights Council in Geneva last week. We had invited Ahmed, who was born in England to Iraqi parents, and his cousin Yarah as panelists in a debate on "The dangers of ISIS in Iraq" because of their Twitter-based project, "#No2ISIS." Both are convinced that if young people have been forewarned about the lies of the radicalizing indoctrination and provided alternatives lifestyles, the ISIS' promises will not be alluring, even to disenfranchised young people.

### Family is central

At the end of the interview, I asked Ahmed why he was not attracted to ISIS personally. He said that he was raised in a family where his parents stayed involved in his life, providing a good education. He saw an example of authority and leadership in his parents, and he would compare that to other authority alternatives. "But, not everyone has those opportunities," he said, and "that is why I am doing what I am doing."

We have to look at our education systems, formal and informal. The UN and governments speak of "quality" education, but we may not all agree on their definition of "quality." WFWPI is convinced that education





Speakers included “experts from the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, the International Organization on Migration, European Parliamentarians, local government officials, educators, Muslim leaders, youth and international NGOs working in prevention of radicalization.” To Mrs. Handschin’s right is Cheon Il Guk Special Envoy to Europe, Moon Lan-young.

must bring out the goodness in people, must lead them to ever deepening commitment to seeing the other as our own family members. Many here today would probably agree that realizing that is much easier when we understand a common Creator. Education at home should naturally lead to public education, which then reinforces what informal education has instilled.

We need to agree not only on academic choices but also on the core values we hope our young people adhere to. The professionals who guide our young people during school hours should also be extensions of the primary nurturers and experts in “local knowledge,” the parents. Both parents and teachers should strive to be models, not just imparters of knowledge. If not, it is confusing for young people.

As we see here today, the UN, governments, NGOs, religious leaders, academics, educators and others are trying. We want to include the voices of women, especially mothers in this discussion because they have proven their commitment and their effectiveness. If under-appreciated for their local expertise in such a forum, they may benefit from training. One of our tenets at WFWP is that “the role of women in public leadership is crucial, not just because we are over 50 percent of the population, but because of the primordial role of women as leaders and mothers in the

natural family, the microcosm of the human family.”


#### Europe is at a crossroad

We seek to balance our individual and collective needs, our need for interdependence without losing our sense of independence. The Brexit debates in this building yesterday highlighted that. We are being confronted with demands to open wide our doors and share our home and our privileges. The founding principles of our union, as well as our personal convictions, make us want to respond generously, but we find our capacities and patience overwhelmed. Looming are the serious concerns related to the successful integration of our increasingly multicultural societies. If done well, the benefits all around are great, but if not, the sense of exclusion and dissatisfaction can be a breeding ground for much more serious concerns. No matter how protective we try to be of our children, we have to send them out every day among looming dangers.

#### Redirect youthful energy

Governments alone cannot solve these issues. Our concern and our engagement has to begin in civil society and within each family. Radicalization or any disengagement from social and civic participation happens over time and is preventable at early stages. But are we looking outside our small immediate concerns?

We can only imagine what positive impact a now-radicalized individual might have had in society if someone had funneled his or her energies constructively. The underlying desire of our young people is to be relevant, to make a difference. We have tremendous minds and hearts working on these issues, but there are gaping holes in the solutions being proposed. One of those gaps is between the critical role of the natural family in preventing (or encouraging) the radicalization of our young people and the vision of the extended “human family” as the network to provide real security. In both cases, the required matrix is empathy and love, which governments also have trouble providing.

Our religious and cultural influences and the authorities representing us have an important responsibility to provide a vision and model for peaceful, cohesive communities. Similarly, our educational institutions, and the curricula that frame them will play a significant role in providing incentives for good citizenship and wise governance. Yet the seeds for that accomplishment are rooted in the family. Can we decide together and work together toward a vision of healthy, inclusive families and communities where “no one will be left behind”? 

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# Breaking the Ice in Iceland

By Paul Michael Herman

In 1996, when we received Iceland as our mission country, I knew it was guided; my father had served as a radar operator here for most of the Second World War. Two years later, after building up traction, my wife and I, and our two (soon to be three) children made our move.

We arrived on March 1. On one hand, we received a cold reception. It was the coldest it had been on that date in eighty years. Otherwise, our reception was warm. One Icelandic church brother picked us up from the airport and drove us to his home, where we stayed with him and his family for the first few weeks. He and his wife slept in the living room and the four of us slept in their bedroom.

With this brother's help, I registered my business, we found a place to stay and settled into a small apartment across the street from our church in downtown Reykjavik. True Parents appeared to me in a vision at that time. They were sitting on two huge stone seats, carved out of a mountain, reigning over this ancestral land of the Vikings. Besides us and the national messiah couple from Germany and their children, several church families were living here.

In case you are curious, about Iceland's name—yes, it deserves it. Of the six glaciers here, Vatnajökull, the largest one in Europe, covers about 8 percent of the country, but thanks to the Gulf Stream, the winters around the coastline, where most people live, are moderate—summers are cool.



The writer was able to engage with Christians using a direct approach.



Icelanders, who had been under foreign rule for 682 years until 1944, had largely been living in material poverty until the 20th century. Perhaps having gone through hard times for so long made them more human and tight-knit. Today, Icelanders can be characterized as a strong, healthy, self-confident, creative men and women who while numbering only 332,000 are competitive and bent on being number one in the world. Also, they are upbeat, easy to talk to and barring family members, everyone calls one another by their first name. The president is Ólafur. Also, in this informal environment, it is usually okay to drop in on someone without an appointment (perhaps not the president)—a circumstance that makes breaking the ice, when it comes to witnessing, much easier. Also, as luck has it, almost everyone speaks English.

Since coming here, my focus has been on witnessing and other forms of outreach. In 1998, our members worldwide—Icelanders included—were out meeting people, giving simple explanations and then the blessing.

Later, our witnessing efforts took many forms. Using a book with the Peace Messages translated into Icelandic was one. (While most people do speak English, naturally, they are better in their native language.)

In general, Icelanders are not very religious. Most belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church; children go through their confirmation process. Otherwise, religious observances are largely relegated to baptisms, marriages, deaths and religious holidays.

In spite of this, through the years, guests have come to our services, lectures, seminars, UPF meetings and Divine Principle workshops. Some continue their friendship and affiliation, but on the grassroots level, concerning front line activists, our numbers haven't risen.

With the publication of *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, the new excitement that stirred our movement reached our shores as well. A translation was done and we had the joy of sharing it.

Going door to door with the book, was good for being able to re-contact people. Because getting them to come to our meetings even after reading it, was a challenge, bringing Reverend Andy Compton's lecture series "Discovering the Divine Principle" to their homes, helped. As an inexperienced lecturer, reading through the script and making additional comments helped me feel comfortable. Still, it was hard to break through.

As it is most everywhere, average Icelanders want to see change. Perhaps they are a little further ahead with this than most other countries in doing something about their disappointment with certain high-profile representatives and corruption in venerable institutions. We've had our scandals among the church leadership; bankers have been imprisoned for crimes connected with the financial crisis in 2008 and recently the prime minister, implicated in the Panama Papers scandal, resigned. The justice taken may be warranted, but still, we, the public, have to work on ourselves.


### **Attracting serious attention**

There is no stigma against premarital sex in Iceland and many kids grow up in broken homes making Iceland's family institution as weak as is its religious life. Still, there is some interest.

Recently, I received inspiration to make signs that I hoped would get the attention of both Christians and non-believers. One sign reads, "Christ did not come to die for our sins." The other reads, "What God is saying today." For five weeks, I have spent Saturdays and Sundays standing by these signs. The main attraction is the one about Christ. Christians stop and retort, Yes, he did.

No, he didn't, I respond, He came to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth.

From there they realize I am not against Jesus. I tell them how Christ did die for our sins and explain what the Divine Principle teaches. Since beginning with the signs, a couple of passionate Christians have stopped, phoned and met for further discussions; one now has *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* and the another has the *Exposition of the Divine Principle*.

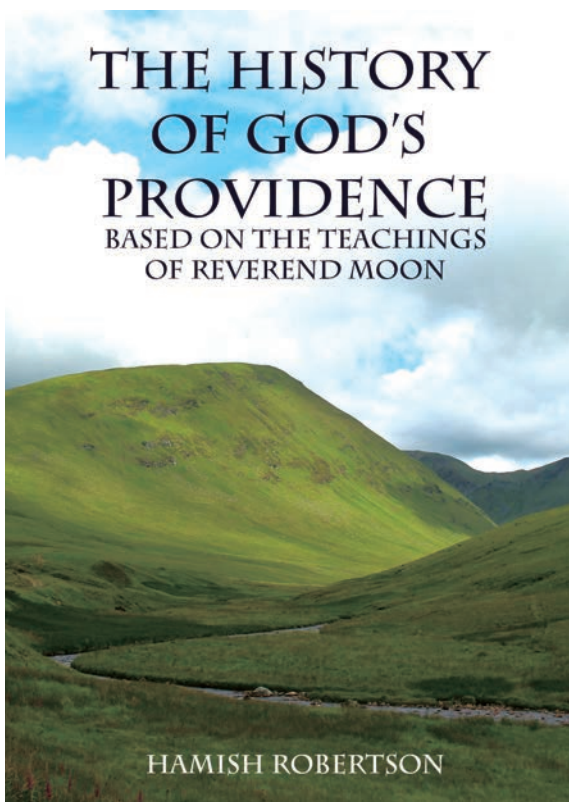
Having people stop on their own volition, is good news, which is why I am sharing this with you. While this isn't yet a testimony about how I brought in new spiritual children or even someone to a workshop, it is a method others might like to try because people with interest are stopping. Here in the northern hemisphere, it's summertime and people can comfortably take some time to talk if they'd like. For those who are looking for something that gets people to stop, give it a try! 

Reykjavik, where Mr. Herman and his family live, is the northernmost national capital in the world.



# An Aid to Outreach

By Hamish Robertson



A plain-language companion to *Exposition of Divine Principle*

I live with my wife in my hometown in Perthshire, Scotland. Before True Father ascended in 2012, we distributed four hundred and thirty copies of *A Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, which is an excellent introduction to True Father as a great man of our time. We felt the need to follow up with a book expressing True Father's ideas.

The Divine Principle is the best introduction to True Father as the messiah, since it explains logically God's purpose for the Creation, the Fall, the history of restoration, and the need for the messiah. The Exposition of the Divine Principle is an admira-

ble textbook, initiated by True Father in the 1950s and elaborated by Hyo-won Eu in the 1960s. Effectively, the form of the Divine Principle we have today derives from Dr. Eu's version. Several on-line versions of Divine Principle lectures series from recent years are also available for use in witnessing. However, not all of our relatives and hometown contacts are able or willing to go on-line to find the truth. The Divine Principle book is also too hard for most people to understand on their own. Usually, church members invite guests to workshops, where trained Unification Church lecturers teach the Divine Principle in detail. Yet, the workshop site is sometimes hundreds of miles from where a guest lives. The fee and the travel expenses can be costly. For a working person with a family, to spare seven days or so to go to a workshop is also not easy. It would take hundreds, even thousands, of years to restore a nation, just by using the workshop process of education.

## Our personal experience

In our hometown situation, we feel that a simplified Divine Principle in book form is essential. We can distribute the book as a follow-up to *A Peace-Loving Global Citizen*. A guest can read the book at his or her own leisure. Some people prefer to find information in a book. It can be more home-ly and memorable and leave a more permanent impression.

Since I have had considerable experience of lecturing Divine Principle during forty-four years in the church, my wife Chantal urged me to write a book that would make the Divine Principle more accessible and readable, especially for Western people. The result is *The History of God's Providence*, which has little more than two hundred pages of easily legible print.

I do not intend this book to be a textbook for church members but rather a way of presenting the Divine Principle to our guests. It has dia-



grams and maps. It has eight chapters and follows chronological order, starting with the Creation and the Fall and continuing with the history of restoration through Adam, Noah, Abraham and Moses, the history of Israel, the mission of Jesus, the history of Christianity and advent of the returning Lord. It does not have separate sections on Christology, Eschatology, Resurrection and Predestination, although I have interwoven the essence of these ideas with the account of the life and death of Jesus and the developing providence.

and Cheon Il Guk. The book concludes with True Father's passing in 2012.

I joined the church in 1972, and attended Young-hwi Kim's first One-Hundred-Day workshop at Belvedere in 1973. I lectured Divine Principle, mainly as a center director, in the 1970s. I attended a One-Hundred and Twenty-Day workshop with my wife in New York in 1981, in which Ken Sudo was the main lecturer. I was education director in the United Kingdom 1983–1985. I lectured CAUSA (VOC) and Unification Thought from 1985 until the downfall of communism. I taught English at Sun



Hamish and Chantal Robertson with two of their children

I have expanded coverage of the history of European Christianity during the last two thousand years. The emphasis on Rome, Britain and United States remains, but I have also included the roles of other European nations. The book introduces Korea's role from 1870 and True Father's from 1920, during the account of the situation of the World Wars. It covers True Father's mission from the end of the Second World War, and is treated in the context of the "Third World War," namely the cold war and its aftermath, leading to the millennium

Moon University 2001–2009, while my wife taught French.

I wrote this book with our own relatives and guests in mind. My wife has translated the material into French and a French edition will be prepared. We hope the book can be useful to others in hometown outreach and tribal messiah work. You can find the book on this link: <http://www.lulu.com/shop/hamish-robertson/the-history-of-gods-providence/paperback/product-22614518.html> both as a paperback and as a hardback. 