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# True Mother Fulfills True Father's Prophecy in Palau

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In 1992, True Father wrote a calligraphic message while in Sydney, Australia, which read, "The Unified World Begins in Oceania." That came true in Palau. The unified world began in Oceania with the success of the Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit 2019. Each of the three components of the summit was unprecedented and uniquely successful. This is True Mother's absolute victory. She fulfilled what True Father prophesied twenty-seven years ago.

In the Asia Pacific region, supporting True Mother's Vision 2020 goals, we held three successful summits back to back. In cricket, this is called a "hat trick." The first summit was in Kathmandu, Nepal, in December 2018. Attending the blessing were seven heads of state and fourteen former heads of state or government, including the Prime Minister of Nepal, KP Oli, and his wife. He was in the Green Room during the blessing waiting to receive UPF's Leadership and Good Governance Award and his wife was in the audience.

At the Asia Pacific Summit in Nepal, the largest delegation came from Cambodia. Prime Minister Hun Sen brought an entourage of sixty people to Kathmandu. On this foundation, the next summit was held in Phnom Penh in November 2019. In attendance were three heads of state or government and nine former ones. True Mother led a delegation of more than eight hundred and sixty international participants from forty-nine nations.

The highest and biggest delegation at the Cambodian summit was from the island-nation of Palau. The vice-president, Raynold Oilouch, and First Lady Debbie Remengesau, led an eleven-member delegation to the summit. Thus, the third Asia Pacific Summit in Palau was built on the foundation of Cambodia.

These three summits are like the formation, growth and completion stages of God's universal principle. Nepal laid the cornerstone and it has the highest mountain in the world, Mt. Everest. Cambodia is the plain where four rivers in the Mekong Delta converge. Palau, an island nation in the Pacific Ocean, has the deepest ocean floor in the world, the Mariana Trench. Nepal, Cambodia and Palau also represent Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity.


At the Summit in Palau on December 10, five First Ladies (Palau, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea and Mariana Islands) along with three former First Ladies (Fiji, Kiribati and Marshall Islands) attended. During the inaugural session, the International Association of First Ladies was launched.

The next morning, we held the Interfaith Family Festival at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center. This was the first time a head of state and his wife attended the blessing onstage. President Tommy Remengesau of Palau and First Lady Debbie Remengesau attended the blessing throughout the whole ceremony. Many were in tears, including the First Lady Debbie Remengesau, as they witnessed a solemn ceremony in which couples rededicated their love and commitment to each other and their children pledged to be filial.

In the afternoon, Youth and Students for Peace held an International Youth Assembly. Extra chairs had to be brought in as 680 students from fourteen public and private educational institutions, representing nearly 30 percent of all the students in Palau, held one of the largest intra-school assemblies ever in the history of the island republic. The Ministry of Education completely supported this educational, entertaining, and life-changing event in which students took the Pledge of Filial Piety.

True Mother sent Yeon Ah Moon and Julia H. Moon to Palau to represent her. Of course, leaders and other members prayed desperately for True Mother to be there, however her daughters shared True Mother's heart and her message with Palauan leaders and blessed family members.

For two years, True Mother has traveled relentlessly around the world launching summit after summit. As True Mother wrote in her letter to True Father, "My mouth was sore, my legs were swollen, I could barely stand, yet I could not rest." By True Mother sending Hyo Jin nim and his wife and Heung Jin nim and his wife to Palau and gaining this unprecedented victory, our hope and prayer is that our beloved True Mother can finally rest.

These two faithful elder sisters naturally represent their husbands, Hyo-jin Moon and Heung-jin Moon. As we know, these two true sons are the oldest and most filial of True Parents sons. So, in a very substantial way, this victory in Palau was the victory of the entire True Family working together and lays the foundation for our glorious entry into 2020. 

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# The Interreligious Peace Movement

*Father delivered this address on August 21, 1991, to two thousand religious leaders from thirty-four countries at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, in Seoul, at the founding of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace.*





The founding of the Interreligious Federation for World Peace that this speech was delivered during took place at what was then the Little Angels Performing Arts Center (now the Universal Arts Center) in Seoul, Korea.

In his providence to save the world, God founded different religions among peoples from different cultural backgrounds. Some are servant-type religions and others are child-type religions. People have not understood this. These religions must become one with a parent-type religion. Therefore, the servant-type religion is required to teach us how to serve in the household. When the age of the parent-type religion comes, the child-type religion must teach us how to become one body with the parents in the household.

Therefore, we must come to attend God as our Parent. Serving eminent religious leaders is preparation for attending God as our Parent. When you look at the doctrines of different religions, you see they have similar core principles. It is an error to think that the oldest religion is the best. The parent-type religion appears with the purpose of gathering the people of the world together. Why do the faithful of each religion serve their founders? It is to gain training to serve the Parents. This teaching we are setting forth can lead to a revolution of higher dimension within the religious sphere.

With this, we have openly proclaimed that my wife and I are the ones who received Heaven's call as

the representatives of the True Parents' religion. Religious leaders signed a statement launching the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP). Until today, no one thought that religions could be combined into one framework. This is an historic occasion.

Until now, politics and science have opposed religion, but now for the first time the unification of human thought is possible centering on True Parents. The realms of religion, politics and science are coming together. We can see from an external viewpoint that communism and democracy, representing Cain and Abel, respectively, are fighting for control over the political world. We founded IRFWP centering on the religious realm, and the Federation for World Peace centering on the political realm, to bring us into the age when Cain and Abel will end their conflict.

From the viewpoint of God's will, most of the things I have to accomplish are done. The rest is to be done by the Federation for World Peace for the external world and the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace for the internal world. IRFWP represents the standard by which the mind can bring about mind-body oneness. In God's providence, history progressed

based on sacrifices made in wars involving religion and politics.

These two should strive to achieve oneness. The fulfillment of that purpose is close at hand. Who can bring together the religious and political worlds? There must be a nation and people in a position to do that. Either a country or a coalition of religious organizations should do this. This task remains before us.

Parents are necessary for the world's religions. Judaism has conflicts with Islam, Buddhism fights its rival religious groups and Christian denominations fight each other. We observe that people of those faiths will stop fighting when they attend events together and cultivate relationships.

However, if the True Parents do not initiate meetings like this, such relationship building is completely impossible. Therefore, renowned scholars and government leaders have realized that without True Parents nothing can be accomplished. Focusing on this reality, we brought these leaders together, and on August 27, 1991, we created the worldwide institution called the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace. Religions have developed from servant religions, adopted-child religions, step-child religions and child religions to a mother religion and the parent





During the banquet for this event, Father and Mother were honored by the Unity International Foundation of India. The "Unity Award for International Understanding, Amity and Peace" and the "Unity Medal for an Apostle of International Understanding" were presented to Father and Mother, respectively,

religion. The mother religion is Christianity, and the parent religion is the Unification Church. It began as the religion of the father and then became the religion of the True Parents.

To teach the theory behind this, we gathered the leaders of religious groups to create the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace. We must teach this theoretical viewpoint to everyone, because countries and their leaders do not know how to advance. Politics and religion are in conflict, reflecting the mind-body division wrought by the Fall, with politics representing the body and religion the mind. Unless we can unite them, there will be no way to achieve world peace.

#### **Politics' relationship with religion**

To end the division of the mind and body brought about by the Fall, True Parents emerged from the sphere of religion, representing the heart, and have now extended themselves into the sphere of politics. On the day of its founding, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace noted that politics traditionally has sacrificed religion, just as the body defies the mind. Until now the world of the body has always dominated the world of the mind, but now the world of the mind must shape the world of the body. The era is dawning when

the world of the mind can influence the world of the body. Once we take control of our body with our mind as the center, the path to peace will unfold before our eyes. This must happen in the realm of our daily lives. Throughout history, religion, science and politics could not be harmonized. We must be able to bring them into oneness.

There should not be incongruent roads to world peace. Politics and religion must come to move in the same direction. That the mind, guided by the religious realm, should control the body is a fundamental principle. Therefore, religion must lead. The Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace when founded, included twelve major religions. Next, we are to include religious representatives from more than forty countries. We must set sail to a world of peace under the navigation of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace.

To solve the bitter sorrow in history that resulted from the division of mind and body, we must connect the communist world to the democratic world and make them one. Religion represents the world of the mind and politics represents the world of the body. By clarifying the great moral principles of heavenly law and ending the fight between mind and body,

centering on the mind, we will establish the absolute oneness of human nature and values. Centering on perfected Adam, who possesses those values, we will establish the perfection of Eve and a unified value perspective. This creates a peaceful order at the family level. Centering on the worldwide perspective, which is connected to the national perspective, and the national perspective, which is connected to the people perspective, and the people perspective, which is connected to the tribal perspective, and the tribal perspective, which is centered upon the subject-partner perspective of that peaceful family, we are going to bind together the cosmos by means of actual relationships of love. When such a world and cosmos are a reality, we naturally will live by the public laws, regulations and social systems of love and true freedom.

#### **Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP)**

True Parents have not had even one day of rest. We are working to restore even the United Nations. We received a global commendation called the World Peace Award from a global association of non-governmental organizations [NGOs]. As a result of its research into our forty years of work, that association came to respect True Parents and its personnel volunteered to attend the IIFWP conference at the UN on August 17 this year. The term "interreligious" in its name means "beyond religious," calling us to establish a standard that transcends religion. The term "international" likewise means "transnational," as it calls the UN to operate beyond nationality. [IIFWP was the predecessor to UPF]

Accordingly, True Parents have the desire to gather and edify the world's most eminent religious figures and political leaders. By doing so, we certainly will help them excel in their callings. The term "interreligious" does not fit religions as they have existed up to now. We must present a new global pathway for religions. The term "international," or "transnational," is a term that does not fit the political climate of the UN as it has been up to now. These words mean "transcending nationality and religion." In the same vein, I have been preparing an institution that





Father greeting Sheikh Ahmad Kufaro, Grand Mufti of Syria (1915 –2004), a genuine friend of True Parents, at the banquet following the inauguration of IRFWP.

will take us beyond the present media and financial structures to impact the direction of the world.

With this in mind, we have created an institution to link to the UN, which we have named the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace. Now we must gather the NGOs in various fields and elevate the work of the UN. UN member nations have welcomed our assemblies and our arts and science conferences; they know the UN needs these insights.

### **The UN's need for an upper and lower house**

It is clear that the UN needs a deliberative body made up of religious leaders as an upper house, and a deliberative body of political leaders as a lower house. Their role would be to cooperate, not to confront each other as though they were a ruling party and an opposition party. Currently there is a clear separation between religion and politics. If we create an upper house and a lower house in the UN, the religious realm naturally will participate in guiding the political realm.

In the future we will surpass the current dysfunctional system of elections. Through good education, we can go beyond the conflicts rooted

in religious factions and political corruption. Our ideal transcends religions and nations. Religions and nations are not in the position of enemies but must love each other and achieve harmony.


Presently the UN cannot shed the environment of nationalism, which means the UN also cannot transcend religious boundaries. It needs the True Parents thought, reflecting Godism and head-wing thought. In the future, a UN that cannot go beyond nationalism and religious boundaries will fail miserably. For the UN to transcend these limitations, it needs our help. This is why I established the Abel-type Federation of Island Nations for World Peace, Federation of Peninsular Nations for World Peace and Federation of Continental Nations for World Peace. Centering on these, I am creating the Abel UN.

The American motto "One Nation under God" must be elevated by the Abel UN to "One World under God." If this happens, everything can be included naturally. "One Nation Under God" still allows for the potential for nationalism and the domination of weaker nations by stronger ones. The post-Second World War international system tried to influence the world with a system based on the viewpoint of the war's victors.

However, because the system was defined by those countries, it could not develop to transcend nationality with a transnational worldview. Accordingly, we founded the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace.

We must transcend even the current UN. This is the idea behind the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO). The UN should function as an extended family. It should become one by means of family morality and ethics, which God formed as the ideal of the Creation. Our teaching will connect all of this together. With the start of the new millennium, we are rapidly heading toward one world. We are leaving behind the era of "One Nation under God" and going toward "One Cosmos under God." The world of one great family and one global village, which I explained already, is emerging. However, there are two serious obstacles to realizing this ideal: racial discrimination and religious discord.

Conflicts among religions represent the most serious impediment to a peaceful world. God did not create denominations and sects. Religion itself is a byproduct of the Fall. The movement to break down all varieties of national boundaries and head to a world of peace, which I already clarified at the UN, is rapidly developing. The IIFWP is taking the lead, and on that foundation the WANGO is rapidly expanding its influence from the UN headquarters across five continents and six oceans.

The world has thousands of NGOs. Any given country might have more than three thousand. So IIFWP can organize general meetings and mobilize NGOs. WANGO is a global network that transcends the UN. The Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) was the first of four organizations through which we are providing education in the 2000s. No nations will oppose the direction of WANGO, IIFWP, WFWP or the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. These organizations are in more than a hundred and sixty countries. We have broken through normal limitations; no one can deny that. 

*This is the text from Cham Bumo Gyeong, Book 11, Chapter 2, Section 2.*





# That All Might Know Him as Our Heavenly Parent

*On True Mother's World Speaking Tour for the Firm Establishment of a Heavenly World, coincident with her Forty-Day Cosmic Canaan Course for the Firm Establishment of Cheon Il Guk, she delivered this address on November 22 to the Chinese People's Federation for World Peace.*





True Mother gave the name "Chinese People's Federation for World Peace" with the mind-set that the unity of the Chinese people is to contribute to one united world, the achievement of Heavenly Parent's dream.

**H**istory has been a continuous repetition of war and conflict. All of humankind longs for peace, but the path to peace is always out of reach. Additionally, what you are trying to say today is going in a direction that cannot bring about unity, even from the perspective of China, or the Republic of China [Taiwan]. What is to be done? We cannot unite according to human ideas and will alone. We are part of God's creation. We must know the Creator, the owner of the universe. We must know the Creator and go forward as one family under God, as one human family that attends God.

I know you must have heard the term "Cheon Il Guk." It means a peaceful nation where two people become one. The Creator created the heavens, earth and all things as his external form. God created everything in heaven and on earth and then created the man and woman who would become humankind's first ancestors. He gave humankind a growth period wherein they should fulfill their responsibilities. However, the first people were unable to align themselves with the Creator's wish and began the fallen humankind of today. Therefore, history has seen a constant succession of war and conflict. In other words, people today must know that our Creator, the

center of the universe, above all wished to become our parent. God is humankind's parent. The intangible God wished to become the tangible True Parent of all people through humankind's victorious ancestors.

#### **A parent-child relationship**

The Creator made his principles of creation to be eternal. Though God may be almighty and all-knowing, he cannot break his principles of creation. Therefore, God had no choice but to follow the sad course of the history of the providence of salvation to restore humankind to his embrace. This resulted in the various religions that emerged throughout history. In particular, Christians call God, "our Creator." They call him "Father." They call God, "the Father of humankind."

The Creator's dream was to become humankind's parent. However, fallen humankind could not come into the Heavenly Parent's presence. God had no choice but to wait until victorious ancestors could emerge from among humankind. That came in 1960 when the True Parents, in the position of the ancestors of all humanity, came into this world.

True Parents have carried out the providence of restoration and rebirth so that humankind could be reborn through them as Heavenly Parent's

children. By receiving the blessing through the True Parents, who have no connection to the Fall, human beings had a way to reach perfection as blessed families.

We will see a unified world centered on Heaven when all seven billion, seven hundred thousand people of the world know Heavenly Parent. I know that you want to make unity centered on the federation of Chinese people. However, you must grasp the essence of the matter. You must know who is leading this. When that happens, all nations, large or small, will become child nations to Heavenly Parent and sibling nations to one another, so there will be no more war or discord. Next year, it will have been sixty years since the True Parents emerged. For sixty years, True Parents have guided all humankind so Heavenly Parent could choose them as his children as quickly as possible.

All cultures and traditions are good. However, we must make an effort to center ourselves on the fundamentals. Today's meeting is centered on the Chinese region which consists of 1.7 billion people. Yet the global population is 7.7 billion. I hope you come to understand the essence and go forward powerfully to realize the dream of one human family under God, together with True Parents. *TP*





# Obtaining the Qualification as Heavenly Citizens

*On True Mother's World Speaking Tour for the Firm Establishment of a Heavenly World, she offered this prayer at the Hyojeong True Love and Family Blessing Festival in the Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center on November 23 for seven thousand two hundred couples that had earlier gone through a pre-blessing process.*





As True Family members, Unificationist elders and thousands of couples reverently listen, True Mother blesses Cheon Il Guk citizens in Taiwan.


**D**earest Heavenly Parent, we come to you with gratitude. Until this day came about, the providence of salvation to find and save humanity took a lengthy period of six thousand years. How sad you were whenever you saw that humanity had become lost and was wandering aimlessly!

Now we are facing the completion of providential history. Two-thousand years ago, after Jesus' crucifixion, the providence spread across the European continent centered on the Italian Peninsula and headed outward to the world based on the Atlantic Civilization. Unfortunately, this civilization became reduced to one that took from others because its people understand neither the essence of Heavenly Parent nor the essence of Jesus.

Now, however, through the birth of True Parents on the Korean Peninsula, where the providence will come to completion, we are in an age in which human history is heading in a new and hopeful direction. It is at such a time that this ceremony to bless Cheon Il Guk citizens is being hosted in Taiwan. When we consider that history has moved in circles and is finally heading toward the Korean Peninsula for its culmination, this is a sacred moment at which Taiwan becomes one with all the Chinese people who are spread out throughout the world, and Taiwan's people obtain the qualification as heavenly citizens through the marriage blessing centered on True Parents.

Please allow Taiwan to know that it is in a central position from which it can bring together all the nations of

Asia. Through the blessing, which we are holding in your presence today, enable all newly blessed couples to fulfill their tribal messiah responsibilities as Cheon Il Guk citizens, and through their doing so, let Taiwan remember that as the eldest daughter nation, it can become a proud eldest daughter nation that helps with the completion of your providence.

Please embrace all blessed families here today so that they become families that share your blessings far and wide, and thereby become blessed families who set an example in front of the world—families that head toward the eternal world and make you proud through fulfilling their beautiful responsibilities. I sincerely pray and proclaim all these things in the name of True Parents. Aju. 



Four cheers of Eog Mansei reverberated through the hall and brought the event to a close.





# Human Civilization in Heaven's Providence and Our Responsibility Today

*True Mother delivered this speech on November 23 at the Hyojeong True Love and Family Blessing Festival in Taipei, Taiwan, to the 14,400 people that had come to receive the blessing.*



True Mother looking out upon the brides and grooms, women and men that have responded open-heartedly to Mother's message, Mother's heart and the genuine love for them that she demonstrated over the course of just a few days.

**C**ongratulations to all the newly blessed families who have received the blessing today. When we look at the world today, we see we are heading in a direction that will not solve our many problems. We are facing the conclusion that we cannot unite with ideologies or ideas that are self-centered. Therefore, we need to understand what kind of being the Creator God, the owner of the universe, is. We know that the Creator created all things in his image. Last of all, he created a man and a woman who would become our ancestors. He gave these people a period in which to grow as well as responsibilities to complete. Through this growth period, they should have matured as beautiful people and advanced to a position from which to receive Heaven's blessing. However, these people developed self-centered desire. That is how today's fallen humankind came not to have any relation to the ideal God envisaged at the time of the Creation.

Up until now, history has been filled with war and conflict. However, the Creator is all-knowing and almighty. His beginning and end are the same. The purpose of the creation he envisioned must be achieved. Yet on the basis of his having given human beings their own responsibili-

ties, Heaven had no choice but to carry out the history of the providence of salvation. In a fallen world, he established a nation of chosen people who would pursue good objectives. He finally sent the Messiah, Jesus Christ, which he had promised to do for the chosen people, for the first time, after four thousand years. However, the Israelites did not grasp Jesus' essence. They could not provide the environmental realm necessary for Jesus to work on earth. Jesus had no choice but to take the path of the cross. Upon the cross he said he would come again.

Christianity began with the revival, by the Holy Spirit, of Jesus' disciples, who were waiting for his return. Rome officially recognized Christianity, which spread from the Italian Peninsula across the European continent to the island of Great Britain.

#### **History's crooked course**

[Missionaries from] several nations centered on Great Britain went out to the world carrying the Bible of Christ. However, they were unaware of Jesus' essence. Jesus told us to love our neighbors as ourselves. [Matthew 22:39] Yet these people put their own countries first, leading to the emergence of a civilization that stole from others. Therefore, the Atlantic cultural

sphere ended.

However, Heaven's providence moved on. Jesus said that he would come again and host the marriage supper of the Lamb. Hence, in the Last Days, God's only daughter had to be born to become Jesus' partner. Heaven could not continue the providence through the people of Israel, who had failed in their responsibilities, because indemnity remained with them.

In 1943, to begin a new providence, God sent his only daughter through her birth on the Korean Peninsula, in Asia. In 1945, Korea's liberation [from Japanese occupation] came, yet then Korea's division into North and South occurred. Then in 1950, the Korean War broke out. I mentioned that according to Heaven's principles of creation, human beings received a growth period. At the time, South Korea was a democratic nation but did not have the power to resist communism. God finally caused his only daughter to appear for the first time in six thousand years, for the sake of the completion of the providence. He would therefore not leave her in situation in which her very life was in danger. Back then, Korea was not known to the world. So how was it that men and women from sixteen UN members nations came to shed





Dr. Young-ho Yun, secretary-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, in letters to members, described how Mother had been watching young people's performances behind the scenes on a monitor, "Every so often, she would walk up to [the monitor] with a bright smile. When an amazing second-generation members' performance ended, she would applaud and compliment them saying, 'Well done.'"

their blood for our sake? In a nutshell, it was a holy war.

I understood Heaven's providence and I rose in 1960 to the position of a True Parent. Fallen human beings cannot come into God's presence. You cannot go before him without having been reborn through the blessing given by True Parents. However, those on standing on the Christian foundation failed to create the environment for True Parents' births. In such a situation, True Parents began with the blessing of three families in 1960. Next year will be the sixtieth anniversary of the blessing; now in a hundred and ninety of the world's countries we have many blessed families that transcend religion, ideology and nationality and this is only the beginning.

### **Struggle to make one out of the disparate many**

People cannot reach perfection if they are ignorant. They must learn how the providence is unfolding. The only people in the world that can tell you about the providence are the True Parents. Now, a new age and new history have begun in Heaven's providence. It is the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk. You who have received the blessing today have become citizens of Cheon Il Guk as children whom Heavenly Parent can embrace.


The blessing comes with responsibilities. Each of you in blessed families, should become tribal messiahs. Through you, all the citizens of Taiwan should receive Heaven's blessing so that you become a blessed, Heavenly Taiwan. Will you do this?

The ultimate goal (accomplished through fulfilling your responsibilities) is not only to build a unified Greater China, which is your wish, but also to build a unified family, one family under God, centering on our Heavenly Parent. Under our Heavenly Parent, when all people in the two-hundred-plus countries in the world become his children, war and conflict will cease to exist. We, and our earth, which we need forever to live on, are suffering because of our ignorance. Advance to the world by going beyond your tribe, people and nation. You are the island nation that can respond quickest to the need to realize the dream of one human family centered on our one Heavenly Parent.

History has opened the doors to the era of the Pacific Civilization. The leading bodies in the Pacific Civilization include those on the Korean Peninsula and several nations among the Pacific islands and across Asia. That is why I have advocated for and proclaimed the Asia-Pacific Union.

The many Asian countries should attend Heaven under one system centering on Heavenly Parent and bring his providence to completion. I bless Taiwan to stand in the position of a nation that fulfills its responsibilities.

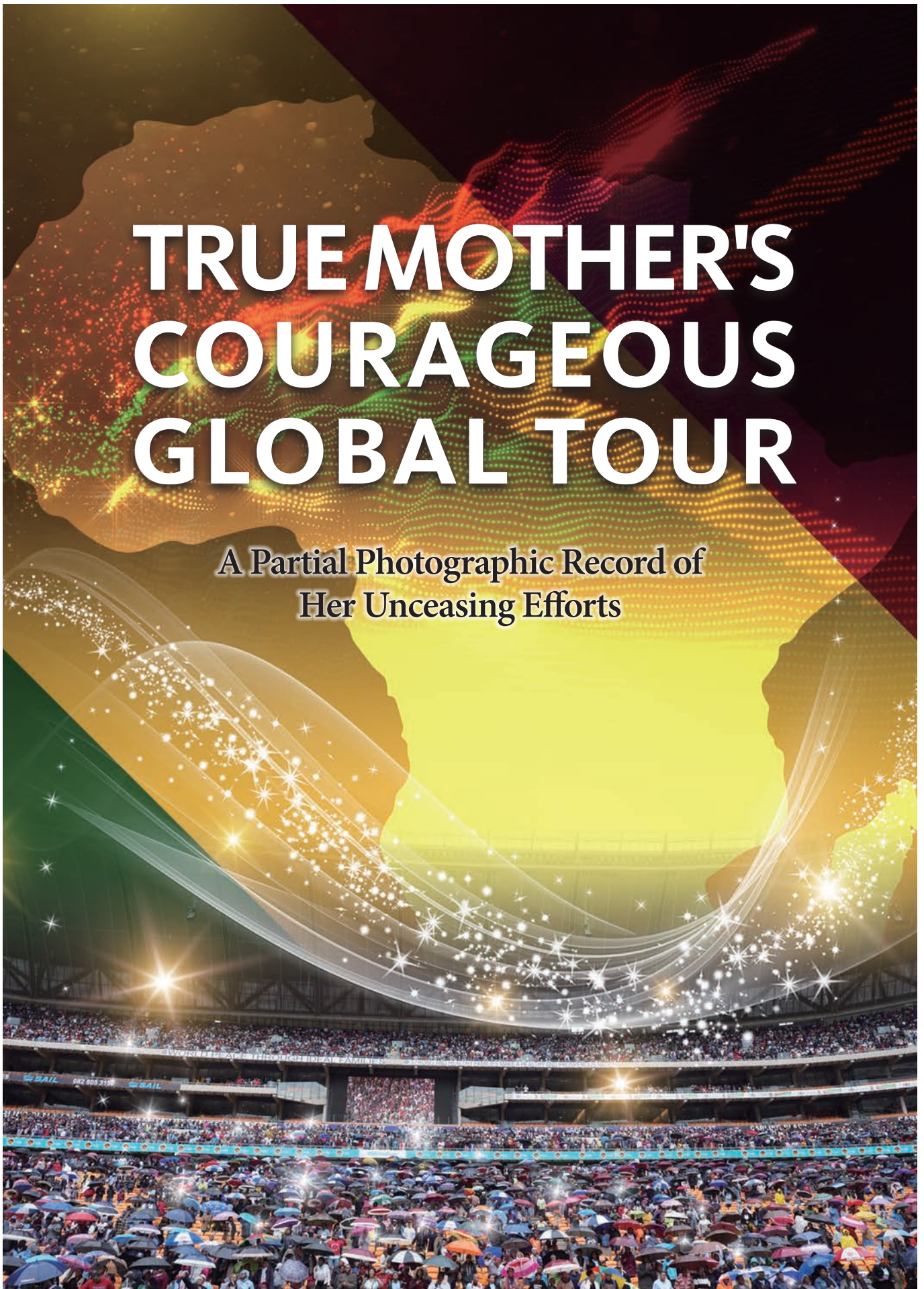
The history of human civilization once centered on the Italian Peninsula, from which it spread around the world, connected to the Korean Peninsula and began a new era and a new history. In that regard, when Taiwan and Japan, which are at the forefront of the Asian continent, fulfill their responsibilities in the era of the Pacific Civilization through [expressing] the true love within the hyojeong movement centered on Heaven, our second- and third-generation members will continue to ride Cheon Il Guk's strong waves.

I have no doubt that our blessed children, loved by God, will bring the world together into everlasting harmony that they can be proud of. We have only hope. For you that have received the blessing today, I pray that through those in your second and third generations, all citizens will become filial sons or daughters and loyal patriots in blessed families that praise, glorify, appreciate, and sing of Heaven's love, for the completion of Heaven's providence. 



# TRUE MOTHER'S COURAGEOUS GLOBAL TOUR

A Partial Photographic Record of  
Her Unceasing Efforts





# The African Continental Summit, Niger 2019







- ① Mother explained that attending Heavenly Parent as Cheon Il Guk citizens will solve all the problems that currently burden us.
- ② Welcoming addresses: Issaka Hassane Karanta, governor of Niger's Niamey Region and Kathy Rigney, UPF Africa; Congratulatory addresses: Emanuel Okechuku, African Union Representative; Fayez al-Sarra, head of the UN-backed Libyan government; and Azali Asumani, president of Comoros.
- ③ President Mahamadou Issoufou of Niger gave the keynote address.
- ④ Goodluck Jonathan announced the signing of a landmark MOU.
- ⑤ President Issoufou received an invitation to lead the efforts to invite other African heads of state to World Summit 2020.
- ⑥ Ex-president of Madagascar Hery Rajaonarimampianina was one of eighteen recipients of the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) Medal of Honor.
- ⑦ The signing of an MOU on the continental level to enact the Blessed Africa Project
- ⑧ Imam Moussa Dramé, Côte d'Ivoire IAPD head; and Adde Eugen Samba, head of Côte d'Ivoire's Kings and Chiefs for Peace; prayed.
- ⑨ Everyone solemnly stood during the sounding of the gong.
- ⑩ True Mother and President Issoufou struck the gong several times.





# Family Renewal Festival for Peace, Palais des Congrès, Niamey, Niger







- ① True Mother presiding over the first Muslim national-level Blessing Ceremony
- ② Sheikh Mansour Diouf of Senegal and Bishop Okoriko of Nigeria prayed.
- ③ Mother dipped her hands in holy water and laid them upon each couple's hands.
- ④ Seven hundred couples, a third of the pre-blessed couples, most wearing elegant Muslim garb, filled the hall.
- ⑤ Mahamane Ousmane, president of Niger, 1993–1996, presented gifts to Mother.
- ⑥ Young people pledged to maintain their purity.
- ⑦ True Mother gave plaques of appreciation and donations to (R) President of the National Assembly, Ousseini Tinni and Prime Minister Brigi Rafini.
- ⑧ Nigerois Prime Minister Brigi Rafini gave a gift to True Mother.
- ⑨ Prime Minister Brigi Rafini expressed his satisfaction and gratitude for having the Mother of Peace in Niger.
- ⑩ A group photograph at the conclusion of the Blessing Ceremony





# The Africa Continental Blessing Ceremony, Johannesburg, South Africa







- ❶ Prophet Radebe, a stalwart ally, and True Mother during the final Mansei cheers
- ❷ Various religious leaders hold a water of peace rite to express the desire for unity.
- ❸ Bakary Camara, regional group chair, was the master of ceremonies. Here, he has invited up the program director to say a few words.
- ❹ Two hundred thousand pre-blessed people were in the stadium. Three million others received the blessing via broadcast to Revelation Church of God branches elsewhere in Africa.
- ❺ Interfaith prayers
- ❻ Prophet Radebe assisted with the holy water rite.
- ❼ Representative young people pledged to maintain their purity.
- ❽ True Mother leading the blessed couples through their blessing vows.
- ❾ Col. Eric Agossounou of ECOWAS and Dr. Roslyn Ngeno of the Africa Union gave congratulatory remarks
- ❿ A view of the stadium during True Mother's invocation prayer





# Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit 2019—Koror, Palau



- ① Each of these people spoke at the First Ladies Summit) clockwise from left: First Lady (FL) Debbie M. Remengasau, Palau; FL Teireang Maamau, Kiribati; FL Ingrid Aingimea, Nauru; FL Rachel Marape, Papua New Guinea; ex-FL Adi Mara Koila Nailad, Fiji; ex-FL Lieom Anono Loeak, Marshall Islands; FL Diane Mendiola Tudela Torres, Northern Mariana Islands; Jose De Venecia, five-time Speaker of the Philippines House of Representatives
- ② Julia H Moon (wife of the ascended Heung Jin Moon) international president of WFPW, represented True Mother in reading Mother's speech to the first ladies, other dignitaries and guests on Koror, Palau's most populous island and its major seaport, in the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center.
- ③ Julia H Moon in Palau at True Mother's behest, presented the International Summit Council for Peace Medal of Honor to Debbie M. Remengasau, first lady of Palau as well as other first ladies and former first ladies, thereby launching the International Association of First Ladies for Peace. Dr. Young-ho Yun, secretary-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, described the significance of True Family members representing Mother as "having them take a model path of victorious national restoration to inherit its realm of victory, while simultaneously participating in True Mother's devotion to prepare the gifts of national restoration (seven nations) and tribal restoration (Cheonbo Registration) for our Heavenly Parent and True Father."
- ④ Audience members getting personal mementos of the historic summit





# Interfaith Family Festival, Palau



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- 1 President Remengesau had an urgent meeting that at first kept him from being at the blessing ceremony, but during the holy wine rite, President Remengesau and the First Lady arrived with Yeon-ah Moon and Julia H. Moon.
- 2 The audience stood for the Palau national anthem, *Belau Rekid*.
- 3 Religious leaders of various faiths during the water rite, symbolizing their unity.
- 4 Dr. Chung-sik Yong and his wife Yoshie Sasaki began conducting the blessing ceremony and were joined later by co-conductors, the president, Tommy Remengesau, and the first lady, Debbie Remengesau.
- 5 A photograph at the conclusion of the successful blessing ceremony with the president and the first lady in the center.



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# To Spiritual Soldiers on a Day of Blessing

*This is a transcript of the opening address delivered on December 7 at FNB Stadium, in Johannesburg, South Africa, for the 2019 Africa Continental Summit and Hyojeong Family Blessing Festival.*

By Samuel Radebe

**I**t's good, soldiers, it is good! I would like to begin by saying that I will change the language, please don't worry. Let me speak in English here so everyone can hear properly. Here, we know all the languages of Africa. We also understand English. Before I greet you... You will never ever, ever, ever find a stadium on a rainy day full in the way we see it now. Never, in the world! It is only soldiers, spiritual soldiers that can stand in the rain, in the pouring rain, stand and not go away. Because these soldiers were (not religiously, but spiritually) prepared. It's good soldiers, it is good!

Before I proceed, I would like to recognize the minister [Jackson Mthembu, senior minister, for the presidency of South Africa] Thank you minister, thank you for your presence representing the president and for blessing this big event and all our guests, so that we can build a nation. Thank you very much. We thank you. I would like to ask you two things: I am a spiritual man. I have written speeches, but I start by saying what I think from inside and then I can go back to the professional, written speech. I am a spiritual person, so I have to start by saying what I feel inside. I would like to request, minister, that you have a meeting with the president. You must have a meeting with the president. I don't want to go deeper; I just want end there.

I would also like to ask the minister of transport to improve our transportation circumstances. We are always facing challenges; people are not able to make it on time, please, due to transport issues. Minister of Transportation, as I am speaking now, we still have many buses on road. There are people who will never see this program because they are going to arrive very late because of transportation issues. I wanted to just mention that so that you can be our advocate.







Prophet Radebe delivering this speech

You can sit down, thank you very much. Your excellencies, your royal highnesses, our kings... My king is also here. He's always available. Our king, thank you very much. [He calls out many clan names.] Greetings to his royal highnesses and speaker of parliament, honorable ministers, fellow religious leaders who are here today, ladies and gentlemen, I am particularly grateful and honored today to welcome you to all here to this FNB [First National Bank] Stadium for this summit on a rainy day, on a cold winter day in December. Because rain in the African tradition and African religion and African spirituality symbolizes blessings.

### **Solving spiritual problems**

For the Continental Family Blessing Ceremony, I am especially grateful to all the international guests and dignitaries who have responded to the call of Mother Moon and the Universal Peace Federation. Thanks to Father and Mother Moon, who have been especially anointed by God, today's program is possible. I call Mother Moon, True Mother, "the glue of humanity." She knows how to put people together. I know my calling and I respect other people's callings. The problem is when others claim callings that they do not have. We respect other peoples' callings and therefore we respect Father Moon and Mother Moon for their callings, to be able to unite everyone in the world—white, pink, black, orange and green, politicians, religious leaders, traditional leaders—and let me say we truly need these in South Africa [facing the speakers onstage] because we are still faced with many, many challenges.

Our world is currently suffering from many problems, and family breakdown is the major cause of all of them. I fully concur with Father and Mother Moon that peace begins with me. Peace begins with my family. Unless we address family issues with a spiritual and divine perspective first, there is no way we can create peaceful and loving families. A spiritual problem needs a spiritual solution.

### **An introduction of True Parents**

Father and Mother Moon have traveled the world over sharing their vision with world leaders, religious leaders and people from all walks of life, sometimes speaking in one nation per day for forty days. Their passion to do God's will and to share God's word is not easy to match. Mother Moon is the first Asian woman to address the General Assembly of the United Nations as a private citizen. Her's and her late husband's accomplishments for world peace are incredible.

Organizations like the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and the Universal Peace Federation are bringing hope to the world. They have invested in the creation of a culture of heart, proposing a new curriculum for the education of young people, a new system of education that puts





Due to rain, the crowd had initially squeezed into the upper, covered decks of the stadium until Prophet Radebe personally went up to ask people to brave the rain and demonstrate to the world that the stadium was full.

the mind first above the body, spiritual concerns above material things. They have invested more than any other in the dialogue for peace among religions as a precondition for world peace based on the fundamental principle of living for the sake of others.

More significantly, Father and Mother Moon have lived their lives loving their enemies; they have never held grudges even against those who tried to kill them. That is how they lived their lives, going to Moscow and having a meeting with President Mikhail Gorbachev in April 1990 and then to Pyongyang to meet Kim Il Sung in December 1991.

As religious founders they met adversity, prejudice and misunderstandings. We understand that very well. We understand that very well! Yet, they have always been loving and forgiving. Since 2014, I have been associated with UPF, through various trips made to Korea and the United States of America. I have come to appreciate the vision and the love of Mother Moon for all humankind. For me, she is a God-sent recompense for the fate of all the 7.6 billion people, currently, of humankind.

She has founded many new organizations and programs, especially the Sun Hak Peace Prize to support all the efforts toward the environment and to tackle poverty. More importantly, she liberated Africa, last year in Senegal. Last year at the Hector Pieterse Memorial, she liberated youth who fought against oppression, injustice and gave their lives for the sake of this nation.

#### **For South Africa**

I believe this is a new dawn for South Africa. Mother Moon is a true mother, the only begotten daughter of God, she is paving the way for all the women of the world in working to create a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values—a world in which all people live together, loving and respecting one another as brothers and sisters—one human family under God.

I pray that as we gather here for this summit and continental blessing, may we all appreciate what this mother of peace is offering us and support her in this quest for peace in Africa and the world. Personally, I have already committed to support all of her efforts for world peace. She needs your support, too. I am confident that with True Mother we can inherit much grace from Heaven as the only begotten daughter she is blessing South Africa and Africa in a tremendous way.

True Mother, may God give you good health and long life. You can count on our absolute support. We are making history together. Together, we are making history. To all our guests from abroad, I would like to say welcome to South Africa. *TP*

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# Loss and Resurrection

*Christian pastors with KCLC and ACLC attended the Autumn Great Works: 2019 Hyojeong Offering Ceremony for the Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune at Cheongpyeong. In the Cheongshim Peace World Center several gave sermons on November 12. This is one of them.*

By Noel Jones

**W**e give honor, certainly, to the spirit of God and to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we give great honor to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and to the leaders of the ACLC and to the members of the ACLC and to the leaders of the KCLC and to the members of the KCLC and to everyone who have gathered here today.

The reason we are here is because we accepted the calling to spread the message of Jesus Christ to the world that has gone astray. The Paradise that God created for man was to be the place where God could reveal himself. God created man in order to reveal himself in all his splendor and glory. Whatever he created is ephemeral. It has a beginning date and it has a termination date if God's principles are not followed. He formed man out of the dust of the ground, which makes man as ephemeral as the earth if God's principles (again) are not followed.

Notice that he made the earth as the place for man to dwell and since he made man male and female in his image, he had to give them dominion over the earth. The question has to be, What image does an omnipresent spirit have? The Bible says that Jesus is the expressed image of God bodily. The initial physical dwelling place of God is within Jesus. So even though Adam was chronologically before Jesus, Jesus is the design or pattern that decided how Adam would be made.

Remember God came to visit Adam in the cool of the evening. He didn't indwell in Adam, he simply breathed into him the breath of life. This indicates beyond a doubt that a part of God was in man in order for him to become a living soul. This introduces his likeness to God. The blessing that God gave them was predicated on the fact that they were in his image and his likeness. No other creature could have dominion over the earth because of that. Be fruitful, multiply, replenish and subdue the earth. He gave man blessings and responsibilities. Be fruitful, multiply. That's the blessings. Responsibility—replenish and subdue.

## **Costs of the Fall**

Adam's fall disrupted the plan for God to reveal himself to man, because his sin severed his connection to God's spirit. Adam was estranged from God and was disallowed the Tree of Life. He was devoid of a spiritual relationship with God. All he had left was a social relationship with earthly life. From this, he creates his own world—not a spiritual world but a world created by man and Satan to satiate the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. He creates a world devoid of God's influence and of his love for God. The physical-earthly became the replacement of the spiritual-heavenly. God never intended for the flesh to control the soul. The soul was to be controlled by the spirit. God intended control from the inside not from the outside.

Man removed God from his place of preeminence. His will was ignored. His principles were discarded. His love was rejected. His revelation was lost. God warned man not to love the world, neither





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the things that are in the world because if you love the world the love of the Father is not in you. So man measures himself by all of the external things that are connected to a termination date. He labors for the meat that perishes. Everything he does is vanity and vexation of spirit because of his selfishness.

#### **Fallen existence**

No wonder murder began in the first family. Then by Genesis 6 verse 5 “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” Adam’s fall stimulated a godless existence, far from the will of God on earth. Man was to serve God in appreciation for his enormous benevolence and love, just to reveal his splendiferous magnanimity as the sovereign ruler of the universe and to grant man dominion over the paradise he created for him should have been enough. However, in Romans 1:21, the Apostle Paul declares, “Because when they knew God they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imagination, and their foolish heart was darkened. The disobedience of man led to the violence of man against man.” This dismantled the paradise God created for their spiritual revelatory visit. Man shattered the will of God on earth.

You would think that Noah had the opportunity to start all over after the flood, but as the Reverent Dr. Charles Adams says, “Noah was drunk on the day of reconstruction, so instead a rebellion continued at the Tower of Babel, where God confounded their language to bring further judicial chaos.”

How many other leaders who could help to restore God’s will on earth were drunk, in a manner of speaking, with the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life, which the Apostle John says, “For that is all that is in the world.” The chaos on the outside is result of the chaos on the inside. But peace begins with me. This chaos, which comes from living for oneself instead of others caused avaricious men to multiply from the benevolence of the earth, but they never replenished it. Our natural paradise is suffering under the judicial judgment that man received.

#### **We long for what we lost**

The Apostle Paul tells us emphatically in Romans 8 verses 19 through 21 “For the earnest expectation of the creature pleads earnestly for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity not willingly but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.” Mankind and the earth are waiting for the glorious liberty of the children of God. The deliverance of man is the deliverance of the earth.

So along comes Jesus in the fullness of time, according to God’s timing—the Second Adam, Jesus,





The audience comprised ACLC members with their brethren in the recently launched Korean Clergy Leadership Conference and thousands of others from the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center and the surrounding area.


who came to do the will of the Father. The Father knew in his omniscience that his son would be rejected. So because of the cross, he became the first-born of many brethren. As brethren we are joined with him and we are a part of his body. Jesus is the head of his body, in which we are members as the expected children of God to come.

Mankind, and nature, is looking expectantly for each of us to come and liberate them through the will of God being done on earth as it is in heaven. Each one of us has the peace that Jesus gave us as a part of his body. He said, "My peace I give unto you. Not as the world gives do I give unto you."

Jesus takes the chaos out of those who are in his body so that Peace begins with me functions in my home. Peace begins with me operates in my school. Peace begins with me influences my workplace. Peace begins with me galvanizes my church. Most of all, Peace begins with me connects me to the whole body of Christ around the world in every village, in every town, in every city, in every province, in every state, in every country and on every continent.

Christ is the head of the church and each one of us operates in our own vision for our villages, towns, cities, provinces, states and countries. We listen for the voice of God to know his good, acceptable and perfect will for our parts of the world. We utilize the members of his body, unified by the Holy Spirit, to bring our causes to our parts of the world.

#### **A connection remains**

Christ is the head of his body, but every physical body has a spinal cord that houses the nerve system. The nerve system relays the orders from the head to the rest of the body. All of us have been spinal cords in our own space, thanks be to God, who is our individual head. However, we are here from all over the world because of the signal we received from the head of our body, Jesus Christ through his spinal cord. In this vineyard, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, is the spinal cord. The spinal cord, or should I just say, the backbone of this vision? Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon sent a signal from the head, Jesus, that the American Clergy Leadership Conference and the newly formed Korean Clergy Leadership Conference and the forecasted World Clergy Leadership Conference with all of us in this room, must lead the world. From peace in our own villages, to peace in our own towns, to peace in our own cities, to peace in our countries, to peace in a unified Korea to peace in the world. We have received the signal, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon! We have received the signal. We are ready to deploy because peace begins with me. Peace begins with me. Peace begins with me. Vision 2020 승리! 승리! 승리! [Victory! Victory! Victory!] 

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# Getting Right with God

*Christian pastors with KCLC and ACLC attended the Autumn Great Works: 2019 Hyojeong Offering Ceremony for the Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune at Cheongpyeong. In the Cheongshim Peace World Center several pastors gave a talk to a large audience on November 2. This is one of them.*

By Mark Abernathy



Greetings, everyone, I would like to say thank you to the Korean Clergy Leadership Conference that has been newly formed for their hard work and also for the awesome hospitality they have given us this week. It has been amazing. To my fellow ACLC brothers, we now have enlarged our territory by involving the clergy leadership conference of Korea. Also, I am looking forward to involving myself in the World Clergy Leadership Conference as a Christian. I'm excited about that today.

Jesus in his prayer to God just before he was to go to his death... In John 17, he prayed a prayer and he prayed it to God. He said, God I want unification to come to those I have ministered to, to those I am ministering with at this moment and to those who have been at my side for the last three years or so. He prayed this prayer, and then in verse 20 he said, "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who believe and who will believe and will believe in me through their message (talking about the disciples

of Jesus) that all of them may be one. Father, just as you are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me that they may be one as we are one. Be in them as you are in me so that they may be brought together in complete unity." Look at your neighbor and say, Neighbor, Complete unity.

## **The value of fellowship**

Several centuries ago, when China wanted to secure its border... They were having trouble with the northern countries invading them. So they came up with a great idea, to build the Great Wall. As the



architects of this great wall, they decided they would make the wall so thick that the enemy could not get through it. And they decided it had to be long enough where the enemy couldn't go around the wall. They posted soldiers at different locations of the wall so that if they heard an attack they could get there soon, in a quick and easy time.

They knew that they had protected the border sufficiently against the enemy. They were sure that the enemy was not going to come in and destroy them. But in the first one hundred years in China, after building this wall, they were invaded three times. How could this happen? As they gathered in their meetings they wondered how they could have been invaded three times.

What happened is that the enemy had bribed the gatekeeper and had entered into the land undetected. Listen to me clergy, listen to me leaders of today: When we diminish the importance of unity within the body of Christ, we risk being invaded by the enemy. God has called us to a divine fellowship. One of the most powerful tools we have to reach the hurting and dysfunctional is to fellowship together. If we don't protect it, if we don't strive to bring it to pass, if we don't do everything we can to promote it, we will open the gate to the enemy to attack our families, to attack our churches.

### **The heart comes first**

It is going to take us keeping a vertical relationship with God. It's going to keep us deflecting the negativity that is around us. In every situation, we have to have such a relationship with God that nothing can stop us. We have to have a relationship with God that our neighbors can't stop us. We have to have a relationship with God that a country can't invade us. If we don't protect it, we are opening the door to the enemy. It is going to take us keeping this vertical relationship with God. It is going to take us keeping this vertical relationship with God in every situation.

In 2019, if we are ever to unite this world, we must rethink the way we are doing ministry. We must rethink the way we are impacting the world around us. We must start thinking in a different direction. Jesus told the religious leaders of his day that from the heart, the mouth speaketh [speaks]. In Matthew 12:24, he was letting the religious leaders know, You have a heart condition. If the heart doesn't get right, we are not going to be able to change our communities. If the heart doesn't get right, we are not going to be able to change our families.

### **Be aware; we have an enemy**


Brother and sisters, we cannot allow the enemy to create scenarios around us that contradict the word that is within us. I repeat: We cannot allow the enemy to create scenarios around us that contradict the truth that we know. We cannot allow the enemy to create the environment around us to stop us and contradict what we know deep in our heart to be the truth. We must stand up and realize that greater is he that is in me than he that is in this world.

We cannot allow our past histories to occupy our minds and bring dysfunctional disunity among us so that we cannot bring forth the kingdom of heaven on this earth. We can live in the kingdom of heaven in the life we're living in, but if we keep living in the past, we will never be able to move ourselves and our world closer to the destiny that God has for us. Doing God's will and living in the vertical position with God and loving one another with all honesty is doing the will of God. We must love the least of these to do the will of God.

### **Chosen people**

Listen: We have been put in this position for such a time as this. We are the chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. We are God's special possession. Brothers and sisters, it is time we stand up without fear and proclaim the truth of True Mother as the only begotten daughter. It's time. Clergy! Korean Clergy Leadership, ACLC, it's time we come together as one family under God and transform our communities and transform our world around us and bring our world closer together.

It's time that we fend off the buzzards that are trying to destroy our marriages. It's time that our family comes together as one. Our family is needing us today. Now is the time that our youth are needing us, because there are people outside these walls that are waiting to take our youth. There are drug dealers ready to take them. There are movie stars ready to take them. It is time we take our children back for God. I'm telling you my brothers and sisters, our babies need us today. Our babies need us today. We need to surround ourselves with our babies and teach them the truth about God.

Where are the mothers and fathers? Where are the moms and dads today that have their children surrounding them? We need them today. We need them today. We need them today. That's the only way we are going to change our world. Instead of living with guns, instead of living with knives, with war, why won't we put them down and come together and bring peace in our cities and bring peace upon this earth? May God make us one! Blessings! 

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# Blessed are the Peacemakers

## An Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

By Maria Pammer and Hans Brunnbauer

**A**t the invitation of others, on December 7, we held an Interreligious and Intercultural Prayer Breakfast. The common topic was “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Matthew 5:9. About forty people from different religions gathered in the Family Federation center in Linz, which since yesterday houses the exhibition “100 Years Rev. Moon—His Contribution to World Peace.”

After a welcome by Mrs. Pammer (UPF-Upper Austria) and a prayer by Mr. Krcek, the guests

served themselves at the breakfast buffet. After everybody had taken some refreshments, with a song, Becky Moshammer got the attendants in the mood for the presentations of the topic.

Mr. Brunnbauer, responsible for community leadership of the Family Federation in Upper Austria, showed at the beginning of his presentation a video about Mr. and Mrs. Moon’s peace-related work with the title, “Who is the Mother of Peace?” In his remarks he told the religious adherents not only about the many initiatives Father Moon and recently also Mother Moon have set







At a time of increased tensions and sometimes open hostility and violence against those that practice a faith, the voluntary coming together of people of different religions takes on elevated importance.

worldwide for peace, but emphasized the inner aspects they both emphasized, especially the power of forgiveness which leads to real peace. He illustrated this powerfully with the comparison of somebody who was bitten by a poisonous snake. In this situation it is not useful to chase the snake, it is however important, to immediately take measures to get the poison out of the victim's body.


#### **Views expressed by those in other religions**

The second contributor, Mr. Weniger of the New Apostolic Church, Upper Austria, stepped to the podium. Due to his professional experience, he emphasized strongly how important it is to be at peace with oneself. Since he comes from Hamburg, he also experienced intensely the enthusiastic mood after German reunification and during the time when disarmament efforts nurtured great hope for world peace.

Mrs. Bindreiter, representative of the Buddhist community on the Upper Austrian Religion Advisory Board, elaborated in her statement the four prime virtues in Buddhism: loving goodness or charity, compassion (not pity), shared joy and serenity and the ability to look at a situation from both sides. She was not just talking about these prime virtues, we had the feeling that she personally is working very seriously on their realization.

Mr. Mehmed Becirbasic, representative of the

Bosnian Mosque in Steyr, in turn reported on a very touching way about his personal experience when he came as a refugee child to Austria. The respectful attention of his primary school teacher helped him to adhere to his roots and to keep a goal in mind. If you cannot attain an affinity to your roots and if you have no goals, a peaceful togetherness will be difficult to realize. Out of gratitude, he visited this former teacher after many years. His former teacher told him simply that he as a teacher he always felt as if he were a peasant sowing seeds. If he is able to see that after years the seeds are sprouting and bearing good fruits, that is the best way to thank him.

Mr. and Mrs. Lipp of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints stepped together to the podium. As parents of four adult children, they emphasized the importance of parental love to help all one's children to stick together, even if they go in different directions in life. This is the way to bring peace into the family. During this process, to always see the good in the other, even if you cannot understand many things about the other is very important. Precisely this brings peace to me, to the family and the community. With this attitude we are then able to bring about development leading to finally changing the world for the better. 

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A panoramic view of the island of Grenada

# THE QUEST FOR PEACE, A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

By Winston Garraway

In Latin American and the Caribbean, the peace and conflict landscape looks dramatically different from other regions. Although the risk of open conflict in this region is far from non-existent, the region has proven highly successful in the prevention and peaceful resolution of wars. Latin American and the Caribbean has successfully become a zone free of nuclear proliferation as well as of chemical and biological weapons.

Additionally, Latin America and the Caribbean today has an unprecedented multilateral instrument, the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters, also

known as the Escazú Agreement, which was adopted in March 2018 in Escazú, Costa Rica. This agreement offers our region a critical platform for progress towards full access to information, to meaningful participation that goes beyond consultation and to environmental justice.

“Escazú,” which means “place of rest” is the only treaty to have emerged from Rio+20 (June 20–22, 2012). It is the first regional environmental treaty in Latin America and the Caribbean and the treaty which has specific provisions that guarantee the protection of defenders of human rights in environmental matters. This is of special relevance in one of the most critical regions for those who







Grenada is known for its annual Work Boat Regatta



Grenada's 2018 estimated population is 112,207. The capital, Saint George's, accounts for one third of that.

defend the environment. We must be very proud of this accomplishment.

The Escazú Agreement in the spirit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aims to remove barriers that hinder rights to full access to the most vulnerable and the marginalized. Notwithstanding our successes, we do have challenges. Violent crimes including homicide and gender-based violence continue to plague our region.

### Harsh realities

Some of the region's cities are listed among the most violent in the world, with rural areas seeing land-based disputes spiral into violence. Organized crime has taken root in the region, and in turn it has stirred up and encouraged the flow of illegal arms and activities. This in turn has consequently caused the formation of local gangs and transactional criminal networks which have caused numerous challenges in regard to sustaining peace.

Among these things, inequality and poverty continue to persist, coupled with natural disasters and larger scale infrastructure projects that displace large populations and trigger major migratory flows, both internally and across boarder lines. Structural changes in the world's economy and in the global distribution of power have also generated new risks and resulted in poorly


distributed opportunities.

With all these challenges we may ask ourselves how can we realistically sustain and achieve peace within the region? How should we approach and solve this issue and promote peace and development within Latin American and the Caribbean? The best way to start is through the "2030 Agenda." The "2030 Agenda" is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, as it seeks to strengthen universal peace. Within the agenda we have the seventeen SDGs.

SDG 16 "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels" is especially relevant in the region in ensuring the promotion of peace and development within Latin America and the Caribbean. This goal creates the space in which elements such as strength of institutions, rule of law and access to justice can be addressed. Although this goal is essential and directed to this, there are still others that are also relevant to sustaining peace especially by emphasizing the need for inclusive social policies in areas such as education, health and gender equality. The SDGs and the 2030 agenda also address many of the most common causes of instability and unrest, including inequality, poverty, social and political exclusion.

### We must advance thoughtfully

Focusing on the SDGs offers us a focused and measurably way to push for sustainable peace within the region. However, at the same time it must be noted that there is no cookie-cutter approach to the solution that will suffice. Implementation of the SDGs and the 2030 approach to sustaining peace should be tailored to the national and local context of the country. It must be driven from the ground up. It must be people centered.

I would like to applaud the work of the Universal Peace Federation for your continued advocacy for peace and security not just in our region but in the world. This planet is all we have. The Latin America and Caribbean region is our home. We must every day, with every passing minute and every second, stand up for this region. Yes we have our challenges, we have differences, but they are nothing compared to the strength of our resolve if we work together. We are a resilient people. Let us continue to build on our successes. Let us work in pursuit of peace and security for every citizen of this region. 

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# LIBERATION AND GRACE

A Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Event

By FFWPU Albania








Inspired and unified, Albanian members during their Hyojeong Cheonbo workshop (an ancestor liberation and blessing experience beyond Korea's borders) *Title page:* a statue in Skenderbej Square, Tirana, of national hero Gjergj Kastriot Skenderbej, who among other feats successfully repelled persistent invaders for twenty-five years.

**D**ecember 14–15, a total of 251 people participated in the Hyojeong Cheonbo Albania Special Event, which we held in Tirana, the capital city of Albania. On the first day, we held the opening ceremony, hosted by FFWPU Albania Vice President Manjola Vasmatics, which included Cheonbo Special Lecture One. Tibor Krebs from the Heavenly Europe and the Middle East Branch Training

Center was the lecturer. A chanyang session, which Albanian members participated in with great enthusiasm, came next. After that, Heavenly Europe and the Middle East Branch Training Center President In-pyo Moon presented Cheonbo Special Lecture Two.


On the second day, we had a chanyang session, an Ancestor Liberation Ceremony, a Spirit-World–Physical-World matching

workshop, a Hyojeong Offering Ceremony, an Ancestor Blessing Ceremony and a Spirit-World–Physical-World Blessing Ceremony. There was a bequeathing of the candle for seonghwa second-generation members and an explanation on how to start a Spirit-World–Physical-World family. Lastly, we enjoyed a celebration party to finalize the event amid loud cheers and applause from the participants. 

#### PARTICIPANTS WHO EXPERIENCED GRACE

**A**nonymous, sister: This morning on arrival, we went to the prayer room. At that time, when I closed my eyes I could see a bright light. However, after the chanyang session, when we went to prayer room again, I became paralyzed and just cried until my husband touched me. I was in a narrow black hole, totally alone, with nobody around, and I could not move my arm. After that, when we came out from the prayer room into sunshine, still I was shaking and feeling cold. About a half hour later, I felt better. My ancestors let me experience where they are and why I need to start their liberation. After this experience I was shaking for long time.

**E**tjola Xhepa, Tirana: I had the same experience several times. I felt as if Taulant (my husband) and I were holding hands in a circle in a very beautiful garden with our two children who are four and five years old. Above us there were the True Parents in ascension to heaven, with very large happy smiles on their faces, holding hands and all the while keeping their eyes on us. This was a repeated experience for me during this two-day workshop whenever I closed my eyes or when I was praying.

**T**aulant Agolli, Tirana: While the chanyang session was going on, I was praying for my ancestors and asking forgiveness from the spirits that had suffered because of my ancestors. While doing this, I felt hundreds of black spots leaving my body and I could not hold back my tears. It was a calm feeling and a liberation. I felt that I received their forgiveness and they left quietly. After the chanyang session, I went to the prayer room and I prayed in the corner because there were many people. I was holding my wife's hand with my left hand and I felt somebody grab me by my right elbow and [though I was in the corner] I felt a group of people praying next to us. After prayer, I tried to move to the left because I was thinking about the other people praying on my right, to give them more space, but when I opened my eyes nobody was on my right side. Even though it was not the deepest prayer, it was clear that my ancestors were praying with us and this made my heart much calmer. Thank you! 



# The True Work of Unification

## Becoming One People Again

By Michael P. Downey



Mr. Downey's appointment as commissioner

I recently learned that there are around one hundred and sixty refugees from North Korea living in my hometown, Hanam City. Once refugees are able to reach South Korea they go through a process of resettlement. They spend their first three months with the National Police Agency where they tell their stories and are vetted as genuine refugees. Next they go to the Hana Foundation, a government agency for education to help them adjust to their new environment. This takes about four months.

After they graduate from the Hana Foundation, they are released into South Korean society, but as you can imagine, they still need lots of support. They receive a small stipend for a couple of years and are assigned an apartment to live in. I am aware that in the past, many were settled in the area between southwest Seoul and Suwon [34 kilometers (21 miles) south of Seoul]. I assumed that this was due to the availability of low-cost housing.

In the meantime, the city of Hanam, an eastern suburb of Seoul, has gone through a housing boom in the newly developed district known as Misa. Many thousands of housing units have been constructed and a percentage of them are designated for





A refugee giving her speech

low income occupancy. Thus it is no surprise that Hana Foundation began placing North Korean refugees there two years ago.

The progressive, proactive mayor of Hanam, Kim Sang Ho, decided that it would be appropriate for the city to do something to support the refugees. He initiated the Hanam City North Korean Refugee Commission and asked me to join it.

On October 25, Mayor Kim convened the first meeting of the commission. Various local organizations sent representatives including the local refugee group, the Social Welfare Department, the Lifelong Learning Center, the Police Department, the Hanam Global Center, and others. They each gave proposals of what they could do to support the refugees. What follows is the talk that I gave at the meeting.

### Experiences with North Koreans

Hello everyone. You may be surprised to see my foreign face at this table, but I do have more than three years' experience working with North Korean refugees and I would like to share my experience with you.

As a Teach North Korean Refugees (TNKR) volunteer English teacher and speech coach, I have come to know more than twenty refugees. TNKR is an NGO founded six years ago by an American, Casey Lartigue, and a South Korean, Eun-koo Lee. They specialize in matching volunteer English teachers with North Korean refugees. The matched pairs meet, one on one, for a minimum of three months to study English. In addition, TNKR also has organized ten English Language Speech Contests for Refugees. I have coached and mentored four ladies in preparing and delivering their speeches.

I also learned a lot about the refugees and North Korean issues through TNKR public events with defectors and refugees—former North Korea deputy ambassador to the United Kingdom, Young-ho Thae and Jin-sung Jang, favorite poet and propagandist under Kim Jong-il and author of a memoir, *Dear Leader*, among others, who have all been featured in TNKR forums. Refugee students have also spoken out about their lives in the North, their escapes and their hopes and dreams for their new lives.

### Their thirst for development

One thing is clear, many refugees who want to be successful say they need English. Although there is some English education in North Korea, it is nowhere near as extensive as in the South. Many arrive in the South Korea at the ABC level.

One student talked about her job experience at a bakery. She got a simple job as a clerk but was baffled by the names of many of the pastries, because, of course, they were all konglish words [Korean-English mixed] that she was completely unfamiliar with. She had to quit after half a day. Many refugees get a leg up in the university entrance process but often drop out because so much of the class work is in English and they struggle to keep up. Some also harbor ambitions to travel, study and even live abroad. They know they need English for this.

Here are some of the things I've learned: Approximately thirty-three thousand North Korean refugees are living in South Korea today. They all have a story and every story is unique but there are some common problems that many have encountered.



Mr. Downey with Mr. Ken Eom, a TNKR student



## **Their plight**

The first is the sense of social isolation. One characteristic of almost all Koreans I have met in the more than twenty years I've lived here are their extensive networks of family, school, hometown, work and social connections. Koreans maintain these networks through daily, monthly and annual meetings. They rely on these connections to orient themselves in life.

On the other hand, many refugees arrive in South Korea knowing no one. Some, of course, come as family units or with connections to a church or other organization, but many others are thrown into this highly connected society to fend for themselves. Traditional family-oriented holidays like Chuseok and the Lunar New Year, when nearly everyone else streams off to hometowns to spend three days with loved ones, are the most difficult. Although they often get together and spend time with other refugees, it's not the same as being with their families during the holidays. Loneliness in everyday life is common.

In Korean society, one's connections pave the way to success. Introductions, recommendations, and advancement are usually based on family, school and social networks. Without such networks many barriers arise that seem insurmountable.

In not a few cases, refugees arrive with a lot of emotional baggage. Although they have made it to freedom, in order to do so, they had to leave family, relatives, friends and other loved ones behind. Often the regime in the North expresses their anger towards the traitors who escaped by punishing those left behind. Punishment can take the form of demotion to the lowest social class, deportation to a poorer rural area and even imprisonment. Refugees are well aware of this and they can have guilty feelings over the difficulty they have inadvertently caused for their loved ones. At the same time, most also have a deep longing to see their hometowns and loved ones again. There is also the real and continuing possibility that they could be targeted for harm by the regime they have fled.

## **Women who flee North Korea**

More than 70 percent of the refugees

who reach South Korea are women. Due to their vulnerability, they often suffer abuse during their sojourn through China and other countries. Since China classifies them as economic migrants, not refugees, they have no legal protection and are often sold into the "skin trade" or as second wives to Chinese men. In order to survive, they have to do things that may scar them for life.

Those sold to Chinese men become trapped not only by violence and threats of violence but also they might conceive children that anchor them to some dark circumstances. Some have to leave these children behind in bad situations in order to flee to South Korea. There are a whole lot of guilty feelings, regrets, and self-recriminations there. In most cases they can't or don't want to reveal such things.

## **Barriers to assimilation**

I've heard reports that refugees experience significant discrimination in South Korean society. Mr. Ken Eom, a TNKR student, was warned when the Hana Foundation released him into South Korean society, to be careful about his northern accent and what he revealed about himself. He tells the story about the time he applied for a job at a gas station. Because of his accent he was asked, "Where are you from, China?" "I'm from North Korea," he sheepishly replied. "We'll get back to you," he was told. Ten years later, with a master's degree in Media from Korea University, he is still waiting for that call, he says with a big grin.

He didn't finally overcome his shame and embarrassment over where he was born until he went to Canada to study English. There were students from many countries, including South Korea, in his ESL (English as a second language) class when he reluctantly revealed his birthplace. To his surprise everyone including the teacher were excited to know someone from such an exotic place. He became a star and learned the value of self-acceptance.

## **One people**

I often ask North Korean people when I meet them, Are you North Korean, South Korean, or Korean? Usually this question catches them off-guard and they need to think about it before answering. In order to


make one nation again, there are several key ingredients, land, sovereignty, and most importantly, people. After seventy years of separation, the Korean people have become strangers. The real work of making one united country is to bridge this gulf to becoming one people again.

As for me, I see beginning that work right here in Hanam as a great opportunity. The people born in North Korea who are our neighbors now are our greatest asset in that work. By reaching out to them, welcoming them, and making real human relationships with them, we will be doing the essential work of unification.

So then, how can the Hanam North Korean Refugees Commission best serve our new neighbors? We can use educational, social welfare and recreational programs to facilitate social networks between people. I would like to see small groups form where South Koreans can get together with our new neighbors for a cup of coffee and a piece of cake. We can erase many barriers through genuine connections between people. We can learn a lot by listening to folks.

I will end with a portion a speech at the tenth TNKR English Speech Contest by Yuna Jung:

We need to be proactive and approach them [South Korean people] first. We need to give them opportunities to meet North Koreans and adjust their thinking. Playing soccer together, singing together and talking together are natural ways to come to understand one another. We need to change their impression.

What do you think would happen if unification suddenly occurred? Our new, united Korean peninsula would become a very exciting country for generations to come. And we, born in the North and living in the South, can be the bridge. Through authentic personal relationships we can overcome the problems of preconceptions, ideological differences, and social economic issues. I can't help feeling that this is the work we have been born to do. 

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# My Journey, My Faith

By Cui Yulan

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**W**hat do we have to restore next? Cain and Abel. What about Cain and Abel? Cain killed Abel. I have three children who all have different characters. They fight a lot. It is natural for siblings to fight. I used to fight with my husband, too. Why? That is the way to perfection, the process of perfection. My husband and I have different characters. Men and women are different. Our ancestors' sins are also different. For us to fight is unavoidable. But this does not mean we do not love each other. It is the way to perfection and a process to become the image of God. Love will grow when a man and a woman reach perfection together. This does not refer only to sexual relationships. Rev. Moon said that when a husband and wife are relating to each other, they are trying to become the image of God. You must not simply think, "I want to satisfy my sexual impulse," or "I want to satisfy my spouse's sexual impulse." We should resemble God's image. We want to call God so we could be with him.

We are the image of God. If this could not be done by the ambassadors for peace, who else could do it? Nobody. According to Rev. Moon,

world peace will not come to us on a world level. Peace comes on an individual and family level. If there were no peace within me, there could not be peace within my family. I spoke about my experiences today. I believe you all have your own experiences, too. Can there be peace in the society if there is no peace within the families of that society? No. Can there be peace in the nation if there is no peace in the various societies? No. There cannot be world peace if there is no peace in the nation. Therefore, world peace starts with me and my family.

Let me introduce an episode of one of my spiritual daughters. A spiritual daughter means that I introduced the Divine Principle to her and she [apparently a non-Japanese woman] became a church member. She got married (accepted the blessing) to a Japanese man, and they have a son and a daughter. In the beginning, she texted me about every event that happened between her and her husband. One day, she asked me, "Do you participate in WFWP activities? I don't because I'm a woman and I don't have any money or power. How could I help realize world peace? I am a nobody. I cannot do anything." So, I answered, "That is not true. World

peace does not come to us on a world level."

### **Housewives and world peace**

After she married a Japanese man, she moved to Japan. Japanese women are very beautiful. My spiritual daughter became jealous of them. She has dark skin and curly hair, but she wanted straight hair like the Japanese. But actually, many Japanese women want curly hair. I wanted curly hair, too. One day, she saw her husband having a conversation with a Japanese woman and got jealous and angry. When they got home, she sat on the couch and watched TV without a word. When her husband asked her some questions, she refused him by giving cold answers. When he asked the same question several times, she got so angry that she grabbed the TV remote control and threw it at him. Fortunately, it did not hit him; he avoided it.

She asked me, "Do you think I'm going crazy? What could this be?" So I asked her in return, "Do you remember what you did?" "Yes, I do." "Are you still doing this kind of thing?" "No way! Of course not. I'd never do it again!" I told her, "That is how world peace starts. You get mad when you have the feelings of anger, jealousy, and hatred inside you. But you must stay calm. When you remain calm, you will not have to throw the remote control at your husband. Why? For world peace. You must not throw the remote control at your husband! You must not get angry even if you go home and find a mountain of dirty dishes in the kitchen and your children running around. Do this for world peace. World peace does not come to us on a world level. It begins with you and your family." Then, she said, "Now I understand! From now on, I will contribute to world peace, too." "That's right!" I responded.

Ambassadors for Peace, let us all participate in God's history of restoration with our family. There was Adam's family, Noah's family, and Abraham's family, but there must have been other families back then. But those do not appear in the Bible. Only the representative families of God's history of restoration appear in the Bible. Therefore, the ambassadors for peace who are here today and





### Let's develop loving hearts

Please remember that we do not have much time left. God knows when you will die. I am sure nobody wants to die before reaching perfection. We must support God, who has created the whole universe. God has indeed created everything, but human beings, who are his most important creation, have not reached perfection yet. The central characters of God's creation are his sons and daughters. We need God's help to be complete. We cannot die yet because we are in a position to support God. In that sense, we must be determined to complete our characters before we die. We have work to do. We cannot leave that work behind for our descendants. We must do it ourselves. It did not matter when we did not know about it. But now that we know it, we cannot postpone it any more, right?

Your daily routines await you at home. However, from now on, those routines will go down in God's history. You will be taking part in the history of going back to God's home. God is waiting for us. But God cannot touch us if we do not complete the characteristic of love within us.

From now, wives must speak in a lovely way to their husbands. Women hold everything men like. Everything! Women play an important role in the family. Whether there is a storm in our families or not is up to us. Whether there is thunder and lightning is also up to us. To have sunshine in a family is up to the mother.

Sometimes, you wake up in the morning in a bad state of mind. You think of a person who said something rude to you and negative thoughts fill your mind. You remember the day when your husband hurt your feelings. You do not know why, but you suddenly remember the bad things that happened even a long time ago. What will happen in that case? Can anyone become happy? Would your family be delighted to see you in a bad mood? This is why my family is in my hands. I have the power to make a decision between heaven and hell. It is up to me. From now, it is not just for me or my family, but for God's history of restoration. Thank you very much! ☺

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their families must enter God's history of restoration.

The providence of God's history to restore human beings to the "original land" will be accomplished. Please believe that the day will come when we can return to the original land. It once existed, but we lost it. That is why we are living in a world of restoration. When the era of restoration ends, an era of the original land will begin. Then, a new book, a new Bible about us and our families will emerge. It is not just me and my family. It is God's history. We do not live only for ourselves. We must help God restore people's hearts.

### Let's take the public path

Who did God lose? He did not lose his employees. He lost his true daughters and true sons. So, each one of us must become God's true sons or daughters. We must fight within our family and in our daily lives and routines. We must overcome the trials given to us by our loving God. There will be more lectures tomorrow, but if you summarize the Divine Principle, it is simple. There may be much of information, but the summary is this: Rev. Moon called this path described

in the Divine Principle the "public path." The public path is the path for humans to return to God's original land.

How can I tell if I am among those traveling down this path or not? It is very simple. When someone provokes you, irritates you, or makes you angry, you must think of it as God's test. This was what Rev. Moon, the founder of the Ambassadors for Peace program said. You will meet a dead end if you are thinking about who is right and who is wrong. This is not good for you, your family, your friends or anybody else. So, when a trial comes, you must think of it as God testing you. Furthermore, you must thank the person who is challenging you. He is God's emissary and messenger deliver a letter from God. In this letter, it says, "My daughter, this is a trial to make you complete. He is my tool to make you complete. I cannot make you complete directly. He is there to show you that you have the fallen nature of anger and hatred. I want you to realize that you must improve yourself and complete the characteristic of love within you because you have the fallen nature of anger and hatred."



