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The Grace of Cheonshimwon and Cheonbo Great Works

Lee Gi-Seong, Director of Cheonshim Won and of HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center



Beloved Blessed Families!

As we joyfully welcomed the 103rd anniversary of True Father's Birthday and the 80th anniversary of True Mother's Birthday, we also began the 11th year of Cheon Il Guk with renewed hope. The first two days of the Hyojeong CheonBo Special Great Works were held from February 4-5, 2023, commemorating True Parents' Birthday and the 10th Anniversary of Foundation Day. A total of 70,000 participants from 99 countries worldwide joined us both on-site and online in celebration.

After the first Special Great Works in June 2004, which started with the name, 'Special Great Works for the inheritance of Heavenly Fortune and fulfillment of wishes' the universal realm of victory of True Parents has expanded wider and wider with even more grace. The Great Works period is a special time for clearing up your spiritual background with so many absolute good spirits and angels mobilized. That is why True Parents said, "All members should attend Great Works four times a year."

Furthermore, following True Mother's special instruction, Cheon Shim Won employees and staff and their families have been staying up all night together from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. on weekdays since May of the 8th year of Cheon Il Guk (2020) up until the present. On February 16 of this year, we held the 700th Cheon Shim Won special all-night prayer with more than 2,000 people attending and praying with absolute faith united as one.

True Parents have expressed that Cheon Shim Won is a place where we can experience living with Heavenly Parent, a holy sanctuary where we can interact with the heavenly world, and a place where we can definitely solve problems through prayer and effort, as absolute good spirits are at work. This has been confirmed through countless testimonies.

Now we can see the grace of Hyojeong Cheonbo is miraculously unfolding itself in the HJ Cheonwon and Cheon Shim Won as we serve Heavenly Parent filially. True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter and substantial Holy Spirit, not only focuses on the present but also on the distant future of more than a thousand years from now. Centering on the Cheon Shim Won and HJ heaven and earth training center, the main shrines of spiritual providence and spiritual development, True Mother is devoted to elevating their status as the holy ground of the substantial and spiritual movement.

I encourage you to hold onto the hands of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, and attend them with absolute faith, love, and obedience in any situation. I pray that you will inherit Heavenly Fortune through HJ Cheonbo Great Works and the Cheon Shim Won, and may you achieve success in all aspects of life. I hope that the year 2023, the 11th year of Cheon Il Guk, will be a year of great victory filled with indescribable delight and joy. Thank you. 

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The Messiah and True Parents

*Address at True Parents' Birthday Celebration Banquet for
participants of the World Summit on Leadership and Governance
January 27, 2004 / Shilla Hotel, Seoul, Korea*



Distinguished leaders from around the world, respected dignitaries from Korea and other countries, ladies and gentlemen:

This banquet was prepared to celebrate my eighth-fourth birthday and the birthday of my wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Instead of receiving congratulations on our birthdays, though, the two of us would prefer to offer this banquet to the saints and sages in the spirit world who are present here now, to blessed families in the spirit world, and to the participants of the World Summit on Leadership and Governance.

In the beginning, God created human beings as His children. They were destined to grow to maturity, form families with His Blessing, and multiply His descendants for endless generations in a lineage of goodness unstained by sin. The first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, were to have attended God as their vertical True Parent. Then with the True Parent God as their axis, they were to have become the substantial, horizontal True Parents. In such a world, the word Messiah would never have come to exist. Their family would have been the ideal family reflecting God's ideal of creation, and the world would have been the kingdom of heaven on earth, where God's ideal of creation would have been completed. After living out their lives in this world, human beings would have automatically been registered as citizens of the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world, where they would have lived eternally in freedom, peace, and happiness.

Perfected Adam and Eve would have communicated directly with God using their five spiritual senses and, at the same time, they would have worked freely with the physical creation using their five physical senses. They would have lived as True Owners, True Parents, and True King and Queen representing both the spirit world and the physical world.

However, with the Fall of the first human ancestors, all humanity descended into a hell of hopelessness from which their efforts alone would never free them. Their five spiritual senses became paralyzed. They fell into a state similar to that of a blind person. Their eyes appear to be



normal yet do not function at all. Forced to live with just their five physical senses, they were only half human. They could not see God. They could not hear His voice or feel His touch. So how could they experience His love as their own Parent or understand His suffering heart?

The Messiah is the True Parent of true love, true life and true lineage

His direct lineal children, receive Satan's false lineage and descend to the position of servant of servants!

Because God is a God of principle and law, He would not reject the principles by which He created, nor violate the ideal of creation that He established. So He has had to wait tens of thousands of years before introducing the Messiah to the course of the providence of salvation. Different religions refer to this person by different names, such as the Maitreya, the Man of the True Way, and the returning Savior. However, the person humankind needs to open the way, and the person sought by God, is one and the same person, the Messiah, who is the True Parent.

Who, then, is the Messiah, and what is he like? He is the owner and substantiation of faith, hope, and love, for the individual and also for the family, tribe, society, nation, world and cosmos. The faith and hope that remain on earth will finally bear fruit only in an age when humanity attends this person as the Messiah. This fruit contains the life and breath of human history.

This fruit links human beings with Heaven. Our past, present and future are linked to it. The Messiah comes for the sake of human beings, who became forlorn orphans after losing their parents through the Fall. He becomes our substantial True Parent, True Owner, True Teacher and True King. He is the substantiation of God's true love, true life, and true lineage, coming to restore His lost children who have been groaning in travail under a false parent, to bring them back to their rightful position as the true sons and daughters of God.

Jesus came as the True Parent

Jesus was none other than the one who came to embrace the children who had lost their parents and to restore them back to the original ideal of Heaven. He was the True Parent. Through the Fall, Adam and Eve lost their positions as True Parents. They were unable to receive God's Blessing and so could not form a union as a true husband and wife and could not produce true children. Their mistake meant God could not embrace a lineage of three generations, including His grandchildren.

The Mission of True Parent

Heaven gave its blessing by sending the Messiah of the Second Coming. He appears on the foundation of the spiritual restoration Jesus carried out throughout the two thousand years of Christian history.



The phrase, True Parents, does not appear in any encyclopedia. It is not a phrase that I created, nor is it something that anyone in the world easily attached to me. In truth, it is the destiny and blessing that Heaven has bestowed on my wife and me. The position of True Parents carries with it the vertical missions of Savior, Messiah, and returning Lord, opportunities that have never been fulfilled in history and will never visit us again in the future. For this reason, people still affiliated with the fallen realm have to fulfill a number of conditions in order to attend the True Parents and accomplish Heaven's Will.

First, they must participate in and complete a revolution of indemnity. This means they need to cast everything aside and follow the True Parents.

Second, they need to complete a revolution of conscience. This means that they have to maintain a tradition of true love, true life and true lineage in accordance with the predisposition of the original mind and conscience endowed by God. They need to do this without compromising with any

worldly sovereignty or philosophy they may encounter. They have to live a life of "high noon settlement," in which they neither cast shadows nor carry a speck of shame in the presence of the spirit world and physical world. The revolution of conscience is completed when we reach a harmonious state of one mind, one body and one thought. Thus they will establish the realm of pure love and pure lineage as an eternal and unchanging tradition. In it, the age of unity and harmony will blossom.

The third condition is a revolution of heart. This means that all people will establish a world of true love, in which God will want to come to us, consult with us and reside with us. The revolution of heart is a revolution of true love, of living for the sake of others, the practice of unchanging, sacrificial love. Think of what it would be like if we each lived for the sake of others more than for ourselves. God, the root source of true love, would reside within us and would live for our sake. What greater joy and glory could there be? Where the revolution of heart has been completed, there will be no such

thing as family breakdown, racial strife, international disputes, friction between religions, or any other vestiges of Satan's world. An eternal peace kingdom will be established.

Let's achieve God's Will

Respected guests, in 1996, my wife and I declared an end to the Unification Church and made a new beginning as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, to fulfill the heavenly command to build a world of peace on earth. The Will of Heaven resides not in the progress of any particular church or religion; it resides in world peace through true families.

Ladies and gentlemen, in the same way that the mission of True Parents, to which my wife and I have been called, is a matter of heavenly destiny, your mission before Heaven is to join hands with us in building a peaceful kingdom of heaven on earth. Heaven's time has now arrived. I pray that you will return to your communities and work passionately as messiahs and true parents yourselves, in the effort to bring about world peace.

Thank you. 

Learning from the Olive Tree

*True Parents' Reception for Sunhak UPA Cadets
1.26 in the 11th year of Cheon Il Guk (Feb. 6, 2023), Cheon Jeong Gung*



You are the future treasures and central figures of Cheon Il Guk.

I sincerely hope this winter training period becomes one in which you can feel this deeply. The Bible describes Jesus cursing an olive [fig] tree that did not bear fruit. This is from the Bible. As a matter of fact, Israel is a semi-desert. Aside from cities near the Red Sea, it is mostly a desert. There were trees two thousand years ago, as we can see from the olive tree in the Bible. You wonder how they endured the desert for so long. Based on what I understand, the roots of an olive tree can go down fifteen meters in search of water. How would it be able to do this? Olive tree roots pass through rocks. They encounter soil and sand along the way. Yet, it amazes me how they can go down 15 meters in search of water. As a result, trees that grow deep roots can survive for a thousand years, for two thousand years. In addition, they produce fruit. Greek culture could also be seen as an olive culture. They consume a lot of olives, use olive oil, etc. That is Greece. Italy too. The Middle East region all the way to Israel.

In addition, Adam and Eve, whom the almighty, omnipotent Creator created as the first human ancestors, fell. How could this happen? The fallen Adam and Eve were expelled from Eden. This marked the start of human history. Therefore, for the past 6,000 years our history has been characterized by wars, conflicts and fighting. There has never been a day when peace has been fully established. Peace has passed by only briefly. It has been a difficult history in which things repeatedly changed back and forth.

The Creator has the same beginning and end. Since He began everything, He must complete that goal no matter what the outcome is. That is how the history of the Providence of Salvation began. God chose the people of Israel from among humanity's vast multitudes. How difficult this must have been. It must have been more difficult than an olive tree growing its roots for fifteen years.

In the end, God was able to send Jesus Christ, a son who had no relationship with Satan, whom He could

call His own son. God gave humankind alone among all things of creation a special period of growth, in accordance with the Principle of Creation.

A newborn cannot carry out the work of God's Providence. God waits until the baby grows old, is able to discern for oneself, understands God's will, makes his or her determination, and advances toward perfection of character. God had to wait for that time to mature.

The Christian faith began with the wait for Jesus Christ who had promised to return. Despite not knowing when Jesus would come back, they awaited his return with devotion for not just 100 years or 300 years, but for two thousand years. However, during this time, Christians were unaware of the essential nature of Jesus. They were unaware of the fundamental nature of our Creator.

The Creator desired to find the True Parents who, among all of humankind, had attained perfection. He was looking for the True Parents, not the male Messiah, but the True Parents.

So be confident. You all know Heaven's secrets, don't you? Explain about the Creator's dream and Jesus' dream. Continual wars and conflicts and human ignorance have prevented balance in the creation, and this has caused the earth to suffer. Modern science seeks to pioneer in space. However, it's not a simple matter. How do you feed eight billion people through pioneering the universe?

When the world comes together and works together to end war and save the planet, will there be a need to invest a lot of money in space exploration and development? Will it be necessary to live on another planet if the dream of creation is realized on earth and this planet becomes the Garden of Eden? There can be no perfection in ignorance. You must learn and understand.

In the early days, True Parents should have emerged with the support of the Christian environment, in which Christianity would have welcomed them. That was not achieved. Therefore, the 53 years that followed were like the winter season. We could not experience the spring.

It is Heavenly Parent's dream, based on the birth of True Parents, to

welcome the spring and realize His ideal for creation. It took time due to the environment not being prepared. After that, who announced the new age, Foundation Day, and the first year of Cheon Il Guk? (True Mother, you did.) You should not forget this.

The only way for you, your family, and your ancestors in the spiritual world to be liberated is by becoming one with True Mother. That is why I am saying that while I am still on earth, I'll show you what Heavenly Parent's dream is like, what one family of humankind is like, and what life in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth is like. That is why I am also saying that I will develop the Cheonwon area into the Garden of Eden in keeping with this.

For the past ten years until now, you do not know how hard I have had to work.. There are still a lot of obstacles in the way of achieving a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world. Devotion and effort (jeongseong) is therefore necessary. You should be able to grow deeper roots than the olive tree. In unity with True Mother, grow your roots down deep. Do you understand? Therefore, you must liberate your ancestors while you are on earth. Only through that will the spirit world be liberated.

In God's providence, the earth is first. The earth must first be settled for the spirit world to also be settled. That is why the Creator wants to establish, through the perfected Adam and Eve, the perfected True Parents, and through them, the kingdom of heaven on earth and live there with His children. He then desires to go and live with them in the eternal kingdom of heaven in heaven. This is Heavenly Parent's blueprint. Do you understand?

For the first time in 6,000 years, Heavenly Parent's sanctum will be dedicated this year. Think of how much God has longed for this. Yes? How much He has had to wait for this. From that perspective, you are truly blessed. You are fortunate. Because of this, Shin-chul and Shin-heung are walking with you on this journey of learning to complete God's providence together. You are brothers and sisters. Please love and help one another so that we can reveal to everyone a strong Cheon Il Guk. 

A SPOTLIGHT ON FOUNDATION DAY

1. The providential meaning of Cheon Il Guk, Foundation day

I am setting up the 13 years following the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World holy day on October 3, 2001 as a general summation of my life, and it is emerging accordingly. With 6,000 years as a foundation, the year 2001 launched the lead-up to the year 3000, at which point we can greet the 7,000th year. If you calculate how long human history is biblically it comes to 6,000 years. I must complete in just 13 years the responsibility that all men and women ought to have accomplished throughout the entirety of human history. In 13 years I have to complete everything that Adam was unable to fulfill. I have to seek out the lineage that Satan stole from God. January 13, 2013, is our D-Day. I will wipe everything clean in just these 13 years. (February 1, 2010 Cheon Jeong Gung) — CBG Book 13, Chapter 2 Section 1 paragraph 12

Foundation Day, which is the beginning of the substantial Cheon Il Guk, took place 13 years after the Enthronement Ceremony for God's Kingship. True Parents stood in the position of servants with a parental heart to establish Cheon Il Guk. They shed sweat for earth, tears for humanity and blood for Heaven, and walked a course of progress as pilgrims. After the Holy Wedding in 1960, True Parents became victorious in following the course of the True Parents, True Teacher and True Owner. Through the Blessing they searched for and established millions of couples in the physical and spirit worlds. To realize a peaceful world, they inaugurated many organizations in all fields worldwide. Through these countless internal and external foundations, they proclaimed the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk.

The following proclamations served as a condition for the proclamation of Foundation Day: The Enthronement of God's Kingship in 2001, Opening of the Gate to the Cheon-II-Guk through the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, Enthronement Ceremony of the Parent of the Cosmos and the Parents of Heaven and Earth Who Reign over the Blessed Families as the King and Queen of Peace and Unity, Coronation of Jesus as the King of Kings of the First Israel in 2003, The Coronation of Jesus and Heung-jin Moon as the Kings of Peace of the Second Israel, Coronation of True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace of the Third Israel, Coronation of True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace of the Fourth Israel in 2004, Cheon Jeong Gung Palace Entrance Ceremony and Coronation of True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and Earth in 2006, Coronation for the Authority of the Liberation of God, the King of Kings in 2009, Proclamation of True



Parents' Ultimate Oneness and Perfection and of the Conclusion and Consummation of their Mission in 2010, and in Dec.2011, True Parents wrote the proclamation of the Final Cheon Il Guk Victory, "God and True Parents are completely one. God is complete, perfected and fulfilled. Aju! These and more contents can be reviewed in the chronology section of the Chambumo Gyeong.

In 2012, 21 days before the ascension of True Father, in his final prayer: "...centering on the fourteen sons and daughters, the tribal messiahs are able to fulfill the calling of national representatives and restore the 387 nations [of the Abel UN and Cain UN], everything will be brought to a conclusion. I have accomplished everything for this. I have completed everything;" asking us to become Tribal Messiahs. True Father concluded his life on earth with those words, and ascended into Heaven.

This means that the establishment of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind has been accomplished by declaring the final unity of Heavenly Parent vertically and horizontally with True Parents. Until the celebration of Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day, True Parents invested tremendous sacrifice and sincerity to achieve this goal.

2. Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day

The Enthronement Ceremony of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind in Cheon Il Guk and the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day Registration Blessing Ceremony were held on 1.13 by the heavenly calendar in the 1st year of Cheon Il Guk (Feb. 22, 2013) at 10 a.m. The event was held in grand style at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in the presence of 30,000 participants including present and former heads of state, leaders in various walks of life and blessed families from home and abroad.

The holy robe and holy crown belonging to True Father in Heaven, who perfected, completed, and concluded the providence of restoration and achieved oneness with God, were offered and placed on True Father's seat. Soon after, True Mother entered the venue wearing a purple robe and a crown, accompanied by four true grandchildren carrying beautiful roses and lilies. She was welcomed amid the rejoicings of both heaven and earth. The Heavenly Royal Seal symbolizing the power and authority of God and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, volumes of the Holy Scripture of Cheon Il Guk—Cheon Seong Gyeong and Pyeong Hwa Gyeong, which represent governance based on the Word, and the Heavenly Royal Scepter were presented to True Mother. The culmination of the ceremony was True Mother's proclamation of the symbols of Cheon Il Guk and the first (founding) year of Cheon Il Guk. The meaning of this day was furthermore heightened by having the first year of Cheon Il Guk commence with the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk, the beginning of the substantial Cheon Il Guk.

After the Enthronement Ceremony of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind in Cheon Il Guk, the



True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind bestowed on all participants the grace of the Blessing that registered good men and women in both the spiritual and physical worlds as citizens of Cheon Il Guk. Also, True Mother presented a special award to some 1,200 representative blessed families [over 3 years beginning on Foundation Day]. The award was a cloth embroidered with the design of True Father and True Mother's heavenly seal. Through these awards, True Parents' desire and will was to share heavenly fortune and blessings with everyone.

3. Proclamation of the Holy Scripture of Cheon Il Guk

The compilation of the three volumes of the Holy Scripture of Cheon Il Guk was the first work True Mother pushed ahead with in order to pass on True Parents' tradition and effort following True Father's Holy Ascension.

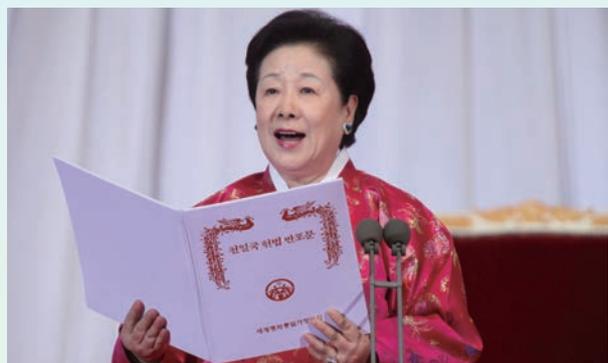
The Holy Scripture of Cheon Il Guk was compiled to firstly pass on the eternal and historic legacy of the teachings, life courses and work of our True Parents who followed the providential course of restoration through indemnity. Secondly, it was compiled with the great meaning of establishing the vision of Cheon Il Guk and guidelines for the lives of Cheon Il Guk citizens. Thirdly, the volumes were compiled in order to inspire good character in the readers of the scripture, and to ultimately have it spread to the world and throughout all of heaven and earth.

Amongst the three scriptural volumes, Cheon Seong Gyeong and Pyeong Hwa Gyeong were the first to be dedicated, on the 1st anniversary of Foundation Day (2014). ChamBumo Gyeong was dedicated on the 3rd anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension (2015).

"True Father's teachings and achievements are like unprocessed, rough gemstones. They are precious stones. I will make them into precious stones of the highest quality. They will be precious stones that I will want to always keep close to me and take to all the places I love." (Jan. 10, 2013, Cheon Jeong Gung)

4. The Cheon Il Guk Constitution and the Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council

The final completed draft of the Cheon Il Guk Constitution was dedicated on the 1st anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension, held on 7.17 by the heavenly calendar in the first year of Cheon Il Guk (Aug. 23, 2013). This was followed by the enactment of by-laws and a preparation process to officially promulgate the Constitution. The Cheon Il Guk Constitution was finally dedicated to True Mother and promulgated on the 1st



anniversary of Foundation Day. True Mother continued to proceed with the work of enacting by-laws, such as the by-laws of the Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council, the highest decision-making organization of Cheon Il Guk. Finally, on 1.13 by the heavenly calendar in the 2nd year of Cheon Il Guk (Feb. 12, 2014) on the 1st anniversary of Foundation Day, True Parents proclaimed the Cheon Il Guk Constitution and the management laws of the Supreme Council in front of the cosmos. The Constitution of Cheon Il Guk serves as the legal foundation, normative standard, and guiding principle for all citizens of Cheon Il Guk. It provides a framework for them to inherit the way of life based on true love and the teachings of True Parents, and to work towards establishing Heavenly Parent's nation.

5. Bequeathal of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Items

True Mother bequeathed to all members of the Unification Movement with the four Holy Items of Cheon Il Guk (Cheon Il Guk holy wine, holy candle, holy salt, and holy earth), which contain grace enabling members to be reborn as Cheon Il Guk citizens, on the 56th anniversary of their Holy Wedding, on 3.16 by the heavenly calendar in the 4th year of Cheon Il Guk. Upon ushering in the era of Heavenly Parent and True Parents' direct governance, the Cheon Il Guk Holy Items were bequeathed as grace and blessings that liquidate all past mistakes and enable all those who have them to be reborn anew within the original Garden of Eden.

6. Vision 2020 for the settlement of Cheon Il Guk

Following the holy ascension of True Father, True Mother resolved to accomplish the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk on this earth at all costs within her lifetime. It has been her tireless efforts since then to fully and firmly establish Cheon Il Guk, the hope of Heavenly Parent and of all humanity. True Mother proclaimed the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk in complete harmony and oneness with True Father in heaven on 1.13 by the heavenly calendar in 2013. They opened the door to Cheon Il Guk. After that, she embarked on a new seven-year cosmic course for the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk.

True Mother offered three years of devotion to Heavenly Parent in remembrance of True Father in heaven. Thus, she established the tradition of *hyojeong* (filial love), enacted the three volumes of the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures, established the Cheon Il Guk Constitution and established the five-institution system. As a result, she laid the groundwork for the work to firmly establish Cheon Il Guk to begin. Later, she sought to bring rebirth humanity as citizens of Cheon Il Guk through the Heavenly Tribal Messiah movement. Throughout the world, she



personally oversaw rallies of hope, creating the necessary environment for Cheon Il Guk to come to fruition. As a result of the Cosmic Canaan 40-day World Speaking Tour, she laid the foundation for national and continental restoration, bringing the 7-Year Cosmic Course for the firm settlement of Cheon Il Guk to a successful conclusion.

7. Vision 2027 for a Heavenly Unified Korea and a Heavenly Unified World

It was on this victorious foundation that True Mother declared the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk during True Parents' Birthday Celebration and Foundation Day marking True Father's Centenary as well as the 60th anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding. Then, True Mother embarked on a second seven-year Cosmic Canaan Course (Vision 2027) for the firm establishment of a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world.

Now is the time for all blessed families around the globe to inherit True Mother's cosmic victory in completing True Father's life work and legacy, and a time to strengthen our resolve even further. Therefore, let us fulfill our mission as true children of Heavenly Parent and owners of Cheon Il Guk by laying the foundation for the firm settlement of a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world, and by dedicating Cheon Won Gung in accordance with God's Will.

All blessed families around the world are called to complete their mission to firmly establish a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world, and build one human family under God and attending True Father in heaven and True Mother who is still physically with us on earth at the center, by testifying about Heavenly Parent, and by expanding the ideal of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values. 



Special meeting of True Mother with Sunhak UPA cadets

On Monday, February 6, True Mother received 50 cadets of Sunhak UPA, who participated in the 2023 Hyo Jeong Winter Witnessing crusade (December 21, 2022 to February 10, 2023), at Cheon Jeong Gung. Several Cheon Il Guk leaders also took part in the meeting, including Mrs. Wonju Jeong McDevitt, Chief of Staff, True Mother's Secretariat, Rev Kim Dong-woo, regional president of South America, Rev Lee Gi-seong, director of Cheonshimwon, and Professor Do Hyun-sup, director of Sunhak UP.

In her message to the youth, True Mother said:

“**T**here can be no perfection in ignorance. You must learn and know. In the early days, True Parents should have emerged with the support of the Christian environment in which Christianity welcomed them. That didn't happen. Therefore, the 53 years that followed were like the winter season. Spring could not come. It is Heavenly Parent's dream to welcome spring and realize His ideal for creation centered on the birth of True Parents. It took time due to an unprepared supporting environment. You need to offer a lot of Cheonshimwon prayer devotions for a positive environment. We still have a lot of obstacles to overcome to achieve a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world. You all know this, right? You should be able to grow deeper roots than the olive tree. In unity with the True Mother, grow deep down your roots. Is that clear to you? (Yes) Because of this, Shin-chul and Shin-heung are walking with you on this journey of learning to complete God's providence together. Do you understand? (Yes) You are brothers and sisters. Please love and help one another so that we can reveal to everyone a strong Cheon Il Guk.”



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After True Mother’s message, Park Soo-heung, president of the UPA cadets, performed the representative prayer in which he said:

“Dearest Heavenly Parent, beloved True Parents! Today, on this precious day, the UPA cadets whom you are raising with great love are gathered here in the presence of our dearest True Mother, the only Begotten Daughter. Heavenly Parent, just as True Mother shows absolute loyalty to You, we also want to be like her and act with a heart of filial piety for You, in order to present results that will bring joy to True Parents. Therefore, we pray that You will make this occasion an opportunity for us to reaffirm our determination to give You much more hope.

The programme continued with testimonies from three cadets (Ohmura Sumiho, Kang Ha-jung and Han Jong-tae), entertainment and a commemorative photo to immortalise this precious moment with True Mother.

The UPA cadets, who are undergoing advanced training at Sunhak UP, are constantly receiving the love and blessings of True Mother, who wants to make them skilled future leaders who will ensure a bright future for Cheon Il Guk and contribute to the restoration of people worldwide. 

Sunhak UP (SunHak Universal Peace Graduate University)

Sunhak UPA (Is a graduate course in Sunhak UP for those who wish to pursue a rigorous public life; and the students pursuing this course are usually called UPA Cadets)



Activity Report and Testimonies from the Hyojeong Team Winter Activity: UPA and YSP Inspiring the Next Generation

Under the guidance of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, the future generations of UPA and YSP Hyojeong group participated in a winter workshop that took place from December 21, 2022 to February 10, 2023. This event was attended by 350 UPA cadets and IAYSP members, who were stationed at 45 different churches across Korea.

The aim of the workshop was to find the lost children of Heavenly Parent through witnessing and fundraising activities, and to conduct services for young people. The participants worked hard with a life or death determination, investing their heart and soul into each activity. They were united with the words of True Parents, "Restore the world!", and were confident in their mission to find those who were prepared by Heaven.

During the workshop, various strategies were practiced to return dormant Seonghwa youth to the movement. These included PD assembly activities, picking, Study Room without Borders, Dream Beyond Dream, Itta Club, HJ Dream Festival, Hope Nuri Festival, and Hope Training, among others. These efforts paid off as the seonghwa youth who had been distant were brought back to Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

The UPAs and YSPs were able to dedicate over 500 people to Heaven as a result of their efforts, which were based on the new methods established to find the "many fruits" and prepared people that True Parents spoke of. True Parents also gave UPA and YSP the opportunity to perform at their Birthday Event and personally invited them to Cheon Jeong Gung on February 6, where they were showered with love by True Parents, Shinchul and Shinheung.

On this special day, True Mother said, "You should be able to grow deeper roots than the olive tree. In unity with the True Mother, grow deep down your roots. I want you to build a solid foundation for Cheon Il Guk with the blessings you have received." These precious words from True Parents were taken to heart by the UPAs and YSPs, and they made a resolution for a new start.



(Above, from left) Witnessing Christians, Seonghwa Youth Ministry (Hope Nuri, Namyangju Church), environmental campaign, True Parents' Birthday Performance

Ohmura Sumiho, UPA Student

One day, after a tiring day of activities, I was about to head back to the church when I saw a Christian building with the words “Welcome” on the door. I felt drawn to it and decided to knock. Inside, I met four Christian young men. I followed True Mother’s guidance to “proclaim Heavenly Parent, True Parents, and True Mother, the only begotten daughter.”

During dinner, I shared my thoughts and questions about the Bible and the teachings of True Parents with the young men. To my surprise, they also had a daily prayer practice and a shared understanding that the world is one big family. I did my best to share our vision with them, including the truth about True Parents and True Mother.

The young Christians understood that even though our interpretations of the Bible may be different, we are still part of the same family under Heavenly Parent, with Heavenly Parent as our common Parent. This strengthened their resolve to spread the word about Heavenly Parent’s will and the existence of True Mother, the only begotten daughter.

As I shared about Heavenly Parent and True Parents with them, I felt a deep connection to True Mother’s longing heart. It felt like Heaven was opening their hearts to me, and eventually, they were convinced that True Parents are the key to becoming true children of Heavenly Parent.

I know that witnessing can be challenging, but I will continue to fulfill my will until the day when Christians know the truth and are united with True Parents and True Mother. Thank you.

Han Jeong-Tae, UPA Student

Attending the 2023 New Year’s Hyojeong Witnessing Mobilization Team Winter Activity was a life-changing experience for me. At first, I was scared because I knew that our activities were not always popular, but as I continued, I felt grateful for every moment I spent with people. I realized that as a true child of True Parents, it was my duty to spread love to the world. The Hyojeong Team Group activities helped me grow in ways I never thought were possible. All of this is thanks to the love of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents, who provided me with educational programs and activities that helped me overcome my fears and insecurities.

I love you, Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I am so grateful for everything you have done for me. Aju! 7P



Vision 2027, Establishing a Heavenly Unified Korea: Korean Tour of Dr. Yun Young-ho, Director-General, FFWPU International Headquarters

Dr. Yun Young-ho, the Director-General of FFWPU International Headquarters, is working tirelessly day and night to establish a Heavenly Unified Korea and a Heavenly Unified World. Pursuing this goal, he has been organizing special meetings in five regions of Korea under the special guidance of True Parents. These meetings were held in the following order: Heavenly Nation of Gyeonwon on December 28, 2022; Heavenly Nation of Chungcheong on December 29, 2022; Heavenly Nation of Gyeongin on January 15, 2023; Heavenly Nation of Gyeongsang on January 29, 2023; and Heavenly Nation of Jeolla on February 12, 2023. The aim of these gatherings was to unite the members of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification with one heart and one mind for the victorious dedication of the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum in 2023.

Special Meeting in the Heavenly Nation of Gyeongsang

The “Special Gathering for the Heavenly Nation of Gyeongsang with International Headquarters Director General Yun Young-ho on VISION 2027 for a Heavenly Unified Korea” was held on January 29, 2023, in the Great Hall on the 5th floor of Busan Church, the headquarters of sub-region 5. A managerial team from IHQ, Co-President of Heavenly Korea Young Bae Park from sub-region 5, ministers, leaders from the region, and more than 720 core members attended.



The first part of the special meeting was presided over by the Vice President of the Family Federation, In Jin Kwon, and included the opening declaration, Gyeongbae, prayer report, hyojeong performance, a welcome speech, hyojeong testimony, hyojeong praise, songs from True Family members, a bouquet presentation, a message, closing prayer, and a commemorative photo.



During the meeting, Great District Leader Lee Ki-sik expressed gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the providence of Cheon Il Guk and emphasized the importance of being victorious in the 11th year of Cheon Il Guk, stating that they are determined to work closely with True Parents.



President Park Young-bae welcomed all attendees and emphasized the importance of reading True Parents' words and becoming true children who can make accurate judgments when making decisions and achieve results that please Heavenly Parent. He hopes that sub-region 5 will become a spiritually mature region that embodies the love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents every day through prayer, faith, and action.



Dr. Yun also spoke during the meeting, reflecting on the difficult year that was the 10th year of Cheon Il Guk, and emphasized the importance of being grateful, creating miracles, growing, and triumphing in difficult situations. He also reminded attendees that every moment of True Mother's life on earth is a moment of gratitude.

In the 11th year of Cheon Il Guk, he urged everyone to unite with True Mother, who is at the forefront of the providence, and achieve victorious results in the service of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. He expressed his hope that the region can become a region that strives for the victorious dedication of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum.

During the second part of the special meeting, on behalf of True Mother, Dr. Yun presented Special Hyojeong Awards to members who had offered exceptional service in the previous year. He also presented Hyojeong Service Awards. The event concluded with three shouts of Eog Mansei led by UPF Vice President Park Pando and a resolution by members present to dedicate themselves to the success of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum.



Special Meeting in the Heavenly Nation of Jeolla

The “Special Gathering for the Heavenly Nation of Jeolla with International Headquarters Director General Yun Young-ho on VISION 2027 for a Heavenly Unified Korea” took place on February 12, 2023, at the Grand Hall of the Yeosu Ocean Hotel in Yeosu, Sub-region 4. Over 800 people attended the event, including a managerial team from IHQ, sub-regional directors, ministers, leaders from the region, and UPF provincial presidents.

The first part of the special meeting was presided over by Vice President Joon Lee of the Family Federation. The content and format of the event was similar to what happened in other regions.



In his report and prayer, Great District Leader Chung Woo-cheol said, “At this time, True Mother is more desperate than ever before and is putting her utmost effort into the victorious dedication of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum, which will be the completion of Heavenly Parent’s providence and the completion of human history. I sincerely hope and desire that we, as true children, will come to realize the circumstances and hearts of our parents and live in accordance with their will. Together, we in sub-region 4 can triumphantly participate in the dedication of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum and the restoration of the region under Vision 2027. I ask that all the blessed families in sub-region 4 be with us at every moment as we seek to fulfill the ideal of CheonBo families in spirit and in truth.”



In his welcome address, President Lee Sang-jae expressed his deepest gratitude to True Parents for organizing the event. He also welcomed the leaders of IHQ, including Dr. Yun and his wife, who are leading the providence in service of True Mother. “I believe that heaven will surely remember the heart of filial piety shown by Sub-region 4 for the victorious dedication of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum. In that sense,





today's ceremony is very meaningful. Congratulations to all of you who are the recipients of the heavenly rewards on earth."

Dr. Yun shared True Mother's message to the Heavenly Nation of Jeolla, "I wish you all heavenly blessings this year, the 11th year of Cheon Il Guk, a year where we will celebrate the victorious dedication of the Cheon Wong Gung Cheon Il Sanctum. I love you all so much." "I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the leaders and blessed families of Heavenly Nation of Jeolla for walking victoriously with True Parents last year. I hope that in the 11th year of Cheon Il Guk, you will become even more diligent and wise, and like the black rabbit, you will become CheonBo families loved and admired by all. As children of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, may you embody a heart of hyojeong."

In the second part of the special meeting, on behalf of True Mother, Dr. Yun presented Special Hyojeong Awards to members who had offered exceptional service last year, as well as Hyojeong Service Awards. The ceremony was a great success as it embodied Hyojeong's heart for Heavenly Parent and True Mother's love for mankind through her commitment to victoriously dedicate the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum in May 2023 and her resolve to achieve victory in 2027. ♪



2023 Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works Commemorating True Parents' Birthday and the 10th Anniversary of Foundation Day

This special Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works was held online and offline from February 4-5 at the Grand Hall of Cheonseong Wanglim Palace. A total of 1,500 members participated in the workshop, which served as a festive occasion to gather sincere prayers for the triumphant establishment of the heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world.

On the first day of the Great Works, the opening ceremony and the Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works Commemorating True Parents' Birthday and the 10th Anniversary of Foundation Day were held and broadcast in churches around the world, and on the second day, the grace of Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works Commemorating True Parents' Birthday was a special workshop that was broadcast through the Internet so that members around the world could fully experience it.

In his testimony before the ceremony, Rev. In Gyu Park, head of the Jeongseon Church of Gangwon Province (6,000 couples blessing), said, "Everyone experiences pain, trials, and difficulties due to unexpected circumstances in their daily lives. True Parents, who know all about such things, have provided the Cheonshimwon for Blessed Families to help them overcome trials and suffering. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, my wife, Mrs. Ra Myung-ok, suffered greatly from the after-effects of the third COVID-19 vaccine, which caused severe blisters all over her body. She went to the hospital, but there was no cure, and after suffering for a long time, her immune system gradually weakened, and the after-effects of the vaccine caused side effects that led to severe water in her lungs and a dangerous airway blockage. Unable to leave the hospital at any time, the entire family, including her daughter-in-law, grandson, and granddaughter, made a special 40-day vigil condition, and our son, who was working at the Hyojeong Cheonwon Complex, participated in the 40-day vigil for Cheonsimwon. As a result, my wife's health, which even in the hospital's intensive care unit she had given up on, gradually improved to the point where she can now eat by herself. Through this experience, our entire family was able to renew our faith and experience the works of the substantial holy spirit, True Mother, the only begotten daughter. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to True Parents for allowing me to receive this grace through HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center."

In his opening remarks, the Director of Cheonshimwon emphasized that the theme of "2023 is a year filled with indescribable delight and joy," and how that was True Mother's words at the New Year's Day ceremony on Jan. 3. Rev. Gi-seong Lee explained, "The reason True Mother gave us such a blessing at the recent New Year's Day ceremony is that, first, we are entering the 11th year of Cheon Il Guk, the year of restarting after the first decade post foundation day. Second, it is the year when the dreams and wishes of the creator, Heavenly Parent, will be fulfilled on earth with True Parents."

Director Rev. Gi-seong Lee said, "After True Father's Seonghwa, True Mother walked a path of tears for 10 years while proclaiming Foundation Day. True Mother's filial heart, which loves Heavenly Parent and True Father more than anyone else, helped her to overcome, and she triumphed over the restoration of the seven nations and seven religious orders. Of course, by the victorious



Cheonbo entrance of heavenly tribal messiahs, True Mother finally proclaimed the establishment of Cheon Il Guk and the Heavenly Parent's Holy Assembly through the Triumph of Vision 2020. We must now return our filial piety to True Mother through the victorious dedication of the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum in 2023."

Afterwards, a special report was presented by Incheon Kim, Secretary General of the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center. He conveyed the grace of the CheonBo Chanyang, the Cheon Il Guk Hyojeong Meditation, and the hope and blessings for all in 2023 to the members present.

The second part of the Hyojeong Special Great Works commemoration involved the Reading of Statement of Gratitude to Heaven, the Offering of Hyojeong Offering Paper, and the CheonShim Resonating Unison Prayer.

The President of CheonShim Won, the World Headquarters of Jeongseong, Rev. Giseong Lee, and his wife offered the Statement of Gratitude to Heaven. It read, "Most Respected Heavenly Parent!

Beloved True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, we would like to express our gratitude for the grace that we can hold this Hyojeong CheonBo Special Offering Ceremony. After True Father's Cosmic ascension, True Mother marched forward without stopping and declared Foundation Day. Achieving great victory by investing everything, with life and death resolution, practicing what she preached, True Mother has now led us through a full cycle of ten years since Foundation Day, and we are entering the 11th Year of Cheon Il Guk when exceptional things can happen with the gate of heavenly fortune wide open. Also, as we celebrate the 52nd Anniversary of the CheonBo Works, we know that works of miracles, works of blessings, and works of grace have reached out to all five oceans and six continents, and we are experiencing the Era of the Works of the Substantial Holy Spirit. On the tremendous foundation you made, we will offer the Hyojeong Offering Papers. Please hear the prayers of our representatives who offer them, and please bestow grace on everybody here!"

Following the ceremony, the members presented the Hyojeong Offering Papers containing their sincere wishes, and a heartfelt resonating unison prayer was raised to Heavenly Parent and True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind.

A member of the 360,000-Couple Cheonan Church in the province of Chungnam, sub-region 3, said, "My husband is not a believer, so it was not easy for me to participate in the great works, since I would have to go by myself. This time, I wasn't sure if my husband would be able to attend, so I expressed my intention to attend via video to the staff in charge of registration. Usually, my husband leaves when I watch the video workshop, but I was surprised that this time, he stayed and watched the video with me. Although it was through a video, my husband sat with me from the beginning to the end of the service, and we were able to sing together. I have a lot more challenges to overcome in my life, but I will continue to believe in the grace of Cheon Shim Won and the Hyo Jeong Service."

A member of Cheonseung Church in Seoul North District 1, said, "Compared to the last great works, this one was even more moving in every way. I loved the bright and energetic music and the choreography of BTM, and the songs of the choir that sing for the night vigil prayers were filled with grace. I could feel the fragrance of love radiating from Cheonsim Won. I also liked the changes that were made in the Chanyan session of the great works. The drums and piano were brought down from the stage, and the number of people singing on the stage increased, thus adding more zeal to the chants. In a word, it was truly a moving service that made me realize True Parents' heart for giving us the blessing."

The special Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works Commemorating True Parents' Birthday and the 10th Anniversary of Foundation Day concluded with a Benediction Prayer from Rev. Gi-seong Lee, and through the cheers of Eog Mansei, True Parents' blessings were scattered throughout the heavens and earth. 



Passing the Baton: WFWP USA Presidential Transition Ceremony and Celebration

On February 11, 2023, the Women’s Federation for World Peace USA gathered in Washington, DC, for a very special and historic occasion. Over 270 people gathered in person at the Washington Times and online to thank Mrs. Angelika Selle as the outgoing WFWP USA President and WFWP International Vice President for North America, and to celebrate all the ways WFWP has grown and made an impact throughout the United States and beyond during her tenure. WFWP members, friends, supporters, and partners congratulated Mrs. Kaeleigh Moffitt as the incoming WFWP USA President and WFWP International Vice President for North America, and gave her a warm welcome of support in the next stage of WFWP’s development.

In her remarks, President WFWP International, Julia H. Moon said: “Last year was a momentous year for WFWP, as it celebrated its 30th anniversary with many programs and online events, as well as a lovely book illustrating its history and deep roots. It was also the tenth anniversary of the launch of the Global Women’s Peace Network and the 25th anniversary of WFWP gaining recognition with the United Nations as an NGO in general consultative status. WFWP has celebrated many milestones since 1992. It has been a great pleasure to work with Angelika. Her gentle, steady leadership has been essential to the progress and development of WFWP USA since she became president in 2010. Her efforts have been very significant in spreading the vision of WFWP.”





Julia H. Moon added: “I am inspired to welcome Mrs. Kaeleigh Moffitt as the new President of WFWP USA. Her achievements so far have been deeply impressive. Her work has included outreach in the US Congress with the Universal Peace Federation, Director of the Youth and Young Adults Ministry of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, pastoring in her local church, and much more. We are standing on a firm foundation that will grow and develop in ways we probably can’t imagine. Mother Moon recently spoke of the providential shift going on in the world, as well as the generational shift in WFWP and all the organizations under the “umbrella” of the Universal Peace Federation. Transitions always require plenty of energy, clear vision, and deep love, and I know that WFWP will be a key player in this generational shift toward peace in the 21st century and beyond. We are truly all part of one human family, sharing this beautiful planet with the responsibility of protecting it for future generations. I look forward to the future, inspired by the legacy and the new beginning of WFWP USA.”

In her address, “Looking Back and Into the Future,” Mrs. Selle gave her profound thanks for all the love and support which came, including from those attending online. Looking back at when she accepted the appointment to WFWP from Father and Mother Moon, she asked at that time what God was calling her to do and received three answers. First, study and understand the vision and mission of WFWP from Mother Moon. Second, prepare for the next generation. Third was the word “satin,” a fabric which is shiny on one side and dull on the other side. This indicated that women are called on to shine God’s love and absorb some of the toughest of life’s challenges.

The program culminated in a symbolic passing of the baton from Mrs. Selle to Mrs. Moffitt, representing the transfer of 30 years of foundation laid in WFWP USA to the next generation of leadership.

The webinar ended with smiles and applause from WFWP International President Dr. Julia H. Moon, WFWP International Senior Vice President Dr. Sun Jin Moon, Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, Chair of Cheon Eui Won for Heavenly North America, Dr. Chung Sik Yong, FFWPU Regional President North America, Dr. Michael Jenkins, UPF International President, and Naokimi Ushiroda, FFWPU USA President. They congratulated both Mrs. Moffitt and Mrs. Selle and expressed their firm support in continuing to advance the important work of WFWP. 

The 1st International Conference of Hyojeong Academy

The 1st International Conference of Hyojeong Academy was recently held from January 27 to 29, 2023. The conference was co-organized by the Hyojeong Academic Foundation, the Institute of Unification Thought, Sunhak Academy, and the Hyojeong Magnolia Global Medical Foundation. With both on-site and online participation, a total of 250 attendees from around the world took part in the event.

The conference was attended by 92 world-class scholars from 9 countries across most continents, including Korea, Japan, Africa, the United States, Europe, and China. The goal of the conference was to foster future talents and achieve a unified world through the principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values. The conference featured 48 research paper presentations and six sessions, including special sessions, focused on True Parents' unification thought and unification theology.

The materials presented at the 1st International Conference of Hyojeong Academy will be published in the Hyojeong Academy International Magazine review. This will contribute to realizing the will of True Parents and bring positive results. The participants successfully completed the conference and pledged to continue their cooperation with the Hyojeong Academy in expanding the academic depth of unification ideology and theology, as well as conducting ongoing research to practice the principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values. 



The 1st International Conference of Hyojeong Academy

Date	Schedule	Presenters
27th	Program preview and preparatory meeting with delegates from overseas	—
28th	Welcoming Remarks and Congratulations	Jin Sung-bae, Song Yong-cheon, Kim Sang-gyun
	Detailed Talks	Jin Sung-bae, Takahiro Hiroi, Kazuhiro Aoki
	Session 1: Innovation of materials & Future transportation	Auezan Amanov, Cho In-ho, Kim Jun-hyong, Yeon Jin-uk
	Session 2: Religion & Social movement	Moon Min-young, Song Hwa-jin, Jang Yoon-jung, Kim Chang-hwan
	Session 3: Health Science & Spiritual Healing	Shigehiro Suzuki, Lee Sang-hyun, Shu Miyahara, Nlandu Roger Ngatu, Toru Hosoda
	Session 4: Life Science & Physical Science	Shung-Ichi Ando, Bashu Dev Pardhe, Prasansah Shrestha, Han so-ra
	Session 5 : Studies of Environment & Public health in Africa	Maganya H. Innocent, Ali Adan, Nlandu Roger Ngatu, Reginald Nalugala
	Session 6 : Studies for social & economic development in Africa	Fredrick Wakhisi, Haileselassie Ghebremariam Araya, Anthony Otieno Ong'ayo, Kwon Soon-gu
29th	Special Sessions: A Study on the Establishment of Global Ethics: Oriented Universal Filial Piety Through Integration of Religious Rules	Lee Jae-young, Hwang Jin-su, Han Chul-hee
	Poster Presentation Session Issues of the times as viewed by Unified Theology and Unification Thought	Jung Ji-woo, Takayuki Yokoi, Hong Jae-woo, Saru Gurung, Ryoichi Yamada, Anamika Khanal, Ryu In-je, Park Jung-hyun, Auezhan Amanov, Lee Jae-young, Lee Kyu-bak, Ryu Hyun-min, Song Hwa-jin, Jang Yoon-jung, Kim Myosu and Ha Tae-woo

18th Sunhak UP Graduate University Degree Ceremony

On February 17, the 18th Sunhak UP Graduate University Degree Award Ceremony was held at the main building of Sunhak UP Graduate University.

More than 100 people, including President Do Hyun-sup, Lee Gi-seong, Chairman of Cheongshim Academy, graduates, and school officials, attended the event in-person as the spread of COVID-19 has calmed down.

In his graduation ceremony speech, President Do Hyun-sup said “if we are here today, in this university it is thanks to the great blessing and love of True Parents, who build a hall to teach, educate and raise the leaders that would publicize the ideal image of human beings and the world.” Expressing his hope for all graduates will bear the wishes of True Parents and become leaders who will create a better and more beautiful world through their sincerity and hard work.

A total of 18 people received their degrees at the graduation ceremony, including 3 PhDs and 15 Masters, with 9 in Theology, 4 in Pastoral Studies, and 2 in Peace NGO Studies. Since its establishment, Sunhak UP Graduate University has produced a total of 275 talented people, including 249 masters and 26 PhDs.

At the ceremony, Moon Yeon-ah, President of the UPF Korea, received a doctorate degree in Theology for her research on the Sunhak Peace Prize: a study of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon’s Ideology of Peace and Realization. 



Interfaith Prayer for Peace in Korea Held in Honam Jeju District

On January 31st, the “2023 New Year Honam Jeju District Interfaith Prayer for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea” was held at the Grand Ballroom of the Ocean Hotel in Yeosu.

The event was organized by the Korean Religious Association and hosted by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) of Honam Jeju District. Over 80 religious leaders from various denominations and faiths gathered to pray for peace on the Korean Peninsula amidst growing conflicts and global economic struggles.

Pastor Bang Joong-geun, Chairman of KCLC Honam Jeju Province, said in his prayer, “Let us, as religious individuals, unite across denominations to fulfill God’s will and achieve the unification of our country and world peace. Let us come together in 2023 to make great contributions for the benefit of our nation and the world.”

UPF Honam Jeju Vice President Cho Yukhyun welcomed everyone and emphasized the importance of coming together as one. He said, “I believe that today’s gathering is the largest and most inclusive gathering of all clergy. If we truly love all people, we will have no enemies. Let us work together in 2023 to build a house of love and when we meet again, we can reflect on our journey.”





(From the left above) Pastor Bang Joong-geun, Vice Chairman Cho Yukhyun, Father Heo Jong-hyun, Monk Zahuang, Chairman Lee Sang-Jae, and pre-ceremony performances.

Father Heo Jong-hyun, co-president of IAPD Honam Jeju, spoke about the role of religion in society and said, “Religious values such as humanity, righteousness, justice, and peace are being overshadowed by economic logic. Religion has become, at best, a means to an end. It’s essential for religious leaders to reflect on their responsibilities in society, our country, and the world.”

Monk Zahuang, co-chairman of IAPD Honam Jeju, discussed the importance of respect and recognition of all religions. He said, “By learning and understanding the meaning and significance of different religious ceremonies and teachings, we can come to know that they are all various expressions of one God. Through prayer and devotion, we can achieve religious peace and unity, peace on the Korean Peninsula, and peace in the world.”

In his New Year’s address, President Lee Sang-Jae emphasized the mission of religion to restore God’s lost love and the significance of creating a heavenly unified Korea. He said, “It is important to remove the 38th parallel and create a heavenly unified Korea so 80 million people will not have to shed their blood. Let us, as religious individuals, unite to make peace and spread love, realizing a Heavenly Unified Korea. Let 2023 be a year of peace and love for all.”

The religious leaders shared New Year’s greetings, expressed their willingness to work together for peace, and made resolutions for unity across denominations and faiths as well as their desire to work for peace on the Korean Peninsula and realise a heavenly unified Korea. 

Heavenly America

TRUE PARENTS' BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN AMERICA

From January 27 - 29, local communities in all 5 subregions in America celebrated True Parents' birthdays with large events and small intimate gatherings. In Subregion 1, 502 members and guests from New Jersey gathered to observe the holy day complete with an offering table, performances, and a presentation on the goals and mission for 2023. In Connecticut, 100 members held a Pledge Service followed by lunch and a Yute Game. Smaller gatherings were held in Manhattan, at Belvedere, in Massachusetts and in the Hudson Valley.

In Subregion 2, more than 200 members gathered at the Capital Family Church in Washington, D.C. for a birthday dinner celebration where together, they viewed True Mother's new year's message and heard Dr. Michael Jenkins' personal testimony about True Mother. Smaller

gatherings were held in Georgia, North and South Carolina, in Orlando, Miami and in Jacksonville Florida, and in Virginia. Many of the celebrations happened online as well as in person.

In Subregion 3, 100 members and guests gathered at the Minnesota Family Church and 180 celebrated at the Chicago Family Church with a pledge service and food. In Ohio, 97 members and guests offered kyungbae's as part of their celebrations, and 37 members gathered in Indianapolis to honor True Parent's birthday.

In Subregion 4, members gathered locally at each other's homes or at the local churches in Louisiana, Arkansas, Arizona, Alabama and Texas. Their celebrations were small and intimate.

In Subregion 5, members gathered at the Bay Area Family Church for a 7 A.M. observance of True Parents' birthday and had fellowship, prayer, and breakfast. Families also gathered in more intimate settings in San Diego and in Washington state where they played Yute.



WFWP NJ HEALTH & WELLNESS DAY



On January 28, Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP) New Jersey Chapter organized a health and wellness day hosting 60 people at the Clifton Public Library Allwood Branch in Clifton, NJ. The goal was to give women another way to be empowered to take care of themselves in mind, body, and spirit and also served as an important step towards serving local families and the community authentically. WFWP offered free massages, adult coloring time, crafts, games and delicious food. They also had an energetic Zumba session and practiced mindfulness through Yoga. There was also an informative presentation on the 7 pillars of good health and the impact of nutrition, sleep, exercise and stress on our overall health. Toys were set up for young children so families could join.

WCLC WEBINAR

On January 25, the World Christian Leadership Conference (WCLC) held the first webinar of many for 2023 called “The Year to Realize Heavenly Parent’s Dream.” Dr. Tanya Edwards, Director of International Affairs for WCLC, served as the emcee. The goal of the first webinar was to clearly understand the dream of our Heavenly Parent according to True Mother’s New Year’s Message and to understand the role of WCLC in fulfilling Heavenly Parent’s dream. 165 online participants from 30 nations heard True Mother’s New Year’s Message. It began with brief remarks and

opening prayer given by Father Edgardo De Jesus, Parish Priest of the Holy Cross Parish in Manila, Philippines and welcoming remarks were given by Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, Chairman, WCLC.

The 6 Steering Committee members spoke clearly about the role of WCLC in fulfilling our Heavenly Parent’s dream in 2023: Dr. Luonne Rouse, National Co-Chairman, ACLC, discussed harnessing the power of WCLC WIM for longevity and prosperity.

Archbishop Sulanch Lewis, Co-President, ACLC and National Co-Chair, WIM, spoke of identifying our Mother of Peace as WCLC members who stand in the role of united blessed families and Cheonbo couples. Dr. Mark Abernathy, Senior Pastor, Connect Point Christian Center and Co-President, ACLC, shared a personal testimony and impact that the marriage Blessing had on his life, his family’s life, and to Christianity. Bishop Nancy Rosario, Senior Pastor, Church of God’s Children, spoke on how unification will be achieved through peaceful means, and will only be achieved through the work of the Holy Spirit’s guidance in our lives. Imboni Dr. uZwi-Lezwe Radebe, Founder of the Revelation Spiritual Home & Chairman, IAPD-Africa, spoke on the importance of individuals’ pursuit of spirituality in order to travel this journey with confidence. Rev. Dr. Sooman Kim, Co-Chairman of KCLC & Pastor of Jesus’ Love Church passionately addressed the significance of the unification of the Korean peninsula as God’s will, God’s dream and God’s command.

To close the webinar, Rev. Dr. T.L. Barrett, Senior Pastor, Life Center Church of God in Christ, gave closing remarks followed by a closing prayer.



YCLC 43 DAY DEVOTION PROGRAM

On January 28, Rev. John Jackson, pastor of the Dallas Family Church and Subregion 4 Director invited Christian clergy (ACLC) and the youth clergy (YCLC) to a prayer breakfast to share with ACLC the 43-Day Devotional scripture reading program YCLC is currently conducting among their members. The program consists of daily Hoon dok Hwe, reading the Bible, reflection and prayer as a small group for 40 days. To close, participants fast for 3 days. As a result, 2 young women joined YCLC and several pastors now want to share the 43-Day Devotion program with their congregations. Rev. Jackson shared the impact this program is having on both younger and older Christians.



ACLC NEW JERSEY CLERGY AND OUTREACHERS RETREAT

Atsushi Takino, assistant pastor of the New Jersey Family Church, organized a gathering of clergy and outreachers on February 4 for a retreat focused on strengthening ties. Some of the invited clergy have completed reading the Divine Principle and others have completed the 43-day separation condition. Dr. Chung Sik Yong, regional director of Heavenly USA, addressed the clergy on True Fathers spiritual course to learn God's heart. The retreat hosted 70 Unificationists and 23 clergy. Unificationists are actively creating a good relationship with ACLC ministers and raising key clergy to understand the heart of True Parents.



SUB REGION 5 YOUTH PASTORS AND YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS RETREAT

On February 2-5, youth leaders from the west subregion gathered in the Bay Area, California, to create a vision for youth ministry for their 2027 goal. The 20 youth leaders bonded through games, hiking, a visit to Muir Woods National Monument where they took time to reflect on the joy of having faith and doing youth ministry. They also visited the beach, walked over the historic Golden Gate Bridge and went to the holy ground to pray. Each community presented best practices and their challenges and then together created a mission statement for the year. They also had the great opportunity to learn from their elders and revive and get energized for the year. The retreat was organized by Gabby von Euw, Subregion 5 Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) Coordinator and Secretary General for SR5. 



Heavenly Asia Pacific

HEAVENLY ASIA PACIFIC 1:

International Association for Youth and Students for Peace in Cambodia (IAYSP – Cambodia) High School Youth Orientation

On January 24 and 25, 2023, the International Association for Youth and Students for Peace in Cambodia (IAYSP – Cambodia), in collaboration with FFWPU-Cambodia, organized the High School Youth Orientation in two different high schools in Kampong Speu province, Cambodia.

The main objective of the youth orientation was to give lectures to grade 12 high school students on the importance of character education and balance education, which are essential for Cambodia’s future growth and development. Another objective of the orientation was to introduce the activities of FFWPU and IAYSP organizations, and to train and prepare the students as future leaders through seminars.

The students who participated in the orientation expressed their sincere gratitude to FFWPU and IAYSP for providing them with helpful guidance and hope for their future. At the end of the event, YSP Cambodia presented the students with a gift, which they had prepared in advance, namely, the autobiography of True Mother (“Mother of Peace”).



HEAVENLY ASIA PACIFIC 1 & 2:

AP1 and AP 2 Blessed Family Department, Education for Newly Blessed Couples

The AP1 and AP2 Blessed Family Department recently held the third installment of their online seminar series for Newly Blessed Couples on January 28th. The seminar was specifically designed for couples who received their blessing on April 16, 2022.

	Date	Topic
1st	June 25, 2022	Practical Guidance on Life as a Blessed Couple: A Life of Attendance
2nd	September 24, 2022	Ways To Communicate Better: Conflict Resolution in Relationships for Couples
3rd	January 28, 2023	Core Values for Couples: Building a Common Vision for Married Life

This educational program is based on the teachings of True Parents and focuses on strengthening and stabilizing marriages. It helps couples to better understand themselves, learn about their roles as husband and wife, improve communication, and build a shared vision for a peaceful world in honor of Heavenly Parent.

The AP1 and AP2 Blessed Family Department conducts these educational programs for Newly Blessed Couples every three months. [🔗](#)



Heavenly Europe

VIENNA, COMMEMORATES WORLD INTERFAITH WEEK

With the support of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in Vienna and the Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP), Heavenly Europe organized a conference on the theme “Why Religions and Cultures in Dialogue Matter for Achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals” to commemorate the World Interfaith Harmony Week, which is observed in the first week of February each year.

The conference was well-attended, with two sessions featuring prestigious speakers from Europe, including three ambassadors, prominent theologians, scientists, and speakers from civil society, and around 200 guests.

During the conference, participants shared cases of religious discrimination and discussed potential solutions to ensure religious freedom and peace. They also discussed the ways in which religious individuals can help to overcome such discrimination.

GENEVA, WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

On February 06 2023, the World Council of Churches in Geneva held a seminar under the theme “Religion in Service to Peace: Human Dignity and Justice for All”. The seminar was hosted at the headquarters of the World Council of Churches (WCC), which represents 350 member churches and 600 million Christians globally. Representatives from major denominations and religions in Geneva also attended the seminar.

The seminar, in Geneva ended with attendees expressing their hope to become key leaders in promoting church harmony in their respective communities.

It was a wonderful experience to have a meeting in the World Council of Churches – the headquarters of most major Protestant, Anglican, and Eastern Orthodox Christian churches. 



Heavenly South America

International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP) of Sub-region 1 of South America YSP began its 11th year of the Cheon Il Guk (CIG) with a strong commitment to establishing an ecosystem for leadership development. IAYSP desires to develop leaders who can inspire and guide new members in the Divine Principle and True Parents' teachings, helping them to become God's children based on their unique abilities and personalities.

BRAZIL: CARP 21 DAYS WORKSHOP

The 21-day Special Workshop for the Consolidation of Life of Faith was led by CARP-Brazil in partnership with IAYSP Brazil from December 26th, 2022 to January 15th, 2023. The 10 new participants, aged 18 to 30 years old and from Brazil, Colombia, and Bolivia attended the workshop held at the National Training Center in São Bernardo do Campo.

Through this workshop the participants underwent an educational process that included a thorough study of the Divine Principle, guidance for a life of faith, and an in-depth examination of True Parents' life course.

This intensive program resulted in the participants' growth in their faith, and they have all committed to continuing their spiritual journey as full members of CARP or by participating in youth education programs.

BRAZIL: CARP 7 DAYS WORKSHOP

From January 16-22, 2023, CARP-Brazil and IAYSP-Brazil organized a 7-day Divine Principle workshop. 8 participants, aged 18 to 28 years old, 6 from Brazil and 2 from Colombia, attended the workshop held at the National Training Center in São Bernardo do Campo. This 7-day program was the first part of a 40-day workshop for CARP leaders.

The participants engaged in an intensive study of the Divine Principle, reading and exploring the text to deepen their understanding on the Will of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents as well as develop a vision for themselves.

At the end of the workshop, the participants reported feeling a greater connection to the love of Heavenly Parents and True Parents and a deeper understanding of how the Divine Principle is integral to their lives.



BRAZIL: CARP 40 DAYS WORKSHOP

From January 16 to February 24, 2023, CARP-Brazil is hosting the 4th edition of the 40-Day Leadership Development Workshop of CARP was held with 7 participants, aged 18 to 28 years old, 5 from Brazil and 2 from Colombia, in São Bernardo do Campo, São Paulo.

This 40-day program aims to prepare 1,000 young leaders for the Victory of Vision 2027. The participants underwent an intensive study of the Divine Principle, memorizing its teachings, participating in fundraising efforts, and conducting pioneering witnessing in their assigned city.

On the last day, the CARP participants through this 40 days, expressed that they could cultivate a spirit of Heaven in their hearts and minds in the love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

BRAZIL: IAYSP 12 DAYS WORKSHOP



With the Support of the Brazil Headquarters, IAYSP Brazil held a 12-Day Workshop from January 4th to 15th, 2023, in São Paulo. This workshop was attended by 26 people.

The purpose of this workshop was to develop strategic projects through which 2nd generation members can live for the sake of others in their areas of interest and create innovative ideas and projects for the movement.

The participants could choose from the following, Art and Culture, Business, Character Education and Online Witnessing – Media. 6 promising projects were developed. All participants showed enthusiasm in being able to attend True Parents and contribute to substantialize the CIG with their talents and field of interest and committed to continue cooperating for the implementation of their projects for the period of 1 year.

BRAZIL: SUNG HWA WORKSHOP

Sung Hwa Brazil held a 5-day Divine Principle education workshop from January 8th to 12th in São Paulo for 2nd generation and Jacob students from 12 to 17 years old from across the nation. The purpose of this workshop was to reconnect all the 2nd generation in Brazil, and a total of 63 young students participated in the workshop.

These workshops create an environment where the importance of being a 2nd generation can be taught, helping them to know their identity and become channels of the heavenly traditions taught to us by our True Parents.

BRAZIL: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKSHOP



The Children's Ministry of IAYSP Brazil organized a workshop from January 19th to 22nd at the Central Seminar during the traditional vacation for children from 7 to 11 years old.

The workshop was a great opportunity for children from blessed families to deepen their faith, strengthen their bonds of friendship with other 2nd generation youth, listen to Divine Principle lectures, Bible stories, and learn about True Parents' lives.

This was the first Children's Ministry workshop to be held in person since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020. As such, the participants were happy to see each other again and enjoy the beautiful surroundings, and everyone left feeling excited and looking forward to the next meeting.

HYO JEONG SPECIAL TEAM WORKSHOP



The Hyo Jeong Special Team held the 1st Hyo Jeong Special Team Workshop from January 12th to 19th at the Central Seminary in São Bernardo do Campo. The theme of the workshop was "Let's become the hope of the world through the Hyo Jeong Light!", and it was attended by second-generation youth students and



high school graduates.

The workshop aimed to strengthen their faith and deepen their understanding of the Divine Principle, preparing them to enter the education program of HJST 2023 (Hyo Jeong Special Team 2023).

The workshop included precious lectures on Divine Principle, Pure Love, Fundraising, and words from major leaders. The youth understood the importance of being part of the second generation within this providential moment.

The nationwide workshops in Brazil have the goal of educating more young people in the light of the Divine Principle and preparing them to follow in the footsteps of True Parents. The success of the 2023 Winter Workshops for Children, Sung Hwa students, and Youth is a great victory. It is our hope that the training and experiences gained in these workshops will help create world-class leaders who will lead the providence once Heavenly Unified Korea is achieved and spread God's providence to the rest of the world in the Heavenly Unified World providence.

ARGENTINA: 21 DAYS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and CARP of Argentina recently held a 21-day International Seminar in Cañuelas, Buenos Aires, Argentina from January 9 to 29, 2023. A total of 51 participants attended the seminar from the following nations: Costa Rica, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Mexico, and Brazil. Of these, 29 were second-generation participants and 22 were first-generation participants, 15 of whom were new guests.

The seminar's motto was "Deep Roots for Lasting Happiness in the Cheon Il Guk Era", and the educational content was based on the Divine Principle, the Life and Work of True Parents, the Value of the Blessing, The Tradition, Formula Course, Education about the Life of Faith and Spiritual World, Public Life Education, and Leadership. Participants were divided into teams, and each team had various responsibilities and competed in various activities, such as sports, academic activities (Divine Principle exams), value workshops, and artistic events.

During the closing ceremony, Rev. Sung Jong Seo, the President of Subregion 2 of Heavenly Latin America, delivered a message of inspiration and gratitude to all



participants via ZOOM from Korea. He reminded the young people of the importance of attending seminars, highlighting that they provide a means of training to cultivate our original mind, through self-discipline and training. The 21-day seminar was a good opportunity for all participants to purify themselves, unite with True Parents' teachings, and take a step forward to become future leaders immersed in the love of True Parents.

SOUTH AMERICA: JOINT SUNDAY SERVICES FOR THE NEW YEAR 2023

In these five Sunday services, there was an opportunity for each providential leader to share the 2023 strategy for the firm establishment of the CIG in line with Vision 2027.

The first service, titled "The Providential Significance of the Abel, Peace U.N.," was delivered by Dr. Chang Shik Yang, the Cheon Eui Won Chair of Heavenly Central and South America. Following this, Rev. David Dong Woo Kim, the Regional President of Heavenly South America, spoke about the "4 Great Innovations for the Realization of Vision 2027 & 60-Month Strategy of Heavenly South America." The third service was given by Rev. Dong Mo Shin, the UPF Regional Chair of Heavenly South America, on the theme of "Launching and Resolution in the 11th Year of Cheon Il Guk with True Parents." The fourth regional Sunday service focused on Jeongseong (devotion) and Prayer of Cheonshim Won & The Grace of Providence CheonBo and was given by Rev. Seong Nam Kim, from the HJ CheonBo Training Center Latin America. The last sermon, organized by the second generation sphere, was delivered by Pr. Samuel Ota Linhares, the Regional Vice-president and YSP Regional President of Heavenly South America, who spoke on the theme of "YSP 60-month Strategy in Heavenly South America." Additionally, there was content shared about the collaboration of UPF with FFWPU in performing the Peace Road and Family Festival in order to establish a Heavenly Village Movement in each community centered around CheonBo Families and to realize the ideal of Heavenly Parents' Holy Community by laying the foundation for regional restoration.

Thanks to these five Sunday services, members of South America have started the new year with an enthusiastic heart and are resolved to move forward to achieve the Will of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. 7



Heavenly Africa

VIGIL FOR VICTORY IN CÔTE D’IVOIRE, IAYSP & YOUTH MINISTRY 2023

The Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) in Côte d’Ivoire hosted its first vigil of the year on Friday, January 27th and Saturday, January 28th at the Cocody headquarters in Abidjan. With a new concept in mind, the “Adoration Moment,” the event aimed to reignite faith in young brothers and sisters. A total of 49 participants were in attendance.

The event began with a review of the previous year’s activities of sister associations, YSD and IAYSP. The attendees were then treated to a HDH session with words from the CSG that were chosen meticulously to fit the context. The Adoration Moment followed, with attendees participating in songs of adoration and prayer.

Attendees were moved to tears, and it was evident that the good spiritual world was present. The experience was very positive, and the testimonies were uplifting. With strengthened faith and dedication, YSP started the new year with good energy.

UPF CÔTE D’IVOIRE: RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE POPULATIONS OF TWO NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES

UPF-Côte d’Ivoire held a meeting on February 4, 2023, at the Public Primary School of Koukroutiè-Zagbla, with the aim of reconciling the populations of the neighbouring villages of Koukroutiè and Zagbla, who had been in a land dispute for over 22 years. Although several attempts had been made to resolve the issue since the dispute began in 2001, no success had been achieved.

The ceremony began with a prayer by religious leaders of both villages and a talk by the two village chiefs. The Mayor of Botro then called for peace between the two villages, and the organizing committee, a special delegation, and the Vice-President of the Bouake peace council reminded the youth of the values and attitudes needed to maintain a peaceful and friendly environment.

The Chairman of UPF, represented by the General Secretary, Mrs. Lorette ELIAS, gave a speech on conflict



resolution, living together, universal principles of peace, and the culture of true and lasting peace in society. The villagers received these messages positively.

After the speeches, solutions were proposed for both villages, and with the input of UPF and the authorities present, an agreement was reached to settle the land dispute.

BENIN: HYO JEONG CHEONBO GREAT WORKS

In the Togbi Tribe in Benin, the Cheonbo Great Works were held with 79 participants. These included blessed families of the tribe, new members who had completed a 21-day seminar, and second-generation children of the tribe. With absolute faith, they sang and prayed fervently for their ancestors, creating an uplifting atmosphere. We thank True Parents for this grace.

After the Chanyang session, the participants testified to feeling a newfound sense of spiritual freedom. The seminar concluded with words of encouragement and motivation from Cheonbo Couple Togbi Jude and his wife.

WFWP GHANA MARKS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

In 2003, the United Nations declared February 6th as the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION. This year, the Women's Federation Ghana commemorated the day by conducting an outreach program on character education, which was targeted towards both male and female students. The primary objective was to educate the students on the dangers of female genital mutilation, as well as the risks of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. The talk was accompanied by visual aids, such as flip charts, to cater to the visual learners.

The WF-Ghana team, led by Mrs. Whyte (National President), visited the GOLDEN CHILD school and TEACHERS' EXPERIMENTAL school, both located in the Greater Accra Region. A total of 60 teenage students from these schools were addressed during the program.

The Women's Federation team also advised the students on the importance of abstinence before marriage. At the end of the program, the students were encouraged to take a pledge to remain chaste and focus on their education until they are married. 



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