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The Elders Roundtable and a Hopeful Future

Cho Man Woong, co-chair of the Elders Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea



The World Population Prospects report released by the United Nations in June 2022 drew attention globally due to the rapid ageing of the world's population.

Given that 40% of the world's population is concentrated in the Asia-Pacific region surrounding the Korean peninsula, it is crucial to consider politics, economics, security, and culture when contemplating the future of humanity in the 21st century.

Experts in international relations believe that the Korean War, which started 73 years ago in 1950, was a representation of the Cold War struggle between the democratic and communist camps.

However, South Korea and North Korea still face tension and confrontations today, and the Korean peninsula continues to bear the scars of this conflict.

In the present day, the United States and China are competing fiercely for hegemony in Northeast Asia, where the Korean peninsula is located. Russia employs military force to the north, while Japan dreams of advancing to the mainland to the south.

In January last year, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon launched the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea so that seniors can lead the younger generation in promoting harmonious coexistence to overcome conflicts and social divisions. The goal is for the committee to become a centripetal core of love.

The Elders Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea Network continues to teach elders a values-driven vision of peace, and they lead a movement for the reunification of Korea. Last year (2022), they succeeded in bringing together elders from 245 locations across the country in a social integration movement to overcome marital and intergenerational conflicts and divisions.

The world is facing multiple crises such as pandemics, climate change, increasing life expectancy of the elderly, and low birth rates. The promotion of coexistence and harmony beyond national, racial, and religious differences is necessary to achieve peace. Therefore, the first launching convention of The Elders Roundtable is a fitting call for the times.

The Round Table will soon have a global launch to present an inclusive vision, and it will play a central role in realizing the values of inclusion and love in the global community. 

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Witnessing and Pastoral Care

Cheon Seong Gyeong, Book 9, Chapter 3, Section 5





Witnessing and Pastoral Care

Considering the current situation of the Unification Church, we cannot expect any innovative developments in the future as long as the leaders cling to the same methods they have been using thus far. We must not just hold on to old ways of thinking, old attitudes, old methods of witnessing or existing approaches to faith. This is because these methods have not met our expectations in bringing results. It would be different had we achieved good results. However, since we have not, we should abandon our conventional faith and life, as well as witnessing methods, and transform ourselves into new and different people. Unless we come up with a new attitude of faith, a new attitude in life and new activities, it will be difficult to bring new development.

The standard of heart comes first

We all need to grow. However, before we pursue growth, more important is cultivating a pure heart. Therefore, you need to take the time to pray and offer devotion. You should not offer devotion just the way you are. First you need to clean up your past. If your old concepts persist, you should consider where those concepts could drag you. You who are immersed in old concepts and stubbornly cling to them must evaluate yourself, and determine whether your past was pure. If you believe you were pure, consider whether you have been good and whether you are currently situated in a good position. Also, you need to evaluate whether your desires are pure. What is pure goodness? It is not living for your own sake. It is not strengthening yourself. Goodness is serving and attending God, as the owner of goodness. The owner of goodness is God, not fallen people.

When you go out to rural areas to witness, you should first attain internal unity with the people of that village. Internal unity refers to unity of heart.

Then you need to attain unity with their life and thoughts. This means that your mind and body need to unite centered on God, as a reality in daily life. In other words, the mind attains a state of total unity with God, and then the body surrenders to the mind. That is how you connect the three points of formation, growth and completion. Do not follow this path just as an individual, but also take people with you as you travel this path.

Some church leaders believe they have reached the standard of Heaven's perfection and demand that others serve, attend and honor them. This is very wrong. The position of a parent is to serve others rather than to be served; to live for the sake of others rather than to have others live for them. From the viewpoint of brothers and sisters, a church leader is in the position of Abel. From the viewpoint of a parent, a church leader is in a parent-child relationship with members. That is why it is very wrong for a leader to think that Cain should serve him or her in the position of Abel. For what does Abel exist? Abel exists to restore the position of a parent. Therefore, you cannot become Abel without first having the heart of a parent. That is the principle. Yet many have forgotten that their position is to become a parent, thinking of themselves only as Abel in a relationship between siblings. You need to rid yourself of that wrong concept as quickly as possible.

We have plenty of content by which to grow. We are also fully equipped with the favorable conditions and environment that have been given to us in this age. Then why are we unable to grow? It is because we are not adding anything to the people of this age or to the environment they are living in. Simply put, we are not benefiting them in any way. Although we are unable to benefit others materially, if we can make people feel deeply that they can benefit from us spiritually or mentally, then they are bound to come to church even if told not to come. *✠*

Discovering Our Purpose in Modern Times

*'2013 Purification Azalea Festival for the Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune'
the 'Global Worship for the Victory of Vision 2020'
May 5, 2013*





My proud unification blessed families and members from around the world, I am grateful to see you. We welcomed the new spring for 2013. True Parents was fond of the season spring. It is a season full of dreams. All things revive and shows their beauty and promises the harvest of the fruition of the future.

Ladies and gentlemen! What is your dream? I ask the blessed children of the unification church to inherit the tradition of True Parents with absolute faith, fulfill the mission as Clan Messiah, expand your responsibility from clan to the society, nation and to the world, and do your best to create all the people into people of Cheon Il Guk which has been yearned by heavenly parents and True Parents for a very long time. This is the path for you who stand in front of your descendants as ancestors without any embarrassment.

For 6,000 years, heavenly parents and True Parents completed and finished the History of the Providence of Restoration for Indemnity, and it was heavenly parents and True Parents' wish to open the new era and new history and it was for the completion of Cheon Il Guk. Then how can you offer your gratitude to heavenly parents and True Parents? Do you know the great providential will which will put you in the position of an ancestor for Cheon Il Guk, according to your responsibility? You have the responsibility not just here in Korea but to the world to testify True Parents and tell everyone that True Parents opened Cheon Il Guk. Do you understand? ('Yes!')

If you cannot fulfill your responsibility, then you will be standing in a position of a very embarrassed ancestor. In this eternal world, would you refuse it just because it's difficult now? You must return something back to the heavens. You must be successful. You must show that heavenly kingdom on earth and heavenly kingdom in heaven had been opened in front of heavenly parents and True Parents. Do you understand? ('Yes!') It is our mission and responsibility to go towards that path and invest our entire being, make life-or-death decision and move forward without any stop. Please engrave this in your heart. (Applause). 



THE CHEON WON GUNG CHEON IL SANCTUM, A PLACE TO ATTEND TO HEAVENLY PARENT



If the land in Cheongpa-dong is formation stage, Su-taek-ri (former Ilhwa factory, training center) is the growth stage and Cheongpyeong corresponds to the perfection stage. That's why the teacher has been making conditions and offering Jeongseong there since 1969. Many of you don't know, but we did back and forth every day. It takes about three hours a day to get to Cheongpyeong, close to four hours a day. However, if I had the time, I would come here and make devotions. In the future, it will become a global headquarters. You should know that this will happen without fail because this is the last place where he did his Jeongseong in Korea. (August 5, 1973, Collected Sermons, Chapter 68, p. 267)

Since the 1960s, during the time of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, True Parents have been coming to Cheongpyeong, climbing mountains and crossing waters, whenever they had time, to establish Cheongpyeong as a base for the construction of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Our land in Cheongpyeong must become the worldwide fatherland, the hometown of heart for all people. I prayed that it would become a land that could connect heaven and earth, completing the victorious ideal of creation, and be revered by the cosmos, liberating the heart of God. I prayed also that it would become the sacred ground that would be the homeland of the world. We now have reached a point in time when the work to bring this about can begin in earnest. This is why I bought over 6,500 acres of land in this area. The mountain and the land around it form the grounds for our future hometown. It will become the hometown of all people of faith. We already exist in 185 countries worldwide. It is my hope that Cheongpyeong will become the place where all the historical traditions of each of these countries can be displayed. Moreover, on this foundation we will build a training center and educational institution that will teach people how to renew the traditions of various national cultures, and show how to connect them with heaven. I prayed for this land, and my prayer actually came true; this is historical fact. The fact that the Unification Church has this global territory is an amazing and victorious achievement. (282-046, March 10, 1997)





On 19 January 2002 True Parents named the Cheongpyeong holy ground Cheonwon. Cheonwon means the restored and perfected Garden of Eden and represents the model base for the one human family and community centered on Heavenly Parent and is the central community of the peaceful ideal world of Cosmic Peace and Unification. According to True Parents, Cheonwon also encompasses several meanings that they have given to Cheongpyeong Holy Ground. Cheonwon includes the following meanings: (1) a place for liberating and fulfilling God's heart, (2) a holy land, (3) a place where the ideal of creation is completed and heaven and earth are connected, (4) a place where the mind and body are united to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, (5) a place of spiritual homeland, (6) a place of new beginnings, (7) a restored and completed Garden of Eden, (8) a heavenly training ground, and (9) a home of the heart.

After the Holy Ascension of True Father, True Mother proclaimed Foundation Day in 2013 (the first year of Cheonilk), as the dream of Heavenly Parent and the inheritance of True Father, and proclaimed vision 2020 for the substantial establishment of Cheonilk. Through three years of early morning devotions, passed down the Hyojeong centered on Heavenly Parent to mankind. On the basis of this foundation, True Mother renamed the Cheonwon as 'Hyojeong cheonwon' in 2002 and renamed it 'Hyojeong cheonwon' in 2016. Expressing that the Hyojeong Cheonwon "will be the heaven on earth in front of mankind, the garden of Eden that God has dreamed of." And that "Those who live there should live each day with gratitude, doing their best to achieve the one world that Heavenly Parent wish for while returning joy and with one heart and one mind in a shadowless, highnoon state."

"If I had a wish, it would be to fulfill everything within my time. I would like to demonstrate, "what a world centered on Heavenly Parent and True Parents would look like." To do that, visuals are very important. At the Cheonjiseonhak, we will show the life and work of True Parents and the kind of life the people of Cheon Il Guk should live in order to get closer to True Parents. That way we can say, "This is what the future Cheon Il Guk, the heavenly kingdom on earth, will look like. Come!" We must quickly create a stage where we can invite people to come." (May 6, 2016)

In 2014, True Mother proclaimed the establishment of the Chonjiseonhakwon, which is connected to Cheon Jeong Gung, as the central institution of Hyo-Jeong Cheonwon during the dedication Cheon Jeong Gung Entrance Ceremony in 2006. Cheon Jeong Gung is a palace where the intangible Heavenly Parent and the tangible True Parents live together on earth and in heaven as one, and is the center and sanctuary of Cheon Il Guk. The Cheonjiseonhakwon was designed as an educational hall to honor the lives and achievements of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, and humankind who achieved the final unity in oneness with the image of God's love and perfection, and will be a venue for teaching their values in an experiential way to all mankind.

"We can no longer wait. I feel that the concept of a museum lacks life; it doesn't make you feel good. Even erecting a statue would seem offensive. That's why I renamed this facility. It shall be called Cheonji Sunhak Won, the Garden of

Eden. When people enter this building, they will be able to visually see with their eyes manifestations of True Parents' lifetime achievements and their speeches, expressed using modern technology that goes beyond 3-D or 4-D. When people see and immerse themselves in this experience, by the time they exit the building they will feel different from when they first entered. They will want to be part of our movement. I want to create such a mood where people can come to that decision on their own. Isn't this a good idea? [Yes.] [Applause]. We will create an environment where our Heavenly Parent can be revered in the most beautiful, solemn and dignified way. It will show how True Parents had begun from a humble position yet devotedly persevered for the sake of humanity, to save humankind, through a course drenched in their tears, sweat and blood.” (November 20, 2014)

True Mother completed her VISION 2020 course and renamed the CheonJi SeonHak to CheonWonGung in 2019 (the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk) while on the path Cosmic Canaan Course of restoration. Cheonwon Gung will serve as the administrative and educational center of Cheon Il Guk, serving as a museum honoring the actual lives and accomplishments of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, and humankind and will also serve as the central office that will actually exercise and govern the sovereignty of Heavenly Parent and True Parents during the era of safe settlement of Cheon Il Guk.

We should present Cheonji Sunhak Won to the world. It is my message and teaching to the world that all countries, peoples, and individuals should know and attend Heavenly Parent. I have explained this extensively, but it is also important to demonstrate it. Even though we speak of a peaceful world and a Kingdom of Heaven on earth, what does it actually look like? A country that is united with Heavenly Parent and True Parents. This is Cheon Il Guk.

I said that while Cheon Jeong Gung is the Holy of Holies centered on the True Parents, the Cheonji Sunhak Won represents [Cheon Il Guk's] central offices/seat of government. It is Cheon Won Gung [literally: Palace of the Celestial Garden]). This is Cheon Jeong Gung [where Mother is speaking]. The Cheonji Sunhak Won is Cheon Won Gung. It is essential that all the people of the world are educated at Cheon Won Gung, learn the truth and the work of the True Parents, receive the Blessing, become children reborn, and live full, beautiful, and abundant lives on earth. The story of your earthly lives will be passed on to your descendants, the ensuing generations, so that they may know what kind of lives their parents led in attendance of the True Parents. This will continue forever, for eternity.

“While the Cheon Jeong Gung is the sanctuary centered on True Parents, Cheonjiseonhakwon is the sanctuary of the providence of restoration and is the central headquarters and an education center that governs all of heaven and earth. Cheonjiseonhakwon is also known as Cheon Won Gung.” (September 4, 2019)



“The completion of this building is the completion of the providence of heaven. It is the completion of human history. I said that if Cheon Jeong Gung is the holy of holies centered on True Parents, then Cheonjiseonhakwon is the concept of the central government, so it becomes Cheon Won Gung. Therefore, it is the place where the True Parents, who are actually present on earth, govern all of humanity and all nations. Therefore, it cannot be limited to day and night, nor should it be viewed as a museum. That is why it is Cheon Won Gung. Here is the Cheon Jeong Gung, and the Cheonjiseonhakwon is the Cheon Won Gung. People from all over the world will come to Cheon Won Gung to receive education, see the truth, and become children who are reborn through blessings by witnessing the accomplishments of their parents, so that their earthly life can be full, beautiful, and practical.” (July 4, 2019).”

After the safe establishment of the Cheon Il Guk in 2020 (8th year of the Heavenly Kingdom), the Heavenly Parent Holy Community was proclaimed. We must create a sacred realm of individuals, families, races, nations, and the world who substantially serve and honor Heavenly Parent and True Parents, both in heaven and on earth. In addition, we must govern religion, politics, economy, society, culture, and the arts according to the providential dispensation and with Heavenly Parent and True Parents. We must inherit the values and vision from the life and achievements of True Parents to create an ideal world of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, Universally Shared Values. In this sense, True Mother announced her determination to build Cheonwon Palace as a sanctuary, outer court, and administrative center connected to the main palace, Cheon Jeong Gung, to serve as a holy temple for Heavenly Parent and True Parents to be present in the world, as the administrative center for the providential dispensation of Cheon Il Guk, and as a hall for the life and work of True Parents.

“During this same beautiful [spring] season in 2023, Cheon Won Gung and especially the Cheon Il Sanctum—the holy temple where we can attend Heavenly Parent—will be dedicated. Every citizen of the world without exception must know about Heavenly Parent and True Parents. (May 8, 2020)

Cheon Won Gung is a seven-story stone building consisting of four underground floors and three above-ground floors, which reinterpret the Renaissance architectural style in a modern way. The site covers an area of approximately 16,930 pyeong and features the Obelisk, Cheonil Sanctum, an exhibition hall showcasing the life and works of the True Parents, an administrative office, an art museum, a multi-purpose commercial facility, and an outdoor plaza.

The most essential space in Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum is a space that reveals the True Parents’ lifelong



efforts toward Heavenly Parent and a peaceful ideal world. The exhibition hall showcasing the life of the True Parents is a space where the True Parents' love for Heaven and humanity is embodied, allowing visitors to naturally feel the urge to participate in the True Parents' works. Additionally, the administrative office is being implemented as a place to lay the foundation for the heavenly unified world to perform various external tasks.

In addition, the main building of Cheonwon Palace features a grand ballroom that is optimal for high level conferences and events, and the outdoor plaza in front of the main building will be a space where various cultural and artistic performances and events can be held, creating a space where visitors can relax and enjoy entertainment. The underground floor of the plaza area will be designed with various auxiliary facilities, including retail shops, convention halls, and a food court featuring top-class chefs, to provide convenient enjoyment for visitors. The cafeteria on the first floor of the Entrance Tower that connects to the underground of the plaza area will boast a panoramic view of HJ Cheonwon and will consist of a space where visitors can appreciate both taste and sight at the same time. As shared by True Mother, the obelisk at the top of the Entrance Tower, standing at a height of 30 meters, will reveal the grandeur and status of Cheon Won Gung 24 hours a day, and will be implemented in the form of a candle as a milestone for the peaceful world of one human family under Heavenly Parent.

The art museum connected to the right side of Cheon Won Gung building aims to embody a vision of communicating with visitors through art, from East to West, past to present, encompassing various cultures, eras, generations, and emotions by highlighting the unique characteristics of Cheon Won Gung while creating a more open and flexible space. To this end, works by renowned artists from around the world, including media art master Nam June Paik, video art pioneers Bill Viola and Inigo Mangliano Oval, and contemporary art masters Anish Kapoor and Ai Weiwei, will be on display, as well as national treasures such as paintings, ceramics, and calligraphy by Danwon Kim Hong-do.

In this way, Cheon Won Gung is not only a space where people can appreciate the love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents for humanity beyond race, culture, and nationality, but also a place where the innovative cultural tourism infrastructure will be established to implement the model of an ideal peace world that True Parents want to realize from various perspectives.

The Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum which educates humanity about the life and accomplishments of True Parents. The museum and an educational hall will be dedicated to Heavenly Parent in May 2023. 



Keynote speech: The Elders Roundtable – A Springboard to New Heights

Convention to Launch the International Elders Roundtable for a Heavenly Unified World

Yun Jeong-ro, co-chair of the Elders Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea

Dear Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and Distinguished guests,
I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your attendance at the inaugural meeting of the International Elders Roundtable

for a Heavenly Unified World.

The main reason why Elders Association for World Peace is needed is that the number of elderly people in Korea exceeded 10 million out of a total population of 52 million last year. As the mother of peace, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, launched the Elders Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea (hereafter referred to as the Elders Association) last year, emphasizing that the elders should contribute not only to the country's development but also to the responsibilities and obligations as leaders and adults.

If the Elders Association can form a consensus on the vision of the Heavenly Unified Korea based on True Parent's ideology of the spirit of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, Universally Shared Values, and if they can resonate with senior leaders from around the world as one voice beyond Northeast Asia, I believe that it can be a springboard to New Heights for the World.

To this end, we will firstly invite more than 50,000 senior citizens of national social celebrities and senior leaders to the HJ Cheonwon Complex, where the spirit of harmony and coexistence is combined. These elders will have a one day workshop to pursue successful activities that contribute to the realization of global citizenship through successful activity cases that correspond to the vision presented by the Elder's Round Table, scheduled to launch later this year.



Secondly, over the past three years, with the world suffering under the COVID-19 pandemic, there is great demand reconciliation and coexistence beyond nationalities, races, religions, generations, and ages. From this perspective, over the past year, at the HJ CheonWon Complex, the Elders Association has been promoting the global citizenship movement by advocating the need for social integration, centered on the wisdom and love

of the elders, while overcoming conflicts and divisions between men and women, generations, and nations.

As you know, under the The Uruguay Round - WTO, leaders of the nation spent around eight years gathering together to address various issues such as protectionism, tariffs, and agricultural products, culminating in the successful launch of the World Trade Organization (WTO) after eight years. If Uruguay Round was for a material aspect, the upcoming Elder's Round Table is for the spiritual aspect.

Through today's Convention to Launch the International Elders Roundtable for a Heavenly Unified World, we hope that if senior leaders from around the world can stand in a united position based on the universal values of humanity, including the wisdom, experience, and know-how of life, humanity will gain important insights beyond nations and races.

Beyond the global elderly issue, I hope that it will be elevated to the role of elders who gather the wisdom of experts in politics, economy, religion, and media to provide a vision and insight for integration, and contribute to the realization of a more warm and inclusive global community thanks to the role of elders in society. Thank you. *TP*

Convention to Launch the International Elders Roundtable for a Heavenly Unified World

- Keynote speech : Hon. Newt Gingrich, 50th speaker of the US House of Representatives
- Keynote speech : H.E. Yusuf Raza Gilani, former Prime Minister of Pakistan
- Congratulatory Remarks: Maithripala Sirisena, the 6th Executive President of Sri Lanka
- Keynote speech : H.E. Parmanand Jha, 1st Vice-President of Nepal
- Keynote speech : Lee Sang-hoon, 27th Minister of the Ministry of National Defense Republic of Korea
- Keynote speech : Kim Ho-il, President of The Korea Senior Citizens Association
- Keynote speech : Cho Man-woong, co-chair of the Senior's Association for a Heavenly Unified Korea

The Elders Roundtable, an initiative to share the wisdom of elders for a peaceful world, is set to launch in May.

On February 24, the “Elders’ Roundtable’ Meeting for a Heavenly Unified World for the Realization of Peaceful Reunification” was held in Korea. The meeting was co-hosted by the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) and THINK TANK 2022 and was attended by over 100 elder leaders from around the world, both in-person and online. Notable attendees included Yusuf Raza Gilani, the 18th Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mahinda Rajapaksa, former President of Sri Lanka, and Parmanand Jha, the first Vice President of Nepal.

The main purpose of the meeting was to establish the “Elders’ Roundtable” in May of this year. The roundtable aims to promote the solidarity of elder leaders worldwide, sharing, collaborating, and practicing their wisdom and insight for the construction of a peaceful world. During the conference, Dr. Yun Young-ho, the chair of THINK TANK 2022, gave a welcoming speech, proposing that “the fundamental solution to the global issues of low birth rates and aging population is to present a vision and policies for the role of elders in families, societies, nations, and the world.”

Various foreign leaders gave congratulatory video messages during the conference, including Luc Adolphe Tiao, prime minister of Burkina Faso (2011-2014) and member of the ISCP-Africa; Nevers Mumba, the 8th Vice President of Zambia; Dame Pearlette Louisy, the 5th Governor-General of Saint Lucia; Paul Biyoghé Mba, the 7th Prime Minister of Gabon; Dan Burton, the co-chairman of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP); Bishop Don Mearns, Chair, IAPD-North America, and Jim Rogers, a consultant for the Universal Peace Federation. There was also a peace performance by Namsadangpae Hanul.



Dr. Yun Young-ho also mentioned that the founders of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, presented an understanding of human beings as one human family under God. They emphasized that if the elderly, as grandparents in families, pass on their life wisdom and love, a true community of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, Universally Shared Values based on a true understanding between

generations can be created. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon plans to launch the “Elders’ Roundtable” in May of this year with the participation of top-level leaders responsible for the role of elders in countries and around the world, who are affiliated with THINK TANK 2022.



On this day, Maithripala Sirisena, the 6th President of Sri Lanka, who visited Korea for the event, said in a welcome speech “...Statistically, the population of elderly individuals are gradually rising in last decade and recent studies have clearly shown that this group of population will have impact on the both geographical and cultural politic of the world.Hence, for eternal peace and prosperity joint venture of elder, adults and youth of our society will play a vital role. Thereby, I have strong believed that “Elders Roundtable” will have a huge impact on peace process in the world periphery and the Korean peninsula with a positive

impact on world political scenario.”

Alfred Moisiu, the chairman of ISCP (International Summit Council for Peace) on the Balkan Peninsula, said “...respecting elders means to respect and honor the past, inherit the wisdom accumulated through experience, and build strong foundation for the future.I am happy that UPF is pioneering the way in raising the awareness regarding the need to involve more and use the experience of elders in solving world problems.”



In a congratulatory video, Cho Kyu-hong, the Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea, emphasized that with the development of medical technology and an increase in life expectancy, aging populations have become a major issue worldwide. Korea is no exception and faces an urgent need to prepare for the era of 10 million elderly people in 2023 and the entry into a super-aged society in 2025. Cho stressed the importance of protecting and promoting the human rights of the elderly, which he believes is no longer a global challenge that can be postponed. Through the event, he hopes that everyone’s wisdom can be gathered to

ensure a dignified old age free from poverty, disease, discrimination, prejudice, isolation, and loneliness. The Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea will also listen to the discussions during the event.

Session I, titled “The Role of Elders in Achieving Sustainable Peaceful World,” featured keynote speeches from Yusuf Raza Gilani, the 18th Prime Minister of Pakistan, Newt Gingrich, the 50th Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Parmanand Jha, the first Vice President of Nepal, and Sang-hoon Lee, the 27th Minister of National Defense of South Korea, who is also the permanent chairman of the National Elderly Council. The event also included a peace performance by the Korean traditional music band, Choi Ye-rim Band, and congratulatory messages from various elder leaders in Korea. The session aimed to address the crucial role of the elderly in promoting peaceful coexistence and sustainable development in society. The speakers shared their insights and experiences, discussing how the elderly can play an essential role in promoting peace, resolving conflicts, and achieving sustainable development.



At the event, Yusuf Raza Gilani, the 18th Prime Minister of Pakistan, emphasized that “...I have no doubt that ideas which would emerge from the deliberations of this Conference will go a long way in addressing our respective concerns and beneficial for all regions afflicted with conflicts. At a time when internecine conflicts continuing in different parts of the world threaten global order, peace, security and development, our challenge lies in delicately balancing the critical equation between peace and development. The rapidly changing and increasingly interlinked peace and security environment calls for effective and mutually reinforcing

regional and subregional partnerships flexible and responsive to the complex realities on the ground. We, must collectively work towards building synergies, and promoting inter-parliamentary dialogues and cooperation for fostering and lasting peace.”



Newt Gingrich, the 50th Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, expressed his gratitude in a keynote speech video, stating, "...First, I want to thank Dr. Moon for her leadership for Peace and her focus on faith, marriage, and family and now for emphasising the centrally important role of the Elders sharing their wisdom to guide the future generations. We are now forming an International Elders' Roundtable within the UPF Associations : Heads of State and Parliamentarians, Faith leaders and academicians, media and the arts, all disciplines from all the world to join with you in helping Korea and the World achieve strong families and peace. The qualities of faith, family traditions and our fundamental values come from our Elders. Therefore, we are calling upon the precious Elders of Korea to come together at a most important time in history to teach the generations that follow. We emphasize that the most essential cornerstone of a good nation is strong families and that have faith in God our Heavenly Parent. Today, my wife Ambassador Callista are joining with Mother Moon to affirm the creation of the International Elders Roundtable. From Korea to America to the whole world."



Parmanand Jha, the first Vice President of Nepal, who attended the event, stated in his keynote speech that "...Elders traditionally hold crucial roles in supporting both formal and informal education in the society. They impart tradition, knowledge, culture, values, and lessons using orality and role modeling traditional practices and sustain it by the respect and trust they gain and the practical value of their experience. Respecting elders shows that we are civilized and cultured and that will contribute to promote a harmonious World. Teachings of True Parents, Father and Mother Moon emphasized about the importance of three generation of family living together harmoniously. The model of three generations like elders as grandparents, adults as parents and youth as children, working together to build a world of peace and peace on the Korean Peninsula would bring promising outcomes. I believe that the leadership of today's world should be handed over to the young generations".



Lee Sang-hoon, 27th Minister of National Defence (Chairman of the National Council of Elders), said: "Recently, the world, including the Republic of Korea, has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the damage caused by the Turkey earthquake, the hegemonic competition between the United States and China, and North Korea's development of missiles and nuclear weapons. In terms of security, as well as threats, Europe has experienced the most dangerous period since the Second World War. We, who are living in a security crisis, must consider the fundamental path of peace and harmony, across national, ethnic, religious and ideological boundaries. Although it has overcome the ruins of war and achieved rapid growth unprecedented in the world, Korea remains the only divided country in the world, which is the key to the US-China competition for hegemony, and is in a very serious and tense situation due to North Korea's nuclear and missile threats. Therefore, stability

in Northeast Asia will be the path to peace and prosperity in the whole world, beyond the Pacific Rim civilisation. Now is the time for the elders of the world must rally around the universal value of global peace and stability and pass on the value of coexistence and co-prosperity to future generations.

During the event, Kim Ho-il, president of the Senior Citizens Association of Korea, Cho Man-woong and Yun Jeong-ro, co-presidents of the Heavenly Unified Korean National Elders Association, delivered keynote speeches on the theme of “The Vision and Activities of the Senior Citizens Association for a Heavenly Unified Korea.”

Kim Ho-il stressed the mission of the elderly generation to create a global village where seniors can resolve conflicts and wars and pursue harmony, peace, and happiness.



Cho Man-woong, co-chairman of the Elders Association, called for the unification of the world’s elders’ organizations to present a vision of a Heavenly unified Korea and a Heavenly unified world centered on the principles of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universally Shared Values.

Several prominent individuals sent congratulatory messages including Koh Gwang-seon, president of the Seoul Federation of the Korean Senior Citizens Association, Lee Jong-han, president of the Gyeonggi-do Federation, Kim Du-bong, president of the Jeollabuk-do Federation, Yang Jae-kyung, president of the Gyeongsangbuk-do Federation, and Lee Cheol-yeon, president of the Daejeon City Federation, sent video congratulatory messages for the World Council of Elders Promotion Organization, Thomas Walsh, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) World Chair, explained the background and significance of ‘The Elders Round Table’ launching in May through a video.

The event concluded with the appointment of the Korean Promotion Committee member of ‘The Elders Round Table’ and the awarding of medals. Lee Sang-hoon, chairman of the Korean Council of Elders, Kim Ho-il, president of the Korean Elderly Association, and Cho Man-woong and Yoon Jeong-ro were appointed as the Korean promotion committee members.

THINK TANK 2022, a group of 1,011 Koreans and 1,011 people from around the world, was launched on May 9, 2021, to propose policies covering each field, with a total of 2,022 members from around the world.



5th Strategic Meeting of Korean Leaders for the Victorious Dedication of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum and Vision 2027

On March 16th, the FFWPU Vision 2027 and the 5th Strategic Meeting for the Victorious Dedication of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum were held at the HJ Cheonbo Heaven and Earth Training Center. Around 800 people attended the event, including Yun Young-ho, Director-General of the FFWPU International Headquarters, Lee Ki-seong, Cheon Eui Won chair of Heavenly Korea, national leaders of Cheon Il Guk, pastors from across the country, and on-site officials.

The Heavenly Korea Strategy Meeting had a diverse program, including an opening ceremony, two strategic meetings, and a scripture reading and sermon competition.

Part 1

The opening ceremony, hosted by Im Jong-hyuk, head of the International Headquarters' pastoral department, included an opening declaration, appointment and inauguration of Cheon Il Guk special envoys, inauguration of new officials, words of encouragement, and a closing declaration.

Mr. Park Soo-hong, the head of UPA, served as the MC for the appointment and inauguration of Cheon Il Guk special envoys, which was spurred by True Mother. Dr. Yun presented the Cheon Il Guk youth special envoy ring and certificate to the thirteen members of UPA 8th class.

Then, YSP Korea President Kim Dong-yeon presided over the installation ceremony. The 41 new officials, including Youth Special Envoys (UPAs), Cheon Il Guk Leaders Academy (CLAs), and pastoral and administrative officials, were assigned to pastoral and administrative positions across the country. The new officials took their first steps toward victory through this send-off ceremony.



Cho Man-woong, Co-Chairman of the Elder Council, expressed his gratitude to Heavenly Parent and True Parents during his words of encouragement. He said, "I am deeply grateful to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for your dignified appearance and passion in wearing your uniform. Those of you attending the appointment and inauguration today have taken the first step towards fulfilling the ideal of the Heavenly Unified Korea, which has been established by True Parents."

During his welcoming remarks, Dr. Yun expressed sincere congratulations to the 13 young special envoys and 41 young church leaders who were inaugurated and sent to various regions of the country. He expressed his gratitude to True Mother, who established the Universal Peace Academy (UPA) ten years ago. Dr. Yun noted that when the International Headquarters took on the role of the Korean Headquarters, there were only four ministers in their 20s and eight ministers in their 30s. Despite young people being the future leaders of the next generation, many were hesitant to become ministers. Recognizing this early on, True Mother established a pipeline for training professional leaders. Today, her interest and support for the future generation have yielded positive results. Dr. Yun congratulated the future generations who were being inaugurated and sent off and asked for another round of applause.



Dr. Yun proceeded to open the doors to the second part of the 5th Heavenly Korea Strategic Meeting and shared the direction of Vision 2027 as well as the concept of the commemorative event scheduled to be held in May.

Dr. Yun emphasized that the goals and vision for 2027 are crystal clear. They aim to victoriously offer the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum, which will serve as the foundation for establishing a heavenly unified world and opening the gate to a new heavenly civilization. By 2027, substantial church growth must be achieved, accompanied by the creation of a continental environment. The International Headquarters is currently implementing four major innovations: organizational, ministry, worship, and church transformation. Dr. Yun stressed the need to create a unique church culture, environment, and worship culture for the safe establishment of the era of Cheon Il Guk.

Dr. Yun eloquently shared his plans for the upcoming May events, which will take place from May 1 to 8. He spoke of the significance of the number eight, representing both the eighty glorious years of True Mother's life, and marking the revival of the providence, and the inauguration of the heavenly unified world. While the specifics of the event are still being planned, it will include a grand commemoration ceremony. Dr. Yun emphasized that this event will showcase the church's commitment to a macro vision of a heavenly unified world and a heavenly unified Korea, but also executing various projects under a continental level vision. Along with the trajectory of church growth and the forthcoming May ceremony, I urge our pastors to continue the Jeongseong, and unite their hearts and stride towards further progress."

Part 2

The second part of the Heavenly Korea Strategic Conference comprised of two strategy meetings, I and II. Prior to the event, Bishop Noel Jones, the senior pastor of the City of Refuge Church in Gardena, California, a Mega Church in the US, in a special report, shared some words on "church growth".

The first session of Strategy Meeting I, organized by the Church Growth Department led by Song In-young (MC), of the International Headquarters focused on "visitation." This session included speeches by Hwang Bo-guk, co-chairman of the Heavenly Unified Korea Sub-region 2, and six other presenters.

Chairman Hwang emphasized the importance of visitation as an integral part of a pastor's work and mission, comparing it to Heavenly Parent's visit and Heavenly Parent sharing giving His Word. He stated that for pastors to fulfill the spiritual needs of their members, they must conduct visits. Through the presentations and discussions during the session, specific methods, procedures, and examples of visitation were shared.

During the Q&A session that ensued after the presentation, various concerns were raised by the audience, including the differentiation of rural and urban ministries, management protocols post-counseling, and measures to address pastoral personnel changes. In response, Cho Chan-hee, the president of the Youth Church, eloquently advocated for the importance of continuous care, faith management, and robust database support to ensure the preservation of faith quality among congregants. By following up with appointments and providing adequate support, we can maintain the spiritual growth of our community and foster a culture of unwavering faith in our church.

The second session of Strategy Meeting II was held with Um Yoon-hyung, head of the Heavenly Unified Korea Department of the International Headquarters, as the MC. The session featured six presenters, including Park Young-bae, co-chairman of the Heavenly Unified Korea Sub-region 5, who shared their insights while allowing all participants to speak.

During his speech, Chairman Park emphasized the importance of counselors conducting nurturing counseling that can fulfill the three blessings of the Family Federation through the power of love. He stated that as a perfected Cheonshim Cheonbo family, counselors should be responsible for not only the physical well-being of their clients but also their spiritual growth by providing counseling that encourages a life of filial piety both vertically before Heavenly Parent and horizontally before humanity.

During the Q&A session that followed the presentation, a question was raised regarding discussing not only individual salvation but also family and societal salvation. In response, Grand District Leader Lee Ki-sik argued that an approach that goes beyond individual, family, and societal salvation and is based on family redemption would provide guidance on how to achieve individual salvation and extend it to society.

During the fifth strategy meeting, two topics were discussed:

“regular visit to church members or visitation” and “counseling.” The meeting featured presentations from six speakers who addressed the importance of regularly visiting church members, paying special attention to young people and blessed families, and fostering a culture of Hyo Jeong based on members' faith lives. These presentations were followed by in-depth discussions, which resulted in the adoption of specific methods. Six additional speakers addressed the importance of consultation within the Family Federation, the management of pupils' and students' faith lives, conflict resolution in couples, and the consultation of church leaders with young people. They also discussed the use of the Cheonshim Cheonbo guide and how to apply these methods in the field. This was followed by the second Hoondok conference competition and the Cheonshim Cheonbo devotion, in which all participants had to memorize the Hoondok texts. The six participants, representing the five sub-regions and the Cheonwon Special District, impressed the audience with the quality of their presentations.



In his concluding remarks, Dr. Yun said, "Today's strategy meeting was held in the context of creating a new worship culture that we have never experienced before, under the big framework of Settlement and anchoring the Era. The examples we used at the beginning, such as 'visitation' and 'counseling,' needed to be centered on creating a new culture for the safe settlement of the era. Therefore, 'Visitation' and 'counseling' should be explored as a way to gradually complete the three blessings through a new ministerial category that fits the current trend of the era of settlement. When that happens, not only will the church grow, but the members will also grow," he explained.

Part 3

The third and final session of the Heavenly Korea Strategy Conference featured officials of the Family Federation Department of Heavenly Korea engaging in a Hoondok reading Scripture Recitation and Reading Contest.

Lim Jong-hyuk, Director of Pastoral Affairs, moderated the recitation contest through a lecture-style presentation that resonated with the audience by becoming one with the precious words that True Parents had given us throughout their lives.

The final rankings of the recitation contest were determined through on-site voting by attendees and evaluation scores by the judges. The winners were selected based on their presentation skills, understanding of the text, recitation posture and demeanor, ability to convey emotions, and the ability to move the audience.

The results of the contest were as follows:

- Hyojeong Award:** 1st place - Reverend Oh Soon-seok from the Sub-region 2 church
- 2nd place - Lee Eun-kyung, head of the Family Department of the Cheonwon Special District.
- Hyoseong Award:** Kim Sung-in, head of the Sub-region 1 church
- Park Sang-heon, deputy head of the Sub-region 3 church
- Kim Hoi-deuk, head of the Sub-region 4 church
- Jung Jong-ho, head of the Sub-region 5 church

The Heavenly Korea Strategy Conference concluded with the heads of YSP for each of the 5 Sub-regions cheering "Oeg Mansei". 

N/B:

Hyojeong and Hyoseong have the same meaning, they are about filial piety. Hyojeong is a word True Mother created adding the character "Jeong" for emotion/ heart to the character "Hyo" and the word Hyoseong, is another Korean word for filial piety, doing all with one's heart for your parents. The most important word here is "Hyo" and here the characters that follows have changed.

Hyodo - The way / path of filial piety

Hyojeong - Filial heart / emotion

Hyoseong - Filial mind / character

** Please note this is a very simplified meaning of the different characters, as Chinese Characters are complicated and contain more meanings complex and multi-layered meanings.*



Bishop Noel Jones on Church Growth – Speech to Korean Pastors of Heavenly Unified Korea



Very Especially to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, and to all the leaders.

I am asked to say a few words about my experience as a pastor in order to encourage pastors and leaders to move forward in church growth. So, I'm bringing about 50 years of empirical experience to this arena. When we deal with preaching or deal with church growth, the primary strength is the presentation of the Word of God, because faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17).

And it is in preaching, which is the art and science of spoken communication, of divine truth with the appeal to persuade. So, because it's an art, you make your presentation according to how God has used your personality, your charisma, your hospitality, and your love for people because there is no real growth if those ingredients aren't there.

And God uses that in order to make you endearing and warm to the people to whom you're going to present the work. So, the art aspect of your presentation is you. The science aspect is the structure and principle that goes with dealing with the Word of God. And God has to call you and gift you with to preach. The callings and gifts of God are not without connection. That in order for you to maintain your giftedness, you have to have character.

So, there is no disconnect between what you say and what you do. Your character and your giftedness must come together. I think one of the greatest examples of character relationship with giftedness is Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. So elegant, so wonderful, so hospitable, and yet so gifted in her presentations. But her presentation would lose its strength if her character was not on par. So, she doesn't lack in giftedness, and she doesn't lack in character.

I think that's very important for us to understand that after we have made this presentation, and people are attracted to your giftedness and your reputation based on your giftedness, but they don't know your character. And when they find your character as they associate with you, then your character should be on par with your giftedness and presentation. And that's how churches grow.

So, in your love for God, in your zeal for the people, we should live so that we are not replaceable. And that's what builds churches. Now, here's what I've learned from my own experience. If you don't have people who are haters, or people who don't like you. If you don't have any of those, then you're not that gifted.

The more gifted you are, and the more blessed you are, as a person of God, as a presenter of His Word, is the more you become a target to people who just cannot stand the fact that God uses you in the way that He does. And so, I have to tell you very explicitly and very definitely, that you cannot allow external forces to hinder your presentation. Now you have to do something with this information. The information must meet needs. And if needs are not met in our plenary presentation, then what's going to happen is, people will be attracted to our delivery, they will find that we have no content; so, you can have a beautiful presentation, dress immaculately, speak articulately, but if you don't have anything to say, that can't change people's lives. Those are just a few things that I wanted to share with you.

So, my words to you as I'm about to close is hold on to the things that God has given you. Understand that your calling and election is sure. Understand that trials and tribulations will rise but stay faithful to the Word of God and its presentation and you will water, you will sow, you will water and God will give the increase. Be blessed. 7

104th Anniversary and Commemorative Ceremony for the March First Independence Movement Towards a Heavenly Unified Korea

On March 3rd, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) organized the “104th Anniversary and Commemorative Ceremony for the March First Independence Movement Towards a Heavenly Unified Korea” in collaboration with UPF Daejeon-Chungcheong District, the Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP), The Korea Religions Association, and the association of foreigners living in Korea.

The event took place at the Memorial Hall of Yu Gwan-sun in Cheonan and was attended by more than 350 people, including UPF Korea President Lee Hyun-Young, UPF Daejeon-Chungcheong District President Yoo Kyung-Deuk, WFWP Korea President Choi Young-Sun, and other religious leaders.

The focus of this second edition of the event was on understanding the history of the independence movement, inheriting the sublime spirit of love for the country from our forefathers, and praying for peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula. The event consisted of a peace march, a peace prayer ceremony, a memorial performance, a commemorative speech, the reading of the Declaration of Independence, and a performance to invoke a Heavenly Unified Korea. The theme of the event was “Let’s Build a Heavenly Unified Korea through the Korean Unification Mansei Movement.”

President Lee Hyun-young said, “The March 1 Movement was a national peace movement that transcended regional borders and echelons. Let’s carry on the spirit of ‘Mansei Movement for Korean Independence’ into ‘Mansei Movement for Korean Unification’ and spread the spirit of achieving a heavenly unified Korea!” President Yoo Kyung-Deuk added, “Just as our ancestors, led by Yu Gwan-sun 104 years ago, defended this country and passed it on to us, we also have the responsibility to pass on a unified and peaceful Korean Peninsula to future generations. I hope we can fulfill this fateful task with one mind and one heart.”

Choi Young-sun, President of WFWP Korea, said, “The March 1 Independence Mansei Movement, centered on Yu Gwan-sun, was a national peace movement that transcended all regional and social divides. Let us strive to build a heavenly unified Korea with women at the forefront.”

UPF is a global non-governmental organization (NGO) with ‘comprehensive consultative status’ with the UN Economic and Social Council. It has branches in 19 metropolitan cities and provinces and is represented in 232 cities, counties, and districts in South Korea. 



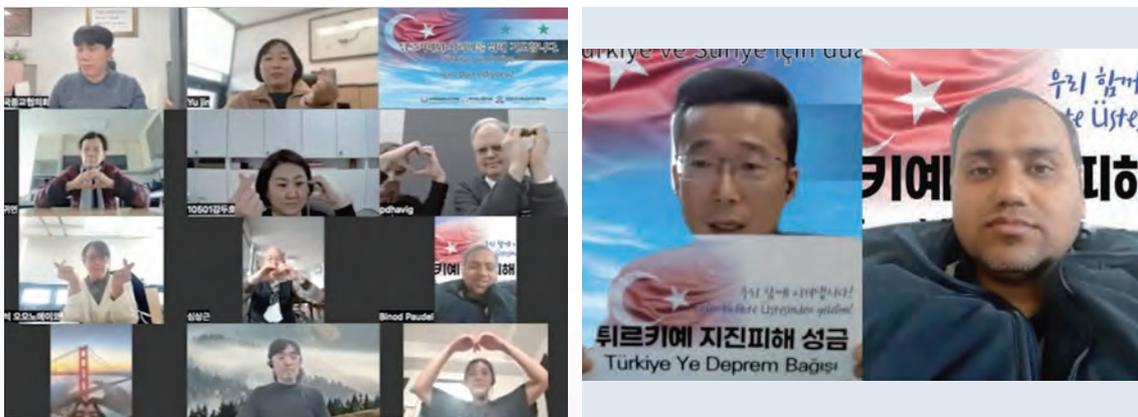
Interfaith Prayer Vigil and Donations for Türkiye and Syria

On February 16, the Korea Religions Association and the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) held an interfaith prayer service and donation ceremony via Zoom for Türkiye and Syria. The event was organized by Binod Paudel, President of the Family Federation, who leads the IAPD in Türkiye, along with other Korean religious leaders.

IAPD President Binod Paudel, who is involved in local relief efforts in the Hatay-Antakya province, expressed his concern for the survivors of the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria; saying: “Survivors of the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria are fleeing their devastated homes, sometimes living in vehicles or tents, without knowing whether their family members and neighbors are alive or not, and are facing shortages of electricity, water, and food. Many are living in poor housing conditions, exposed to the cold and snow, with nothing but their bare bodies, and require a great deal of help to recover spiritually from the devastation they have suffered.”

The ceremony included a prayer by Monk Jahwang of Gwangbosa Temple in Haenam and a donation handover ceremony by Secretary-General Moon Sang-pil for earthquake recovery and relief for the victims in Türkiye and Syria. Secretary-General Moon Sang-pil expressed his deepest condolences and sympathies to the brothers and sisters in Türkiye who lost their lives overnight after the tragedy. “We hope that our prayers and thoughts will be of great help to our brothers and sisters in Türkiye and Syria.”

Although it has been more than a month since a series of earthquakes claimed the lives of at least 51,000 people in the earthquake-hit areas of Türkiye and Syria, the recovery effort will continue to be time-consuming and costly. The interfaith prayer vigil and donations ceremony serve as a reminder that the international community stands in solidarity with those affected and will continue to provide support in their time of need. 



First Activity Report Chinese People's Federation For World Peace for 2023

The Chinese People's Federation for World Peace (CPFWP) held its first report meeting for this year on 25 February at its Korean headquarters in Seoul.

Rev. Han Yong-nam presided over the event, which featured a ceremonial performance by the Multicultural Peace Arts Troupe, a welcome speech by Sui Li-jing, President of the Korean Branch of the Chinese People's Federation for World Peace, an activity report by International President Hwang Yup-ju, and congratulatory remarks by Dr. Park No-hee, Mr. Baek Seok-du, Incheon City Council President Elder Heo Yang, and Professor Gil Young-hwan.

World President Hwang Yup-ju reported on their activities, stating that it was founded in 2019 with the blessing of True Parents to create a peaceful community of Chinese people worldwide. Since its establishment, the Federation has focused on activities such as the Prayer for the Release of the Victims of the Chinese People's Volunteer Army in Cheorwon, the Chinese Compatriot Community Movement, and the promotion of filial piety culture through overseas filial piety contests.

The Chinese People's Federation for World Peace was formed on was established on 22 November 2019 at its inaugural general assembly, the CPFWP Chinese World Assembly held at the Taipei Marriott Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan. The event brought together over 300 leaders from various fields, including UPF co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, President Zhang Jingyu, Chinese People's Federation for World Peace President Hwang Yup-ju, and Taiwanese Deputy Auditor General Zhang Mou-ya.

Today, the Federation operates in 12 cities across 10 countries, including Korea, the United Kingdom, the United States (New York and San Francisco), and Canada (Vancouver and Toronto). 



14th Hyojeong Nuri of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community

On February 26th, the 14th Hyojeong Nuri Sunday service was held for the "Sunghwa" children of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community at the Hall of the Hyojeong International Cultural Foundation. The event was attended by 500 members and broadcasted live on PeaceLink, with an audience of 20,000 members.

The programme began with "Singing Together" and continued with "We Welcome You," "Hyojeong Speech," "Let's Read HDH," "Hyojeong Story Corner," "Golden Bell's Hyojeong Entertainments," and a show called "Congratulations to You," which featured fire performances.



In his welcoming address, Director General Yun Young Ho recalled that January 27, the 6th day of the 1st month of the heavenly calendar, was the anniversary of True Parents' holy birth, the day when Father would have turned 103 and Mother 80. In Korea, the celebration of the 80th birthday is called "Sansuyon" and is usually marked with a big banquet, but Mother announced that she would celebrate it after her offering to God on May 5. Mother announced she would celebrate her 80th birthday after offering Heavenly Parent a "house" in which He could finally rest for the first time in 6,000 years, referring to the Cheon Won

Gung Cheon Il Sanctum. At the 14th Hyojeong Nuri, the "hyodong" children expressed their gratitude to Mother for her filial piety.





A Hyojeong Festival

The event continued with the celebration of the birthdays of those born in January and February and the recognition of those who had graduated. Lee Jeong Hee, a girl from the first “hyodong” class of Gangdong Church, sub-region 1, read moving excerpts from the autobiography “Mother of Peace” during the “Hyojeong Speech” segment. She highlighted Mother’s intense work for peace, including her love for the suffering continent of Africa and her desire to turn it into a light to illuminate the world, as well as her high-risk visit with True Father to Pyongyang. Lee expressed her immense respect for True Parents and their life of service to their fellow human beings, as well as her pride in being a daughter born to blessed parents and her belief that with Mother, the world can be restored to the level that God desires.

In the “Let’s Read HDH” segment, Lim Jong Hyuk, director of the Hyojeong Ministry Department, and his wife read a children’s story from Mother’s life. This was followed by the “Hyojeong Stories Corner,” which presented a play based on a story from Mother’s life.

During the service, Headmistress Lee Shin Hye of the Hyojeong Special Department, along with “hyodong” children from all over the country, presented True Mother with drawings and poems that the children had submitted for her birthday. The event concluded with a raffle of presents sent by Mother.

The Hyojeong Nuri Sunday service for “Sunghwa” children of the Heavenly Parent’s Holy Community aims to develop cultural and educational content that promotes a culture of Sunday service in which the three generations of the family can gather and unite around the value of filial piety. This value is one that True Mother exhibited in person throughout her life. 

Divine Principle Lecturer Training for Different Subregions

From February 28- March 3 of the 11th year of Cheonilguk, the “ Divine Principle Lecturer Training for Different Subregions” was held at Building B of the Chinhwa Hall in the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center, with Seung-il Lee, the Director of the Central Training Center.

This education was held with the participation of 23 representative principle instructors from across the country to anchor the peace workshops and to educate and train regional branch lecturers and establish the principles of the Heavenly Parent’s Holy Community era as the first step of the regional branch providence.

The opening ceremony started with Oh In-joong, the head of the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea, followed by prayer led by Kim Hwan-seop, the chairman of the Ju-an Church, welcoming remarks by Eom Yun-hyung, director of Heavenly Unified Korea, words of encouragement by Song In-young, the head of Department of Church and Development Strategy, and a speech by director Lee Seung-il.

Kim Hwan-seop, the church leader, expressed in the report prayer “I hope that all participants will absorb Director Lee Seung-il’s techniques for the Divine Principle lecture well so that the venues will be filled with the words of truth.”

Then, Director Eom Yun-hyung through his welcoming remarks, urged everyone “in order to succeed the Divine Principle workshops must be established properly in the field. I hope that everyone who participates in this training will become an instructor who strives tirelessly to make the Divine Principle lectures a means to establish new members.



Finally, Director Song In-young said in his words of encouragement, “The opportunity to lecture on the Divine Principle has decreased compared to the past, but through this education, I expect all participants to have the qualities of excellent instructors and bring life in your regions.”

Director Lee Seung-il emphasized several times that the only way to become an excellent instructor was to lecture the Divine Principle frequently, explaining the history of how he became an instructor. Director Lee stressed, “The Divine Principle lectures are the blueprint and civil engineering work for building Cheon Il Guk. You can only build heaven properly if you understand the principles well.” The closing ceremony, held after the days education session, was attended by Director Eom Yun-hyung and Yun Young-ho, Director-General, FFWPU International Headquarters. Then there was the opening declaration, Gyeongbae, a report prayer (by Director Lee Seung-il), presentation of certificates of completion, speeches of gratitude (by instructors Lee Jin-woo, Moon Bae-kwan, and Lee Hyun-woo), a message by Dr. Yun, three cheers of “Eok-mansei” (by Church leader Kwon Soon-gu), information on future events, a closing declaration, and ended with a commemorative photo session.

Dr. Yun stated, “True Parents in a speech said that the greatest form of [perform] one’s duty is by preaching. Preaching is the act of giving birth to children and it is through preaching that the church can live and breathe. Worship is at the center of it all.” He also emphasized, “For the church to grow, the leader of the church must grow.” Additionally, he stated, “Lecture methods should be diverse in order to find a methodology that fits modern times, unlike in the past. We cannot neglect the study of scriptures from other religions so we need to [work so we can] embrace all religions at the Heavenly Parent’s Holy Community.”

Dr. Yun also emphasized that the study of the Divine Principle, the principles of the Unification Movement, and the life course of True Parents through the Peace Workshops should be continuously taught in the different sub-regions, and for this pastors should change, and the church should grow.

The “Divine Principle Lecturer Training for Different Subregions” was held in the utmost care and love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, the event ended well and all participants had a renewed appreciation and desire for the Divine Principle. 



Divine Preparations: Heavenly Korea Gears Up for the Ultimate Blessing

1. Sub-region 1: Education for Blessing Candidates in the Heavenly Nation of Gyeong-in

On March 11th, Sub-region1 hosted the “2023 Blessing Candidate Education” at Cheonwongung Cheonseung Church. The education session was conducted in-person and attended by a total of 53 candidates (1st and 2nd gen) who will participate in the upcoming 2023 Blessing Ceremony as bride and groom.

The Blessing Candidate Education began with a social gathering led by Jo Hwa-yeon, the Sub-region1 Blessing Director, followed by prayer and worship led by Kim So-young, the head of the Seoul Southern & Incheon Great District Leader, a lecture by Ju Jin-tae, the head of Sub-region1, a principle test, a lifestyle principle lecture by Kanehira Takafumi, Sub-region1 Family Department Director, a testimony from Kim Seong-in and Lee Ga-eun, a 2nd generation blessed family, blessing administration guidance by Kwon Han-suk, the head of the Seoul Northern Great District Leader, a prayer report for those going to the blessing this time, writing of reflections, and closing remarks.

Ju Jin-tae, the Sub-region1 President, emphasized the importance of establishing a mindset centered around Heavenly Parent and True Parents first, as well as the significance and value of the blessing in a speech entitled: “The True Path of Life for those who received the Blessing.”

He explained that as Heavenly Parent’s children, our life path can be divided into five stages: first, as young adults growing into mature men and women; second, as blessed families inheriting the Blessing; third, as victorious Heavenly Tribal Messiahs engaging in activities; fourth, as



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precious CheonBo families, and fifth, as spiritually mature individuals standing before Heaven.*

Ju Jin-tae expressed his earnest hope that all the candidates who attended the education session would be able to live the path of life as Heavenly Parent and True Parents' children and form a complete three-position foundation.

The session ended with an explanation of the preparation process for the Blessing, guidance on the future meetings, and other administrative matters.

Sub-region1 has entered into a full-scale effort for the Hyojeong Blessing Festival, which includes the "2535 Blessing Profile Recommendation for Blessed Children," Blessed Children Profile Exhibition," "Seoul Northern & Gyeonggi Northern Hyojeong Matching Festival," "Online Parent Education for Children's Blessing," "2030 Blessing Profile Recommendation for Blessed Children," "2535 Hyojeong Matching Festival for Blessed Children," and "Blessing Candidate Education."

2. Sub-region 2: Programs for Prospective and Matched Candidates in the Heavenly Nation of Gyeon-won

Sub-region 2 hosted a program for Prospective and Matched Candidates called "The Happy First Steps of Two" on March 4th at the headquarters and online. The event, held virtually, was attended by around 50 couples, public officials, and other guests. It included an opening ceremony, report prayer. The program included an opening ceremony, report prayer (Park Jeong-hee, Director of Sub-region 2 South Gyeonggi District), lectures and blessing guidance (Kwon Yeon-hyang, Director Blessing Department for the Sub-region), a special lectures and prayer by Hwang Bo-guk, Chairman of the Sub-region, and the closing ceremony. On this day, around 50 couples, public officials, and other guests attended the event.

During his remarks, Hwang Bo-guk, Chair of Sub-region 2, said, "Before attending the blessing ceremony, I would like to ask the matched candidates and confirmed couples to first, have reverence for Heavenly Parent, second, aim for vertical love rather than horizontal love, and build a deeper relationship with Heavenly Parent, and third, look at the good side of their partner and help each other overcome their shortcomings to perfectly complete each other." He continued, "The Blessing is the greatest gift given by Heavenly Parent and that gift is your partner who is right beside you. I

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- 成和人
- 聲和人
- 星和人
- 聖和人

In Korean individuals are called "Seong Hwa In" and the Chinese Character "Seong" in "Seong Hwa" changes in all the five stages to reflect the level of growth while the character "In" refers to person. For those who are interested in exploring the Chinese Characters more, please check the Chinese Characters here to see how "Seong Hwa In" is written in each stage.



hope you will prepare well and attend this historic blessing, which will take place for the first time in 6,000 years of human history at Heavenly Parent’s Holy Temple (Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum) and understand the value of the blessing.”

The matched candidates who participated in the program concluded the schedule by submitting their testimonies about “The Happy First Steps of Two.” Sub-region 2 is making full preparations for the Hyojeong Blessing Festival through various events, including the 120-day Special Condition of Devotion and Activity Launching Ceremony for Victory in the 2023 Single Candidates Blessing, the Sub-regions 2, 4, and 5 Joint Online Parent Matching and Exchange Meeting, the “Engagement Candidates and Confirmed Couples Program,” and “Joint Hyojeong Matching Festival of Gyeonggi North District and Seoul South District.”

3. Sub-region 3 and Sub-region 4: “Blessing With You” Hyojeong Matching Festival for the Heavenly Nation of Chungcheon and the Heavenly Nation of Jeolla

Sub-region 3 and Sub-region 4 jointly organized the Blessing With You” Hyojeong Matching Festival, which was held on March 11th at the Kona King Cafe in Sunmoon University, with 22 single blessing candidates in attendance.

This year’s Hyojeong Matching Festival was:

- 1) The first executed by the Sunmoon University Japanese exchange students and Sub-region 3 and Sub-region 4 alliance,
- 2) A collaboration of YSP public officials, the future generation,
- 3) Held at SunMoon University a school created by True Parents, and
- 4) Korean and Japanese candidate parents attended the event online (via interpretation services).

The Hyojeong Matching Festival proceeded in the following order: Jeong jin-guk, Blessing Department Director of the Sub-region 3, for MC, Yokoi Toshiaki Church leader, giving the report and prayer, an opening statement from Oh Sang-jin, Sunmoon University’s special education District leader, orientation by Yang Gil-moon, Sub-region 4 Blessing Department Director, themed meetings, candidate introductions (parents and supervisors), one-on-one meetings, and a closing ceremony.

District leader Oh Sang-jin, said, “ Blessing is marriage, but marriage is not a blessing. Therefore, blessing is what we receive, and marriage is what we do.” He added, “Marriage is problematic because many still pursue their own self-interest, and divorce occurs when conflicts arise. However, the Blessing is received from Heavenly Parents and True Parents, by looking at things from their perspective and point of view, we can understand why we need to receive true blessing. We receive the Blessing to be happy. However, for happiness, the prerequisite condition is our own responsibil-





ity. That responsibility is acknowledging our differences, recognizing the need for our own efforts, and investing in mutual growth and development. When that happens, blessing becomes happiness, joy, and excitement.”

After the closing ceremony, they gave more information on the blessing and information and steps participants should follow including a three-day preparation period and both parents and children, supervisors and candidates, prayed together for the upcoming Blessing.

Sub-region 3 has entered full-scale event preparation for the victory of the Hyojeong Blessing Festival through various programs such as the Blessing Program, “ “Monthly: ‘Our’ Beginning,” “Blessing Candidate Education,” and the “Sub-region 3 and 4 Sunmoon University Japanese Exchange Student Hyojeong Matching Festival.” Meanwhile, the fourth Sub-region is focusing all its efforts on preparing for the Hyojeong Blessing Festival through programs such as the Joint Online Parent Matching Exchange Meeting for the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sub-regions, Profile Matching Exchange Meeting for the 4th and 5th Sub-regions, Parent-Child Communication Program, and the Sunmoon University Japanese students exchange Hyojeong Matching Festival for Sub-region 3 and 4 students.

4. Sub-region 5: “Profile Matching Event” to Successfully Match 2nd and 3rd Generations of the Heavenly Nation of Gyeong-sang

On February 9th, a profile matching event for single blessing candidates of the 2nd and 3rd generations, was organized by Sub-region 5, in the seminar room of the Changwon Church in Gyeongnam District, with 51 Church officials in attendance. The profile matching consisted of introducing 46 candidates (33 women and 13 men) and recommendations for potential partners. The event proceeded with an opening ceremony, words of encouragement, a report prayer



(delivered by Fujiwara Miyo, Gyeongnam District Family Happiness Committee Chair), a welcome speech (delivered by Morinaga Emiko, the Sub-Region Family Happiness Committee Chair), introduction of the matching profiles, individual prayers, and a closing ceremony.

Park Young-bae, the chair of Sub-region 5, said in his words of encouragement, "I think that this is a new starting point and a good opportunity to have this time together with those who work hard for the matching in the Heavenly Nation of Gyeong-sang. I hope that this year, a blessing movement can take place where we can work diligently like a mountain rabbits."

Furthermore, Jang Deok-bong, the Gyeongnam Great District Leader, Yoo Jun-soo, the Daegu/Gyeongbuk Great District Leader, and Lee Ki-sik, the Busan/Ulsan Great District Leader, pledged to dedicate themselves and their efforts towards the blessing ceremony in May, based on the situation of each district's blessing candidates. The district vice-chairmen also shared their experiences and messages of support as blessed 2nd generation seniors.

After the entire profile introduction schedule was completed, Sub-region 5 concluded the event with a unison prayer for the 2nd generation blessing.

In preparation for the successful Hyojeong Blessing Festival, the Heavenly Nation of Gyeong-sang, of Sub-region 5 begun organizing other events such as the "Profile Matching Introduction hosted by the Family Happiness Committee Chair," "2nd, 4th, and 5th Sub-regions, Profile Matching Exchange Meeting for the 4th and 5th Sub-regions," and "Korean-Japanese 1st and 2nd Generation Meeting."

5. Cheonwon Special Region: Engagement Ceremony Service

On February 17, 2023, the engagement vow ceremony for the 2023 Hyojeong Blessing Festival, organized by the Cheonwon Special District, was held at the Cheonwongung Cheonwon Church small hall of International Headquarters. In particular, the engagement ceremony was conducted as a vow service for Lee Yeon-jun and Komatsu Misato 2nd generations.

On this day, the ceremony was proceeded by an MC 2nd generation couple who proceeded to lighting candles, the engagement ceremony, congratulatory remarks, engagement declaration, proposal, cake cutting, greetings from the families of the bride and groom, three cheers of Eok Mansei, and a commemorative photo.

District Leader Sang-sun Park said, "I sincerely congratulate the engaged couple. As a pastor, the day of engagement is more precious and special than any other day. I sincerely hope that you will always find peace and rest will in the love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents and every day that the two spend together."

The Cheonwon Special District is accelerating its final preparations for the Hyojeong Blessing Festival in May through engagement ceremonies, online principle education, education for candidates on True Parents' life Course, and parents' education. 



Busan Senior Pastor Kim Su-young Graduates from Busan National University

Busan Senior Pastor Kim Su-young (From 1964 class, at age 78) graduated and obtained a degree in history from the Busan National University on February 24, 59 years after he enrolled in the Humanities department.

Born in 1945, Rev. Kim Su-young entered the history department of Busan National University on March 2, 1964, but was expelled nine years later during the first semester of his third year (July 11, 1973). The reason for his expulsion was not due to the common factors such as poor grades, but purely due to his religious beliefs and devotion.

Rev. Kim Su-young heard the Unification Principle, which addresses “the fundamental issues of life and the universe,” from then-Pastor Hwang Han Chae of the Busan Church during the winter break in late December 1964, after his freshman year of college, and was struck by it and immediately realized “the true value of humanity and the purpose for which God created man and the universe. His encounter with the Unification Principle prior to his twentieth birthday marked the beginning of a new chapter in his life.

Immediately after joining the Family Federation’s youth CARP, in 1966, Rev. Kim Su-young attended 7-day and 21-day workshops to develop his religious insight, and after completing the fourth semester of his sophomore year, he fulfilled his military service, returning to school, and taking repeated leaves of absence to pursue his religious life. As a seminarian, Rev. Kim received a “notice of expulsion” from Busan National University on July 11, 1973, when he was preparing for pastoral work, working toward the VOC movement, the purity movement, rural service, religious reconciliation, and missionary work. And Rev. Kim Su-young walked the path of sacrifice, ministry, and mission for the rest of his life.

Pastor Kim is now in his mid-70s and has visited Busan National University several times to fulfill his unfulfilled dream of graduating from college, but each time he was told that “it is practically impossible to return to school due to the relevant laws and academic regulations.” One day, he received a phone call from Busan National University saying that the revision of the relevant laws





opened the way for early expelled students like him to rejoin the university. After 47 years, on July 17, 2020, he was able to return to school for the first semester of his third year.

For a pastor in his late 70s, whose classes were held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and who had to use a computer keyboard to type his essays, completing assignments and writing his bachelor's thesis was a life-and-death struggle that most people wouldn't understand. But at the end of last year, thanks to the love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, he completed the two-year academic curriculum and earned all the required credits, graduating with a bachelor's degree in February 2023. Speaking about his future plans, Rev. Kim said, "As I have gained an understanding of the Unification Principle and the way of life, I want to finish my life by living a life of 'filial piety' before the nation and heaven." 



Biography

- 1964 Encounter with the Unification Principle
- 1965 Participates in the activities of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principle (CARP)
- 1966 Became a member of CARP and participated in the activities of The International Christian Students Association (ICSA)
- 1972 First training for church leadership at Guri Centre, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea
Preparation for God's ministry: Special 40-day seminar, Divine Principle training, Bible study, testimony practice)
- 1973 Served as a pioneer church leader in Youngam County, South Jeolla Province (South Korea)
Received expulsion notice from Busan National University
- 1980 Appointed leader of the first Busan Student Centre
- 1985 Appointed leader of Yeongdo Church
- 1988 Appointed leader of Haeundae Church (Busan)
- 1990 Prepared for international missionary work, sent to Africa as a missionary
- 1991 First mission country in Africa, Senegal, to the capital Dakar
- 1994 Missionary leader in Yamoussoukro (political capital of the Ivory Coast) and responsible for the West African sub-region, raised to the rank of king by the notability of Yamoussoukro
- 1995 Visit of True Parents to Côte d'Ivoire
Celebration of the coronation ceremony of True Parents as King of Kings (Hôtel Ivoire, Abidjan, economic capital of Côte d'Ivoire)
- 1997 Appointed National Messiah of Sudan (moved to Sudan)
- 1999 Côte d'Ivoire is recognised as a country of excellence among the mission nations of the Family Federation
- 2000 Returned to Korea after completing missionary work: Appointed continental leader of Africa, participated in God's ministry activities
- 2023 Involved in Senior Church Leaders' activities

Peace Activities

ACLC PRAYER BREAKFAST CHICAGO

On March 7, fifty Unificationists and their 40 guests gathered at the Life Center Church of God in Christ in Chicago for a powerful and engaging prayer breakfast focused on the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum. ACLC leaders Rev. John Jackson and Dr. Luonne Rouse educated clergy on the deeper meaning and heart behind the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum and the offering. This was the first time many of the Christian Pastors heard about the Cheon Won Temple and it inspired them to make a donation that day. A special offering was taken up that ACLC leaders donated to or made a determination to donate towards. This was a great opportunity for Unificationists to develop stronger relationships with the pastors of ACLC. The prayer breakfast was hosted by Pastor T.L. Barret, Jr., and run by ACLC leaders and the Chicago Family Church.



TONGIL MOO DO PROMOTION

On March 5, forty Unificationists and their 24 guests gathered at the Clifton Family Church for a Tongil Moo Do promotion test. Youth of all ages learned directly from Tongil Moo Do practitioners who shared their knowledge, skills, and philosophies. Parents and youth were both excited and energized. Everyone was happy to see that all promotions were successful. The test was organized by Nathaniel Nitro, President of Tong Il Moo Do Federation North America.



CANADA, UPF : SEMINAR TO APPOINT NEW AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE

On March 11, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in Canada hosted a seminar to appoint new peace ambassadors in Toronto. Over 80 participants from various community groups, cultural organizations, and the media attended the event.

The seminar included an introduction to UPF's main activities and organizations, as well as an overview of the founder of UPF and the mission of the Peace Ambassadors. The presentations were, followed by a Q&A session with the new Ambassadors for Peace. Towards the end of the event, all participants made a commitment to participate in future Peace Road events for world peace and the reunification of North and South Korea. The event ended with a group photo to remember this day.



ASIA PACIFIC 2 - THE PACIFIC CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (PCLC)

On February 28, 2023, the Pacific Christian Leadership Conference (PCLC) organized the Conference on Religious Freedom, titled "Religious Freedom: The Bedrock of a Good Society." The event welcomed participants from 26 nations across Asia Pacific, including Japan, USA, Canada, Iran, and Thailand, among others. The conference gathered religious leaders, educators, civic society, youth leaders, peace activists, and experts, with a total of 57 on-site participants and 781 online attendees through Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube.

The opening session was moderated by Rev. Gregory Stone, Secretary General of PCLC Executive Committee, and featured a short PCLC video, and a praise song by the ACE Singing Bishops from the Philippines. Archbishop Elias Soria, President of the Asian Clergy Leadership Conference and IAPD Philippines, served as the master of ceremony, while Rev. Father Roberto V. San Diego, the Episcopal Vicar for Religious of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish from Mandaluyong, Philippines, gave the opening prayer.

Rev. Masaichi Hori, Chairman of the PCLC Executive Committee, delivered the opening remarks, emphasizing that religious freedom is not only at stake in totalitarian states but also in Christian and democratic nations. A video on the International Religious Summit held in Washington DC last January 31 to February 1, 2023, was also presented during the conference.

Twelve esteemed speakers presented their thoughts on the conference theme, "Religious Freedom: The Bedrock of a Good Society." H.E. Johnson Toribiong, Former President of the Republic of Palau, discussed how leaders should take action in their capacity to advocate and defend religious liberty in their nations. Mr. Thomas P. McDevitt, Chairman of the Washington Times, USA, emphasized the importance of reinforcing the call for religious freedom, fighting for freedom of speech, media, conscience, and faith, and working together to move the world as the body of Christ. Other speakers included Dr. Doug Bandow, Senior Fellow, CATO Institute, Washington DC, USA; Mr. Jonathan Ayling, Chief Executive, Free Speech Union, New Zealand; Most Rev. Antonio J. Ledesma, Archbishop-Emeritus of Cagayan de Oro, Philippines; and Mrs. Wendy Francis, National Director for Politics, Australian Christian Lobby.

In between the sessions, Lanao del Norte Interfaith Council Music Ministry from the Philippines and One Heart from Solomon Islands performed, captivating the hearts of the participants. Msgr. Joseph Lalo, a Priest from the Eastern Catholic Church, moderated the second session of the conference, with speakers such as Cardinal Kelvin Felix, Cardinal Emeritus of Castries, Roman Catholic Church; Rev. Ursula McLackland, Regional Coordinator, Interreligious Association for Peace and Development; Rev. Fr. Edgardo De Jesus, Roman Catholic Priest, Diocese of Bulacan, Philippines; Dr. Con Kafataris, President & Founder, Australian Christian Alliance; Bishop Rene Ballenas, President, Association of Christian Evangelist International, USA; and Rev. Meilanny Risamasu, Co-Founder, Youth Pastor's Community, Indonesia.



Dr. Robert S. Kittel, Co-Chairman of PCLC Executive Committee, led the call to action, which highlighted the persecution of the Unification Church in Japan. Dr. Kittel emphasized that Unification Church members in Japan continue to face extreme persecution and discrimination, violating their fundamental right to freedom of religion. He called on the audience to sign a declaration of support for the statement on religious freedom, aimed at protecting the basic rights of all religious groups to practice their religion without fear of persecution or discrimination. The declaration was signed by 93 online participants while 22 did it onsite.

Dr. Kittel's call to action emphasized the importance of promoting religious freedom and tolerance, urging people to stand up against persecution and discrimination of any kind. By taking this simple action, the audience had the opportunity to express their solidarity with the Unification Church and other religious groups facing similar challenges. Overall, Dr. Kittel's message served as a powerful reminder that protecting the freedom of religion is not just a matter of individual choice but an essential component of a just and equitable society. Through action, people can work towards creating a more inclusive and tolerant world where everyone's fundamental rights are respected and protected.

After the signing ceremony, group photos were taken, followed by a closing prayer led by Msgr. Isagani Fabito, a priest from the Iglesia Filipina Independiente in the Philippines and Senior Adviser of PCLC. The event ended with cheers of "Eog Mansei" and a closing performance by the HJ Youth Band.

The PCLC comprises 17 nations, including Australia, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tuvalu, Tonga, and Vanuatu.

CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM INAUGURATED BY UPF NICARAGUAY AT UNIVERSITY OF COMMERCIAL SCIENCE (UCC)

Heavenly Central America witnessed the inauguration ceremony of the UPF's Character Education Program at the University of Commercial Science (UCC) in Nicaragua on February 28th. The program was hosted on the university campus and attended by 350 people, both in person and online. This year, 14 conferences are scheduled to take place for the students and staff of the university. The Vice President of UCC, MSc. Fabiola Somarriba, expressed her gratitude to UPF, emphasizing the importance of character education in the lives of

young university students.

Dr. Charles S. Yang, President of UPF-Central America and the Caribbean, delivered the keynote address, followed by a masterly conference by Steven Boyd-MBA, Dean of Enrollment Management & Student Life (UTS). The program aims to provide character education to young students, emphasizing the values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect. Through this program, students are taught to develop their characters and become responsible citizens in society.

The UPF's Character Education Program is a crucial academic curriculum. The program serves as a foundation for students to develop their personalities and characters, contributing to their holistic growth as individuals. With the program's implementation, students are equipped with values that prepare them for success in their careers and personal lives. With the successful inauguration ceremony of the program, it is expected that the program will have a positive impact on the personal and academic growth of the students at UCC.



BURKINA FASO (WFWP) DONATION ACTIVITIES

On Saturday March 11th, 2023, the Women's Federation for World Peace Burkina Faso organized a donation activity in support of needy children. The event took place inside the enclosure of the hotel maternal of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso, with a total of 40 attendees. The hotel maternal is a state structure that welcomes children in distress, abandoned children, orphans, and all children who find themselves without a family.

With the aim of bringing a little joy and happiness to these children, WFWP Burkina Faso organized a collection of funds and goods to offer a donation of support for the care of these children. Some of our women ambassadors for peace who contributed a lot were also present that afternoon for this activity. The donations made included goods such as diapers, soaps, bags of rice, oil, milk, sugar, clothes, and shoes.

Mrs. OUEDRAOGO Edith, the Acting Director of the hotel maternal expressed her deep gratitude to the WFWP Burkina for this thought regarding these children and thanked them on behalf of the highest authorities of the hotel maternal and on behalf of all the children for the support provided.

About twenty children were present at the handover ceremony representing the whole group because not all of them could present themselves. There were crippled children, about twenty babies from zero to 1 year old and at least 75 children from 2 to 18 years old (Unfortunately we were not authorized to take photos or video with the children).

Mrs KABORE Aimée, the WFWP National President spoke some few words, introducing first of all our True mother Dr Hak Ja Han Moon, as the founder of the WFWP, the true mother of humanity, and the mother of peace. She briefly presented the vision and objectives of the WFWP, emphasizing the major role of mothers, because living currently in the era of women as she said, women must understand better their role in order to assume it well.

Mothers must contribute to the good education of children and succeed in making their family better so that peace can start in the family. Ms. Kabore added that mothers must use their maternal heart to develop a great unconditional love, and sacrificial love not only towards their own children but towards all the children of this world. And it is with this perspective that the WFWP Burkina chose this month of March, month of women, to share their hearts with the children of the hotel maternal.



To end her intervention, Mrs. Kabore encouraged the children to sing a song, which led the whole assembly to share a moment of joy with the children by singing together the song “if you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands ...”. One of our women peace ambassadors shared candies to each of the children which ended this brief and simple donation ceremony. The event began at 3:30 p.m. and ended at 4:20 p.m.

The Women’s Federation for World Peace Burkina Faso’s donation activity was a great success, and we hope it brought some much-needed joy and support to the children at the hotel maternal. We thank all those who participated and contributed to this event, and we hope to continue our efforts to support those in need in Burkina Faso and beyond.

Youth Activities

CANADA , WEEKLY DP LECTURE WORKSHOP

In February, the Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver churches in Canada, the second largest continent in North America, conducted weekly Principle training courses with the aim of achieving church growth in 2023, following the policy of the International Headquarters. The purpose of the training is to provide continuous Unification Principle education to cater to the needs of new witnessed members.

Three young adults from the Vancouver church were particularly moved by the Unification Principle, and they attended the training sessions for three consecutive weeks. They also announced their plans to visit Korea in May to participate in the victorious dedication of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Guk Temple. They expressed their desire to attend the 40-day training at HJ Cheonbo Heaven and Earth Training Centre during that period.

As a result, the Canadian church is undergoing a transformation day by day through the Principle Programme. FFWPU Canada will continue to support the ongoing work of the Divine Principle lectures to accelerate outreach efforts.



In Other News

MATCHING AND BLESSING PREPARATION SEMINAR

A 12-day seminar was conducted by the Blessed Family Department to educate and prepare young 1st and 2nd generation members from subregion 4 of Heavenly Central America. Although the seminar was online, approximately 50 people, including 40 youth and some parents, consistently participated.

At the end of the seminar, all the participants expressed their satisfaction and motivation to continue the preparation to choose their match correctly. One 1st generation participant shared their testimony and expressed their appreciation for the seminar, stating that it helped them to understand the importance of education, reading, and prayer, and motivated them to follow the path with more determination and faith.

Similarly, a 2nd generation participant expressed their gratitude for the seminar, stating that it came at an appropriate moment when they needed guidance and inspiration to learn more deeply about the meaning and process of matching and blessing. The seminar made them reflect internally and have a closer connection to God and True Parents. They further mentioned that the seminar gave them a foundation for preparing and starting the matching and blessing process and solved all their doubts and questions.

In conclusion, the 12-day seminar organized by the Blessed Family Department was a success, and the participants were satisfied with the knowledge and preparation they received. The seminar helped them to have a deeper understanding of the importance of education, prayer, and matching and blessing process.



BENIN - RAISING AWARENESS AMONG MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE

In Benin, a Cheonbo family held a service to raise awareness among members to contribute to the completion of Cheon Won Gung. More than 100 people attended the meeting, which was

an opportunity to highlight the importance and providential significance of Cheon Won Gung and the Cheonil Sanctum.

The Family Service on February 28, 2023, in the Togbi tribe was specifically dedicated to fundraising for Cheon Won Gung. In a bid to demonstrate their piety and filial love towards the True Parents, the tribal messiah couple, Jude and Rose Togbi, mobilized their spiritual children and other members to join the ongoing fundraising campaign for Cheon Won Gung. Leader Jude Togbi deepened the participants' knowledge of Cheon Won Gung, emphasizing its historical, universal, and timeless importance and value, drawing on the words of the True Mother. Participants received inspiring testimonies from many other international leaders who were connected online.

After listening to inspiring testimonies from leaders and elder brothers and sisters from Africa, participants pledged to contribute to the monumental task of providence of Cheon Wong Gung and the Cheonil Sanctum, held so dear by God and True Parents. Envelopes prepared for fundraising were distributed, and the participants eagerly seized them with a desire to also participate in the fulfillment of the providence of the Heavenly Parent.



CAMEROON: FFWPU'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE CHEONSHIMWON PRAYER HALL

The Cheonshim Won Special Prayer Hall in Cameroon was inaugurated on Sunday, February 14, 2023, in the 11th year of Cheon Il Guk. The ceremony was presided over by the Regional President Rev. Jean Pierre Kadima and attended by over 200 members connected via Zoom from various churches across sub-region 3 of Shin Africa. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Regional Secretary General for Heavenly Africa, National leader of Cameroon, pastors, leaders of providential organizations in Cameroon, while the Director of Planification and Main Lecturer of HJ Cheon Bo Africa joined via Zoom.

Before the inauguration, the national leader of Cameroon led blessed families in offering a 4-day Vigil prayer and partial fasting. The inauguration ceremony started immediately after the sub-regional Sunday service at 11:10 a.m. The opening prayer was offered by Pastor Leocadie, and Victoria Tching-bobe, president of IAYSP Cameroon, read the HDH, which was True Mother's Message at Cheon Hwa Gung, Las Vegas, USA, April 30, 2022. The installation of the holy items, including candles, lighting of the candles, and the installation of the ancestor's house, was coordinated by Rev. Edwin Plekhanov.

After lighting the main candle from Korea and transmitting the flame to all eight candles, the flame was transmitted to the National Leader Rev. Nchia Kamran Nuifahnu, who was holding a candle representing the nation. The Regional President Rev. Jean Pierre Kadima offered a prayer of gratitude and benediction to Heavenly parent and True Parents. Rev. Ahonjo Eugene then gave congratulatory remarks, encouraging the proper use of the prayer hall. The national leader gave the closing remarks, emphasizing that the candles are always supposed to remain lit, and the event ended with a family picture.

In conclusion, the inauguration of the Cheonshim Won Special Prayer Hall in Cameroon was a solemn and memorable occasion. The installation of the holy items and the lighting of the candles symbolized the presence of Heavenly parent and True Parents in the prayer hall. The event was a testimony to the faith and dedication of the members and leaders in Cameroon and their commitment to the providence of Heavenly parent and True Parents. 



