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## Rev. In Jin Moon Takes her Tour to the Heart of the Midwest

Rev. In Jin Moon visited the city of Columbus, Ohio, from Saturday February 7, to Sunday, February 8 and spent nearly every hour with members who had come with excitement to join her from the states of Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Carolina. It was a packed house at each event during these noteworthy two days, yet each member was given the opportunity to meet her directly and see a transformation happening that they were all a part of.

Upon her arrival in Ohio, she met with more than 200 youth and young adults who greeted her with cheers and excitement. As the young people listened intently, Rev.



Youth singing together before meeting Rev. In Jin Moon in Ohio on Saturday, February 8th, 2009

Moon encouraged them to represent their community with what they truly love to do and to go forward in it. She expressed that she wanted them to be excited about who they are. “You are the future of America. It would be my wish to see all of you running the top things in the nation.” She also reminded them, “The only real obstacle to yourself...is you. If you believe you will be great one day, then you will.”

One of the youth, Kai Schmittat, expressed after hearing her speak, “I am really moved by how much Rev. In Jin Moon has compassion and love towards us all. I felt very encouraged and inspired that she sees so much hope and potential in all of us that we could not even see.” Alexa, another youth, said, “I really enjoyed Reverend Moon; her speech, her attitude, and her motherly way. She shared so much inspiration to us. Her words made me feel like I was important and I could do anything with my future.”

All the young people were invited to introduce themselves and share their passions and hopes to Rev. Moon one by one as she listened and offered feedback. Each felt honored and heard. One major highlight for the night was many youth being deeply moved by receiving a personal hug. Anne Rivetti shared, “Seeing Rev. In Jin

Moon listening to us the whole evening just moved me so deeply. Here she is, listening, caring, giving advice, smiling, and even hugging us.” Another youth, Kyungmi Ayad, said that she could feel that “Rev. Moon really cared; it was like she came just for me.”

Overall, the youth and young adults felt that they had been immensely touched by meeting and sharing time with Rev. Moon. Igraine Convery observed, “Rev. In Jin Moon is a beautiful and inspiring woman. I really look up to her because she is taking so much responsibility. At the same time she has such a comforting and warming spirit. She is one of my role models because she is extremely intelligent, limitless, and a great motherly figure. I want to be like her one day.” Igraine also shared, “I was struggling before because I am not a very proactive person. However, she really motivated me to push past my fears. I am so grateful to have met her and for her tremendous effort to listen to our dreams.”

The next morning, more than 300 members joined Rev. Moon at 5am for Hoon Dok Hwe, a gathering to meet and read scripture, in the main ballroom of Columbus’s Ramada Plaza Hotel. After a short reading, a video was shown to recap the celebration of Rev. Dr.



Youth performing in Ohio on February 9th, 2009

Sun Myung Moon’s 90th birthday and Hak Ja Han Moon’s 67th birthday at the Manhattan Center in New York City. This video was stimulating to all, who agreed with Rev. In Jin Moon that this past weekend had been an amazing occasion for many to share in the joy of her father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s, work for God and humanity as well as for many to experience the Blessing of Holy Marriage Ceremony.

Rev. Moon said “As I watched 270 of you [second generation couples] get blessed last weekend at the Manhattan Center, I wanted to encourage you that the Blessing is truly a celebration of love and life. That is what we are all working towards.”

With both parents and children attending that morning, Rev. Moon then addressed the worry of many youth who may feel “held back” by keeping the behavioral standards expected of Blessed Children. She asserted that it is not what they cannot do that they should be focused on, but instead it is all that they can do that they need to look at. “Oh my goodness, there is so much that you can do. You can have a loving spouse, you can raise a beautiful family, you can be a top student in your school, you can be the greatest doctor, artist, painter: You name it. The world is your oyster.”

“Your parents want you to be so free, respecting other people’s freedom, not just yourself: Respecting your culture, your community, your family,” she continued. “Your parents are really great people, and they want the best for you. All of you deserve to be loved, deserve to be appreciated, because you are God’s children. And the only thing that True Parents and God are saying is that you are so special, you do not deserve a broken heart or a horrible situation. In a way, your life is the most valuable asset of our movement. God is asking you to celebrate love, and celebrate life, and not have to sacrifice these things.”

Ohio’s Sunday Service with Rev. Moon began at 8:30am, with over 400 members in attendance. As Rev. Moon entered, singing throughout the congregation began with the youths on stage who take part in Ohio’s Music Ministry.

After Rev. Moon spoke to the congregation, the positive feedback was enormous. One member, P.G Lanrent, shared his opinion that “today the Sunday service was special. Rev. In Jin Moon’s presence was a blessing for Ohio and for our whole district.” Another member, Romia Kumgang, said, “The Sunday service was very inspiring. I love her sincerity and down-to-

earth attitude. I think that with her leadership, we can become professionals and celebrities for God if we want to. She definitely encouraged us to go and conquer the [problems in the] world naturally.”

Many members also reflected on their insights after hearing Rev. Moon’s sermon that morning. Theresa Young said: “I loved hearing her talk about the realization of us being one large family, a community to take care of each other. I really want to see this ideal come to substantiation.” Theresa also shared that she was able to connect and relate very easily to everything Rev. Moon said. “She spoke in a very sincere and realistic manner that put some things in a much clearer perspective for me. Her encouragement to work towards great success has also inspired a stronger conviction to further my capabilities and be a useful vessel for God.”

Before leaving Ohio, Rev. Moon was able to enjoy a talent show prepared by local youth, and then took



the time to greet, shake hands with, and take pictures with each family who had attended that day. Members were struck with a feeling of true concern for their well-being by Rev. Moon. Many also shared their feeling of excitement for what would be happening in their movement, as well as what they could each achieve in their own lives! Jutta Tobkin testified after Rev. Moon’s visit, “I am grateful for the motherly heart Rev. In Jin Moon brought. She said that understanding is loving, and I felt both understood and loved today.” A. T. said, “I respect Rev. In Jin Moon and her family a lot. They are real, and unlike other leaders they are very honest and not trying to cover up any mistakes or shortfalls. I know they will succeed in their ministry 110 percent. Rev. Moon, we will support you in any and every way.”



## Rev. In Jin Moon’s Ohio Sermon Highlights

February 8, 2009 in Columbus, OH

Following are highlights of Rev. In Jin Moon’s sermon at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Columbus, Ohio on February 8, 2009, given during the 11th stop of her 12-district listening tour

“As somebody who lived with and who works with [True Parents], I feel like it’s truly incumbent upon me to let you know that True Father and Mother are always thinking about America, always praying for America, and always praying for the brothers and sisters who’ve given so much to this country. And they never forget. Just like the way they never forgot when they saw the New Hope Singers International come on stage [referring to the blessing ceremony on January 31, 2009]. I saw the way my father watched all of them come and take their places on stage, one at a time. Father was sitting in such a way that he could not see the faces, but he was still watching the backs of these brothers and sisters as they took their places. I could hear what was going on in my father’s mind. My father and my mother were remembering all the great things that they did together with the New Hope Singers International at Yankee Stadium, the Washington Monument. They were thinking of all the great blessings that they experienced together with you, and all the great hope.

“Do you remember the Day of Hope tours, when you had musical entertainment with the New Hope Singers and the Go World Brass Band, and all of you guys were much younger but so full of life? My father was in his 50s and such a strong, virile man; he had so much energy and so much hope. I literally heard those things going

through my father’s mind as I watched him prepare to listen to the voices that represented America during those crucial moments in time.

“At that time I was also reliving how I was as a very young girl. I came to this country when I was eight years old. For the first time in my life, I saw American faces, I saw blue eyes. This morning I had breakfast with Joe Willett. At East Garden he was a security guard taking care of us. For us children, he had the reputation for having the bluest eyes, the prettiest eyes. I don’t know if they’re still as blue as I remember them to be, but for us that was just so incredible. They looked like two sapphires. I remember my siblings and me calling him ‘the blue-eyed one.’ For the first time, we saw blonde hair; we saw red hair. Coming from a country where everything was the same—everything was black hair and everything was black eyes—I felt that America was such a land of amazement for me, and I know [it was] for my younger brothers and sisters, too.

“We came to know different members of the American movement by getting to speak English and finally learning it. I remember my father saying to the family, from the moment we hit East Garden and Belvedere, ‘Your mission, children, is to love America.’ And I remember all of us looking at Father and thinking in our mind, what does it mean to love America? And then Father went on to say, ‘In order to love America, you must speak English as well as the American people do, and better. And when you learn to speak the American language, then you can truly love America.’ So from the get-go we

had a mission. We had to learn English, and we had to speak it very, very well so we could heartistically connect to the American people and understand them. It’s only in truly understanding people that you can say you truly love them. So that was the True Children’s mission from the beginning.

“So we took that to heart. We tried our best at school. Father always urged us to be the best in everything that we did: “Be the best in sports, be the best in school, and be the best at home.” So even though I was a girl and my mother, coming from the Korean tradition, was a bit apprehensive about her daughters playing sports, my father said, ‘Go and play.’ By the time I graduated from middle school, I was the captain of the field hockey team, and my father was very proud of that. I came home with a field hockey uniform and I said, “Father, this is a really great day for me because I was just chosen to be the captain of my field hockey team, and it’s a great honor. And they gave me the chance to choose my number.” I remember Father just kind of thinking about it a little bit, and I said, ‘What number should I be? Should I be Number 3 because I’m the third one in the True Family, or should I be Number 2 because I’m the second daughter in True Family? What number should I be?’ Father just sat there for the longest time. He closed his eyes, and then he looked at me and said, ‘Your number should be 43.’ That was a long time ago, when I was in junior high school.

“When this great responsibility came to me because of the passing of my elder brother, Father gave me an offer I could not refuse, which was to carry on

my brother's vision at the Manhattan Center. Then a couple of months later True Parents went through the whole resurrection from the helicopter accident, and Father asked me again to head up HSA. I was 43 years old. So it brought back a lot of memories for me, memories about what America was to a little girl of eight years old."

"When one of you has the courage to come up to me (and we love it when you come up to us and seek us out), and you say, 'In Jin Nim, you guys are True Children. What is it like being a True Child, building an ideal family? Father is so great. But the True Children went through a process of growth, and it's been so difficult. How do you deal with all of that?' I always like to say, 'I deal with that the way I deal with anything. And that is, one step at a time, each and every day. I start my morning thanking God, I end my day thanking God, and in between I try my best.'

"It's never an easy thing. In some ways Jesus Christ had the easy way because he didn't have a spouse; he didn't have to raise children. I think if he had been granted the opportunity to have a spouse and build a family, it would have looked not so different from what the True Family had to go through. All the children would have had to work through their difficulties, their life suffering, and various obstacles to become the kind of people that God originally intended them to be. Like your children and like my children, as much as we love them, they've got to make their own choices. So we as parents can only try our best, but our children have to decide whether they're going to be loyal to God, whether they're going

to live their life for God, and whether they're going to build an ideal family.

"I know that a lot of the First Generation who've given up so much for the movement sometimes felt like, 'Well, God, I sacrificed everything, I gave everything up. I thought we were going to have sinless children. I thought it would be like planting a seed in a pot and all I needed to do was water and make sure that it got enough sunshine.'" But, as any parent knows, children are a little bit more complicated than a potted plant, and they need a little bit more love, care, and attention. Yes, it's wonderful that they're born sinless, but that just means that we have to take care of them and we have to, in a way, manage them. We as a community need to protect them."

"We have everything we need. Instead of being focused so much in trying to become big—we're always putting on big events—why not build relationships so that people want to come and be a part of our event? Why not build incredible families and communities so leaders feel the need to come and talk to our communities and be a part of them, and in that process, make Unificationists an integral part of the political and the social process in America? Why can't we be that? I think we can.

"When I meet our Second Generation, I am so inspired because they represent the best of what can be. They're beautiful, they're intelligent, they love God, and they honor elders, which is something lacking in this country now. They care about people, like handicapped people or people who can't take care of themselves. I don't know how many times I've heard stories

about our Second Generation touching the lives of different people."

"Let us liberate ourselves from the difficulties of the past and think of ourselves in a new way. Let us think of ourselves as a movement of celebration, as a family where we can celebrate each other's victories and listen to each other's suffering but be inspired through each other in what we can do. In many ways, we've just been so concentrated on what we are not that many times we don't see what we are. And what we are is wonderful, wonderful people. We are God-loving people, God-loving families with children who are aspiring to live a life for God. And that's a rare phenomenon in the world now."

"You can see in a society where the consciousness is by looking at the fashion trends, which are very good indicators of what people are feeling in their subconscious. When you see the 1960s fashions come back—for God's sake, the color chartreuse, which was so prevalent in the 1960s and everybody hated in the 1970s and 1980s, has come back full force in this new millennium—you realize that it's a cyclical thing. This cult of celebrity has created so much confusion, with shows like *Cribs* on MTV, where everything is about money, money, money, women, women, women, sex, sex, sex—that's all. The young people are like, 'Okay, if I have money, if I have women, if I can have all the sex in the world, then I'm set.'"

"I work with those very people who have all the money in the world. I work with those people who have all the women and men in the world. And you know what? They're not happy. I don't know how many times my shoulder has been the crying pad for a lot of

very famous people. And not because I said anything but because they met my children, and they felt moved. They started asking me questions: 'How come your kids are so different? How come they're so respectful? How come my niece is not like that? How come my nephew is not like that?' And then naturally I can talk to them about my father, I can talk to them about incredible people like you and incredible children like our kids. And they just start bursting into tears. Many of them come from very difficult homes.

"Many of them were molested when they were young—had incestuous relationships or were raped or beaten. They have really horrible stories that compel them to want to succeed so badly. But they never got rid of what happened because if something like that happens to you, it scars you for life. Unless you find God and realize that you are God's son or daughter and God has a purpose for you, then life becomes meaningless. All the money in the world, all the women the world, all the cars in the world are not going to make you happy. I see this day in and day out, working in New York City.

"I met a lot of talented musicians yesterday, and quite a few talented ones have been here up on stage playing. I can't wait to hear you guys next year. I'm sure you'll be that much more phenomenal. But if you really love something, then don't be satisfied with just being mediocre. If you really love something, be passionate about it. All those people who have made it, it's because they worked hard. You don't become a singer just because you're talented. You have to be talented, work hard, and try your best. If you

can do that and at the same time be internally excellent so that you can be like Beyonce but absolutely love God, True Parents, and America, be proud that you're representing America to the world, and influence young people that way—I would say, go for it. I would say, absolutely. And I think a lot of you will."

"So this is an incredible time when I, as a representative of the True Family, can go back to the civil rights leaders and say, 'You know what? You can't go into retirement. God still has plans for you. God works in mysterious ways, and now you have to hand the baton of the civil rights movement on to a new generation of young people that's going to change the world. Before, you were fighting for racial equality, but now we're fighting to create a peaceful world.'

"We're fighting to create a world where at the end of my day I can close my eyes in peace and know that my children are going to be safe from suicide bombers, from school shootings, from people who want to hurt them just because they're doing well. I need to know that as a mom, I'm leaving behind a generation that espouses to be something greater than themselves. We need to create a new consciousness for the youth of America and of the world, to help them recognize the importance of understanding that God is our Heavenly Parent and that we are one family under God. This means as brothers and sisters we have to treat each other with respect, we have to learn from each other with greater understanding, and we have to love each other in a caring way that inspires us to unite more deeply and create a world that will be a better world than what we know now."

"As a daughter who has seen my father liberate so many things in the past—spirit world, ancestors, and many different things—the liberation of God as the King of Kings was the most profound one because when Father liberated God, he didn't just liberate God the King of Kings as a Father, but he liberated God the King of Kings as a Heavenly Parent. There were two thrones representing God, the male and the female. And maybe because I'm a woman, I have a profound experience whenever I see the feminine aspect represented in religion. I know that, as somebody who has studied religion, it has not really been kind to women because it sees Eve as causing the Fall and blames Eve for everything. Until True Mother, through her endless difficulties and suffering, became victorious and reclaimed the proper role of Eve, so many women in the name of religion have been slaughtered, abused, or misused."

"And my father knew that when he put Fish-Eye [A nickname for Rev. In Jin Moon's husband] together with his daughter, oil and vinegar together, he would get a one-of-a-kind vinaigrette that's going to bring a lot of joy to a lot of people. I see that in my children.

"So, brothers and sisters, God is working among us; God is working with us. God is working in mysterious ways, and we just need to open our eyes. That opening of the eyes starts with realizing how incredibly blessed all of us are to be living at the same time that our True Parents are with us."

# Rev. In Jin Moon Rounds up her Tour in Dallas

February 21 - 22, 2009



STF youth pose with Rev. In Jin Moon in Dallas, Texas

Rev. In Jin Moon's visit to our church family in Dallas, Texas, on February 21–22 was a memorable conclusion to her 12-district tour of the United States, and it marks a milestone in her ministry: She now has reached out to meet and speak to virtually every Unificationist family in the United States.

As she did in visits to other districts, Rev. Moon took the time to listen to our youths' hopes and dreams and shared her hopes and new guidance with the community. By her own example, messages of each person's capability, and by expressing her sincere love and care for each individual, each member was touched and beyond doubt connected to the present and future of the movement. One member, Michael Joyce, reflected after Rev. Moon's visit, "Some people now say this is the New Movement, although I would say the New Movement was already there, but we just did not know about it!"

Texas is part of a seven-state district, which includes Arkansas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Utah; which is led by Rev. Mark Hernandez. Texas also enjoys use of Tejas Trails, a ranch property owned by Rev. Ken Morgan and family located outside of Austin, where district and local workshops for families are held. Dallas, being the district headquarters, hosted Rev. Moon's events at the local church and at the Radisson Hotel.

On Saturday, February 21, Rev. Moon came to the Dallas church to meet almost 200 youth, ranging in age from 6th grade through college. The evening began with a surprise celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Rev. Moon and her husband. A celebratory cake and cowboy hats were presented to the entire family to help them "blend in" while visiting the South.

Once the evening began, Rev. Moon shared about her recent position as CEO of the Manhattan Center, located in the center of New York City. She explained



The front view of Dallas Family Church

about her determination to turn it into a prominent tool for the entertainment industry. The Manhattan Center already has contracts with major American networks.

It was evident that Rev. Moon's sharing about her educational background and recent success with the Manhattan center was meant to encourage everyone present to strive for excellence in his or her academic paths while also strengthening personal integrity. She urged each person to "be the kind of person you decide to be. This also will greatly impact and determine who your children will become," said Rev. Moon. She

explained the importance of living one day at a time and deciding who you want to be each and every day. It comes down to a personal choice each day to do this. Her advice on how to live each day? "Do things to make others smile; commit an act of love."

Moon also challenged each person to become a rebel. "Don't be a rebel without a cause. Be a rebel WITH a cause. Jesus Christ was a rebel in his time, a rebel with a great, great cause," said Rev. Moon. There was high stress on the importance of standing for something and being a person with true integrity and

character. "Rebel in a cool and righteous way," she said. "You don't need talent to smoke or drink; you prove nothing by going along with everyone else. All you prove is that you can follow the crowds."

Rev. Moon spent most of her talk stressing that not partaking in certain behaviors does not mean a life of denial, but "a life of preparation" to do great things. "Your parents are not trying to tell you what not to do, but instead to 'hold on, and don't waste your life.' [In this way], you can't waste your life away, but you can be future Olympic gold-medal winners, Nobel-

prize winners, and presidents of the United States,” she said. She strongly encouraged each person to build something and prepare themselves for larger things in the future, emphasizing that there is a need to gain the skills necessary for success. “Things you do everyday are like practicing your scales. It adds up. Your passion is just waiting.”

The highlight of everyone’s evening was listening to each young person share about his or her personal goals, hopes, and aspirations in life, and Rev. Moon listened to each and every individual with earnest attention.

Daniel Catillo, 17, shared about his loves for cooking and rapping. “Well, I don’t think there are any rapping chefs, yet!” said Rev. Moon. Sung Joon Koo, 22, shared about his love and dedication to photography and about his plans to leave for a 100-day journey to photograph America. Koo also presented his first published book to Rev. Moon. Sasha Heppel, 17, was ready to make a pitch to the new CEO of the Manhattan Center and was ready to pass out his business card to share his ideas

and thoughts on the media. She was smiling with each comment and request made by the youth present.

On Sunday, February 22nd, a 5 a.m. tradition of reading God’s word (“Hoon Dok Hwe) was held together with Rev. Moon and more than 300 attendees from the district at the Radisson Hotel. During her talk following the reading, Rev. Moon shared a few words about the importance of saving one’s self for marriage. She was unyielding about not allowing oneself to become a “sexual experiment” for others. Rev. Moon gave the following analogy, “What if you received a gift, for example, a laptop? That is exciting! But then you find out it is used, and maybe even broken.” She expressed that each of us deserves better than this.

Directly after Hoon Dok Hwe, Rev. Moon had breakfast with 20 youth leaders from the district, including representatives of each state’s youth and young-adult programs. Each had the opportunity to be introduced to Rev. Moon and share about his or her work for the community, including youth education.

Rev. Moon gave advice after hearing each speak, including her suggestion of “incurring the creation of a culture of external excellence” to be balanced with internal excellence. She reminded the group that we need to be capable and dedicated, and also that one of the best ways to share our movement’s teaching is through serving our communities.

Rev. Moon gave a Sunday Sermon at 9 a.m. to a packed church in which the hallway was overflowing with chairs. The community in return presented entertainment to Rev. Moon’s family and to members who traveled far for the weekend activities. The talent included 6th grader Richard Tanimoto, who performed on piano, Wendy Cho on cello, and siblings Amelia and Jacob Schoorr, who performed on guitar and drum a beautiful rendition of the song “Elias.” Fumiyo Ito also performed on piano and was followed by the showing of a video-game trailer constructed and presented by Saijee Higuchi, and, last but not least, there was a wonderful

presentation of the photography works by Sung Joon Koo.

Rev. Moon then graciously met every family who attended that day, one by one, and took photographs together.

Many of the earlier members of the movement in attendance of Rev. Moon’s visit reported that they felt rejuvenated by seeing the movement going forward right in front of them. As Jeannette Walker, from District 9, shared, “It is great to have hope for a positive change and to continue the vision of making God’s Peace Kingdom a reality. That is why we joined in the ‘70s -- captivated by the ideal of a true family and true love.” Another member who has been a Unificationist for some time reflected after Rev. Moon’s visit to Texas that, “I didn’t feel tired once this weekend. It was like the old days with our movement’s founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon; we were always so energized and mesmerized when we heard his words.”



Congregation in Dallas, Texas listening to Rev. In Jin Moon speak



Rev. In Jin Moon speaks to congregation at the Dallas Family Church on February 22, 2009

As was the case in other districts Rev. Moon had visited, the youth were moved that they could directly connect even more closely with their movement's teachings through Rev. In Jin Moon's words and example. What they could each accomplish and the future of this movement inspired an uproar of excitement and pride for what they could do as children of God. As Rev. In Jin Moon reminds youth on each visit, it is time for them to "reap the harvest" of their parents' work for them. There is no limit to what they can achieve. Possibility can, in fact, become a reality. "The only obstacle to success is yourself." Their gratitude for Rev. In Jin Moon as the chairperson for their movement was evident in the hope they expressed for what was to come and their longing for her return.

Members' reflections from Rev. In Jin Moon's visit to Dallas, Texas:

**Katerina Morgan:**

"I have always heard how Rev. In Jin Moon is such a sweet and warm-hearted person, but being able to see her in person, face-to-face, was so much more profound than I ever expected.

**Christal and Jennifer Theriot:**

"She made us feel loved and welcomed us into her heart even though she was the guest. What moved us was her belief that we all have potential (practice our scales!).

**Koshin Hosoya:**

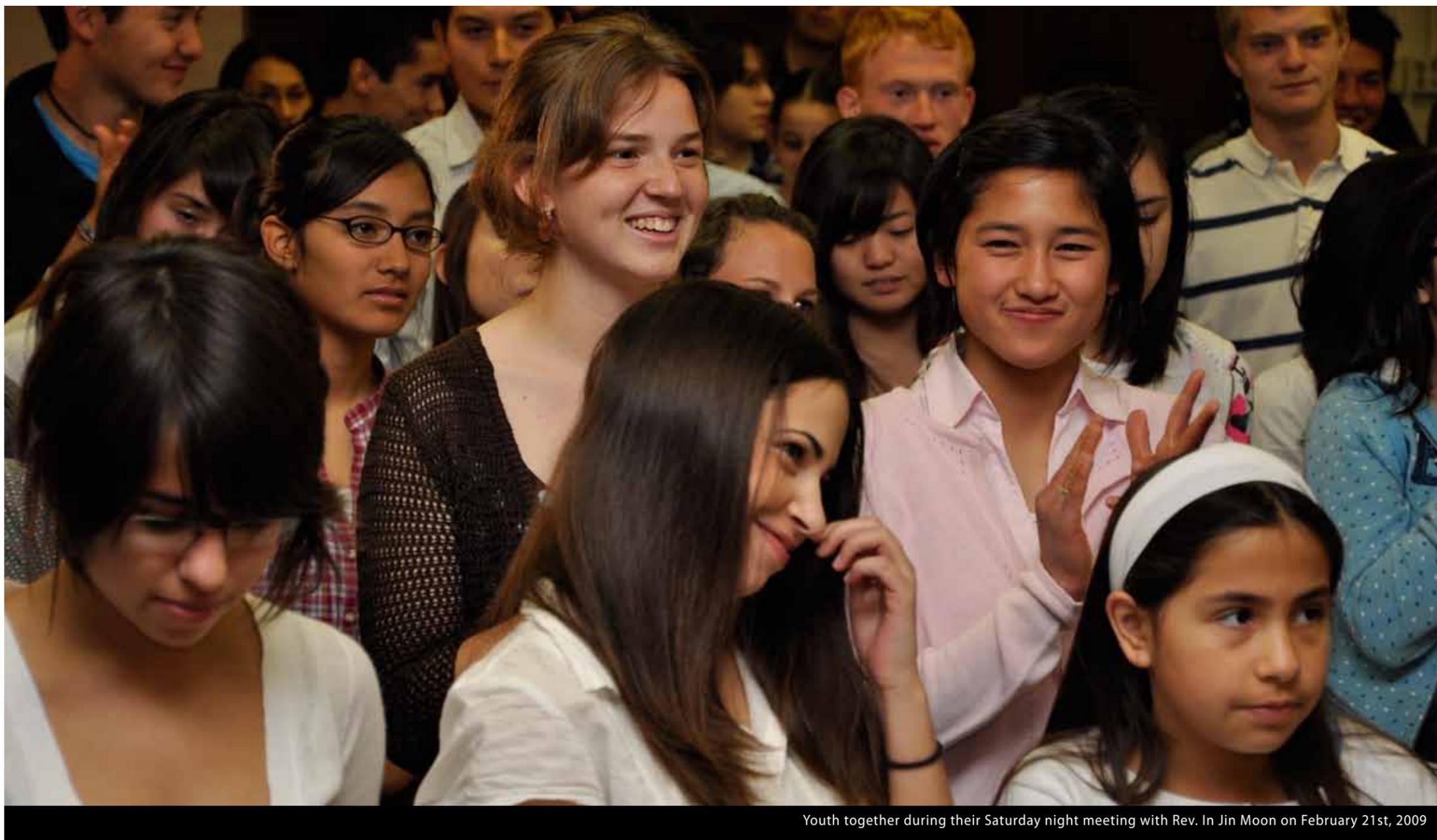
"I feel strongly that Rev. In Jin Moon was the one investing the most this whole time for us; especially during picture time with families – patient and genuine."

**Jeongwun Shin:**

"I really liked her analogy about "practicing the scales." She is so smart, so gracious, and so clear on what needs to be done. I think she'll bring a revolution to our church."

**Karen Rogers:**

"I felt completely understood and loved by Rev. In Jin Moon and her family. My heart was melted!"



Youth together during their Saturday night meeting with Rev. In Jin Moon on February 21st, 2009

**Sean Jackson:**

"What really stood out in her message was to practice what you do best and what you aspire towards. I am excited about tomorrow and the rest of my life because I feel like I could do the impossible. I think she will be a great leader as our chairperson."

**Jeannette Walker:**

"I am glad she has spent time to raise her family so she can speak from experience. She seems to be a good mix of business woman and mother. I truly thank our True Parents for appointing her to this position."

**Sammi Fleisher:**

"I think we've needed this for a long time in our movement but only True Family could do it, and now is the time they are able to. I see Rev. In Jin Moon as a professionally trained, internally aligned, and deeply passionate person who is more qualified to be a chairperson than anyone else I know. I am confident and relieved to see her take the responsibility because I can see real change beginning to happen."

**Sarah Lea:**

"Rev. In Jin Moon made me feel that I was someone very valuable to God and our True Parents. I felt that she loved me despite my shortcomings. I therefore feel very connected to her and I am excited about her being our leader."

**Rebecca Hernandez:**

"Rev. Moon is like a mother figure; she really has a goal in mind that she will never let go of. She is confident, patient, kind, and empathetic. I am truly glad we have a new leader who cares about each of us."

# Rev. In Jin Moon's Texas Sermon Highlights

February 22, 2009 in Dallas, TX

Following are highlights of Rev. In Jin Moon's sermon in Dallas, Texas on February 22, 2009, given during the 12th and final stop of her 12-district listening tour

"This weekend has been truly a wonderful weekend for me. It's just wonderful getting to know your children and all of you. I'm hoping that Texas, where everything is big, can be the state that can bring really great results for our True Parents and for America."

"This morning I was thinking about a lot of things, in particular, my journey, together with my husband, of building a family and learning how to work as a team. When Father and Mother asked me to take on the role of a mother for America, I had a lot of reflecting to do. I've often thought that the American people have incredible potential and that the First Generation, who stormed into our workshops and our centers many decades ago, were the best. You were the prepared cream of the crop. People like Rev. Jenkins and Rev. Hernandez were prepared. People like Ken Owens were prepared to take historical pictures with his 'Kimchee,' and 'One, two, three,' and 'Aboji, mansei.' All these wonderful people were prepared by our Heavenly Father.

"I've watched you grow over the years; I've watched you grow into parents and, some of you, into grandparents. I've very much enjoyed following different people's lives, especially the security brothers at East Garden, whom I love dearly, and some of the difficulties they went through as couples and as families. You young people, you capable, handsome, beautiful young Americans who joined the movement,

200 or 300 per week (can you imagine?) back then! You were so charged up. You were sparkling with your newfound inspiration that 'Oh my goodness, here is a message of God that's going to teach me how to experience true love and how to build an ideal family. I want to build the first ideal family. Sign me up!' You had that spirit. And that's why you came and gave up everything: your careers, your education, your whole lives in the pursuit of something wonderful, something new.

"On top of that, God gave us a physical manifestation in the body of True Parents, and these are two people whom I dearly adore, whom my children say are really, really cute. My daughter always likes to say, 'Oh, Omma, your father is so cute.' In Korean, it's key-oh-wa, and I say, 'You don't use that kind of word to describe your grandpa in Korean. You don't say your grandpa is cute, but I know what you mean.' Especially when the kids see Grandpa whistling and dancing, they are utterly amazed because although Father is 90 years old, he has a vigorous body and a great constitution. If you notice, it's difficult for him to walk without the support of a hand or a cane, but when Father is filled with the Holy Spirit, that man can boogie!

"When I think about how incredibly precious our True Parents are and I think about all the great Christian ministers whom I just got to know recently and all of my friends of different faiths, I often wonder, what would Christians give to have five minutes' real time with Jesus Christ? Maybe to have Starbucks coffee with him or share french fries at McDonald's, or maybe

better yet, walk down the street with him, enjoying a beautiful, sunny day?

"And the amazing thing about our movement, brothers and sisters, is that the teacher, physically manifested in the body of Father and Mother, is with us now. We see them. They are teaching us. They are throwing cakes at us, they are boogying with us, they are laughing with us, they are poking fun at us, and they are urging us to be better people. We are living, breathing, and working in an incredibly important providential time that's not going to come again. When Father talks about how he's going to leave us in 2013, I'm hoping that he means that it will just be a simple retirement because I want to have him with us for much longer."

"This is an incredible moment in history that will not be repeated. So when I say that all of you are so blessed, you truly are. You were born in a blessed time. Compared with all the millions of people who have gone before and will come after, we are chosen people.

"When I use the words chosen people, I say it with a bit of caution. The concept of chosen people has been misused by many different types of religions and organizations and misunderstood even in our own life of faith. The way I like to think of the chosen people is the way Dr. Young Oon Kim defined the phrase when she said, 'The chosen people means when you understand yourself to be a chosen person, you are chosen to serve.' It's not that you're so great and special that everyone is worthless compared with you but that you have been given a special opportunity and a blessing to serve."

"You've done great things in your life First Generation, my dear brothers and sisters. You've sacrificed so much. But now is the time when the baton must be passed."

"When I was at the coronation ceremony and saw my father and mother, and my younger brother's couple following so humbly behind them, I was filled with incredible pride because here was my father passing on the baton to a whole new generation. How wise and how wonderful it is for Father to raise up the youngest son, who has dedicated the last seven years of his life to a life of ministry!"

"For those of you who are confused about the future, Father's making it very clear. Not only did he have the coronation on January 15 in Korea, but, to emphasize the point, he did it again for us in America. I think that it was incredibly profound, moving, and wonderful. It gives us a sense of clarity. We as a movement know where the baton is passing; we know where we need to go."

"...How fitting it is that one of the first big projects that 'Lovey' [nickname for Rev. Hyung Jin Moon] has initiated as the spiritual head of our community is the building of an interfaith temple. Not only are we going to be preaching interfaith, but we're actually going to be building it in Korea. We will have different services in this building, representing unity: Catholic services, Jewish services, Islamic services. This is something that religious people have talked and dreamed about for centuries. Now the fulfillment is being made into reality."

"When we walk around in public, we need to be the best that we can be because we are representing our True Parents. We are representing our community; we are representing our Heavenly Parent. When we get ready to invite guests to our home, the first thing we do is clean house. The second thing we do is put on something nice. So in the same manner, how wonderful would it be if we could clean house and also at the same time put on something nice for each other? Prepare the inner, but also the outer aspect as well. The doors to the blessing are opening up, and Father and Mother are allowing more and more people to be blessed, including those who choose their own spouse. That was a foreign concept when I got married. You can be introduced to each other through your parents or even initiate the idea by yourselves. It's a wonderful, wonderful time. But with greater freedom comes greater responsibility. The more the blessing opens up, if you keep on taking your husband for granted, one of these days your husband is going to look at you and will be scratching his head and thinking, 'Do I really want to be married to this person for another day?' With greater freedom comes greater responsibility. So living for the sake of others means living first. Love your spouse by taking care of yourself and making sure you smell nice, making sure you smile, and making sure that your spouse knows that you're not taking him or her for granted."

"When he started talking about the Pacific Rim Ea and I first got wind of it, I said, 'This is to my mother's credit.' All those years of being silent behind my father, she was the model for

the Unification ladies for a long time. True Mother didn't speak, so women had to be quiet. We very much followed the paradigm of the biblical story of Mary and Martha in which Mary is hailed as displaying the true virtue of Christian womanhood because she was silent. But I want to understand that story to mean that Jesus wants to teach us the importance of listening to him as opposed to doing busywork like Martha was."

"As difficult as it is for an Asian man [In Jin's husband] to be Number Two to this woman here, I know that my father takes great delight in the fact that he's supporting me. As difficult as our life has been, he's turning out to be a very wonderful partner and advisor. I think that's where Father and Mother's wisdom comes in. So whenever my father turns to me and says, 'See, In Jin, it's because you listened, and I chose the right man for you,' I always say, 'Yes, Father, you chose the man, but I did the living.' (Laughter.) To his credit, he did the living, too."

"We as a community have gone through the school of hard knocks; we've weathered the storm, and those were mighty fine storms, some of them. We're still on our course. Fresh winds are blowing, and those fresh winds are blowing from the inspiration and excitement of the Second Generation. I feel that America is being prepared and poised to exert power to influence the world in the correct way, so that it can really honor God as our Heavenly Parent and Heavenly Grandparent, and substantiate the ideal families that we wanted so badly (which we got)."



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