



Tongil Group Newsletter



* Hoondokhae in Nigeria, on 6.15 by the heavenly calendar (July 15, 2011)

On 6.15 by the heavenly calendar, True Parents visited Nigeria upon invitation by Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan. True Parents arrived at the Nigerian airport at 8:40am on the 15th, and began the Hoondokhae session from 9:30am at the Abuja Hilton Hotel. True Father said that, though he had an appointment with the Nigerian President at 1pm, “I first need to listen to the words of Hoondokhae and prepare my mind before meeting the President”.



During Hoondokhae, True Parents gazed upon Kathy Rigney, who has worked in Africa for 35 years, and blessed her, saying: “If it hadn’t been for this session, you would have worked meaninglessly on earth and gone to the next world. Because of this session, however, you are recognized as the best of the Unification Church members, who will be recorded in the history of missionary work together with True Parents. My visit here has made it possible to recognize the fact that the Unification Church missionaries are the best of all on this earth”.

Kathy Rigney is a great missionary working at the forefront in Africa, who thinks of nothing else but the Providence of True Parents, and even though she is only a weak woman, she did not even go to the hospital when she caught malaria.



True Father speaks to the Members



As seen in the picture above, True Father called to the front and spoke words of encouragement to Awako Sasamoto, the daughter of the missionary who worked for a long time in Tanzania and passed away at his mission place.



At the end of Hoondokhwe, True Parents asked the members to sing the song of Seunghwa Ceremony in return. True Father said, "When you have received grace, you should sing a song of unity in gratitude. Unification comes through harmony; unification cannot come first. Harmony always comes first." He asked Dr. Chang Shik Yang and other participants to sing, and lastly True Parents sang a song of gratitude, which brought the 1 hour and 10 minutes-long Hoondokhae session to a close.



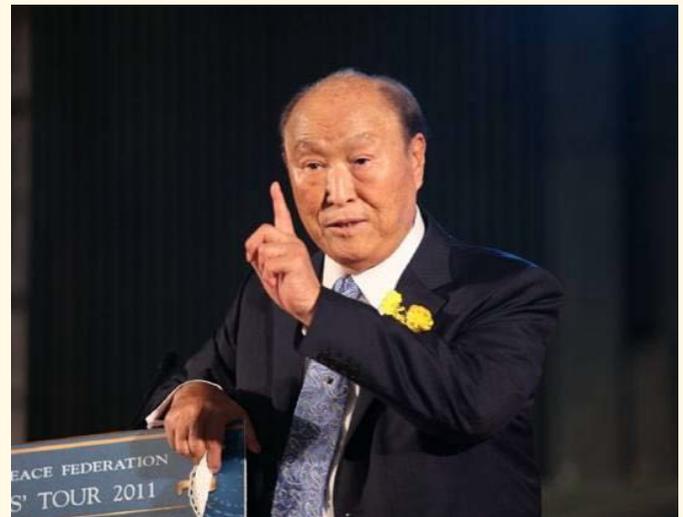
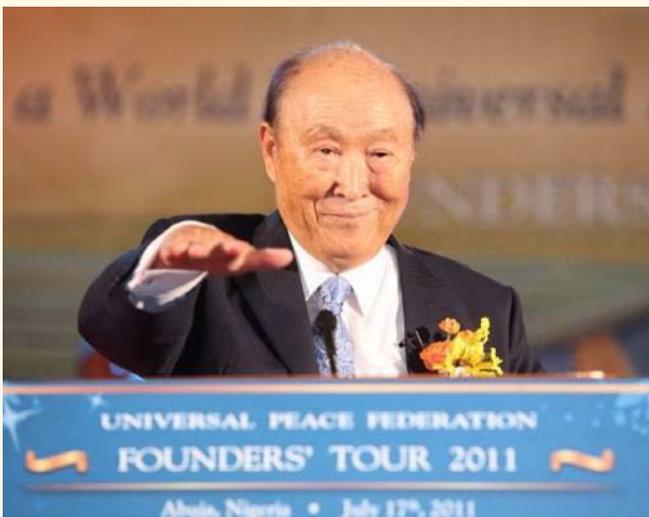
President Goodluck Jonathan welcomes True Parents

True Parents met with President Jonathan, who assumed office as president on May 28th, at 1pm at the Nigerian President's Palace, and conversed with him for about forty minutes. The President's name is Goodluck, and he said that his parents had given him such a name because they had wished for him to „live a life of good luck at all times“. President Jonathan majored in zoology in college, and later worked as a high school teacher, an education superintendent and an environmentalist before he was elected as the deputy governor of Bayelsa in 1998. In the following year, the governor was impeached for having laundered 3 million dollars he had received as bribes and President Jonathan took over as the new governor. Then he became the vice-president, and when President Umaru Yar'Adua passed away in May of 2010 because of heart disease, President Jonathan served as the president for the remainder of his term. On May 28th, he was elected president with overwhelming support from the Nigerian people.

True Parents' relationship with President Jonathan dates back to 2006. True Mother toured across 180 cities around the world from April 28, 2006, giving a speech entitled "God's Ideal Family, Nation and the Peaceful Kingdom", and propagated peace and love in the global village. At the time, President Jonathan, who was then the governor, willingly gave a donation of 70,000 dollars for True Mother's victory in Nigeria. The meeting between True Parents and the president was made possible because President Jonathan has always held True Parents' ideology of peace in high respect. His invitation can be said to symbolize the receiving of True Parents by the 54 nations of Africa. Moreover, True Parents visited Nigeria, not for political or economic reasons, but because they wanted to embrace Africa with the heart of God and educate its people about the Will of God and convey His blessings to them.

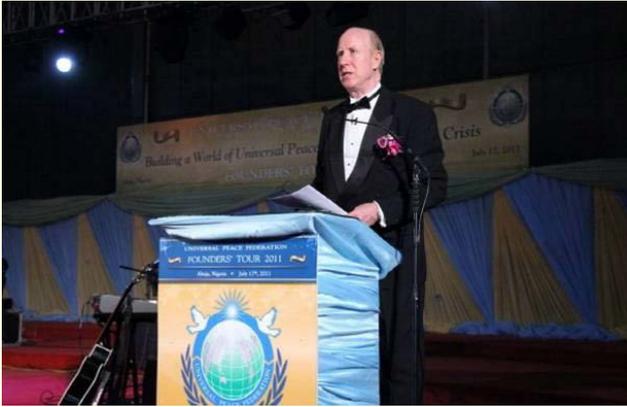
Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and for the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self in Nigeria

On 6.17 by the heavenly calendar (July 17), the Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and for the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self was successfully held in Abuja, Nigeria, with more than 3,800 participants. On this day, True Father said: "Between the visible and the invisible, the invisible is the center. The invisible God (the God of Night) exists (the God of Day). To know about God, we need to live within Him and touch Him, and centering on the invisible God, the 3,800 participants of this meeting should make a model through which they can unite their traditions and bloodline into one and thus unite as one." He went on to add that "I will not go to the spirit world until I am 120 years old, unless I decide to go myself", hinting that he still had much work to do on earth.



True Father speaks to the Audience

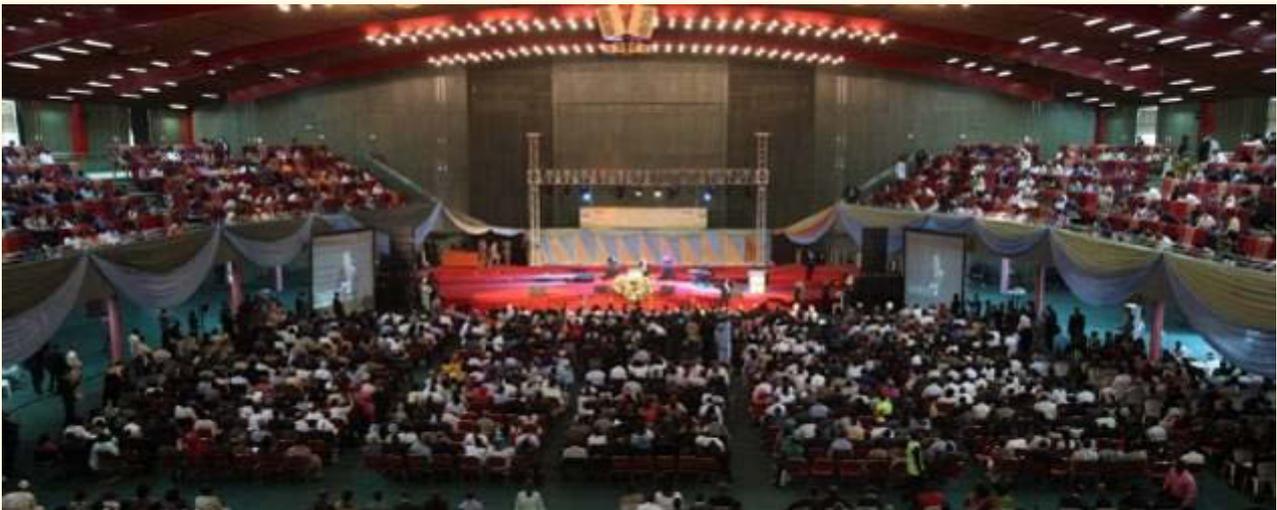
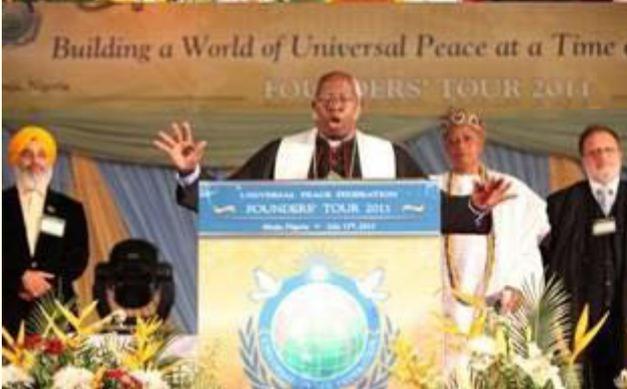
✂ Main pictures of the Event



MC: UPF International President Thomas Walsh



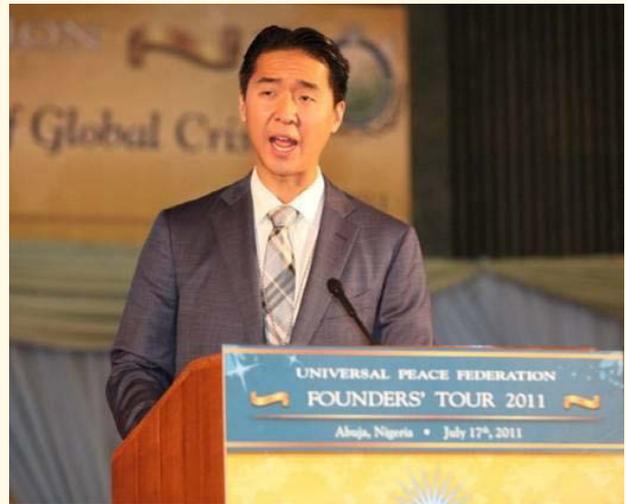
Representatives of religious orders



Overall view of the event hall



Introduction: Rev. In Jin Moon



True Parents' Introduction: Rev. Hyung Jin Moon



Three Cheers of Eok Mansei

Malaysian MPs visit USA to Support the Issue of Abduction in Japan

From July 11th to 17th (local time), 18 Malaysian Members of Parliament visited Washington DC and New York, USA, to express their support for the issue of abduction of Unification Church members in Japan. In particular, the Malaysian MPs met with members of US Congress and asked for their active cooperation in dealing with the abduction problem in Japan, and the members of US Congress replied that they were willing to render help, because the abduction of Unification Church members in Japan was a violation of human rights.

1. July 12th (Tues) ▶ Conference on the Issue of Abduction in Japan

UPF International President Thomas Walsh, UPF USA Chairman James Gavin, ACLC President Michael Jenkins



▶ A meeting held with 14 US Congressmen to acquaint them with the Issue of Abduction in Japan

- They visited Japan in February last and met with Japanese Diet members to raise objections about the abduction and confinement of Unification Church members taking place in Japan.
- They hoped that the members of US Congress would visit Japan and render help in dealing with this problem, which is a human rights issue as well as a religious one, and asked them to visit Malaysia.





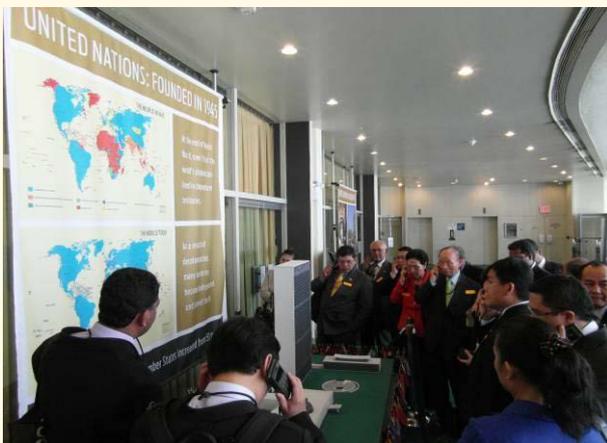
2. July 13th (Wed) ▶ Participation in the “Stop Religious Persecution Now!” Conference hosted by UPF USA Chapter and the Washington Times
- Rev. In Jin Moon of Unification Church USA Chapter gave the keynote address
 - She gave an explanation about religious persecution inflicted on the Unification Church in Japan
 - After the conference, Rev. In Jin Moon held a meeting with the Malaysian MPs.



3. July 15th (Fri) ▶ Presentation on the Unification Church movement in USA centered on True Parents



▶ Malaysian Ambassador to UN invited to luncheon and presentation in UN



4. July 16th (Sat) ▶ Meeting with Chairman Kook Jin Moon (3pm, East Garden)

- A report on the results of the meeting between Malaysian MPs and US Congress members
They held a meeting with 14 US Congressmen to acquaint them with the issue of abduction in Japan, and were more passionate even than Unification Church members in their support to resolve this problem.
- Chairman Kook Jin Moon said:
The MPs visited Japan in February last with a clear understanding of the abduction and confinement of Unification Church members taking place in Japan, and met with Japanese Diet members and did everything they could to resolve this problem.
This time, they had come to visit USA to meet with US Congress members, and thus shown active support in dealing with the abduction of Unification Church members, and he was truly grateful to all of them.



1. Segye Times: “The Path to Human Peace and Happiness lies in practicing True Love”
(July 19, 2011)

“인류 평화·행복의 길은 참사랑 실천하는 것”

나이지리아서 천주대회 개최
아프리카 대륙에선 처음 열려
문선명 총재 등 3000여명 참석

종교와 인종, 국가를 초월해 세계평화를 염원하는 ‘천지인참부모 정착 실제말씀 선포 천주대회 나이지리아’가 18일(한국시간) 아프리카 대륙에서는 처음으로 나이지리아의 수도 아부자에서 개최됐다. 이날 오전 2시에 시작된 천주대회에는 통일교 창시자인 문선명·한학자 총재 내외, 문형진 통일교 세계회장 부부, 양창식 천주평화연합(UPF) 부회장, 아프리카 54개국을 대표하는 종교·사회 지도자 500여명, 나이지리아·유럽 등의 지도층 인사 등 모두 3000여명이 참석해 성황을 이뤘다.

이번 천주대회는 국력 조너선 나이지리아 대통령이 문 총재를 국빈 초청한 데 따른 것으로, 문 총재의 세계평화를 위한 노력이 아프리카에서도 결실을 맺는 것으로 평가된다.

지난 5월 29일 대통령에 취임한 조너선 대통령은 통일교와 각별한 인연을 갖고 있다. 조너선 대통령은 바젤사 주지사로 있던 2006년 7월 22일, 문 총재의 장남 문 효진씨(2008년 사망)가 문 총재를 대신해 세계순회차 나이지리아를 방문했을 때 평화대사 임명장을 받은 바 있다.

조너선 주지사는 당시 “평화대사로 임명받고 UPF의 일원이 된 것을 기쁘게 생각한다”며 “문 총재의 비전을 통해 평화를 기필코 이룰 것”이라고 소감을 밝혔다. 조너선 주지사는 이후 국제교육재단과 UPF 인성교육과정을 바젤사주에서 가르치도록 앞장서기도 했다.

이날 천주대회에서 문 총재는 “대한민국이 하나님의 나라이자 하나님의 조국”이라고 선포한 뒤 “인류에게 평화와 행복



나이지리아를 국빈 방문한 문선명 통일교 총재(왼쪽)가 지난 15일 대통령관저 접견실에서 국력 조너선 나이지리아 대통령과 악수하고 있다.

의 길을 찾아줄 수 있는 유일한 길은 하나님의 참사랑을 상속받아 실천하는 것”이라고 역설했다.

이에 앞서 문 총재는 나이지리아 방문 첫날인 15일 나이지리아 대통령관저 2층 접견실에서 조너선 대통령과 만나 40여분간 세계평화에 대한 의견을 교환했다.

‘평화의 전통’을 강조한 문 총재는 조너선 대통령에게 “나이지리아가 아프리카 대륙에서 평화의 전통을 만들어 가는 나라로 성장하기를 바란다”는 축원을 건넸다. 문 총재는 지난 4월 한국대회를 시작으로 스페인, 이탈리아, 스위스, 그리스, 터키, 영국, 노르웨이, 독일 등 유럽 8개국을 순회하며 인류·세계평화에 대한 메시지를 전했다.

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양창식 UPF 북미대륙회장이 18일 열린 ‘천지인참부모 정착 실제말씀 선포 천주대회 나이지리아’에서 세계평화에 대한 강연을 하고 있다.

2. Cheonji Times: “Rev. Sun Myung Moon meets with Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan”
(July 18, 2011)

문선명 총재, 나이지리아 굿럭 조나단 대통령 면담 즐거워라

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▲ 세계지도자 대회 장면(사진제공:통일교)

“문 총재와 굿럭 대통령의 만남은 평화세계 창건을 향한 노력의 결실”

[천지일보=이길상 기자] 통일교 참시자 문선명 총재가 지난 7월 15~18일까지 3박 4일 일정으로 나이지리아 굿럭 조나단(Goodluck Jonathan) 대통령 초청으로 나이지리아를 공식 방문했다.

통일교 측은 “국민으로 나이지리아를 방문한 문선명 총재가 지난 15일 나이지리아 대통령관저 2층 접견실에서 약 40여 분간 굿럭 조나단 대통령과 면담했다”며 “이 자리에서 문 총재는 ‘평화의 전통’을 강조하면서 나이지리아가 아프리카 대륙에서 평화의 전통을 만들어 가는 나라로 성장하기를 바란다고 굿럭 대통령에게 전했다”고 밝혔다.

이어 “문선명 총재와 굿럭 조나단 대통령의 만남은 문총재의 평화세계 창건을 향한 노력의 결실”이라고 평가했다.

덧붙여 “문 총재가 굿럭 대통령과의 면담 후 지난 17일 오후 4시 아부자 컨벤션센터에서 열린 ‘천지인 참부모 정착 실체말씀 선포 천주대회 나이지리아’ 행사를 개최했다”며 “아프리카 54개국을 대표해서 500여 명의 지도자급 인사들과 나이지리아에서 150여 명의 지도자, 유럽 12개국의 지도자를 포함한 3천여 명이 참석한 가운데 성대하게 열렸다”고 전했다.

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