

Don't Feel Sad Too Much

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Choi Yeon Ah Nim's Address at the Seung Hwa Ceremony of Hyo Jin Nim

Hello, everyone. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who have loved Hyo Jin Nim and offered sincere devotion from the day of Hyo Jin Nim's ascension until today. Really, thank you. In fact, I did not prepare for my address, but I stood here because you loved Hyo Jin Nim and True Family so much. I want to say, "Don't feel sad too much," because I am worrying that you might feel pain because you loved Hyo Jin Nim so much.

Frankly speaking, Hyo Jin Nim was convinced that there was the spirit world and felt the spirit world. He always said, "Everyone who was born in this world has to go to the spirit world without exception. It is the goal of our lives. The life there will be more free and liberated than that of this world." Of course, if he had been able to live longer, he would have gone to the way of filial piety more, which is in his name. (Hyo means filial piety.) He would have made an effort to give back joy and results to True Parents with you. However, I know that Hyo Jin Nim has really done his best during his lifetime on earth as if he had lived for more than 100 years. He has made an effort to live until his last moment without giving up.

I could not imagine that Hyo Jin Nim would be called to the spirit world all of a sudden, but I am grateful for such an attitude of Hyo Jin Nim. He has shown me how to make an effort to live until the end. He has lived following his words that we have to make an effort to do our best until the end. In this meaning, I am grateful to him.

If I Have a Good Point, It Was What I Was Educated Through Hyo Jin Nim

Of course, he was my husband individually, but he was also my great teacher I respected. He connected my life with True Parents, and made me understand True Parents deeper. He made me understand True Families and the way we should go. Therefore, I can say surely that if I have a good point when you see me as a wife of Hyo Jin Nim, it is what I was educated through Hyo Jin Nim. It would be better that you would have had such an opportunity, but I received it on behalf of all of you. I am grateful for it.

I remember the time with Hyo Jin Nim as a joyful time, especially last one week when I lived with Hyo Jin Nim in Korea. I feel again and again that it was the most wonderful and best moment for me. We loved best as husband and wife, and lived for the sake of the other. Thinking of it, I want to be grateful to Hyo Jin Nim again.

Therefore, please do not feel sad, everyone. Father said, "It is a good day." Hyo Jin Nim went for a good purpose, and he went out of necessity. If he went as a providential offering, I am grateful that he was selected as the offering because the sacrifice means to live for the sake of others. There should be no selfish motive there. Hyo Jin Nim could be united with God and True Parents in front of the providential foundation. I think it is a very way that Hyo Jin Nim wanted to go.

Individually, I am very sorry that I could not attend Hyo Jin Nim as a wife. Hyo Jin Nim passed away because I could not attend him well, so I am very sorry for True Parents regarding that point. However, True Parents understood and consoled me. Because of such a power of True Parents, I could stand like this.

True Parents Established the Tradition of Loving God More Than Thinking of the Sorrow of Losing Their Child

At the ascension of Hyo Jin Nim, I left the public house in Han Nam Dong to meet True Parents in Cheon Jeong Gung Palace. I had a hard time during the time. It was really a heart-rending time for me, so I'd almost fallen down. However, True Father gently consoled me, and explained to me how meaningful it was. When Father explained to me that Hyo Jin Nim's ascension had a meaning to help restore God's fatherland which is our goal, I was convinced that Hyo Jin Nim was a real filial son, a loyal retainer, a saint, and a divine son in the process to fulfill our goal.

I was encouraged by it. Then, True Parents asked me individually, "Do not feel sad too much." They talked about Heung Jin Nim's ascension. They put aside the individual sorrow, tears, and pains so that they were united with God. They thought about God, loved God, and were united with God rather than thinking of the sorrow of losing their child. They told me that they had established a model to love God at the Seung Hwa of Heung Jin Nim. Therefore, I followed the tradition True Parents established as a member of True Parents' Family. I would be grateful if you could see an example of the tradition through me.

Therefore, do not feel sad. Hyo Jin Nim went the way he should go. He lived following his will. He will wait for us in the spirit world where we will be able to meet again. Therefore, I would like to ask you to make an effort, offer sincere devotion, and love him so that Hyo Jin Nim can work in the spirit world with Heung Jin Nim, the Heavenly Commander, Young Jin Nim, Hae Jin Nim, and all elders who passed away to that world in order to advance the date of the establishment of God's fatherland.

Why Is There No Sacrifice on the Way of True Love?

There will be a providentially big event in April. I know that our members are doing their best now. In particular, members in Japan are working hard to support the providence as the Mother Nation. True Parents, True Children, and our members also know it. Therefore, please help make Hyo Jin Nim's ascension meaningful. Please help us do our best to go our way and fulfill our responsibility

In conversation with Hyo Jin Nim, once there was a friction between us about how to educate our children. I said to him, "I don't know how much I can endure. What kind of result can my endurance bring? I also have a wounded heart and feel pain. It is difficult for me to endure any more." However, at that time, Hyo Jin Nim answered to me, "True love means to live for the sake of others. When we live for the sake of others, why are there no sacrifice, endurance, or pain? Even though there is pain, we know it is our way to go. Therefore, we make an effort to live for the sake of others. So, instead of thinking of our pain or our wounded heart, we should look forward in the reality of life. If we can step forward tomorrow more than today, it is fine. And when we accumulate such developments until our death, we could say that we lived well. Then we could say that we died well."

Therefore, I am happy now. I settled my mind. I was convinced of a love toward Hyo Jin Nim. Physically, I lost Hyo Jin Nim, but through this opportunity, I came to know that our members are with me, True Parents are with me, and other True Children are also with me. I came to know that they love and take care of our family more than Hyo Jin Nim did. Therefore, I don't think this was a loss or sacrifice of our family.

For the Day of Establishing God's Fatherland

I got more than what I lost, so I want to ask everyone. Please don't feel sad. If Hyo Jin Nim left something moving for you, and if you think it is really right, please grasp it and attend True Parents. Let's march forward to the end for the day of establishing God's fatherland.

If we die after doing our best, we should be satisfied with our lives, shouldn't we? If we do our best during our lifetime, even though we cannot see the realization of the goal, we can say that we lived for the next generation. And, through that process, we can fulfill God's will. I know that we can perfect the dutiful way of filial sons and daughters, patriots, saints, and divine sons and daughters in front of True Parents. Even though we could not see the realization of the goal on earth, God and True Parents continuously lead the providence, and we will follow them. You know it, don't you?

Thank you. Please close today with joy.

Eulogy of Hyo Jin Moon

March 19, 2008

Good morning brothers and sisters! I am truly grateful to brothers and sisters who have been setting prayer and devotion conditions for Hyo-jin nim and sending their love to him, even early in the morning, from the time of his ascension until today. I really thank you. I am actually not prepared to speak, but I have seen how you have loved Hyo-jin nim, worried about our family, loved True Parents, loved the True Family so much. I was worried that you would be in so much pain in your hearts because of your love, so I wanted to ask you not to let yourselves hurt inside.

Honestly, Hyo-jin nim was confident that the spirit world existed. He believed in the spiritual world and said that because the spirit world is the destination of everyone born in this world, it should be a more free and liberated world than this one. Of course, if he had lived longer, he could have had more opportunities to express his beautiful heart of filial piety, to do more, to return joy and results to True Parents together with us, but I know Hyo-jin nim worked really hard while he was alive, as if he had lived more than a hundred years. Until the last moment, he did his best and worked hard without giving up. I didn't expect Hyo-jin nim to be suddenly called to the spirit world, and when I think of that moment I am grateful to him because he worked hard until the end, doing the best he could in his own life, just as he told all of us to do in our lives. I am sincerely grateful to Hyo-jin nim for that.

Hyo-jin nim is not only my husband, but he is also my teacher, whom I greatly respect, who connected True Parents to my life, helped me to understand True Parents and the True Family better, and taught me about the attitude we should have in life. Therefore, if you see any good points in me, Hyo-jin nim's wife, I can tell you confidently that these are a result of his having educated me. Of course, it would have been better if all of you could have been given such an opportunity but I received that education in your place. I am truly grateful for that and therefore I remember my time with Hyo-jin nim joyfully. I feel that the last week I spent in Korea with him was the greatest and best period for me. We loved each other more than ever as a true couple and we understood one another. I am again grateful to Hyo-jin nim when I think about our time together.

Brothers and sisters! Please do not be sad. Father said that this was a joyful day and that Hyo-jin nim went to do good things.

He went because he is needed. If he went because a sacrifice was needed providentially, I am grateful that he was chosen in that way. Living for the sake of others with no place for self-centered thinking is the foundation to become such a sacrifice. I

think that Hyo-jin nim became one with God and True Parents in terms of their providential expectations. More than any other way, that is the way he wanted to go.

I feel sorry to True Parents. You all probably feel that way as well. I should have served Hyo-jin nim better as his wife; because I couldn't do so, I have not been a filial daughter to True Parents, and I offer my sincere repentance to True Parents for Hyo-jin nim having left this world before us. Yet, True Parents understood my heart and comforted me, and it is through the strength they have given me that I am able to stand here. After Hyo-jin nim's ascension, from when I left the Hannam-dong house until I met Father, it was really difficult for me. It was so difficult I felt that my heart would burst and I would collapse. But Father calmly comforted me and explained the situation to me.

I realized how significant Hyo-jin nim's ascension is and how it could contribute to the goal of liberating God's homeland, which is part of God's will. I was certain that his ascension was a part of that process, and he would be able to go the way of a truly devoted son, patriot, saint and divine son of God. Thanks to that, I received strength. Father made a request to me personally. He asked that I not cry too much. He said that as in the time of Heung-jin nim's ascension, he and Mother put aside all their personal feelings -- their tears, their sadness and their pain. More than the sadness of losing a child, they think about God and love God and set an example of becoming one with God. I would be sincerely grateful if you could see in me, a member of True Parents' family, an example of that tradition, which True Parents established.

So please do not be sad. Hyo-jin nim pursued his course and lived according to his convictions. He is waiting, knowing that sooner or later we will all meet and be united in spirit world. From now on, Hyo-jin nim, together with Heung-jin nim, the commander-in-chief of the spirit world, Young-jin nim, Hye-jin nim and elder blessed members who went to spirit world before us will be working hard for the liberation of God's homeland, which Father has been longing to see expedited. Please set many good conditions and send lots of love to the True Children and blessed members in the spiritual world.

A very important event is happening in April. I know you are now doing your best to prepare for this, and I know how much members from Japan, the mother nation, support this. True Parents know and True Children know and members know. So in order to make Hyo-jin nim's ascension meaningful, you need to help. Please help. Please do your best so that we can fulfill our responsibilities.

Let me share with you a conversation Hyo-jin nim and I once had. I said, "I feel like I am really doing my best to endure in the situation, but I don't know what will result from my endurance. I keep getting hurt in the same way and I have the same pain. It's getting too much for me to endure." This was about a difference of opinion we had concerning

the education of our children. But what Hyo-jin nim said to me was, "True love is for the sake of others. How could you love others without sacrifice and patience? How could it be painless? Nevertheless, we go in this direction because we know it is the way we have to go; we are going this way and working hard for others' sake. We shouldn't worry or suffer from the pain we have now. We should look to the future and realize that even though we are only at this level today, if we develop tomorrow and continue to develop every day, it will add up. If we keep developing until the moment we die, we will be able to say we worked hard in life and died well."

So I am happy. I have calmed my heart a lot and I have more firmly confirmed my love for Hyo-jin nim in my heart. Although I lost Hyo-jin nim in terms of his physical body, through this process, I have learned that many members are with me, True Parents are with me, other True Family are with me, and even more than they love Hyo-jin nim they love our family and are willing to take care of and help our family. I don't think I sacrificed or incurred a family-level loss. I have gained more than I had before, so I would like to make a sincere request of you, my brothers and sisters. Please do not be sad. Instead, if Hyo-jin nim was able to give you even one bit of realization, grace or inspiration, and if you feel it was truly good, you should hold onto it. Let's go forward, attending True Parents, until the day God's homeland is liberated. If we die on the way, while we are trying our best, we should be satisfied with that. Since we will have done our best, even if we don't make it to the end, we should do our best for the next generation. In doing that, we will fulfill God's will and fulfill our roles as devoted children, loyal subjects, saints and divine children in front of God and True Parents. Even if we don't see the end, the providence will keep moving forward, God will continue to direct the providence, which will be led by True Parents, and we will follow. You understand that, right? Thank you. Thank you and I hope you can end this day in joy.

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Yeon-ah Nim Shares Her Memories

March 21, 2008

Good morning. The weather is so nice today. Since it is so bright, I can feel that Hyo-jin nim ascended on a good path. Standing here up front, I feel how meaningful this occasion is. I sincerely thank True Parents and all our church family members for your concern.

I believe this is my tenth year of being blessed to Hyo-jin nim. For the past ten years, he has educated and raised me in so many ways. Reflecting back over several days with

him, even though we were frequently together, his last day on earth is most strongly in my mind. On the other hand, I am afraid of continually recalling only that last day and living the rest of my life stuck in it. Frankly, as his passing was not an easy one, the last day simply cannot be a good memory for me, because I was right beside him, caring for him.

I believe that many of you never expected Hyo-jin nim's sudden passing and wonder why it happened. However, I do not wish to explain the entire process in detail. He is gone, and now it is already a day that has passed. Honestly speaking, what is important to us will be the collective moments of today and of the days to come. I understand that all of you would want to know more because of your love for Hyo-jin nim, but I would rather not speak so much about that on this occasion.

Perhaps Kook-jin nim mentioned briefly that Hyo-jin nim was experiencing some physical discomfort, as many people sensed. Being right beside him, I also worried about whether he was okay, but Hyo-jin nim always said to me, "It's okay. I'll be okay. I will get better." So I never even imagined, even until the last minute, that he would go to the spirit world. From my point of view I was not a capable wife; but I truly believed that he would get better.

Hyo-jin nim never made any sound that indicated he was in pain but just walked back and forth. He seemed a little weak but continuously moved about, so I never thought something like this would happen. It was in the early hours of the morning... For some months, Hyo-jin nim had not been able to sleep well. Of course all his life he never rested as most people do.

He maintained such a pattern of not resting to the point that I was concerned. He never slept for more than an hour. Deep sleep... one hour, thirty minutes, ten minutes, fifteen minutes... He was continuously coming and going -- sleeping for two hours at most, and then he would wake up and be coming and going again. He lived his life with no concept of day and night. Frankly, this way of living itself is unbearable for a human being in a physical body. He had passion and conviction for his work within the will, and he himself admitted that he was a workaholic. He worked with that intensity.

Looking at how Hyo-jin nim worked, I felt him to be more than human, rather than just an ordinary man. I frequently thought this about him. If one could view Hyo-jin nim, Father's son, in this way, True Father would naturally be something even more. That is what I thought. I was also able to understand more about Father through Hyo-jin nim's life. This is how he lived. This is how he continued to live.

No matter how much we tell Father to rest or take it easy, telling him we will do his work, he would continue in his usual way until the world is completely restored and becomes

the world God desires to see. I firmly believe this. Honestly, please think how worried True Mother must be as she stands by his side and assists him. Father is advanced in age, and he has undergone many hardships and twists in life since his youth. Although he is more than eighty years old, he is deeply anxious about the providence. Therefore, whenever I see Father I feel how great he is. Yet he does not think about his age, and continues on. I often think, "Father is treading the path he must go."

He would carry on even if Mother tried to stop him. He would. Because God exists, because the will remains, I feel Father will go his way until the last cell in his body is burnt into ashes for the sake of the will that he promised God he would fulfill for the whole world's sake. Even though it was to a smaller degree, Hyo-jin nim showed us this mindset. Right to the end, he never let me feel any unease. He always had confidence in his children. Yet suddenly he passed to the spirit world without leaving any final words. To be honest, from that viewpoint, I felt I missed out on something. Reflecting back, though, I remember that Hyo-jin nim had told me a lot about his thoughts and vision...

Assuming life on earth to last about a hundred years, and considering that Hyo-jin nim lived just half that time, his life coming to its end at an age when people can still do a lot is indeed a loss. If he had lived ten years more, twenty years more or even just a year more, he probably would have done more, left behind more, showed and shared more with us in those extra moments. Although Hyo-jin nim's earthly life lasted less than fifty years, when we reflect, still the message he tried to convey and the vision he tried to realize and accomplish, are manifesting in different areas. They are there. It is just that I did not see them. Therefore, if somebody is to believe and feel that this path is right, and go that way, not only people who know True Parents but people of the world will also feel it is right and follow it. This I am sure of.

Think how much second-generation children have suffered. Not to speak of how our church members pioneered and how they tried to protect their children. Living in a painful and difficult age, facing opposition, you put everything into it and sacrificed your family and your children to become a protective barrier. Even so, True Children suffered so much. In reality, as the first daughter Ye-jin nim, Hee-jin nim before her, Sung-jin nim and also Hyo-jin nim-they lived at the time when you were suffering; they suffered with you.

Our church members may feel much regret and sorrow, but Hyo-jin nim once said, "Even if you have met with difficulties in your life, you should say, 'I am grateful to God that I could take this path.' Because you have gone that way you were able to learn and feel that much. You were able to gain what could not have been obtained without that

pain." Hyo-jin nim had overcome much through pain, and through his difficult course; and today, at this moment, you remember and sense him.

All his suffering ultimately benefited him. Therefore, I don't think he lost anything. Of course from a personal and family perspective, because I have young children and do not know the future, frankly speaking, things are uncertain. However, as I said during the Seunghwa Ceremony, I will not think in terms of having lost Hyo-jin nim. Through Hyo-jin nim's ascension, I was able to see how True Parents and True Children will be with Hyo-jin nim and how much they love and value him. I was also able to clearly feel how that love will continuously pass down to my children. Therefore, I neither worry nor feel anxious. I am determined to do my utmost and offer my best effort.

Hyo-jin nim once said, "I do not have any regret in my physical life, even if by some chance I go early. If I go to the spirit world, I will be very free from limitations and will be able to work as much as I want. There I can expand my work to the fullest extent. Conversely, a physical body is something of a constraint. So what should I feel I am losing by leaving the earth?" Of course, had he been able to live longer with his children and directly educate them -- that is something that will be missed. Yet, looking at the way he intended to go, Hyo-jin nim did not keep these things first in mind.

Of course, he was slightly anxious because of my shortcomings, but he said, "I don't worry because those who worked with me and those who walked the same path with me will take care of you and our children on my behalf if I am not here." He is right. True Parents and True Children are already here today caring for us and guiding us. And today, members have gathered here like this. Despite your busy schedules, your coming from a far distance here to Paju shows that you have come here based on your love for True Parents, True Children and the True Family. I truly thank you so much for this.

If we look honestly at individuals, will we find anyone who doesn't have personal limitations? Everyone does. That's why Hyo-jin nim always told me, "Think about our church family members and always be grateful; you must learn to be grateful." Back then, I was lacking; I really did not know how to feel gratitude. I also knew the church members suffered, so I did not think my situation was difficult, nor did I complain. This is how I thought. Yet what Hyo-jin nim referred to as gratitude was much deeper than what I understood. I have not yet attained this but do believe I will one day be able to feel it if I make effort as I live my life.

Thank you. With gratitude, Hyo-jin nim always looked from both a historical perspective and a future-oriented perspective and never from the perspective of mere moments in the past or present. For instance, one of his songs says, "Be successful!" in terms that

show he meant successful from a historical perspective or from God and True Parents' perspective rather than from an individual perspective.

We are now very busy, aren't we? With our established goal of restoring Father's homeland, we are in the process of substantially building God's longed-for nation on the earth. Ready or not, with True Father in command, we need to put our utmost effort into bringing maximum results within a short time. We understand that every hour in our reality is a busy one.

I believe you are actually busy today with work you've been asked to accomplish, so thank you for coming here, putting all your plans and programs aside. But please do not forget. There were times when Hyo-jin nim was misunderstood. There were times in his life when he made mistakes; but the truth always prevails. We may not know now, but because there is a future that knows that truth, because there is history, Hyo-jin nim never expressed nor excused himself and silently continued on his path.

So brothers and sisters, please have courage and strength. Do not think vaguely or negatively about the coming events, or worry that we cannot perform to the standard Father desires. Just do it and we will see. Please try. We are still living on earth and God must save the world through us, through our own hands. So please invest yourselves. The moment of restoring the homeland, which God and Father long for, is actually right in front of us. So please have great strength! Gather your strength.

I deeply and sincerely hope that Hyo-jin nim's ascension will bring power to all of you who are making so much effort. Thank you.

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What Does Hyo Jin Nim Want Us To Do Now?

Excerpts of Choi Yeon Ah Nim's (Hyo Jin Nim's wife) words
at the Commemorative Service of the 1st Anniversary
of Hyo Jin Nim's Seunghwa at Wonjon on March 16, 2009

What would Hyo Jin Nim ask us to do now? When I think of it, it would be to go the way of filial sons and daughters in front of True Parents. Hyo Jin Nim once said, "I could understand the purpose of my life through my name," and went the way of filial piety. He lived his life thinking, "How can I give joy to True Parents?" Of course, his personal life was full of ups and downs, and there were many challenges. However, he had always been with True Parents. Hyo Jin Nim was also famous for loving his children, and Father called him a "Child of Love." However, I am convinced that he lived his life giving True Parents priority over his children at a crucial moment. You could also feel this when you carefully look at his life.

Hyo Jin Nim had been concerned about the relationship among True Children for a few years before his passing away. Hyo Jin Nim experienced difficulties which hurt himself in his life. Whenever he fell into the situation, he tried to achieve a satisfactory result, which was his character. Before achieving a certain result, he avoided company. He also did not report to somebody, which was his personality. When he achieved a certain result, he was pleased with it, and tried the next step. When Hyo Jin Nim saw the difficulties of our church, he always felt his responsibility, thinking, "I could not fulfill what I should do. It gave a bad influence to our church." He had been very sorry for it in front of our

members, True Parents, and his brothers and sisters.

Now, youngest son, Hyung Jin Nim assumes a heavy responsibility in the religious position. Hyo Jin Nim used to say, "It is a position of a king, but what kind of king is it? It is the king of bondage. Is it happy to stand in the position like the slave who has to go the more difficult way than anyone else does? I do not do it." In this position, he needs to shed blood and tears more than anyone else. True Parents have also lived in the position as you know.

Recently, an autobiography of Father was published, so it would help us understand his internal world of heart in his life. Frankly speaking, I was born as a second generation and did not know Father so much. There was a generation gap, and I had no experience to attend True Parents in God's providence. Even though I attended Hoon Dok Hae, I often could not understand the meaning of Father's words. Without understanding anything about True Parents' heart, I joined the True Family.

After joining the True Family, I understood the fact that True Parents were reticent about whatever happened. In this point, True Children resemble Father. I could feel that they had something difficult in their mind, but they never expressed it in words such as: "Please understand me!" Then, they just go the way of what they should do,

sacrificing everything. They go the way centering on God and True Parents. I thought, “Oh, how many hidden circumstances do they have in their mind?” When I saw Hyo Jin Nim, I also felt that he had many hidden circumstances.” Hyo Jin Nim once said himself, “Can I speak something because I want to speak? I have to be silent thinking of the whole.” Then, how many hidden circumstances True Parents have had! In the way of God’s providence, many things happened. True Parents say to us, “When you overcome the peaks following True Parents without dying, you can understand True Parents’ circumstances. So, let’s go together.” When I saw such a figure of True Parents, I felt again that True Parents were really our parents who loved us. I have lived in such a way for one year.

True Parents are very old, so they are counting the remained days until 2013 every day. How precious the time of every day is for them! Father has been offering sincere devotion day after day for God’s will, forgetting to sleep and eat. When I see such

a life, I am really sorry for them, thinking, “Oh, we could not attain what we should do for them. Because of it, Father and Mother are still going through hardships.” What I can do for you today would be to give a testimony of what True Parents substantially live their lives.

When I see True Parents, I always feel, “Why do they live in such a way? I could not do that. Why do they go a difficult way? Why do they go such a lonely way?” If children were able to be united and give joy to True Parents, I feel, they could feel happy even in their difficulties. If we established the world of real happiness centering on True God as soon as possible, I think, it would give them joy and power, as you know.

During this one year, True Parents poured their love to my family so very much. Thank you very much for so many people coming here today. I will live with my whole heart. (From the official website of FFWPU Korea)

孝進様は今、私たちに何を願われるか

孝進様第1周忌追慕礼拝 崔妍娥様の御言の抜粋
2009年3月16日 披州元殿

「孝進様は今、私たちに何を願われるだろうか」と考えるとき、「真の父母様の前に孝子孝女の道を行くこと」一つだと思います。孝進様は「自分の名前から自分の人生の目的がわかった」と言われながら、孝の道を行かれました。「父母様をどのようにして喜ばせてさしあげられるか」を考えて生きられました。もちろん、個人的な人生は波乱万丈でいろいろな事件もありましたが、結局孝進様はいつも父母様のそばに

いらっしゃいました。孝進様は子供たちを愛するのでも有名で、お父様が「愛子」とも言われましたが、それでも決定的なときには子供たちよりも父母様を優先して生きたと、私は確信します。孝進様の人生をじっくりと見ると皆様も感じられることだと思います。

それから、孝進様は逝かれる数年前から兄弟関係を心配されました。本人の人生で難しかっ

たこと、面目のないこともありましたが、そういう時ごとに、孝進様は性格がそうですが、実績として何かを成し遂げる前には人の前に出て行きたがりませんでした。また、途中で報告する性格でもありませんでした。結果を出せばそこに満足して、次の段階に行かれました。教会が難しいのを見る時も、孝進様は「自分が個人的にしなければならぬことをできなかった。それが良くない影響を与えた」とずっと感じられていました。食口の皆様にも申し訳なく、父母様の前でも申し訳なく、兄弟の弟妹に対しても申し訳ない気持ちがたくさんありました。今は宗教的な立場では、一番末の亨進様が重責を任せられていますが、孝進様は常にその立場に対してこのように話されました。「その立場が王だというのが、何の王か。奴隷の大王だ。最も苦勞する奴隷のような立場に立つのが何がいいのか。私ならやらない」と。その立場というのは、誰よりも血の涙を流さなければならない立場です。そのように真の父母様も生きてこられました。皆様も見てこられました。

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父母様は高齢で、2013 年に向かって毎日、日を数えていらっしゃる。一日一日の時間がどれほど惜しいのでしょうか。それほど休まれもせず、食べることも忘れて、御旨のために一日一日精誠を尽くされるお父様を見れば、「ああ、私たちが子女としてして差し上げなければならないことをできず、お父様、お母様が自ら苦勞されるのだなあ」と思い本当に申し訳ないです。私が皆様に話して差し上げられるのは父母様が実体の生活でどのように過ごしていらっしゃるか、ではないでしょうか。

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この一年、真の父母様があまりにも多く愛してくださいました。今日は皆さんたくさん来て頂いてありがとうございます。私も一生懸命生きていきます。（韓国家庭連合ホームページより）

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Mrs. McDevitt read Father's speech from Sermons of the Rev. Moon #43, titled "Hardship and Victory."

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Elder Yeon Ah spoke as follows:

"I visited here to greet (True) Parents and I am happy that they are healthy. When Father goes back to Korea, Father will talk to all the Korean people, and Mother will go to Japan, and so I have been anxious about how they have been here.

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I didn't come here often where True Parents visited many times to educate and lead you. Every time I see True Parents, I am sorry that I am not enough and don't know deeply what they intend to do. I, like all of you, have been worried about their health especially when I see them sacrifice themselves working day and night. Also Father sits for so many hours to talk and offers Jeong Seong in a manner we don't understand. I wished many times that they took more rest so that they can live long with us.

When I see Father closing his eyes and sitting and ask him to go to his room to take a rest, he always says 'No.' In the beginning, I felt so worried and also wondered a lot why he, as 하나님의 실체 [God incarnate], had to live that way. What I gradually learned and felt through my brief experiences is that Father offers Jeong Seong at a level we don't know so that he won't leave even one crack in the providence. I think we tend to see and judge them, thinking 'Why didn't they do it this way or that way?' from our viewpoint who are not enough and don't know the reality of the spirit world. In that sense, All I can say is that as a child of True Parents I am so sorry that we couldn't go along with them in heart and always bring results.

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I think Hyo Jin Nim has a character that is necessary to liberate hell as quickly as possible. I am thankful that True Parents gave him their blessing so that he can work in advance in the spirit world, which in fact was a consolation for me who couldn't fulfill the responsibility. I truly thank True Parents again that they led, raised and blessed Hyo Jin Nim to the position where he, as a son, can contribute to True Parents in the spirit world.

We have one year to go before D-Day. I felt again this time that we truly need to offer our utmost Jeong Seong to understand more of True Parents' mind and heart and also need to work hard. Thinking of Father's age, he shouldn't live like this. But since we aren't enough yet, Father always educates us and covers our failures, and the problem is that we don't know that fact and just think, 'That's' his job.' Every time I think of it, I feel so sorry.

Because of the big sins that the ancestors of the 최 [Choi] tribe committed, I am personally in a position of not being able to come to True Parents. Nevertheless, True Parents embraced it with love and called me to the True Family. Despite the fact that I am so lacking, Father continues to encourage and trust me instead of scolding me, and I believe in the future I will be able to feel more the heart and love of True Parents. This year, I must make more efforts so that I can return joy to True Parents who have been through hardship because of us. Thank you True Parents."

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Respect for Women and a Woman's Rightful Place in the Family

Ellen Sauerbrey

Keynote Address



Ellen Sauerbrey

Ambassador Sauerbrey was the United States representative to the UN Commission on the Status of Women and assistant secretary of state for population, refugees and immigration.

Good afternoon. I am very happy to visit with my friends of the Women's Federation for World Peace here in Korea and to speak with you about the contribution of women and families to world peace. I believe that family and faith are the very foundation of prosperity, freedom and stability. I share your deep respect for the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon who have been promoting God-centered family values for more than fifty years. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is committed to continuing this legacy until her final days.

During my six years in the U. S. State Department, I held two positions, first as ambassador to the UN Commission on the Status of Women and then as assistant secretary of state -- dealing with issues of population, refugees and migration. In both of these roles, the empowerment of women was central.

My focus was on women's education, economic and political opportunities and health risks for women. We pursued programs to counter the tragedies of illiteracy, forced early marriage, maternal mortality, human trafficking, child slavery and poverty. No country can prosper when women's voices are silenced, their bodies exploited and their rights violated. Oppression of women goes hand in hand with failed societies, and failed societies are a danger to peace and stability.

Fundamental to peace is respect for women and for their rightful place in the family. In most regions of the globe where there is continual aggression and conflict, women are denied basic human rights and are often treated as chattel. The best defense against poverty, conflict, ignorance, child prostitution, HIV/AIDS, sex trafficking, etc. is a strong and healthy family structure.

The character of a nation begins in the home because it is stable families that produce good citizens and the virtues on which democracy depends. The family is the fundamental unit of society. Over the centuries, and supported by all major religions, the definition of the natural family has been two adults of the opposite sex, living together faithfully for life, while being responsible for each other and for the rearing of their children. It is the family that transmits cultural, moral and spiritual values down through the generations and that imparts personal responsibility, self-discipline, intellectual curiosity and a strong work ethic to the young.

Children thrive within a loving family. Family life thrives when it is built on intact marriages, and intact marriages are most likely to survive when there is regular worship of God our Father.

Does empowerment of women help or hurt the family? I would suggest there is a big difference between empowerment and liberation. Empowerment equips women with the tools to be equal partners within a loving marriage and to help educate, support and impart strong moral values to their own children. Women's Liberation, promoted by radical feminists, sees marriage and children as oppressive and seeks to free women from the responsibilities of marriage and children.

In many countries, liberation has been winning out. As women become better educated and have more economic opportunities, they are indeed choosing not to marry at all or not to have children, threatening the very survival of some nations and cultures. This is a very serious problem for Korea and Japan. The marriage rates in both countries have plunged to record lows. Along with fewer marriages comes a lower fertility rate. In South Korea, the fertility rate is now one of the lowest on the entire globe. Japan is only slightly better. When new births are not replacing the loss of the elderly population, countries cannot long survive. Most western nations are suffering the same fate. The U. S. is one of the few western democracies that still has a healthy birthrate.

However, the U. S. is plagued by another ill that is just as devastating to the future of my nation -- a growing number of women who have rejected marriage but have children outside of marriage. The rejection of fathers and mothers of each other and of their children has become an American crisis.

Forty percent of all American children are born to a single woman and are raised in a home without a father. Among blacks, that climbs to over 70 percent. In addition, a gay activist movement is working to redefine marriage to include same- sex unions, thus undermining the importance of traditional marriage, procreation and the security provided to children by a loving mother and father. This breakdown of the two-parent family is at the root of most of the social problems plaguing America.

Studies prove that children of unmarried parents are much more likely to live in poverty, to fail or drop out of school, abuse alcohol or drugs, and to end up in jail or as victims of sex trafficking. Welfare use is significantly higher for families with illegitimate children. Children of unmarried parents are themselves at higher risk of becoming unmarried parents when they reach adulthood, creating a cycle of poverty and dependency. Generous welfare handouts are making marriage unnecessary and fathers irrelevant.



Mrs. Ellen Sauerbrey speaking

But the problem of out-of-wedlock pregnancy goes far beyond that of the individual and the family. Nearly fifty years ago, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan wrote, "There is one unmistakable lesson in American history... a community that allows a large number of men to grow up in broken families, dominated by women, never acquiring any stable relationship to male authority, never acquiring rational expectations about the future -- that community asks for and gets chaos." It's a statement even more true today than it

was five decades ago. When there is a concentration of broken families in a community, that community will disintegrate -- the moral and social fabric of the community itself breaks down. When children are rejected and denied parental love, they are likely to seek it elsewhere, often inappropriately, such as in the acceptance of gangs as a replacement for the family. America's urban communities, like Detroit and Los Angeles, are plagued with violence, crime, drugs, gangs and chaos. When the family crumbles, it results in a host of social problems for the individuals, and destroys the peace of the community. When the family is weakened, the nation is weakened.

For the past forty to fifty years, the western world has been conducting a tragic experiment with liberation and the results are in -- the decline of marriage and the two parent family, antisocial behavior, educational failure and economic decline.

There is no more important mission for women than to provide leadership in reconstructing the family. That means women must be selfless, put their children ahead of their own selfish desires, and work hard to make their families strong and healthy. (It is encouraging that a whole generation of American professional women have recognized that there is greater personal satisfaction in being full-time mothers to young children and have chosen to put their careers on hold.) But, because too many women no longer perceive marriage as a necessity, first and foremost, women themselves must again become convinced that marriage and the opportunity to raise moral, spiritual and contributing citizens is the most extraordinary and satisfying life she can lead and the most honorable gift she can give.

Restoring the family will not be easy today. Our young are bombarded with the cultural bias against the traditional family and traditional values, delivered daily in music, art, movies, television and the internet. Making the task even more difficult is the glamorizing of movie stars, rock singers and other public figures who flaunt immoral behavior, especially out-of-wedlock births. Tragically even government and civil institutions undermine the family and corrupt the young. For example, in America today, public schools promote explicit sex education including homosexual behavior. Our children are taught that there are no moral absolutes -- right and wrong depends on the situation. Governments give welfare checks to women who have children out of wedlock -- the more children, the bigger the check. Courts rule that abortion and same-sex marriage are human rights and ban prayer in public schools. Television and movies promote promiscuity, pornography and have waged a veritable campaign to normalize gay relationships.

It is a daunting task for parents to overcome these outside pressures, but women must be in the forefront of the fight. A political solution is a vain effort without God's help. The

future is still in his hands. If we obey his law and commandments then he will bless our families and our lands.

His promise to us is in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

None of us acting alone will reverse the tide, but we know that when moral and upright women hand together, as you do in organizations like WFWP, God will multiply the impact we can have.

It is time for empowered women to demand that government leaders promote measures to protect and strengthen the intact Mom-and-Dad family. For example, many mothers are forced to work out of economic necessity. Laws that permit home-based employment and flexible working hours help families balance their need for income with the responsibilities of child rearing. The tax code must not penalize any mother that chooses to stay at home to raise her children or that wants to educate them in faith-based schools. Likewise, government agencies must stop promoting promiscuity, abortion and homosexuality.

In most homes, it is mothers who spend the most time with their children. They love, they nurture, they discipline and they teach values through instruction and example. Mothers teach children the importance of honor, personal responsibility and self-respect; that there are right and wrong choices and that they are responsible for the choices they make.

Mothers must be able to talk to their children about sex and help them to understand why abstinence before marriage and fidelity after marriage are correct choices for a happy and successful life. Mothers must convince their daughters that having babies irresponsibly outside of marriage is wrong and their sons that failing to support children one has fathered is wrong.

In every home the pressures undermining family and morality can be neutralized if parents ensure that children become firmly connected to religious institutions and regular worship. Mothers need to introduce their young children to prayer and to building a solid relationship with God. A strong spiritual foundation will reinforce the moral teaching in the home and shield our children from evil influences. Each one of us -- mothers, grandmothers, aunts or neighbors -- should ask God to steer us toward young people in our life on whom we can have a personal impact.

Peace and freedom from strife is a national and worldwide goal and it all starts with inner peace and peace within a happy home. The greatest challenges we face are to

strengthen the family and faith in God. That is also the greatest gift we can give to our troubled world.

With the grace of God many women have been empowered to be doctors, lawyers, business owners or whatever they want to be. But the good woman does not seek to be liberated from the most important role that only she can fill as mother and center of the family. The family is the cradle of the nation and women rock that cradle.

Let's Not Underestimate Depth or Pervasiveness

Nada Abdullah Harward

Coordination Officer, UN Resident Coordinator's Office, Lebanon



Left: Yeon Ah Choi, vice-president of WFWP International sitting with Ambassador Sauerbrey; Right: Mrs. Harward spoke on the basis of recent well publicized incidents and studies that show the plight of women is still grave.

It is an honor and a privilege to be with you. First, I would like to express my gratitude to the Women's Federation for World Peace International, the secretariat and their regional chapters, for their continuous efforts to promote peace across the globe. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to address this distinguished assembly in reply to the keynote speaker, Ambassador Sauerbrey. Her speech is dense and rich. I will highlight some aspects and leave a few comments for the debate.

Excellencies, distinguished guests and woman leaders, I have worked on four continents -- Europe, America, Africa and Asia. I have been exposed to different cultures and beliefs. I have tackled the subject of women and peace from different

angles -- working for the UN, NGOs, in state diplomacy and in the field. Also, as a woman, I am a believer. My family comes first. The extended family too, with neighbors and friends, like the Korean medical unit who embraced me and took care of me when I was pregnant with early contractions in a peacekeeping mission in the middle of the Sahara desert. But your excellency, I am not sure that the empowerment of women through God-centered families is the magical answer. It is indeed part of the equation but...

I come from a Holy Land devastated by wars in the name of religion. We have learned the hard way that it is dangerous to politicize God and family values. Extremism is blind and invariably leads to war. Examples in our modern history should be used as lessons learned. In every democracy, in every country with one predominant faith or coexisting religions, awful things are done in the name of God. A citation from the Holy Koran comes to my mind, Surat An-Nisa' (The Women) 4:79: "What comes to you of good is from Allah, but what comes to you of evil, is from yourself." Checks and balances are necessary, and one model doesn't fit all.

It is true that the "Oppression of women goes hand in hand with failed societies, and failed societies are a danger to peace and that the best defense is a strong and healthy family structure."

From a United Nations perspective, the broader family that I belong to, several international instruments protect women, children, and their indivisible human rights, starting with the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Article 16 states: The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the state. The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) affirms the equality of human rights for women and men in marriage and in the family.

In an ideal world, empowerment leads to liberation and free association on the basis of equal rights and obligations and mutual respect. Since the subject is family, we need to eliminate gender-based violence in the family, commonly against women and girls. I am limiting myself to domestic violence and will leave aside the role of women in peace and security, in conflict and post conflict zones. Studies have shown that conflicts, wars, military occupation and violence in the public sphere create a culture of violence that impacts on women in the private sphere and vice versa.

In spite of the lack of gender disaggregated reliable data, following in depth studies on violence against women and against the girl child, examining the nature, prevalence and impact of violence, it is estimated that "from country to country, 20-50 percent of women have experienced physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner or family

member.' The UNICEF Digest on the subject suggests that violence against women is perpetrated when legislation, law enforcement and judicial systems do not recognize domestic violence as a crime. How to end impunity when less than fifty countries have adopted specific legislation and when several countries use tradition, cultural or religious specificities to escape their legal obligations?

For instance, we have in Lebanon eighteen sects with a predisposition to a confessional divide, women and men are not equal in the civil status as administered by each sect. Some religious leaders threatened with excommunication those who seek civil marriage and state officials who support civil marriage. Last week, the advisory committee on legal matters took a courageous stand and authorized the "civil marriage" of two young people who have deleted the religion from their identity papers, claiming they had no religion but wanted to get married. Civil marriage if instituted, in addition to a selective religious marriage, would help create a culture of peace in Lebanon. We ought to go back to the basics -- freedom and respect for the freedom of others helps create a culture of peace.



Woman leaders from various religious and ethnic backgrounds met in Korea for the Global Women's Peace Network Assembly.

Like many other peace activists, I welcomed the creation in summer 2012 of the Abel Women's UN. I see this initiative as an added value to the UN system, which does not imply UN failure. On the contrary, it accounts for the universality of the message in a multicultural environment where the jus cogens and binding international instruments prevail, reaffirming the inherent, inalienable and "divine" nature of human rights.

Recently in the news, we have all been shaken by the prevalence and magnitude of violence against women, often perpetrated in the name of God.

In my part of the world, Arab winter has replaced the Arab Spring. Regimes are more concerned about their own security, while if they had invested in the people, they would have provided a more secure environment for their citizens. Youth and women were at

the forefront of Arab Revolutions. But they were not empowered, so the revolutions were hijacked by those who had a biased perception of masculinity, adherents to traditional patriarchal, oppressive roles. Women were sent home and those who persisted were physically humiliated, sexually and verbally assaulted.

In twenty countries in this part of the world, at least 1,500 people per year are victims of acid attacks, 80 percent of whom are female. In some part of the world, girls are denied access to education. From now on, the UN will celebrate every November 10, as Malala Day, promoting the rights of all girls to education after the attack in 2012 on Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani girl who campaigned for the right to girls' education and the youngest nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize. The world was shocked less than two months later by the death of an Indian woman who was gang raped on a bus in New Delhi in early 2013.

Violence against women is unfortunately a cross-cultural issue also prevailing in the western world. In France, my second home, 146 women were killed by their spouse or intimate partner, 75,000 were raped and three million injured in 2010. In England, less than a month ago, a thirteen-year-old girl slipped and fell to her death after "being pressurized into performing a sex act on a classmate who shared a phone clip of her doing so with all his mates. She threatened to jump from the window if he did not delete it."

These few examples illustrate the continuum of violence which affects women through a life cycle, from infants (infanticide), young girls, women, but also elderly (deprived through their property or neglected).

However, the good news is that the chain of silence can be broken, and many awareness campaigns have been launched on national, regional and international levels. To end on a love note, Valentine's Day witnessed a "One Billion Women Rising campaign," a global movement to end violence against women and girls initiated by the activist Eve Ensler in cities across the world; Vday 2013 was also observed at the UN Headquarters.

In all those actions, it is important to engage men and religious leaders in combating gender-based violence. It takes time to change mentalities and attitudes, but the winds of change are blowing. Let me report to you this anecdote: A family was playing a game with a three-year-old boy, citing opposites, such as tall -- short, big -- small, etc. When asked by the grandma what the opposite of a boy is, he replied, to the relief of his father, a man! And not a girl.

God bless your families and loved ones. Thank You.

What the Rights of Women Merit

Christina McKelvie

Representative of Hamilton, Larkhall and Storehouse in the Scottish Parliament



Ms. McKelvie has been an MP since 2007.

My thanks to the Women's Federation for World Peace for the opportunity to speak to you today. What makes a family? Mother, father, 2.1 children and half a small dog?

A family is a very positive identity; its members feel close and connected and family provides a mutual security network where people support one another and avoid making moral judgments.

At its worst, that same family network can become highly judgmental, critical and unwilling to accept human diversity.

I am empowered by my job as an elected member of the Scottish Parliament, serving my constituents and contributing to the wider agenda of how we govern our country. It thrills me to see more women achieve that kind of meaningful empowerment.

In Scotland, we have a history of being a very tolerant, peace-loving, outward-looking society. If we achieve our independence, as we certainly intend to do in 2014, we will be able to build on our historic drive towards egalitarianism.

This society was seeking education for women in the 1880s and not just in Scotland. Missionaries were persuading native peoples around the globe to educate girls. We have consistently nurtured the right to a free education for all, according to ability and not the ability to pay for it.

So you can understand why my view of the world -- with our Scottish Enlightenment philosophers like David Hume and Adam Smith, who back in the 1730s were already talking about the need for a free education for every child -- pushes in a different direction from Ms. Sauerbrey's.

Families come in a host of different shapes and sizes. With a single parent, gay parents, couples who live together but don't marry, inter-religious couples, interracial couples, couples with special needs, extended families, post-divorce families and couples who have no other relatives. That diversity is not signifying some kind of failure in society. No. It signifies recognition that throughout humanity, there are different and equally appropriate ways of running family life.

And all families need and deserve a backstop of social welfare to help them manage. The British government is stopping the universal right to child benefit. Governments don't create families, but they have a duty to help support them.

I do not see a weaker family life, I see an evolving one. There may be fewer families of the traditional kind, but alternatives are not somehow poorer quality families.

This is the knowledge century. People have access to the internet as never before and the web is propelling demand for information. People ask questions. They want -- and deserve to get -- answers from their elected representatives. The web provides opportunities to understand what goes on in the world and to find ways of supporting the cause of world peace.

Peace and freedom from strife come with that knowledge and understanding and with engagement in the political process. Women are gradually recognizing this, and more are moving into positions where they have real influence on policy, on culture and on civil society. These are the people we need to encourage, the women who can create meaningful equality because they are playing a part in it. There's no point waiting for the men to do it.

It's not all about motherhood and apple pie. Wake up! The Iraq war didn't start in a kitchen. The Middle East crisis didn't either. The collapse of the American economy wasn't a kitchen sink drama. Bad things happen at the top of the pile and the rest of us suffer. Empowered women are helping to build world peace.

That's why equality and empowerment isn't a choice. It's a basic human right, a responsibility for us all, and it needs to be enshrined in law.

Scotland's national bard, Robert Burns, puts it like this and it's as true today as it was in the eighteenth century:

"While Europe's eye is fix'd on mighty things,
The fate of empires and the fall of kings;
While quacks of State must each produce his plan
And even children lisp the Rights of Man;
Amid this mighty fuss just let me mention,
The Rights of Woman merit some attention."

Let us not seek to exclude. Let us create a path for world peace that includes us all.
Thank you.

Women as Change Agents

Jean Augustine



Left: Belarusian Congresswoman Zoya Krot (center) Right: Ms. Augustine, former member of the Canadian House of Commons

I am pleased to be invited to participate on this response panel. My thanks to the Women's Federation and to our Canadian representative, Ms. Lilly Tadin, who provides leadership in Canada and is hardworking and committed to women's issues.

I appreciate the presentation of Ambassador Sauerbrey and thank her for her years of public service with emphasis on the empowerment of women.

In empowering women in the twenty-first century, we must see women as key change agents. Women bear responsibility for meeting the basic needs of the family, there is no doubt. Yet:

Women are denied access to resources and education, legal, reproductive and property rights in many countries.

Women all over the world are still struggling for inclusion and for women's equal and human rights, to end violence against women and discrimination against girls.

Women are still struggling for leadership in elected office and decision-making positions.

The vast majority of the world's poor are women with two-thirds of the world's illiterates being women.

Any discussion of women in the twenty-first century (where women are the providers) must address economic issues -- access to employment, equal pay for equal work, minimum wage; workplaces and working conditions for women; childcare in the workplace; suffrage: participation in the political, social and cultural lives of their country.

In a world where we read daily of wars and conflicts we know that 90-95 percent of the casualties are civilians with the majority being women.

Eighty percent of the world's 40 million plus refugees are women and children.

We hear of rape as a weapon of war with women and girls as the victims in most cases.

Evidence show that women play a critical role in peacemaking, peace building and peace-keeping. There are examples of women working to create a culture of peace and to initiate reconciliation processes.

It is women who cry for peace, find a cure for hunger, keep stability in families and find ways to bring about positive social change. A woman's capacity is often overlooked and underutilized.

Let me remind you of the 2003 Hague Declaration on Women and Peace-Building signed by representatives from fourteen countries, and I quote:

"In view of this tremendous capacity of women for peacemaking, we call on nations in conflict -- their governments, their armed groups, and their societies -- to:

Give women access to formal education, health services, and economic self-improvements, as well as leadership roles and mass media and information projection;

Integrate gender perspectives into social transformations;

Allow women to participate in all stages of peace negotiation and conflict resolution, policy-making, reconciliation, and healing;

Liberate women from cultural constraints that impede their full growth and development as human beings and from those that deny them their human rights;

Promote daily dialogue amongst people from diverse social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds and levels;"

The declaration, signed ten years ago, is relevant today. It ends by saying, "Peace is not an issue but a duty." I think it is that realization that we today are performing our duty -- that is, reminding ourselves of the issues that face a majority of women in this twenty-first century.

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My testimony to True Mother

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Seeing True Mother up close, I feel that she acts and thinks like True Father. True Father always lived centered on heaven, investing all his heart in everything that he did with very little sleep at night. Because of this, those who worked closely with him had difficulties both physically and spiritually when following him. After his Seonghwa, True Mother said, 'I never slept over three hours because I attended True Father all my life.' Now that he is in the spirit world, we would like her to rest a little. She is 70 years old, so she should spend time resting and taking care of her health.

True Mother, however, does not rest at all. I actually think that her current rest time is shorter than her rest time when True Father was with her physically. Seeing her work without much rest, I cannot help saying to myself, 'She is indeed True Mother, whatever may happen.' Whether True Father is on earth or in the spirit world, her lifestyle has not changed.

World CARP Assembly 2014

Yeon Ah Choi Moon

February 13, 2014



On February 13, at World CARP Assembly 2014, the theme of which was "Establishing and Disseminating the Cheon Il Guk Culture of Heart" at Cheongshim Youth Center, Yeon Ah Choi Moon nim told the students,

"True Father said that if we have an unclear starting point, our purpose ends up being also unclear. Hyo Jin nim said that a clear purpose is needed for the body to overcome physical difficulties, the external environment and the different difficulties of the mind. True Father, in comparison, was a step ahead by explaining that only when a starting point is clear can a purpose become definite too. When I heard those words, everything became apparent to me. I realized that True Parents had a clear purpose from the beginning of their public lives, lives that we cannot fully grasp. Otherwise, would True Father and True Mother have been able to dedicate their entire lives to God's will? I realized again that they set off on this course with a clear purpose from the very beginning. Brothers and sisters, what is our starting point? This is my question. What is our starting point? We clearly know our one and only

starting point. You learned that, right? We learned it through True Parents. Ultimately, it is our Heavenly Parent and it is through True Parents that we can encounter within our lives our Heavenly Parent, who is invisible."





Kyeong Seuk Lu, president, FFWPU-Korea; Sun Jo Hwang, president Sun Moon University; and Yeong Gyun Lee, president CARP-Korea spoke too.

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True Mother's welcoming heart, loving heart and encouraging heart

Yeon Ah Choi Moon

February 14, 2014

Cheon Jeong Gung



To regional leaders, heads of providential organizations, national leaders and others

Good morning. First of all, it is indeed a great honor to get to meet you all like this. From an individual perspective, I am still a junior that needs to learn from many providential leaders; furthermore, I am from the children's generation, in a generation that is still young. Yet, thanks to the love of our True Parents, I stand here today despite my inadequacy to convey True Mother's welcoming heart, loving heart and encouraging heart on behalf of True Mother.

It would have been great if True Mother could be here herself. While accompanying True Mother throughout the entire event, I observed that True Mother continuously offered conditions, worried about the future of the providence, made plans for it and educated members. This did not end with public events but continued even after the events concluded. You have probably noticed it. Seeing her meet, communicate and educate different leaders, I worry a lot as I stand by her side, thinking, "Is she okay? Is True Mother going to be okay with such a tight schedule?"

I am far younger than True Mother. When an event is concluded, I am usually busy trying to run away to get some rest. True Mother, however, digests the following event awaiting her and then has one meeting after another until nighttime. She remains until

the end and offers conditions. Even though True Mother is not here with us, she is monitoring us from up there," so please understand True Mother's heart. When True Father talked about the preciousness of Cheon Jeong Gung, he said that it is where our Heavenly Parent is directly present and living. In fact, Father once scolded me saying, "No matter how sad you may feel after Hyo Jin left, you must not cry here. If you shed tears here, the land here will cry." This is how precious Cheon Jeong Gung is. I believe that you are grateful and truly understand the preciousness of meeting here, the opportunity to be educated in this manner and to be able to have some time with the True Parents.

I understand that this meeting is an educational one through which all of you here, leading the Cheon Il Guk era, can become one in heart and will with the True Parents and that it is a time for every single one of you to give a report on activities of the past year. I have come up here to give you a welcoming message, but I feel that I should give a short report of what I have felt while attending True Mother at her side despite my inadequacy.

First of all, you all probably know what kind of heart True Mother had after True Father's ascension. This was indeed a painful event to me personally, and to True Mother. On the other hand, looking from my present situation, what I am grateful for is that sending Hyo Jin to the spiritual world first has become a basis through which I can actually relate, if only a little bit, to True Mother's heart. In my case, however, I wandered a lot. You have probably seen me lost and wandering many times. I had completely hit rock bottom emotionally and in other aspects too. Looking back, I am shocked at how I looked then. Those around me all embraced me in love and many would have been concerned at my state being the oldest wife in True Parents' family. This is how much I wandered. Seeing True Mother taking on such big responsibilities and work and moving forward, I felt how great True Mother is, which is a realization I have felt on many occasions.

I am still wandering and haven't fully recovered even though five years, almost six years, have already passed; yet True Mother has been putting our Heavenly Parent, his will, True Parents, beloved members around the world, True Parents' children as priorities in her thoughts and intentions always.... Isn't she seventy-two years old now? Despite her age, seeing True Mother go in this manner, so many times I felt, "Ah, she is truly the True Mother." At the same time, I feel sorry for being at her side and still giving her more burdens instead of helping her in carrying out the big work she is conducting. Yet, I am truly grateful that I have been allowed to directly see True Parents by their sides, learning from them and learning about their lives.

When I saw True Mother, the first thing I felt was that True Mother truly cares about the members. As you have probably noticed, unlike True Father, True Mother briefly talks about the key points only; yet, the more you think of it in depth, she always gives us points that are in line with True Father's teachings. When she does that, however, she does not give it to us in detail from beginning to end. She trusts us, as if to say, If I explain it in this way, they will understand what it is. They will be able to feel it by investing effort themselves.

You probably recognize that True Mother understands us in this manner and briefly educates us in order to give us time to fulfill our responsibilities. When I first heard True Mother's message by her side, I wondered about its meaning, the heart behind those words and the purpose of the message. I am still inadequate at putting everything into focus but the more I see True Mother, the clearer it becomes.

One thing I felt in the beginning was that True Mother truly understood True Father's precious value and would have been in great pain when True Father ascended. We, the children, are not aware of that and when our hearts were hurting when Father passed away because of our own difficulty, True Mother was instead truly sorry to True Father because the world did not know of True Father's true value and for not being able to help the world become aware of it. Very often, I saw True Mother experience regret, and regret sending Father after he suffered so much, though he should not have, because we had not fulfilled everything.

Personally, when Hyo Jin nim went to the spiritual world, I would think that I should have done this and that for him. I had many similarly humanistic thoughts. I realized how much True Mother would know, feel and understand, though she did not express it, because she had been with True Father for a long time and had completely shared all the inside facts of the providence with him. Whenever this realization came to me, I once more thought, "Could there be anyone that thinks of True Father, lives for his sake and loves him more than True Mother does?"



I felt truly sorry that we have not been able to comfort True Mother's heart. At the same time, as time passed, I came to realize once more the meaning of True Mother's simple message that we repent and be grateful. No one actually even imagined that Father would pass away. No one dared even think of it. As you well know, True Father is not a person that suffers loss providentially. I believe that you know this better than I do.

Thinking of how Father fiercely fought until his last moment, burning one cell after the other, before he left for the spiritual world.... True Mother would hear, "I am sorry Mother." These words would be heartbreaking to Mother.

When I saw True Father going through his last moments, I often thought, "He is truly the Messiah. Even at his last moment, he is investing everything he has. He didn't leave any of his physical parts intact, burning everything as he went. When considering why Father had to do that, I personally concluded that he had to do that to save his inadequate children. I believe that True Father's ascension was an expression of his love, his wanting to raise us to the position of God's children, no matter what, despite our being valueless and inadequate to graft on to the lineage of God's children.

Thinking of how True Mother stayed quietly in Cheon Jeong Gung, not leaving it for even a moment and offering conditions from after Father left until Foundation Day.... Of

course, she did cross to the United States for providential reasons; however, other than that, she did not leave Father's side even once, offering conditions early in the morning or at night and going to Bonhyangwon to talk with Father. Thinking of how Mother spent this time, how much value would Foundation Day have had based on that? We have concluded the victory celebration of the event commemorating the first anniversary of Foundation Day and have all come here. Having received Foundation Day without any conditions, you do not truly know what Foundation Day is. Nor do I. However, words are not adequate to express how much trouble and worry our Heavenly Parent went through and how many hardships our True Parents had to go through in order to give us this Foundation Day.

If we think of True Father's ascension as a process of this result, I think that we cannot avoid repenting, repenting and being grateful in front of True Parents. You have probably seen and read True Mother's benediction during Foundation Day. Though it is short, when I thought of True Mother's heart within this benediction, I felt so sorry. My heart was in pain. Seeing True Mother pray to Heavenly Parent for the children, affording comfort and glory to him and asking Heaven to not forget humanity, though inadequate, and to guide and protect humanity until the very end, I came to the realization that she is indeed the True Parents. I have often had such thoughts. When it comes to any kind of providential process, I believe that the leaders here today will know more about it. So, I do not have anything to say about that, but I want to convey True Mother's heart, which I have felt while attending her at her side; I want to convey to you as much as I have seen. Trying to express what I have felt in words, I can only come up with the word "love." This was a time where I came to feel deeply that this was truly parental love and to recognize what kind of love parental love is and that it comes from a heart desiring to do everything for the children.

We were given the 2014 yearly motto, "Let us become true owners of Cheon Il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent." You probably felt how this motto covers everything starting from the Creation, the entire providence of restoration and the new history of the new Cheon Il Guk era. I also thought a lot about it. In a recent message by True Mother, she asked what a true owner was and said that it was someone with the heart of a parent. Simply put, one cannot become an owner by just fulfilling one's duty of filial piety and loyalty as children.

I then thought that we can come closer to the standard of a true owner desired by our Heavenly Parent and True Parents by resembling True Parents' hearts as they are and by always living with the heart and love of true parents just as the True Parents do. You know what we, members from around the world, and the rest of humanity have obtained through Foundation Day. We did not do anything for it, but owe thanks to our Heavenly Parent, who sent the True Parents to earth to save us. True Parents underwent all kinds

of hardship while here, guiding us and raising us to this position through Foundation Day.

The work that True Parents are doing now -- they realized the standard of the ideal Creation, the standard that our Heavenly Parent truly wanted to set up, liberated our Heavenly Parent and opened the way to the standard by which all humanity can be saved. They have opened doors through which anyone can live happily in the ideal world in front of that standard of salvation on the basis that we fulfill our five percent portion of the responsibility through the Registration Blessing Ceremony. In other words, we have been acknowledged as children carrying the lineage of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. However, we didn't do much for it, nor were we of much help.

Even though True Parents do not express much, what do you think happened for such a moment to take place?

Once, someone told me that he asked True Father the question, "What is the process by which you victoriously completed all the eight vertical stages, the eight horizontal stages and the sixty-four stages?" True Father answered, "If I explain this path to you, you will all have to follow it, but you cannot. That is why I will not explain it. Just follow me." In the same way, we only see part of True Parents from what we see externally. I can also see only a part of True Parents. However, while observing True Mother by her side and thinking of True Parents' internal aspect, I came again to think that I must invest more effort into being able to feel even a little bit more of that internal aspect.

What True Mother hopes for through Foundation Day and the yearly motto is for us, in the end, to become children that can be recognized by our Heavenly Parent, True Parents and particularly True Father, who is in the spiritual world. At times, however, she is very strict and scolds us. During this event, True Mother truly acknowledged the hard work of leaders, gave words of encouragement and praised them, while saying how we all know that our work is still short of the standard. How insufficient it is in front of True Parents, particularly True Father! I could witness again how True Mother is trying to guide us even if it means scolding us.



National leaders playing yute, a traditional game in Korea much loved by True Parents

As true owners, what kind of people should we become in order to open the Cheon Il Guk era? Of course, we are the absolute children and absolute object partners in front of the absolute Heavenly Parent and in front of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. However, we should be able to understand the parental heart by ourselves from the children's position and the object partner position and be able to feel the urgency of having a parental heart. All of us here today are actually brothers and sisters. When we go to the spiritual world, we will all be brothers and sisters. Taking this into consideration, we should live for the sake of one another, love each other, raise and foster each other with a parental heart. We should feel truly happy and praise a sibling that does well and feel truly sorry for a younger sibling who is going through hardships because we were unable to take those on ourselves. We should be able to comfort siblings in difficulties and say, I'll help you. Let's go together.

I believe that we should become people of that caliber and that True Parents would truly be happy if they saw us living in unity. If we are to look at it from the point of view of nations, among the nations, the United States has great responsibility. Of course, Korea's responsibility and Japan's responsibility as the parent nations are also great,

but the United States, which is the eldest son nation, should be able to guide the younger nations, raise them, encourage them, protect them and even sacrifice its own life to protect its younger siblings. Such aspects should exist not only between individuals, but also between nations, leaders and members and of course within the True Family. Quite often, I have been thinking that I should become such a person.

In this light, even though I have insufficiencies in some areas personally, I remember what Hyo Jin nim always said, "I would be happy if my younger siblings do well. The reason

I am going this way is to help my younger siblings do well and have an easier path; I want to give everything to them before

I go." I am not qualified to say anything, because Hyo Jin nim passed away without realizing everything he said; yet, I could learn a lot about how relationships between siblings should be through seeing him invest his effort based on this standard. In the same way, True Parents hope that all of you Cheon Il Guk leaders of this age become one and centered on one starting point move in one direction toward one purpose, which is why I believe this educational place was prepared with the purpose that we unite. As you probably know, the standard needed to become one can be found in only the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. We must do everything possible to learn about, understand and feel the presence of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and connect to their deep-hearted world. Only by doing that can we truly feel a surge to work hard for our beloved True Parents.

This is what an owner is like, I think. In other words, an owner should be able to genuinely love his or her parents to the extent that the person does not regard the work of their beloved parents as the parents' work, but considers it to be that person's own and to move forward in that manner. I thought a lot about this when I heard the yearly motto.

I am genuinely sorry. I am still quite inadequate but I have briefly spoken of my slight experience in front of you. Probably some leaders here have felt and experienced much more. I believe I am standing here today because True Mother felt she needed to set me up in a formal and difficult position such as this one to educate me, because I still have much to learn. I believe that Mother has been so concerned about education that she placed me here today to give you a welcoming address in order to educate me. I hope you can all teach me a lot.

When it comes to the development of our church from when our elders attended True Parents in the early days until the time of the global expansion, I am sincerely grateful to our leaders, members and elders because I wonder whether the providence could have

grown to this extent without them. Of course, God's will is set to be realized; however, it may take more time and we may take the long way. There are also many cases when we caused trouble to True Parents because of our mistakes. From this perspective, even if I am a daughter-in-law within the True Family, I still have much to learn. I do not know many things. I lack in experience and I still do not know much about the actual mission fields. In light of this, I would be grateful if you could all teach me and guide me with a generous heart as though you were raising one of your own younger siblings.

Once more, all the first ancestor of clans that are to lead noble families have come here. When True Mother speaks of noble families, as a mother who is raising third-generation children in True Parents' family, I usually become quite concerned because I want to continue the noble family and I want to be able to raise children that can at least live up to it to some extent, half if possible.

Just as Mother said, she has set up a foundation to follow a public course through the Universal Peace Academy. I worry as to how I can educate my children in our faith and raise them as children that can clearly understand the center of our faith and clearly understand our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

I know that some of our leaders are going through difficulties environmentally and I am sorry, but I must implore you, please, to continue. I humbly ask this of you and hope that by achieving it, you can ensure that your children and grandchildren are raised as descendants of noble families. True Mother hopes the same thing and continues to invest in us. You know that she is raising the younger second- and third-generation members through the Womno Pyeongae Scholarship Foundation. I sincerely ask of you again to please educate and raise our younger siblings. As elders who have first learned and first experienced our faith, you are the older brothers and sisters.

I sincerely hope you can sacrifice a little bit more for your younger siblings, who still need to learn. I apologize for talking so discursively. One more point: regardless of the external expression, the basic point is that True Mother is always ready to do everything for her children as a parent. Whether or not we accept it, it is our responsibility. However, I realized on many occasions that she is ready to give everything, even if it means jumping in a fire pit. I wanted to convey this to you. Thank you very much.

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Memorial service for ascended True Children

Yeon Ah Choi Moon

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Hyo Jin nim's son Shin Chul nim and his daughter Shin Whul nim preparing a drink to place on the altar during a memorial service for all ascended True Children.

A memorial service for the True Children who have ascended over the years was held at the church residence in the Hanam District of Seoul on 2.10 (March 10) beginning at 7 PM. The memorial service commenced amidst around 120 participants including Yeon Ah Choi nim, Hyo Jin nim's widow, who is the vice-president of WFWP International; Rev. Kyeong Seuk Lu, president of FFWPU-Korea, Mr. Jeong Soon Jo, chairman of the Tongil Group, Gyeong Deuk Yu, chairman of YFWP, Dr. Dae O Son, director of the Sun Myung Moon Research Center at Sun Moon University, executives and employees of the Korean FFWPU headquarters and of providential organizations, Seoul district leaders and other key members.

Rev. Yun Ho Ok, the district leader for southern Seoul, earnestly prayed to begin this time of showing respect to and reflecting on the lives of those True Children who now

reside in the spiritual world. He prayed, "Whenever those in the Cain-realm, who were the first to be set up in the providence, failed to fulfill their responsibilities, you our Heavenly Parent, had to make the True Children follow a path of sacrifice. Enable this time to become an opportunity for us to once more understand the sorrowful heart you felt as you had to allow this to happen."

The main ceremonial aspect of the service involved individuals solemnly approaching an altar that had been erected, placing an offering drink on the altar and bowing respectfully. The offering was done in the following order: Yeon Ah Choi nim, True Grandchildren, Rev. Lu, Chairman Cho, Chairman Yu, a representative of district leaders, a representative of second-generation ministers and all other participating members.



Hyo Jin nim

Eulogies for True Children

Yeon Ah Choi nim, recollected, "True Parents experienced indescribable pain whenever a True Child ascended. The sacrifices of the True Children became providential flags that enabled us to move beyond perilous hills on our way toward the victory of

Foundation Day and the restoration of God's homeland. They became bridges towards God's will that have enabled us to cross wide rivers."

She placed providential meaning and value on these transitions, conveying her heart of gratitude by saying, "They have illuminated the course of Seonghwa." Following this, she expressed that it is a blessed thing that the True Children could fulfill their mission of shielding True Parents. She encouraged everyone, asking us to continue practicing the tradition of filial piety that the True Children exemplified and that we all fulfill our given missions and responsibilities.

Rev. Kyeong Seuk Lu also gave a message. He explained the providential background to the ascension of the True Children and how True Parents had to endure, entirely alone, the most agonizing pain and suffering with the determination with which they had given their lives for God's will. He then taught how the True Children, who better aware of this than any other person, gave all of their hearts and strength to protect True Parents. He added that the path of those True Children that had passed away while living in that way is Seonghwa.



Yeon Ah Choi Moon nim speaking on the day of the memorial service

Following this, Rev. Lu said, "Hyo Jin nim's life was a series of intense fights to protect True Parents from Satan and expedite the providence." He added, "He led a life that

followed God's voice, which came from his heart, and he never compromised with the world. He had a devoted heart toward True Parents alone and did not hesitate to sacrifice his physical body for them."

Toward the end of his message, President Lu clarified that the passing of the True Children were not incidents on the individual or family level, but providential incidents. He went on to say that the True Children are always with us, even though they are in the spiritual world. He asked that we inherit the True Children's noble hearts and traditions of faith and become Cheon Il Guk citizens that fulfill all of our given responsibilities. He urged the Unification community to be determined and live a life of practice.

In his benediction prayer, Rev Lu sincerely prayed, "Until the day the ideal of Cheon Il Guk is realized on earth and in heaven, may all Cheon Il Guk citizens remember the noble sacrifices of the True Children that have ascended and lead lives contributing to God's will.