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The Spring of the Providence, the Golden Age with True Mother

There is a narrow path deep in a forest, barely wide enough for one person to walk along. The one who creates that path sweats profusely, with hands getting scratched while cutting away branches. Thanks to that person, those who come after can walk along the path in comfort. We need to be deeply grateful for the hard work of that first person, and endeavor to make the path wider and more even.

A path through people is harder to create than a path through a forest. Unlike trees that give way to the hatchet, people have their own will. And when something goes against their will, people close their hearts. I shed sweat and tears, trying to open hearts and connect people as one family. I pioneered a path no woman has ever walked, and embraced the world's peoples in the most precipitous places. I quietly practiced true love for human salvation and world peace

in situations from which anyone else would have run away. My forgiveness and embrace have moved enemies to tears.

Now we have ushered in the springtime of the providence. Spring is the busiest time for farmers. They must do their utmost to ensure an abundant harvest in the fall. In this providential spring, we need to construct the original world that God planned to realize from the beginning. We can receive the marriage Blessing and share it with our family and tribe. Then we can work together as veritable messiahs to transform our nation. Such is Heaven's decree.

No matter how difficult our work, we need to complete the providence and reveal the truth. When we fulfill our responsibility, following God as sunflowers follow the sun, we will surely realize Heavenly Parent's dream and humanity's hope. The question is whether we will be able to achieve that while I am on earth.



If we do, we will stand proud and tall in front of our descendants and all generations to come. There has never been such an opportunity. No matter how young or old you are, you are living in the same era as the Only Begotten Daughter. This is your golden age. Be grateful and do not miss this time.

We cannot let the world be ignorant of the coming of True Parents and the blessings and grace of God. We must guide all people to attend Heaven. Those who live in the kingdom of heaven on earth can go to the kingdom of heaven in heaven. We have one goal and one path, the path by which we can become God's proud sons and daughters. We need to lead lives such that God can embrace us and say, "Well done, my daughter! Well done, my son!" We need to realize in our hearts that this is the golden age.

True Parents' guiding life philosophy is "live

for the sake of others." Wherever I may go, I practice living for the sake of others. I always try to love people more than their own parents or siblings do. People tend to keep the best things for themselves and give things of lesser value to others, even in the relationship with their own parents. If you pursue only personal gain, chains of addiction and greed will tie you down. If you constantly put others first and live for their sake, you are on the path to eternal freedom and blessing.

When I see people in need, I give them whatever I have. I even gave somebody my wedding ring. A world where everyone gives their best things to others is a world of joy. This is my life philosophy. People who live only for themselves will soon hit a wall. You need to live your life with love and generosity.

Many people suppose that Father and Mother Moon are wealthy. The truth is, we have never

owned a house, a car, anything. I am sure no one has been as thrifty as my husband and I. How can we possibly eat good food and sleep in comfort while knowing that missionaries are working through the night at home and abroad? We direct that all donations from church members be used for the poor through building schools and other projects.

We endured hunger because we knew there were people who were hungrier. We should not be indebted to Heaven. People who follow the providential path while coveting material things violate heavenly law and bring sorrow to their parents.

I have always placed love at the center of my life. Life is like running a marathon without knowing when it will end. A truly successful life is not powered by money, position or authority; it is powered by true love. True love is a mother breastfeeding when she is going hungry. That is the greatest love of all. Love is why we are here, how we should live, and where we are going. No matter the difficulties we face, the answer is to practice absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

If you reflect on God's heart, you will recognize that the hardships and suffering that you may be going through are nothing

compared to God's. We have to repent before God. You did not bring yourself into the world. Your life is a gift from God. His will for us is that we make our lives beautiful and worthwhile. When we believe in our hearts that we are here for our children and family, for our spouse, as well as for all humanity and the entire world, we will find happiness.

In all of this, your heart is your closest teacher. In the face of difficulty or confusion, ask your heart. Your Heavenly Parent who loves you resides deep in your heart. You are designed to hear God's true voice. We all need to hone our ability to hear the true voice of Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother in our hearts. Your heart is your eternal guardian. Heartfelt prayer is the only passageway to God. Through such true prayer, you will receive the grace of God and True Parents in even the most destitute and difficult place. The helping hand of that grace leads us on the free and happy path to the kingdom of heaven. 

This message is excerpted from Chapter 9 of True Mother's Memoir, *Mother of Peace*.

Our closest teacher is our own mind.
When we face difficulties or encounter confusion,
we should ask our mind.
Within that mind resides God, who loves us.
We must learn how to hear that true voice.



Events Celebrating the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind and the 13th Anniversary of Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day

The commemorative week honoring the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, 1.4 to 1.10 by the heavenly calendar in the 14th year of Cheon Il Guk (February 20–26, 2026).

During this commemorative week we celebrated True Father's 106th birthday and True Mother's 83^d birthday with joyful praise, while offering heartfelt gratitude for the boundless love and grace of Heavenly Parent. It was a time to reaffirm our devotion and responsibilities as true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk.

Throughout this period, a wide range of events took place, including the Commemorative Worship Service for the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind and the 13th Anniversary of Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day; the Gyeongbae Ceremony in Celebration of the Holy Births of the True Parents; the Commissioning Ceremony for the 11th Class of Cheon Il Guk Special Youth Envoys; the Hyojeong CheonBo Special Great Works; an International Academic Conference of the Institute for the Chosen Han People; and the Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Open Forum.

❶ Continental Director for Central and South America Kim Dong-woo offering the prayer of gratitude ❷ Cheonshim Won President Lee Gi-seong delivering the message ❸ The Commemorative Gyeongbae Ceremony ❹ Cheonshim Won President Lee Gi-seong offering the prayer of gratitude ❺ World Mission Headquarters Director-General Ken Doo Seung-yeon delivering the sermon ❻ Moon Yeon-ah nim and Moon Hoon-sook nim reading the letter congratulating True Parents on their Holy Birthday ❼ Special song performance by second-generation vocalists ❽ The Cheonmyeong Praise Team leading a praise song



Gyeongbae Ceremony in Celebration of the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

The Gyeongbae Ceremony in celebration of the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind was held on 1.6 by the heavenly calendar in the 14th year of Cheon Il Guk (February 22, 2026) at 8:00 AM at Cheonshim Won.

The ceremony proceeded in the following order:

▲ Lighting of the Holy Candles (True Family) ▲ Opening Declaration ▲ Cheon Il Guk Anthem ▲ Family Pledge ▲ Prayer of Gratitude ▲ Cheon Il Guk Gyeongbae Ceremony ▲ Holy Meal ▲ Message ▲ Cheers of Eok-Mansei ▲ Gyeongbae ▲ Closing Declaration.

The ceremony began with the lighting of the holy candles by the families of Moon Hyo-jin and Moon Heung-jin, representing the four-position foundation of the True Family. The opening was then declared by Song Yong-cheon, President of the Family Federation for Heavenly Korea, who served as the master of ceremonies.

In the prayer of gratitude, Kim Dong-woo, Continental Director of Heavenly Central and South America, reflected on the past and offered repentance, praying that the occasion would become a new starting point in our lives. He also prayed that the 14th year of Cheon Il Guk would be a year in which we unite with True Parents and fully attend Heavenly Parent, and resolved to practice and realize Heavenly Parent's Will in daily life.

Cheon Il Guk leaders, together with the True Family,

offered bows with one heart, celebrating the Holy Births of True Parents. During the Holy Meal, all participants joined in proclaiming, "Congratulations on the Holy Births of True Parents," and shared the rice cakes of the Holy Meal with hearts of gratitude.

Lee Gi-seong, President of Cheonshim Won, emphasized the status and value of True Parents, saying, "Let us offer our devotion so that the wondrous works and miracles of the Holy Spirit and truth may take place." He continued, "When chosen blessed families feel Heaven's heart and live in accordance with Heaven's Will, the providence will advance dramatically." He encouraged participants, saying, "Let us unite centered on True Parents and create miraculous works."

The participants determined to fulfill their duties as filial sons and daughters and loyal patriots before Heaven, and to carry out their mission as chosen blessed families united with True Parents.

Holy Birth and Foundation Day Commemorative Worship Service

The Commemorative Worship Service for the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind and the 13th Anniversary of Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day was held at 10:00 AM 1.6 by the heavenly calendar in the 14th year of Cheon Il Guk (February 22, 2026) in the Main Hall of the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center.

Blessed families from around the world participated both onsite and online. The service proceeded in the



following order: ▲Opening Songs of Praise ▲Opening Proclamation ▲Gyeongbae ▲Cheon Il Guk Anthem ▲Family Pledge ▲Prayer of Gratitude ▲Offering of Flowers ▲Offering of Gifts ▲Congratulatory Song ▲Congratulatory Letter ▲Commemorative Video ▲Songs of Praise ▲Main Message ▲Commissioning Ceremony ▲Song of Resolution ▲Cheers of Eok-mansei ▲Gyeongbae ▲Closing Declaration.

In his prayer of gratitude, Lee Gi-seong, President of Cheonshim Won, reflected on how True Mother inaugurated Foundation Day to fulfill Heavenly Parent's dream and the promise she had made with True Father, and how she has guided the providence without interruption over the past 13 years. He also expressed deep gratitude for the providential journey through which Heavenly Parent's dream was realized through the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum Entrance Ceremony.

Following this, members of the True Family's four-position foundation, together with the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing, offered bouquets of gratitude and congratulations. Representing the filial love (hyojeong) and sincere devotion of blessed families around the world, the leaders of the three leadership branches (Director-General of the World Mission Headquarters, Chair of the Central Administrative Council, and Chair of the Human Resources Development Institute), along with continental directors and representatives of providential organizations, offered their congratulatory tributes in honor of True Parents' Holy Births.

Following this, second-generation vocalists Nakao Yukiri, Kim Eun-gyo and Go Jae-hee offered congratulatory songs that conveyed the joy and grace of the day. Their performances

of "True Parents' Holy Birth" and "Magnolia Flower" resounded throughout the sanctuary, deepening the meaning of the celebration.

True Family members Moon Yeon-ah and Moon Hoon-sook then read a congratulatory letter in honor of True Parents' Holy Births. Expressing their filial hearts, they declared: "We come to recognize that this is the age of education, the age of testimony, and the age of confession of faith. . . . Today, we make a solemn resolve and pledge to attend True Mother and walk with her to the very end." They further affirmed, "We pledge to become true children of Cheon Il Guk—Heaven's chosen people—who give our utmost in every moment and persevere faithfully to the end."

World Mission Headquarters Director-General Ken Doo affirmed, "We have now transitioned into an age in which we live together with Heavenly Parent, who is truly and substantially present among us." He urged that we move beyond a faith that is largely conceptual, and unwrap the bundle of love within our hearts, letting it pour out in ways our neighbors and society can genuinely



feel and experience. He continued, “We must bring true love and heart into tangible reality, and in doing so, bring to completion a Cheon Il Guk that transcends religion.” Encouraging all participants, he concluded, “In 2026, let us inscribe the opening page of a new history—written in the living record of substantial true love.”

Blessed families around the world solemnly reflected on the sacred significance of the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind and the dawn of the Cheon Il Guk era. One in heart, they reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to live centered on Heavenly Parent and to embody substantive true love in every aspect of their daily lives.

Commissioning Ceremony for the 11th Class of Cheon Il Guk Special Youth Envoys

Also held during the commemorative worship service was the Commissioning Ceremony for the 11th class of Cheon Il Guk Special Youth Envoys. A total of 79 cadets completed their training and were commissioned as Cheon Il Guk Youth Envoys, among them Missionaries Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung, the Inheritors of Heaven’s Love and Blessing.

The 79 newly commissioned youth envoys comprised 54 members of Junior UPA Class 1 and 25 members of Senior UPA Class 11. The Junior UPA cadets completed six years of training and served as Heavenly Top Gun missionaries, proclaiming True Parents’ message in mission areas around the world. The Senior UPA cadets completed a master’s program at Sunhak Universal Peace Graduate University, followed by a two-year internship at FFWPU Heavenly Korea mission sites and affiliated institutions, further developing and equipping themselves as leaders.

At the commissioning ceremony, Moon Yeon-ah nim and Moon Hoon-sook nim, members of the True Family, presented the youth envoys with their letters of appointment and commissioning rings on behalf of True Parents. Upon receiving their commissions, the youth envoys renewed their sense of mission and the responsibilities entrusted to them as Cheon Il Guk leaders.

Nurtured in the love of True Parents, the special youth envoys pledged to become devoted *hyojeong rang*, fully committed to the fulfillment of the providence and the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk. They vowed to go forth as youth leaders who will carry and proclaim the Will of Heavenly Parent throughout the world and across every mission front.

2026 Winter Great Works and Holy Ground Pilgrimages

The 2026 Winter Hyojeong CheonBo Special Great Works in Celebration of the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind in the 14th year of Cheon Il Guk was held at the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center from 1.4 to 1.6 by the heavenly calendar in the 14th year of Cheon Il Guk



❶ Missionaries Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung receiving their appointment certificates ❷ Cheon Il Guk Youth Envoys resolving for a new beginning ❸ Members viewing the exhibition on True Parents’ life course ❹ The Hyojeong CheonBo Special Great Works

(February 20–22, 2026). More than 140,000 participants from around the world registered for the event and shared the grace of hyojeong.

Throughout the Great Works, members gathered in sincere devotion by joining the Cheonshim Won Special Prayer Vigil, the Chanyang Sessions, and prayer meetings in the Special Prayer Hall. A variety of programs were also offered, including a special lecture on the Ocean Providence and kingdom of heaven breathing technique, guiding members toward deeper spiritual reflection and the practical living of their faith.

In addition, a variety of cultural events—including caricature booths and food stalls—were organized, heightening the festive atmosphere. This Great Works became a place of grace in which participants inherited heavenly fortune within the embrace of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and reaffirmed their commitment to a new beginning.

During the same period, a special holy ground pilgrimage was held in commemoration of the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind. Pilgrims toured Cheon Jeong Gung and Cheon Won Gung, reflecting on the life and accomplishments of True Parents and retracing the providential journey they walked to fulfill the dream of Heavenly Parent.

After offering respects at Bonhyang Won, pilgrims toured the True Parents' Life Exhibition Hall and offered

prayers in the Cheon Jeong Gung Special Prayer Room. At Cheon Won Gung, they visited the Great Epic of the Chosen Han People Hall, the Cheon Won Museum of Art, and the Registry of Cheonseung Families [donors who contributed to the construction of Cheon Won Gung]. They then entered the Cheon II Sanctum to offer prayers and viewed the exhibition of the Cheon II Seonghwa artworks.

International Academic Conference of the Institute for the Chosen Han People

On 1.7 by the heavenly calendar in the 14th year of Cheon II Guk (February 23, 2026), an International Academic Conference of the Institute for the Chosen Han People was held in the Multipurpose Hall of Cheon Won Gung, with approximately 300 attendees, including heads of providential organizations and Cheon II Guk leaders.



Held under the theme “The Identity and Culture of the Han People of Korea,” the conference served as a forum to explore how the thought system of the Korean Han people—as a chosen people—can be shared and disseminated globally.

In her welcoming remarks, Kim Min-ji, Director of the Institute for the Chosen Han People, stated, “Beneath the phenomenon of Korean culture permeating the daily lives of people around the world today flows the unique spirituality of the Korean Han people.” She added, “The concept of the chosen people that we study does not refer to exclusive superiority, but rather to universal values committed to fulfilling our responsibility toward humanity, rooted in the heart cultivated through a history of suffering.”

In his opening address, Vice Director Oota Tomohisa of the Institute for the Chosen Han People emphasized, “We are heading toward a world of one family of humanity centered on True Parents, and this present age is the very age in which those True Parents, who are that center, have appeared.” He expressed the hope that the conference would serve as “a significant occasion for conveying to future generations the historic event of the manifestation of the Only Begotten Daughter.”

Delivering the keynote lecture, Lee Gi-sik, President of the Institute for the Chosen Han People, emphasized that “for the Korean people to attend True Parents and participate in the providence of salvation is not a privilege but a matter of fundamental responsibility.” He further explained, “The chosen people of this age should not be confined to lineage or nationality, but should expand into a “chosen people of the heart” — those who reflect the heart of Heavenly Parent and embrace the suffering of humanity.” He added, “Our mission is to lead the way

toward a world in which all humanity becomes one family attending Heavenly Parent.”

In the academic session, Dr. Yang Soon-seok, Deputy Director Katsuhiko Noguchi of the Japan Doctrine Research Institute, and Professor Moon Min-young of the University of North Carolina, and Professor Moon Min-young (University of North Carolina), among others, delivered presentations examining the identity of the Korean Han people from theological and cultural perspectives. Participants also reached a consensus that the culture of filial piety and love of the Korean people could serve as an ethical foundation for modern society.

Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Open Forum

The Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Open Forum Commemorating True Parents' Holy Births was held from 1.4 to 1.10 by the heavenly calendar in the 14th year of Cheon Il Guk (February 20–26, 2026), in the Multipurpose Hall of Cheon Seung Jeon.

Heads of providential organizations and continental directors from around the world attended the forum, where both major developments and challenges in various nations were shared. Drawing on this information, discussions ensued on the future direction of the providence.

The forum consisted of five thematic sessions, along with a roundtable meeting with the Director-General of the World Mission Headquarters and a peace prayer gathering at the Seoul Detention Center. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to fulfilling their responsibilities in their respective positions and resolved to become one with True Parents in establishing the environment for the settlement of Cheon Il Guk. 



① Opening remarks by Oota Tomohisa, Vice Director of the Institute for the Chosen Han People ② Keynote address by Lee Gi-sik, President of the Segye Ilbo newspaper ③ Welcome address by Prof. Kim Min-ji, Director of the Institute for the Chosen Han People ④ Domestic and overseas scholars attending the academic conference ⑤ View of the International Academic Conference of the Institute for the Chosen Han People ⑥ The Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Open Forum

Congratulatory Letter Delivered at the Commemorative Worship Service for the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

The following is the text of the letter read aloud by True Family members Moon Yeon-ah nim and Moon Hoon-sook nim during the Commemorative Worship Service marking the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind and the 13th Anniversary of Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day.

Beloved True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind - Holy Mother Han, True Mother,
Today is the most meaningful and grace-filled day in all the world - the most blessed and glorious of days. For it is the day on which the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind were born, according to the special Will and providential plan of our Heavenly Parent, the Creator.

Beloved True Father and True Mother,
We offer our heartfelt congratulations on this anniversary of your Holy Births. We are infinitely grateful that you came to this earth and became the True Parents of all humankind.

Heavenly Parent, our Creator,
We offer our boundless gratitude for the grace and love You have bestowed upon us by sending to this earth the True Parents - whom we love and cherish with all our hearts.

Our Heavenly Parent, the Creator, created heaven and earth and bestowed upon the first human ancestors the Three Great Blessings. After 6,000 years, the True Parents came to this earth as the substantial realization of Heaven's long-cherished hope, held since the time of the Creation, to bring to fulfillment the ideal of families centered on the three great blessings.

The True Parents must bring an end to all the false lineages of history through the Blessing, fulfilling the Will of Heaven, pursued throughout providential history. They came as the center of restoration, the center of resurrection, and the origin of a new future, to connect humanity to the very essence of our Heavenly Parent: true love, true life, and true lineage.

Bearing the mission of the Messiah, the Savior, and the Lord of the Second Advent, the True Parents have devoted their entire lives in tireless devotion to the salvation of humanity and the realization of world peace. As we reflect that all their labors and sacrifices were to fulfill Heavenly Parent's longing to embrace all humankind as true children, we once again compose ourselves in reverence at this hour and offer our deepest gratitude to the True Parents.

True Parents - so noble and precious, and rightfully deserving of the praise and glory of all humankind - and Holy Mother Han, our True Mother, who has bestowed upon us true life: we are without the honor of their presence at this hour.

Our hearts are pierced with a sorrow beyond all words.
Beloved Mother,
Today marks 154 days since you departed from Cheon Jeong Gung. The days - so unreal and difficult to accept - flashed past us like fleeting images before our eyes.

At 3:00 AM on the morning of September 23 last year, the notice came that you would not be permitted to return to Cheon Jeong Gung. The single ray of hope we had clung to since the night before vanished without a trace. In that moment - confronted with news that struck like a thunderbolt from a clear sky - I can still vividly see the members everywhere crying out in anguish, as though their hearts were collapsing within them.

At that moment, there was nothing we could do. We did not even know how to begin to accept such a reality. All we could do was stand there, our gaze fixed beyond the enclosing walls, thinking, "She must be there . . . Mother must have heard this devastating news as well."

In that way, we passed the dawn with sleepless eyes and greeted the morning. And yet, we knew we had to steady ourselves. We had to rise again - because Mother was there. And because Mother's words lifted us up. It was Mother's words that gathered our scattered hearts and enabled us, once again, to look toward hope.

"Do not worry about me. Do not pray for me.
Rather, pray and offer your devotion for yourselves, your families, our Unification community, and for the fulfillment of our Heavenly Parent's Will.
Blessed families, I love you."

As the True Parents, the embodiment of the Word, and as Holy Mother Han, the embodiment of Heavenly Mother, Mother has remained unwavering in every circumstance, resolutely walking the path of Heaven's providence. It was her steadfast example that enabled us to rise again and that clearly awakened our blessed family community to where we must direct our steps and what we must do.

Even in the brief moments of visitation, limited to no more than ten minutes, Mother's words were firm and unmistakably clear:

"Heaven is alive. Though it may take time, the truth will surely be revealed."

Blessed families know the path that the True Parents have walked throughout their lives. Let us all walk that path. We must teach the world: "Let us walk the path of attending our Heavenly Parent."



Mother's earnest exhortation was given so that this nation, this people, and all humanity might walk together in Cheon Il Guk - the era opened by the True Parents, marking a historic new beginning and a new age of blessing. It was an expression of Mother's deep concern and love, so that no one would face historical indemnity due to misunderstanding, prejudice, or distrust of Heaven's providence and the True Parents.

Through this, we have come to realize once again how deeply Mother cherishes the Republic of Korea, the providential homeland, and all the people of the world - treasuring them as dearly as life itself and loving them as her own sons and daughters.

Beloved Mother, Whenever we were able to visit you, we would often sing "Sa-rang-hae, Bu-mo-nim," "Eomma-ya Nuna-ya," and "Country Roads." In those days, we sang with joy and excitement simply because we could share those moments with you. But now, when we long to see you yet cannot, when we wish to attend you and yet are unable, we feel all the more deeply how these songs carry an ache in the heart and are filled with longing.

Through the True Parents, we have come to receive the names "blessed families" and "family members," and have come to realize that they are nothing less than miracles bestowed by our Heavenly Parent. As children of the True Parents, we have come to deeply appreciate how precious it is to exchange warm glances and kind greetings with one another.

Above all, we have come to realize that the True Parents - who connect true love, true



life, and true lineage across the generations, reaching from eternity to eternity - are the very fulfillment of our Heavenly Parent's purpose of creation. We have come to feel deeply how precious, how blessed, and how profoundly grateful we are that the True Parents are with us under the same heaven, and that here on earth we are able to attend Holy Mother Han, our True Mother.

Beloved Mother, whom we love so dearly and long for so deeply,

On the morning of the final day of 2025, you said to us:

"Now it is the New Year. In the coming year, many good things will happen. I hope you will remain in good health and that all you wish for in the new year will be fulfilled."

In truth, we were deeply astonished by your words.

In such a confined, cold, and desolate place - where even a single ray of sunlight is hard to reach - how could you speak, with such a profound paradox, of hope and of new possibilities and fulfillment?

It was enough to make us feel as though we were the ones confined within, and you were the one outside, encouraging and strengthening us.

We witnessed that, with such profound providential insight, you lead the providence of hope with deep gratitude and joy. Through this, we have come to understand that this is precisely why you endure with patience, awaiting the day when the truth will surely be revealed.

Once again, with tears in our eyes, we could not but confess that you are the embodiment of our Heavenly Parent - the True Parent, Holy Mother Han - who continues to write the great epic of Cheon Il Guk.

Beloved True Parents,

When we look upon the 6,000-year course of providential history, we see that Heaven's new blessings and hope have always blossomed only after passing through seasons of trials, discipline and refinement, and birthing pains.

From the Old Testament Age, pioneered by the ancestors of faith - Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - to the New Testament Age of the Christian faithful centered on Jesus, humanity entered the Completed Testament Age through the advent of the True Parents.

And now, we stand in the new era of Cheon Il Guk, in which the original ideal of the True Family is being realized in substance.





This miraculous age is the golden era of the providence - made possible because True Parents understood the heart, the circumstances, and the Will of our Heavenly Parent, and endured all manner of situations with patience and perseverance.

For this reason, we, who attend our True Father in heaven and Holy Mother Han on earth - and all generations of humankind to come - can do nothing but offer our deepest gratitude for such grace and love.

Beloved True Parents,

The arduous time we now face as the Family Federation - established on this earth as the central instrument of Heaven's providence - and as our community of blessed families is indeed one of pain and suffering.

Yet we turn our thoughts to Heaven's providence, which reverses hardship and adversity into yet another great blessing and brings hope. We hold this present time to be a process of forging a course through which Heaven is maturing our Unification family, granting us the strength to receive and bear these trials.

Therefore, with all our heart and will, we pledge to become absolutely one with the True Parents, who are the embodiment of the fulfillment of Heaven's providence and the completion of human history. In particular, we are determined to unite as one with Holy Mother Han, our True Mother, who bears the responsibility for bringing the providence to completion here on earth.

For the new blessings and hope that Heaven bestows upon us, all members of the Unification community - from our elder leaders to future generations - must trust and love one another more than ever. We have come to realize that this is an era of education, testimony, and confession of faith, a time to boldly proclaim the True Parents before the world.

Beloved True Parents,

It is an undeniable reality that difficulties continue even now on every front.

Yet we see that across the world, our pastors are safeguarding their local churches as though guarding their very lives. On behalf of the True Parents, they are giving their utmost to their pastoral mission, proclaiming Heaven's Will to the world with unwavering devotion.

Our members are praying in tears for Mother's well-being and for her return. At the place where Mother resides, they are offering daily prayer vigils and peace prayer gatherings.

Our younger generation - the Pure Water youth - are stepping into the public square to

testify to the "Mother of Peace." Proudly embracing and revealing their identity as blessed children of the Unification family, they are boldly proclaiming the values of faith and the true family way of life.

When reports of these activities were shared, True Mother offered us her gentle comfort, saying, "I know your devotion. I am so grateful to you all."

But Mother, far more than the gratitude you express to us, we long to return to you a million times the gratitude we have found through your love. Our only regret is that we have not said "I love you" and "Thank you" more often. For this, our hearts are truly sorry.

Mother, we thank you from the very depths of our souls. We love you so much.

After True Father's Cheonju Seonghwa, just as you said, "Let us go together until the very end." Today, it is our turn to offer that same solemn resolve: "Mother, we will attend you and walk beside you until the very end."

Dearest True Father, whom we miss so deeply:

Every day, we pray with all our hearts for the strength and health of our Mother here on earth. We live for that day of hope when we may attend her in the fullness of honor and glory. Until then, we humbly implore you, True Father, to be here with us, and to watch over True Mother to protect her precious health and well-being.

Our beloved True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind,

We resolve to be true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk and the chosen people of Heaven, dedicating our entire being to this mission at every moment and until the very end. With all honor and glory, we celebrate and offer our heartfelt congratulations on the eternal Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind.

On the 6th day of the 1st month in the 14th year of Cheon Il Guk by the heavenly calendar, uniting as one, the chosen blessed families of the world and the Pure Water youth of the next generation offer this tribute of love and gratitude to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind. ㄸ



Our Internal Attitude at this Time – True Parents’ Birthday in the Year of the Red Horse



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We are honored to join with our beloved True Mother, the Holy Mother Han, to usher in the Year of the Red Horse. It is also with great honour to be able to offer our special greetings to True Mother on the occasion of True Parents’ birthday, 2026. And to all family members worldwide, we wish you all a Happy True Parents’ Birthday Celebration.

We understand that the year of the Red Horse is associated with intense energy and passion, a time of significant transformation. It also represents a time for bold moves and rapid progress. Amazingly, the description of the year of the Red Horse closely matches what we are experiencing at this time. For us in Heavenly Parent’s Holy Community, the turbulence of the time, which started in the last third of 2025 and has persisted into 2026, promises and paves the way for transformation, bold moves and rapid progress.

Looking back, we recall that in April 2025, True Mother victoriously inaugurated the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum, bringing glory to our Heavenly Parent. Just a few months later, in September 2025, we were

all shocked to learn that True Mother had been placed in the detention center. That was our situation as we entered the year of the Red Horse.

As members of Heavenly Parent’s Holy Community, how did we process and digest this twist of fate? We were shocked, outraged, and anguished. We cried, prayed, repented for our shortcomings, offered devotions, protested, reached out to our friends and supporters, held daily prayer sessions in front of the detention center, and offered nightly vigils in our churches and Cheonshim Won prayer halls around the world.

Several weeks after our True Mother had been in detention, I ran into one person who was a one-time associate of ours. This person said to me, “Oh, I heard that your founder, Mother Moon is in detention. How are you all keeping faith in the church now?” I instantly understood the import of his comment and my reaction was sharp. “What do you mean by ‘keeping faith’? Are you implying that we should have run away because our Mother is unjustly put in detention?” Isn’t it fundamental that you stand by the one you love under any circumstance?”

History has taught us that people of true faith do not seek to escape at times of trial and persecution. We are good students of history. If anything, this is the time that our faith and commitment to Heavenly Parent and True Parents must be stronger than ever before. Perhaps those who persecute us are hoping that we will be broken under the weight of persecution, threats and intimidation. Once the truth is revealed, they will be ashamed. They are perhaps unaware of the history of religious faith. You can destroy that which is physical but you cannot destroy that which is spiritual. That's why the Bible says, "Fear not those who can only kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matt. 10:28)

The year of the Red Horse suggests that as we celebrate our True Parents Birthday, we do so with an internal attitude that is centered on filial piety, unity of heart, and active responsibility to complete the providential mission as owners of Cheon Il Guk. We must be focused on fostering a deep, sacrificial, parental heart that mirrors our Heavenly Parent's unconditional love, in unity with True Mother as she strives to complete the Will of Heaven. With more intense energy and passion, let us move forward with a united heart, supporting True Mother, who at this time is walking a path of tribulation on behalf of Heaven.

As heavenly tribal messiahs, let us work to bring our families, tribes, and societies under the protection of True Parents. As we prepare to mark the 2026 celebration of the Holy Births of True Parents, we are called to strengthen our resolve through various levels of devotion (40 days, 21 day, etc.) to purify and prepare ourselves. Our internal attitude must be one of "absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience," rejecting a "grasshopper" mentality – held captive by fear and inferiority. Because we are direct sons and daughters of True Parents' lineage, we are inferior to no one. As children of Heavenly Parent, we must always act with confidence and conviction.

We are called to be active participants in the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, rather than passive observers. We must intentionally align our personal lives with the

church's broader 2026 goals of expansion. To this end, a significant emphasis must be placed on the education of the second and third generations (Pure Water Youths) to carry the tradition of faith forward, helping them to grow into the pillars of the future, in accordance with True Mother's wishes.

In essence, we should view our observance of True Parents' Birthday in 2026 not merely as a holy day, but as a golden opportunity to renew our commitment and accelerate the establishment of Cheon Il Guk (the kingdom of heaven on earth) through intense personal and collective dedication and devotions.

As we welcome 2026, the year of the Red Horse, our internal attitude and heart must be defined by a deep sense of filial responsibility, profound gratitude, and a renewed commitment to the fulfilment of the three great blessings. Let us move beyond abstract faith and live in a way that attends and serves the Heavenly Parent in every aspect of our daily lives. We should commemorate True Parents' Birthday as a day to light the "lamp of hope" for all humankind.

In 2026, the identity of blessed families lies in fulfilling our responsibilities as true sons and daughters who resemble our Heavenly Parent. This involves actively sharing with the world the truth about the Only Begotten Daughter, True Mother, and the essence of the Creator, our Heavenly Parent. We must live as models of true love in our families so we can naturally attract others to this message of truth, and take an active role in contributing to our nations and the world.

The current climate calls for a fundamental change in our internal attitude. Let us move from a faith centered on mere obedience to one driven by personal motivation and deep love. This way, we break free from past complacency, going beyond our comfort zones to face the challenges of the modern era, and we unite in spirit and truth to heal internal wounds and injuries incurred over the years, moving forward with one united heart.

With warm affection, Happy True Parents' Birthday to all, AJU!!! 

“With Heaven’s Will in Our Hearts, We Move Forward as Proud Youth Envoys.”

On the 1.6 by the heavenly calendar in the 14th year of Cheon Il Guk (February 22, 2026), a day of profound significance commemorating the Holy Births of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind and the 13th Anniversary of Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day, the Commissioning Ceremony for the 11th Class of Cheon Il Guk special youth envoys was also held.

The seventy-nine graduates, having completed six years of education and training, pledged before Heaven to become proud hyojeong-rang as they now go out to mission fields around the world as special youth envoys. The letters of appointment and commissioning rings they held in their hands bore witness not only to the fruits of six years of dedication, but also to the profound responsibility they now carry for the fulfillment of the providence and the firm settlement of Cheon Il Guk.

True Peace Magazine met with several of the newly commissioned envoys to hear their candid reflections on the mission of UPA, their aspirations as special youth envoys, and their vision for the work that lies ahead.

Interview Participants

Huang Ling-Yi (Sun Moon UPA 1st Class, Taiwan)

Yoshiyuki Shikanai (Sun Moon UPA 1st Class, Japan)

Patima Atithanakul (Sun Moon UPA 1st Class, Thailand)

Q Congratulations on your appointment as special youth envoys. What motivated you to apply to UPA?

[Yoshiyuki Shikanai] When I was in high school, I went through a time of deep reflection about my future—questioning whether I should pursue my own personal dreams or dedicate myself to the path of public service in support of True Parents. Around that time, True Mother delivered a message at a rally in Japan commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Japanese mission. Hearing her speak about how second-generation members from Korea and Japan were actively going out into the world and making an impact, I felt a strong conviction that I, too, should step forward into the wider world and contribute to the providence. From that moment, I set my heart firmly on the path of public service.

Later, while studying at a language institute, I

learned that Sun Moon UPA had been established. I immediately recognized this as the unmistakable guidance of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. With my heart overflowing with gratitude and joy, I made a resolute commitment to join UPA.

[Patima Atithanakul] Before joining UPA, whenever I faced difficulties and turned to prayer, I always felt Heavenly Parent right there beside me. Each time, I sensed Heavenly Parent watching over me with love—never once departing from my side, not even when I made mistakes. Through those countless experiences, Heavenly Parent became the greatest presence in my life. So when the moment came to make a major decision, I reflected: since Heavenly Parent has always remained by my side, this time I wanted to remain by Heavenly Parent’s side as well. That is why, instead of choosing the easy path or the one I personally desired, I chose the path dedicated to Heavenly Parent.



Interview with UPA Youth Envoy Yoshiyuki Shikanai

[Huang Ling-Yi] On July 21, 2019, after a rally in Cheonan, I attended the victory celebration, and True Mother spoke to us, “In 2020, Sun Moon University will be transformed. I will build up the department of theology to become like a military academy. It will become the university that second-generation members from around the world most want to attend.” At that time, my Korean was not strong, yet these particular words reached my ears with striking clarity, and I was able to understand them fully. I felt with great conviction that this message was a personal calling directed to me. I also sensed True Mother’s earnest hope—as she looked toward the younger generation—to help us grow through UPA. Quite naturally, I found myself moved to join in fulfilling that hope.

Q. How did your family or those around you respond when you applied?

[Yoshiyuki Shikanai] Everyone around me gave their wholehearted support. At first, there was concern,

since this was not an easy path to walk. But when I shared candidly about why I had chosen it and the conviction behind my decision, they came to understand my heart and stood with me.

[Patima Atithanakul] They responded very positively. My parents and family were all very supportive, and a friend I had studied with also applied to UPA with me, which made me feel even more at ease.

[Huang Ling-Yi] My parents had always supported my studies and the decisions I made, but when I said I wanted to enter the Department of Theology, my mother opposed it. Both of my parents had served in public missions, so they knew firsthand how demanding that path could be, and it was out of concern for me as their child that my mother was concerned. Even so, I felt that if I did not go to UPA, I would regret it for the rest of my life. So I made up my mind and expressed my determination to them. My husband, too, waited patiently for me. Now, both my husband and my parents are proud of me as I devote myself wholeheartedly to the provide



Interview with UPA Youth Envoy Patima Atithanakul

Q After you entered UPA, what has been the most difficult moment for you, and how did you overcome it?

[Yoshiyuki Shikanai] The hardest moment came when I felt the wide gap between the person True Parents envisioned me to be and who I actually was. My sense of calling was clear, yet whenever I felt how my abilities and capacities were falling short, I sank into deep discouragement. There were times I even found myself questioning, “Am I truly worthy to walk this path?” Yet each time, rather than letting shame take hold, I resolved to acknowledge my shortcomings and make them the starting point for growth. Through prayer and True Parents’ words, I re-established my center and steadily worked to build up my skills, starting from even the smallest areas. While it is also important to strive for perfection, I steadied myself with the mindset of simply moving one step beyond who I was yesterday. Through that process, I came to understand not only what it means to grow as an individual, but also how to grow within a community.

Looking back now, I see every one of those moments as precious training that has made me more resilient.

[Patima Atithanakul] In my third year, I went on a mission to the Philippines. Once there, I encountered many challenges—difficult living conditions, economic limitations, and even conflicts within the team. As the situation grew more difficult, we found ourselves having to manage meals and daily necessities on a very limited budget. In the midst of it all, I began to ask myself, “How can I change in this situation?” Around that time, while reading True Mother’s autobiography during hoondokhae, I came across these words, “Happiness does not come to us when we have everything. It comes mysteriously, when we have seemingly lost everything yet still feel gratitude.” Reading those words led me to reflect on the life True Mother had walked. I realized that she had taken a path far more difficult than mine, yet she always moved forward with a heart of gratitude toward Heavenly Parent. True Mother’s life and those words became a great comfort to me—they were like

a compass that gave me direction and helped me overcome those hardships.

[Huang Ling-Yi] In my second year, a great trial came to my family. At the time, I was a second-year student at UPA and beginning to feel the weight of many responsibilities, so when this happened to my family, I went through a very difficult time emotionally. I felt deep guilt, thinking that while I spoke about happiness and love in the family, I could not even protect my own. I kept wondering whether things might have been different if I had been at home. Lying alone in my room, I wept and found myself asking, “What am I living for? Why am I walking this path?” Then I thought about how hard it must have been for my mother, so I reached out to her. But instead of sharing her own pain, she comforted me, saying, “Don’t worry.” In that moment, I realized why the word “mother” carries such significance. At that moment, I felt Heavenly Parent’s love—especially True Mother’s love—surging toward me like a storm. I realized how profound and powerful True Mother’s love truly is. From then on, I began to think that I wanted to become a public leader who could share that love with many more people. I also felt a deep desire to become a light for those who cannot find hope in life, and to bring them hope.

Q. When was the most memorable moment for you?

[Yoshiyuki Shikanai] The most memorable moment for me was when I had the opportunity to meet True Parents in person. In particular, the moment when True Mother called the UPA cadets and shared her words with us remains deeply engraved in my heart. It was not simply that I was present there—I truly felt that I myself was being called. In True Mother’s voice and gaze, I could sense her profound love and high expectations for UPA. At that moment, a strong sense of responsibility took root in my heart to live up to those expectations. It remains my most precious memory, one that strengthened my faith and deepened my resolve.

[Patima Atithanakul] During our mission work in Los Angeles, we met an elderly man who was not very welcoming toward us. Nevertheless, we continued visiting his home and bringing him food and snacks. On the last day before leaving the United States, we went to his house to say goodbye. For the first time, he opened his heart and honestly shared about the painful experiences from his past. In that moment,

I felt my perspective change. I began to see him through Heavenly Parent’s eyes—not as a man over ninety years old, but as a wounded young person. Through that experience, I realized that Heavenly Parent always sees us as beloved children—waiting for us and loving us with a parent’s heart.

[Huang Ling-Yi] The moment that left the deepest impression on me was in September 2025, when True Mother entered the detention center. Until then, I had received so much of True Mother’s love. Her presence and love felt completely natural to me—like the bond between a mother and child connected by the umbilical cord. But in that moment, I realized that if something I had always taken for granted were even briefly cut off, it would be so painful that I could hardly bear it. That was the moment when I most deeply realized that I cannot live without True Parents—especially True Mother.

Q. What do you consider the mission of UPA?

[Yoshiyuki Shikanai] I believe it begins with developing a deep understanding of the heart and circumstances of True Parents. UPA is not simply an institution for acquiring knowledge; rather, it is a place where we first come to know the heart of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and where individuals are nurtured to put that Will into practice in their lives. To achieve this, I believe it is important to grow in a balanced way—not only in faith, but also in character, competence, leadership, and a sense of community. Of course, there are many practical challenges. However, I believe that the very process of overcoming those limitations one by one is itself a form of training and growth.

[Patima Atithanakul] I believe it is about growing into representatives of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. At UPA, people from diverse backgrounds and with unique personalities come together, yet we all share the same heart toward Heavenly Parent. The journey at UPA is about becoming individuals who, through our distinct personalities and abilities, can reveal and share Heavenly Parent’s love with the world. I also believe our mission is to go where Heavenly Parent and True Parents wish to go, and to meet and love the people they wish to embrace—on their behalf.

[Huang Ling-Yi] UPA is a program that prepares Cheon Il Guk leaders who will guide the next generation, grounded in absolute unity with True

Parents. True Parents' dream has remained the same from the beginning—to realize world peace and establish the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven. As UPA envoys, we must become people who can play a central role in bringing that vision of peace to reality.

Q After being commissioned, what kind of work would you like to do as a special youth envoy?

[Yoshiyuki Shikanai] I aspire to become a person of exceptional ability and competitiveness—one who earns recognition not only within our faith community, but in society at large. I want to grow into someone who embodies not merely a passion for faith, but also professionalism, strong execution, and the ability to solve problems, so that I may responsibly fulfill the mission entrusted to me. I am committed to disciplining myself and maintaining a humble attitude of learning at all times, so that my personal growth may serve as a source of hope for our community. As a representative of True Parents, I aspire to live a life worthy of that calling, and to serve as a special youth envoy who faithfully carries out every responsibility entrusted to me, through to the very end.

[Patima Atithanakul] I hope to dedicate myself to educating and caring for young people. Because youth are the hope of the future, I believe they need great attention, love, and proper guidance. Many young people go through a confusing time as they search for their identity amid many value systems. I want to be someone who can support them and walk alongside them on that journey.

[Huang Ling-Yi] I hope to serve in local churches and help build communities where people can grow together joyfully, centered on True Parents. If Heavenly Parent's dream—to dwell together with us—can first be realized within our families, churches, and communities, then that dream can expand to the nation and ultimately to the world. Becoming a special envoy does not guarantee that everything will go smoothly. Nevertheless, I am determined to remain steadfast in remembering the dream that True Parents have carried for the ensuing generations, and to work so that it becomes a living reality rather than remaining only a hope. I also aspire to nurture a culture of fellowship within the church, while continuing activities such as volunteer service and environmental stewardship, thereby contributing in practical ways to the realization of a peaceful world.

Q Do you have any words you would like to share with the junior cadets?

[Yoshiyuki Shikanai] No matter how difficult your circumstances may be, never give up. At times, the struggle may feel endless, but once you overcome it, you will discover—almost without realizing—that you have grown stronger and more resilient. In every situation, trust yourself and give your utmost until the very end. Those who faithfully endure such times will surely grow into greater individuals. One day, each of us will stand in our own place as representatives called to fulfill Heaven's Will.

[Patima Atithanakul] I am deeply proud of each and every one of you—our juniors who have chosen this path for the sake of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Along the way, you may face hardship and moments of uncertainty, but through both good and difficult days, Heavenly Parent is always with you. Even when you cannot feel it yourself, in Heaven's eyes, each of you is an immeasurably precious child. Let us strive to become the most inspiring leaders we can be for Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and walk the path of filial devotion together, side by side. I cheer you on with all my heart. I love you—please persevere!

[Huang Ling-Yi] Let us not yield to fear, but step forward boldly to meet every challenge, anchored in love. It is precisely in the most difficult of circumstances that the greatest growth takes root; therefore, let us face all adversity with courage and resolve. May this season become the defining chapter of your life—a time of such profound significance that it is carried in your heart always. Let this truth never depart from you: on days of joy, on days of trial, and even in moments of deepest sorrow, Heavenly Parent and True Parents are present with you in every moment, without exception. Let us hold True Parents' vision close to our hearts, and with unwavering commitment, give the full measure of this one precious, irreplaceable life—leaving nothing undone, and carrying no regrets.

Q Please share your gratitude and love for True Parents.

[Yoshiyuki Shikanai] Beloved Heavenly Parent, and ever-victorious True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind—I offer my deepest and most sincere

gratitude for guiding and nurturing us throughout these past six years. The journey was by no means easy, yet through it, I believe I have grown in faith, character, and practical ability, becoming a special youth envoy capable of fulfilling my calling wherever I may be sent in this world. From this day forward, I will go of my own accord to wherever True Parents need me most. Without letting the circumstances or conditions hold me back, I am determined to stand in full unity with True Parents and faithfully carry out every responsibility entrusted to me—until the very end—as a devoted public servant and special youth envoy of Cheon Il Guk.

With my deepest gratitude, and all my love.

[Patima Atithanakul] True Parents, thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in me and walking with me until now. Looking back, you were there at the very beginning, and you are here with me today as this journey comes to its completion. Without your unceasing

love, I could never have stood here today. We will go out into the world and help build a beautiful world where Heavenly Parent can dwell. Thank you. I love you.

[Huang Ling-Yi] True Parents, your dream has become my dream. When I first entered UPA, I was still young and did not fully understand what you longed for. But now, from the depths of my heart, I want to help realize the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven that you have so earnestly desired. You began this path alone, but now we have one another. Standing on the foundation that you have built for us, we will persevere to the very end—making True Parents known to people throughout the world and sharing the dream of Heavenly Parent and True Parents so that all humanity may live lives of true happiness. We will become filial sons and daughters of whom you can be proud. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for always being with us. We will love you forever. 



Interview with UPA Youth Envoy Huang Ling-Yi

The Hyojeong Youth Church: A Church Young People Dream Of

On December 21, 2025, Hyojeong Youth Church officially opened its doors as the young persons' hub church of Northern Gyeonggi District, with a dedication service. The church represents a new model of faith community—one that goes beyond the conventional role of a young person or student ministry within an established congregation. Here, young people are not simply participants; they take primary responsibility for the church's ministry and operations, leading the community together. They are involved not only in Youth programs but also in key areas such as finances and administration.

In early February, True Peace Magazine met with Heo Eun-seon, Senior Manager of the Personnel Development Department, and Kim Young-ae, pastor of Hyojeong Youth Church, to hear the story behind its founding and explore the vision shaping this youth-led community.



A Church Led by Young People

The founding of Hyojeong Youth Church stemmed from a deep concern for the young generation. As True Parents repeatedly emphasized the importance of raising and nurturing young people, the need for a new type of community centered on Youths became increasingly clear. The church found itself facing a pivotal question: “What must we prepare today for the sake of the next generation?”

Through this process of reflection, the dream and vision of a “Youth Church” gradually took root. At the same time, the vibrant community of members in their 20s and 30s at Guri Grand Church offered precisely the strong youth foundation that such a vision required. As these elements converged, a bold new challenge was set in motion: the establishment of a young generation hub church.

The defining characteristic of Hyojeong Youth Church is that it is, in the fullest sense, a church owned and led by young people. Whereas a typical youth ministry functions under the care and oversight of the parent generation, Hyojeong Youth Church places young people at the helm—entrusting them with responsibility for every aspect of the community’s life and affairs. Its governance also follows a different model: rather than being directed solely by a pastor, the church is guided by a formal set of bylaws, with all major decisions made collectively by the community itself.

One of the key reasons many young people leave the church is that they struggle to find a meaningful role within it. When church activities feel disconnected from the realities of daily life, a natural sense of distance from the community begins to grow. To confront this challenge, Hyojeong Youth Church made a deliberate choice: to entrust young people with both genuine authority and real responsibility.

The preparation of the church itself was likewise carried out entirely by young people. Over six to seven months, they renovated and breathed new life into a building that had once served as the headquarters of Heavenly Korea Sub-Region 2. From laying floor tiles and applying sealant to assembling furniture and designing the interior, they invested both their hands and hearts into every detail. Branding elements such as posters and the church logo were also created by the young members themselves. Much like launching



❶ Worship service at Hyojeong Youth Church ❷ Hyojeong Youth Center, the home of Hyojeong Youth Church

a youth-led start-up, every stage of the process unfolded through voluntary effort and shared initiative.

Beyond Worship: A Space Where Young People's Daily Lives Take Root

As they prepared to establish Hyojeong Youth Church, Heo Eun-seon, Director of the Personnel Development Department, and Church Leader Kim Young-ae found themselves rethinking what “church” truly means as a space. It became a time of deep reflection—not merely on the church as a place of worship, but on the broader meaning of church and community itself. In that process, they recalled the stories of elder members who had pioneered the first congregations. Remembering the sacrifices of those who spared neither money nor time in building the community, they came to appreciate, even if only in part, the heart of those who had gone before them through their own experience of preparing Hyojeong Youth Church.

When the church officially opened last December, meaningful changes began to appear among the Youths themselves. As they joined in shaping the church’s operations and direction, a natural sense of



responsibility and ownership took root. By debating budgets and designing programs firsthand, their perspective on the church shifted dramatically. Where once they had been mere participants, they had now become co-creators—owners actively building the community together. This transformation is regarded as the most significant change of all.

Another hallmark of Hyojeong Youth Church is the transformation of its physical space. The entire building has been designed with young people in mind, creating an environment where they can linger freely long after worship concludes. While many churches remain centered primarily around worship halls, Hyojeong Youth Church aspires to be an open, welcoming place that the younger generation can visit at any time. In practice, when the lights are on during weekday evenings, university students and young professionals often stop by naturally to share stories from their day. A “church you can drop into, even without a reason”—that is the vision Hyojeong Youth Church seeks to embody.

To bring this vision to life, the building has been thoughtfully equipped with diverse spaces where young people can feel at home. The lobby features a cozy café open to anyone in need of rest, while seminar rooms provide students with places to study or collaborate on group projects. A dedicated childcare room for infants and toddlers ensures that young couples with small children can attend worship without concern.

The church also includes gathering rooms where youth can freely meet for conversation and activities, as well as a rehearsal studio for the youth band to practice. Together, these spaces reflect a deliberate

vision: to make the church not merely a place of worship, but a living environment that naturally integrates with the rhythm of young people’s everyday lives.

Creating a Reason for Young People to Come to Church

True Parents bestowed the new young people’s church with the name *Hyojeong Cheongnyeon Gyohoe* (孝情青年教會, hyojeong young generation church), a name carrying two profound meanings. *Hyo* (孝) signifies a heart of devotion aligned with Heaven’s Will, while *jeong* (情) represents the outward spread of true love.

Hyojeong Youth Church aspires to be a space where young people can not only experience this “culture of heart” in their daily lives but also actively share and expand it. To that end, the church is preparing a wide range of activities designed to help young people deepen their understanding of Heavenly Parent’s heart and encounter a living culture of true love in tangible, personal ways.

There is much that the church hopes to pursue going forward. In the near term, it is preparing a range of community activities, including university retreats, one-day workshops, and regular band performances. Above all, its primary goal is to develop a sustainable system so that the culture of community experienced by young people can continue to grow and be passed on.

Hyojeong Youth Church also keeps its doors open to all young people, regardless of where they come from. Many young people become disconnected from their church communities as they move away

from home for university or work. Hyojeong Youth Church hopes to serve as a hub where such young people can reconnect with the community of faith. The Guri area, where the church is located, holds particular significance as well, as it was established by True Parents as a cradle of education. The church aspires to become a place where young people can learn, grow, and deepen their faith within a supportive community.

Park Jin-ho, a member of Hyojeong Youth Church, put it plainly, "The reality today is that young people have far more reasons not to go to church than to go. Rather than simply asking them to come, we need to become a community that gives them a genuine reason to want to be here." In a world of increasingly busy lives and rapidly shifting values, young people's ways of engaging with the world are constantly evolving. In this light, Hyojeong Youth Church is committed to being a community that offers young people meaningful encounters and experiences that truly matter.

Hyojeong Youth Church is determined to create those very "reasons." Not a place where young people simply pass through, but a community of purpose—where hearts are opened and shared. A space where faith and friendship, laughter and hope flow freely together, and where the season of youth shines all the more brilliantly.

When you enter the church, you are immediately

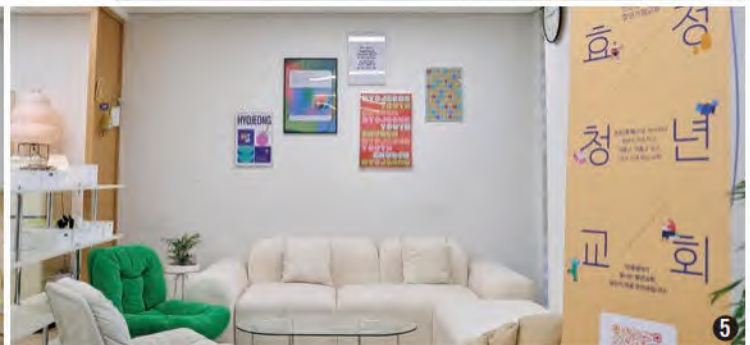
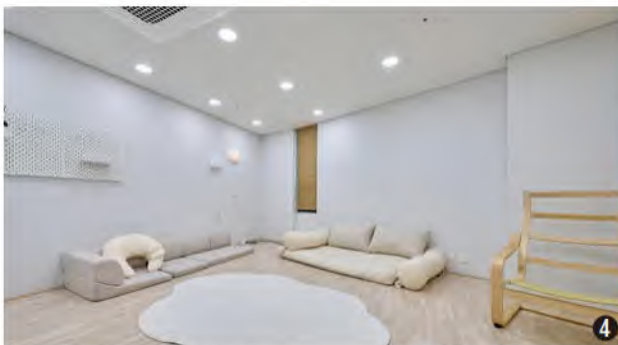
greeted by banners that clearly express the identity and vision of Hyojeong Youth Church:

"Bound together through filial heart,
a church where young people lead,
create, feel at home, and always find their way
back."

"Where the next generation shines—a young
people's church whose story is yours to tell."

An open community for all—a church led by young
people.

In this new and hope-filled vision of a "young
people's church," Hyojeong Young Adult Church
seeks to give compelling reasons for the young people
to come and thrive. 



①② Interview with Personnel Development Department Director Heo Eun-sun and Hyojeong Youth Church Pastor Kim Young-ae ③ Signboard of Hyojeong Youth Center, home to Hyojeong Youth Church ④ Infant and toddler care space for young couples ⑤ Café-style space for fellowship ⑥ Hyojeong Youth Church chapel ⑦ Interior decoration by the young people

Resolving to be a church that witnesses for the sake of Heaven's providence

Seongnam Family Church Dedication Service

On February 1 (HC 12.14) Korea Church President Dr. Song Yong-cheon was at Seongnam Family Church for the dedication service of their newly renovated facilities. The Seongnam Family Church was formed through the integration of the Seongnam, Jungwon, and Bundang churches and the newly reorganized congregation dedicated their newly renovated sanctuary. District Director Oh Sang-jin of Gyeonggi Southern District prayed that Seongnam Family Church would become a church where all members find harmony and revival. President Song expressed gratitude to the members who had offered sincere devotion for the dedication of the church and blessed the church to be one where true love would be

practiced. The members resolved to develop a witnessing church to support Heaven's providence.



Group photo of participants at the Seongnam Church dedication service

For the firm settlement of Cheon Il Guk, and training and dispatch of martial arts missionaries

Opening Ceremony for the 2026 Tong-Il Moo-Do and Ilwon-Do 40-Day Workshop

The opening ceremony of the 2026 Tong-Il Moo-Do and Ilwon-Do International 40-Day Special Workshop was held on February 2 (HC 12.15) at the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center. Aiming to support the settlement of Cheon Il Guk and to cultivate, commission, and dispatch martial arts missionaries, this workshop brought together more than 100 participants from 30 countries, including Tong-Il Moo-Do World President Takamatsu Hoshiko. Participants resolved to achieve personal growth, but also to grow as leaders who contribute to world peace. The World Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation's program for the workshop included training in martial arts techniques as well as lectures on values and other topics such as martial arts in providential history, as well as promotion tests and pilgrimages to holy grounds.



Participants from around the world attending Tong-Il Moo-Do and IlwonDo training



Confirming providential values and raising lecturers

Lecturer Training Program for the Epic History of the Chosen Han People of Korea



Public leaders undergoing training in presenting the Great Epic of the Chosen Han People of Korea

The Heavenly Korea lecturer training program for the Epic History of the Chosen Han People of Korea was held from February 3 to 6 (HC 12.16-19) at the Cheongshim International Youth Center. This program, conducted for leaders from all across Korea, was designed to communicate the providential value of the Epic History of the Chosen Han People of Korea and to cultivate lecturers who can effectively present it to the public. At the opening ceremony, President Song Yong-cheon encouraged participants to become lecturers fully equipped to testify to Heaven's providence. The program featured a variety of sessions, including special lectures, lecture demonstrations and training in small groups. 

A community of true love, "Pure Land"

2026 Heavenly Korea Seonghwa Students Assembly



Participants enjoying the Seonghwa Students Assembly run with an amusement park concept

The 2026 Heavenly Korea Seonghwa Students Assembly was held from February 6 to 8 (HC 12.19-21) at the Cheongshim International Youth Center. With 722 young generation participants, the assembly was organized around the concept of a "Pure Land" theme park. A wide range of programs were held, including a lecture contest on the Epic History of the Chosen Han People of Korea, a hyojeong speech contest, and a culture and arts competition. The event also featured activities such as a fellowship plaza with 49 booths and a Hyojeong Expo with 16 organizations participating, creating a harmonious environment in which participants experienced closeness of heart. 

The path to the Blessing through the Epic History of the Chosen Han People of Korea

Korea Church President Song Yong-cheon's National Tour: Pyeongtaek

A district worship service with Church President Song Yong-cheon was held on February 8 (HC 12.21) at Pyeongtaek Grand Church (75 km south of Seoul). On this occasion, President Song emphasized True Parents' heart to guide people to the path of the Blessing through the Epic History of the Chosen Han People of Korea. Pyeongtaek Grand Church pastor Rev. Hong Seong-hwa encouraged members to fulfill their responsibility through active witnessing efforts, and the congregation expressed its resolve to develop the Pyeongtaek Grand Church community so that it can fulfill Heavenly Parent's Will.



Members who attended the Pyeongtaek Grand Church national tour worship service

Exploring the role of religion in realizing a peaceful community

First Symposium on the Chosen Han People of Korea

The "First Symposium on the Chosen Han People of Korea," co-hosted by the Korea Religions Association and the Institute on the Chosen Han People of Korea, was held on February 11 (HC 12.24) at the Korea Religions Association headquarters. Some 50 leaders from a variety of religious denominations attended. The seminar was organized to shed light on the history, faith, and cultural identity of the Korean people and to explore the role of religion in realizing a peaceful community. Korea Religions Association President Hong Yoon-jong said that interdenominational solidarity would continue to pave the way toward harmony among all people, and participants were attracted by the vision of One Family under God.



International religious leaders attending the symposium



A renewed commitment to advance as leaders of the new generation

Second Heavenly Korea Heavenly Top Gun Missionaries Completion Ceremony



Missionaries who completed their missions in six regions

The completion ceremony for the 2nd group of Heavenly Korea Heavenly Top Gun Missionaries was held on February 13 (HC 12.26) at Cheongpa-dong Family Church. This ceremony was prepared for 23 missionaries who had returned after completing their missions in six locations, including Canada, Albania, and the Philippines. Heavenly Korea Family Federation President Dr. Song Yong-cheon emphasized that the completion ceremony should not be the final destination, but rather a place of renewed departure and new leap forward into the vast ocean of God's providence. *TP*

Reestablishing our direction in life through Chambumo Ron

Washington DC: "Higher Ground" National Tour Worship at Capital Family Church



Members of Capital Church attending the "Higher Ground" worship service

On February 1, 2026 (HC 12.14), a "Higher Ground" Tour Worship led by Continental Director Demian Dunkley was held at Capital Family Church in Washington, DC, as part of Rev. Dunkley's ongoing North America tour. Hundreds of members joined both online and in person. The service included a graduation ceremony for new members who had completed a 12-week "Living the Principles of Peace" education program. Continental Director Dunkley conveyed True Parents' devotion and love for the members. At a welcoming dinner new members shared testimonies of how the *Chambumo Ron* teachings had helped them set a new direction in life. *TP*



Resolving to grow the community through renewal of ministries

Ohio Family Church Leadership Transition and Inauguration Ceremony

A pastoral inauguration and farewell ceremony was held on February 1 (HC 12.14) at the Ohio Family Church. Midwest Pastor Kazuo Takami expressed appreciation to Pastor Gloria Lorentz who has served in the Ohio church for the past four and a half years. Newly inaugurated Pastor Yasutaka Ozawa shared his aspirations for his new ministry and expressed determination for the development of the community. Two days before, a farewell gathering for Pastor Ozawa had been held at the Dallas-Fort Worth Family Church in Texas where members congratulated him on his new pastoral journey. 



Participants at the welcome and farewell ceremony for the Ohio Family Church leaders

Reflecting on the meaning of faith as blessed families

Northeast Subregion: Cheonbo Registration Ceremony and Great Works

A Heavenly US Northeast district Cheonbo Registration Ceremony was held for participants both in-person and online on February 1 (HC 12.14) at the New Jersey Family Church. A total of 37 new Cheonbo couples were registered, and Pastor Atsushi Takino encouraged them to become exemplary blessed families. On February 7, the region's 3rd Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works was held both in-person and online, during which ancestor liberation and Blessing ceremonies were conducted. Members offered gratitude before Heaven and reflected on the meaning of their faith. 



Participants of the Hyojeong CheonBo Special Great Works



The mission of religion to bring hope and peaceful rest to Heavenly Parent

Massachusetts: "Higher Ground" Boston Family Church Tour Worship Service



Continental Director Demian Dunkley delivering his message

On February 8 (HC 12.21), Boston Family Church hosted Continental Director Demian Dunkley for a worship service during the "Higher Ground" North America tour. Church Pastor Miilhan Stephens introduced the Continental Director, and expressed that people of different faiths uniting for the sake of peace will offer hope and comfort to Heavenly Parent. Rev. Dunkley emphasized America's mission in Heaven's providence and the Boston Church Community received inspiration to continue their initiatives for church growth. *TP*

Our identity as sons and daughters of Heavenly Parent and practicing true love

Heavenly North America: "Higher Ground" Northwest Tour Worship Service



Congregation at the "Higher Ground" worship service

North America Continental Director Demian Dunkley's "Higher Ground" revival tour services continued in the Northwestern United States in February. On February 15 (HC 12.28), a Sunday Service was held at the Seattle Family Church with 100 in attendance. The Seattle Family Church band enriched the service with their spirited music, including an original song. Rev. Dunkley's message was a reminder to members to trust their identity as Heavenly Parent's children, and after lunch he addressed members' questions and concerns in a more intimate setting. On February 16 and 17 (HC 12.29 and 1.1), Rev. and Mrs. Dunkley visited the smaller Tacoma and Bellingham Family Churches in Washington State to share inspirations and encouragement. *TP*

Determination for a new beginning toward 2026

Heavenly Asia-Pacific: 40-Day Special Devotion Workshop

A Heavenly Asia-Pacific 40-Day Special Devotion Workshop was held at the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center from December 27 to February 4 (HC 11.8-12.17). A total of 115 participants from 14 Asia-Pacific nations received education in faith and on the life course of True Parents, and took part in chanyang sessions, vigil devotions and special pilgrimages. Participants resolved to begin the year 2026 with strengthened faith, unity, and spiritual determination.



Heavenly Asia-Pacific 40-day workshop participants

Strengthening cooperation and communication for policy implementation

Heavenly Asia-Pacific: Leaders' Conference

A Heavenly Asia-Pacific Leaders' Conference was held from January 27 to February 1 (HC 12.9-14) at the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center in Korea. World Mission Headquarters Director-General Ken Doo reminded everyone that happiness arising from living in unity with Heavenly Parent must be shared with society and one's nation. Heavenly Asia-Pacific Continental Director Yutaka Yamada emphasized unity, responsibility, and renewed determination in advancing Heavenly Parent's providence throughout the region. The leaders renewed their commitment to return to the fundamentals, build greater unity with True Mother, and strengthen cooperation and communication in order to advance the providence in 2026.



Participants in the Asia-Pacific Leaders' Conference



The path of the blessed families as chosen people living with Heavenly Parent

Philippines: Heavenly Asia-Pacific Sunday Service and 2025 Cheonbo Registration



Commemorative photo after the Sunday Service

A Heavenly Asia-Pacific Sunday Service and the 2025 Cheonbo Registration Ceremony were held on February 15 (HC 12.28) in Quezon City, Philippines. Continental Director Rev. Yutaka Yamada explained the results of the recent 40-day workshop for Asia-Pacific leaders in Korea and emphasized the mission and practice of blessed families. At the registration ceremony, seven new Cheonbo couples were registered. The event inspired all participants to continue their journey with greater devotion and unity. *TP*

Education and support for the Blessing centered on Heavenly Parent

Thailand: Blessing Candidate Workshop



Participants in the Blessing Candidate Workshop

FFWPU Thailand held a workshop for Blessing Candidates from February 14 to 15 (HC 12.27-28) at the national headquarters. A central message of the workshop was the importance of internal preparation. During the session "Becoming the Right Person," participants were encouraged to strengthen their character, emotional maturity, and sense of responsibility before entering the matching process. Participants left with a deeper understanding that the Blessing is both a sacred gift and a lifelong responsibility, while the headquarters remains committed to guiding Blessing candidates as they prepare to establish blessed families. *TP*



Alliance for a new leap forward with empowered leaders and a unified vision

Philippines: Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Meeting and Kickoff Workshop

A Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Meeting and Kickoff Workshop was held for participants both online and in person in Quezon City, the Philippines, from February 15 to 17 (HC 12.28-1.1). Under the theme "United for Renewal: Empowered Leaders, One Vision," the workshop especially aimed to inspire local leaders with the content of the recent 40-day workshop Asia-Pacific leaders had attended in Korea. Continental Director Yamada Yutaka emphasized that knowing the reality is an opportunity to strategize and do more, and the workshop concluded with the firm resolve to move forward and bring victory for our Heavenly Parent. 

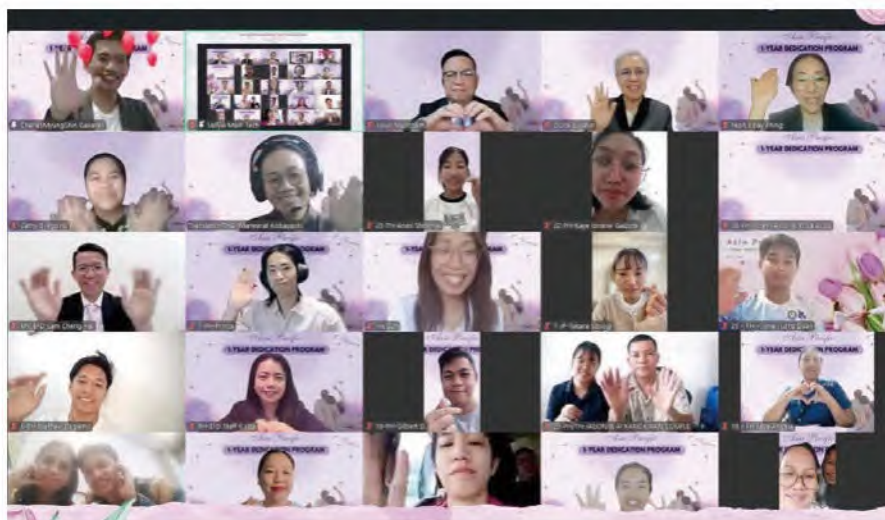


Leaders who attended the workshop

Affirming the identity of blessed families and the realization of One Family under God

Heavenly Asia-Pacific: Blessed Family Department - 3rd Session of the One-Year Devotion Program

The 3rd session of the "One-Year Dedication Program," hosted by the Heavenly Asia-Pacific Blessed Family Department, was held online on February 22 (HC 1.6). Seventy participants attended, including church leaders, matching supporters, and recently blessed couples. Vice-Continental Director Julius Malicdem spoke to them on the theme "Building A Common Vision for Married Life." The program, which included testimonies and breakout sessions, was a meaningful opportunity for renewal and inspiration, strengthening the unity and dedication of newly blessed couples across the Asia-Pacific region. 



Participants in the One-year Devotion Program



Establishing a vertical standard of faith centered on Heavenly Parent

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Sunday Service for Young Adults



View of the youth Sunday Service

A Sunday worship service for young adults was held on January 25 (HC 12.7) at the National Headquarters of the Family Federation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Planned and organized by youth members, the service was attended by some 700 young people. Youth Director Hanwha Nguvulu emphasized that the heritage of blessed families is primarily spiritual, encompassing love, life, and lineage, and linked to the fulfillment of the three great blessings. Continental Director Jean-Pierre Kadima commended the youth for the quality of their worship, and urged them to establish a firm vertical standard of faith with Heavenly Parent and True Parents. *TP*

Deepening cooperation and communication centered on Heaven's Will

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Visit of World Mission Headquarters Director-General Ken Doo



Commemorative photo of participants at the worship service during the tour

World Mission Headquarters Director General Ken Doo was in the Democratic Republic of the Congo from January 30 to February 3 (HC 12.14-16), visiting providential sites and meeting with members. On January 31, he visited Kinkole Church and the following day he participated in a continent-wide worship service with 1500 members onsite and online, calling upon them to create joyful families that can inspire local society. He also met with the Africa Continental Director, regional directors, and national leaders, and stressed the importance of clear communications, taking ownership as a leader, and proactive problem-solving. *TP*

Discussing the current situation and future direction of the West Africa Region

Benin: Visit of World Mission Headquarters Director-General Ken Doo

From February 3 to 6 (HC 12.16-19), World Mission Headquarters Director-General Ken Doo was in Benin, West Africa. Members gathered at the national headquarters – the Godomey Peace Embassy – and warmly welcomed the delegation. On February 4, Rev. Doo led discussions with various leaders and groups on the future direction of the West African region, and encouraged participants of an ongoing 40-day spirituality workshop. That evening, a special national worship service was held for West African members participating both in person and online. Rev. Doo's message was centered on forgiveness, unity, and love, and participants felt called to repair family and community relationships. The delegation also visited the city of Ouidah, a center of the slave trade from the 17th to the 19th centuries, where they offered prayers of repentance, comfort and healing. 



View of the nationwide special worship service

The role of young people in church growth

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Weekend Workshop for Young Adults

A young adult weekend workshop was held in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, from February 5 to 7 (HC 12.18-20). National Leader Rang Wan Lubaka strongly urged the young people to have a positive influence in the public sphere, both spiritually and through their teaching abilities. During the Youth Night program, the active participation of young people was encouraged and CARP's initiative on ethics and morality was commended. Attendees pledged to strive for spiritual growth and the development of their community. 



Participants in the youth weekend workshop



Reflecting on family values and the role of the community

South Africa: Gathering of Blessed Families



View of the gathering for blessed families

At a blessed family gathering on February 7 (HC 12.20) in Johannesburg, South Africa, participants actively engaged in the discussions, demonstrating openness, mutual respect, and a collective commitment to contributing positively to society. National leader Emeraude Ndonga shared the vision of the True Parents, emphasizing the importance of building healthy communities through strong and stable families. *TP*

Realizing the ideal of true love for community wellbeing

World Mission Headquarters Director-General Ken Doo's Visit to Côte d'Ivoire



All the participants in the West Africa youth meeting

World Mission Headquarters Director-General Rev. Ken Doo visited Côte d'Ivoire in West Africa from February 6 to 9 (HC 12.19-22). Members welcomed Rev. Doo and the delegation at the Abidjan Headquarters. On February 7 at the Yopougon National Education Center, Rev. Doo encouraged the Heavenly Top Gun Academy cadets. The same day, he met with 200 young people from West African nations, including Burkina Faso and Mali, to share ideas under the theme of building a joyful community. At the Sunday Worship Service on February 8, Rev. Doo emphasized that Africa is the continent of hope for the providence, and that African youth are a precious asset on which Heavenly Parent and True Parents can rely. *TP*



Shaping the future of the community together with young people

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Intensive Activities for Young Adults

Activities for young people were organized by the Family Federation youth department and IAYSP in the Democratic Republic of the Congo from February 14 to 18 (HC 12.27-1.2). At a strategy meeting, Continental Director Jean-Pierre Kadima asked a group of young entrepreneurs to cultivate a spirit of responsibility and excellence in their economic endeavors and encouraged them to dedicate their talents to the community in order to build a lasting legacy for future generations. Youth Peace Ambassadors were appointed and discussions continued on the subject of the peace process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The young people of CARP explored the theme of ethics and morality, emphasizing the responsibility to speak the truth and to do good. A celebration of the 400 Million Couples Blessing anniversary, held at the Ngaliema Church, was a time for reflection, profound gratitude to Heavenly Parent, and renewed commitment. 



Commemorative photo of youth in the D.R. Congo

Blessed families commit to uphold the hyojeong tradition

Zimbabwe: Winter Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Great Works

Winter Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Great Works was held both online and onsite from February 20 to 22 (HC 1.4-6) at the Harare Peace Embassy in Zimbabwe. National leader Rev. Mushati taught the participating families about Heavenly Parent's dream, the Blessing and its meaning, and the reason for the spiritual cleansing provided through chanyang sessions. Many participants were deeply moved and commented that True Parents were truly sent by Heavenly Parent. 



Members participating in the Winter Great Works



Resolving to actively prepare for the Blessing

Dominican Republic: Blessing Preparation Seminar



Participants in the Blessing Preparation Seminar

A Blessing Preparation Seminar was held from January 23 to 26 (HC 12.5-8) at the Armonía y Paz Central Training Center in the Dominican Republic with the aim of preparing young people for the Blessing. The seminar included presentations on our core principles, the course of True Parents, and the value and meaning of the Blessing, and several question-and-answer sessions were held. Prayers were offered for True Mother at the Holy Ground and sports, karaoke, and special challenges generated an atmosphere of enthusiasm among the young people. 

Laying the basic foundation of faith through True Parents

Argentina: Hyodong Children's Workshop



Staff and participants from the Hyodong workshop

An Argentina Hyodong Children's Workshop was held from January 28 to February 1 (HC 12.10-14) at the Cañuelas Central Training Center. The young participants engaged in various activities, including faith education and recreational programs, strengthening bonds with their peers. The Argentina National Headquarters said that the workshop served as a valuable opportunity for children to establish a basis of faith with Heavenly Parent and True Parents at the center. 



Establishing a standard of faith and resolving to grow as “Pure Water”

Heavenly Central and South America: 21-Day Hyojeong Academy Workshop

A Heavenly Central and South America Hyojeong Academy 21-Day Workshop was held from January 18 to February 8 (HC 11.30-12.21) at the Continental Headquarters. Some 140 participants attended lectures on our essential teachings, hoondok sessions, night vigils, and Tong-Il Moo-Do training. This helped them set a faith standard centered on Heavenly Parent and resolve to grow as the “Pure Water” Heavenly Parent longs to see. 



View of the Hyojeong Academy 21-Day Workshop

A commitment to become leaders who establish Heavenly Parent’s Will

Bolivia: Pastors’ Seminar

The Bolivia Family Federation held a Pastors’ Seminar from February 2 to 3 (HC 12.15-16). During the seminar, the results of 2025 activities and the current status of the mission were shared, and the activities of the Heavenly Top Gun missionaries were introduced. Continental Director Rev. Kim Dong-woo encouraged leaders to work to accomplish Heavenly Parent’s Will in Bolivia. 



Participants in the pastors' seminar



A time for reflection on the value of family

Bolivia: Seminar for Newly Blessed Families and Already Married Blessed Families



View of the seminar for blessed families

The Bolivia Family Federation hosted seminars for blessed families on February 7–8 (HC 20.21–28) and 14–15 (HC 12.27–28) in Cochabamba and La Paz. The seminars addressed the value of blessed marriage, raising second-generation children, and the value of love as husband and wife. The couples wrote letters to True Parents as a symbol of their renewal, gratitude, and determination to live as blessed families that bring joy to True Parents and hope to the community. 

Embodying a life of hyojeong in the joy of the Holy Births

Brazil: Commemorative Gyeongbae Ceremony Marking True Parents' Holy Births and the 13th Anniversary of Foundation Day



Participants in the Commemorative Gyeongbae Ceremony

A commemorative Gyeongbae Ceremony for True Parents' Holy Births and the 13th anniversary of Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day was held on February 22 (HC 1.6) at the São Paulo Headquarters Church in Brazil. District Leader Roberto Pascoalato emphasized that the birth of the True Parents represents the beginning of a new era in the history of restoration, marked by the breaking of Satan's blood lineage and the engrafting of humanity into God's lineage. Participants grasped the importance of cultivating unity with True Parents with a heart of filial piety, to represent them everywhere, to ease their burdens and bring them joy. 

Spreading Heavenly Parent's love and Word through community service

Heavenly Europe and Middle East: UPA Missionaries Conclude Activities

The UPA missionaries in Heavenly Europe successfully concluded their two-year mission in January 2026. Throughout their missions across Europe, they have conveyed Heavenly Parent's love and Word through a wide range of service initiatives. Local communities and members expressed their deep gratitude for the missionaries' dedicated service and unwavering devotion. 



Highlights of European missionaries' activities

Resolving to build a world of peace based on filial love (hyojeong)

Portugal: Hyojeong Cheonshim Cheonbo Special Workshop

From January 23 to 25 (HC 12.5-7) a special Hyojeong Cheonshim Cheonbo Event was held at the Lisbon Peace Embassy, bringing together members from across Portugal for three days of prayer and reflection. Cheonbo Branch President Moon In-pyo delivered a keynote address to both those present and others joining via Zoom. Members visited holy sites to offer devotion and carried out a street march for peace in central Lisbon, testifying to True Parents. The event marked an important milestone for Portugal, reaffirming its role in promoting peace, unity and spiritual reconciliation in Europe. 



Participants in the special workshop



Setting milestones for the new generation

Moldova: Young Adult Education and Blessing Preparations



Members of the new generation in Moldova

Throughout the month of January, among many areas of work, the Family Federation in Moldova was active in teaching young adults and preparing them for the Blessing. They held Sunday services for young adults and children, provided guidance for parents of Blessing candidates, and focused on the support for the younger generation, motivating them to take greater initiative. 

Expanding the field of outreach through connection and communication

Romania: Ongoing Youth Witnessing Activities



A gathering of youth in Romania

Since mid-February, witnessing activities have been growing steadily in Romania through the work of various groups including the Heavenly Top Gun Missionaries and CARP, with new guests joining introductory programs. CARP Romania organized an open discussion event on the theme "Accepting people for who they are," which inspired participants to share freely. Many expressed their desire to join in future events. 

[UPA Youth Envoy Yoshiyuki Shikanai]

Beloved Heavenly Parent, and ever-victorious True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind—I offer my deepest and most sincere gratitude for guiding and nurturing us throughout these past six years. The journey was by no means easy, yet through it, I believe I have grown in faith, character, and practical ability, becoming a special youth envoy capable of fulfilling my calling wherever I may be sent in this world.

[UPA Youth Envoy Patima Atithanakul]

True Parents, thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in me and walking with me until now. Looking back, you were there at the very beginning, and you are here with me today as this journey comes to its completion. Without your unceasing love, I could never have stood here today.

[UPA Youth Envoy Huang Ling-Yi]

True Parents, your dream has become my dream. When I first entered UPA, I was still young and did not fully understand what you longed for. But now, from the depths of my heart, I want to help realize the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven that you have so earnestly desired.

