



The Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial of Sun Myung Moon, True Parent of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind in Sydney

On Friday, 21 August, 2015, FFWPU Australia held a commemorative event for the third anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa at the Oceania Peace Embassy in Sydney with more than 90 blessed members and ambassadors for peace. It was a time to remember and honour True Father's life and achievements with a heart of gratitude and it was also a chance for guests and ambassadors for peace to gain a deeper level of understanding.

Volunteers worked with the heart of serving True Parents to prepare all the food and set up the room for the event.



As a result, the atmosphere on the evening was wonderful and everyone who came felt moved by the spirit of the event.

The emcee, Natascha Schellen, welcomed everyone to the commemoration and invited Rev Greg Stone to give the opening remarks. Then the audience rose to their feet to sing the Cheon Il Guk anthem, which was introduced as the vision for a heavenly nation.

After Jynene Helland offered an opening prayer, a tribute video taken from last year's anniversary showing True Parents' achievements in North and South America was played. It spoke of Father's heart to harmonize the continents and exemplify the motto "forgive, love, unite."

Following the video, two representative couples presented flowers to True Father, and then it was time for testimonies. Enrique Ledesma read two moving testimonies from men who worked with Father in the Americas and also shared a testimony of his own. Finally Rev Soon Teck Lim, the national leader, offered words of gratitude and love for True Father.

After a group photo, the delicious Korean food was served to all the guests. The menu included bulgogi, japchae, rice, seaweed soup and *seongpyon*, Korean rice cakes. Dinner was a time for all the attendees to enjoy each other's company and share their thoughts and memories of Father.

In honour of True Father, there were several musical offerings after the meal. The first was the classic "Climb Every Mountain," beautifully sung by the Sydney family church choir, and the second was the Korean song "Hol Lo Arirang" performed by the Sydney youth, including both elementary and high school students, all dressed in colourful *hanboks*. This was followed by a traditional Burmese dance from Aye Thi Kyaing, a recently-appointed ambassador for peace, and the final dance was a gospel performance by three Solomon Island sisters. Aila Willitts, the president of WFPP NSW, gave some closing remarks, and then everyone joined in the final song "Saranghae" and the event officially concluded, though people stayed longer for coffee and tea. After commemorating the anniversary locally in Sydney, members will connect to the universal seonghwa memorial through a live broadcast from Korea on 30 August.

