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The Leaders for 2014 Were Selected for Each Mission

The annual general assembly to establish spiritual order in God's providence

As much attention was being drawn to it, the annual assembly to choose leaders of the church was held for each mission. The upcoming year 2014 is a very important year in that the church's ministry such as the construction of Canaan Sanctuary and the global parish will be vigorously pushed forward next year. It caused the members to pay more attention to their election.

On November 24, 2013 each mission had its election for its president and vice president. In the main sanctuary, the election of Women's Mission, that is made up of married women, was held; in the 2nd sanctuary, Men's Mission of married men; in the 3rd sanctuary, Young Adults' Mission of unmarried college students and young adults under the age of 34; and in the 4th sanctuary, Canaan Mission of unmarried people older than the age of 33.

Elder Seokgil Song was elected as President of Men's Mission, and Elders Nakhun Sung and Byeonghee Kim as Vice Presidents; Senior Deaconess Hyunsuk Cho as President of Women's Mission, and Senior Deaconesses Hasun Kwon and Janghwa Kim as Vice Presidents; Elder Sungku Jung as President of Canaan Mission, and Deaconesses Suil Shin and Hyesang Park as Vice Presidents; Brother Seungchul Song as President of Young Adults' Mission, and Seminary Student Jihyung Song and Brother Junyoung Chung as Vice Presidents.

Before the election were held, District, Sub-district, Cell Leaders', Pastors', Elders', Senior Deaconesses', Prayer Devotees', Esther (Pastors' Wives'), and Sunday School Teachers' Associations, and Middle School and High School Students' Missions had their elections



through secret ballot voting.

Elder Pyeongseo Ku who was elected as Vice President of the 2nd Elders' Association and District Leaders' Mission of Men said, "I give thanks for giving me the valuable duty in this church that accomplishes the providence for the end time. I will serve the members with all my heart so that they can grow up in faith quickly with hope for New Jerusalem in Heaven. I will fulfill my precious duty with faith that countless people will come forth as fruits of spirit and whole

spirit by the grace of the shepherd."

Senior Deaconess Hyunsuk Cho who has been President of Women's Mission for several years stated, "I give thanks for giving me the glorious and precious duty. I will deliver the grace of God and the Lord and the beautiful and deep love of the shepherd to people."

At the end of each year, the church members select leaders by a secret vote. They choose those who are eligible to be leaders by a majority vote. The eight qualifications of

leaders are as follows: First, they should pray; second, they should keep the Sabbath holy; third, they should give whole tithe; fourth, they should cast off sins to the point of shedding blood; fifth, they should sacrifice themselves, obey, and be faithful in all aspects; sixth, they should have love and virtuous generosity; seventh, they should have ability to show leadership; and eighth, they should be humble.

The election outcome showed that the members had longed for the heart of spirit and they had chosen the leaders with the help of the Spirit through prayer. Without regard to age, education, relationships, knowledge, or social-economic status they selected leaders who would take a lead in saving souls in spiritual faith with the shepherd God had set up.

This election served as an opportunity to establish a firm spiritual order. In doing so, the church's vision—the national evangelism and the world mission—are expected to be accomplished more greatly.



On November 24 in 2013, after the Sunday Evening Service, many members were joining the election in a great fervor and adding a sense of expectation for 2014. (Photos: Women's Mission members, Men's Mission's members, and the leaders who greeted the members)

The Wisdom of Peace

“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy” (James 3:17).

For us to be able to accomplish our works well in every area; whether it is our family, school, place of work, or business field; we need wisdom to have peace with everybody. If we have such wisdom, we can affect and inspire many people and garner their hearts. Then, how can we receive the wisdom of peace with all men?

1. The spiritual meaning of peace

One dictionary defines peace as ‘freedom from quarrels and disagreement; harmonious relations’. But the spiritual meaning of peace is ‘to have a broad and generous heart that is capable of loving everyone’. God wants His children to have peace at all times.

It is easy for us to have peace with the type of people we like, while it is hard with people we don’t like. But if we love God we have to have peace with everyone with a broad heart. But as long as we do not have goodness in our hearts, it is difficult to maintain peace no matter how much we try. It is because if we encounter a situation that we do not like, our hearts will become agitated.

Therefore, we must have peace with ourselves in order to have peace with others. To do this, we have to realize and cast off all forms of evil such as hatred, jealousy, arrogance, pride, and uncomfortable feelings. We can have peace with ourselves only after we finish our struggle against sins and cultivate a sanctified heart. Then we can have peace with our spouses, children, friends, colleagues, and neighbors. Furthermore, we can then have peace with God, too.

To have peace with God means there is no wall of sin standing between God and us. And, to have peace with God we first have to cast away all forms of evil so we can have peace with ourselves. Those who have peace with themselves can have peace with others too.

Jesus maintained peace with everybody. He did not have peace only with those who were good, well-educated, gentle, and obedient. He served and had peace with those who lacked knowledge and education, and He even served and had peace with sinners and tax-collectors. To make peace between God and men, He died for the mankind who were all living in sins and evil.

2. The key to success is the wisdom of peace

Now, why does God say it is wisdom to have peace with everybody?

First, it is because peace is the key to resolution of everything in the will of God. It is also the passageway of blessings to bring down God’s power and grace.

Some people have great knowledge and elevated social positions yet they are humble and are on favorable terms with people of various backgrounds. Others in similar positions look down on others from their arrogance. Even though they may have exceptional intelligence and abilities, they can suffer misfortune if



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

they despise others and break peace with people.

There was a person called Cho Kwang Jo in the Chosun Dynasty. He wanted to proceed with extensive reformation for the king and the people. He wanted to get rid of evil practices in the old ways of politics and make the country rich and strong. The king also supported him in the beginning. But because he was too progressive, he caused other ministers to oppose him. Eventually he was falsely accused and was put to death. If he had been a little bit more gracious in his resourcefulness, he might have seen his dream come true.

A person may do many great things in his job, but does not have a good reputation with others. Others may say that he insists on his own ways and wisdom to an extent that it hurts the feelings of others. This kind of person ignores the opinions and situations of others, and he just does things his way. His ways are on a collision course with his subordinates and superiors alike. Though a person may have ability and also produce good results, if that result is gained by breaking peace, in the end it is without wisdom.

There is another reason why peace is said to be wisdom. It is because once peace is broken, it is difficult to experience any works of God.

Peace is important in accomplishing God’s works. One may be very intelligent and may have good skills and talents, but it would be difficult for him to be used if he breaks peace. It is the workers who plan the things and do the work, but it is God who gives them the fruit of their labors. But if we break peace while working, it means we are giving Satan a chance to bring accusation against us. Then, God cannot work for us anymore.

Even though men work hard with the best of their wisdom, they cannot bear good spiritual fruit. Suppose there is a person who has talents and also passion for the work of God. But, when the leader assigns work to the person, there seems to be always some kind of trouble that arises. He may even cause difficulties for others. Then, the leaders cannot assign work to him.

Therefore, it is great wisdom to maintain peace while accomplishing works of God. Even though we may not have sufficient capability, when we are united in peace, God will give us greater ability and guarantee a good overall result.

3. To have peace, cultivate goodness in your heart

To have peace with all men, we have to cultivate goodness in our hearts. Those who break peace might not think they are evil. Peace is broken because on the outside they think they are seeking goodness, but in fact they are seeking their own advantage or benefit. But those who really seek goodness do not break peace.

Married couples also have problems because they seek their own. They want their spouses to conform to their desires. If we do not seek our own, but humble ourselves and serve one another, peace will not be broken with anybody.

You are seeking your own if you insist on your opinion because you argue for what seems to be right in your sight, benefits you, is more convenient for you, and what reveals you more. Even if you have learned the truth, you will show words and deeds that are not of goodness, as long as you have not cultivated goodness in your heart. If you insist upon what is more beneficial for you, you might hurt others’ feelings or act unbecomingly towards them.

Those who have good hearts will ease the minds of others. They will seek what is better for the kingdom of God, and at the same time what is more beneficial for others. Unless others are trying to practice unrighteousness, they try to accommodate others’ opinions to the best of their ability. When others’ opinions differ, even if their opinions are correct they do not insist upon them. We can accept any kind of person and change even evil persons if we really serve others, sacrifice and humble ourselves with a true heart.

We have to be careful not to compromise with the untruth while trying to have peace. If we compromise with the untruth just to avoid conflicts or to earn recognition from others, it is not in accordance with pursuit of peace. If a believer plans to skip a Sunday service to please his family members, this is not pursuing peace, but it is compromise. In such cases, it is not only those who try to stop a believer from going to church on Sundays, but the believer himself who might also depart from God and go the way of death.

Some bow down before idols just to avoid confrontation with the family members. Others may consume alcohol with their co-workers at the insistence of their boss. There might seem to be peace for the moment, but in a spiritual sense they created a wall of sin between them and God.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, 1 Peter 3:11 says, “He must turn away from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.” Let us maintain peace not just with God but also with all men. In doing so, I pray in the name of the Lord you will be able to experience the fullness of God’s works.

The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by

the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.

4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.

“[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.”(Acts 17:25)

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”(Acts 4:12)

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The Root Causes that Hinder Us from Receiving Answers and Blessings

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All parents want to give their children whatever they desire, and if they can, they do. God, our Father who is love, wants to bless us with everything we ask.

Why won't God answer us and give us what we ask if He wants to? It is because if His children, who have received the grace of salvation, do not keep His commandments and do not act in the Light, He cannot give answers to them. By looking into the eight questions below, I hope you will discover the original reasons or root causes that keep you from receiving answers and resolving the original problem.

01

Are you sure you are not committing murder?

The crime of physically killing somebody is murder, but in a spiritual sense to hate somebody is also committing murder (Exodus 20:13; 1 John 3:15). For example, if one has any sort of minimal discomfort against others, it means he has hatred. He has to admit this fact. When he finds this kind of original problem and prays to get rid of it, God will move his heart to realize such things as 'Since the Lord loves such a person as me, how can I hate anyone?' When we cast away hatred, it will lead to destroying other walls of sins made by jealousy, enviousness, judgment, condemnation, anger, and arguing.

02

Do you not have adulterous mind when you see somebody of opposite sex?

God wants us to cast away the adulterous mind and become God's children who are holy (Exodus 20:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; Matthew 5:28). If we pray fervently and we are filled with the Spirit, we will realize how unclean an adulterous mind is and hate the fact that we have such a heart. Some people feel more comfortable with friends of opposite sex than those of same sex. Others use different words, act differently, and have different facial expressions when they meet with people of opposite sex. All these things may originate from lust. They should know that they may consider it natural to have physical desire for somebody of opposite sex due to the influence of the worldly culture if they are not cautious about it.

03

Do you have no desire to steal?

To steal is to covet somebody else's possessions. In the background of this desire is the desire to take or have something you did not earn. In Proverbs 11: 15 it tells us not to be a guarantor, yet people disobey God's will to walk the right path because they have the desire to gain benefit without toil. If we just take a pen or a piece of paper from another person without permission, it is stealing and we should find the roots of this kind of mind and pull it out completely. Then, no matter how difficult our financial situation is, we will never show any unrighteous act in any kind of temptation.

04

Do you rejoice always?

We can rejoice always because we have the hope for the beautiful kingdom of Heaven. No difficulty can pose any problem for us if we just have faith because with faith we can always rejoice. This is because God can solve any kind of problem and He always wants to give good things to His children. It's just that we do not experience the power of God because we begin to grieve and complain in difficult situations. To rejoice in hardships is the evidence of really trusting God and with trust we can rejoice and experience amazing things in the power and love of God.

05

Do you always pray according to the will of God?

If we truly love God, we pray every day, though nobody forces us to do so. We also pray wholeheartedly. But if someone is habitually falling asleep or murmuring meaningless repetitions before God, then they should check how much they love God. They pray earnestly in their personal prayers, but when they pray for the kingdom of God, they just utter meaningless repetitions saying the same thing all the time. They must examine their prayer when they pray before God at the appointed time and whether or not they pray for the kingdom and righteousness of God first.

06

Do you read at least a chapter of the Bible and memorize a verse every day?

We can meet the living God and feel Him through His Word written in the Bible. Those who love God always love to read and learn the Word of God (Psalm 1:2). Likewise, the Bible contains the love of God the Father. It contains the guidelines for us as to how we should live each day. It is also the source of the comfort to us from God. So, if we love God, we should naturally love to read His Word; we should want to find out His will and do His will; and we should want to know more of the Word by reading, hearing, and meditating on it.

07

Do you evangelize at least one person a year?

Those who love God and are loved by Him are always filled with happiness in life. So, they will speak about their secret of happiness to other people. They understand the heart of God who considers one soul more valuable than the whole world. So, they preach the gospel diligently when they see the souls that are going to Hell and they try to guide them to God. Of course, some of you want to preach the gospel, but cannot do it well because you are not bold enough. But I would like you to try to obey now with earnest love for souls. If we just preach in season and out of season, it is God who will give us the fruit.

08

Do you have peace with everybody?

'Do you have peace with God, your neighbor, and yourself?' This question is like a comprehensive question that covers all of the previous questions. To have peace with God means we have no wall of sin between God and us. Those who have peace with their neighbors have no conflict with anybody for they resemble God and are full of love. Those who have peace with themselves are those who have become sanctified, having no struggle with sins and untruths in the heart. If we solve the fundamental problem completely and destroy all the walls, we will have peace with everyone. Dissensions and quarrels will disappear and there will be peace wherever we go.

“I just tried to throw away the worldly things, but God gave me the best present”

Deacon Bujeong Shin (2-15 Parish,
Head of Department in KIA Motors Korea)

I began attending church ten years ago in 2003, but my life was quite far from a Christian life. I preferred watching sports on TV rather than going to church. I put the priority on work, not my faith. However, I started to gain the desire to live by the Word of God while listening to Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's message. I joined the group meeting of the Men's Mission and wanted to be changed. Then, I could quit smoking.

However, it was not easy for me to stop drinking due to my job. In November 2011, I decided to stop drinking and told to my co-workers I would no longer drink alcohol. At first, my co-workers and bosses urged me to drink but later they prepared other non-alcohol drinks for me. Through this, I realized that God protects those who act according to the Word of God and I was given faith.

As my faith increased, I was elected as a group leader in 2012. But I did not pray in those days, so I felt limited in helping the members' spiritual growth. I was spiritually in distress and anxiety about the future came over me. Previously I had thought that I had to devote myself to work in my workplace, but I started to regret many things.

I was determined to pray unceasingly and rely thoroughly on God. However, I couldn't keep my resolve since my workplace was located in Hwaseong, Gyeonggi Province and I had to work until late at night and go on many business trips. In the meantime, I was told that the two round consecutive Special Daniel Prayer Meeting would



be held from September 30 to November 10 in 2013. I started attending the meeting and decided to at least step into the sanctuary for a moment when I was not able to make it due to the given-situation.

I prayed to cast off hatred, jealousy, and uncomfortable feelings for the first ten days. I could feel the help of the Spirit, maybe, because it was my first time to offer up vowed-prayer in my life. On October 10, 2013, I was surfing the Internet because I couldn't sleep. I happened to watch a pornographic film. I felt disheartened since I was so sorry and felt ashamed before God. On the way to work, I accidentally filled my diesel-powered car with gasoline and I just thought the car was running strangely.

It was not until I already had drove 80 to 90km that I realized I had mistakenly filled my car with gasoline. I had to pay 2,000 dollars for repairs. It caused me to feel that God had protected me not to have been faced with a big accident. I deeply felt His love and caring for my life.

I thoroughly repented the moments when I had lived against the Word of God with tears and runny nose. My prayer became more fervent with casting away filthy sins. I prayed so earnestly my undershirt

became wet with perspiration and I praised with all my heart. I started to pray for the church, the shepherd, and the world mission as well as myself.

Without really realizing it, the last day, the 42nd day, of the Special Daniel Prayer Meeting came. The Award Ceremony was held where many awards were given through casting lots to the attendees who attended for more than 40 days. At the end of the ceremony, Senior Pastor Dr. Lee's Award was announced. Then, I heard, “2nd Great Grand Parish, 15th Parish, Deacon Bujeong Shin!” My whole body was overwhelmed with excitement.

I am still feeling like it was a dream that I received the Senior Pastor's Award. Among the thousands of the church members' attendance cards, my card was chosen and my name was called at that moment. At the time while going to the altar I felt as if I had walked on the heavenly road. I felt grateful for the love of God who gave me the best present although I just prayed to cast off the worldly things in a spot unnoticed in the second sanctuary, not even in the main sanctuary.

I give all thanks and glory to God who has poured grace and love that I can't repay upon me.



In June, 2013, I registered into Manmin Mission Center in Nepal. In April, 2011 my mother was suffering diabetes but was healed of it through Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer transcending space and time. Additionally, she was completely healed of various other kinds of illness including rheumatoid arthritis, chronic pain in the lower abdomen, menstrual pain, swelling, and headaches.

“I feel happy with worship services and prayer after I stopped computer games”

Brother Sagar Sunar (Manmin Mission Center, Nepal)

When I was a sixth grader, I was addicted to playing a computer game. The game was a very violent game of shooting people to death and for ghosts to appear. I neglected studying and often argued with people around me.

Even though I had been healed of heart disease through Dr. Lee's prayer for the sick after hearing the message, I was still a trouble maker during worship services.

However, in October of 2013, I joined the Retreat held by Manmin Mission Center in Nepal. I carried a cross during the retreat. I was deeply moved when I did it thinking of Jesus who was going up to Golgotha with the cross on his back. His love swept over me. Furthermore, we watched

the video about Hell. I got to know how evil computer games are and how the enemy devil and Satan work through them. I came to hate them and started to feel happy with prayer and worship services.

Then, God made my eyesight better. My family could not afford to buy me eye glasses, so I had to sit in the front seat in school so I could see the words on the board. But now I came to see the letters on the board even in the back rows. I am now enjoying studying and my school grades have gone up a lot in a short period of time. I am very happy.

The Lord of love healed me and gave good things to me. Thank You! Hallelujah!



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