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## Confirm the Unity of Manmin in Japan! Japan United Retreat 2016 Encouraged the Japanese Ministry



Rev. Heesun Lee led the Japan United Retreat 2016 (Photo 1). The members were full of peace and joy and many events were held including the Fullness of the Holy Spirit Prayer Meeting, Performing Arts Festival, Camp Fire Praise and Worship, and Manmin Sports Day which made them happy in the Lord. The pastors of 12 branch churches in Japan and their members confirmed that they are one under the name of Manmin, and made up their minds to become spiritual warriors to work for the kingdom of God in the third stage of take-off.

From August 13 to 15, Japan United Retreat was held in Kanae Culture Center, Iida in Japan. It was a historic place Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee led Iida Healing Crusade in 1994. He manifested amazing healing works and the crusade resonated with Japanese Christian churches.

In 1996, Dr. Lee showed the works of the Holy Spirit in Sinshu Healing Crusade and set Christians in Japan on fire. In 2000, when the church began the overseas ministry in earnest, Dr. Lee held the Nagoya Miracle Healing Convention. Through his prayer, 10 deaf and mute people came to hear and speak at the same time. Through such signs that definitely showed the living God, the message he preached was confirmed.

The ministry caused 12 branch churches to be founded in Japan from the southernmost island of Okinawa to the northernmost prefecture of Hokkaido, and they have actively endeavored to evangelize Japan. In 2016, the churches held the United Retreat with one heart. Moreover, they invited missionaries from other countries including Thailand, Kenya, and India and offered an opportunity for them to be united and prepare themselves for the global parishes.

On Saturday August 13, the Fullness of the Holy Spirit Prayer Meeting was held. United Praise Team that consists of the churches' singers offered up special praise, and Power Chorus of the Performing Arts Committee gave a special performance filled with the Spirit. Rev. Heesun Lee, Manmin World Guidance Pastor delivered the message. She said that the absolute solution to all problems is love. Then, she glorified God praising and praying together with participants

with thanks to God for His grace and love (Photos 1, 2, and 3).

On August 14, they offered up Sunday Service. They were filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit through praises offered with heart and the sermon preached with emotion. In the afternoon, the Performing Arts Festival was held and each church's performing team showed great performances that they had prepared with heart. Osaka, Nagoya, Maizuru, Tabata of Tokyo, Tokyo, Iida, and Yamagata Manmin Churches

performed (Photo 7).

On the same evening, Rev. Lee led Camp Fire Praise and Worship. They danced and praised the name of the Lord. They were determined to run earnestly with hope for New Jerusalem (Photos 4, 5, and 6). On the third day, August 15, they had Manmin Sports Day. The matches allowed for them to feel solidarity and happiness (Photo 8).

They were blessed to realize that, transcending national boundaries and languages they are one in Manmin and the Holy Spirit.

## 84 Members Out of 4,205 Went to the 16th Bible Quiz Final

On August 21, 2016, the preliminary rounds of the 16th Bible Quiz were held under the auspice of Men's Mission. Four thousand two hundred five members participated in the first preliminary, and 383 members passed it and went to the second preliminary. Through the second quiz, sixty members of Manmin Central Church and 24 members from branch churches will go to the final.



On September 11, the final round will be held after Sunday Evening Service. Various genres of questions will be given including applied questions based on the 365 verses that appeared on the Weekly Verse section of the Church Weekly Bulletin from August 2015 to July 2016.

Manmin Central Church members have been taught that when they stay close to the Bible they can understand the heart and will of God. They will also be able to act upon it and receive His love and blessings. This is just one reason why they read one chapter of the Bible and memorize a verse every day.





Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

# The Heart of the Lord

“Father, if You are willing,  
remove this cup from Me;  
yet not My will, but Yours be done.”  
(Luke 22:42)

The suffering of the cross that Jesus received for human salvation was truly horrible. But since the Lord obeyed the will of God with love and heart of mercy, the way of the cross was accomplished. Anyone who believes Him can receive salvation and enter Heaven.

## 1. The heart of the Lord is love.

The love of the Lord is the love that has no strings attached, and expects nothing in return. It is the love that searches deep into the heart of God and only obeys.

Jesus understood the heart of the Father who desires to save sinners, so He unconditionally obeyed and came down to the earth in the flesh. To become the propitiation for sinners, He silently took the horrific suffering of the cross.

He did not think to Himself, “I am the Son of God, and I don’t want to take this terrible cross.” But to become the ‘way of salvation’ for sinners according to the will of God, He came down to the earth in the form of man, and ‘the way of the cross’ was accomplished by this heart of love.

He did it because He loved the Father from the depth of His heart. And, because His heart was also filled with the love for the souls, He freed men from their slavery to sin and opened the way for them to become true children of God.

## 2. The heart of the Lord is the heart of mercy.

Spiritual mercy is not just feeling pity or compassion for someone, but also treating one soul as being more precious than the whole world. It is the heart capable of taking pity on even evil people, betrayers, and sinners. It is giving the chance of salvation to them as well by whatever means necessary. How great the heart of mercy that Jesus possesses!

Matthew 12:20 says, “A battered reed He will not break off, and a smoldering wick He will not put out, until He leads justice to victory.” Like the battered reed and smoldering wick, till the end Jesus endured those whose hearts were stained by sin and those who had virtually no chance of salvation.

He approached those who were despised such as tax collectors and prostitutes, and preached the gospel to them. But evil people criticized such actions of one like Jesus. Yet, Mark 2:17 says, “And hearing this, Jesus said to them, ‘It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’”

Can you imagine how great a strength and hope His words became to such people as tax collectors and prostitutes! As written in the following passages from Matthew 26:21, Jesus took pity on even the likes of Judas Iscariot. Although Jesus knew that he would betray, Jesus treated him with love until the end, and gave him a chance to turn back. But Judas Iscariot eventually betrayed his Master.

Jesus took pity on Roman soldiers even when He was scourged severely by them. Jesus felt rather sorry for those who put a crown of thorns on His head, spat on Him, beat Him on the head with a reed, and mocked Him. He didn’t hate them or curse them.

Even when He was nailed to the cross in His both hands and both feet He offered an intercessory prayer for them. He truly felt

sorrow for those souls who were used as evil instruments.

Jesus wished that His intercessory prayer would pay for justice and that a chance of salvation would be given to them. This is the heart that opened the way of salvation to the many people of an evil generation by all means.

As I have conducted my ministry as a servant of God so far, I always thought how to save just one more soul, and how to lead them to a better dwelling place in Heaven. Each and every single soul was precious to me. I gave them much love, but some of them betrayed me and left the church. Some of them were so evil that they interrupted the kingdom of God. Whenever I think of them though, I still don’t hate them or dislike them. I rather worry about their future, and I feel pity for them.

As you gain such heart of mercy you can find wisdom to lead souls to the way of salvation.

## 3. The heart of the Lord is the heart of giving up everything.

Love doesn’t seek its own benefit. Love keeps on giving and giving, and searches if others are in need, or if there is more to give. Our Jesus gave everything He had for the souls. From His birth till death, He gave His entire life for the souls.

What is the reason He was born in a manger, not in a comfortable bed? It was to let those who live in sin realize that they are no better than animals. Jesus who is the Word that became flesh was laid in a manger to become spiritual bread to the souls who are no different from animals.

Since to become the Savior He could have no sin, He completely kept the law and didn’t commit any sin. Obviously He had no original sin because He was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Jesus lived a poor life in order to allow for those who believe in Him to be rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). He didn’t spare any words of Heaven, but gave them all to the souls. He manifested every power for the souls as well.

And thus, those who followed Jesus were healed of diseases and infirmities thanks to His power. As they met Jesus, people who were caught up in the darkness were set free by His power of the light. Jesus didn’t save time for sleep or rest; He gave even this time for the souls. He fed those hungry souls. He showed His heart of consolation and respect to those who were despised.

He gave again and again, and eventually gave His own body. By putting on the crown of thorns, He redeemed the sinners from their sin that they committed with their thoughts. By being flogged, He wanted the souls to be healed of diseases. When He was crucified, His garments were divided fulfilling prophecy and as an indicator of things to come. Being nailed through His hands and feet, He redeemed us from the sins committed by the hands and feet.

On top of all these, by shedding all His sinless and precious blood for sinners, He became the atoning sacrifice for mankind. He eventually gave up His own life because He wanted to give what His beloved souls would need most; eternal life.

As you can see, without sparing anything, Jesus gave everything for the souls. When Jesus gave everything for the sinners, even His own life, He was truly happy in His heart. He was happy because, thanks to the life that He gave, the sinners could receive eternal life.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord who loves you this much wants only one thing from you. It is His desire for you to come out as the true children of the Father God.

To do so, you must cast away sins and evil and circumcise your heart. You must resemble the Father, and fill your heart with goodness, love, and truth. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will become God’s sanctified children and sail on toward New Jerusalem at ease even through the rough waves of the world.

## 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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# Three Check Points to Increase Faith

Let us delve into our measure of faith in three aspects in order to exactly check the measure of faith, improve our faiths, and attain to the level of faith enough worthy to enter into the City of New Jerusalem.

## First: the Depth of Your Heart

How can you check the depth of your heart? The depth of heart here refers to how much spiritual love, virtue, and gentleness you've achieved. You can also check in light of the levels of goodness.

Do you not complain right away and try to reason when there are things that do not agree with you? Don't you get impatient and try to sort things out if anything is a loss to you? If you tried hard but are not recognized, and if you feel you're falling behind, don't you lose heart and leave your post? If these things are true of you, you are not even in the first level of goodness! You can't really be deemed to have faith.

In the first level of goodness, you can

be patient with and do not pay back evil to others who are acting with evil. You have some ill-feelings and discomfort, but you suppress them. In the world, they will say you are good, but in God's sight you're not. True goodness is not to suppress hard-feelings. You must not have them in the first place. This is the second level of goodness.

The third level of goodness is to be able to move others by paying back evil with goodness. When Saul tried to kill David, David let Saul live and said to him very humble words. So, Saul was moved and even shed tears.

In the fourth level of goodness, you are

able to give your life even to those who are acting with evil toward you. It was the heart of Jesus. He was crucified without sin, and yet He still interceded for the sinners who were crucifying Him. Also, it was the heart of Moses and the apostle Paul who were willing to give up their lives to intercede for their people.

The depth and concentration of spiritual love are different to the extent that faith grows. As such a heart deepens, you can feel and realize the love of God more deeply. Only when you have at least second level of goodness can you protect the souls entrusted to you from the enemy devil and Satan, and increase their faith, too.

## Second: the Breadth of Your Heart

What is the breadth of heart? You should check how many souls you can accept, embrace, and serve. Even though it is deep, if a vessel is very narrow, it can't hold much.

Some people love God and long for holiness, but their hearts are narrow. Then, their faith does not grow up much. For example, they are faithful in worship services, prayers, and other personal duties in the church, but they are not interested in caring for souls or whatever is not relevant to them directly. In such cases, it's difficult for them to realize or change themselves.

Some others diligently serve other souls that accept and follow them, but are very cold against those who are in disagreement with them.

If they have broad hearts they will accept not just those with whom they are compatible, but they can accept any kind of person. Suppose a worker does not want to do any hard work, but wants to do things that can draw attention to her. She even gossips about you. If you are not broad-hearted, you will suffer just by thinking about her. You'd implicitly hope that she wouldn't show up in meetings. You even

want another worker to substitute her. If you are broad-hearted, however, you will only love any kind of workers. You will only remember their good points and try to unite everyone. You will try to find a way to serve even such people.

The vessel of one's heart can be broadened or deepened depending on his or her will. If you try to have goodness with the heart of spirit and think the same way, the heart will be broadened and deepened. To the extent, you will be able to embrace more souls and the measure of your faith will increase.

## Third: the Degree of Practicing

Depending on what kinds of duties you perform and how you put the truth into action, the value of your faith will be different.

Suppose there are two cell leaders. One of them thought, "I'm not in spirit yet, but I want to expand God's kingdom with the best I can," and actually fulfilled her duty the best she could. As a result of diligently making visits and evangelism, there was revival and she became a sub-district leader. The other one, on the contrary, thought, "I

lack the capabilities, so I'll take this duty again after I enter into spirit." Then, even though the depth and width of their hearts are the same now, their measures of faith will be different soon.

You would probably long for greater faith as you go on fulfilling your duties. It is because if you have duties, you'd have greater hope thinking like, "I want to help the members receive answers and blessings, and to do that, I need to have more power." If you have no specific duties, you can just

look around you more and try your best to become strength to the kingdom of God.

As cell or small group members you can keep your positions and try to gather, and you can give testimonies, make visitations and spread the gospel, or do other voluntary services. Or like Anna, you can pray and fast for the kingdom of God with your heart.

If you become the light and salt to people around you and make your vessel deeper and broader, God will give you greater faith (Ephesians 3:18-19).



## “My Eyesight Improved with the Renewing of My Mind!”

Brother Jiwoon Baek, age 18, Students' Sunday School, Manmin Central Church

I have attended Manmin Central Church just following my mother. But I preferred to hang out with my friends in church. While in the fourth grade in elementary school, I got into playing computer games. When I was a middle school student, I skipped Sunday Service, played soccer with my friends, and played games in Internet cafes. I just slept during worship services, chatted with my friends, and watched my smart phone. I didn't listen to the sermons. After I became a high school student, I did not skip Sunday Service but I still went to Internet cafes during week days.

In October 2015, while sleeping I had three different dreams. In the first dream, I was beheaded. Two months later, I had the second dream where I was covered by lava and died. Even after the dreams, I was still befriending the world. In May 2016, in the third dream, I was sentenced to Hell. I was so scared that I thought I

must not live like I had been living. I started to attend Daniel Prayer Meeting and Friday All Night Service.

It was a bit hard for me to pray. I hung out with my friends and often failed to offer up the first half of Friday All Night Service. At that time, however, many of my friends felt the love of the shepherd, stopped playing computer games, and started praying. I began to join the flow of spirit.

They participated in Special Daniel Prayer Meeting held for 42 days and received the awards on the last day. They even offered up Friday All Night Service including its second half with fullness of the Holy Spirit. I was really surprised at them and was happy to be with them.



Preparing for Students' Devotional Service and Manmin Summer Retreat 2016, I was more focused on worship services and prayer and tried my best to offer up my heart. From my fifth year of elementary school, my eyesight began to fail because I had liked watching TV and used a computer too much. I had to wear eye glasses but it was so uncomfortable that I did not use them. I could not read the letters on the board in school and I could not see Senior Pastor's face during his sermon in church.

On August 2, I had my eyesight measured, and it was very bad, which is 0.15/0.1. Senior Pastor told us that God would heal many people of eye-related diseases during the summer

retreat. I kept his words in my heart and prepared myself with volunteer work and prayer. On August 7, it was the day of our devotional service. I wanted to offer up the money that I had saved from when I was very little. I offered one million won and felt so pleased.

On August 8, I received Senior Pastor's prayer for the sick during Divine Healing Meeting of Manmin Summer Retreat. My eyes felt cool. Next day, my vision seemed to be clearer. Then, on the following day, I could see the face of Senior Pastor who was leading Camp Fire Praise and Worship. Since the retreat, my vision has been improving. Hallelujah!

As I experienced the work of God who gave me the answer when I acted upon faith, I became spiritually confident and filled with hope. I give all thanks and glory to God who is so good and I extend my thankful heart to Senior Pastor who harbors students with tears and love.



## “I Like Manmin Central Church So Much!”

Deacon Lu Khai Seng, age 54, Malaysia

I learned about Manmin Central Church through Ms. Deborah Tang in Malaysia. In May, 2009, my wife and I visited Seoul for the first time. As I had heard, I witnessed biblical signs, wonders, and powerful works in the church. I received more grace than I had expected.

In particular, my first daughter missed her menstrual periods for six months due to hormone control disorder. We received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer for her. On

that same night, we talked to her on the phone and she said she was healed.

Then my two daughters became Manmin members and in August 2009 my family took part in the church's summer retreat. Afterwards, I came back to Malaysia and spread the holiness gospel to my friends and acquaintances and evangelized them.

From August 2014, I bought chairs, a monitor, and speakers and offered up the church's worship service on GCN with them in the third floor of the building that houses my business. Twenty to thirty people joined this service together every week, and we attended Wednesday Service, Friday All-night Service, and Daniel Prayer Meeting through GCN as well.

Among them, 21 people including me participated in Manmin Summer Retreat 2016. We experienced many kinds of works of God. Sister Huan Hong said she feels eager to spread the holiness gospel to Iban people (the Ibans comprise the largest percentage of Sarawak's population). I was moved to tears by what she said. I also felt the love of the shepherd during the retreat.

At that time, it was very hot in Korea due to strong heat wave, but in the retreat venue cool breezes blew and the temperature was the best for the retreat. As I experienced it, I realized again that it was great blessing for me to be in the space of the shepherd. We received a lot of blessing through the retreat. I give all

thanks and glory to God who made us happy.



With people who came to Manmin Summer Retreat 2016



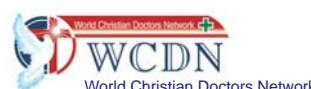
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