

**Kyoshu-sama's Message**  
**Grand Ancestor Service &**  
**International Membership Conference – Portugal and Germany**  
**Lisbon, November 1, 2019**  
**Frankfurt, November 3, 2019**

Congratulations on today's Grand Ancestor Service and International Membership Conference – Portugal (Germany).

Together with all of you who have gathered here in Frankfurt from Germany (Lisbon from Portugal) and various parts of the world, we are holding today's service. I am very happy to be sharing together with all of you the joy of meeting like this in person and for this day to have arrived.

When I look back on the journeys all of you had to take to reach today, within all the various information relating to the church flying about, all of you, together with me, determined to seek the true will of God in sending Meishu-sama to the earth. Even while facing many difficulties, you courageously made your resolve clear. How encouraged I was by all of you!

And now, I am filled with deep emotion and gratitude for seeing so many of you right before my eyes who decided to share the same thoughts as I and walk together with me.

To President Fernando and his wife, Luciana (Rev. Thome and his wife, Zi Soon), and everyone who walks together with them in the same spirit, I sincerely thank you.

And at the same time, to God who nurtures us with His great love and to God who is strongly guiding us, let all of us present here, offer our most sincere gratitude to Him in the name of Messiah, which is one with Meishu-sama.

From here on too, regardless of how much the circumstances of the church we are surrounded by changes or swings about, I will move forward together with all of you with great hope on this path of an entirely new faith, this path of an entirely new life.

In deep awe and fear of God, I tell you that the love of God, who is our true Father and the true Parent of our life, is immeasurably wide, high and deep. Out of His love for us, He saves, forgives and welcomes everyone and everything into His heaven.

With this love, God, as the Creator, the Lord of creation, continuously carries out the

work of creation, that is, the salvation of humanity. On this day of the Grand Ancestor Service, we must remind ourselves once more that God advances His divine work of saving all humanity through us and through our ancestors who are within us, just as Meishu-sama taught us that “we are the sum total of our ancestors.”

We feel as if we live on our own, as one individual. We feel as if we try to be a better person on our own, suffer, get angry, sadden, and rejoice on our own. We feel as if we serve God on our own. This, however, is not true. Our ancestors are now in the bosom of God, alive and with us. Under God, we are united with our ancestors always.

We and our ancestors did not come into this world to simply perish after fulfilling our mission on earth. Rather, we were born on earth to serve in the eternal divine work of creation and to be newly born as a child of God, a Messiah. In short, we were born on earth to attain eternal life.

Recently, Meishu-sama made me realize one thing. Before, I always had thought that the Practice of *Sonen* – the practice of surrendering to God various feelings and thoughts that appear in our mind – was the work of saving something that had happened in the past – the salvation of the past. However, I have realized that everything God does is for the future, the salvation of the future. He uses the past, the present and the future to create a new future – this is His work of creation. God is the God of the Future.

The life our ancestors led, the life we are leading now and the life that our descendants are going to lead – all of our lives have been and will be a part of God’s great work of creating a new future. God’s creative power is the power to create a new future and to make all things new. And remember, in heaven, in the world of beginning, God entrusted to us His Future, and we were born on earth carrying it. The Future of God is this: that He forgives each one of us without exception, welcomes us into His heaven, makes us His very own children and lives with us eternally.

Whatever our ancestors did, whatever we did, was all part of this plan of God, the Future of God. Every single moment – past, present and future – God is using all humanity, all ancestors and all nature, without exception, to carry out His task of creating a new future.

Have we not always thought about the future for us and not for God? Our future is not ours but God’s. The future exists for God and not for us. Let us accept this truth with great joy! Let us from now on gladly serve in the creative work of God! And let us call out

to God, "I thank You, God! You are using me and all my ancestors for Your Future of making all things new!"

May the grace, peace and love of God be with you all.