

Our Silent Revolution

New Year's Message

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Today, we welcome the New Year of 2022, the 107th Won Buddhist Year.

I sincerely hope and pray that people all across the world experience peace, happiness, and equality.

I wish everyone, especially lay and ordained members, good health and lives full of boundless blessings and wisdom. May all your wishes be fulfilled by the light of Dharmakaya Buddha.

This past year we experienced many difficulties. People suffered immense hardship as a result of the spread of COVID-19.

But keep in mind that the darkest hour is right before the break of dawn. Let us embrace the current circumstance with great hope and prepare ourselves to go on a new journey with a pioneering spirit.

The Founding Master of Won Buddhism, Sotaesan, and his nine model disciples offered a special prayer for a bright future during the darkest period of Korea's history. That light of hope and practice of prayer became the seed that now shines brightly in every part of the world, providing great hope to countless others.

We, as practitioners, should be that seed of light here and now, as we pray and work to restore this ailing world to life by way of this quiet revolution.

It is time to renew ourselves and help others renew themselves by following the path of faith and practical spiritual practice based on the truth of Il-Won-Sang. Let us revive both our minds and our bodies. Let us spread the light of renewal to every corner of the world.

Let us maintain a beginner's mind.

With a humble and balanced state of mind, let us bring new life into this world so that we can become the seeds of hope. Let us transform ourselves into the light so that the light of our quiet revolution can illuminate the entire world.

May you always be surrounded by the light and great wisdom of Il-Won-Sang, which shines brighter than the New Year's morning sun.

May the light shine on you, wherever you are.