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## Establishment of Ocean Church (October 1, 1980)

On October 1st, 1980, True Father declared the establishment of Ocean Church at Morning Garden located in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Until then he had been engaging in marine businesses such as fish business, fish processing in Alaska, Alabama shipyard, and establishment of fishing fleets. On this day, he determined that 30 Ocean Church centers to be built in 30 coastal cities across America, selecting and appointing 60 Ocean Church members. Among them, 24 UTS (Unification Theological Seminary) graduates were specially selected to become center leaders.

These Ocean Church members participated in the Ocean Challenge Program with a theme to catch Bluefin Tuna in Gloucester, Massachusetts, that was held in the following year (1981). They were instructed to inherit the "Gloucester Spirit." At that time, True Father purchased ten 28ft boats from Mako, named them "Go Rich," and invested them into this Ocean Challenge Program. At the same time, starting in 1981, he started to hold World Tuna Fishing Tournaments.

I made a fearsome declaration when I came out with the title, Ocean Church. This is a fearsome course that I have set. From now, what am I going to do with Ocean Church? It is not simply about going out to the ocean for training. The purpose is to bring dominion over and love the ocean. I don't intend to do something about the ocean by dominating it. I am going to nurture the ocean in accordance with the original intention of the Creator, and make it the center stage for bringing the world together.

*Excerpt from The Pacific Rim Providence: The 21st Century is the Oceanic Era*



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## Essence of Ocean Church Activities

On June 10th, 1983 in Gloucester, True Parents presented us with specifically detailed information on the essences of Ocean Church activities (see "*God's Will and the Ocean*").

1. Specialization of self-discipline and management - constantly fishing, pioneering new fishing spots, and researching and managing boats.
2. Self-training - before training others, train oneself. Become a charter-licensed captain. Practice immediately what is learnt. Fishing can only be learned through experience.
3. Boat management - manage with sincere heart and prayer. Absolute cleanliness, absolute orderliness, and constant renewed effort. While living on the boat, research boat management, create checklist and captain's log. Treat the boat with the heart of love as if it is one's object purpose, life itself, and a spouse. Become an expert on boat repair and sales.
4. Member Training and Development, Outreach - Witnessing is self-creation. Educating others equals to self-teaching. First plan, then build appropriate funds, then further advance the plan. For every 5 new members witnessed to at each Ocean Church center, one additional 28ft boat shall be placed there. Once 10 boats is reached, the center will then be placed with a larger boat (52ft).
5. Ocean Hobby Industry Model Base - Establish a vision and a promising future mainstream marine industry. Key phrase is "Let us prosper together, you and me."
6. Form a guidance committee for the town in regards to its interests (pros and cons) in ocean. Establish a foundation that can gain the town's trust.

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7. Composition of support organizations by local regional leaders: outreach to city leaders (mayor, police chief, fishery association chairman, religious leaders, etc), evangelize and organize them (fishing clubs and city re-development committees), and establish support groups for youth education and marine development.



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## Purposes of “Ocean Challenge” Training Program

For 13 years starting in the year 1981 to 1993, "Ocean Challenge" program was held in Gloucester (Boston Harbor, MA) with the theme of Bluefin Tuna fishing. The ultimate goal for "Ocean Challenge" program is to inherit the "Gloucester Spirit" that our True Father has forged. The specific training menu followed the captain manual created through True Father's guidance that included boat management, captain training, safety education, Jumbo Tuna fishing methods, and then carrying out these elements in real life through a 40~70-day period.

## Main Contents of “Gloucester Spirit”

- ☐ Unification of mind and body
- ☐ Cleanliness, tidiness, creativity
- ☐ Enlightenment of all five senses in both mind and body
- ☐ Spirit of absolute responsibility towards achieving the goal ("never give up," work harder than anyone else, continuity)
- ☐ Creation of spirit of leadership that can lead nations and the world
- ☐ Mastery of "True Parentism" that strives to save all humanity



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Historical moment of the establishment of Ocean Church on October 1, 1980 (Morning Garden, Gloucester, MA)



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Fleet sanctification ceremony held by each group before the start of Ocean Challenge  
(Gloucester Harbor, New Hope in the center)



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Ocean Challenge fleet advancing towards fishing grounds in a V formation.  
New Hope leading the fleet; even in fog, this method enables them to arrive at the destination without losing way.



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Just tied up the Ocean Challenge Jumbo Tuna to the side of the boat  
(Boston Harbor, Northwest Corner)



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The New Hope won the grand prize for the First World Tuna Fishing Tournament, and the prize money was donated to the youth education program of the town of Gloucester. However, the city refused the donation due to persecution that was present in the city.



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He instructs the Ocean Challenge participants about the Gloucester Spirit and technical details of tuna fishing (Gloucester main marina, restaurant)



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He talks about the purposes and significance of Ocean Challenge program and Ocean Providence (Morning Garden, Gloucester)



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**3 Elders** who are also cousins of True Father, and President Kamiyama, all of whom were participating in the Ocean Challenge. This program continued until 1993. True Father gave instructions to continue this bluefin tuna fishing as a tradition (at the Ocean Challenge opening ceremony, Gloucester Marina)



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Although initially we faced intense persecution from Gloucester city and its citizens at the beginning stages of Ocean Providence there, welcoming media messages began to show up after 10 years, in the year 1990.



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Ocean Providence also starts in Japan in the 80's per True Father's instructions. Began sales of Spanish farmed tuna and purchase/sales of tuna from all over the world.





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## Ocean Providence Pioneering in Hawaii: Preparation Period for the Pacific Rim Providence from 1988

Starting in the beginning of 1980's in Hawaii, fish business and coffee farms were being operated as part of American/Japanese Ocean Providence. From that time on, True Parents regularly went to Oahu Island and Hawaii (Kona) Island to go out fishing, determined to turn Hawaii Island into a training ground for the youth of the world.

It is said that more than 50% of Hawaiian population is comprised of Japanese and Korean origins, making it a land of eastern and western fusion. It is a place to become the center of Pacific Rim Providence starting in the year 2000. Target fish are diverse from Blue Marlin to Mahi Mahi.



Together with True Children and Ocean Providence leaders  
At Kona Marina, Hawaii, December 1988

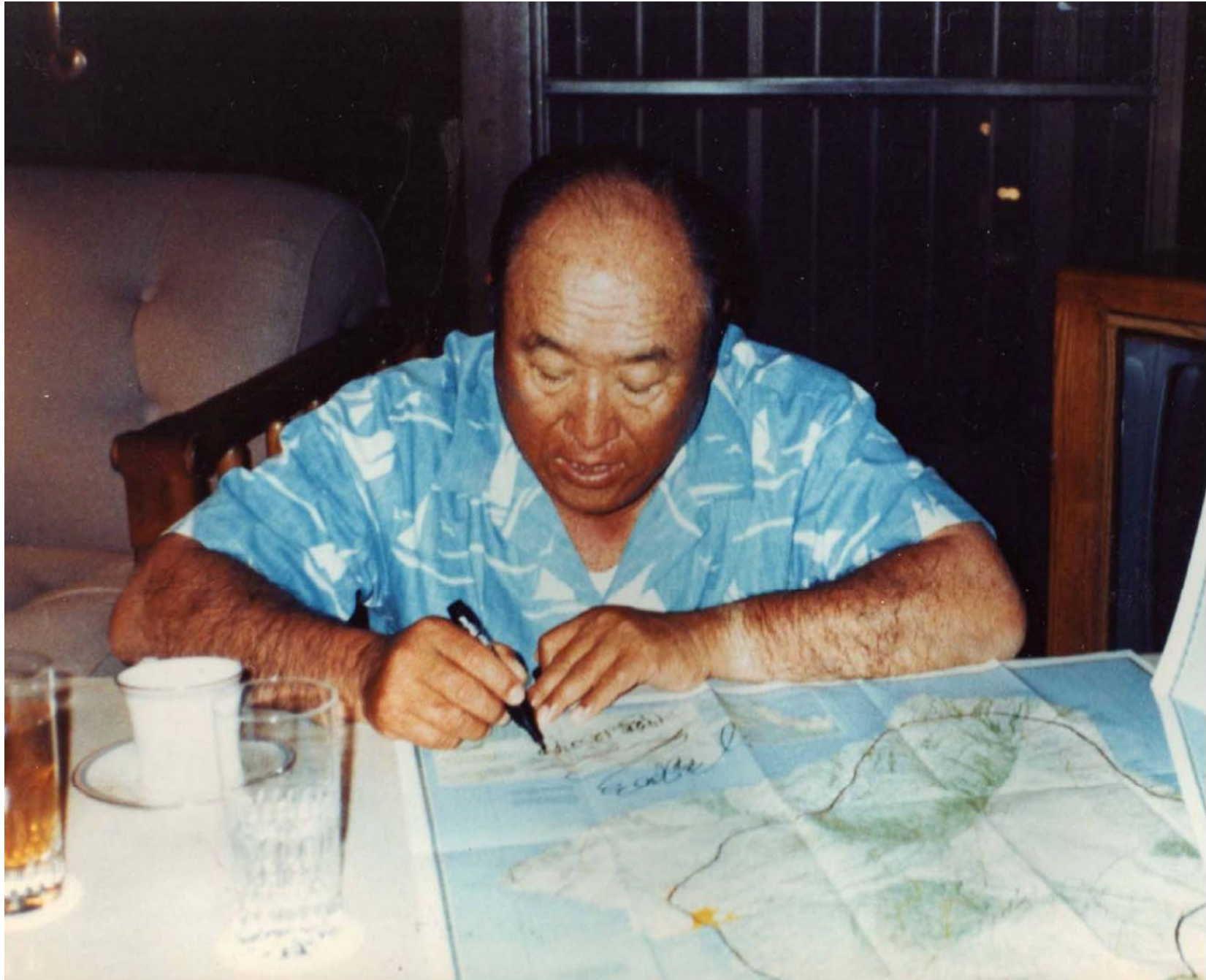
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Discussing the International Marine Training Center concept on Kona Island, Hawaii (Kona residence)



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With Blue Marlin (on a charter boat)



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With the Blue Marlin they caught (Kona Marina)





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With Blue Marlin (on Kona residence veranda)



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Together with many Blue Marlins they have caught (Kona Marina)



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Challenging the Blue Marlin fishing on a charter boat (fishing pioneer, off the coast of Kona, Hawaii)



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True Father hooking on the Blue Marlin (Kona offshore, atop charter boat) He fishes in Hawaii on March 25, 1991 as well. Right after that, he went to Soviet Union and met President Gorbachev on April 11.



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True Father while fishing Blue Marlin (April 11, 1988)