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IOWC's Arrive in New York

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With the arrival of four IOWC teams in New York last week, door-to-door witnessing activities have expanded from Manhattan to the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and New Jersey. At Barrytown recently, Father matched each IOWC team to a Borough, and all team members have received 30 Divine Principle books and sets of lecture tapes and transcripts to lend to residents in their areas. Working in pairs, team members have been assigned to specific neighborhoods by lot.

Reverend Vincenz' IOWC "A" is settled in the Bronx, where they have begun witnessing in those neighborhoods which were most receptive during the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument campaigns.

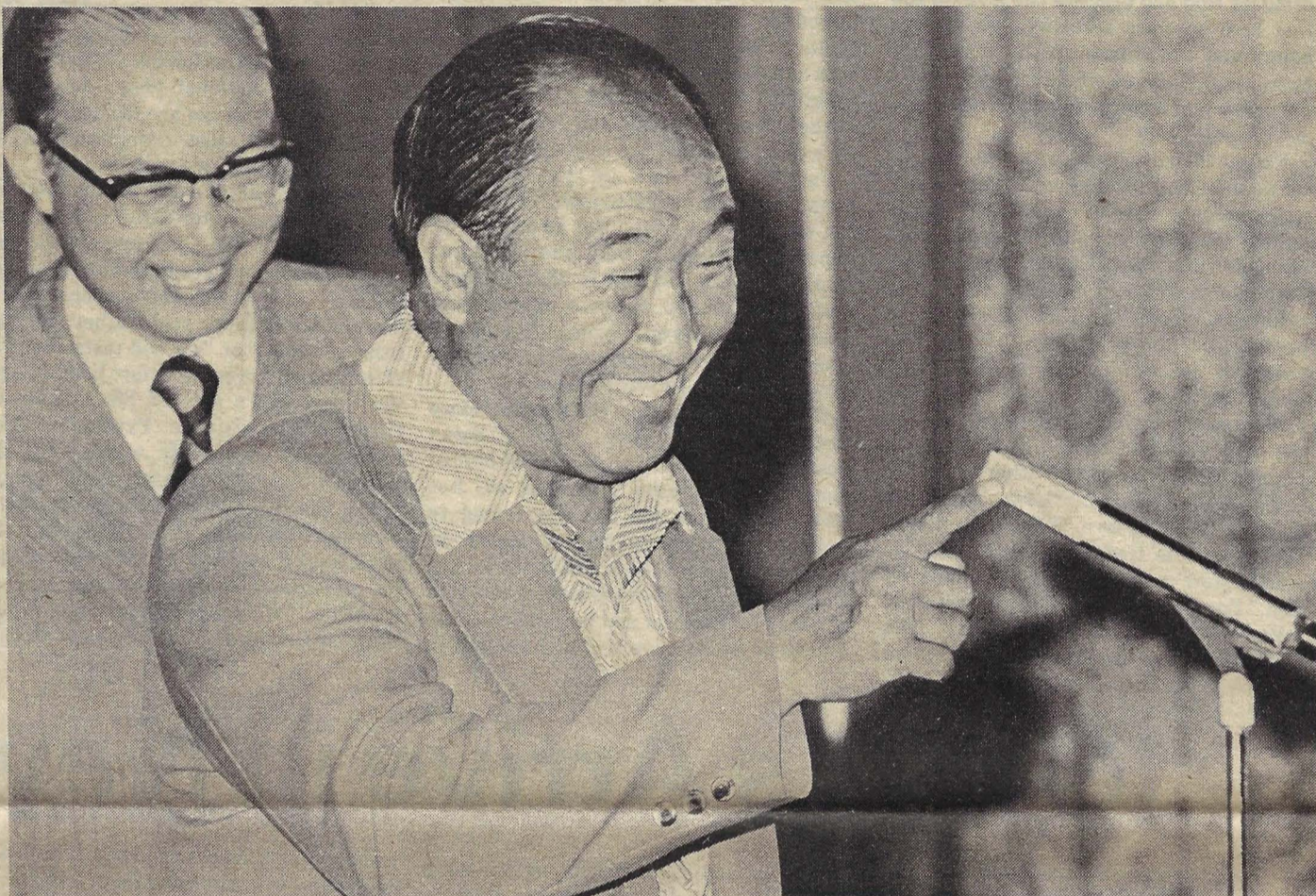
IOWC "B", led by Ron Pepper, has been assigned to Queens. Currently living at the World Mission Center, they too have begun visiting Borough residents door-to-door, and will soon establish a center there.

Mr. Sudo and his IOWC "C" have decided that Hudson County will be their area of focus in New Jersey. Densely populated, this part of the New York metropolitan area is largely a new witnessing frontier.

Dr. William Bergman, who had directed the New York Church based in the 43rd Street Headquarters Building, has moved to Brooklyn to lead IOWC "D", while Mr. Kamiyama and Ryoichiro Sawada will be responsible for the New York Church activities in Manhattan.

The IOWC teams were officially welcomed on Saturday, May 21, as all New York area members gathered at the World Mission Center to meet Father. Everyone was filled with anticipation as Father began his welcoming speech. The topic of his speech was "Men of Justice, Rise Up!" He began by saying he was sorry he couldn't spend more time with us.

Pointing out the great differences



Father wins the hearts of the IOWC members, many of whom were seeing him for the first time on May 21.

between men and women's characters, he said that when men have leisure time, they like action-like hunting or sports. On the other hand, women might prefer to be more quiet, doing something in the home. Had women been responsible to pioneer throughout man's history, he said, we might still be living in a very primitive society. But fortunately, men are ambitious, and have provided for women.

Throughout history, God has wanted to change woman, for them to restore their honor. Father said God will give women a hard time, letting them pay indemnity for

all they've done. God is even thinking, "Let woman be the champions-I will utilize women to bring the new world, and give them this chance to be restored before the end of the world." Father asked, "Do you want to become women of God? Think, 'This is the chance for we woman to reverse our role, to indemnify the past. We've got to become a new kind of women for the sake of God.' Some women think they are born to be ornaments, just to be loved, but don't you think God has in mind to revolutionize the basic nature of women? He won't do this

by encouraging women to stay home and rest, but by pushing them out to work hard, to do things they can be proud of!"

Then Father smiled, saying, "Women, you've had a hard time here this morning. Now, it's the men's turn...! Who committed more atrocities in history, who killed more people?" Basically, he continued, men have done evil deeds all through history. "Should God treat you tenderly or in a tough way? Men are rebellious in nature. Will you receive

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May 22 Sermon

"Live as God Lives and Love as God Loves"

Father's May 22 Sunday sermon, "Happy Unification Members," poetically dealt with the important role of love in a fulfilled life. "No one likes unhappiness," Father began. Unhappiness, he said is separation from give-and-take. An unhappy person has no object with which he can establish a circuit of give-and-take. The degree to which a person is separated from this circuit determines the intensity of his unhappiness. "No matter what you might possess," he said, "if you have no one to share it with, it has no meaning."

Consequently, love has no meaning if man is alone. Polarity is the precondition for love. The love acts as the force of unity, bringing the subject and object into one. Once this unity is achieved, the value of both the subject and the object become equal. For example, man and woman alone are very different but after they marry, they share their characteristics through their love. Therefore the value of each is shared and equal.

"Love is so precious," said Father. If we think that we live to study, fight, eat, or create works of art, we will still find ourselves unfulfilled if we reach these goals without having love in our lives. In order to love, we need someone. In particular, men and women need each other. Both men and women he said, live to respond to each other's love. "It is a universal principle that man was made for woman and woman was made for man. God created man and woman to consummate His ideal of love. God was thinking of the ideal form of love when he made man and woman." Love, said Father, is the sole motive for creation. For example, our birth did not result from a scientific discussion between our parents but rather from the love shared by them. "We were born from love and live to love. Perfecting love is the purpose of our lives."

Love, he continued, has consequences reaching far beyond ourselves. War,

Father explained, results when the circuit of love between nations is cut off. By the same token, perfect love melts the heart of enemies. Both good and bad come from the motivation of love. For instance, we tend to respond with love to someone who likes us and with dislike to those who withhold love from us.

The ideology of Communism, explained Father, denies the importance of love by giving matter the prime position in the universe. But this is incorrect. Love cannot be smaller than matter, for the container cannot be smaller than the contents. Similarly, other things existing in the realm of the spirit have reality whether man chooses to recognize their existence or not. Philosophers, said Father, can debate the existence of God *ad infinitum*, but His existence is not dependent upon their conclusions. If God can be confined to logical proof, then God can be limited to logic -- an impossible situation. If this were the case, then

"God" would be manufacturable by man, since man is the inventor of logical proof. "Can you grasp your mind totally?" asked Father. "If you can, that shows that you are in a position to be its creator. But the fact that you can't indicates the greatness of your mind. Man has a great mystic element. Logic cannot perceive the greatness of man and God."

Because of this, he continued, the greatest person is he who has limitless faith in the limitless quality of truth. We see that religious leaders have had the greatest impact upon human history. Those with infinite faith, he said, have brought the true way of revolution. The saints of mankind -- Jesus, Moses, Buddha, etc. - taught the supremacy of love vertically directed to God and horizontally expressed through charity. "The greatest way of life," he said, "is the pursuit of love." Scientists, politicians, philosophers, and businessmen do not

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bring hope. Only religious leaders bring love, vision and hope to mankind. Because of this principle, said Father, he became a religious leader.

"Why are Unification Church members happy?" asked Father. "Because we are religious people, we have the greatest possibility for happiness. We can reach God and consummate His love. We can discover God and practice His love. When that love becomes a reality, we become happy and can transform the world into happiness. I am as confident of this as I am of the fact that my mind is dominating my body."

Father then discussed why it is possible for us to become united with God. "Unity is the essence of love," he said. "There is no way that a subject and object can exist without each other. God without man is unthinkable. Without man, His creation is valueless." Love, he said, can bring a person from the bottom to the top. For example, Jesus' love for sinners raised them up to a high position in the dispensation. Similarly, love can bridge the gap between God and man. Man can become like God, said Father, because God loves mankind. "Love needs an object. God needs love. Without an object, God cannot be God. God needs man, no matter how much He has been hurt by him." For our part, said Father, "we must love God without hesitation. The Unification Church's greatest contribution

is to bring God down to our way of life and ourselves up to God. We don't need a conceptual God. We need a God which we can absorb into our very tissues. We don't worship a vague God, but a God of life. We are sitting inside the love of God. I myself feel the love of God down my bones. I would do anything to keep the love of God. I have taken on many roles -- farmer, fisherman, worker, scholar and religious leader. The secret of my life, however, is that I know the love of God. There is an incredible depth in it." It is our privilege to know, he said, that we will end us as sons and daughters of God. Many so-called religious people are hypocritical, said Father, when they call God "Father" and then deny that man can become like God.

Father went back to the topic of happiness. The happy person, he said, is the one who can give. "But he cannot be happy if he gives in only one direction. God wants give-and-take in all directions. God's relationship to man is not just vertical. Everyone wants to have give-and-take with God, and love is the central element to this process."

However, Satan stole the most precious thing to man -- love. "When Satan destroyed true love, he destroyed human history and morality." Because we lost love through the fall, we are trying to regain it. Therefore God is trying to restore the order of love. While the love of God is eternal and constructive, the love of Satan is temporal and destructive. The effects of destructive love are evident in

contemporary American society. America, like the Roman Empire, may very well decline from internal corruption. The three elements destroying America from within, said Father, are "degradation of moral standards, racial confrontation, and the decline of the Christian spirit."

In the midst of this decline, said Father, we need a new direction. As individuals, we need true parents to lead us, true husbands and wives as marriage partners, and true brothers and sisters as our family. Just as Jesus prayed for the forgiveness of his persecutors, we, as members of the Unification Church, must pray for international unity, love, and forgiveness. Since we are facing so much persecution, we must understand that if we remain behind, we will decline.

"The center of give-and-take is the love of God," Father reiterated. "Live as God lives and love as God loves. We are happy because we are becoming like Him and striving to live the highest standard." We are also happy, said Father, for the three reasons that "we will taste the love of God which has never before been tasted. We know God's way of life manifested through the Divine Principle. The Principle is not simply words. We are going to live that principle. And we are laying the foundation of future history." Therefore the Unification Church has the triple goal of manifesting the heart of God, the principle of God, and the God-centered tradition. "We must become men of the heart of God and the principle of God to

leave behind us the tradition of God."

Man is the visible form of God, said Father, with all men representing the masculine side of God and women manifesting the feminine characteristics. Therefore Paul said in Corinthians, "Don't you know that you are the temple of God?" God and man together create heaven... God wants to feel a realistic love. Therefore God created man to fulfill the love of God and the ideal of creation in all things. "God needs His creation in order to perfect Himself," said Father.

"Love starts when you put yourself in the service of others," Father continued. "God's love is the atmosphere of the spirit world. Therefore we must practice breathing God's love here on earth. ..God likes people who have a lot of love to give. You should marry to give love, not to take it. The Kingdom of God will never come where people are trying only to take love, but where people are serving each other. When we are serving in the way of God's love, we cannot look for an easy way out."

Father concluded this memorable speech. "If we can practice and live love, we are the happiest people under the sun. As long as there is the love of God, the universe is never empty. The happiest man is the man born out of love, living with love and dying with love. He is also happiest at the throne of God. Without question, you are the happiest people. Let us go forward together until we reach the ultimate goal of perfection."

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God's rough treatment, or will you rebel?"

"Suppose a tiger came out of the mountains of New York and ate a New Yorker? It would be big news, and officials would have the tiger hunted down and destroyed. But every day in New York, men 'eat' (kill) other men. Which is worse--for a tiger to kill a man for food, or for a man to kill a man?"

In order to accomplish the work that must be done for the sake of the world, God is willing to tame man and even make him into a champion. Before the end of the world, God wants to see men and women working completely for the sake of God. This will be their first and last opportunity to restore honor to their sexes.

"Would you like to be chosen, hand-

picked by God to fulfill that task? Among those chosen, who will become a champion?" He explained that the highest degree of achievement doesn't come easily.

First, to become champions of goodness, we must know clearly how to determine what is good, and what is evil. The definition of good or evil is not in the appearance, but in the motivation. The good side never does anything out of selfishness, but perseveres and gives hope to mankind. It is for the benefit of all. On the other hand, evil deeds are those which are those which are exploiting others. Selfishness is the worst enemy in every corner of society.

The Unification Church is a different kind of movement, Father declared. We will reconstruct American family life to be harmonious, with a clear sense of this

principle: selfishness or unselfishness will determine whether something is good or evil. "Motivation is the measure of value...American young people must learn where true value lies. For the sake of God, we must persevere in hope. God himself is patient and persevering for the sake of even His enemies."

"We are pursuing the unselfish way. Therefore, it is absolutely good. My topic this morning is 'You, Men of Justice, Rise Up!' You must not be deterred by the Satanic world's accusation. The truth gives you power--truly the men of justice are assembled in the Unification Church! No matter what the world says, here you can become men and women with no shame in facing God."

Very seriously, Father told us that because of all the corruption in society,

the only hope for the salvation of the world is the group of young people. We are the stepping stone for salvation in America, he said. When America can be changed to the side of goodness, then the whole world can have hope.

Father expressed how lonely he is, and how he has persevered in hope. "From the first day of my mission I dreamed of America. Before you were born, I had a master plan for America's role. You were born, and then we met. We have come to save the world and liberate God and mankind. We will be a light to the world, united in a renewed pursuit of the goal. New York is a city of devils, God is dending Godly men to bring the city of devils back to God."

"You and I together must succeed," he said. "We must lay the cornerstone now in order to fulfill God's dream." If the world could restore itself, it would not need Rev. Moon, said Father. But obviously, that is not happening, so the world needs him.

He concluded his speech by challenging us to fulfill our responsibility. "We feel good if we do what is expected of us. How much better would we feel if we did ten times more? Men of justice, let us rise up this hour!"

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