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## Operation Heal Our Nation Takes off!

Last month we introduced Operation Heal Our Nation as a simple project by which individual women choose an area of concern (AOC) which is of personal interest and make a determination to offer a monthly service or activity related to that AOC. In joining Operation Heal Our Nation women unite their focus and energies in a common effort to make an impact. Such a network of combined effort will have a powerful impact on the healing of our nation's problems.

Response has been good. Many women feel this is a program they can join and promote. WFWP national program development coordinator, Karen Smith, expanded the project (see enclosed flier with determination form) into one which has the potential to reach every woman in America.

Here is a step-by-step program any woman can follow in her community. I would like to encourage all WFWP chapters to join Operation Heal Our Nation and introduce it to as many women as possible.

**1. Introduce the concept to your friends, neighbors and relatives.** Let them know that their small bit is important. Ask them to choose an area of concern and a monthly service activity to match it, then sign the determination form, detach it and return it to you. They keep the flier explaining how Operation Heal Our Nation works.

**2. You now have names, addresses and phone numbers** of women who are concerned about specific areas.

**3. Keep the determination forms,** separate them into categories, and file them according to AOC's. For example, you may have 25 people interested in healing violence, 14 interested in promoting racial harmony, 10 interested in fighting poverty, etc.

**4. After some time contact the women** and connect them to each other by inviting them to a meeting. At the meeting they can share their concerns and experiences, and you can provide information on community resources for them. You might invite a speaker from the community who is connected to their AOC. You might show the new WFWP videotape to them and introduce WFWP as the sponsoring organization and even read our founder's speech.

**5. Now you are ready to expand.** Ask them to get friends and neighbors to join. It's almost like a petition - get others involved in taking responsibility for a local concern. For example, if there has been an outbreak of violent crime in your neighborhood, Operation Heal Our Nation can be a vehicle for many women to join and do something together.

**6. Hold a big rally of members from all AOC's,** once you have expanded.

**7. Write an article about Operation Heal Our Nation** for the local newspaper. Introduce WFWP as the sponsoring organization. Let people know that women are taking steps to heal the problems of our country. Recognize what local women have done. We have a press release prepared on a national level introducing Operation Heal Our Nation. You may request a copy from the national headquarters to send to your local newspapers.

**8. Networking possibilities are endless.** You now have a reason to visit local VIP women to let them know that you have a network of concerned women. Whenever we introduce WFWP, we can tell women about Operation Heal Our Nation and sign them up on the spot.

*Heal Our Nation, cont. on p. 4*

## "God, Women and Our Changing Times"

When women take responsibility to come together in godly leadership, good things truly happen. A feeling of warmth, wisdom and action characterized the Women's Federation for World Peace seminar on "God, Women and Our Changing Times," held January 22 at the WFWP headquarters in Manhattan. The women who created the seminar and the participants who attended all contributed to the sincere and heart-felt consideration of these important issues: how do we, as women, relate to God, women and our changing times?

National WFWP president, Nora Spurgin, opened the seminar with an insightful look at our new age, the age of femininity and healing. She spoke about a change of spirituality coming with the new millennium and the need for women to give of their gifts in marriage, family and community leadership. Commenting on the divisiveness of the ultra-radical women's movement of the past, Mrs. Spurgin affirmed that WFWP emphasizes the goal of harmony together with men.

Debby Gullery gave the first presentation on the essence of God, expressing God's maternal and paternal origins and nature. Unlike a secular women's plat-



Staff for the seminar on "God, Women and Our Changing Times." Left to right: Betsy Jones, Sandra Lowen, Christine Kung, Nora Spurgin and Debby Gullery.

form, her discussion clearly situated women's source of meaning and spirituality in God and added an explanation of our purpose in life, the stages of growth, and spiritual development. Mrs. Spurgin ended this session with a discussion on the spirit world, referring to Raymond Moody's classic book, *Life after Life*. In researching this topic, Mrs. Spurgin also works as a therapist with the elderly.

Betsy Jones, a psychotherapist in Albany, New York, gave the second session on the cause of human conflict. After discussing the misuse of love, sin, the results of the fall, and the immorality in present society, she showed the videotape "Lethal Risk."

Sandra Lowen, a psychotherapist working with adolescents, presented the third session on the struggle between good and evil. Describing the restoration principle in history, she emphasized that a person's attitude and willingness to make amends determines the outcome of his or her circumstances. Both Mrs. Spurgin and Mrs. Jones led the final session on the restoration of the family, presenting True Parents as the prototype of the Completed Testament age.

In my opinion, this WFWP seminar was an excellent model for future seminars and can be modified for specific audiences. Various religious groups are

honoring the family in today's world as the center of values, spirituality and blessing. In India, Mother Theresa is sanctifying families. The Catholic ministry views marriage as a sacrament to restore the world to true love. The family rosary ceremony calls the blessing of God's love to enter each family's home. According to Unification Theology, the call to join a larger family, True Parents' family, is the central call of our providential age. Mrs. Spurgin's message was embracing and evangelical. "We are all invited to be part of the adopted family of True Parents."

At the seminar conclusion, Karen Smith described the action-oriented plan of Operation Heal Our Nation, a WFWP organization which encourages community involvement in family and social concerns from women nationwide.

For information on a videotape of the seminar write:

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A script of the workshop presentations and the accompanying slides will soon be made available.

- Donna Ferrantello

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WFWP is dedicated to uniting women to take action for the moral education and healing of our families and societies.

## Breaking Barriers

In October 1993, the Belvedere community came together around a truck of oranges, WFWP's fundraising product used to make an offering to the Irvington school district. Many parents of blessed children in, or soon to enter, the Irvington school district felt the need to become a viable part of the community through some kind of service and offering.

The fundraising effort, easily pulled together by men and women who have been trained in mobilization and teamwork, resulted in a donation of around \$4000 to the school district.

On January 28, eight WFWP members and seven key local women community leaders gathered at the Belvedere main house for coffee and cake.

The opening of the historic Belvedere main house to these local women enabled them to see beyond the myths of the Moonies and experience something of the spirit of True Parents. The atmosphere had elements of beauty, peace, professionalism, harmony, and most essentially, spirituality. When Phyllis Kim offered her apologies for being part of past misunderstandings that have arisen in the community, her initiative of humility brought the previously pleasant discussion to a new level of sincere, heartfelt communication. By the end of the two hours, the boundaries between the originally distinct groups had shifted and blurred substantially. Unificationists determined to increase their involvement in the larger Irvington community, and the school invited us to head a special fundraising committee, a solid step of recognition at the community level.

At heart, all the women present had the same concern for the future of their children and the community. Local women were amazed at the ability of Unificationists to implement the project, and they realized that Unificationists are not intent upon remaining separate from the rest of the community but rather are kindred spirits and women of substance.

- Karen Smith

## WFWP Activities Around America

### *Region 6*

Those who are trying to witness and bring results found that the best way to work was to help both the Eastern and Western women achieve their goals. When the Western women saw the wonderful International Teas being held each month under the direction of Tokiko Richardson, they began to be more inspired to bring guests as well. Since November, Minnesota WFWP has been meeting in homes on a rotation basis. American guests seem to like the uniqueness of the ethnic foods brought to the International Teas, while the Japanese guests feel embraced and respected by having their traditional foods featured. Someone gives an overview of WFWP. After this, one of the Western sisters presents a topic or an area of concern, followed by discussion and refreshments.

Regional WFWP leader, Mary Jane Anderson, spoke in South Dakota on America's destiny for the next century and in St. Paul, Minnesota on Women's Role in World Peace.

### *Region 7*

Shirley Chimes attended a meeting of the board of Build a Generation, a grassroots organization that seeks to build youthful self-esteem and help educate parents and children. Among those at the meeting were the mayor, the chief of police and state representatives, all of whom Shirley had met personally. "I went to the meeting to learn about the group and walked out a member of the board," Shirley reports.

### *Region 10*

The Northern California WFWP is conducting bi-monthly one-day Divine Principle workshops. Our challenge is to stimulate interest in the blessing among the 550 guests who have heard Father, Mother or the True Children directly in the past 15 months. Poppy Richie leads the outreach committee, encouraging sisters to witness at the book and information tables set up by CARP on various

Bay Area campuses. Annie Calavan and a couple of guest speakers have been giving talks on natural healing. Pat Dettlefsen gives lunch-time lectures on the UC Berkeley campus.

The Korean WFWP women hold a monthly potluck fellowship dinner and introductory program. Chaired by Mrs. Tomiko Nojima, the Japanese WFWP offers classes in the Japanese language, flower arranging, cooking and origami, as well as a monthly Principle seminar.

Southern California WFWP members set a goal to hold 40 one-day blessing workshops by the time of the 1995 blessing. To accomplish this, we planned to hold two workshops every month. A surprisingly large number of sisters volunteered to lecture. Many of them had never lectured before, but were excited to be involved on this level at this time. We planned a series of four lectures: Creation, the Fall, Consummation of Human History, and ending with Christology, or "The Restoration of the True Family." Each sister was assigned to prepare one lecture. An emcee was assigned to coordinate, and one sister volunteered to give a personal testimony at the end of each day.

The Nevada sisters are small in number and separated by wide distances. Chairwoman Robin Schwyter has faithfully convened them once a month to discuss common concerns and strengthen fellowship. In Hawaii, Claire Yasutake organizes monthly meetings, following up on the guests at their December awards banquet. Kim Gunterman has taken over leadership of the Arizona WFWP.

### Excerpt of Letter from Dr. Grushevoy

"We are also grateful for the time given to us to learn more about your lives and to hear the deeper meaning of the International Blessing in 1995. We hope that we might be able to attend this great event with our wives and that we might join the Women's Federation for World Peace in international cooperation."



## Communication between Dr. Sang Hun Lee on Earth and His Wife in the Spirit World

The following excerpts were taken from letters sent back and forth in November 1991, through a medium, between Dr. Sang Hun Lee on earth, and his wife, Han Sook Kim, who is in the spirit world. They were blessed with the original 36 couples.

**Q.** Where do you live?

**A.** I live in the most royal place. I can go to the lower places any time.

**Q.** How do you help people in the spirit world?

**A.** I comfort them by giving them love and by talking to them. I witness to people and tell them about True Parents. But, like many people on earth, they are not willing to listen. However, people who have merit on earth try to listen.

**Q.** How do people in spirit world communicate?

**A.** When we look at each other, our minds have give and take. We can understand each other by feelings; we communicate mind to mind. Loving light shines out of people's eyes. In the lower places, people live in darkness, and their faces are dark. When we go to those places, we communicate with light.

**Q.** Do you wear clothing and eat food?

**A.** Yes. If we think about wearing some kind of clothing, those clothes naturally appear. Since whatever we think about happens, we don't worry about food, clothing or shelter. However, people in the lower places cannot make such things happen.

**Q.** How can people in the spirit world rise to a higher position?

**A.** When their descendants do good deeds for others. If a descendant does

something that greatly helps others, they can suddenly come to the royal family place.

**Q.** How is music created and communicated?

**A.** If we want to listen to a hymn, suddenly the sound of the hymn reaches our ears. Whatever song or refined music we think about, it reaches our ears. We can hear such things together. We can dance, too. Our mood is like flowers in the full moon. It is very difficult to express unless you come here. People in the lower levels of spirit world don't have such experiences.

**Q.** On earth we show love by talking to people, giving them things, serving them, working together with them, and helping those who are poor or experiencing difficulties. How do people in high realms of spirit world express love?

**A.** Love is supreme, in both the physical world and the spirit world. Even though we live together as a royal family, we still have difficulties and go through struggles. However, if we keep a loving mind, our love is transferred to another person and melts their struggles like snow melts in springtime. In the spirit world we cannot solve problems by giving people money. Instead, we practice a serving heart.

**Q.** How do you express horizontal love to others?

**A.** We have give and take through the mind and eyes. For conjugal love we go to the physical world. Even though you don't realize it, I come near to you many times, and I come back with joy. You are a public man, but can you give me, your wife, some love too? Can you understand how pained I am to see you eating alone? I will be with you whenever you are alone. Whenever you feel alone, please

look at this flower (an oriental orchid) which I am giving. This is my gift for you.

**Q.** What are the lower levels like?

**A.** People are always crying and fighting. There are bad smells. In the physical world you cannot imagine what hell is like. Though I went there a couple of times, I realize that love is the highest of all. In the higher level we live in bright weather; the lower level is like a cold winter night where there is no music.

In addition to answering her husband's questions, Mrs. Lee talked about preparing for the spirit world and the nature of their daily life there.

If you attend True Parents with filial piety, you don't need to worry about whether you will come to this wonderful place in spirit world. If you witness and lead a life of prayer and devotion, you can come here even without your ancestors' good merit.

Our children need to receive the blessing. Without exception, people need to receive the blessing in order to experience happiness in the spirit world. Before you come to this world, you must see that our children are blessed. Otherwise, we will not have a foundation.

Even though I miss you, I don't wait for you to come here soon. Please live a long life and attend True Parents.

We pray a lot for True Parents' health. Rev. Hyo Won Eu gives Divine Principle lectures without resting. Heung Jin Nim and Great Mother Hong pray again and again for True Parents' health with incredible sincerity. Especially Great Mother Hong prays unceasingly for True Mother, True Children and True Grandchildren.

Our daily life consists of prayer, singing hymns and service. Our life is such a beautiful heavenly kingdom life.

Adapted from letters published in the *Unification News*.

## Report on True Parents' Birthday

When True Parents returned to America, Father asked Peter Kim to give some highlights of Mother's speaking tour. He reported that between Father, Mother and True Children, 208 speeches were given. He suggested the slogan: "Let's Remember 1993." We need to remember how hard True Parents and True Children worked to give this proclamation and how hard True Father worked to train over 50,000 Japanese women on Cheju Island.

Mr. Kim spoke of Mother's courage and bravery as she spoke on Korean campuses. He said that Korean campuses are known as "rough ground." There is communist infiltration among the students, and radical students banged the door to disturb several speeches. Mr. Kim felt it was dangerous, but Mother never skipped any campuses, and as she left each one she smiled and waved her hand.

He spoke of the record-making speech Mother gave to the Korean Congress. He explained that the Korean Congress building is not open to the public, but one righteous congressman arranged for the speech at the risk of his position, saying, "I will do it because I believe in it."

Mr. Kim spoke of Mother's fighting spirit and her unity with Father and Heavenly Father. Not a single accident occurred on the world tour because of this unity.

Father waited for Mother at Cheju Island. He helped the grandchildren sing a congratulatory song to Mother each day. Father trained 51,800 Japanese women. Sixteen hundred women leaders from this group are being sent out to 160 nations (ten to each nation) for the next three years. Let us keep these women in our prayers.

On February 16, 1994, the day after True Parents' Birthday, True Father spoke to leaders at East Garden. From 1993 to 2000 is a seven-year period. The

entire world must be restored and the Kingdom of God must be established on earth. The Bride culture must be restored through WFWP. This is the role and responsibility of WFWP. After World War II, women in the West (American women) were like queens, but they couldn't take up the responsibility. There was no king. In Western society, men have been in the servant's position. If husbands were in the position of king, the wives couldn't treat them as they do. They just followed their instincts. Women are responsible to educate their husbands to be king. Children should be educated to be future kings and queens.

Father said that men are in the position to obey and treat their wife and children as queen, princes and princesses. When they are totally united and engrafted to True Father, then they can be perfected on all levels.

It's time to put the second generation out front. The year 1993 was a turning point. We should now plant a new root. Our first generation has old habits and are "stale." The second generation was born in the wilderness and are "clean."

You should have one conviction until you enter Canaan: to follow God's will. Keep telling yourself, "Even if I lose my life, I will follow this." Then you are qualified to enter Canaan. In order to protect the second generation, we must go through whatever suffering lies ahead.

Your attitude should be: "I have a baby in my womb who will be strong enough to conquer all the tribes and then enter Canaan." When Mary was carrying Jesus in her womb, she stuck her neck out. I encourage you to be willing to sacrifice your life.

Father spoke of the first Youth Conference for World Peace in Moscow, which he asked Dr. Seuk to organize. Representatives of North and South Korea, Japan, Russia, the US, and China gathered, discussed and shared together.

Father spoke to the Japanese leaders about how he wants 700,000 women from Japan to come for training in 1994.

Father asked all WFWP leaders to stand. He mentioned Nora's name, saying, "By now you should be able to move this country." Father asked, "Do you want to do your mission like a machine gun or a single shooter? What about visiting every family in America? You must gather together and make a loud noise. Use your mouth more for God than for yourself and your family. When this time is over, no matter how much you offer, it will not be needed."

Father talked about making a United Nations Federation for World Peace. Nora (and all of us) should be able to go to the UN and speak. Father trained WFWP as lecturers and told them not to follow the tradition of man leaders in America. Sisters are united in heart with Father, and men are in the Archangel position. Sisters should follow in the footsteps of Mother and do more than the 168 speeches that Mother gave last year.

With the 1600 graduates of the Cheju Island training going to 160 countries, Father is planning to form a high-level women's organization in each country. Then these women can go to the UN and influence it as a unit.

Starting in March, Mother and True Children will speak on American university campuses. From today, we should be giving lectures eight hours a day on campuses. Use the YWCA and YMCA and give talks on scriptures. Each student should bring 100 students.

Father directed us to go back and prepare for Mother's speech. We should sell the videotapes of Mother's speech to help pay for the tour. WFWP members should offer \$10,000 to save the country.

Father led the conference with much energy, enthusiasm, and vision. We could all feel his determination to fulfill God's vision for families, tribes, nations and the world.

- Betsy Jones

## Battered Women Hear Speech

Laurette Heppell, the Pueblo, Colorado city leader, arranged with the director of the YWCA in Pueblo to have me present the WFWP ideals to the women of the local battered women's shelter.

It was a snowy night in November when I arrived with my two children at my parents' home. My mother was very upset that I, nine months pregnant, had made the two-hour drive in such bad weather. I had considered canceling the talk, but I had felt it might be the only opportunity for me to present Mother's speech in my hometown.

The next morning I mustered up the courage to ask my mother to accompany me to my talk. At first she said no, but then changed her mind and agreed to come. There were about ten women assembled for the presentation. Laurette set the tone with a warm welcome and introduction. I began my presentation by giving a historical perspective of WFWP activities and the work Mother is doing. I then passed out her speech and began to read.

On the second page, the YWCA director interrupted me: "You're not going to read this entire speech, are you?" she demanded. "These women want to hear how WFWP can provide assistance in domestic violence."

"Mrs. Moon has provided a religious perspective of the causes of domestic violence and the breakdown of the family and explained how God is working in history to restore these problems," I responded. I then asked, "Is there anyone who would like me to continue reading?" One woman loudly said, "I want her to read the speech."

Because of her enthusiastic response, I immediately resumed reading and read the speech in its entirety. After the presentation, we spoke more about the breakdown of the family, substance abuse, and domestic violence. Everyone agreed that these problems stem from the breakdown of the first family. We shared

For years I have tried to connect my family to the incredible work of True Parents. I have cried so many tears hoping that they could understand the importance of the work I have been doing. My mother would not attend the speech which Father gave in Denver, but she was able to receive the same speech given by

her own daughter in our hometown. I felt that it was a great victory. Even though it was cold outside, I felt it was warm inside, a day full of Heavenly Father's love, appreciation and joy.

- Linda Lucero-Cornier

### Message from Heavenly Mother

The following letter was given to all Unification Church sisters through some inspiration received by Sharon Goodman:

**Heavenly Father:** We love you because you do this work. You were born to be the first parents. No, I never told you that, because you never could have been my soldiers, could you? If you would have known the Mother's heart, you would want to spend all your time in those arms—after having been separated for such a long, long time. So you had to do with me, your Heavenly Father, who guided you and helped make this structure so that you could make the foundation (True) Father needed. I asked things of you I didn't want you to have to do. But I had to ask you to do these things to make this day possible. I had to be a bit cold—please understand how hard this was, but (True) Father comforted me in my dilemma. He never made me ask him. He just understood what I needed and went about this task. He never complained, and actually that was the only way I could be comforted through those painful years. When you were in pain, I was too. But if you did your task without tears, then I was awed by you.

**Heavenly Mother:** I have longed for my children, to hold them, to experience skin touch, to hold each and every one of my babies. Now I, Mother God, can step towards you. Holy spirits have assisted the birthing process of your hearts, like midwives preparing your hearts. But I long to be with you now in shimjung. You parents have experienced me many times, although it was my invisible face. You could experience me through birth. You looked for an example in (True) Mother, but it wasn't my time. Now as you come to know me you step into the awesome, unconditional core of true love. Please meet me there. I welcome you at last. My arms are free, and you, my children, are ready.

about the courage and unending love many women possess, which enables them to face the many problems they may confront in their daily lives. We also spoke of the importance of the position of the mother in educating children and her vital role as the unifier in the family.

We finished our presentation with refreshments. Even though our time was up, most of the women just didn't want to let us go. We were like spiritual magnets. Absolutely, WFWP has so much to offer to women from all walks of life.

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## New Slide Lectures

Three new slide lecture programs now available through CARP:

1. **Our Invisible Life** - an elaboration of the section on the spirit world from the Principle of Creation. 40 slides, with lecture manual and notes: \$100.00.

2. **Values and Education** - gives the Principle basis for values and education. 80 slides, with lecture manual and notes: \$175.00.

3. **The Private Plague** - deals with issue of sexually-transmitted diseases and emphasizes the need for

abstinence. A joint project of CARP and Dr. William Bergman: \$175.00.

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In the next month we will have available through the national WFWP office the text and slides for the one-day Divine Principle seminar for women. We will let you know when it is ready. It was well received in New York.

- Betsy Jones



## WFWP Founder to Speak on University Campuses

Concern for deteriorating family life has motivated our founder, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, to make a speaking tour of American university campuses during the months of March and April, with a message of parental concern. In her speech she will address concepts such as free sex, immorality, and the role of women in a changing world.

## Japanese & American WFWP Presidents Meet

Mrs. Motoko Sugiyama, president of WFWP, Japan, visited the United States for several days in January, staying in the home of Nora Spurgin, president of WFWP, America. "It was a wonderful opportunity to share our activities and concerns," says Mrs. Spurgin.

WFWP in Japan has been very active throughout Asia. They have aided a Philippines UNICEF project to provide mobile schools for children who live in the mountains and would otherwise be uneducated. One project provides scholarships to Japanese universities for qualifying women students from other parts of Asia. They provide 50 to 70 one-year scholarships for students working on graduate degrees.

Mrs. Sugiyama stated that the Japanese WFWP has four goals:

- To become women of world vision.*
- To reconstruct family values.*
- To reconstruct education for youth.*
- To expand the forum for international exchange and aid.*

In Japan, the WFWP members maintain a sex education campaign focusing on abstinence and self control, through providing educational materials and sponsoring symposiums and seminars.

Although Japan is an enormous ocean away from America, we share many of the same concerns. Our best wishes for success to WFWP in Japan!



*Josette Shiner, WFWP vice president and managing editor of the Washington Times, met with President and Mrs. Clinton at the 1993 White House Christmas party.*

## WFWP Vice-President Josette Shiner Woman on the Move

Josette Shiner is managing editor of the Washington Times, the only conservative newspaper in Washington, DC. As managing editor, Mrs. Shiner is responsible for planning and directing of the newspaper's daily news coverage as well as coordinating a staff of 250.

Previous to her present position, Mrs. Shiner served for 15 years as a reporter and editor. During this time she covered events at the White House, three presidential campaigns and conventions, Congress and the State Department.

During the past decade, she has interviewed many world leaders, including Helmut Kohl, Margaret Thatcher and the Dalai Lama, as well as several US presidents, including Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton. In addition, Mrs. Shiner has made regular appearances on CNN, C-SPAN, Fox TV, and other news programs.

Beyond her interviews with American presidents, Mrs. Shiner had an

exclusive interview with one of the world's hardest-to-reach leaders, Kim Il Sung of North Korea. The interview with her was the first he gave to the American press in 20 years.

Mrs. Shiner is a 1975 graduate of the University of Colorado and has been listed in *Who's Who of American Women*, *Who's Who in the East*, *Who's Who in Professional and Executive Women*, *Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America*, and *International Who's Who of Intellectuals*.

Recently Mrs. Shiner was interviewed in New York by Brett Moss, a former talk show host from San Francisco. The interview covered the following topics: Josette's career as a woman journalist, understanding the media, inside Washington and foreign policy. In the next two issues, parts of the interview with this exemplary woman leader will appear.

- Betsy Jones

## Children's Lives on the Line

When Dr. Luda Leschova from Minsk, Belarus talked, there wasn't a dry eye in the house. She spoke in Albuquerque, New Mexico on November 5, interpreting for six beautiful Belarusian children who were in Albuquerque for nine weeks to clean out their systems from radiation caused by Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster of 1986.

Dr. Leschova works for Children of Chernobyl, an organization that has already enabled 40,000 children to visit other countries for the same cleansing purpose. She is also a professor at the Institute of Foreign Languages and Literature in Minsk.

Dr. Leschova's finest quality is her unabashed modesty. She began her talk by apologizing profusely for not wearing Belarusian clothes, but rather fancy American ones. Then she assured us that she had been no "saint" during the attempted coup of 1991. Although she had protested at the risk of losing her life and her family, she felt that she was an ordinary Soviet citizen at the time. She admonished us that we should rather admire someone like Sakharov, who spoke up long before the coup attempt.

Her personal story of how she dealt with the Chernobyl crisis cannot be adequately paraphrased. She had inadvertently exposed her family to the worst part of the radiation by going to visit her parents who live quite near Chernobyl soon after the blast. She shared her incredible joy when she found uncontaminated food on the streets of Minsk for her children. In addition, she shared her terror when she thought about her newborn baby for whom she could find no milk, and she was somehow unable to provide it.

Two thirds of the best farm land has been contaminated in Belarus, and with the breakup of the Soviet Union, the economic possibilities for Belarus are the most bleak. From the very beginning, the Soviet government distributed deadly

misinformation to the world and to the Belarusian people. For Dr. Leschova, the cover-up of the tremendous Chernobyl tragedy has been the worst crime in human history.

When the Chernobyl nuclear reactor exploded, strong winds carried a cloud of poisonous radiation to the northeast. Seventy percent of the radiation fell on the fertile land of Belarus. The effects of the radiation will continue to impact the land and its people for centuries.

Dr. Leschova found hope in the people of Albuquerque, who sponsored the nine Chernobyl children through a grass-roots organization called Friends-to-Friends. Much of the impetus for this organization came from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Boitano. The organization has continued to bring children to Albuquerque as well as to send goods to Minsk and the contaminated areas.

## WFWP Hosts Founder of Chernobyl Fund

Washington state WFWP leader, Nancy Oldenettel, learned about the plight of the children who are victims of the Chernobyl nuclear explosion through a PBS special in 1990. Since that time she has been in contact with the founders of the Children of Chernobyl Fund and has recently arranged for the founder and director of the fund, Gennady Grushevoy and his interpreter, Yuri Pankratz, to visit the United States and recruit help.

With Nancy, they toured the Pacific Northwest, where they spoke in schools and at programs sponsored by WFWP. They also visited Kodiak, Alaska, for a WFWP event there.

The local newspaper cited Nancy's work in a front-page article with two large photos, describing the plight of the children who are victims of excessive radiation and giving Nancy's phone number for those who wish to contribute help.

Nora Spurgin received a beautiful letter of gratitude from Drs. Grushevoy and Pankratz. Following is an excerpt:

Hopefully, Dr. Leschova will be able to come again next year. We will again welcome her deeply in our hearts as she has taught us much by her rare combination of modesty, love, fighting spirit and warmth. She is truly a model for any woman who belongs to this Federation.

## Hawaii Raises Money for Belarus

On December 29, the WFWP of Hawaii held an awards banquet and fundraiser at the Kahala Hilton for the Belarusian Women's Committee to Aid the Victims of the Chernobyl Disaster. A special operatic performance by Maria Y. Iida paid tribute to Teiko Kiwa. Awards were presented to an outstanding mother who volunteers at the Red Cross and an outstanding grandmother who takes care of handicapped adults.

"We had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Moon speak in Minsk.... As representatives of the many children in Belarus whose lives have been drastically altered by the Chernobyl disaster, we extend our deepest gratitude for the effort of the Women's Federation for World Peace to make our visit to the Northwest region including Kodiak as success.

"Each person to whom we speak and each person with whom we meet increases the possibility that constructive action will be taken to help these children. As the events have unfolded in our homeland it becomes more clear that the Chernobyl accident was not only a warning to the world but also a symbol of the need for us to view our world as an 'interdependent family.' This is a time of incredible new beginning and spiritual rebirth for all of us. WFWP's efforts on behalf of our fund and the children for whom we volunteer has made our visit to the United States a beneficial one for the children of Belarus. We are indebted to you for all you have done and we will remember your kindness forever."



## Mrs. Spurgin & Mrs. Jones Attend UN Meet

A Fourth World Conference on Women will be held in Beijing, China in 1995. WFWP representatives have been invited to join the Planning Committee, which is preparing for this conference and the accompanying NGO Forum (NGO stands for non-government organizations).

The Planning Committee promotes broad participation of men and women

from all geographic areas in making local, national, regional and global preparations for the World Conference on Women and NGO Forum. It is also a means for exchanging information and expertise among concerned individuals, non-governmental organizations, and governmental delegates. Nora Spurgin and Betsy Jones will attend the March 5 Planning Committee at the U.N., representing WFWP.

## WFWP Women Attend Moscow Conference

Two WFWP women university students, Marilyn Valdes from Columbia and Cara Jones from Princeton, attended a conference for world peace in Moscow on February 13.

Students and professors from China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the United States, and Russia were in attendance. The founders of the conference, Rev. and Mrs. Moon, sent a letter of greeting stating, "as young people from East and West, you represent the future of our world. It is our hope that this future will be one of true peace as

humankind moves beyond the prejudices of the past. To this end, we encourage your consideration of the theoretical and practical implications of the conference theme: 'New Values and Reassessment of Existing Values in the 21st Century.'"

Cara Jones said that "although the conference focused on the political and economic aspects of world peace, it came about because of the spiritual ideal we have always talked about. It was like seeing the work of Rev. and Mrs. Moon bearing fruit in another way. The most significant aspect was the cross-cultural dialogue."

- Betsy Jones

## Educator in Belarus Asks for Materials

Linda Haft writes from Minsk, the capital of Belarus (a part of the former Soviet Union).

"I give abstinence-based sexual education programs as a WFWP event, saying that one of our goals is for women around the world to exchange information on families and the education of children. I have given these programs in ten schools and am booked through March.

"Please let us know if anyone has printed literature on family subjects, as they need so much help here, and we have no resources. Would there be a WFWP exchange of information program? "WFWP has connected with a group called Parents Association for Invalid Children. The association is

working to overcome society's intolerance for physically challenged children. Any groups in the U.S.A. who would like to connect or share information (for example, on exercises, the arts, stress management for parents, etc.), please contact me."

Any materials can be sent to:

**Mrs. Linda Haft for Belarus**  
c/o WFWP  
4 West 43rd Street  
New York, NY 10036

Linda also reports that she was able to get close enough for President Clinton to notice her and shake her hand during his January visit to Minsk. "I felt so strongly that this was not my hand but the hand representing God's work in Belarus," Linda concludes.

## WFWP Statement of Beliefs

1. We believe that both men and women are created in the image of God, and are equal in value and should be given opportunities to contribute their unique qualities and perspectives to leadership in the larger society.

2. We believe in the sanctity of marriage and that the nuclear family should be held as the ideal norm for a healthy society.

3. We hold that chastity before marriage and fidelity in marriage are desirable goals and will help re-direct our youth to more constructive and healthier lives.

4. We believe that self-centeredness is the root of many personal and societal problems; correction of these problems will begin with teaching true love and the value of living for others.

5. We believe that through educating families in true parenting skills, they can be enabled to practice true love within the home and on every other level of society.

6. We believe that women of all nations are entitled to recognition of their true value. We support women's desires to take leadership in society and reject practices in which women are oppressed or discriminated against.

7. We believe that women can transcend religious traditions and doctrines and racial and national barriers to join together with men in facilitating global peace.

8. We believe that conflict resolution should be achieved whenever possible through dialogue and reconciliation, empathy and compassion, repentance and forgiveness, rather than by violence.

## No. California WFWP Hosts Holiday Parties

Northern California WFWP members hosted year-end parties for previous guests. Artistically-minded WFWP members painstakingly hand-made over 500 lovely Christmas cards which were mailed to our contacts with an invitation to a special Christmas party on December 19. The week before the party we "decked the halls" and made ornaments for the Christmas tree, garlands of popcorn and cranberries, Christmas candles, stars, chains, etc., all accompanied by spirited singing of Christmas carols and constant nibbling on Christmas treats.

When the day of the party arrived, everyone, WFWP members and guests, brought Christmas goodies to share and also a wrapped, mysterious "white elephant gift" (something you have around your house that you do not need but which would make a good gift for someone else). We put the gifts under the Christmas tree. At one point everyone chose one, and we were amazed at how each gift was suited to its recipient.

The Sunshine School Players presented a shadow puppet play, Hans Christian Anderson's "The Little Match Girl," which made everyone misty-eyed. LinAn Balke accompanied a choir in Christmas carols. Then we sang, ate, laughed and shared to our hearts' content.

On January 9, the Japanese WFWP held a special Japanese New Year party. Again, the theme was fellowship, although we began with an introduction of the WFWP and a videotape on our founder, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon.

We enjoyed a sampler of the cultural programs which the Japanese WFWP offers regularly: a Japanese dance, a brief Japanese language lesson, a fashion show of guests dressed in traditional kimonos, a formal tea ceremony, and a traditional Japanese new year dinner. It was a wonderful, cross-cultural time of sharing and new discoveries.

- Kristina Seher

## A Note about the WFWP Newsletter

Beginning with this issue, newsletters will be mailed directly to every sponsoring member of the Women's Federation for World Peace. Sponsoring membership is \$120 per year. Renewal forms will be mailed directly to members. For new membership, please write to headquarters or contact your local WFWP chairwoman. One half of the annual fee is sent to headquarters and the other half is kept in the local headquarters to cover local operating expenses. It is our hope to greatly expand WFWP membership during the coming year.

- Nora Spurgin

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**HONOR America** is a network of groups and individuals working to *Heal Our Nation* and restore the dignity of America through:

1. Actively encouraging people to participate in **Operation Heal Our Nation** and in so doing, exemplify a life of living for the sake of others.
2. Acknowledging the accomplishments and selfless public service of those who are working to **Heal Our Nation** and put them **On Record**. (Hence, the acronym HONOR: Heal Our Nation—On Record.)

**B**ecause we honor America, its history and its high ideals, we refuse to watch this greatness erode. Therefore, we seek to reclaim and renew the meaning of being an American: a citizen of a nation whose principles are based on integrity and responsible self-sacrifice.

**O**ur goal is to make substantial headway before the year 2000. The *Women's Federation for World Peace* is one sponsoring organization urgently calling all individuals, and especially women, to this critical task of healing our nation. **Operation Heal Our Nation** encourages each of us to be ennobled through service to others.

### **What is one person to do?**

*(You may already be doing something about it!)*

**E**ach person who chooses an Area of Concern (see over) and does one activity per month effectively has joined **Operation Heal Our Nation**. The sponsoring organizations are working together to put selfless public service **On Record**. By so doing, we are multiplying the impact and effectiveness of individual acts of service to positively influence families and communities throughout the nation.

### **Steps to Take Now**

- Sign the HONOR America Determination Form (below) in recognition of your commitment and solidarity with the goal of healing our nation.
- Choose one Area of Concern and make it your focus.
- Choose one (or more) activity per month from the list of activities and carry it out. You could even make a plan for the year....  
it's still early in 1994.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Person who introduced you to **Operation Heal Our Nation**: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Areas of Concern

*These areas of concern listed below have the problem stated on the left and its antithesis on the right. There are many special interest groups, service projects, and educational programs associated with your Area of Concern (AOC). Contact your local WFWP for resource materials regarding local groups and their activities.*

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Antithesis</b>
Poverty & Homelessness	Prosperity & the Spirit of Service to Others
Broken & Dysfunctional Families	Empowering the Family
Abused Children	Developing Good Parenting Skills
Abused Women	Marriage: Dealing with Emotion, Stress, Sexuality, and Intimate Relationships
The Elderly	Bridging the Intergenerational Gap
Teenage Pregnancy, STD's	Abstinence, Maturing into Fidelity
Substance Abuse	Spiritual Alternatives
Racial Prejudice, Ethnic Strife & Disharmony	Creating a Global Family
Youth Violence & Gang Crime	Character Training
Pornography	Sanctity & Sexuality
Caring for the Environment, our Planet Earth	Global Stewardship into the 21st Century
Other Concerns	

## Monthly Activities

*These are some suggestions, but you are not limited to these. Any specific action taken monthly (or more often) that will contribute to the solution of the afore mentioned concerns constitutes a Monthly Activity.*

- Read a book on your AOC.
- Make a special prayer (write it out).
- Visit someone who needs help and healing in your AOC.
- Make a phone call to someone who needs healing in your AOC.
- Send a letter to someone who needs healing, or send a letter to your congressperson, etc.
- Send a contribution (large or small) to a person or an organization in your AOC.
- Speak out. Schedule a talk on your AOC in the local library and get others involved.
- Give out literature.
- Show a videotape.
- Create a prayer group.
- Tutor a child.
- Find other women with the same AOC and do an activity together.

*If you have any further questions, know groups for individuals to work with in any of the above mentioned Areas of Concern, or would like some more information, please contact your local WFWP Chapter, or the person who introduced you to HONOR America.*