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## The Future of Humankind Is Rooted in the Future of the Pacific Rim Region\*

At such intense times, what exactly should be the role of America and the United Nations? **Hawaii** in the Pacific and **Norfolk** on the Atlantic bridge East and West, link North and South, and represent the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and all the great oceans of the world. With the support and protection of the American continent, the Korean Peninsula should protect and defend the Pacific Rim region by bringing together all the island nations of the Pacific. I say this because the future of humankind lies in the preservation of the Pacific Rim region centering on Korea, Japan and the United States.

Only when peace and security are settled in the Pacific Rim can peace for all humankind be guaranteed. As I have mentioned, the small island nations by themselves will not be able to stop the incredible tsunami of powerful nations moving into the region. The time has come, therefore, for all these small island nations in the Pacific Rim sphere to unite as one and build the homeland of the new civilization. The small island nations dispersed in both the northern and southern regions of the Pacific, on either side of the equator, as well as Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia, the Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand and other countries, should become



*Archbishop Stallings (left) is introducing Rev. Dr. Moon as the Keynote Speaker.*

as one country and form one union to sustain peace throughout the Pacific Rim civilization. This will secure peace and stability for all people.

\* Excerpts from the Peace Message Number13



American Clergy Leadership Conference

# ACLCL 3-Day National Convocation

## Los Angeles

January 24 (Thu.) to 26 (Sat.), 2008  
Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Airport Hotel  
[www.sheratonlosangeles.com](http://www.sheratonlosangeles.com)



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### Registration Fee

ACLCL Member: \$250 Non-Member: \$300

### Registration (Due is Jan. 18, 2008)

Fax to (202)384-4700 Email to [registration@aclc.info](mailto:registration@aclc.info)

(For details, please call ACLCL office at (202)319-3200 ext. 141)



## Peace, History Come Together at The First Women's National Conference at Norfolk, Virginia on November 29 to December 01, 2007

**D**escendants of Colonial settlers and American Indians came together Saturday for a conference and reconciliation ceremony at **Norfolk, Virginia**. The three-hour event at the Holiday Inn Select was an effort in "acknowledging that we all belong in the circle of life," keynote speaker Angela Daniel said to attendees.

"It's never too late for peace," said Daniel, an adopted member of the Mattaponi tribe and an anthropology doctoral student who co-wrote "The True Story of Pocahontas: The Other Side of History." The event was held in Norfolk because of its proximity to **Jamestown, where Europeans encountered Indians 400 years ago. It was sponsored by the Women in Ministry of the American Clergy Leadership Conference and five other organizations.** The program, which focused on American Indian women, had tribal dancing and a gift presentation from descendants of the country's Founding Fathers. The Apache, Arapaho, Blackfoot, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Chickahominy, Lakota Sioux, Omaha, Pueblo and Seminole were among the represented tribes.



Mrs. Reiko Jenkins (left) and other conference staffs (12/01/07)

## Did you know the Native American Princess, Pocahontas?

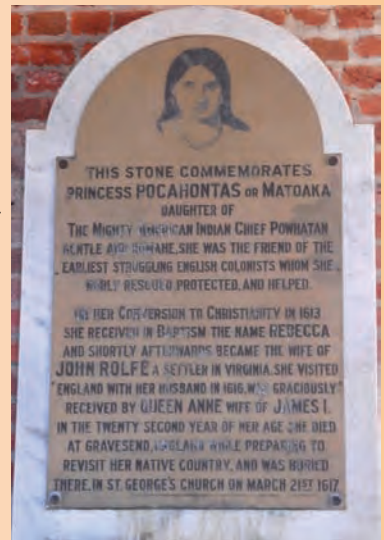


Pocahontas (1596-1617)

**M**any people have seen the popular Disney movie, Pocahontas. But, here is the true story of an Indian princess and the English settlers at Jamestown. In 1607 the English established a colony at Jamestown, Virginia. But the harsh winters were more difficult than the settlers had planned and they soon found that their supplies were becoming dangerously low.

One day, during 1608, Captain John Smith and some of his men were captured by Native Americans while they were out searching for food. Captain Smith's men were all killed and he was taken to Chief Powhatan. The mighty Indian Chief ordered that Smith be killed. At the last moment, the Chief's daughter, 13 year old Pocahontas, pleaded with her father and saved Captain Smith's life.

Pocahontas will always be remembered as the Indian princess who risked her own life to save Captain John Smith and the settlers of Jamestown. But the really notable aspect of her short life is that she was the first Native American in the new world to be converted and accept Jesus Christ.





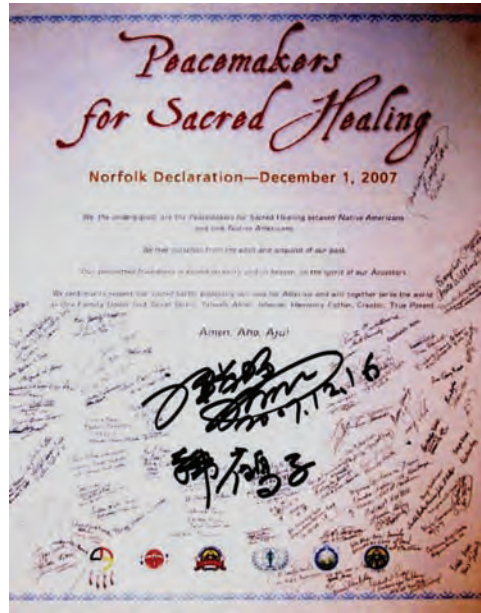
## National Event



Mrs. Carol Keanaaina, wife of the King Kamehameha 7th taking about the last Hawaii Queen Liliuokalani at the Women In Ministry Conference. (11/29/07)



Conference participants are waving blue handkerchiefs symbolizing sacred healing.



Norfolk Declaration signed by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, his wife and participants.

## Did you know Hawaii's Last Queen, Liliuokalani?

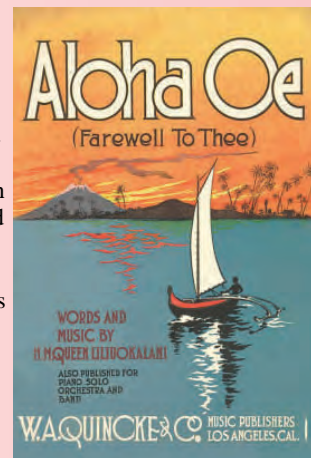


Liliuokalani (1838-1917)

Liliuokalani, Hawaii's last sovereign queen was born on September 2, 1838 in [Honolulu](#). She received her education at the Royal School. She was a Christian and in 1862, she married John Owen Dominis, the son of an American sea captain.

When her brother King Kalakaua died in January, 1891, Liliuokalani ascended to the Hawaiian throne. Government ministers insisted that Liliuokalani immediately sign an oath to uphold the constitution that had been forced upon her brother. Under the constitution, Liliuokalani wielded little power. She formed a Cabinet three times, and each time it was rejected by the Legislature. She drafted a strongly royalist constitution, but no one supported it.

The queen withdrew to her residence, Washington Place, and urged her supporters to be patient and avoid bloodshed. A fierce uprising was firmly squelched in January 1895, and although she denied playing a role in the attempted takeover, Liliuokalani was arrested and taken to a second-floor room at [Iolani Palace](#). It would serve as her jail cell for nearly a year. During her confinement, the queen wrote one of Hawaii's most beloved songs, "Aloha Oe" ("Farewell to Thee").



*Merry Christmas*



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**Rejoice in the spirit of Christmas which is Peace,  
the miracle of Christmas which is Hope,  
and the heart of Christmas which is Love.**

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Minister Reiko Jenkins, Women In Ministry  
Reverend Ethel Hayes, Women In Ministry  
Reverend Tanya Edwards, Women In Ministry*

# Global Peace Festival

The Global Peace Festival just concluded in Manila. The Festival in the Philippines had very broad sponsorship and support from NGOs, key Filipino elected officials, religious leaders and their organizations and government agencies.

A series of conferences were held concurrently throughout the week including the International Leadership Conference, the International Professors and Educators Conferences, the 2nd Youth Power Assembly and the International Youth Leadership Conference. The event site was visited by the President of the Philippines, the Honorable Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and a special address was given by Mr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in which he called on spiritual leaders to be thermostats and not thermometers so they can take the lead and “set” the temperature for peace.

Speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives Jose de Venecia, Jr. gave a most powerful address that was carried on the editorial page of the Manila Bulletin, Manila's most popular daily newspaper. The event culminated with the **“One Family Under God”** address by Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, which was received with great enthusiasm.

The main paper ran over-the-fold headlines in the days leading up to the event and gave fine coverage the day after. The nation was touched en masse and at the highest levels. The Global Peace Festival has begun a global series of peace movement activities to lift up the role of the family, the importance of interfaith dialogue, service and youth leadership, and the strengthening of moral character-based leadership to achieve a culture of peace and reconciliation of all nations, faiths and races based on true love and the heart of “Living for the Sake of Others.”





# Interfaith Summit for Peace in the Middle East Bringing the Family of Faiths Together for Peace



The 33rd Middle East Peace Initiative is now being held in Tiberias, Jerusalem, and Ramallah. Active engagement of faith leaders, NGOs and elected officials is once again in full motion.



*Interreligious Dialogue and Mutual Understanding among three Abrahamic faiths at MEPI conference. (12/07/07)*

We were welcomed by the leadership of the Druze community at their most holy site and conducted an interfaith service at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. It was beautiful to see Dr. Glaubach, a Jewish scholar; a Muslim cleric from Khazakistan; a Buddhist priest from Japan; and a prominent Christian bishop from Nazareth all offer prayers for the unity of God's people and appreciation to God for sending Jesus.

Through the consistent efforts of MEPI, trust is being solidified on all sides. Over 170 delegates are now attending from 41 countries. Breakthroughs are being experienced that are coming on the foundation of the many years of MEPI development and the work of the **American Clergy Leadership Conference**.



*Dr. Yang is speaking at MEPI conference. (12/07/07)*

The Chief Rabbi of Acco joined together with the former Bishop of Jerusalem of the Anglican Church, Sheikh Asi also of Acco, and Rabbi Aaron from the Hasidic community. Rev. James

Holly, civil rights leader and pastor of the Little Rock Baptist Church in Detroit, was joined by Imam Dawud Assad of the Islamic Center of Central New Jersey. Mrs. Anjun, a prominent Muslim leader from the United Kingdom, also contributed greatly. She is the first Muslim to be part of the official staff of the Anglican Church.



*Dr. Yang, Dr. Jenkins, UPF International HQ staffs and religious delegations who are attending MEPI conference in Ramallah, Israel. ( 12/08/07)*



## Middle East Peace Initiative

The leaders first expressed their appreciation for one another's faith. It afforded our MEPI delegation confirmation that there are many common values and principles that we share among the faith leaders of the Abrahamic family. It was as if there weren't any problems at all.



### Then the panel was asked to answer the questions:

*“What is the problem and why can we express love and unity in dialogue but our families and communities are fighting one another?”*



The spirit of MEPI is instilling hope and courage in the people of faith both in the Middle East and around the world to come together and contribute to solving the problems in Palestine and Israel. God is guiding us to go beyond all boundaries to come together as **One Family Under God**.



*Religious delegations are attending at “Providing Inter-faith Vision and Leadership at a Time of Global Crisis.” (12/06/07)*



## Local Events

### ACLCL December Prayer Breakfast Schedule in the 50 States

**Washington DC: Dec 16 (Sun) at 4:00PM**

Rev. Jean-Pierre Sonner: 845-532-3814

**Baltimore, Maryland: Dec 16 (Sun) at 4:00PM**

Mrs. Lynne Sofinowski: 410-446-8478

**Norfolk, Virginia: Dec 15 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. Akira Ota: 757-339-6084

**Harlem, New York: Dec 8 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. Edner Pierre-Louis: 212-316-0642

**Brooklyn, New York: Dec 27 (Thur) at 7PM**

Rev. Yasuhiro Hori: 347-744-7783

**Newark, New Jersey: Dec 15 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. Hitoshi Onishi: 973-413-5041

**Pennsylvania: Dec 15 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. Shota Iwasaki: 845-750-0585

**Boston, Massachusetts: Dec 14 (Thur) at 7PM**

Rev. Bismark Bamfo: 914-388-4025

**Bridgeport, Connecticut: Dec 14 (Thur) at 7PM**

Rev. Chris Hempowicz: 203-526-7394

**Maine: Dec 14 (Thur) at 7PM**

Rev. Greg Odlin: 207-730-2225

**New Hampshire: Dec 14 (Thur) at 7PM**

Sis. Yuri Hosoya: 404-444-0863

**Columbia, South Carolina: Dec 22 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. Seong Gi Hwang: 803-606-7119

**Orlando, Florida: Dec 20 (Thur) at 9AM**

Rev. Jeddie King: 407-873-2364

**Selma, Alabama: Dec 15 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. Tarry Yamane: 251-751-3198

**La Place, Louisiana: Dec 15 (Sun) at 3PM**

Rev. Jean Kasongo: 985-210-8696

**Columbus, Ohio: Dec 15 (Sat) at 7PM**

Sis. Gloria Laurent: 614-262-0138

**Dayton, Ohio: Dec 15 (Sat) at 7PM**

Rev. Celeste Vlastic: 937-672-1493

**Cleveland, Ohio: Dec 15 (Sat) at 7PM**

Sis. Keiko Biddle: 216-382-4832

**Charleston, West Virginia: Dec 29 (Fri) at 9AM**

Rev. Claudette Kambara: 304-552-4059

**Winston Salem, North Carolina: Dec 11 (Tue) at 7PM**

Rev. Burgi Hutcherson: 336-682-5695

**Louisville, Kentucky: Dec 15 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. David Powell: 502-608-2134

**Nashville, Tennessee: Dec 15 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. Yukihiro Saito: 615-289-4174

**Chicago, Illinois: Dec 18 (Tue) at 9AM**

Rev. Kazuo Takami: 773-991-6983

**Detroit, Michigan: Dec 15 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. David Kasbow: 734-546-4395

**Madison, Wisconsin: Dec 15 (Sat) at 7PM**

Rev. Jeff Schmidt: 920-889-1152

**Minneapolis, Minnesota: Dec 15 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. James Gavin: 612-290-6201

**St. Louis, Missouri: Dec 22 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. James Anderson: 314-323-0923

**Omaha, Nebraska: Dec 15 (Sat) at 9AM**

Sis. Theresa Tsubaki: 402-250-8768

**Kansas City, Kansas: Dec 8 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. Peter Saarna: 913-217-7196

**Salt Lake, Utah: Dec 8 (Sat) at 9AM**

Rev. Michael Stovall: 801-967-8013

**Anchorage, Alaska: Dec 20 (Thur) at 7PM**

Rev. Shang-Chih Hu: 907-229-4249





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## ACLC Statement of Purpose

- To provide moral direction for America and world leaders.
- To foster denominational unity and work with all religions.
- To dissolve racial barriers by practicing the principle of loving one's enemies.
- To unify the body of Christ (the Christian Church) and all Abrahamic faiths as one family under God.
- To promote the blessing of marriage and the end of divorce as well as strengthening family ties and cultivating a healthy environment for peace in the family and the community.
- To bring salvation through the teaching of Jesus and to live according to the virtues of all faiths.
- To actively participate in the renewal of the community by working together with people of faith and faith-based organizations in order to address the needs of people around the world.
- To pray and invite the Holy Spirit to work and then inspire and direct the people of the nation and the world.
- To work for an environment and culture of peace by living for the sake of others.