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A Sanctuary Welcoming All Faiths

Hyung-jin nim's speech at the regional presidents meeting on True Children's Day, October 29

Father has instructed us to build a temple to be used by two hundred and ten thousand members in Korea as the beginning point of the establishment of Cheon Il Guk. On October 12, he gave it the name *Cheon Bok Gung*.¹ Situated in the center of Seoul, it will become the foundation of the Unificationist Community that no one can refute, as well as the substantial foundation capable of moving the nation spiritually and bringing all religions into unity. That site will become the new Jerusalem....

At that temple serving two hundred and ten thousand members, the temple for world peace and unification—Cheon Bok Gung—we will work with True Parents to establish all religions' vertical relationship with True Parents.

We are making preparations even now. There will be a place for all religions to hold services. In this way, those religions will be able to come into a relationship with our Unification Family and with True Parents, vertically, and through the temple, we will be able to show the world a historic accomplishment.

The former president of Costa Rica visited us at our Headquarters Church, which at present has about five thousand members. We have plans to continue to invite prominent people. We will have them come to our Sunday service. In the future, dignitaries from around the world will come not only to attend our events, such as interreligious conferences, but to attend our services. We need to bring them to recognize True Parents.

Although we are a small church now, when our temple serving two hundred and ten thousand is built in a central location in Seoul, we can meet prominent leaders there. Based on our already having laid a foundation, we will be able to present things in such a way that people will come to attend our service and later become Unification Church members. I believe we will even get Elder Lee Myung-bak² to come to attend our service! [Aju!]

The crux of this is that though True Parents are able to influence Korea, socially and culturally, most important is that they can influence the nation spiritually. Through the temple, we will bring all religions to recognize True Parents' position. We have already established a Protestant-style Unification Church service and a Catholic-style service at the Headquarters Church, and we are initiating a Buddhist-style service. Now we will work with these religions and bring them into a relationship with True Parents. Religions will not connect to us horizontally but their followers will come to know True Father as the Messiah, the Maitreya and the True Man. This will be the substantiation of the content of the Resurrection chapter.

Cheon Bok Gung will be the headquarters and center of the Unificationist Community, and when people think of the Unification Church, what will come to mind is the image of representatives of the religions working with True Parents. That will be a scene representing the world.

This will not be just a one-off event: every week, Unification Church members—among them Buddhist Unification Church members, Protestant Unification Church members and Catholic Unification Church members—will come to attend services, practice and express their faith. Of course, a worldwide church such as the Yoido Full Gospel Church³ is big and

1 *Cheon Bok Gung* (천복궁) could be translated as "palace of heaven's blessing,"

2 The president of the Republic of Korea

3 He is referring to Pastor Cho Yong-gi's church, the main branch of which is in Yoido, Seoul.

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Toward 2013 and the Godly Constitution



What follows is True Father's speech at hoondokhae on October 14, 2008, the eighth anniversary of the Ceremony for the Liberation of the Spirit World, at King Garden, in Kona, Hawaii. Present were a number of True Family members, the 163 participants of the Education Session Proclaiming the Completion of the Liberated Realm of the Portion of Responsibility, and some twenty members of the Kona Church.

What you need to know at this time is that, centering on God, five of Father's children are in the spirit world. The central cores of the spiritual and physical worlds are united, and through the ascension of Hyo-jin into the spirit world the restoration [to God's side] through indemnity of the realm in which Allies and the dictatorial Communist Bloc and democratic nations all tried to chase out the owner and do everything as they liked—that is, trying to eliminate Heaven and become the center themselves—has been completed. The realms of substantial resurrection, resurrection through rebirth, and immortality have been instituted anew centering on me. Thus, I could proclaim the return of the spirits to the earth with God at the forefront.

This is the eighth year, isn't it? We need to connect the seven years, from the seventh year through the eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth,¹ and then enter the era wherein we can concentrate all our efforts. That is why an era of the type originally intended has dawned, in which completion and perfection can be achieved on earth through God in the spiritual realm, and through True Parents, and then transferred to the spirit world.

Therefore, knowing that the era has changed, True Parents, who are in direct control of the spiritual world, revealed *God's Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong*,² which will become the new

¹ Father appears to be indicating the seven-year period from 2007 to 2013. This becomes clearer much later in this speech.

² *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong* is a compilation of the first fifteen peace

constitution from God and for the heavenly kingdom. You should lead your lives according to *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong*. You should lead them in such a way that you don't go astray in any respect, because the couples you form are not yours alone.

You have gone back—to the position similar to that of Adam and Eve before the Fall in the Garden of Eden—so when all is said and done, this era wherein has been proclaimed the fulfillment of your responsibility and perfected liberation is our era. Many new and different races have emerged throughout history according to the different lineages. They are all separate.

Following the principle of the origin-division-union model, on the basis of the True Parents, there are three eras—the era of God, the era of the parents and the era of the grandchildren. The four-position foundation is perfected centered on the grandchildren. Centering on these first, second and third eras this will become the one seed from which will spring the one central root, branches, the one stem and the one bud, and the one flower, which will bloom. Fruit will come from the central buds along each branch. This fruit will have the same value as the fruit of the original, unfallen Adam's family.

Thus, all of those standing in God's stead and reigning over the physical world and all the families who have messages and messages from the spirit world. Now, at least one more speech has been added, and Father has renamed the work *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong*.

received the blessing in the position of Cain until now, numbering more than six thousand five hundred, and all those who have been recently blessed centering on True Parents, will be included in the realm of the royal family. There, the restoration of the right of the eldest son, the right of the parents and the right of kingship will take place. Next, with the realm of the royal family as the standard, and centering on the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven—and centering also on the origin and the standard of the relational beings with dual characteristics—the internal kingdom of heaven and the external kingdom of heaven that were divided at that point can, through true love and marriage over three generations, go through the action of origin-division-union, completely overturn what was lost in Eden and restore it. In that we are seeing the reality of a time when the era of the grandfather can become the era of the grandson, the era of the father the era of the son and the era of the grandson the era of the grandfather, (and because you are ready to accept it) this is not just words.

The fulfillment of the “liberated realm of the portion of responsibility”—which includes God’s responsibility, True Parents’ responsibility and the children’s responsibility—will be achieved on the basis of “absolute sex.”³ You need to understand this clearly. Do you understand?

Those who cannot maintain the standard of absolute sexual ethics know where they stand. They are far behind; whereas members of the families who have become perfect through practicing absolute sexual ethics are united in mind and body centering on True Parents and are not in conflict with each other. These descendants of the Fall who are standing in the era of the “settlement of noon” where no shadows are cast, are in the original position of either Adam or Eve; and the fulfillment of God’s responsibility, Adam and Eve’s responsibility and even your own conception in the womb is recognized as the fulfillment of responsibility. For that reason, the time you were born is not related to the fallen world and you are standing in the realm of True Parents’ benevolent grace.

Through the Fall, the one who was to be the true parent⁴ created false shadows. Because they could be completely eliminated and the era of liberation and complete inner freedom through indemnity could be proclaimed, it is the time when God can take the lead and True Parents can finally attend and serve Him as in the role of unfallen Adam and Eve. This refers to the perfection at the individual stage and at the same time the starting point of the perfection of the rest of the eight stages—family, tribe, race, nation, world, universe and God. You need to know this. Do you understand?

The Second Coming is fulfilled. Through True Parents’ children serving God and True Parents on earth, centering on the three generations, the fruit is harvested in the fourth generation. The fruits of four-position foundations over one, two, three generations is the fruitful family that is connected by one bloodline through three generations.

That is why everyone, whether they are heading for the gates of heaven by returning to a position that is free of shadows and of any traces of Satan’s Fall, or they are heading for

3 “Absolute sex” is a term Father coined, first in English, to express the standards of absolute faithfulness in the conjugal bond and of sexual purity prior to marriage. Father seems to use it to also refer to the fullness of the emotional and sexual bond between a husband and wife whose relationship is centered on God.

4 This is a reference to Adam (from the point of view of the position he was meant to achieve)

the gates of hell, will be completely liberated on the basis of complete sexual ethics that had been lost. Bearing in mind that we have entered a realm that was realized on the basis of the practice of absolute sex by which you become absolutely one, centering on the standard by which your conscience judges you, you should completely cleanse yourselves through a seven-year course.⁵ You should not merely restructure yourselves but straighten yourselves out completely.

You should completely offer up the results of this self-cleansing by the stated date of January 13, 2013. You should know that billions of families will achieve the perfected position as mature families through a new beginning as new Adams and Eves, and as new clans.

Yes, there are no shadows related with the True Parents, who are divided into the vertical True Parent [God] and the horizontal True Parents; they are like the sun at midday. There will always be a light like the sun shining twenty-four hours a day in the spirit world. As with that world, the world of your mind and heart should also be free of shadows, and you will resolve the historical era of indemnity wherein you can serve God. In your families, the three generations of the grandfather, the parents and yourselves should become the first perfected Adam, the second perfected Adam, and the third perfected Adam, and thus perfect the realm of heart of the fourth Adam. As such, centered on the True Parents, they should become one with the vertical and incorporeal True Parent and the horizontal and corporeal True Parents. Only true, devoted sons and daughters can serve True Parents from within their families in this historic era. You must be conscious of the fact that your families are candidates to enter the realm of the royal family of the kingdom of heaven by fulfilling the dutiful family way of devoted children, patriots, saints, and divine sons and daughters. Do you understand? [Yes.]

There are billions of our ancestors in the spirit world who have been blessed. True Parents proclaimed that they had fulfilled everything on earth, and we can enter the era of liberation and freedom when we can directly serve and attend God. And so you can stand on an equal footing with Adam’s family and have the same status as God and serve Him in that capacity. You can also be on the same level as True Parents, having inherited that bloodline with your birth, from your mother’s womb.

Centering on your own heart, achieving the settlement of noon, knowing the two worlds of the internal and external heavenly kingdoms, knowing the earthly kingdom and the hitherto unknown realm of the spirit world, and knowing God, you have inherited the substantial True Parents, and the lineage. For this reason, because you have become the fruit that is connected to the lineage centered on the internal True Parent and the external True Parents, and centered on true love, the age of entering the world of perfection that is God’s kingdom—the liberated and completely freed world of heaven and earth—can emerge. Aju! You should have the confidence to do that.

The time for *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong*⁶ has begun. *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* will not be about believing in peace. It will be the Godly constitution, under which we can directly serve Him, and it will be God’s scripture of peace. It will become the one and only divine scripture, the constitution. Do you

5 Father appears to be indicating a seven-year course from 2007 to 2013.

6 See also an excerpt from Dr. Thomas Selover’s paper on *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong*, on page 20



True Family members stood, as did the congregation, throughout Father's speech in Hawaii King Garden.

understand? This is a time of transition.

Even the history of my paying indemnity has gone through the stages of resurrection, rebirth, resurrection and liberation. This has been followed by the era of complete internal freedom. After the helicopter crash, we were discharged from the hospital within forty days, a similar length of time to that after which Jesus resurrected following his death. In relation to the accident, August 27 was the fortieth day.⁷ Because such an era has come, there can be families of filial sons or daughters based on the liberated and completely free family, patriots' families in the nation, saints' families in the world and families of divine sons or daughters in both heaven and on earth. This has more than one meaning.

Since we are ushering in the age of the unified kingship of internal and external Cain and Abel, the neutral beings having dual characteristics go through the process of division and, passing through the three generations, reunion.⁸ Thus, they assume the position of having reached spiritual and physical completion through the substantial True Parents. It is the unavoidable and principled conclusion that you too will inevitably come to stand in an equivalent position of the liberation and complete emancipation of your portion of responsibility.

As we enjoy the era of tranquility and prosperity, we are going the way of loyalty and filial piety in front of Heaven, eternally going the dutiful way of the family. In the vast and previously uninhabited world that God had made, He created Adam and Eve, one couple to be the True Parents. But you should know that you are standing in a position to be parents along with hundreds and thousands of couples. Because you are all standing in an equivalent position with God, you are positioned to inevitably become the fruits that can participate together with God.

Since you have this logical and reasonable conclusion, the fact that this has not yet come about means you fall short of the standard the constitution sets. You won't be able to settle

down in the central position, perpendicular to the horizontal. You have lived until now as if passing by, having nothing to do with True Parents. It is as if you have been hanging in midair.

That is why, centering on the precepts expressed in *Divine Principle*, anyone can give an explanation of the truth. Any citizen will know how the nation is run and the names of government officials, such as the president and his cabinet members. Though there may be thousands of generations in the bloodline, because True Parents have indemnified all numbers, you all stand on an equal footing of oneness. And since you are families who have begun anew, upholding God's *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* as our constitution, the sons and daughters will obey the laws of the two worlds, the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom on earth. Only then will you qualify to be liberated and completely freed to cross into the eternal realm of the royal family in the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven and become the owners of the unlimited world of freedom, peace and equality. Aju. [Aju.] You should live with that consciousness. Do you understand? Kwak Chung-hwan? [Yes.]

Why are special advisors⁹ necessary? Our ancestors, who are on the level of angels, have gone to the spirit world. Through the special advisors attending True Parents in kingship, our ancestors all came down together, connecting with True Parents' children, and the angelic world too can receive the benefit of the blessing....

It was the special advisor¹⁰ who caused those who were to be the True Parents to fall and suffer on earth, but now the special advisors can come together and fulfill their responsibilities by dedicating themselves to the one original standard, and finally God can stand as the king in the position of the true parent. Thus, the special advisors can take part in the realm of grace of liberating the vertical and horizontal parents and become the new group of filial sons and daughters in the family, patriots in the nation, saints in the world and divine sons or daughters in heaven and on earth that

⁷ This count (done the Korean way) includes July 19, the day of the accident

⁸ Thus, origin-division-union

⁹ 분봉왕 (Boon-bong-wang)

¹⁰ Almost certainly a reference to the archangel

abide by the laws of the two kingdoms.

Now you will become the ancestors¹¹—that is, you will become the exemplary representatives of perfected Adam and actually teach all members of your clan to follow in your footsteps, so that the 286 Korean clans can, through True Parents, become one people related by blood and liberated, reborn, resurrected and made immortal. By becoming the owners of the two worlds through the restoration of the rights of the eldest son, parents and king, the clan will bring about the completion of the absolute liberation, freedom and perfection, so we, standing upon this, will not in any way be related to the satanic world. In a liberated and fully freed state, on an equal footing with God in terms of freedom, equality and peace, we will become the sons and daughters of the Father who possesses the great universe. We will constitute the one race, the one nation, the one generation that are the eternal owners of the inheritance—that is, inheriting everything in the great universe that God and True Parents possess. We should live in awareness of this logical and reasonable result. Do you understand? [Yes.]

The life you have led until now lacked a skeleton. God's bloodline, True Parents' bloodline did not have any bones. Since we have the outer layer, if we serve God as the central spine and, together with True Parents, attend Him as the owner, we will surely bring about the liberated, infinitely free, egalitarian and peaceful kingdom of heaven. Aju! Problems will arise if you are not conscious of the fact that you are now in such a position.

You will be directly judged according to the law, and you will be caught if you make any mistake. I can't take responsibility for that. Because I have clearly taught you everything, the question becomes whether by your living in accordance with the constitution that you have been taught, you can become the fruit. So you need to eternally abide by that standard and from now on, you must become the ancestors from your clans who take ownership of absolute sexual ethics. Aju!

Such is the responsibility you are called and [ultimately] destined to fulfill. You need to follow this law eternally. Otherwise, in the world to come, you will end up eternally in hell, where you will completely forget yourself and lose even your bone marrow, skin and flesh as you languish in absolute darkness for millions of years. You will become like a stream of water and flow away. You will end up strewn about somewhere and your cells will wander across the universe, for such are the original raw materials that you need to return to. Even the elements, which were divided through the Fall, should not be carrying fallen nature.

How free can you claim yourselves to be? Though you are in the position of the elect, if you deny everything and cast aside the tenets of the Principle and wander about somewhere else, you will not be able to enter the kingdom of heaven. You should know that the responsibility you have been called and destined to fulfill—to bring things to completion—has been endowed you, so you should practice filial piety toward your Heavenly Parent.

Because those people fell at the perfection stage of the growth period, you have been told to rectify this by making the Total Living Offering. You think my telling you this is the result of delusion...

I have waited until the responsibility was fulfilled and

11 Father is referring to the adamic position we would acquire in relation to our clan.

have proclaimed its fulfillment for the first time today, in the eighth year and in the combined seventh and eighth years. Counting from the combined seventh and eighth years, through the ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth, you have seven years not just to restructure yourselves completely but also to straighten yourselves out. You cannot say you don't know how to do this, because you have Cheon Seong Gyeong, which contains the principled constitution. You have *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* and the Family Pledge. Therefore, all those families who know God's will for heaven and earth—even those in the spirit world—should, from now on, participate in hoondokhae with True Parents.

During the seven years, you need to abide by the constitution without going astray, and being aware of what I have been saying, consciously become the embodiment of this autonomous authority, thus becoming a member of the royal family of the kingdom of God and bringing about perfection through your own self-determination. Aju!

I hope you will remember what I have said today, uphold God's constitution, which calls you toward your destiny, and not leave behind a history of mistakes. Based on this conclusion, the ancestors will come down to the earth. If you don't know about this, you will have to call on and mobilize your ancestors, because the angelic world will not be able to help you....

Since there is instant resonance, you will be able to know Heaven and find the answers to the question of whether something is right or wrong. The answers that match the realm of resonance raise your families to the victorious position of families in the substantial realm. By becoming one in harmony with the proclaimed word through liberation, complete inner freedom and fulfillment of your responsibility, you cannot help becoming an eternal member of God's family. Aju. [Aju!] Then everything will be brought to a conclusion. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Now you must pray in line with what I've said. You need to know which of your ancestors you resemble. In Yoon Jeong-no's¹² case, someone among his ancestors must have personal traits that resemble his in many ways. That ancestor will come to him and will connect Yoon Jeong-no upward to God and connect him to his descendants in whom similar traits emerge in succeeding generations. Thus, True Parents' bloodline will be connected horizontally and vertically. In this way, the realm of resonance will come to exist everywhere. That is why wherever there are individual embodiments of truth the realm of resonance can be found....

I am not leading my life thoughtlessly. Centering on the Principle, everyone is working in all directions, and we must put things right. In order to do so, difficult questions must be answered. You need to know the fact that by setting things up correctly they have been able to interact. This alone makes it possible for God and the universe, all things, to relate...

It can be said that as God grew bigger, He came to be perfected and complete centering on True Parents. If we serve those who occupy the original position of True Parents, achievement of the unity of heaven and earth and realization of the completion and perfection of the liberated kingdom of heaven is inevitable. Aju. Is this clear? [Yes.]

There are no questions. I have also lived without any doubt. Therefore, since this is the case centered on any one point, even if you are sitting still, you will know everything

12 Father appears to be using him as a random, representative example.



On October 18, True Parents warmly welcomed Mr. Rodrigo Carazo (president of Costa Rica 1978–1982) and his wife Estrella to dinner at Cheong Jeong Peace Palace. The Carazos expressed their concern for True Parents' health following the July 19th helicopter crash.

The Carazos have been married for more than fifty years. Mrs. Carazo is a granddaughter of the author of the Costa Rican national anthem. A faithful Catholic and lifelong peacemaker, Mr. Carazo had just come from giving the sermon at the English-language service at the Headquarters Church in Seoul, where he had established an immediate rapport with the congregation with his benevolence and warmth. He especially resonated with the idealistic younger people who hope they can also make a difference in the world. The following day, he spoke at one of the Korean-language services, and despite the language difference, members testified that a similar spirit of kinship permeated the sanctuary.

While in Seoul, the former president held meetings with Mr. Kim Hyong-o, speaker of the South Korean National Assembly and Mr. Oh Se-hoon, the mayor of Seoul—to whom he explained that his main purpose for coming to Korea was to add his support to that of the HSAUWC Foundation, Korean dignitaries and other prominent figures who will see the crucial importance to world peace of the building of the Cheon Bok Gung.

that goes on in the world through resonance felt to the tips of your toes. Whether it is from up or down, everything comes to the nucleus of the realm of resonance and so you would be able to trace it back and see where it comes from, and so there would be no additions. If we were to speak in terms of electricity, if the current were 100 volts, it would be 100 volts everywhere. The current would be uniform throughout.

That is why, through the formation of the realm of resonance, we will inevitably achieve the ideal of oneness. There is that song about freedom, equality and peace, isn't there? In our family, nation and world will be freedom, equality, peace and happiness. It will be everywhere. Aju. Our hopes will come true. The word will be fulfilled, Aju. "Aju" can also mean living eternally, or long-term residence. Aju. Aju. Everyone will be happy and harbor no grief. Everyone will be free. Balance can be achieved as well as vertical alignment....

At the center would always be the roots of the true, man-

woman love, his sperm and her ovum, which together become the one central root. Since it is formed from dual components, there would not one branch that cannot be reached through this root.

Yes, the place through which the branches can feel joy, the place where God the free owner dwells, and where He looks at and knows everything, though it may seem as if He doesn't, and knows everything be it night or day, whether He is awake or asleep, is the place of the resonating core. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Today I am instructing you to uphold these laws, in a way similar to that in which True Parents have upheld God; so, on the basis of this standard of value, you need to go to God and love Him even more than I have. You need to love Him more than He could ever love you, because only then can He get a foothold on the ideal of love, which would extend to the beginning and the ending of this historical era. It is only then that the independence, peace and happiness of liberation and complete internal freedom can be realized in which God and True Parents themselves can be set free. Aju.

So the time of God's constitution is coming. You should be grateful for the words "constitution from God." How could you possibly violate that if it is placed in your possession? ...

I have taught you how to restore the nation and have set the guidelines by which you can enter the kingdom of God. Today, I allotted the work you are called upon, and also destined, to fulfill, which is to become the representatives who can act as those taking ownership of, and abiding by, these rules. Aju.

Let us continue with the ceremony. You will know yourselves if you have lived based on what I have taught you and on the practice of absolute sex. Ask your hearts. All the people who dwell throughout the world will

get an answer if they ask their five senses and six internal organs. Then you will surely possess liberation and have a conscience without shadows. Aju!

I have declared that God will now be able to come down! Do you understand? [Yes.] Step forward, the wives of the saints and stand behind this point. You are the ones who should show our sons and daughters the way to go and instruct them.

[During Dr. Yang Chang-shik's concluding prayer, Father interjected:] Stop! Stop! Include in your prayer that during this time we have been able to declare a new beginning centered on the Unification Church, Kim Nam-su¹³ and the unified realm of the spiritual and the physical. *SW*

13 Kim Nam-su is a practitioner of acupuncture and moxibustion, a related procedure that stimulates the bodies energy paths through the burning of the herb mugwort on or near the skin; he taught the skill to participants of the workshop in Hawaii.

Marriage Blessing for the Godly Civilization under the Sacred Reign of Peace

October 12, 2008, Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center



MARRIAGE BLESSING PRAYER

Beloved Heavenly Father! Our supremely victorious, cosmic True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind!

You created all things and the universe with the plan to form an ideal family, but because of the adulterer, the Archangel Lucifer, Your sons and daughters were lost and Your plan thwarted, and throughout the long history of six thousand years You have walked a path stained with tears from agonizing sorrow. However, True Parents have come to earth and done away with the false lineage, forming the ideal family You have longed for. They have resolved Your six-thousand-year grief and sorrow and bequeathed the tradition of blessing to the humanity.

Heavenly Father! Please remember the 242 couples, comprised of good men and women, gathered here today. They have formed eternal conjugal ties in Your sight and have pledged to form true families, so please bless them and let them become blessed couples who can perfect the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships.

Heavenly Father! Please guide and lead the couples who have been blessed at this hour.

May Your love and blessings always be with these couples, so that they can all form true families and manifest True Parents to the world. I truly hope and pray that they become central blessed families who return glory, joy and praise to True Parents.

Heavenly Father! Please remember all the brothers and sisters of the Unification Family who are also with us; please allow them to inherit Your heart as You bless these good men and women.



Traditionally, the ring represents a pledge that the couple "may ever remain in perfect love and peace together."



Please let them become the owners of the era of providential fruition and of the substantiation of Cheon Il Guk. Permit them to become Your proud children who can perfect a new heaven and a new earth and the newly established Cheon Il Guk and dedicate them to Heaven.

Heavenly Father! We are moved to bow our heads and express our gratitude in the presence of precious grace being bestowed upon us—the blessing. Please work through us, that we may be born anew through the Blessing Ceremony and form families wherein true love blooms, and thus become the central families of the settlement of Cheon Il Guk.

Heavenly Father! I fervently pray that You will bless the couples blessed today and the children that will be born to them in the future. All these things, I offer as Moon Hyung-jin, of a central blessed family, in the name of True Parents, the True Family and all the members of the Unification Family.
Aju. **9W**

RECALLING THE FIRST BLESSING CEREMONY

A Message to the Brides and Grooms, by Dr. Yang Chang-shik

Blessing candidates from nations around the world, parents, friends, relatives, and honored guests from home and abroad—on this day you are present at the ceremony through which men and women are permitted to become eternal couples who personify true love through the blessing of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind on earth, in the presence of our Heavenly Father, who feels infinite joy, and watched over by billions in the spiritual world, including Heung-jin nim, its commander-in-chief, and Dae-mo nim.

In particular, this is a day of great significance and limitless distinction for you, blessing candidates, because our eternal Abel, a True Son, FFWPU international president and senior pastor of the Headquarters Church, Rev. Moon Hyung-jin and his wife have come on behalf of True Parents to preside over this ceremony.

This moment, as you become bonded together as husband and wife with Heaven's blessing, fulfills the dreams of good men and women who have kept their bodies and minds pure and precious, as well as the dreams of parents who raised their children and valued them more than their own lives. In a broader and deeper sense, it is a moment when the aim of history and the desire God has harbored for thousands of years are fulfilled.

The origin of this incredible blessing dates back forty-eight years. On April 16, 1960, True Parents blessed the first three couples, in Korea, at what was then the headquarters church, and the blessing vows made before Heaven at that time formed the basis of the Blessing Ceremony, in which hundreds of millions of couples have taken part:

Heavenly Father, having triumphed over the course of restoration, we have come to serve the original and rightful True Parents, so please receive us as Your children on this day and bestow on us the blessing of eternal happiness, which You had meant to permit us as the intention of the Creation.

As can be seen from these words, the blessing is a tremendous grace bestowed from above—that is, through God and True Parents' exceptional love, based on the earnest request of fallen people. Marriage in the secular world is the coming together of men and women in a horizontal relationship. Therefore, we place the word "blessed" before the word "marriage," and call this "blessed marriage."

To the first generation, the blessing represents the miracle of

resurrection and rebirth, by which we are grafted to the lineage lost through our fallen ancestors, born anew into Heaven's lineage. To those in the second generation, it represents the first steps taken on your way to fulfill your true value, as originally intended, by being bound as true husbands and wives in the restored bloodline, unrelated to the original sin.

By connecting to us through the blessing, Heaven is seeking to unite humanity under one God. In this way, the divisions of race and of religion, the existence of which have compelled groups toward conflict and confrontation, can be dispelled, and we can take part in the great historical task of constructing a peaceful world. Toward that end and in accordance with the teachings of True Parents, blacks and whites, Orientals and Occidentals, Jews and Muslims are becoming husbands and wives through the marriage blessing, which transcends culture and race.

In addition, marriages between spouses of different race, religion or nationality have produced children and grandchildren who are growing up in various parts of the world with beautiful open minds, unimpeded by boundaries. Having hearts, which as a product of true love are without walls, as originally intended, they represent hope for peace encompassing the human race.

Having been sent by True Parents to work in various parts of the world, I have seen with my own eyes places where boundaries between races have broken down, conflicts between religions have vanished and genuine peace has bloomed as a result of marriage blessings that transcended culture and race. Leaders of international prominence in many fields also recognize that the only hope for humanity and for planet Earth lies with the true family movement, which is based on the blessing, which comes from God. The marriage blessing ceremony is being recognized not as a denominational rite but as the means of saving nations and the world.

Beloved blessing candidates, for you, taking part in the Marriage Blessing for the Godly Civilization under the Sacred Reign of Peace is a solemn occasion, from which you set out toward the ideal of human-



One Couple's Background

Newlyweds Tokuwu Kanno and Margita Eddy pose with Tokuwu's adopted father Nando Chianura and Margita's mother Catherine at the Cheongshim Youth Center. Tokuwu's birth father, Shinichi Kanno, worked for many years as a Sekai Nippo correspondent in Europe before he passed away. Catherine, originally from Romania, was a missionary in the Communist Era to Hungary, where she gave birth to Margita.



ity as one brotherhood, the world as one home under one God, with true love at its center.

God's ideal of true love is eternal, not only on earth but even in heaven. I hope you will form true families, completing the revolutions of indemnity, conscience and heart by inheriting True Parents' hoondok tradition and incorporating it into your family's, tribe's and community's lifestyle.

I also hope that you not only recite the Family Pledge but practice it in your homes. By doing so, you should realize the ideal of a true couple, have good children and raise them as model citizens of Cheon Il Guk. Your exemplary loving lives, centered on the values inherent in the blessing, will renew hope and become a guide for others in the diseased society and world. The complete, virginal purity you have kept before marriage should translate into absolute fidelity after the blessing, so that you can practice absolute sexual ethics in your families. You should become princes and princesses in the movement for the absoluteness of the conjugal bond. You should follow the examples True Parents have set in living unselfishly for the sake of others and become key figures in the work to achieve world peace.

Beloved blessing candidates and honored guests! I would like to think back to April 16, 1960, the day of the first Blessing Ceremony. At the moment when the dream that God had waited to

see realized for thousands of blood-, sweat- and tear-filled years and that True Parents had endured decades of hardships and had shed their own tears, sweat and blood to see realized finally came true, True Father gave a joyful benediction. I will read it to you to conclude my message today:

How joyful this day of victory is! Please permit us the blessing of new days together within our Heavenly Father's glory, and may all peoples, all creation, and the earth come together to praise and glorify Heaven. Here before You are standing Your new sons and daughters, who have passed through a course of troubles, so please permit them to sing to the entire universe of this joyful holy marriage blessing, for which they attended today's joyful ceremony as brides and grooms who can connect to the heart of creation as desired by God, represent the heart of restoration and represent a heart full of hope. I hope and pray You will permit Your joy to overflow in Heaven, in the protector of Heaven and in all forms of creation in the universe.

Praying that the eternal blessing of God will, in future days, be with the brides and grooms beginning their lives anew on this day, I conclude my Blessing Ceremony remarks. Thank you. **STW**



Some spouses were unable to attend, but radiant joy may well have reached them; for everyone there, memories of the Marriage Blessing for the Godly Civilization under the Sacred Reign of Peace will linger in their memory forever.

New Garden, Original Life

What's been happening in Hawaii



At the Chuseok celebration in Korea in September, Rev. Yu Jeong-ok spoke about the conditions True Parents have been setting in Hawaii since last year. This was the providential background to the first "Education Session Proclaiming the Completion of the Liberated Realm of the Portion of Responsibility in God's Providential History," held at Hawaii King Garden under True Parents' direct guidance in October this year. As these special Principle workshops are continuing in Korea for all members, we hope Rev. Yu's account will provide valuable insights. (Please also see a related article on page 14.)

By Yu Jeong-ok

True Parents came to Hawaii on March 9 last year. They gave the name Hawaii King Garden to the new house there. In the past, the name "garden" has been given to many buildings, but this is the first time "king garden" has been used. Father said that if the Fall had not occurred, from the outset the Garden of Eden would have become King Garden. Father also said that a new providential era has begun centering on Hawaii King Garden.

It was at that time that he declared the *shin munmyeong*. One can think of *shin munmyeong* as having more than one meaning. It could mean "new civilization," and, thus, the making of a new start. But Father said, this *shin* is the *shin* meaning "God."¹ So this is a new civilization beginning with God at its center. Up to now, Satan has been at the forefront of and has been in control of all civilizations. From now, God will become the direct Lord of the civilization, standing at the forefront to pioneer it. It is that kind of a new beginning. This is the providential history of King Garden, Hawaii, that began last year with True Parents' declaration of the jubilee year.

All the providence that has been unfolding since then has taken place through the International Leadership Conferences held in Korea, then in Japan, the one in Washington, and then back in Hawaii. In order to prepare a new, peaceful global regime centered on True Parents, in July 2007, people from the nations that were victorious in World War II—the United Kingdom, the United States and France—were educated in Korea, and in August 2007, those from the defeated nations—Japan, Germany and Italy—were too. In September, the Abel UN was launched in the U.S., and on November 1, 2007, True Parents came to Hawaii.

As soon as they came, Father told us of their schedule during their stay. His plans were to set conditions on the first day of his arrival, to go around the island on the second day, to go out to sea and offer more conditions on the third day and to visit the tallest summit in the world, Mauna Kea,² on the fourth day. At that time, we informed True Father that the weather on the fourth day would not be fine and that the plan for that day should be switched with that of the third day, but True Father replied that the plans must not be changed.

So, on the third day he went to sea and on the fourth he went

1 It is not 新 (new) but 神 (God), both pronounced *shin* (in hangul, 신). *Munmyeong* (문명) here is 文明, meaning civilization.

2 From its base to its summit, Mauna Kea is more than thirty thousand feet high, however, more than sixteen thousand feet of this is below the surface of the sea.

to the mountain. Mauna Kea is very high, about 4,200 m above sea level. Father prayed there. When we reached the summit, it began to snow. True Father prayed about two things. On the tallest summit on the planet, he prayed to God for forgiveness. It was a prayer offered with tears and beseeching; True Father prayed to God on behalf of sinners, all members of the human race who, descended from the Fall, did not know God; though True Parents had come to earth and taught them about God and the Principle, they still did not know God or recognize True Parents.

He then offered a prayer of tears and gratitude for the grace shown by God as He watched over and stayed with him in his work to pioneer the path through the darkness, thus enabling him to come so far and offer such a prayer to God in this place.

After doing this on the fourth day, he had originally planned to leave on the fifth day but decided to stay one more day. When he came to the morning hoondokhae, he stood at the front without receiving bows of greeting.

First True Father stood, then True Mother stood, then Shin-joon nim stood, and Mrs. Won-ju McDevitt was placed as a representative of all the clans of humankind. Next, Korean, Japanese and American representatives stood in line, and finally all those who were present were placed to represent all of humankind. True Father then conducted a ceremony to bequeath *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong* (the peace messages). First Father bequeathed them to Mother, then Mother to Shin-joon nim, Shin-joon nim to Mrs. McDevitt, and from Mrs. McDevitt to the Korean, Japanese and



Dae-mo nim speaking with other workshop participants between the lectures



Shin-kook nim, Kook-jin nim and Ji-yea nim's son, in an "aloha shirt," with his grandparents

American representatives, and finally all the members present there as representatives of all humanity passed on *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong* to others until a complete circuit had been made.

On the sixth morning too, True Father said he would offer a prayer before receiving bows, and he said, "From today *shin shimjeong gwon* (God's realm of heart) will come into being. For the perfection of the realm of heart of the fourth Adam, God's realm of heart will come into existence." So the *shin shimjeong* talked about here does not mean a new heart, but God's *original* realm of heart. True Father held this ceremony to mark its beginning.

True Father also carried out an important ceremony at King Garden on January 13 this year. Father came to Hawaii on January 9.

The first thing he said on arrival was "I will go around the island and plant trees. So prepare trees and shovels." We were very curious as to where and how many trees he planned to plant on the island. We bought as many fruit trees as we could and made preparations, but three days passed without Father saying anything more. At first it had seemed as if he would go out and plant them the very next day. January 13 was the anniversary of the Coronation for God's Kingship, and although the official celebrations for it had been held in Korea before Father came to Hawaii, on the morning of that day Father held a simple ceremony, cut a cake and briefly prayed. He then said, "I will plant trees today."

We planted trees in front of the King Garden house. Trees were planted to the east, west, south and north of King Garden. Father determined which trees should be planted to the east, west, south



In-jin nim, Mother and Father distributing necklaces, gift-mementos of the workshop, on October 10

and north, and finally instructed that a fig tree should be planted at the center. Fortunately we had a fig tree ready, so we planted the trees and Father prayed.³

At that time, Father and Mother each planted an avocado tree, and Shin-joon nim a mango tree. The prayer Father offered was one of blessing, through which all created things could finally show their true worth as originally intended at the time of the Creation. The Principle tells us that when the human beings fell, all things also lamented. If the original Adam and Eve had perfected themselves, through them all created things in the universe would have exhibited their true value on the basis of the ideal God held at the time of the Creation. This was lost through the Fall, and for that reason True Father took some time for this special prayer.

Special conditions to restore God's Lordship over Culture

The place where the satanic world's most developed technology, art, culture, immorality, economy and politics are intensely concentrated is Las Vegas. There, True Parents walked a difficult path unknown to anyone and fought with Satan, finally emerging as victors. So on April 3, in Las Vegas, True Father offered a special prayer, the core of which was that God's cultural realm had come into being; even though Satan has owned all cultures until now, henceforth God would be the Lord of culture. JW

Rev. Yu is in charge of the Hawaii providence and the new Divine Principle education program

3 For a translation of this prayer, see our April 2008 issue.



Left: Kim Nam-su, an acupuncturist who also explained the use of moxibustion to the workshop participants, demonstrating healing techniques on Rev. Yu Jeong-ok, on October 14; Right: The special education session in progress



In the Presence of Heart and Grace

By Angelika Selle

A personal view of the new kind of workshop True Parents have initiated in connection with the establishment of Cheon Il Guk

I found out that the working title of the workshop was “Absolute Sex between Husband and Wife.”¹ It was the kind of workshop that God Himself would have given to Adam and Eve before the Fall—kissing his son and daughter and teaching them many deep truths, especially the commandment the workshop title referred to. Father told us he chose Hawaii as the site of the first proclamation workshop because “it is the place closest in character and environment to the Garden of Eden.”

It was also a workshop emphasizing purity and the change from the archangelic to adamic bloodline. It was a seminar for the five religious founders and a hundred and twenty saints, as well as the five True Children in the spirit world.

After going through the workshop, the participants are asked to make a new start and with the help of the spirit world accomplish the work of God and True Parents in their respective areas of responsibility. A certificate signed by the True Parents marks this new commitment.

From the moment I set foot on the island, I was thrilled by the lush environment, the beautiful warm weather and the relaxed atmosphere, especially, on the King Garden property. I was overcome by a strong feeling of wonder, joy, lightness and peace in my heart, which I had never experienced before. God was present everywhere.

The schedule, which went from 5 AM to 10 PM, was intense. Participants listened to Korean Divine Principle lectures presented by Rev. Yu Jeong-ok, from the seventy-two-couple blessing group. Rev. Yu, who was assigned as lecturer and prepared by Father, included his own insights and personal stories about Father. Through our interpreter, Westerners were able to tune in quite deeply to what was going on.

What struck me on the first day as I was listening to the Principle of Creation, was the emphasis on self-change and becoming the incarnation of God. The focus was on perfecting one’s heart through developing one’s relationship to God and to True Parents—“to feel,” as Rev. Yu said, “an electric current as we think of them and act ever more like them.” “Everything we hear and see,” he said, “should be based on heart (*shimjung*) in our lives.”

Here are a few other points Rev. Yu made that especially stuck with me:

There are no enemies in the original world. The question is, How many people like me, or us? And how many people have I loved? When we are insulted three times, we become angry, but our Father often didn’t say anything even when being hit; he is not allowed to fight. That’s a difficult standard to live up to.... You need to like yourself first.

What kind of people have we become after living forty years in our church? This is the time to be careful what you say and do in your life.

As the lecture on the Fall began, we were reminded that this



Angelika among brothers (left to right) Naokimi Ushiroda, director of the U.S. Second Generation Dept.; Philip Schanker, vice-president FFWPU-U.S.; and Ken Owens, New Future Photo photographer

is the area of human life that Satan has the most under control and where no government, church or institution has power to make an impression or change. It is the area of promiscuity that caused King Saul, King Solomon and King David to fail and the final frontier to be challenged as we enter this new prelapsarian² era.

A true, family atmosphere

Father, Mother, In-jin nim and Kook-jin nim arrived shortly after breakfast on October 12. True Mother gave a necklace as a gift to each of the sisters and to the wives of each of the brothers. The lecturer later told us that the necklaces are not so much to be worn as to remind us of the experiences we have with True Parents during this significant workshop and to evoke the feelings we shared with them during this time.

Father then asked Rev. Yu’s wife to sing. During the song, her husband got up and began dancing, and a few more brothers, including Mr. Oyamada, joined in. In the room were pure joy and the spirit of family. Excitement permeated the atmosphere as one Korean leader sang a song about rowing a boat and some other brothers got up and made rowing motions. This went on and on; the spirit got so high and the room filled with laughter. True Parents truly enjoyed it and Father sang along.

I realized once again that in the presence of our True Parents everyone feels free and experiences joy and unity, an absence of barriers, and a sense that this is where I want to be, this is the right place. This was especially so in such an intimate setting where Father talked freely and frankly with his early disciples whom he knows so well.

Body and spirit

Health was one of the main subjects of this workshop, and a part of the training for leaders included learning acupuncture

1 This is also translatable as “Absolute Fidelity...”.

2 That is, an era with the characteristics of life before the Fall occurred

and moxibustion³ from Dr. Kim Nam-su, a ninety-four-year-old Korean acupuncturist, who runs a clinic where he voluntarily treats patients. Early one morning we watched video presentations of Dr. Kim explaining in detail the benefits and practices of his work with many demonstrations and views of patients before and after treatment.

Later that day, Dr. Kim personally joined us at a session where Father interjected commentary as someone read Peace Message Thirteen. Dr. Kim, a humble but lively man, commended Father on his work for the unification of Korea and said he was rather awed by Father's vision. He then treated Rev. Hwang, who had badly injured his leg in a soccer game, and another Korean elder. He gave helpful insights into the world of mugwort treatment and acupuncture, after which we all witnessed a demonstration. Father, Mother and the other members of the True Family stayed to watch. Father wants us to learn for the sake of our own health and to help others.

Garden of Eden

Watching a sunset at the beach, where our brothers had a great time riding the waves on boogie boards, I felt God's love so much that tears came down on many occasions, tears of joy and liberation, feeling innocent, like a child. As I was sitting in the sand with the gentle waves of the Pacific splashing against me, I felt like all my worries, concerns and burdens were washed away. This was part of what God was doing with us through this workshop.

Back in my room (in the hotel we had moved to) looking over the dark ocean and listening to the sounds of Hawaiian singing above the sound of waves gently rolling to the shore, I was again overcome with emotions of love, joy and inner peace. My heart had opened up during these last few days, and I was in touch with feelings on a deeper level. Already that night, I began missing my brothers and my Korean elders whom I had only spent a few days with.

The world of shimjung is very strong and very beautiful. Leaving Hawaii was like leaving a mother's womb, a place where I had experienced God and True Parents in an entirely new way as they are opening the gates of heaven wider and wider for all to enter. *STW*

Rev. Selle is the pastor of New Hope Family Church in the U.S. State of Maryland.

³ Medical use of moxa (a woolly mass prepared from the young leaves of Asian wormwoods, also known as mugwort) by igniting on or near the skin.

From Hyung-jin Nim's Speech to Leaders at hoondokhae at the Hawaii workshop, on October 13, 2008

Father gave the name for the world unification peace temple, *Cheon Bok Gung*,¹ at 7:00 PM on October 12, in the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk (see photo, right, in which Hyung-jin nim shows Father's rendering of the name in Chinese characters). The time we have been waiting for as Unificationists has come. It is to be built in a central location in Seoul. The two hundred and ten thousand Unificationists who will constitute its members will not be attending a big event that happens once and then is over. They will be the ones who are attending service every week! ...



That vision is already being realized in front of our eyes. We are already in the preparatory stages.

Father gave the responsibility to all members in the world for the building of Cheon Bok Gung—the temple for world peace and unification, which will serve two hundred and ten thousand people. This is now your mission. And this is my mission...

Yesterday, Father declared that the building of this temple, Cheon Bok Gung, in a central place in the father nation of Korea, is the primary responsibility for our movement throughout the world. This project will stand in front of all other projects. In relation to True Parents, the building of this sanctuary, which will demonstrate wonderful proof of resurrection, is the mission of our worldwide Unificationist Community.

When we think about it, there is no better way to show filial piety toward True Parents than building the temple. There is no filial piety or glory leading to a greater substantiation of the Principle vision.

This vision of religious unity, which we read about in Divine Principle, must be realized while True Parents are here on earth, while the Messiah is here. We don't have a great deal of time between now and 2013, but we do have a clear vision and a clear goal. On this foundation, Cheon Il Guk will be established.

When we accomplish this, all of Korea—indeed, all the world—will be watching. Everyone will be watching what our movement is doing. They will see what Rev. Moon is really working for.

By 2013, we will complete this temple providence. Please say "aju" if you believe we can do it! [Aju!]

Yet it is not enough just to have faith; we cannot bring resurrection just by our belief. We must bring resurrection through going out and putting our faith into practice. This will become amazing and irrefutable proof of True Father being the king of kings. I am convinced of this. The Korean church is already stepping forward, and the Japanese church is stepping forward...

Father clarified that the soil brought to Korea [from Jerusalem] will be the root of the temple. The history of the amazing temple in Jerusalem will be the root of the world peace temple in Korea, the third Israel.

We will go through the city walls to the Promised Land; we will go into the city [of Seoul] that is still completely centered on the heart of Satan, and set down the eternal root of the Unification Family, which no one can ignore. This is the great work of God's sons and daughters throughout the world to erect the third temple. This is my belief and my conviction. Aju! [Aju!]

[Humorously] I am usually a very calm person, very quiet, but whenever I talk about this, the good spirit world comes down and I go a little bit crazy! I cannot sleep at night!

In front of our children, while True Parents are on earth, let's work on this great task together! Let's really do our best. This is the primary mission of our Unificationist Community. Please announce this in detail to all the members when you go back to your countries. *STW*

¹ In hangul 천복궁; it could be translated as "palace of heaven's blessing."

God's Love Sweeps America

By Michael Jenkins



In-jin nim was inaugurated as the chairperson of the Unification Movement in the United States on August 14. We are very happy to include this account of her activities. More reports are available on www.familyfed.org and www.tworiversvip.com

Our True Parents' appointment of In-jin Moon as the chairperson of HSA-UWC and FFWPU ushered in a new era of leadership for the North American movement. In-jin nim is traveling throughout America bringing True Parents' love, spirit and heart to our communities. Educated at Columbia University and Harvard Divinity School, In-jin nim is also the mother of four sons and one daughter. She is particularly well known for having homeschooled her children from elementary through high school. Her eldest son is finishing a master's degree at the University of Edinburgh, and she has one son and a daughter currently at Harvard University. Her two youngest sons, ages fifteen and eleven, continue to be homeschooled. Given her accomplishments as a scholar and as a mother, In-jin nim has the qualifications necessary to move FFWPU to a completely new level. She is professional, clear and extremely intuitive about the direction that True Parents desire America to go in during this new age.

During the week, she works tirelessly on HSA and FFWPU responsibilities while at the same time continuing her work as the CEO of Manhattan Center. Then on the weekends, she is travelling all across America to meet with the members. So far, she has been to New Jersey, Washington, D.C., New York, Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago. In each community, she first meets with the blessed children on Saturday evening. She tells them how special they are and how special their parents are. "You may think your parents are tired and poor but do you know that they are actually heroes? What kind of people sacrifice everything and dedicate their lives to making the world a better place? People who do such things are nothing less than real heroes. And, you second generation, because of the blessing, you are each handcrafted by God; each one of you is uniquely special. Don't complain about your parents; honor them by studying hard, becoming successful and returning love to your parents."

In-jin nim tells the young people about her love for Hyo-jin nim and his vision of the importance of media and entertainment in communicating the message of our True Parents to the world. She shows an exciting promotional video she recently created about the Manhattan Center. Manhattan Center has two concert halls connected to audio and video recording studios as well as several television studios and post-production editing facilities, all of the highest standard. Some of the most important people in the media and entertainment world use the Manhattan Center and thereby develop a better and more positive understanding of True Parents. Manhattan Center's accomplishments give our young people a vision of how to be successful. In-jin nim encourages them to follow True Parents' way and then to become the best in every field—religion, science, business, education, the performing arts.

After speaking, In-jin nim asks each and every blessed child to introduce themselves and speak about their hopes and dreams. In Los Angeles, she listened for hours to the aspirations of over a hundred and forty young people between the ages of twelve and thirty. The gleam in the eyes of those who came onstage was something we had never seen before. In-jin nim is raising up our American youth. She tells them, "I believe that anything is possible. Even one of you, as the historic election of Barack Obama shows, could be the future president of the United States!"

On Sunday morning, after a 5 AM hoondokhae, In-jin nim gives Sunday service to the entire community. She speaks about True Parents and their deep love for America. She also speaks about her brothers and sisters and how all the True Children are working together in support of True Parents. In-jin nim speaks as a mother with a calm and loving voice. She shares her own testimonies about her life of faith and the constant effort it takes to create an ideal family. She tells the members that she wants to help them create loving, joyful families and a healthy, growing community.

In-jin nim's message is so hopeful and loving and yet so down to earth and humble. She offers practical advice from her own experiences on raising a family that many parents use to help strengthen their own families. One mother named Gloria from New Jersey wrote, "I admire you so deeply as an individual and as a mother. You did an amazing job with your children and you now stand as a role model for all of us who are raising our families. In particular, I really appreciated your advice on holding weekly family meetings. Our family



In-jin nim speaks at the New Jerusalem Family Church in Clifton, New Jersey on September 14

has started to meet once a week. Our kids are still young ranging from age nine to age fifteen and they all love it. You are totally right. We need to give our children a chance to express their feelings and the whole experience has made us a stronger, more loving family.”

In Los Angeles, In-jin nim attended the Witnessing Summit where some blessed children brought two of their friends to listen to and meet with In-jin nim. These two young people could not feel a close connection to True

Parents, but when they met In-jin nim and heard her message, they experienced a powerful and immediate connection to True Parents and joined the witnessing team. In New York, another mother shared about her daughter’s experience after hearing In-jin nim’s Sunday service. “Mom, I never could fully understand why you and dad dropped everything to follow True Parents, but after hearing In-jin nim speak today, I am ready to drop everything and follow In-jin nim in service to our True Parents.”

After Sunday service, there is a talent show featuring our younger generation. The talent show is always a surprise because so many second-generation members are truly gifted. Moreover, the opportunity to perform for members of the True Family makes the occasion truly special for those performing. During lunch, In-jin nim listens to reports and reflections of many key members as they speak about the work that has been developed in their many-faceted ministry—from Family Fellowship (Hoondok Family Church), through the Young Adult Ministry to Sunday school and youth programs. Starting in New York, In-jin nim greets each member, individually and personally, sometimes standing for over three hours. She apologizes to those who wait hours to meet with her, but the members tell her they are so grateful to her for the chance to personally meet her.

On Sunday evening, after a long day, In-jin nim often has dinner with the elder blessed couples of the community. In San Francisco, In-jin nim touched the hearts of many elders when speaking of the tears and suffering of our True Parents. She knows that there are times in our lives when we may be misunderstood, neglected or even rejected. But she said that those are the times that are most precious because they strengthen and develop our



Left: In-jin nim with True Parents at the True Children's Day celebration on October 29 (she could only stay in Korea for half a day); Right: With Hyun-jin nim at the Washington D.C. Global Peace Festival



relationship with God.

In-jin nim encourages everyone to understand that the course taken by those in the first generation is not simply to be repeated, though we ought to respect those that went through it, uplift them and appreciate their sacrifice. Those in our second generation should now build on that foundation. They are not to rebuild it, but expand it. To do that we now must connect the world to True Parents’ lineage. We realize we must communicate our message in the most effective way.

We are having a profound experience in the American movement as completely new dimensions of God’s love and of True Parents’ love are now coming personally into the heart and soul of each blessed central family. We sincerely thank True Parents from the bottom of our hearts for having the vision to appoint their daughter, our elder sister In-jin nim, as a heavenly woman to lead God’s providence in the eldest son nation. In-jin nim’s ministry together with Hyun-jin nim’s work as the chairman of the Universal Peace Federation, Kook-jin nim’s work as the chairman of the Korean business foundation, Sun-jin nim’s work in Japan and Hyung-jin nim’s work as the spiritual head of our movement and the international president of FFWPU heralds new hope for our worldwide movement. We express our gratitude to all the True Children and their families for all the love they have demonstrated toward True Parents and to all of us. This is certainly the era after the coming of heaven. **STW**

Rev. Jenkins is the president of FFWPU in the United States and is accompanying In-jin nim on tour. (Some content was added by In-jin nim’s office.)



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49th True Children's Day



On October 29, the 49th True Children's Day, midway through his speech, True Father called forward members with ties to different regions in North and South Korea. Through rock-scissors-paper competitions, a winner from each area received part of the offering table. *Below left:* In-jin nim, Hyung-jin nim and Kook-jin nim with Lee Hyung-jin nim (at back); *Right:* The first True Children's Day for Soon-nam nim, (in his mother's lap) son of Shin-mi nim and Lee Hyung-jin nim, whose March 7 birth began the fourth generation of the True Family.





Left: Rev. Yeon-ah nim giving the sermon at the English language service on Saturday, October 25; **Right:** Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim at a blessed family's home, October 22, during one of their regular visits to Japan; family members are holding one of Hyung-jin nim's books, which he has signed for them, and the message he wrote for the family.

many Christians attend service there, but when the world sees us, they will see something of a totally different nature. Ours will not be services only for Christians but for all types of believers, coming together to attend True Parents. We need to offer this up to True Parents.

Thus, this temple will not be merely a symbol, but the actual point from which Cheon Il Guk, the substantial fulfillment of what is foretold in Divine Principle, is established. The temple will be the basis upon which we can move nations....

It will be the third temple of God, the perfection stage of the temple that was last seen two thousand years ago. In other words, this temple will not be one in which we look for the Messiah; it will actually be run by the Messiah! It will belong to True Parents.

We must dedicate this temple of substantial resurrection to True Parents. True Father has said that this should be the top priority in all nations, so we should certainly do our best to focus and work hard to build this temple of God.

In saying this, we will not omit to build the temple as Joshua and Caleb did after they entered the Promised Land. We will enter and enable this temple to take deep root so that our tradition and our religion can grow forever. You may already know—and I have spoken of it several times in my sermons—that the second generation make that mistake. After they entered the Promised Land, the second generation forgot what they had promised to do. A temple should have succeeded the Tabernacle. They omitted to fulfill that, however, so they had no place in which to worship God. For that reason, their nation easily and quickly fell into secular ways, and the providence was prolonged.

This could also happen to us, and so we must certainly to strengthen our church, our faith and our membership. True Father has said that our church is the root. If there were no church, there could be no root. We would neither have the Divine Principle from True Father nor be able to explain about True Father. Father would just be some peace-lover, or the big leader of an organization, or the founder of a big company.

Our work must have religious significance, and through it, we need to maintain our tradition and deeply implant it. This temple is the eternal, irrefutable and substantial expression of that process, and the amazing work of resurrection that will be

revealed to the world while True Parents are still on earth. It will become the central place that protects our root. The temple will become the eternal place where the eternal word of God and the Divine Principle and word given by True Father can last forever, and where people can attend service, offer *gyung-bae*, and develop their life of faith.

Father has said this task is not only the responsibility of Korea, or of Japan, but that of the whole world.

I pray in the name of True Parents that we will become devoted sons and daughters who will bring to realization this perfection-stage providence in the form of Cheon Bok Gung and dedicate it to True Parents. [Aju! Applause]

Brothers and sisters, we must inherit this goal and this task. With a sense of ownership, let us lead the providence of Cheon Bok Gung and bring it to fruition for True Parents.

Thank you. **STW**

TRUE PARENTS HOPE EVERYONE WILL BE JOINT OWNERS OF CHEON BOK GUNG

FROM A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH HYUNG-JIN NIM

Cheon Bok Gung will be the mecca for our movement. It will have that kind of importance. We are gathering the funds over a five-month period, which is very short. That's because the temple has to be built within the four years remaining before 2013. Unoccupied land in the central area of Seoul suitable for building Cheon Bok Gung is not easy to come by. So, when we find the right site, we need to have the means to purchase it.

Father wants all nations to participate in exercising their portion of responsibility, so that it doesn't unduly burden Japan. Each blessed family should try its best to share in the ownership of the temple. Each contribution will be recorded and will always stand as a monument to that family's service to the Messiah while he was on earth. This can even be down to the individual within a family—a two-year-old child could contribute ten cents!

Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong from a Comparative Religious Perspective

By Thomas Selover

On October 22, a symposium on the theme, “True Parents’ Speeches for the Safe Settlement of Cheon Il Guk” was held at the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology. Providing an inspiring forum for professors from its own faculty, from the Unification Theological Seminary in New York, and from Sun Moon University to dialogue on matters of Unificationist scripture and its application, the conference inspired the presentation of a number of papers relevant to the symposium’s theme. We are presenting an excerpt of the paper written by Dr. Thomas Selover, an associate professor at Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology whose field of expertise is Confucian studies. His paper looks at the Unificationist scripture Father is emphasizing most at present—Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong.



Dr. Selover during the symposium

A major distinguishing feature of *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong*¹ is that the text is composed primarily of speeches given on public occasions, by True Parents and other True Family members. The Peace Messages still have the form of the original occasion on which they were delivered. They are not sermons or messages given primarily to disciples or followers but rather speeches addressed to formal gatherings of religious, political, cultural and academic leaders. As public documents, they are intended to set out the most important contents of True Father’s teaching over many decades.

As most Unificationists are well aware, the Peace Messages have become the main content of the majority of hoondokhae meetings conducted by True Father over the past couple of years. A special feature of these meetings is that True Father himself provides an oral commentary on key points in the messages. In this sense, *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* is still a living document, with continuous commentary and amplification provided by True Father in person. This of course is radically different from the situation with the other great scriptures of the world, which were originally revealed and compiled centuries ago.

A broad view of *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong*

One means of deepening our appreciation of the internal dimensions of *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* is to broaden the range of activities that are seen in its light. Here I would like to briefly distinguish three areas or aspects—organizations and projects, social roles, and public duties.

Organizations and projects

The Peace Messages were originally embedded in conferences and rallies designed to accomplish providential announcements. They are speech-acts.

Many passages in *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* recount the world speaking tours of the True Family. In their historical character, these passages resemble the narrative histories gathered together within the Hebrew Bible. Future generations will find an analogous inspiration in these passages recording the heroic actions of today. They will extrapolate the principles of God’s providence manifested at this particular moment in time, and apply them to their current situation in the far future.

Likewise, throughout the speeches, references are made to providential organizations and their coordinate roles in defining a new direction for world polity. Notable examples are the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and the Mongolian Peoples Federation for World Peace. The conception behind these organizations is vast. As the personal conduct of True Parents provides both an example and a standard for strengthening our individual consciences, so the providential organizations provide an example and standard for other conscientious organizations as we strive together to reorient the “conduct” and trajectory of our human world.

¹ In hangul, 평화신경; in Chinese characters 平和神經. Father gave this name to an updated version of *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong* that includes additional Peace Messages.

Social roles

A second public element of the Peace Messages has to do with the structure of social life and roles within society. Most noteworthy here, of course, is the centrality of the extended family. The three generations of grandparents, parents, and children, and the corresponding emphasis on the importance of lineage, form a backbone theme of the Peace Messages. On this point, there is resonance with many religions'—notably the Jewish and Hindu traditions'—emphasis on special families and lineages as the locus of purity and propriety.

Among the scriptures of Hindu tradition, the *Dharmashastras* represent the wisdom that social organization itself is a medium and mediator of the divine. In like manner, the Peace Messages contain hints of social roles that represent divinely-given appointments. The references to the “peace kingdom police” and “peace kingdom corps,” found in several of the Peace Messages, represent the public side of the teaching of *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong*. The responsibility of the “peace kingdom police” and “peace kingdom corps” is to ensure the safety and well-being of society at large, particularly the protection of the blessed families and their providential activities. In the right ordering of society, those representatives of heavenly tradition, the blessed central families, could be somewhat analogous to the Brahmin priests in the *Dharmashastras* of the Hindu tradition, to be supported and protected by the enforcement class, the *kshyatriyas*.

Whether or not ancient Indian society actually conformed to the social patterns described in the *Dharmashastras*, and whether or not ancient Chinese society actually conformed to the patterns of social organization described in the *Zhou Li* (周禮, Rituals of the Zhou Dynasty), these scriptures have had an undeniable role as an inspiration for successive generations to contemplate an ideal social organization and to adjust their society in that direction.

In the Buddhist tradition, the second collection or “basket” of scripture, the *Vinaya*, is the main repository for social rules and roles. Here are contained the principles and rules for the life of the Buddhist Sangha, particularly the communal life of Buddhist monks and nuns, though also setting out the supportive roles of the laity. The important point here is that the structure of daily

life in the blessed community is included in the realm of sacred teaching.

Public duties

A third public element concerns the duties of citizenship. From this point of view, the Fifth Peace Message stands out as a remarkably important document. Unlike the other documents, many of which were delivered in a wide variety of venues, the Fifth Peace Message is uniquely situated as part of the Entrance Ceremony of the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. In it, True Father proclaims:

Citizens of the kingdom of heaven, this is a precious and blessed day of victory and glory. Now, as the King of Peace in heaven and on earth, I will declare, on this thirteenth day of June in the sixth year of *Cheon Il Guk*, the fundamental duties and mission that every citizen of *Cheon Il Guk* should understand and live by as they walk the way of Heaven.

In the paragraphs that follow this opening, most essential Unificationist teachings—from personal devotion to God and True Parents, through mind-body unity and establishing a blessed family, to contributing talents and resources for the public good—are recast as duties of citizenship.

In exploring the significance of the Fifth Peace Message, an important comparison can be made with the public role of Islamic law (Shariah). Based on passages in the Quran and sayings of the Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him), Shariah represents the divinely-sanctioned, or right-guided patterns and principles for communal life in obedience to God. A key example is the Constitution of Medina, drafted to enshrine the principles of the political leadership of Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) in settling disputes between Jews, Christians and others in the city of Medina. This document from the early days of the establishment of the Islamic realm as a political and social entity presaged the tremendous growth of the Islamic realm in succeeding centuries.

The “constitutional” aspect of *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* also bears a family resemblance to “secular scriptures” such as the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Modern interpreters believe the Declaration was designed to “call into being” a new People, who would be the subject

of new arrangements of government. Likewise, the Fifth Peace Message, by addressing all citizens of Cheon Il Guk, calls those citizens as a People into being. It is the promulgation of principles upon which the polity of Cheon Il Guk is designed to be built (or through which it is designed to grow).

Synthesizing

A major significance of the *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* is that it links together and unifies intensive personal training and extensive global awareness, the *sungsang* and *hyungsang*² of human life. As scripture, *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* provides an occasion for group and individual devotional reading and study. But as a record of public speeches given by the central revelator and teacher of the Unification Movement, it is also a record of the True Family’s public ministry. As such, it connects the spiritual and religious (including the spirit world messages) with public policy (exemplified by the Fifth Peace Message at the opening of the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace and the Sixth Peace Message at the helicopter factory groundbreaking).

Thus, the Peace Messages gather together and exemplify the *sungsang* and *hyungsang* aspects of True Parents’ mission and ministry. Though much of the content of the messages is focused on the public, including especially the UPF and its mission, the Bering Strait Project, etc., each of the messages also includes devotional content in two ways—1) addressing the personal spiritual situation of readers or listeners and 2) inviting them to embrace a theological perspective on the nature and character of God, the purpose of the Creation, the reality of the Fall and evil, and the Principles of Restoration. This theological perspective is the connecting point between the *sungsang* and *hyungsang*, in the public domain of restoration.

What is the essential coherence of the vision put forth in *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong*? This is a challenge for our interpretive understanding. Too often, the internal and external wisdom have been separated. One of the most important tasks in developing theological reflection on the spiritual riches of *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* is to elaborate how it provides a practical vision and catalyst for that coherence, as the deepening and broadening processes mutually inspire each other. **TW**

2 In hangul and Chinese characters: *sungsang* 성상, 性相 and *hyungsang* 형상, 形狀

MEGACHurch! Mainstream Christianity Takes Up the Banner of “One Family Under God”

By Larry Moffitt



Hyun-jin nim looked out over the crowd, sitting in rapt attention, “To my father, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon,” he said, “the dream of building one family under God is not just the dream of one man, one woman or one family; it is the dream of all humanity and, most of all, the dream of God.” The applause that erupted was spontaneous and genuine.

What is especially significant is that he was addressing an audience of devoted Christians in the spacious two-thousand-six-hundred-seat sanctuary of suburban Atlanta’s Church In The Now. The central message of the Global Peace Festival—that everyone in the world is a brother or sister under the parenthood of God—is gaining traction among those Christians who are on the leading edge of where their faith is going.

A relative handful of Christian ministers truly own the idea of the enormity of God’s heart, embracing all Jews, Christians and Muslims. “God so loved *the world*...” they emphasize. Not surprising is that these ministers are also leaders of the largest and fastest-growing churches in the world, the so-called “megachurches,” with active congregations of three thousand to twenty-five thousand members and often with nationwide television audiences in the U.S. and other countries. Most are reaching out only across other Christian denominations, but a



growing number understand to the core of their being about God loving the world and all its faith traditions. And they are acting on it.

Bishop Jim Swilley and co-pastor Debye Swilley, the husband and wife pastorate of Church In The Now, are inspired by the Global Peace Festival’s vision of people of faith working together

to heal the deep divisions that have made religions enemies instead of brothers. It is an idea that echoes long-held tenants of their own life of faith. So they opened their church to Hyun-jin nim and the Global Peace Festival.

One of the more moving moments in the event occurred when two mothers from Washington DC came onstage. Michelle Postell’s son, who was in a gang, killed the son of Marita Michael Lee.

Both had lost their sons. Both had gone through despair. Michell is a Christian and Marita is a Muslim. Before the two women met in the courtroom, both had been praying, asking God to show them a way out of their unappeasable grief. In the courtroom, on opposing sides, the hand of God moved and the two women found themselves embracing, weeping.

Reverend Michael Jenkins, chairman of UPF-USA, said, “Their testimony was so moving because their presence and



Bishop Jim Swilley and his wife Pastor Debye Swilley held a Global Peace Festival in their church in the southeastern U.S.



Friends who met via tragedy: Marita Michael Lee (left) a Muslim whose son, Devin M. Fowlkes, was murdered (age 16) by the son of Michelle Postell (right), a Methodist

heart was so humble and real but also because their realistic emerging from such darkness came from their prayers to God, one as a Muslim, one as a Christian. Through that, they gained strength not only to forgive and love each other but also to forgive themselves and bring healing to all of their relatives and to bring healing to the larger community.”

In the presence of such sincerity, the men and women in the congregation were brought to tears.

People also appeared deeply moved by the interfaith “water ceremony,” moderated by Rev. Jenkins. A dozen representatives of the world’s faith traditions gathered onstage, each holding a bowl of water symbolizing their faith’s unique spiritual contribution to the world. One after another, each poured their bowl of water into a common bowl, thus giving back, to God and the world, the treasures and gifts of spirit that had originally come from one God.

As people watched Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists add their water to the bowl, demonstrating visually the one family of God, a profound spirit of unity moved through the room. One participant reported, “Tears started flowing. This is a new day!” From this symbolic ceremony, another person gained the insight that “living water lives in each one of us” and that now is the time on earth to let that living water flow.

“To have people from all of those nations in our house is what this is all about,” commented one member of the Church In The Now. “The Holy Spirit filled the house and fed our souls on all levels. I am so honored and blessed to have a bishop with the global vision to lead us on this journey.”

Co-pastor Debye Swilley has said the Global Peace Festival is the most important movement for peace in our time. The reason people feel this way is because we are living in a time when forces of evil are trying to manipulate a clash of civilizations that is essentially a war of religions. The Global Peace Festival is the most affirmative movement today that directly addresses the essential need for people of faith to see themselves as members of one family under God.

Another very important aspect of the Global Peace Festivals, as they are being put together in cities all over the world, is

that this is a cooperative effort among partners. The vision is already in place. Jesus came with the mission of creating one family under God. In this age, True Parents have been asked by God to continue this work. And although the path has been too long and too lonely, many people from all parts of the world are beginning to make this vision their own.

Rev. Jenkins reported some amazing realizations that took place behind the scenes, among the various Peace Festival partners as everyone worked together to prepare for the Atlanta event. He said that GPF-Atlanta steering committee member, attorney Sheila Arnum, broke down in tears at a planning meeting when she recalled her experience on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol (at the August 9 Global Peace Festival in Washington D.C.). “Every race, every faith, and every community was represented,” she said. “I experienced for the first time in my life the real America.”

Rev. Jenkins reported that Bishop Swilley said it moved him deeply to realize that the One Family Under God movement is a movement for this age. Bishop Swilley told him, “It goes beyond the barriers and the traditions of the past, while being fundamentally rooted in the most unchangeable element of life—that is, God’s presence, love, and being.”

At the event’s finale, when the speakers and performers had been called back to the stage to sing “One Family Under God,” the now familiar anthem written last year by a songwriter in the Philippines, people expressed that they truly felt the powerful presence of God.

For one person, this special evening in Atlanta brought back distant memories as a six-year-old singing about the family of God: “Somehow my child’s mind saw a vision then similar to what was seen by many last night.”

Another person said, “A decaying dream of peace has been resurrected by the spirit of the living God and manifested in the spirit of all who shared in the Global Peace Festival this evening. I have seen the kingdom of God. For this I was born.”

Everyone connected with the outreach to Christianity and the Global Peace Festival is feeling that somehow a corner has been turned, and God is harvesting the prepared hearts of His children. *TW*



GPF in Korça, Albania, October 11-18, 2008



A Great Step Forward

With many GPFs one thinks of thousands of members of the local community mobilized on a community clean-up program, or rallies filling a city park. But what if your region has just a handful of families, and they are spread across the country? Such is the situation of Canada, which held its Global Peace Festival in October. We asked Franco Famularo, secretary-general, UPF Canada, how they approached the challenge.

TW: What was your first thought when you heard GPF would be held in Canada?

Franco Famularo : The first question we had was how we were going to work together with our ambassadors for peace. The emphasis was on developing partnerships and having the ambassadors for peace claim ownership of the project so they would see it as their own.

You were given the task of working out an initial plan. What immediate factors influenced how you formulated that plan?

GPF basically consists of a social impact program, an International Leadership Conference, and a main program that brings together the different components and showcases those who have been promoting peace in their respective ways.

So the first thing to consider was what financial support we could expect from UPF international headquarters. And, next, how much we could expect from our existing partners.

Canada is the world's second largest country and has a relatively small population. You do not have a vast membership



base. How did you deal with that?

Generally, members do live hundreds of kilometers apart. Transport to bring them together is very expensive. There are no more than a hundred blessed families across Canada. That's two hundred adults and about two hundred and fifty children, most under twenty. In Ottawa, which is where we decided to do the GPF, we have three families. A hundred and eighty kilometers away, we have twenty-five to thirty families in Montreal and some

four hundred kilometers away in Toronto a similar number. Some forty families actively contributed their effort or money.

Although substantial funding came from the international headquarters, more came from Canada itself. We received considerable in-kind contributions from volunteer AFPs and Unificationists amounting to substantially more than what was provided from UPF international.

What was in your favor and how did you formulate your basic plan?

Our ambassadors for peace come from every country on earth—we have white and black, we have Asian and South



Top: Rev. Darryl Gray speaks at the Canadian Leadership Conference; **Bottom Left:** Rev. Famularo introduces a participant to Hyun-jin nim; **Right:** Tribute to John Humphrey, drafter of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, at the Ottawa Human Rights Monument

Asian, we have Christian and Jew, and we have Muslim and Sikh to name a few. We have representation from every background and this is the flavor of Canada—the whole world lives here.

We decided to do something in Ottawa, the federal capital. With support from international headquarters, we brought our ambassadors for peace from across Canada together for the first time. We called our ILC the Canadian Leadership Conference because the delegates came from all across Canada. We also wanted to mobilize as many new people as we could, considering budgetary limitations, so that we could make an impression on the capital and the political leaders of our country.

What was the greatest difficulty during preparations?

We planned to have the opening banquet in the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, and one parliamentary contact had already reserved a room for us. We were going to give a high level briefing and invite the prime minister and some of his cabinet. But about three weeks before GPF was to take place, a national election was suddenly called.

We had to scale down our expectations and inform our ambassadors for peace that we were not going to do as big a program as we had hoped to. Our focus then became not so much on quantity but on quality.

What was unique about the program that GPF Canada provided?

The most positive aspect of this investment in our ambassadors for peace is that we can count on them to help us make it a much more substantial gathering in the future.

We had a main program that involved close to five hundred people. We called it a Peace Awards Gala. We honored one individual, Dr. Bill Bhaneja, with the Canada Peace Award (the first of its kind). He has been instrumental in promoting the idea of establishing a department of peace in the federal government—which is akin to our idea for an interreligious council [at the UN]. Because there is a department of defense, his idea is that there should be a department that promotes peace initiatives and trains people to be peacemakers or “peace professionals” as he and others call it.

We also chose one representative from each major city in Canada—Ottawa, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal—to be awarded a Community Builder award.

Our theme was Educating for Peace. We approached it by explaining more fully what the Millennium Development Goals are, and had sessions on youth conflict resolution and social engagement, youth voices for peace, ethics education and so forth. The focus was on educating for peace and on how Canada could use its role historically as a peace broker—which has been this nation’s role for a long time.¹

We had a bridge of peace ceremony emphasizing reconciliation between black and white which we hope to expand to reconciliation between all the different communities in Canada. And of course Hyun-jin nim’s speech!

We learned that it is possible for Unificationists to collaborate with others in making things happen, putting together a program and organizing different activities—such as the interfaith food drive, which involved inviting Christians, Jews, Muslims and others to collect food for the needy and

¹ For example, Lester B. Pearson, before he became prime minister, introduced the idea of United Nations Peace-Keepers at the time of the Suez crisis in 1956, for which he won the Nobel Peace Prize the following year.



bring it to a food bank, which then distributed it to those in need in the community.

How would you measure its success?

It was not a large gathering. The leadership conference involved a few more than a hundred ambassadors for peace from across Canada. But the main point was to bring the ambassadors for peace together, to give them confidence, give them a sense of vision for the future development of GPF activities, which we emphasized was something we intend to do every two years on a regular basis. What surprised me was how willing the ambassadors for peace were to volunteer their time and support us. Some went beyond my expectations.

Can you say something about the overall effect the Global Peace Festival had?

It showed us that we have come to a new level. We don't have to do everything by ourselves, and we can expect people from different faiths and different communities to collaborate with us. The era wherein we are an exclusivist sect is now over.

It was a tremendous learning experience for us to work with people who are not members of the Unification Movement, because we had to change our way of doing things....It gave us hope that we can go much further than we ever have by creating alliances and collaborate with people on issues that Father is greatly concerned about. This is a tremendous step forward and it gives us hope—especially since GPF is an ongoing activity we should be doing until peace is established—that by collaborating with people of different communities we can actually build a world of peace. We have the hope that this can actually happen. I have that hope. *JTW*



Excerpts from a reflection on the Canada Leadership Conference

By an Islamic Participant, Ottawa, Canada

If I learned anything during this Universal Peace Federation Conference, it is what Rev. Samuel King-Kabo of Ghana, loudly said to the audience but effectively whispered in my ears.... "We are made of the same clay no matter what color of skin we may display."

I confess that when I first received the invitation to attend this conference ... I really did not know what to make out of it initially. However, I am glad that I accepted the invitation. As a matter of fact, after attending the first full day of sessions, I was so moved, touched, and impressed that I asked my wife and my son to at least attend the evening reception and the Gala Award Dinner thereafter. (They were actually committed to full-time prior engagements.) They too were glad and excited to attend. They thought that the speakers were very moving and certainly touched their hearts and souls (and mine)....

Surely, we shall have no peace until we find peace in our hearts and souls.

As surely as heavens and hell exist, when we die we will not take anything with us except our good or bad deeds and, yes, our faith in God, thereby leaving as our legacy the love that has impacted others.

"We are all one family under God." This was the mission statement of this peace-promoting conference.

The loss of our son, who was murdered at the young age of 19, left me and my family tragedy-stricken. He was murdered 17 days after the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Because of the color of his skin, my son faced a death sentence at the hands of hateful evil. To add insult to injury, my family faced unfortunate racial profiling even during the murder trial when a prominent Ottawa defense attorney attempted to associate us with the leader of a global terrorist

group by trying to link my place of birth with the place of birth of the terrorist's family. It was an onslaught of the ill-intentioned at the most critical and weakest point in our lives!

Our son bled to death when he was stabbed in the neck by the evil hand that took away his young life along with all the life dreams that he had as an aspiring musician and poet. Yet our criminal justice system in Canada failed us at every level of the grueling three years of court proceedings.

I refer to this tragic event in order to highlight what we believe to be a heartless, rather than peace-loving, system. If the murderer, who was a university student at the time, had peace in his heart, he would not have used a broken bottle as a weapon and committed this heinous crime causing the death of another human being....

We certainly need more Canadian government officials to attend UPF conferences. They may be impacted positively the way this one has impacted my family and me. It has enabled our family to support and embrace the global peace movement within the boundaries of our religious belief.

I believe that "We come from God, and to God we return." What better way to think about this than to promote peace, put our supporting hands on one another, and collectively join hands with Dr. Moon Hyun-jin and Dr. Lee Chae-hee in this worthy cause along with those who are involved in this global mission for peace? Just think of the powerful force that can result from this unity for peace!

To end, I wish to quote Dr. Martin Luther King about our education: "Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men." Hence we must adopt the notion of one peace-loving family under God. *JTW*



The level of competition in the fourth World Martial Arts Peace Cup, held in Korea (Cheongshim Youth Center) from October 7 to 17 this year, was high. Elimination tournaments had been held in each local area, with only the winners coming to Korea.

The Peace Cup was sponsored by the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace (MAFWP), which Father founded in 1997. MAFWP brings together martial artists from a wide variety of fighting styles. Dr. Seuk Joon-ho is its president.

To attract people from a martial arts background and to strengthen the MAFWP foundation, the New Philosophy of Martial Arts was developed through Tongil Moodo. This teaching, which is based on universal principles, is making an impression on the martial arts, and over the years, many MAFWP members have become active ambassadors for peace.

For seven days, competitors in the World Martial Arts Peace Cup studied the teaching, the foci of which are how to become a person of good personality, how to establish a happy family and, through this, how to contribute to world peace.



Top: An October 17th group photo, taken after True Parents watched a demonstration of fighting prowess. Dr. Seuk Joon-ho, chairman of the Organizing Committee for the Fourth Martial Arts Peace Cup, is beside True Parents; **Bottom:** Father wrote, "Following the path of loyalty and filial piety is the source of all victories."

The teachings also address moral degradation and division within the martial arts world. Fighters are encouraged to exercise self-control through mind-body unity, to develop their capacity to love others, and to maintain pure relationships of love and respect toward those of the opposite sex on the way toward forming stable, healthy families. It also directs their abundant physical and creative energies toward improving their communities, nations and world.

Tongil Moodo was founded by Dr. Seuk, who testifies that True Father is the initiator and inspiration behind its founding. Tongil Moodo actually began as a result of True Father's instructing Dr. Seuk to teach martial arts to seminarians at the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) in Barrytown, New York, in 1979. Father marked that occasion by writing, in calligraphic style, "Advance bravely forward with discipline."

Those practicing the Tongil Moodo style are taught universal principles and values underlying the movements incorporated into this martial art. Recalling these principles as they practice allows them to improve themselves spiritually even while developing physical skills. There have been many ups and downs since Tongil Moodo's founding, but it now has a foundation in more than seventy countries.

Shortly before World Martial Arts Peace Cup 2008, Dr. Seuk was awarded a ninth degree black belt in judo. This degree of belt is often given posthumously or on an honorary basis. Dr. Seuk's was given after a difficult test, which many people around the world applied to take. He was one of only two people to qualify for the belt.

As the head of the Organizing Committee, Dr. Seuk had timed the tournament to commemorate True Father's release from the Heungnam Special Labor Camp on October 14, 1950. Unexpectedly, Father suddenly called for a major leaders workshop to be held in Hawaii that week. Fortunately, True Parents returned to Korea immediately afterwards, which made the competitors very happy. True Parents came in the early morning, held hoondokhae and watched their martial arts demonstration.

Father stressed changing the emphasis within fighting styles from linear movements (e.g. punches, kicks) to circular movements (e.g. body throws). He emphasized the importance of martial arts and their role in achieving global peace. **STW**

Martial Arts as an Icebreaker

By Gustavo Giuliano

I started my journey in the martial arts when I was eleven years old, receiving my black belt in Taekwondo in 1982, at the age of nineteen. After completing national military service, I began teaching at two gyms, which I found enjoyable.

I competed in many tournaments, winning some metropolitan championships, one national and a bronze medal at the Pan-American Championships in Honduras in 1989. During a tournament in 1981, just before the final fight with a recent national champion, I went outside the stadium to meditate and speak to God, though I hadn't met True Parents yet. I told Him, "God, if I win this tournament, I want You to guide me to the world-level, so I can do whatever You want." I won, and today I see He is guiding me through Tongil Moodo to accomplish the goal of establishing world peace, one family under God. We just need to have the desire and keep it. God will do the rest.

Since I joined the Unification Movement in 1982, and while working as a missionary, I often had dreams about the need to continue practicing and teaching. Once, through a spiritual experience, I met my ancestors, who told me clearly I shouldn't stop practicing and teaching martial arts.

During the 1988 Seoul Olympics, I met True Parents personally for the first time. I had prepared myself internally. I had wept, just thinking about them; and the first thing Father asked that day was, "Who practices martial arts?" My heart stirred. From an audience of five hundred people, around twenty members stood up and answered Father personally. Father then introduced the Tongil Moodo and Wonhwado fighting styles, and I thought that someday I would practice them. Two years later, in 1990, Kensaku Takahashi came to Argentina to teach Tongil Moodo to my Taekwondo school of more than two hundred students.

Later I honed my Wonhwado circular movements to perfection in Korea. These circular movements have been added to Tongil Moodo, because one of its goals is to integrate the essences of all the traditional martial arts—such as Judo, Taekwondo, Karate, Aikido, Jujitsu and Kung Fu.

Since 2001, we have been continuously expanding a renewed Tongil Moodo. I am responsible for South America and the Caribbean. Our international instructors have been



In front of True Parents, the author smashed all seven layers

training people from all over South and Central America.

Tongil Moodo encourages the practitioners' internal development; it motivates its adherents to build healthy families and contribute to the moral and spiritual health of their societies and nations—all requisite steps toward world peace. As the martial arts embody religious concepts such as order and self-sacrifice, I feel we can and should continue to introduce the Principle to people through Tongil Moodo. It is therefore my aim to establish a Tongil Moodo headquarters in each of the thirty-three Latin American nations.

The 4th World Martial Arts Peace Cup, held at the Youth Center in Cheongpyeong, Korea (October 7–17) was unforgettable. Representatives from all regions of the world participated. We had a workshop before the tournament, in which we practiced the Tongil Moodo techniques. Masters of various styles, such as Wu Shu, Shaolin (Kung Fu), Karate, Jujitsu and Tai Chi Chuan were invited to share their different techniques with all the participants. Mr. Han Bon-hi, grand master of Wonhwado, lent his full support to the tournament.

We also studied and were tested on the New Philosophy for the Martial Arts, which integrates all the spiritual and material, oriental and western, traditional and contemporary values, through universally shared principles. This is based on material created by the International Education Foundation, which was founded by Dr. Seuk and inspired by True Parents.

As a perfect finale, we attended hoondokhae with True

Parents on October 17 and put on a great demonstration, which appeared to inspire them and impress the hundreds of other spectators.

Dr. Seuk invested all his heart, soul and financial resources into this project. I hope that from now on, the doors of all nations open to a consistent teaching of Tongil Moodo in order to connect all the martial arts together and offer them to God.

May God give us the clarity to advance in this last stretch of His providence, and may we embrace all people, and guide them toward our Heavenly Father through the King and Queen of Peace and the True Children. *TW*

In addition to his work in martial arts, Mr. Giuliano is Argentina's FFWPU national leader.



Young Chinese participants demonstrate fighting techniques



Interview with a Karate Champion

Wallisson Delano from Brazil at the Fourth Martial Arts Peace Cup



You have represented Brazil in karate. What competitions have you been in recently?

I represented Brazil in the World Karate Championships in Tokyo in 2006; then I was in the Pan-American Karate Championships. There, our team from Brazil won the bronze medal.

How was it to come and take part in the Martial Arts Peace Cup with all the different styles?

My mind is more open now because I had a very good experience with a different culture and a new country. This was my first time to experience a tournament with different styles represented. I had the opportunity to spar with someone from a different style. Karate has different rules from Tongil Moodo, but it was a good experience.

You attended a week long seminar. How did you find the philosophy of Tongil Moodo when compared with that of Karate?

Some things are the same, and some are different. Karate focuses mainly on respect between master and student, for example. But the new martial arts philosophy¹ is deeper because it focuses on sexual purity, moral values, preparation for marriage, and family values. In Karate the education is more limited.

Do you feel the teachings go well with martial arts?

Absolutely. It is a perfect combination, because an instructor must become an example for the students, a model of purity, and in his family, etc. Through this we can build a world of peace. *TW*

¹ Essentially character education developed by the International Education Foundation



Wallisson Delano has been teaching character education to high school students in the city of Anápolis, Brazil, for six years. Working on the project with a close friend, he lectures on the dangers of drugs, AIDS, and on family values. These presentations have helped in young people's internal development. One school, Colegio Americo Borges de Carvalho, is even using the materials for an adult education class, which permits more weight to be given to this important content.

Sun-jin Nim's Kitchen Ministry



By Satchiko Kuriyama

In August, Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim welcomed to their Tokyo home dinner guests chosen by God. Sun-jin nim had signed a thousand books of Father's speeches to be given as gifts to Japanese members who greatly contributed to the church in 2007. On one book only she placed a heart sticker, and through this she asked God, "Please pick one person." We are pleased to carry that one person's account of the experience.

At first, I was concerned about accepting the invitation to dinner because Sun-jin nim wanted to invite a family and I felt it wouldn't be fair to go alone. My leader reassured me though that there were more church members in our family than in any other family in the region and encouraged me to go with my sisters.¹

Then my daughter, who is living in Korea, unexpectedly came home on July 19, after finishing a forty-day workshop in Yeosu for Japanese blessed wives living in Korea. When I told my daughter, who had no idea, about Sun-jin nim's dinner, she was elated and wanted to join us.

On August 22, my two sisters, my daughter and I were treated to Sun-jin nim's home-cooked dinner and received the biggest blessing our family could ever have imagined.

When we arrived in Tokyo, we were amazed to hear from Mr. Han Yon-ho, the director of FFWPU Headquarters, that Sun-jin nim had spent the whole week preparing for the dinner. We didn't know until then that she had prepared the dinner herself. We thought she was going to take us out to a restaurant with a group of other people. When I learned that she had actually cooked for us herself, I was overwhelmed.

Sun-jin nim and her husband greeted us warmly in Japanese and invited us in. In-sup nim entertained us while his wife busily served the dinner. When we sat down at the dinner table, In-sup nim said, "Sun-jin nim loves to cook and has learned how to cook many international dishes. She is also studying Japanese now." After blessing the food, we made a toast with mango juice poured into beautiful cocktail glasses, and started nibbling on the colorfully decorated hors d'oeuvres. In Sup nim said, "Sun-jin nim makes the food, and I help explain it." As he ate with us, he chuckled, "I had no idea that there was such a superb cook in the True Family before I got married. This is how my slim body was ruthlessly transformed into what it is now." He made us feel very comfortable.

The theme of her dinner was the four seasons. It was a full-course meal of Italian and French dishes. She explained to us that the hors d'oeuvres represented summer, the salad, spring, the side dishes, fall and the main dish, winter. The main dish was especially sophisticated. It was beef cooked with mushroom sauce and then wrapped in pie dough and baked. There were mashed potatoes on the side. I have always loved mashed potatoes and have tried many different kinds in the past, but the ones Sun-jin nim made were unlike any I've ever tasted before in my life. I ended up having many helpings.

When Sun-jin nim finally joined us at the table after serving dessert, she said, "True Parents love the Japanese members. Also, the True Children are so grateful to the Japanese members for their hard work."

While I listened to what Sun-jin nim was saying, I felt her deep love for True Parents. I realized that Sun-jin nim thought of cooking for a family because she wanted to do something as True Parents' child

¹ Their older sister brought Satchiko and her younger sister into the church. Satchiko and her husband, who ascended in 2004, were blessed among the thirty-thousand-couple blessing group. Her daughter and two nieces are blessed members.

to express love for Japanese members. We were all moved by her warm spirit and deep love and could not stop crying as we ate and listened to her speak.

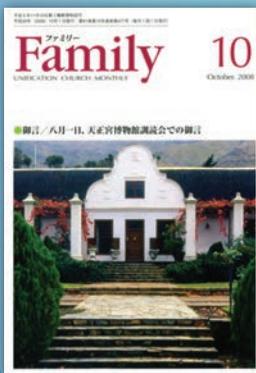
Not only did Sun-jin nim prepare a beautiful and delicious dinner for us but she also listened to each person's story. When we told her that the husbands and sons of my sisters have not joined the church yet, she became very concerned and said, "You should bring them to my brother's service; Hyung-jin nim's service will help them change."

When my elder sister showed Sun-jin nim a picture of our mother, who could not come that day, she was very disappointed and asked, "Why didn't you bring her?" My mother is eighty-three years old, and it is difficult for her to go out even in a wheelchair. She has received the Spiritual and Physical World Blessing, has contributed to the providence and continues to protect us.

When it was time to say goodbye, Sun-jin nim said, "You probably aren't used to this way of greeting" and hugged each one of us tightly.

I asked my daughter, who was crying the whole time, how she felt, and she said, "There's no way I can express this in words!" That was true. It is hard to describe in words the blessing we received. With her delicate sweetness, Sun-jin nim reminded me of True Mother when she was younger.

This was a historic event for our family, which we will never forget. I want to express my deepest gratitude to Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim who not only prepared delicious food for us but also gave us spiritual healing. *STW*



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Sun-jin nim was only able to join her husband and guests after serving dessert.



Satchiko Kuriyama (second from left) received the one-in-a-thousand book that led to her, her two sisters and her daughter sharing a meal they will never forget with Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim.

Gearing Up to Serve Patients from Overseas



By Alexander Ershov

My acquaintance with Cheongshim International Medical Center (CIMC) began three years ago. I had just settled with my family in the town of Seorak, near the Cheongpyeong training center, and from that time on, an occasional cold, headache or upset stomach prompted us to visit the hospital now and then.¹ I liked the place, but one generally does not want to come to hospitals too often. Little did I imagine I would be spending many hours here. After a while, we moved to Seoul, but my wife Irina kept saying, “I want to have our next child in Cheongshim.” Fortune was benevolent to us—shortly after Irina got pregnant I received an offer to work for CIMC, and we moved to Seorak again.

When I started working on CIMC’s International Cooperation Team, I knew about the hospital what an average Unification Church member might know—it is a medical institution founded at the initiative of Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim where the work done benefits from the assistance of angels and other good forces from the spirit world. These statements by True Father would probably best describe the idea behind the hospital’s founding:

We need to develop a unified medical science. It is necessary not only to cure the ailments of the body caused by the Fall but also to overcome conflict between East and West through blending together Oriental and Western cultures. When Western and Oriental philosophy and medicine join forces, we will be able to cure even incurable diseases like AIDS.”²

1 In Korea, patients often visit a doctor’s office within a hospital for minor ailments that don’t require checking into the hospital.

2 Source: February 7, 1999 celebration of the completion of the World Culture and Sports Festival, Little Angels Performing Arts Center

That is what is taking place in the hospital. Doctors specializing in Western medicine cooperate with those specializing in Oriental medicine in treating patients; they even do rounds together. Such cooperation has proved to be especially effective with stroke and cancer patients and those suffering from atopic dermatitis and other skin conditions. Moreover, the hospital operates a Spiritual Treatment Room. Spiritual treatment is basically the same singing and clapping sessions conducted in the training center. Patients do not have to leave the hospital to participate in the sessions. Interestingly, about 10 percent of the people who participate in the spiritual treatment sessions are not Unification Church members. They come simply because they hear testimonies of fellow patients who started feeling better as a result of the spiritual therapy.

Despite CIMC’s spiritual background, it is not a medical institution exclusively serving Unificationists. Fellow *shikgu*³ enjoy some benefits, such as price discounts, the opportunity to use a prayer room or receive counseling from a hospital pastor, but otherwise a person’s religious affiliation does not matter when he or she comes here, as an employee or as a patient.

Before joining Cheongshim’s staff, I thought that the hospital was an internal church project. I realized how wrong I was in the first months of my work here. Attending numerous meetings with the Korean Ministry of Health and other governmental departments, I came to understand that our hospital is quite well known in Korean medical circles. For several years, we have been setting records among Korean hospitals in the number of foreign patients served. CIMC received an award for this from the Ministry of Health in 2007, a year in which we served more than twenty-one

3 A Korean term for “family members,” which our church uses for its members

thousand. It is a remarkable achievement, given that Cheongshim is quite small compared to giants like Seoul University Hospital or Severance Hospital, which have thousands of beds and thousands of employees. (Cheongshim has only two hundred and fifty beds and about two hundred staff members.)

No wonder CIMC is frequented by delegations from various hospitals and governmental agencies working in the area of public health. Officials of our hospital are often invited by various organizations to speak about our experience in serving foreign patients. Mr. Cha Sang-hyup, the president of CIMC, serves as a vice-president of the Council for Korea Medicine Overseas Promotion (CKMP), the government-private sector joint initiative to promote Korean health-care to international patients.

It was not always like this. Mr. Kang Heung-lim, the head of the International Cooperation Team says, “Five years ago, people from some famous hospitals didn’t want to even talk to us, simply because we were a [Unification Church-affiliated] hospital.” What brought about such changes? How could the hospital attract so many patients from abroad?

Cheongshim International Medical Center got its current name in 2006. Until that time, it was called Cheongshim Hospital of Western and Oriental Medicine. The change of name was a result of planning. Cha Sang-hyup realized that the focus on serving the needs of foreign patients might become a means of survival in the highly competitive Korean medical market. The hospital started to build its foundation on work done for Japanese church members coming to the Cheongpyeong training center.

The process was not easy. Simply having the newest medical equipment and skilled doctors is not all it takes to make a good hospital; an attitude of service is extremely important. When



Left: Cheongshim International Medical Center Right: Alexander with a patient from overseas as a nurse conducts a check

patients come to a hospital from abroad, they want to be listened to and talked to. They want someone to be there who understands their language and heeds their needs.

Generally speaking, Korean hospitals are overcrowded, so in many cases foreign patients in Korea cannot expect any special treatment from hospital staff members. Cheongshim took pains to adjust to foreign patients' needs. Since its initial focus was on Japanese patients, many Japanese nurses and some Japanese doctors were hired. Currently CIMC also has English- and Russian-speaking staff members, so that patients from countries where those languages are spoken can feel comfortable. Dietitians introduced alternative menus to suit the palate of clients from abroad. Since the majority of Japanese patients have medical insurance, our Patient Affairs Department invested a good deal of effort in researching the insurers' requirements, which vary from prefecture to prefecture in Japan. This was done to guarantee that on discharge from the hospital each patient receive exactly the documents he or she needs to get insurance compensation.

After achieving some success in the Japanese market, CIMC is turning to other destinations. First, we started to work with Korea's closest neighbors—Russia and China. Hospital repre-

sentatives made several trips to those countries to meet medical doctors and medical travel agents and devise means of cooperation. They found significant interest in our hospital, particularly in the Russian Far East. In fact, though, even patients from regions as far from Korea as North America and Europe can benefit from coming to Cheongshim for medical treatment. The reason for this is not purely spiritual.

While you might not want to come all the way from the United States just to rid yourself of a cold or cure an upset stomach, for some more serious maladies, treatment in Korea may be quite a reasonable option. Even given that Western patients would have to pay their airfare to get to Korea, their total treatment expenses in many cases would be much cheaper than in many Western countries.

The following categories of patients might be particularly interested in being treated at CIMC: patients with breast, stomach and colorectal cancer, those partially immobilized as a consequence of cerebral stroke, those with diseases affecting the joints, or trauma victims requiring orthopedic surgery. CIMC prides itself on its Center of Rehabilitative Medicine—the largest one in Korea. In our doctors' experience, rehabilitative medicine combined with Oriental acupuncture has the best effect on recuperation after a stroke.

In July, our Department of Orthopedic Surgery attracted the attention of the Korean media when True Parents' helicopter crashed on a nearby mountain and True Parents and the other passengers, including those who had spinal fractures, were treated by our orthopedic surgeon.

There is still much work to be done, but I hope that with the prayers, ideas and suggestions of our brothers and sisters from all over the world, we can improve our hospital so that it can make any person who walks through our doors healthy and happy. **STW**

Cheongshim International Medical Center welcomes all questions and suggestions regarding its services. Feel free to write to the author of this article at alexershov8676@gmail.com or call at +82(31)589-4488.



"The care here is outstanding. The food is outstanding. They can prepare either Western-style meals or regular Korean food for you. It is very quiet and peaceful. You can see Cheongpyeong Lake. The spiritual ambiance here is such that you really feel relaxed and you can recover quickly." —Roberta Burson, patient (now out of hospital)

DOES ABSTINENCE WORK?



Free Teens is an independent organization that works internationally to encourage young people to reap the benefits of a pure, abstinent lifestyle while avoiding the tragic consequences that can result from a prematurely active sex life. In a world gone awry, living for others' sake means sometimes grappling with issues that threaten the communities we (and our children) live in. We are therefore pleased to present this article from the founder of Free Teens.

By Richard Panzer

The Worldwide Debate—What Shall We Teach Young People about Sex?

There has been a vigorous debate in the U.S. and around the world about what kind of education to give our young people regarding intimate relationships, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), AIDS and other risks to their health and their lives. Although most religious teachings are very clear about not having sex outside of marriage, many people of faith struggle about whether this message works in reality in our day and age. After all, isn't AIDS decimating minority communities in most of our cities? Wouldn't the use of condoms reduce the spread of this terrible disease, save lives and maybe reduce the number of "baby mamas" to boot?

Furthermore, in a secular society, people of faith cannot demand that public schools teach the religiously based standard of sex only in marriage. During the past two years we have been exposed to a barrage of news stories in the U.S., and around the world, declaring that abstinence education doesn't work. If the experts quoted in these articles are correct, why fight for a standard that not only seems to be outdated, but isn't effective?

But, before we all give in and invite an "AIDS prevention" group over to teach our young people "safe sex" by showing them how to place condoms on a banana, there are a few questions all of us ought to consider. Why are STD rates often highest among those who report the highest rates of condom use? Why are most youth (and adults) never informed about condom failure rates for the most common STD in the U.S. (human papillomavirus, HPV), one that can cause a cancer that kills more women in the U.S. than does AIDS? Why are the words "marriage" and "monogamy" forbidden in many public school classrooms?

Since "comprehensive" sex education that claims to teach about both contraceptives and abstinence is taught in three out of four American public schools and promoted as being effective by the "experts," why is one in four girls in the U.S. infected with an STD? Why are nearly half of African-American girls infected?¹

What kinds of "abstinence" do comprehensive sex education programs teach our young people? Several widely used comprehensive curricula invite youth to come up with their

1 March 11, 2008 report from the U.S. government's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



Richard Panzer

own definitions of "abstinence" and suggest various kinds of sexually-oriented behavior as options to consider.

As the founder of a program that teaches young people about healthy relationships and the benefits of marriage that has been used in thirty-eight states and seventy countries, I can tell you that we also invite young people to think about ways they can have fun without becoming sexually intimate. Activities that these youth suggest include playing sports, going for a hike, cooking, doing community service, going to a movie

with friends and other activities to get to know someone while still keeping all of your clothes on.

Consider the following poem by Hilary Collins, a 13-year-old from Harlem, NY, called "Real Love":

When he says "Let me whisper in your ear" or
"I'm gonna give you the world"
And stuff like "when you gonna come get with me?"
That's not real love.

When he calls you "Shorty," "Baby Mama,"
and "Sexy Lady,"
That's not real love.

Real love is not conditional.
Involving STDs
Or pregnancy before marriage.
But real love is
Commitment
Significant
And symbolizes the life-long journey to find...
That special one.

There are those who will say that Hilary is not representative of all young people, and that's true. They will say that when Hilary becomes sixteen or seventeen, and is going out with her boyfriend, she may be guided less by her ideals and more by her passions, and that could also be true. They will say that, because 60 percent of U.S. teens have sexual intercourse by age eighteen, they need to be taught about condoms and birth control.

I do not disagree with giving young people accurate information about these things, but what I find most disturbing

is when that is the only conversation offered to them, when the possibility of a committed lifelong love relationship is never mentioned out of fear of offending those adults who do not enjoy such a relationship. You may be surprised to hear that a 2007 MTV / Associated Press poll found that 96 percent of unmarried youth and young adults ages thirteen to twenty-four disagreed with the idea that “marriage is an outdated institution.”

Ninety-two percent said they definitely or probably would get married someday; 64 percent thought it was “very likely” they would remain married to the same person for life.

You may dismiss this as the idealism of youth. You may say that even if they do get married, half of them will divorce within five years, but consider this question, Does the high divorce rate for new marriages reflect the fact that we have focused on preparing young people for so-called “safe sex,” but not for a committed love relationship—that is, a healthy marriage? What sense does it make to deprive our young people of any discussion of monogamy and marriage?

Former health commissioner Fred Jacobs justified rejection of federal abstinence funding in New Jersey, the vast majority of which benefits urban minority youth, by saying, “monogamy is not a bad idea, but having the government of New Jersey dictate these things for families is not something we wish to do.”

As the ex-health commissioner knows very well, no one is “dictating” anything to anyone. Why are twenty-two governors opposed to receiving federal funds for programs that inform our youth about the personal and community benefits of people being faithful to one sexual partner? Surely most rank-and-file Democrats believe that abstinence and marriage are good things that they would like young people in their communities to think about. When did delaying sexual involvement and fidelity become only “Republican” values?

Former Surgeon General Everett Koop advised “young people must be told the truth, that the best way to avoid

Although the tide may appear to be against traditional moral values, there are many resources available for parents wishing to help their children lead a sexually abstinent lifestyle and receive the blessing. Certain Christian publications, for example, have championed the path of remaining pure. Recently our own second generation (Sunghwa) department in the United States published *The Gift for Life*, a new book to help younger members—especially those of the second generation—to prepare for the blessing (available from HSA Publications, www.hsabooks.com.)



AIDS is to refrain from sexual activity until as adults they are ready to establish a mutually faithful, monogamous relationship.” What’s wrong with that message?

There are risks that condoms have no power to reduce. Sexually active boys and girls ages twelve–sixteen are more likely to engage in high-risk behaviors including alcohol and drug use, running away from home, getting into trouble

with the police, being suspended from school, and for girls, attempting suicide.² High school girls who become sexually active are three times more likely to become depressed and to attempt suicide than high school girls who wait.³

In contrast, youth who make a promise to abstain from sex delay having sex an average of twenty-seven months longer than teens who don’t make such a pledge (after controlling for other factors, scientists say that eighteen months of the delay can be attributed to making the abstinence pledge).⁴ This gives them more time to focus on achieving their personal goals, including graduating from high school, going to college, starting the career of their choice and finding someone who really loves them and is mature enough to commit to starting a family together. Abstaining teens are more likely to graduate from college, half as likely to go on welfare and half as likely to get divorced and, as adults, have higher personal income.⁵

Contrary to the media barrage attacking abstinence education, a number of scientific studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of at least a dozen abstinence education programs in reducing teen sexual involvement. Furthermore, the National Sex Survey, the largest and most scientific sex study ever conducted in the U.S. found that married people had more sex than unmarried singles and enjoyed it more, physically and emotionally. The reason is not hard to understand, for most human beings, uncommitted sex is not fulfilling and often leads to disappointment, pain and regret. Modern science confirms that age-old guidance to reserve sex for marriage is true in the twenty-first century, even as it was thousands of years ago. Now why is that surprising? **TW**



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