

African Diaspora Leadership Conference at the IPEC in Las Vegas, NV

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The African Diaspora Leadership Conference started bright and early at 6:00 am on Friday, July 13. Many holy songs were sung with great passion followed by morning prayer and a Hoon Dok Hae reading from Rev. Vital Ilemabila. The opening session started promptly at 9:00 am with an introduction delivered by Dr. Achille Acolatse and Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis defining the purpose of the conference. Rev. Richard Buessing, President of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) for a Heavenly USA offered a heartwarming message followed by a video message from Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, Regional Chairman of Family Federation North America. Rev. Zagery Oliver, Vice-President of Universal Peace Federation (UPF) gave a wonderful testimony which described the role and mission of UPF, whereafter Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) USA Chairwoman Denneze Nelson explained WFWP's correlation to UPF in carrying their respective providential activities. Representing Archbishop George Augustus Stallings Jr., Rev. Levy Daughtery provided the audience with historical context on the mission of American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) and stressed True Parents' love for the Christian ministers. The morning session was concluded with a message from African Regional Chairman of FFWPU Africa Rev. Bakari Camara, which was presented by the National Leader of FFWPU Senegal, Dr. Abdou Gaye, who stressed the need for one vertical center, Heavenly Parents and True Parents, and the urgency of Tribal Messiahship in Africa.

Following the first session of the conference came an introduction to the Blessed Bridge of Love program, the History and Legacy section by Rev. Harris Teah and Mrs. Aimee Teah, and the explanation of the powerful role of the Black race in history which was to fulfill their mission and responsibilities in order for the accomplishment of the current Providence.

On Saturday, July 14, the African Diaspora Conference started off with a moving Hoon Dok Hwe reading and meditation segment to honor and remember two African leaders who ascended during True Mother's

speech in Senegal. The day went one with discussing the manifestation of uniting all the people of African Diaspora through repentance and forgiveness, Dr. Gaye's briefing on True Parents' vision for a Heavenly Senegal and encouraging support for Africa, and testimonies from former missionary couples in Senegal. The conference concluded with a fundraiser in support of True Mother's vision for Senegal to create a Heavenly Africa.

