

## African religious leaders support True Mother and Peace Starts With Me at MSG

Drissa Kone  
July 8, 2017



As the day approaches until True Mother's upcoming speech at Madison Square Garden, 22 religious leaders of the African community gathered in Harlem on Saturday, July 8, to discuss the significance of the July 15 event. The gathering displayed once again that the universal desire for peace is greater than our differences, as African leaders of various faiths showed their support for the 2,000 Voice Choir, True Mother, and the Peace Starts With Me vision.

"The African community in New York is excited to celebrate peace with True Parents," said Dr. Drissa Kone, a community leader in Tarrytown, NY who helped organize the gathering. "They want to be involved and want to hear True Mother's message of peace. God is preparing them to hear True Mother's message. They are open and want to know more."

Similarly, the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) has been actively connecting with people of all religious backgrounds and inviting them to attend Peace Starts With Me. Notably, ACLC has promoted the event through the Christian Times. A digital copy of the latest edition can be found [here!](#)

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and a momentous time out for us to come together with others in The Garden and worship God,” expressed Rev. Dr. Michael Jenkins. Chairman Emeritus for the American Clergy Leadership Conference and President of the Manhattan Center and the Wyndham New Yorker Hotel, Jenkins is one of the lead organizers of this huge summer gathering, and is confident of the impact of this event.

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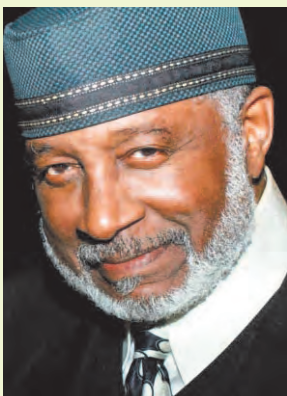
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*Connect Point Christian Center, Snellville, GA*  
I am wholeheartedly supporting this event because it is providing me and the nation with the opportunity to connect with people like me who are willing to work together for the cause of healing the nation and the world.

**BISHOP JESSE EDWARDS**

*Chair, ACLC-NYC*

This event will bring an explosion like a Pentecost with Madison Square Garden as the epicenter. It will bring a spiritual tsunami waving across the East Coast, tearing down walls of separation that have been built for many years – pouring out the prophesied last days revival like we have never known. I can't wait!



**PASTOR T L BARRETT**

*Life Center Church of God in Christ, Chicago, IL*  
Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, and as one of his representatives, I am committed to doing whatever Jesus would do to promote the cause of peace, love, and unity among all people. Therefore I will be there in the spirit of Jesus to add my vibrational energy to and with the energy of Mother Hak Ja Han Moon and the 20,000 other peacemakers, so that real peace on earth can become a reality.

**PASTOR TANYA EDWARDS**

*Family Church of New York City*

Those who are truly ready will be coming to this great event from the East, West, North, and South ! I hear the sound of Pentecost, and it's coming to Madison Square Garden. You do not want to miss your opportunity to be part of this life-changing event.



**PROPHETESS SANDRA BOND**

*Peekskill Christian Center, Peekskill, NY*

I thank God that I became a member of the ACLC in 2015. Last September during the 40th anniversary of Rev. Moon's speech at the mall in Washington DC, I was standing on the very lawn where he spoke, and I felt the presence of God's peace there, and it changed my life forever. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, this great event at Madison Square Garden with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is going to be a life-changing experience. It's amazing how one woman destroyed the peace in the garden, but now God has another to restore the peace in The Garden. I am so excited, I can't wait.

**DR. MICHAEL JENKINS**

*Chairman Emeritus, ACLC  
Chair, MCNY Group, Inc.*

We are rejoicing as we see the Body of Christ coming together in one accord at Madison Square Garden. Just as Joshua marched around the city of Jericho and the Walls came tumbling down, Mother Moon is calling for the people of faith to lead the world out of darkness with Jesus' love centering on strong families in God's Image.



**REV. DR. KENNARD DAVIS**

*Truth Center for Higher Consciousness, Brooklyn*  
This is an opportunity for people to come together to understand the true meaning of hope and peace as it relates to various denominations. This will be of great impact on our spirituality. We can only realize true peace when we come to the consciousness of the fact that we are spiritual beings. Mother Moon will bring a transformative message of peace and hope that will impact all nations.







**MIN. REIKO JENKINS**

*National Co-Chair, ACLC Women in Ministry*

We are excited by the move of the Holy Spirit at this time and believe that Jesus is now ushering in a new era of peace. We are excited that the great men and women Christian leaders of America are leading this effort to bring unity to our families and churches. They are testifying that the Message of Hope and Peace that Mother Moon is bringing will bring a miracle!! May God Bless His anointed clergy.



**DR. VONI JOHYN**

*Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope SBC, Brooklyn*

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"... with the Peace of God. This has been a long time coming, since the transition of Father Moon nearly five years ago. The opportunity now presents itself for Mother Moon to extend her love and blessing to all souls.



**DR. PATRA KIDWELL**

*God's Ministry International Church, Landover Hills, MD*

I'm so glad that Mother Moon is coming to speak at Madison Square Garden. She will give a message of hope and peace, not just to Christians, but to the whole world. She will speak of the grace of God, because grace is what we need in our world today with Christ being the center of our world. True Mother will come with that outpouring. It is imperative that lives will be liberated and changed. Come with an open heart to receive this message. This season is the obvious season. Don't miss it.



**DR. KI HOON KIM**

*Co-chair, ACLC*

We are living at the most important time in history in which God and Jesus are moving to call us to become one centering on God's Love. This is the calling of Father and Mother Moon, to stand as True Parents under God's anointing and in His image. Mother Moon is bringing the mother's heart to New York and to the world declaring with "the Message of Hope and Peace" that human effort alone will not solve the terrible problems of the world today – only with God's power and the True Love of Jesus coming through True Parents can we end the division and suffering."



**BISHOP CECIL G. RILEY**

*Freedom Hall Church of God, Brooklyn*

You can count me in! Here again is a great opportunity for a huge collective victory. We are gathering at the Garden amidst a huge crowd of witnesses. We are laying aside the weight and the things that doth so easily beset us. To this end, we must lay aside race, religion, sex, status, and our individual beliefs and denominations so we can all take center court at

Madison Square Garden and deliver a slam dunk for peace. Mother Moon's message of peace and hope is particularly timely during this season of global strife, the craziness in Washington, and the imbalance of justice in New York. Let's come together and celebrate Jesus, lift up hope, and take a stand for peace!



**ARCHBISHOP ANGELO ROSARIO**

*Church of God's Children*

It is a great pleasure to welcome Mother Moon as she is returning once again to America after her world tour, seeking to bring unity and peace to all denominations, religions, and races. There is only one race the human race. On July 15, we pray that all of us, people of faith, will join together as one family guided by the Holy Spirit to bring peace to our communities and our world.



**REV. DR. LUONNE ABRAM ROUSE**

*1st Church Baldwin, UMC*

"Peace begins with me" is an existential truth, and I've made an experiential, informed choice to support. The cost of discipleship is priceless; by faith in Jesus, it's paid in full. Let peace, here and now, begin with me.



**BISHOP MICHAEL SYKES**

*United Missionary Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ*

Jesus prayed in John 17 that God would make all people one. I believe Mother Moon's message of peace, hope, and love will help make all people one.



**REV. DR. ROBERT WATERMAN**

*Antioch Baptist Church, Brooklyn*

I am moved by the body of Christ representing itself through the 2000-voice choir, being many members but one body. What a splendid opportunity for us to move with one sound that testifies of the

mercies of God though the love that we share with one another in worship. Music is a powerful instrument that the enemy has snatched, and as men and women of all races, religions, and creeds come together to sing, worship, and boldly proclaim our solidarity with each other through fellowship and this, our solidarity with peace, I join the call for us to unite in worship.



**REV. JOEL RAY YOUNGBLOOD**

*Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Bklyn*

I support this event because I believe that this is what Jesus would want us to do, people of all faiths and all races coming together for the cause of peace and unity.

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**DR. MICHAEL & FUMIKO BALCOMB**

*President, Family Federation for World Peace and Unification*

Mother Moon is coming to America to remind us that America is great when America is good, and when this country focuses on God. America must be first ... first in giving, first in loving, first in serving, an example and a model to all nations of the world

**ARCHBISHOP SULANCH LEWIS**

*Little Rock Zion International Deliverance Ministries, Brooklyn, NY*

This event of hope and peace will enrich and empower you. This message of love, peace, and relational healing is a message that transcends every boundary and will bulldoze the walls that create barriers to our unity. Hope to see you there!



**PASTOR MARK ABERNATHY**

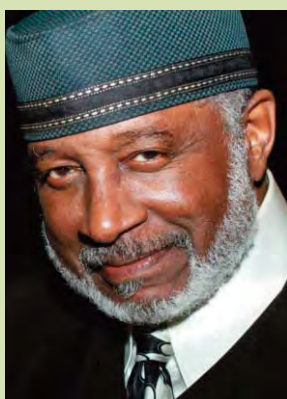
*Connect Point Christian Center, Snellville, GA*

I am wholeheartedly supporting this event because it is providing me and the nation with the opportunity to connect with people like me who are willing to work together for the cause of healing the nation and the world.

**BISHOP JESSE EDWARDS**

*Chair, ACLC-NYC*

This event will bring an explosion like a Pentecost with Madison Square Garden as the epicenter. It will bring a spiritual tsunami waving across the East Coast, tearing down walls of separation that have been built for many years – pouring out the prophesied last days revival like we have never known. I can't wait!



**PASTOR T L BARRETT**

*Life Center Church of God in Christ, Chicago, IL*

Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, and as one of his representatives, I am committed to doing whatever Jesus would do to promote the cause of peace, love, and unity among all people. Therefore I will be there in the spirit of Jesus to add my vibrational energy to and with the energy of Mother Hak Ja Han Moon and the 20,000 other peacemakers, so that real peace on earth can become a reality.

**PASTOR TANYA EDWARDS**

*Family Church of New York City*

Those who are truly ready will be coming to this great event from the East, West, North, and South! I hear the sound of Pentecost, and it's coming to Madison Square Garden. You do not want to miss your opportunity to be part of this life-changing event.



**PROPHETESS SANDRA BOND**

*Peekskill Christian Center, Peekskill, NY*

I thank God that I became a member of the ACLC in 2015. Last September during the 40th anniversary of Rev. Moon's speech at the mall in Washington DC, I was standing on the very lawn where he spoke, and I felt the presence of God's peace there, and it changed my life forever. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, this great event at Madison Square Garden with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is going to be a life-changing experience. It's amazing how one woman destroyed the peace in the garden, but now God has another to restore the peace in The Garden. I am so excited, I can't wait.

**DR. MICHAEL JENKINS**

*Chairman Emeritus, ACLC  
Chair, MCNY Group, Inc.*

We are rejoicing as we see the Body of Christ coming together in one accord at Madison Square Garden. Just as Joshua marched around the city of Jericho and the Walls came tumbling down, Mother Moon is calling for the people of faith to lead the world out of darkness with Jesus' love centering on strong families in God's Image.



**REV. DR. KENNARD DAVIS**

*Truth Center for Higher Consciousness, Brooklyn*

This is an opportunity for people to come together to understand the true meaning of hope and peace as it relates to various denominations. This will be of great impact on our spirituality. We can only realize true peace when we come to the consciousness of the fact that we are spiritual beings. Mother Moon will bring a transformative message of peace and hope that will impact all nations.







**MIN. REIKO JENKINS**

*National Co-Chair, ACLC Women in Ministry*

We are excited by the move of the Holy Spirit at this time and believe that Jesus is now ushering in a new era of peace. We are excited that the great men and women Christian leaders of America are leading this effort to bring unity to our families and churches. They are testifying that the Message of Hope and Peace that Mother Moon is bringing will bring a miracle!! May God Bless His anointed clergy.



**DR. VONI JOHYN**

*Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope SBC, Brooklyn, NY*

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"... with the Peace of God. This has been a long time coming, since the transition of Father Moon nearly five years ago. The opportunity now presents itself for Mother Moon to extend her love and blessing to all souls.



**DR. PATRA KIDWELL**

*God's Ministry International Church, Landover Hills, MD*

I'm so glad that Mother Moon is coming to speak at Madison Square Garden. She will give a message of hope and peace, not just to Christians, but to the whole world. She will speak of the grace of God, because grace is what we need in our world today with Christ being the center of our world. True Mother will come with that outpouring. It is imperative that lives will be liberated and changed. Come with an open heart to receive this message. This season is the obvious season. Don't miss it.



**DR. KI HOON KIM**

*Co-chair, ACLC*

We are living at the most important time in history in which God and Jesus are moving to call us to become one centering on God's Love. This is the calling of Father and Mother Moon, to stand as True Parents under God's anointing and in His image. Mother Moon is bringing the mother's heart to New York and to the world declaring with "the Message of Hope and Peace" that human effort alone will not solve the terrible problems of the world today – only with God's power and the True Love of Jesus coming through True Parents can we end the division and suffering."



**BISHOP CECIL G. RILEY**

*Freedom Hall Church of God, Brooklyn, NY*

You can count me in! Here again is a great opportunity for a huge collective victory. We are gathering at the Garden amidst a huge crowd of witnesses. We are laying aside the weight and the things that doth so easily beset us. To this end, we must lay aside race, religion, sex, status, and our individual beliefs and denominations so we can all take center court at Madison Square Garden and deliver a slam dunk for peace. Mother Moon's message of peace and hope is particularly timely during this season of global strife, the craziness in Washington, and the imbalance of justice in New York. Let's come together and celebrate Jesus, lift up hope, and take a stand for peace!

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**ARCHBISHOP ANGELO ROSARIO**

*Church of God's Children Bronx, NY*

It is a great pleasure to welcome Mother Moon as she is returning once again to America after her world tour, seeking to bring unity and peace to all denominations, religions, and races. There is only one

race the human race. On July 15, we pray that all of us, people of faith, will join together as one family guided by the Holy Spirit to bring peace to our communities and our world.



**REV. DR. LUONNE ABRAM ROUSE**

*1st Church Baldwin, UMC*

"Peace begins with me" is an existential truth, and I've made an experiential, informed choice to support. The cost of discipleship is priceless; by faith in Jesus, it's paid in full. Let peace, here and now, begin with me.



**BISHOP MICHAEL SYKES**

*United Missionary Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ*

Jesus prayed in John 17 that God would make all people one. I believe Mother Moon's message of peace, hope, and love will help make all people one.



**REV. DR. ROBERT WATERMAN**

*Antioch Baptist Church, Brooklyn*

I am moved by the body of Christ representing itself through the 2000-voice choir, being many members but one body. What a splendid opportunity for us to move with one sound that testifies of the

mercies of God through the love that we share with one another in worship. Music is a powerful instrument that the enemy has snatched, and as men and women of all races, religions, and creeds come together to sing, worship, and boldly proclaim our solidarity with each other through fellowship and this, our solidarity with peace, I join the call for us to unite in worship.



**REV. JOEL RAY YOUNGBLOOD**

*Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Bklyn*

I support this event because I believe that this is what Jesus would want us to do, people of all faiths and all races coming together for the cause of peace and unity.