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As part of her efforts to improve the public image of our movement, Rev. In Jin Moon initiated the building of a new website for the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU): www.familyfed.org. Knowing that the Internet is now one of the most effective and efficient ways to spread God's word to the world, she wanted to create a new face of the Unification Movement on the web as the cyber center of our mission, for the english-speaking public as well as our members. It is simple yet elegant, easy yet useful, friendly yet sophisticated.

On the website, there are the following sections: 1) an explanation of "Who We Are", which currently includes a short explanation of FFWPU and a short bio of True Parents, 2) "News and Events", which tells about what FFWPU members are doing around the country and presents upcoming events, 3) "Community and Services", which presents affiliated organizations and initiatives that are run by the members, 4) "Projects and Services", which will in the future portray the central initiatives of FFWPU, such as the ministry to be held at the Manhattan Center, education initiatives, and social initiatives.

Other than these basic functions, the website also includes quotes and pictures of some of the world's greatest leaders, such as Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi and Abraham Lincoln. This is to bring up many different aspects of the same message together, which is God, love, family and peace centering on True Parents by showing not only these great leaders but also True Parents and True Family up in the front page. In True Parents' section, their teachings, sermons and the peace messages are presented. A section devoted to the True Family has speeches of True Family members.

Another area of the website is focused on servicing our members, and it can be accessed after logging-in. There, you will find news, pictures, videos, testimonies, sermon transcripts and announcements not included in the public part of our website. There are all of Rev. In Jin Moon's speeches, pictures and reports of Hoon Dok Hwe, pictures of families and events, international, national and district announcements, news stories written for members, personal testimonies by members and a forum in which all members can participate freely.

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# Rev. In Jin Moon Preps Second-Generation Matching Candidates

JANUARY 9, 2009

On January 9, 2009, Rev. In Jin Moon met with matching candidates for the upcoming Blessing Ceremony, to take place on January 31st, at the New Yorker Hotel.

In all, 55 candidates attended, with 35 preparing to be matched by True Father in less than a week, and more than 15 having been matched by their parents. Candidates

were invited to spend time with Reverend Moon, hear her personal experiences, and share about themselves.

The gathering started with a sharing of Reverend Moon's own matching and Blessing in 1984 with stories and anecdotes, many of which provided a sense of humor but also a great deal of wisdom. It was rich with talk about personal experiences she and her husband had been

through during their 25 years of being blessed and raising a family together. She shared that although their matching and blessing had not been very easy at first, what made it easier for them was being aware that each had faith and commitment. "I have to say, Father was correct and he was wise," Reverend Moon shared during the meeting. "Nobody knows me better than my dad," she said, adding

that True Father likes to say to her today, "See, In Jin, it worked out wonderfully."

Reverend Moon wanted to get to know everyone who had come, so each was asked to give an introduction one by one. She was interested to hear from each candidate applying for the picture matching his or her personal reason for applying. This was in order for each to make sure that he or she felt completely ready for the matching and Blessing and that it was a personal and committed decision. Reverend Moon expressed, "If you feel you are not on solid footing, know that this is a process. The Blessing is not something to try out. If you are not ready to go, you don't have to. If you aren't sure, then you might not be the best candidate. God will tell you when it is your time to go." All there took in what she had to say and had the opportunity to look inside themselves together with Reverend Moon's sincere care.

"The possibilities are endless for you," Reverend Moon told the candidates. "There is nothing more wonderful than True Father giving you the opportunity to take care of another life," she said, assuring all that "whoever True Father matches you to will bring out the best in you." There was an extraordinary sense of family, with Reverend Moon sharing before the closing, "You are all my babies," with a smile. "I am so proud of America!"



◀ Rev. In Jin Moon poses with matching candidates, family and staff.

# Taking Her Message to the Heartland

January 10 ~ 11, 2009



Rev. In Jin Moon listening to second generation introduce themselves

Rev. In Jin Moon continued her national tour of American FFWPU communities by visiting the members in Minneapolis, the center of the FFWPU Heartland District including the states of Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota, on the weekend of January 10–11.

## Evening Program, Jan. 10

Reverend Moon met with high-school and college students from the district on Saturday evening, January 10, at which time she not only shared her heart but listened to each and every student talk about his or her hopes and dreams. Kensei Tsubata, one of the students, shared that he was “inspired by the intimate and sincere sharing of Reverend Moon and her open heart to hear from the youth.” He said that he is “so energized by her heart to use young peoples’ talent and passions to build peace with the happiness and internal true love in their own selves and their families.” Another student who attended this meeting commented, “This evening was an enriching and motivating experience with many grateful thoughts,” adding, “Reverend Moon has a very caring, soothing, calming but effective way of



communicating herself to others. The motherly love she feels radiates from her in her words and actions. When she says that anyone in the room can become great in whatever they do, it’s inspirational to see she actually believes it and inspires us to believe it, too.”

During the evening program with the young people, Reverend Moon showed two short videos to the audience. The first featured artistic activities in which her children are engaged, as well as creative opportunities she is giving to Unificationist youth in Japan through organizing Youth Concerts for World Peace. Reverend Moon has raised scholarship funds and trained young Japanese musicians to the level at which they could perform for Embassy Row in Japan. The second was a promotional video about the Manhattan Center, a multimedia production facility located in the heart of New York City. Reverend Moon was appointed CEO of the Manhattan Center in April 2008. Under her leadership during the last eight months, the Manhattan Center has greatly increased revenue and decreased expenses despite the recession.

Besides being a great mom, philanthropist, and businesswoman, according to one of the students, “Reverend Moon [gives me the impression] that she acts out of a heart of sincerity, that she is real, honest and true!” James Henry, one of the students who had the opportunity to share about his hopes and aspirations for the future, said, “It was great to share with people who know what we can do.”

## Hoon Dok Hwe, Jan. 11

At 5:00 AM the next morning, Reverend Moon met with Heartland District families in the Main Ballroom of the Minneapolis Gateway Hotel to do Hoon Dok Hwe, which is Korean for “a gathering to meet and read scripture together.” First, Benroy Shimotani, one of the local youths, read one of Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s speeches titled “Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God’s Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World.” After the reading, Reverend Moon spoke to the brothers and sisters about encouraging children to develop their passions and strive for excellence. She also explained her father’s teaching of absolute sex or absolute sexual ethics, which she said could be translated from the original Korean better as absolute fidelity. It means to be completely faithful to your spouse. After Reverend Moon’s visit, Eri Pehling, a Japanese-American church member and longtime Minnesota resident, commented, “I am filled with hope and joy that we are building the Kingdom of Heaven. [Reverend Moon] is showing the way and I am so proud of being part of this movement.”

Speaking to the teenagers in attendance, Reverend Moon reassured them that adolescence is something that everyone goes through, encouraging them to talk about what they are going through with their parents. She also asked parents to listen to their children, support them, and help them get through their difficulties. She spoke

about the challenges children and teenagers face as visual temptations are thrown at them on the Internet. She also spoke about the value of sexual abstinence before marriage. She cautioned sisters to avoid tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse, as it can directly affect the eggs women are born with, essentially harming unborn children. She asked brothers why they would want to destroy their bodies just to fit in or just to be cool. Reverend Moon expressed that the coolest thing to be is yourself. When everyone else is trying to fit in, the cool thing is to be unique. Eugene Curtin, one of the parents in the community, observed, “[Reverend Moon’s] admonition to [teenagers] to stand apart from the crowd by maintaining their sexual purity and to ‘be cool by being yourself’ is exactly the right message.”

#### Sunday Service, Jan. 11

During the Sunday Service, held at 8:00 AM in the same venue as the early morning gathering, Reverend Moon spoke to 250 people who had gathered from all over the Heartland District. At the beginning of her sermon, she expressed that she had been thinking about how to best express God’s love and her parents’ love for members, which she feels so strongly. In her sermon, she referred to herself as a member of the second generation, implying that her father’s generation is the first generation of Unificationists. The general distinction between first- and second-generation Unificationists is that first-

generation members are not born into a Unificationist family, whereas second-generation members are. As she has done throughout her tour, Reverend Moon thanked the first generation for their dedication and commitment to the ideals of Unificationism, laying a foundation for the second generation to become established in society. Mark Lincoln from Nebraska testified: “She spoke conversationally, matter-of-factly, not as a preacher from a pulpit. It was a weekend of healing for my wife and me.”

She talked about the value of Eastern tradition, with its vertical emphasis on how good it is to bow to your elders out of love and respect and how good it is to respect your older siblings and love and care for your younger siblings. She talked of the value of horizontal relationships from Western tradition: camaraderie, friendship, and having fun with your children. Toby Jessen, one of the young people who heard Reverend Moon speak, commented, “I liked when she said that Westerners bring a lot of communication and the ability to have more horizontalness in relationships. I liked this, because I am like that in many ways.” Toby’s mother, Margaret Jessen, said that “[Reverend Moon’s] warmth of heart was so life giving and [her] insights so clear and deep.” In response to Reverend Moon having brought three of her five children to Minneapolis with her, Mrs. Jessen remarked, “Sharing [her] family with us makes us feel like we are a small part of [her] family as well.”

It is evident that hearts were touched and minds impressed as a result of Reverend Moon’s visit in the following anonymous written reflections:

*“Her voice is soft, soothing like a Holy Spirit.”*

*“She was very wonderful—warm and so happy.”*

*“She is real. No pretense. Supporting, not judging.”*

*“I very much appreciated the guidance on raising children.”*

*“I’m really grateful to her and her family for coming out to the Midwest for us and for truly reaching out to us. She was extremely committed and she truly cared about what she was doing and about us.”*

*“I think the main point of her sermon was her respect for elder members that sacrificed a lot. She is really trying to say to younger members that the elder members did valuable things that they need to build on in a professional way”*

*“The evening program was an eye-opener. It really got me to think about the things I’m doing.”*

The Heartland District Director, Rev. Carl Swearson, reflected, *“Reverend Moon’s words of wisdom carried substance primarily because she has already been living her message for quite some time now. The fruits of her faith were demonstrated in the ongoing relationships in her family. Thank you, Reverend Moon, for caring enough to share your family and to be a part of our family in the Heartland.”*



# Rev. In Jin Moon's Speech to ACLC Conference Attendees

January 30, 2009 in Elizabeth, NJ

Good evening.  
I am speechless after an introduction like that, but I shall try my best. I am truly delighted to be invited to this extraordinary gathering of ACLC on its second day of meetings. More importantly, I am so delighted to have Dr. Lowery here with his wife and Reverend Fauntroy. You know, Dr. Lowery and I go way back. I met Dr. Lowery twenty-five years ago, when my father was unjustly imprisoned at Danbury prison in Connecticut. It was he, along with Dr. Abernathy and a group of American clergy like yourselves, who stood up against the injustices that the American government was putting upon my father, and said, "We must stand together in creating a religious freedom coalition and fight against this injustice. Be courageous; stand up for something!"

I was only a seventeen-year-old girl back then, but Dr. Lowery left an indelible mark on my life. He was an example for me of how I should live my life. I very much saw him and the civil rights movement as an inspiration for America that needs to be continued. I thought, how can I, as a woman, contribute to all the wonderful things that the civil rights movement has done and all the wonderful things my father has done in really trying to wake up America to its providential role of playing such a crucial role of influencing the world in the correct way?

When I was a freshman at Columbia University and I attended my first political science course, the professor got up at the podium and said to the class, "I know a lot of you worked hard to get here and I'm sure a lot of you have considered or thought about 'what does power mean?'" He said to me and the rest of the class, "Power is the ability to influence." I have thought about this oftentimes throughout my life. I have often thought, if Heavenly Father, our Heavenly Parent, has an incredible reason why America is so blessed, then isn't it America's role to exercise its power to properly influence the world to recognize God as our Heavenly Parent and to recognize each other (every races, every culture of the world) as belonging to one family? And for us to recognize that we must come together and honor our differences as well as our similarities so we can realize that what we are doing, no matter where we come from, is weaving the tapestry of life that makes us beautiful as God's children?

So twenty-five years ago, when I walked arm in arm down Lafayette Park in Washington, DC, with Dr. Lowery, he said something to me that has stayed with me to this day and I often say to my children. He said, "In Jin, God works in mysterious ways. 'Never forget that.' I've often thought about how God has mysteriously worked in my life, in my father's life, in Dr. Lowery's life, in Reverend Fauntroy's life, in Bishop Stallings's life, in Bishop Edwards's life. I've also thought, How can I, as a child of God, give my life for the betterment of world peace?"

Then my Father asked me to take upon myself this new role in continuing my brother's vision in emphasizing the importance of media, entertainment, and the arts to harness the power, if you will, to inspire young people, to raise up a group of young people. This is just like the way the civil rights leaders such as Martin Luther King, Dr. Lowery, Dr. Abernathy, Dr. Fauntroy—and, from my point of view in a very special and quiet way, people like Rosa Parks, who in her

quiet defiance and elegance strongly ignited the Montgomery bus boycott —inspired a whole generation to come, belong, work, and walk with the civil rights movement. It was women like Rosa Parks who inspired me in my life. It was elders like Martin Luther King, who, when he gave the speech "I Have a Dream," taught me to dream. I began to dream about a world where my children would not have to be afraid to go to school because of school shootings, where my children as Americans would not be afraid to walk to the streets of Palestine or Israel because of suicide bombings, and where my children, as proud Asian-Americans, would be able to say, "I belong to this great nation of America."

Ladies and Gentleman, coming from this incredible and historic election, we saw the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King realized when Senator Obama was inaugurated as the first African American president of the United States of America. The White House, which was built with the sweat, tears, and blood of African American slaves, welcomed the first child of your heritage to become something like the king of kings, starting from the servant of servants position, to lead this country of America into the next millennium. When I saw that my old friend, Dr. Lowery, had been hand-picked by our Heavenly Parent to grace the inauguration with the spirit of our Heavenly Parent by giving its benediction, I said to myself, "God works in mysterious ways."

I said to Dr. Lowery, "You were the highlight of the evening," and he so graciously said to me in the waiting room, "President Obama was the highlight." Then I said, "But Dr. Lowery, may I say, President Obama was the entrée and you were the dessert!" For me, being a woman and a mother who enjoys cooking and baking for my children, it's always the icing on the cake or the cherry on top of the sundae that makes that sundae worthwhile, and I felt that Dr. Lowery's benediction was that cherry, or the icing on the cake, that made this last inauguration truly meaningful and profound.

So Dr. Lowery, I as a mother and a woman am approaching my role feeling that I'm not good enough and I have a lot to learn from all of you. I feel that God has given me an incredible opportunity to learn from such distinguished men and women in this room, and I look forward to many great years with you. But being a mother, I very much look forward to inspiring a new generation of young people just like the way Dr. Lowery and Dr. Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks captivated the dream, the inspiration, and the promise of the young people.

I hope that if we do our job, we as mothers and fathers, as brothers and sisters, can raise up a new generation of what I would like to call the "Generation of Peace" to basically say, "No more wars, no more violence, no more prejudice." Let's honor each other as children of God. Let's honor our Heavenly Parent, and let's all work together in making this world a world of peace, where on my last dying day I can say to myself, "I can go in peace," because I know my children will be fine. I will not have to worry about suicide bombers and terrorism; I will not have to worry about any violence that is going to rob them of their right to life and of their right to have an ideal family, to be grandparents, to be great citizens of this country.

This is an incredible evening, in preparation of a great deal of festivities that are coming up on Saturday and Sunday. I know that many of you will be going to the Blessing, renewing your vows of matrimony. As someone who has walked



Dr. Lowery is expressing a gratitude to Rev. In Jin Moon after listening to her speech



Rev. Don Garrick, Pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Huntington Beach, CA and his wife, Mrs. Janet Garrick are presenting a painting as a gift for TPs Birthday to Rev. Injin Moon

down that road some years ago with this man that I call my husband, I'm not sure if many of you know that I didn't really find it too exciting to be his handpicked bride. But I knew that, again, as Dr. Lowery said, "God works in mysterious ways," and I knew God had a plan for me. I knew God had a plan as to why this man was supposed to be my eternal partner. As well-meaning as we all are when we first get married or get Blessed, life puts a lot of obstacles in our path. But the single thing that kept us together, that kept us inspired, and that kept us committed is the commitment that we made to God, our Heavenly Parent. I believe that this is the most important and best kept secret to a happy life. I hope and pray that your lives going forth from the Blessing will be blessed ones.

As the world comes to grasp onto the true olive branch, I know that my father's vision for the world is to literally become one family. I look forward to my children becoming a part of you! I look forward to my children being blessed to a Muslim or a Jewish person. With all the interfaith work that my father is doing, the Blessing is an opportunity for unity on many different levels. To truly come together as one family, one spirit, and one flesh is a wonderful and beautiful thing to behold. So I congratulate those of you who will be attending the Blessing.

As you know, it's also the 90th birthday of my father. This birthday in Korean tradition is a very important one. I know that my father has often spoken about leaving the physical world and often talked about the year 2013 as the year that he would leave, so he feels like he has to put his life in order. One of the most important things that he felt he needed to do on January 15th of this year was to crown our Heavenly Parent as the King of Kings before he retired. So the 90th birthday celebration will be a celebration of his birth, but also an opportunity for him to give God the greatest victory by truly honoring him as our parents.

As a student of religion, for me to view the throne of God not with one chair but with two, representing the masculine and the feminine, was a profound moment in my life. That moment will come again tomorrow, and I hope you as students of religion, and, just as I, people who felt called by God to enter into a ministry, will share with the world the profundity of his words and will inspire people to honor him in our daily lives. I know that you will be moved just as much as I was. And particularly for the women in the audience, I could not help but shed tears.

I said to my father, "You know, Father, before my mom restored the fallen Eve's position to claim the proper role of women in a life of faith, you gave the women of our movement a tough time. I remember you giving American ladies a hard time, and I know that you were always challenging them: 'You American women, who are beautiful, who are educated, who are so capable, puh puh puh.'" But he also said, "If you use all your attributes for the sake of yourself, puh puh puh; but if you use all your God-given attributes for the sake of God, you can change your country."

Also I remember in one of those berating sessions of the American members on October 26, 1975, my father gave a prophetic message. He said, "Soon in American history, America will witness a child coming from a white mother and an African American father becoming the president of the United States." Almost to the day thirty-three years later, on October 16, 2008, I had the honor of hosting Sen. Barack Obama's event at the Manhattan Center and personally greeting him, in a way giving him my father's blessing before his election win. And I had the honor to visit Dr. Lowery in Atlanta when he was convalescing and spent wonderful moments with him, recollecting and reminiscing about some of the things that we did. Shortly after, I heard that God asked you to give the benediction at the inauguration.

Providential history is moving very quickly. God is working his mysterious magic even as we walk through our lives each and every day. So, as Americans, this is the time when we must help wake up our group, just as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference ignited and inspired the youth of America in the 1960s to take up the matter of the civil rights movement. I feel that God prepared the ACLC to work together with greats like Dr. Lowery and Reverend Fauntroy to raise up a new consciousness, so that we can offer up to the world a generation of peace, a generation of young people that we can be proud of, a generation of young people that will safeguard our world and truly usher in a new millennium of world peace.

So I'm hoping that as we move forward and as we get to know each other as brothers and sisters and as men and women, we can concentrate on the things that truly make us beautiful; what each of us can contribute by honoring God in our daily lives is something truly unique and beautiful. And so is what we can do in terms of raising up our youth so that we can give them a reason to dream, a reason to think beyond themselves. We can give them a reason that living for the sake of others is a good thing because if you take care of your neighbor, maybe the neighbor will be inspired to take care of you. Once we get this giving and receiving dynamic going, there will be no stopping us. And there will be no stopping us once God's spirit starts moving. And you know what? It's already moving.

I know that Reverend Stallings here said that Reverend Fauntroy is enjoying his retirement, but I'm hoping that I can coax Reverend Fauntroy to come out of his retirement and help me work together to raise this new consciousness and build this generation of peace that is going to represent America in a truly great way. And in that way America will be exercising its true power by becoming an example to the world.

So, thank-you, brothers and sisters, for having us, my family and my husband, but more importantly, Dr. Lowery. Thank-you, Mrs. Lowery, so much. And I know that my father is very much looking forward to seeing you tomorrow.

# True Parents' 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

January 31, 2009, marked an amazing moment in the history of our True Parents' ministry. It was the 90th birthday of True Father and the 67th birthday of True Mother. It was a day of liberation for God, a day offered to True Parents, a day of joy, hope and excitement.

First, world leaders attending the World Summit on Peace 2009 commemorated Father's birthday during the closing session held on January 31 at 1:30 PM. The summit was an international leadership conference organized by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), starting on January 29 and held in the Grand Ballroom of the Manhattan Center. Reverend Kwak spoke to participants about applying Father's teachings of living for the sake of others and true love to every individual, family and organization. Jose de Venecia, former Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Philippines, recognized Father's role in encouraging the United Nations to include an interreligious council, something that the Philippines, along with other nations, proposed and had approved. Finally, Dr. Hyun Jin Moon spoke to participants about the vision of One Family Under God and how it is the key to solving the world's problems.

World leaders who attended the UPF conference were invited to two more events: the Coronation for the Authority and Liberation of God, the King of Kings, followed by a Blessing ceremony titled "Celebration of Love and Life: Interreligious Cross Cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony."



## Coronation for the Authority and Liberation of God, the King of Kings

The first, a coronation ceremony, was a huge event spiritually. It began at 4:00 in the Hammerstein Ballroom in the Manhattan Center with a showing of congratulatory letters for Father on his 90th birthday sent by former heads of state and members of the world's parliaments, including Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister Nakasone of



Japan, George Herbert Walker Bush, and former Prime Minister Han of Korea. Next, there was an awesome video presentation highlighting Father's entire life, including short segments on Mother supporting Father throughout his life, Rev. In Jin Moon leading the effort to protest Father's imprisonment in Danbury, Hyo Jin Moon's speech at the Berlin Wall, and short video shots of Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, Kook Jin Moon, and Rev. Hyung Jin Moon speaking. The video was truly heartfelt, not over the top but sufficient to give justice to Father's life.

After the video presentation, Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, the current president of FFWPU International, came forward to read the Determination to Practice Liberation, a text with sections of three of Father's prayers. The content was extremely deep and highly fitting for the event. It reflected Father's sincere dedication to his mission and his understanding of God's heart. Rev. Hyung Jin Moon's reading was flawless and made even greater impact by the fact that he read it in English.

After Rev. Hyung Jin Moon's reading, 12 pairs of national representatives came forward to offer their nations to God symbolically by offering their national flags to God's throne. This symbolized all the nations of the world being offered to God. Next, 12 pairs of representatives of Korean clans offered crowns to God, which similarly represented all the clans of the world recognizing God as their king. Finally, representatives of 8 religions offered holy items of their religions to God, symbolizing all the religions of the world putting themselves in God's hands. Next, 70 attendant Blessed Couples entered to pave the way for True Parents' entrance. Finally, True Parents made their grand entrance together with Rev. Hyung Jin Moon's couple and two grandchildren. Once they reached the front, True Parents conferred Holy Books of True Parents' Life Course (700-page photo albums of True Parents' lives), one each to Rev. Hyung Jin Moon and his wife Yeon Ah Moon. Then True Parents offered a special prayer for their couple. In this ceremony, their couple represented all of humanity in front of God.

Next, royal seals and the royal scepter were offered to True Parents by Shin Cheol Moon (who is Heung Jin Moon and Hoon Sook Moon's son): Rev. Sun Jo Hwang, president of UPF Korea; and Rev. Jeong Ok Yu, chairman of the Pacific Rim Providence.

Then, Bishop Jesse Edwards, Dr. Dong Moon Joo, and Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr., presented a plaque of Universal Acclamation to True Parents (text included after this article) as representatives of Boon Bong Wangs, Ambassadors for Peace, and Blessed Families around the world.

Next, Dr. Julio Maria Sanguinetti, former president of Uruguay, offered a congratulatory address. It was inspiring to see a secular leader acknowledge Father. Then, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Chairman Emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference who gave the benediction at President Obama's inauguration gave the second congratulatory address. This was followed with the song "This is a Place" by David Eaton and David D'Or, performed by David D'Or and S

Finally, it was time for Father's speech. His speech was a reminder of his inexhaustible spirit and his internal fire to unclench Satan's grasp from this world and return it to God. Father was extremely humble, grateful, and deferential; yet he was also strong with full spiritual authority and power. He emphasized the need for True Parents but also explained that it's ultimately about God. His extreme humility, mixed with his supreme spiritual authority and power, was the highlight of the night. Spiritually, he must have been

separating Satan from the audience and expanding God's authority and liberation, as the title of the event implies.

After Father's speech was over, he and Mother gave Peace UN flags and Holy Books of True Parents' Life Course to representatives of 12 nations. Then True Father offered a benediction, followed by three cheers of Og-mansei led by Dr. Pyung Hwa Kim.



## Celebration of Love and Life

At 8:00 PM in the Hammerstein, the Interreligious Cross Cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony was held. If the coronation ceremony was like a huge battle between good and evil, with good coming out victorious in the end, it seemed like the Blessing Ceremony was held totally within God's authority.

Inspirational talks before the ceremony, Rev. In Jin Moon's powerful welcoming remarks, Pastor Mark Abernathy's faithful invocation, Rev. Hyung Jin Moon's speech to the participants in which he said that he would also be rededicating his marriage on this occasion, and Blessing prayers from the world's religions prepared the stage for True Parents quite effectively.

True Parents entered looking at ease yet in control, peaceful yet dignified. Immediately, couples went onstage to participate as representatives in the Holy Water Ceremony. It was reported that many couples who went onstage to receive the holy water directly from True Parents were in tears once they returned to their seats.

After the Holy Water Ceremony was the Affirmation of Vows, in which the participants answered in a loud unified voice, "YES!!" to each question. Then, Father blessed the couples based on their affirmations. Next, three representative couples went on stage to receive rings from True Parents while the rest of the couples gave each other rings. Then, Father read the Proclamation of the Blessing, and True Parents were presented with flowers and gifts.

Next, in a special reunion presentation, the New Hope Singers International, who had performed for True Parents at the Washington Monument Rally in 1976, performed three songs. Then, Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr., gave a moving testimony about his dedication to True Parents. This was followed by couples offering a bow to the officiators and guests. Then True Parents led the congregation in three cheers of Og-mansei. Finally, True Parents took a commemorative photo with the entire audience, concluding the event.





CRYSTAL PIECE TO  
 COMMEMORATE TRUE  
 PARENTS' BIRTHDAY  
 COMMISSIONED BY REV.  
 IN JIN MOON TO BE  
 PRESENTED TO DONORS  
 AND BLESSING ATTENDEES



*True Parents 90th Birthday Celebration - Entertainment*



