I remember reading a short story from many years ago about how Father walked over to a fountain somewhere in Europe and all the fish swam over to him. Then watching him, his host tried the same thing, but none of the fish swam over to him.

In a similar vein, as we prepared to greet our True Parents, a horrendous December snowstorm closed the Chicago airports and much of the mid-west. 80% of the flights at O’Hare and Midway were canceled and we became greatly concerned about whether True Parents plane would even be able to land.

However, as we studied the weather map with the security guards, we noticed one clear spot in the entire mid-west at about 9am—that was Chicago.

One incredible experience was that it seemed that after nearly 5 minutes after the doors opened that over 2,500 Ministers, Political leaders, Community Leaders and other VIP’s were gathered and filled nearly every seat of the Grand Ballroom of the Chicago Marriott Hotel. As the host, Bishop Ki Hoon Kim is always incredibly nervous before the actual event began—But as True Parents entered the banquet hall at high noon—every seat was filled to overflowing. There had been great unity between Rev. Kim, Dr. Yang, Mr. Joo, Rev. Jenkins, and all the leadership in America. We felt that this really brought our nation to a new level as the elder son nation in God’s providence. Many of our Tribal Messiahs expressed the feeling that we are truly living in a different era now. It was very surprising to see how the Ministers are recognizing our True Parents. God’s grace truly covered everything. Despite the challenges faced during these past events, America was able to bring a victory before our True Parents. True Father is said to have been overjoyed and inspired by the success of the December 15-16th events, revealing a great hope for America and already challenging leaders with new events and goals. Because of the unity and combined effort and prayers of all our family members, we once again brought victory to our True Parents. We feel ready to move on and bring a greater foundation for the sake of Heavenly Father and True Parents in 2001!

Friday morning, the day before the banquet, Chicago was preparing for three conferences while guests from many states were making their way through the winter weather to partake in a series of historical events. The first group of guests arrived the night before and began to trickle in early in the morning. The bulk of participants were caught up by delays in traffic and airline flights. However, amazingly, there were only a handful of cancellations due to weather, and most participants, even if delayed, made it to Chicago showing their sincere desire to be part of the new vision for the world. Some brought additional unregistered guests who wanted to partake in the events, even paying their own expenses, including room and meals. In the end, the hotel ran out of double rooms because the list of participants exceeded the first numbers we expected.

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I am truly grateful that you have granted me the opportunity to speak to you today. I am Reverend Moon. No doubt you have already heard about me through many rumors and stories. I have stirred up a good deal of controversy around the world. At the same time, I have initiated a number of events and accomplishments with worldwide impact. I must add that these things have resulted from the historical reality of my having served God to this day.

Today in this brief encounter I would like to speak to you for a time on the subject “The True Family and I”, because the world’s problems stem from the family. Let us ask what we mean by a “true family”. Why Are Mind and Body in Conflict?

Today, if we ask whether the world in which we live is good or evil, we must answer that it is evil. Why, then, is it evil? It is because whether we consider world history, American history, or the history of any country, there has been constant conflict. Conflict and struggle mean that the parties involved will not develop, but will necessarily decline. To say that the world is evil implies that America is evil, that Americans are evil, and that we ourselves are evil. If we study ourselves, we cannot deny that within ourselves there is a struggle between mind and body. The origin and cause of this struggle remains a mystery which must be solved.

If an individual does not possess a foundation for peace within himself, then he will not be happy, no matter how peaceful his family, his nation or the world might be. This is because the individual is the true battlefield. As you know, World War I, World War II and the Cold War have already ended. In the midst of any other future conflicts, it will be possible to have a truce. However, the struggle between mind and body has existed from the beginning, without a moment’s truce. It has continued throughout history and, of course, it continues today. We do not know how much longer it will continue in the future.

When we think of this and at the same time consider that God exists, the fact that God would permit the historical struggle between mind and body to continue is a major problem. But if we agree that human beings committed sin, we can understand that it is the human responsibility to indemnify it. God cannot take that responsibility upon Himself nor can He interfere with it.

Where does the struggle between mind and body originate? We inherit life from our parents and from the parents of their parents. If we continue going back in this manner, we eventually arrive at the first generation, that is, the first human ancestor. It is a fact that the struggle between mind and body originated through a process in the conjugal love of Adam and Eve. Our life originates in our parents’ love. Since this struggle began before any of us were born, we have to conclude that the problem relates to the circumstances in which our first parents entered into a love relationship with each other.

The love of Adam and Eve was not a love of true happiness. Instead, it was conflict-ridden love. Because the roots of our life are in this love, we did not desire, Adam and Eve united with Satan. They did not become the ancestors of goodness, but rather the ancestors of evil, planting the roots of evil love, evil life and evil blood lineage.

If this is true, then what began with one fallen family grew into tribes, nations and a world of five billion people who are descendants of Satan, incapable of loving their neighbors as themselves and of loving others as much as they love themselves.

How are we going to eliminate those roots within us? Satan dug his roots into our physical bodies. He cuts through the living bone. God cannot avoid working to separate good from evil and to restore this situation. God is public-minded and continues on the path of living for the whole, going toward the goal of love and peace. On the other hand, Satan is selfish and individualistic. Satan is always trying to destroy the good side through hatred, evil and war. He intends to prevent the earth from ever reverting to God’s side.

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God’s strategy to regain humanity on His side is to allow evil to attack Him. He can then, later, claim indemnity for damage and abuse. Satan’s strategy is to strike first, but the end is the same. Satan has marched through history, wishing to ruin God’s plan through hatred, evil and war. On the other side, God has been working to recreate humanity through love and peace.

When the Last Days come, Satan has to give over to God’s side his spiritual power as a ruler over humanity and the respect which he once enjoyed. Satan retaliated by coming up with atheism, the ideology of no God, which supported the appearance of humanism, materialism and communism. After World War II, the struggle between God’s side, the right wing, and Satan’s side, the left wing, moved to the world level. Further, after World War II, because of the victory of God’s side, the world entered a transitional period in which victory and peace based upon the real world Christian culture. The present era is the era of the realm of individualism: the era of free sex, the era of children denying parents, the era of parents denying children, the era of denying the couple. Through homosexualism, an attempt is being made to destroy completely the family ideal. It is this ideal that the Messiah, at his second coming, intends to establish in order to change this hell into the kingdom of Heaven on earth. The Messiah, as the True Father, desires the unity of mind and body, the unity of husband and wife, and the unity of children.

The Relationship of Spirit and Matter

Problems must still be solved on a worldwide level. They include: (1) Which came first, matter or spirit? (2) Is the materialist theory or the idealistic theory correct? (3) Which comes first, reality or concept? (4) Is evolution or creationism correct?

Let us attempt to answer these by way of an example. When we observe the animal kingdom, we discover that the first thing formed in a newborn animal is the eyes. The eyes are made of matter. Would those eyes know prior to birth that the sun existed? Being purely material, the eyes do not know, but something or someone prior to the material knew that the eyes were created to see sunlight. Someone knew. Being purely matter, the eyes did not...
and I fall, religion would not have been necessary to lead the mind. If there had been no antecedents, the world’s cultural spheres established many religions. According to God is religion. Religion was necessary in the past and it led our body by our will. We can then return to the bosom of God’s love as original beings, free from sin. If we ask what religion should do, the answer is that it should motivate our body to do everything it hates to do. What does the body hate most? To fast! To serve! To sacrifice! Further, medicine asks us to be an offering. The offering is destined to shed blood; you must be capable of sacrificing its life. Therefore, the Bible tells us that he who is willing to lose his life shall gain it, and he who wishes to save his life shall lose it. This paradox teaches us that if we live according to the flesh, we are going to hell. If we win over the flesh and liberate our conscience, we will go to heaven. If we completely surrender the body, and our conscience stands in a totally subjective position, our conscience will open us to unlimited desire and infinite hope.

The Purpose of Religion

Thus, I would like to explain the concept of the relationship to come to surround each one of us after the fall. It is logical that if Adam and Eve had not fallen, it would have been normal for their minds and bodies to have been one; just as God is one. Due to this, the body emerged as a separate body, as a result of the body-centered force that dominates our conscience. The historical system for salvation which was created and driven by God is religion. Religion was necessary in the past and it is still necessary today. God has established many religions. According to different circumstances and antecedents, the world’s cultural spheres formed. Until now, religious people did not know that the purpose of religion is to prevent the body from continuing to lead the mind. If there had been no fall, religion would not have been necessary.

Something had happened, and religion became necessary to correct it. What does God intend to do through religion? It intends to discipline the body. You probably think that by believing in religion you will win over the flesh. Christianity you will go to heaven, or that by believing in Buddhism you will go to paradise. But it is those who are united with God’s love who will enter heaven. To enter heaven, Adam’s family should have been a family whose center was the love of God, a family that had a blood relationship with God. Until now, no one knew that the place where such families dwell is the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, to strengthen the power of the conscience, we must dominate the body. We must liberate our conscience, so that it can lead our body by our will. In the past, the body centered on the mind or our mind leads our body. In reality, throughout history, the body has had complete license to lead the mind. If the conscience were strength- ened and driven by God is religion. Religion was necessary in the past and it led our body by our will. We can then return to the bosom of God’s love as original beings, free from sin. If we ask what religion should do, the answer is that it should motivate our body to do everything it hates to do. What does the body hate most? To fast! To serve! To sacrifice! Further, medicine asks us to be an offering. The offering is destined to shed blood; you must be capable of sacrificing its life. Therefore, the Bible tells us that he who is willing to lose his life shall gain it, and he who wishes to save his life shall lose it. This paradox teaches us that if we live according to the flesh, we are going to hell. If we win over the flesh and liberate our conscience, we will go to heaven. If we completely surrender the body, and our conscience stands in a totally subjective position, our conscience will open us to unlimited desire and infinite hope.

The Nature of the Conscience

In the course of history, there have been many religions and religious leaders. Yet those who believed in those religions and in those leaders could not totally control their bodies and deny themselves. They could not liberate the conscience and position it to relate with God on the original basis. We sinful people did not become true olive trees. Instead, we became wild olive trees, with our roots in false love. Man should have had his roots in God’s true love, yet we established roots in Satan’s love. How are we going to solve the problem of being wild olive trees, instead of true ones? This remains an inescapable, extremely crucial task, which we must fulfill. If you study yourself, you will notice that your conscience knows everything about you. Your conscience is closer to you than your own parents. It desires to possess eternal love and to be embraced eternally in God’s bosom. When we must be separate from our earthly parents, but not from our conscience. The conscience exists with us prior to our birth on earth. It lives in us, and its mission is to transform us into eternal sons and daughters of God. In this sense, the conscience does not need a teacher. Have you ever heard of a Secretary of Education announcing a plan to educate the conscience? If the conscience had gone the original way, we would have known clearly the course we should follow in life. It would have taught us and guided us to return to God’s bosom. On the basis of our conscience, which knows everything about our life, there is a computer in the spirit world that registers everything we do on earth. When you go to the spirit world, you will discover this. Until today, we did not know that the mission of the conscience is to convert us into unblemished, true sons and daughters of God. Is there anyone here who is convinced that he or she will never die? We all will go to the spirit world someday. When you enter the spirit world, you will immediately know you by your name. They will know about your ancestors, because the spirit world transcends time and space. We should not bring anything into that world that would stain our conscience.

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God is the Root of the Conscience

I would like to ask those of you who are married, “When you married, did you want your spouse to be inferior to yourself?” The answer is “No.” If I asked you whether you wanted a spouse ten times or one hundred times better than you, no doubt you would reply that, if it were possible, you would prefer that he or she be one thousand, ten thousand or one million times better than you.

The conscience's ambition demands the maximum amount of love. It wishes to possess the Absolute Being. The same was true for our ancestors. The same will be true for our descendants. If we were to ask God, He would respond that it is true for Him. Is it not impossible for all of our desires to be fulfilled? A mayor will want to be governor. Later, he will want to become president. Ultimately, he will want to ascend to the highest position in the world. That is how far the ambition of the conscience extends. From the beginning of history, people have generally thought that the conscience's ambition cannot be satisfied completely. But Reverend Moon, the person who is standing here, has arrived at the conclusion that it is possible to satisfy even the highest ambition of the conscience.

How big is the conscience? How can we measure the conscience? Do you think that the day will come when the conscience possesses God? Do you think that if something bigger than God exists, the conscience will desire to possess it? What is it that the conscience's ambition is seeking? The conscience desires to possess whatever has the maximum value in the cosmos.

Then how big would God's conscience be? Which is bigger, the human conscience or God's conscience? If God's conscience is bigger than a man's, what would He do with it? The conclusion is that we, in our immense ambition, desire the same thing that God desires: true love.

The Conscience Desires True Love

What do you think? We know that God is absolute, but does He not feel lonely? Do you think that He feels happy? Ladies and gentlemen, even if a person becomes the president of the nation, if he lives alone, without a spouse, that person will feel neglected. If we do not have a object of love, we are unhappy. Doesn't God need someone? How would you feel in that situation? Even if God is God, He feels very lonely.

He hoped that we would be one thousand or ten thousand times more valuable than Himself. You must understand this very well.

True Love of God and Man

If, at the beginning of creation, God and man had united in a relationship of true love within a family, we would not have to worry about hell or heaven today, because we automatically would have entered the Kingdom of God. The problem here is that God's true love and man's love did not begin at a common point, united as a subjective and objective love. From the first family, God's love and man's love moved in two different directions with two different goals. Therefore, it has been impossible to realize the ideal world for which God and man are longing.

God's ideal of a common point of beginning was completely frustrated. False parents arose centered on Satan's love. As their descendants, we inherited that false love, false life and false willpower, we were supposed to conquer God's love throughout our conscience.

What does the conscience do to win the true love of God? If you unbend and liberate your mind, objectively, your conscience will automatically connect with the true love of God. If we compare the size of the conscience to that of love, we can say that the size of love is greater. We can know this from the fact that conscience begins from love.

The Kingdom of Heaven is the place where we go to live in the mission of opening the way for true love and with a free conscience. It is the place where we go after having lived centered on love and after preparing ourselves in the likeness of God's love. Without winning this love, we cannot enter the Kingdom of God for thousands of years. Due to the fall, there will be no connection with the conscience between heaven and earth until humankind is illuminated by God's true thought and sustained by God's true love.

The person who lives in unity, with a true conscience and true love, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven automatically. No matter how much a person believes in Jesus, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven automatically. The religions that have entered the kingdom are those that are struggling among themselves. They will meet a sad end in the Last Days.

God cannot be found where there is conflict. Catholicism and Protestantism must become one. Religion is not a key to open the doors to salvation; rather, it is a movement to subjugate the body and liberate the conscience. We have to know that we cannot receive the key that opens those doors if we fail to inherit the love, the life and the true lineage of God. We will not receive salvation just by believing in religion. In reality, religion only exists to discipline the body.

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that God knows everything prior to its happening, we could say that we are a part of God, as if we and God were a single entity. But if such were the case, we would not be the object partners of God’s love. A person who stands alone cannot realize this. After Adam and Eve sinned, they hid themselves among the trees. God asked, “Adam, where are you?” and Adam answered, “I am here.” God understood, and said, “You hid yourself because you have sinned.” Since man began from God, he should return to the position of object partner to God. We must return to God.

Friends of iris

Ladies and gentlemen, your sons and daughters grow up. When you reach the age of one hundred and your children reach the age of eighty, the relationship of father and son also becomes a relationship of friends. Friends! We cannot be separate from, and cannot think of a woman with that of a man. Women can never defeat men physically. But through love, the wife and husband are attract-ed to one another and they can create the family. If Adam and Eve had become the objects of God’s love, would the creation of the human be possible? Absolutely, yes! God created the universe before Adam and Eve perfected themselves as the objects of His love. God had the ambitious hope that in the future they would be His ideal objects. If, after hav-ing perfected themselves as the objects of God’s love, they had asked God to create some-thing greater than what He had already created, do you think He could have done so? and wife, and restore the absolute unity of parents and children in the true love of God. This true family, which is qual-ified to live eternally with God, should be connected to Christianity, which is in the position of the bride to the Lord. By establishing such a blood rela-tionship with God, we can unite unit-ed families, united tribes, united races and united nations, which thus will bring about the united world, the culmi-nation of the providence of salva-tion.

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Distinguished people of America, is it not true that America would like to receive God’s Blessing? To do so, you must become a people whose minds and bodies are united in God’s true love. You must also unite as absolute husbands and wives. When the num-ber of families that unite as absolute children of God grows, then God will come to live in this nation. If this hap-pens, then automatically this nation will be the central nation of the world.

Man has this nature. If his beloved love in power is the country, where he wants to live there with her. In the same way, wherever God’s beloved sons and daughters dwell is the Kingdom of Heaven, even if it is a place of pover-ty. If it is prosperous, it will be the marriage. This false marriage was caused by false love, false life and false lineage, which stemmed from the false, fallen parents. My wife and I estab-lished Heavenly Ideology, an internal ideology through which we can over-come certain defects both left-wing ideol-ogy and right-wing ideology. We also introduced the internal ideology of Godism. In other words, through True Love, we have purified the world of conscience and the spirit world. By doing so, we have achieved True Par-ents’ position. Thus we are able to sow the seed of True Love, the seed of True Life, and the seed of True Lineage, which signifies the unity between God and human beings, to the couples par-ticipating in the International Holy Wedding, the ceremony of resurrec-tion bequeathing this great Blessing.

This is the ceremony, then, that opens the path by which mankind will reach the new true family. By having families from around the world participate in these marriage cere-monies, we want to connect the world to God’s great Blessing. It is my fer-vent desire that all the world’s people receive this great blessing and become families and peoples that can estab-lish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. The purpose of the Unification Church is to establish relationships of broth-erhood that transcend nations through families. Through this, we want to realize the ideal of one great universal family, centered on God, and thus proclaim the return of the True Par-ents, true spouses, and true brothers and sisters. In that way, we will begin the world culture of heart. From earth to heaven, we will be liberated to ful-fill the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

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Today, the founder of the Unifica-tion Church is here speaking to you. If you ask me, “What is the mission of the Unification Church?”, I will say that it is a place where God’s true love is present. It is the place where we want our mind and body to unite in true love. It is the place where we want to form ideal marriages with absolute unity between husband and wife. We are carrying out the mission that God has given us, by means of an ideolo-gy that can make all people into insep-arable brothers and sisters.

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leaders. These participants, especially the ambassadors, not only agreed with Father Moon’s ideas but also saw the necessity and supported the establishment of an IIFWP. The American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) took place in Chicago Marriott Downtown (this was the same hotel which Father hosted the 1983 ICUS Conference and that Father and Mother had each spoken in on many occasions). An event for the original 120 ministers who had gone to Korea earlier in the year quickly became a gathering and revival for over 200 clergy candidates who wanted to be part of the original 120 ministers, and spouses in tow. With the theme “Bring Down the Walls,” clergy from different denominations preached support for the creation of one body to bring down the walls that divide Americans and begin the healing of the world. The atmosphere was an incredible mix of joy, urgency, and seriousness about the responsibility and vital role of the ACLC in America today. Voices of affirmation and unification came from around the room as ministers agreed with speakers on topics from healing the divided America after the elections, to uniting the body of Christ to take leadership in America and in the world, and to re-establishing their role in the relationship of the prophet and the king, becoming America’s conscience and saving the present declination. Both conferences brought forth victories and a strong level of unity among participants with Father Moon’s vision. These participants all took part in December 16th’s IIFWP inauguration and the True Family Values Ministry (TFVM) Banquet which Father Moon and his family attended. Last year when True Father came for Chicago’s True Family Values Ministry banquet, Dr. Tyler Hendricks reflected, the atmosphere of the event built the 2000 TFVM banquet was “Empowering the Family, the Church, and Society through True Family Values,” and the banquet was to honor one last time, Father Moon’s 80th birthday. The program began with lunch and entertainment including 1999 Ms. Wisconsin whose platform was abstinence, the incredible world renowned tumbling of 400s hectors of land to ally recognize the work of Father Moon for peace zones throughout the world. Proclamations, letters of greetings and telegrams from the Speaker of the House, the Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer (all of whom are American Leadership Conference graduates) acknowledged the world transforming work of Father and Mother Moon. Other letters sent warm regards and gratitude, including letters from the Rev. Jesse Jackson and a very personal letter from President and first Lady Bill Clinton. Many members were impressed by the seriousness of the ministers as they received Father Moon’s words, and noted that Father Moon’s style of delivery had changed. Usually toward ministers, he sticks with the written words and presents a speech. This time, not toning it down, it was intense. His thoughts were no different than if he was speaking to only Family Federa- tion for World Peace and Unification (FPWPU) members. Father’s 35-minute speech continued on for two hours and took on a Moom Dolk like style. Father Moon read parts of his speech, “True Family and I” and would break off from the speech and begin speaking clarifying details. Many times the ministers would shout comments up to Father and he would respond in kind. It was as if Father Moon embraced all the participants, no longer looking at or treating the minister as guests, or other VIP’s any different from FPWPU members. The message of truth he was bringing to all his children and the message he was addressing in saving all the children. He spoke to everyone as one, impressing upon them that God’s principles apply to all. The first words he spoke were in English which he then held high to his hundreds of ministers, and was addressing everyone’s heads for translation. The ministers noted a sense of security watching Father Moon, feeling he was like a father taking care of his children. As Father Moon addressed the reality of spiritual world, those present opened up their minds and hearts with seriousness. As he warned Chris- tians and Muslim, professor and christian alike of the consequences of dying without fulfilling God’s purpose of cre- ation, the audience responded with the intensity of the truth with internal reflection. Father Moon called all Chris- tians to go beyond their churches, impressing onto them that faith in Jesus alone is not enough. He stated the necessity of knowing and embodying God’s love. That is the key to entering Heaven. As he spoke many ministers began to feel Father Moon’s heart as they responded back in affirmation of these statements. With the bold statements of truth Father Moon poured onto the hall, and with the dramatic description of the reality of heaven and earth, the audience had to open their hearts and minds to not only listen but accept these as truth. These were revolutionary ideas pre- sented about spirit world, Jesus, and the role of the True Parents, and yet the crowd was supportive responding positively. Father Moon continued to emphasize the necessity of faith in these words. “Go back and pray to see if what I am saying is true.” With the declara- tion that Satan has been too long defeated ministers shouted back, “Amen!” With the warning that if we really want to come back to the true faith “father he’ll give us a big baseball bat to train everyone.”
Chicago: The Founding of the North American Chapter of IIFWP

by Frank Kaufmann

Leaders in the administration of Dr. Chang Shik Yang and Reverend Michael Jenkins convened concurrent initiatives in Chicago, Illinois from December 15 - 16, 2000. A two day meeting of the True Family Values Ministry entitled Empowering the Family, the Church, and Society through True Family Values took place in the Marriott Downtown Chicago, just two blocks from the international seminar of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) on the same days. The IIFWP conference was entitled Renewing the Family and Building a Culture of Peace. The IIFWP conference, culminating with its August inaugural plenary, marked the official founding of the American chapter of the federation. With its December 16th inaugural, America joined all other UN Member States in establishing its own IIFWP chapter. This initiative for founding national chapters, began in earnest following the conference Assemblies 2000: Renewing the United Nations and Building a Culture of Peace, which was convened and sponsored by the IIFWP under the chairmanship of Ambassador Wakamari Whibsono, President of ECOSONC, at the United Nations in New York from August 17 - 19, 2000. Following this path-breaking conference, the IIFWP launched an ambitious, education project in every one of the United Nations’ 190 member states. The IERP (International Education Research Project) members of the IIFWP are devoted to the study of values affirmed in the United Nations, Millennium Declaration. They are held in each country, and these occasions simultaneously provide the occasion for that nation to found and establish its IIFWP chapter.

December 16, 2000 marked the founding of the American Chapter of the IIFWP. The American chapter, international seminar of the IIFWP began midday, Friday, December 15th, 2000 under the chairmanship of Frank Kaufmann, Director of Religious Affairs for the IIFWP spoke on behalf of Dr. Thomas Walsh, Executive Director of the IIFWP. The seminar of the IIFWP began midday, following the able moderation of Reverend Kevin Thompson, Family Federation leader in Northern California, with readings from Reverend Godfrey de Silva from the Family Federation in Southern California. Responding this time were Mr. David Caprara, founder and president of The Empowerment Network, and Dr. Maxamun Gill, Editor in Chief of the National Educator, and expert on security related issues.

The final session that day, Renewing the United Nations, occurred over dinner, moderated by Rev. Schanker. A brief reading by Mrs. Sheri Reiter, Vice-president of the Women’s Federation for World Peace-USA outlined the essential principles of the IIFWP vision. U.N. Ambassadors to the U.S. from Togo and Niger, joined by other African diplomats, as well as the President of the African Ambassadors’ Spouses Association, shared an impassioned response to Rev. Moon’s proposal for renewing the U.N. They urged the entire diplomatic community to consider these dramatic proposals carefully. Dr. Cheryl L. Lau, from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, capped, and closed the evening with an engaging and thoughtful response.

These three sessions had a certain blessedness and magic about them. All speakers were somehow at the top of their game; like an athlete in ‘the zone.’ Each spoke substantially and eloquently, moderators were scintillating and effective, readers clear and communicative, and participants in the audience were attentive and engaged. Even under conditions of serious professional engagement, every fleeting moment, and the community seemed to gel to an uncommon degree around the vision which took shape throughout the course of the sessions.

On the following morning [December 16, 2000], the formal and official inaugurals of the American chapter of the IIFWP took place from 9:30 - 11:00. This too bore evident blessing. Reverend Schanker moderated for a panel of 6 speakers, culminating in the keynote address given by Reverend Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of the Board of the IIFWP. Here on this occasion of particular grourdbreaking, Reverend Schanker continued to manifest his superior skills as a session moderator. Over 500 delegates were in attendance (as both the True Family Values participants, and the IIFWP international seminar participants gathered together for this momentous occasion.) The session opened with words of welcome and reflection from the North American Continental Director of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Dr. Chang Shik Yang. He was followed by the dynamic and stirring oratory of Pastor T.L. Barrett, Superintendent of the Chicago area Church of God In Christ, and Co-chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference. Dr. Barrett was followed by Professor Cheryl Lau. Dr. Lau by contrast, presented her reflections with a quiet and studied elegance, equally as effective and engaging. Drs. Lau and Barrett spoke from their positions as members of a small and select international advisory body to the headquarters and main leadership of the intercontinental. This body was appointed during Assembly 2000.

Then followed a high point of this decorous founding moment. State Senator William Owens of Michigan gave a moving and heartfelt introduction to the keynote speakers of the occasion, the Reverend Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak. Also at this time Drs. Thomas Walsh and Frank Kaufmann were introduced to those in attendance as representatives from the international leadership of the IIFWP.

Reverend Kwak spoke at some length from a prepared text. The speech was staid and laden with information and purpose. Much of IIFWP’s eminent activity and history was laid forth in concise narrative, the purpose and future vision was elaborated as inspiration, and the conclusion wed the dreams of the IIFWP to the best dreams of America and its high minded leaders and citizens.

Finally, the three newly appointed co-chairs of the American IIFWP chapter were honored, and each shared their heart and thoughts at this historic meeting of complex and weighty issues. Speakers received standing ovations, joy and laughter often flowed through us all, abundant conversation filled
the crowd roared with laughter. Father Moon had truly subjugated the environment, bringing forth a serious message, a warning, but creating a composed atmosphere by maintaining humor throughout and honing down anxiety of listeners. Ministers praised the fellowship experienced being with different races, different denominations, and different religions. The spirit, they said, was incredibly inspiring, and the vision of Father Moon, one that they are allied to support. The reflection of FPWPU members states that Father Moon Father Moon had developed a heartistic relationship with those present, continuing to speak, as if waiting to speak every minute with his people, as a father desires with his children. He noted several times that he was on his way to Hawaii, but he continued to speak until his flight’s departure, he had embraced all present as his children, as members of his movements, as the new army for God. Not all could stay until the end because the program had been elbowed, but everyone left with a treasurable chest in their soul, filled with God’s spirit and True Parents’ vision and hope for mankind.

I wish the real events of December 15th-16th, brought a victory for IFWP, ACLC, TFVM, and for the True Parents of man. From being a new beginning for America, as we close the year 2000, comprises a new level of spirit or hope for peace and unity opened with the success.

Post Script:

As the weather reports got worse and worse and many members and ministers flights were canceled, we began to wonder if we would in fact be having Pledge Service with Father and Mother the next morning. But 30 minutes after the speech was over, they were waging their way to the airport. And of the next thing one knew—Rev. Kwak, Mr. Joo, and Rev. Kim were waving bye-bye as True Parents golden chariot raised up into the air headed straight toward their next stop in Hawaii.

Several hours later Rev. Rind was received a call from True Father in Hawaii thanking him for the efforts of the American Family in bringing such a joyful and heartwarming experience to True Parents.

Reflections

Here are some of the reflections from Dec. 16th Banquet: Rev. THOMAS JACKSON New Original COGIC President South Shore Ministerial Assoc. Vice-Pres. Assembly of God Int’l COGIC

"It was very good, very impressive, very good speech. Father Moon spoke about the same things I am speaking to my congregation. I loved his speech. I’d like to hear more."

Mr. EDIEE McCANN JR. / Director of Intergovernmental / Public Affairs for Coalition of Religious Leaders in Illinois

"I enjoyed Rev. Moon’s speech. I was closely listening to Rev. Moon’s speech. I hugged Rev. Moon and he said that I was so big, and I told him yes. Does the mind control the body or does the body control the mind? I never thought about that point. Rev. Moon’s speech made me think about many points, about grace and about conscience. Also, I realized that if you don’t have a good husband or wife then you are not completely happy. Father Moon’s speech made a perfect sense."****

BISHOP DAVID TERRY St. Mark’s Church of Holiness Chicago, IL

"We can’t just follow Jesus. We have to pay something, make some condition. I liked the strong message of Rev. Moon, everything was true. In Luke 14:16 Jesus spoke about the man who invited many people to a banquet but many people didn’t attend. This banquet was like that. Everything that Father Moon talks about that night was so true. I really like that strong message.

maybe, non believers, too. Many of these people are highly educated and very much respected in their fields. And they were there to cheer Father Moon and Mother Moon for their teachings. These intelligent women and men took time out to be at this event and share in the joy of many believers. And I thought, they, too, must share Father Moon’s teachings. Father Moon is, no doubt quite passionate about his mission. Father Moon undoubtedly commands the highest respect among this multitude of intellectuals. That’s a remarkable feat!****

Dr. Kunle Johnson Christ Progressive Prayer Church Chicago Parish

I arrived early to witness the grand opening of the Banquet which was solidly organized. The atmosphere was divine and you could feel the Spirit of the Lord moving around the very large banquet hall. I was impressed by the multitude of people from different cultural ethnic and religious background assembled at the celebration of Rev. Moon’s 60th birthday. I was eager to see, feel, and hear the message from this Man of God. I believe Rev. Sun Myung Moon was God-sent. He is a Messiah of this end time called millennium. The movie shown was us education and it revealed how the Holy Spirit was guiding the Moon’s family in their Divine journey through the Christendom and how they were winning souls for Christ.

I was amazed at the excitement and emotions delivered by personalities at this Grand occasion about Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife. They are the Moses of our generation leading us to the promise land which is eternal life.

The caliber of dignitaries and personalities assembled at the banquet hall was unprecedented. Only the President of America can attract such a caliber of personalities. I was very sure that many churches were there that day to Spy and take a cue from the True Values Ministry’s high level of organization and the Moon’s family in winning souls for Christ. The major spiritual gift of the Moon’s Ministry is effective evangelism to propagate the Gospel of Christ. The church will continue to abound in number and in grace of the Almighty God.

I wish the True Family Values Ministry long life and many more years for a job well done in the vineyard of the Lord. Thank you and God Bless You."
Region 1 Washington DC

Deborah Taylor: Washington DC

I was fortunate to attend both the inaugural meeting of the American Clergy Leadership Conference held May of this year in Korea and the recent event held in Chicago, Illinois, December 15th and 16th, 2000.

The May event was a ‘mountain top’ experience during which the ministers and staff alike witnessed spiritual highs, miracles and warn brother and sisterhood many times over.

Rev. Lee, Rev. Lykes and myself traveled to Chicago along with twelve ministers and bishops from the Washington Region. The first hurdle we had had to overcome was assuring some of the ministers of safe weather in Chicago.

Surprisingly, the weather was quite mild for both days, however, it paled in comparison to the warm welcome we received from the Chicago Staff. I was very curious to see what would happen during this December event. It was sure to be interesting, as the 120 chosen ministers would receive their promised ‘special gift’ watch from Father Moon. However, my curiosity was guarded as I thought to myself, hey! this is a BIG responsibility. Do they really understand it?

I was thrilled to find that during the time from May to December, many of the ministers, had “grown up.” They seemed much more understanding of their responsibility and The Watch.

A couple of the ministers from Washington, DC, came to me at different times, assuring me over and over again that, “You can count on me.” Their words had a much deeper ring of truth and seriousness, than ever before. Of course, only time will tell what the 120 will do. But, I have a feeling deep in my gut that together with the assistance and push of spirit world, along with the “watchful” eye of their special gift, a New Breed of Disciples — True Disciples have been born.

I hope, (internal Blessed Couples) can keep them. (The 120) in our prayers and try to support them as much as possible. We also had four ministers with us, who were considered 120 candidates. This means ministers who did not attend the initial event in May in Korea, but desire to join the 120. These are all ministers of high standing who have supported True Parents for a long time.

Honestly, I was struggling when the decision was made from the top to talk about and to present the watch while these ministers were watching. There was an announcement that the candidate ministers were welcome to stay and watch the presentation or they were free to go to dinner.

Boy! My heart was churning. Then suddenly, I realized, it is good for them to go through this. Everything cannot be easy. Especially, becoming a cherished disciple of the Lord one day to the next. My struggle and my pity went away.

Amazingly, when the change took place in me, two of the ministers with me began to change almost immediately. Instead of feeling sorry for them selves, they began to realize why they did not deserve the watch. Thinking back on this part of the conference, I am almost sure, it was a test of God, to find the True 120 Candidates who could fill the empty spots. I was proud of both Dr. George Marshall and Bishop of Heaven and Earth.

The watches that were presented to the attendees of the Korean Conference were beautiful gifts from Rev. Moon. It would have been a great honor for me to have been a recipient.

Rev. Dr. Fred O. Ogungbiti: International House of Prayer for All People, Inc (Church).

This conference had been an exceptionally rewarding conference in so many areas: I Trip - The trip to Chicago was very enjoyable and well coordinated by the people in charge, despite the very short time of planning.

Hotel - Hotel arrangement: Hilton Garden - Everything was well set and all schedules were well met and maintained.

2 Chicago Marriott: The conference started in time and not on time. Session 1 — This was one of the most rewarding session particularly the welcoming address given by Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak. He mentioned how Father Moon specifically proposed the establishment of a world religious council of authentic religious leaders. The religious leaders that would serve as the “conscience” of humanity.

This simply states, Quality leaders, selfless leaders, very devoted leaders, radical leaders who are ready to transform the present societal ridiculousness to glory.

The “Moonlike” leaders who will like to live their lives for the betterment of others. The “Christ-like” leaders will be ready to lay down their lives for the salvation of others, etc.

The keynote speech of Dr. Taylor - This keynote stormed the assembly and startled all authentic clergies awake to voicing within themselves to do something that will effect a World Family of Peace.

The highest peace for any human being is the domestic peace, which is the main source of World Peace. Objective for which we are seeking in his statement he reminds us, we are all the same blood.

Father Moon equally spoke like another Jesus of the present day. His speech will serve as blessings for those who make the best of it and as a curse for those who make a disuse of it.

The Award, the Gold Watches signify: Purity, Honor, Dignity, Joy and Peace. The 33 Diamond Stars signify the year and the Lord Jesus Christ on earth who brought all the above to this world.

For Father Moon to have presented this to us, therefore, simply tells us to be his ambassadors to spread the good tidings to the world. If this wonderful spirit is instilled in us we will all use it to bring peace in ourselves, our families, our communities, our societies, our churches, our mosques, our states, our countries, our peoples, and finally our world in general, where there will be nothing but peace!

Region 4, Boston MA

Rev. Jerome T. Edgerton: Rush Memorial AME Church Cambridge, MA.

“Is this not the same Rev. Moon I heard and read about in the early 80’s as anti-Christ? A brainwasher? A destroyer of families? Now I know how evil the media is. His message is simple and clear — we can build a good and vibrant society, and that we begining from the family with God as the core. What a beautiful concept!”

Rev. Harold Kenneth Dutille: First Baptist Church, Richmond, ME.

“I have never attended any conference with such diverse background of people — clergy from different denominations, different religions, political leaders, academicians etc. The spirit and the faith that surrounded these events demand all of us to take responsibility and let the spirit be felt in our churches, our countries, the nation and the world.”

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I regained confidence and courage to proclaim the messianic age. True Father was very direct in delivering his message to public. And our participants from Region 5 were impressed by the energy and spiritual power that True Father’s words affected positively the audience and challenged them in many ways.

This is definitely the beginning of the "Millennial Kingdom of God" on the planet earth. It is amazing to see ministers, ambassadors, scholars and politicians "praising" True Father for his vision, ideas and accomplishments. They are all testifying to the public as John the Baptist. I feel the time has come for us now to build upon this strong foundation that True Father has established. And it's because of the strong foundation and the confidence that True Father feels free to proclaim and declare many things in public.

Rev. Thomas Jackson: New Original COGIC, President South Shore Ministerial Association, Vice President Assembly of God International Church Of God In Christ Chicago IL

It was very good, very impressive, a very good speech. Father Moon spoke about the same things I am speaking to my congregation. I loved his speech. I’d like to hear more.

Rev. Tom Jackson: National Vice President of the Church of God in Christ, National Governing Board under Bishop Patterson

"Rev. Moon's words were exactly what I've been teaching my congregation. I am deeply inspired. His words are what America needs."

Bishop David Terry St. Mark's Church of Holiness Chicago IL

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Mrs. Wrice: from St. Louis, Missouri

"It was fantastic! Almost like a miracle!"
The entire conference was one of exceeding greatness. I say this because there were so many other Ministers and lay persons that I spoke with that shared the same concerns as I did in America and believed that what Rev. Moon was doing was the solution to many of the crises that this nation is facing. There was a consensus on approach to the problems. There was consensus to the fact that the walls must come down.

We all had a very wonderful experience. I said yes and I went there on Sunday.

PERKINS, Dr. Billy McCormack and Jesse Edwards. Moreover they were not only united with each other they were shouting the praise of our True Parents and the leaders of the Family Federation. Rev. John Tranberg told me it would be very difficult for him to make this conference since he was closing on a new house Friday the 19th. Before reading Rev. Daugherty’s words, “If you cannot make this sacrifice, then that is the sign that this mission is not your calling,” and hearing from that Rev. Moon would be speaking on Saturday he said his conscience told him he had to make it no matter what. Then on Friday night his plane was canceled due to bad weather so he took a flight the next morning at 7am but was delayed on that flight one hour because of a snow storm! He finally made it and was able to attend almost all the sessions on Saturday. He, like all the other ministers, was very supportive of Father’s message and of his courage to state his beliefs without hesitation to anyone. As Rev. Jesse Griffin said “Rev. Moon is his own man.”

Nudia Metawah Chong told me she spoke with Rev. Jesse Edwards who asked her to invite him to come to St. Paul because he went to school there and would like to speak about the activities of the ALCCL and UFC. Rev. Ford was inspired to invite Walter Battle to preach with him at church on Sunday. The Spirit of God is active in Minnesota. It was so wonderful to see these two men of God together trying to save the whole world. Everything was so perfect!
When the 21-day workshop in Chung Pyong, each of us had to deal with dropping everything and responding to our True Father’s call. There was very little explanation as to the meaning of the workshop. Faithfully, we put aside our immediate plans wanting to “be there when True Father needs us” as June Darby Perrion, from England said.

Christel Werner, expressed her response. “Most of all, I looked forward to meeting True Parents again in an intimate way. True Parents were really our personal True Parents as they shared their deepest love and concern for each of us. We deeply repented for not measuring up to their expectations, when Father asked us many times, ‘Did you live for others?’ and ‘Do you know God?’”

We soon sensed that the workshop was held in the large main building where we slept on beautiful, wooden floors at night and held our sessions during the day. There was always a sense of clarity, cleanliness and beauty. Beautiful paintings adorned the walls; even each toilet stall was beautifully designed. Beautiful paintings adorned the walls.

Rocks, landscaped hillsides and sculptures were carefully placed and tended, giving one a sense of walking into nature. Everything tastefully blended into an astonishingly beautiful environment for spiritual cleansing and learning.

Our schedule was based on the regular Chung Pyong Workshop schedule with adjustments for True Father’s frequent visits. Reverend Yoon was called from Jurdim to conduct the Hoon Dok Hae sessions. The warmth and wisdom that he interspersed during the HDH sessions with his long face was an expression of Father’s interest in strengthening our family relationships. Betsy Jones remembers...

Etc. Daemo Nim explained that as blessed couples we were like a landing pad for spirits to seek returning resurrection or share in our lives and thus become a hindrance to us. In a positive way they could be liberated from us, and their problems, so they could become a positive contribution to the providence today. Daemo Nim also spoke clearly about our health, saying that when these negative energies eed our bodies the blood doesn’t flow freely and stagnates in certain parts of the body causing illnesses such as cancer. She explained that clapping breaks down these stagnating pockets and gets the blood and oxygen flowing to the cells so that with the release of negative spirits, toxins and pains were also released. At Chung Pyong the angels were trained for spiritual and physical purification and learning.

Father saying that the most important things that a wife does is to embrace her husband, resolve our conflicts and achieve intimacy. He told us to express our desire to be with True Father in our love for our husbands. The three clapping ‘ansu’ sessions per day were focused on cleansing our bodies from the negative energies (spirits) that were embedded within us, causing problems like illness, disease, resentments, jealousy and arrogance, etc.

The lovely, natural environment embraces a rather rustic camp-like atmosphere transforming Chung Pyong from a minority.

Upon our arrival we heard that Father said, “After so many years it felt like coming home. Seeing the 36, 72, 430 couples and the early Westerners came to join these liberations. During these weekends, families slept on blankets to join these liberations. During these weekends, families slept on blankets on every bit of floor space they could find. There is no way that we can ever appreciate the concern for our families that Daemo Nim expresses. Through her work, millions from the spirit world are able to be taught The Principle and are receiving help to be ushered into our immediate plans...”

Perhaps the most touching moments I experienced were during the sessions where True Father came and spoke, eager to see the faces of sisters he worked with and blessed years ago. He asked one or two sisters to sing and then spontaneously sisters came forward one by one, bowed and then waited until their turn to perform. Some gave testimonies of their pioneering experiences which Father listened to very closely and seemed touched by the stories and songs, Marie Ang said. It was quite amazing to see these elderly ladies—it was like a grandmother’s workshop—singing and dancing and spontaneously relating to True Father. He spent a long time just smiling and listening and sometimes asking them questions or commenting on how different they look now!

Gertrude Koch states how moved she was when True Father said, “I waited so long to call you all together.” Someone else said, “It was as if Father...”

Elke Van der Stock from Holland said, “After so many years it felt like coming home. Seeing the 36, 72, 430 and 777 couples and the early Western members was fulfilling a hope I had long cherished. One of my deepest realizations was that Heavenly Father living through our True Father received all the persecution, torture, and disrespect True Father went through.”

Every weekend Daemo Nim holds an ancestor liberation ceremony which many members from Korea and Japan attend in order to liberate additional generations of ancestors. We were able to join these liberations. During these weekends, families slept on blankets on every bit of floor space they could find. There is no way that we can ever appreciate the concern for our families that Daemo Nim expresses. Through her work, millions from the spirit world are able to be taught The Principle and are receiving help to be ushered into...”

Faithfully, we put aside our True Father’s call.

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The First Twenty-One Days

by Nora Spurgin

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the Kingdom of Heaven. She gave a deep, heartfelt plea for us to use this time wisely to liberate as many as possible.

During the workshop we also heard testimonies from many of the elder participants. Mrs. Kang, who has been blessed to St. Augustine, told her story, from the time she as a young missionary met True Father in Pusan in the “cardboard” house to her most recent communications with St. Augustine. Her testimony became even more vivid when new communications from the spirit world (Dr. Lee) were read. St. Augustine responded to 14 questions that his wife asked. Many of the stories and songs of the “early days” took on faces as the authors or their songs and stories became real to us. At one point True Father asked a woman to sing the song, “Kamsahamnida,” a song which had been received in the early days.

We had come to the workshop with little information about its meaning. As Father spoke to us, the meaning became deeper and deeper. We began to understand that the unity of the nation in which we would be registering was such a long, painful course for our True Parents. Father began to talk about the need to “clean up” all our sins before registering. We were certainly surprised when he announced that he wanted to liberate all the couples and free us from our sins and those of our children, in preparation for Family Registration. On the foundation of the women attending the 21-day workshop, the husband and children could all be qualified to receive holy wine again and be purified in order to enter into the national level registration for the Kingdom of Heaven. This was a new start even for God and we needed to be pure. DaemoNim said she could see many transgressions which were being hidden; therefore Father decided that everyone would be re-blessed in order to enter The Kingdom on the same foundation.

As was mentioned before, Father talked a great deal about the one nation—the unity of North and South Korea. He challenged all of us to be ready to help make this happen. At the end of our workshop, he gave specific directions. We were to be mobilized to work in Korea for the next three or four years. On the last day, we received our graduation certificates and chose by lottery, a church where we would work in Korea. The churches were around Seoul and Inchon. We were instructed to visit our assigned church, meet the pastor and pray there before leaving Korea. Father sees the great need to educate the Korean people in preparation for a unified nation. We came home with serious minds about how we could fulfill this condition. Later we returned to Korea with our spouses and families to receive the family level Blessing with many more graduates. Mrs. Betsy Jones was the first of us to stay in Korea for several months to work in her area.
in the foundation of the historic and diverse Mil-
on Family March, the American Clergy Lead-
ship Conference has taken a major step forward as a truly interracial, interrel-
gious and headlining movement of clergy. Now, the 2000 Presi-
dential Election presents our nation with both a challenge and an opportunity. With the presidential vote and the House of Representatives near evenly
divided, and the Senate an exact 50-50 split, the next president will need to build consensus, harmonize, and be able to forge unity and build consensus. As a truly diverse and headlining organization, the ACLC can fulfill an important role in gathering reli-
gious leadership to inspire this spir-
it of unity and cooperation.

But as the election dispute grows more partisan and divisive, the foun-
dation of unity and support for the first American president of the new
millennium is threatened. While most of us may have a strong opinion as
to who is the actual winner of the election, even if our own chosen
candidate were to emerge trium-
phant, if the supporters of the one who falls short are unable to accept the result or trust the process, they may act to undermine or oppose the president’s agenda in a near evenly-divided congress. Public confidence in America’s democratic process is also being tested. Who can speak out on this issue, and call the nation to reconciliation and unity?

Texas Regional Vice-director Rev. John Jackson felt called to gather religious leaders in Dallas to pray, and to hold a press conference emphasizing rec-
iliation, and the need to focus our nation upon the true founda-
tion of our democracy, which is God. Rev. Jackson gathered some 50 cleri-
gy and community leaders, and local media immediately recognized the
port, strong political winds were blowing in our nation’s capital, and we wanted to be sure to have all of our coalition strongly united and completely non-partisan. Rev. Schanker had prepared a location in front of the U.S. Capitol, but we

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The streets were filled that morning with chants, sheets, and demonstrations—some comical, some dramatic. Signs reading: “Florida was Bushwhacked!” or “How the Goreelson stole Christmas!” were everywhere. Darth Vader marched by with a sign that read: “Keep Counting Till the Dark Side Wins!” People were dressed as Uncle Sam, butterfly ballots, or one of the two candidates, among others. But in the midst of it all, only one event was truly non-partisan, truly unifying, and it therefore impressed all who passed by. We had pre-arranged coverage from many media outlets through the contacts we had developed during the Million Family March. But the diverse and dramatic events were like a smorgasbord for the media appetite for controversy. So we tracked them down, and led them over to our event one by one: CNN, NBC, BET, CBS, and the Associated Press. Others passed by on their own, some who had promised and some just looking for stories, and spent time filming and interviewing our event: Copley News Service, Radio America, The Washington Post, and many, many more. Local Newschannel 8 called later for interviews, for their report on the religious community role in the election controversy. They noted the uniqueness of this coalition and its message. Rev. Schanker did a local radio program the following day.

As the excited and angry demonstrators marched by, they reacted at first as if we were from the other side. But as they recognized and understood what we were saying, they nodded their heads and signaled their approval. Many of the media were hard to attract, but once they recognized our uniqueness, they were interested. One national network reporter interviewed Dr. Taylor and Dr. Perkins together, and the whole point of his interview was how incredible it was to see the Christian Coalition and the reports, photos and stories that may have come out.

After the event, our key ACLC leaders brainstormed and planned over lunch. It was obvious that this event itself was an education for all of us. We made plans how to draw together other major religious leaders, such as Pat Robertson. We considered an interfaith reconciliation prayer service or event around the inaugural, and recognized the need to speak out on a continuing basis, to build upon the spirit of the MFM and this event, and bring the religious leaders together centered upon God providence.

America. And they called America to repent, and to bring God back into our national life. Dr. Hycel Taylor’s message is attached and follows as just one example.

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I left Vancouver International Airport last Sunday to attend the Million Family March. The flight down was pleasant, but quiet. Because the flight was fairly empty, I was able to lie down on three seats. However, like every flight when I believed I had a chance to lie down, I couldn't sleep but simply closed my eyes and listened to the constant hum of the plane engines and occasional call from the captain on the PA system. Dinner soon thinned down the aisle. I was given the choice of "chicken" or "beef." I chose chicken and the petite stewardess smiled at me and handed me a white rectangular plate. Looking at it as I was looking at beautiful art work sculpted to perfection—each and every piece perfectly to accent the other, topped with a small but elegant leaf all framed in a crystal clear display case. However, after inhaling in my first bite, my taste buds and senses quickly made me realize I was fed a meal no grueller then flavored cardboard with a pinch of coloring. I reached over and flipped the self-serving package of salt placed to the side of my plate, which had the most nutritional value of anything on my whole dish, and spread it over my food. As I watched the salt melt into my meal, the combination of fatigue and a pounding headache made my food look like it was receding (a stage of osmosis) like slugs do when exposed to salt. The thought of it made my stomach buckle and I quickly finished my meal. After leaving the plane, I bought a beverage, I continued to lie on the seats and closed my eyes, mostly to prevent my eyes from completely drying out. The plane touched down in D.C. around 10:00 p.m. D.C. time. I was welcomed by a few of my BC friends. We said our hellos and quickly head- ed for the D.C. church. On the ride there, I was informed that many BC's were gathered at the church and were going to sell T-shirts and ginsing-up at the March. We arrived at the church around 1:00 p.m. and were briefed at the booth. With boxes as my mattress and the smart ones were curled up resting on chairs, others were set- ting up straight and equally spaced apart like soldiers. I could only smile and shake my head at their flawless display. After all our products were set up ready to sell, I began to feel tired. Since the day was still young and hours away from daylight, I decid- ed to take a small nap. Looking around I realized that half my team already beat me to it. Some were resting, but others were set- tled in a pile of bags and belongings, and the smart ones were curied up in their sleeping bags on the pave- ment. Because all the prime spots were taken, my friend Alex Com- pensated. Because all the prime spots were taken, my friend Alex Com- pensated. I reached over and ripped the flavored cardboard with a pinch of col- 16

**LETTER**

Dear Editor

Wrestling with the question of the Unification move- ment's coalition with the National of Islam to sup- port the Million Family March (UNews Oct 200 p. 7), Rev. Levy Daughtery addresses an essential question. Is Farrakhan racist?

Rev. Daughtery answers this ques- tion by comparing Farrakhan's teach- ing that the white man is "the devil" with Rev. Moon's teaching that Amer- ica is an "archangel nation." While he does not share Rev. Daughtery's hope that Min- ister Farrakhan needs unite with Rev. Moon and adopt his teachings, we need to confront about polices they support and an opportunity to teach his people and even minister Farrakhan needs unite with Rev. Moon and adopt his teachings, so Min- ister Farrakhan should have united with Jesus in a separate nation for American blacks instead of in the "Wahlm Program" program published each week in the "Final Call" newspaper). Until these two points are objectively renounced, there can be no doubt that both Min- ister Farrakahn and his movement are still racist. Because of this, I hope the Unifica- tion movement will be careful in future coalition efforts with them. In partic- ular I hope that stronger efforts will be made to ensure that the official plat- forms of marches we participate in more accurately reflect unificationist values than the platform of the Million Family March. I also hope that we do not rush blindly into future alliances with the Nation of Islam, but care- fully weighing the consequences.

This is not to say that it was a mis- take to support the MFM, or that we should disassociate ourselves entire- ly from Minister Farrakhan. Rev. Moon is a John the Baptist figure for the Islam- ic world. If so, then just as John the Baptist should have united with Jesus and adopted Jesus' teachings, so Min- ister Farrakhan needs unite with Rev. Moon. If so, then just as John the Baptist should have united with Jesus and adopted Jesus' teachings, so Min- ister Farrakhan needs unite with Rev. Moon. I do believe that Min. Farrakahn is changing. He recently said publicly that the teachings of Elijah Mohammed were a medicine that, like chemother- apy, could be harmful to the health of the patient if taken "beyond their time." And clearly his speech at the MFM itself was far more universalist and inclusive than anything by the Hon. Eli- jah Mohammed ever taught.

But hard questions still remain. Minister Farrakhan is a movement that officially calls for a ban on inter- racial marriage and the establishment of a separate nation for American black people. Yet, if the "Wahlm Program" program published each week in the "Final Call" newspaper). Until these two points are objectively renounced, there can be no doubt that both Min- ister Farrakahn and his movement are still racist. Despite the disaster in the market, some of us dared to dream. Not only were there enough blocks of merchants to build another CN Tower but it seemed like everything was either selling the same "Million Family March" shirt or type of food. Despite the disaster in the market, people did show. I did get a chance to walk over to the rally site with a few of my BC friends. Whoever's been to Was- hington, D.C. could better relate to how many people attended the March. I could simply say "3 million" and you can go "Wow, that's a lot." But this is how it sort of looked like. Picture this: Washington, D.C. could better relate to how many people attended the March. I could simply say "3 million" and you can go "Wow, that's a lot." But this is how it sort of looked like. Picture this: 

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**My Trip to DC and the MFM**

by Adrian Wilding—Vancouver, Canada

was supposed to be followed. However, there is a mass church function, on what was to take place. Now, when- ever there is a mass church function, I was informed that many BCs were welcomed by a few of my BC friends. The flight down was pleasant, but tiring.
mark had the ability to embrace all kinds of people from every station of life, from a wide variety of faiths and diverse ethnocultural backgrounds. We do this in our church. In this church, you can see the visible evidence of our church mission: we bring together people from all walks of life, from plumbers and Corporate Managers, electricians and religious leaders, teachers and children and this was possible because of his special capacity to love. Many people who casually meet Mark know him as a person whose serious face would break into a big smile on seeing them. This smile was honest and open.

We know Mark as being hard working, conscientious, and loyal and faithful to his family, friends and those he worked with. Where did these qualities come from and how were they nurtured so well in one person?

First, it is important to recognize and give thanks to Mark’s parents for their influence on him. Mark worked with his father at the hardware store or from listening to the straight talk of his father, mother. Mark learned to value people, appreciate things and share generously the blessings in life. Critical in his upbringing is the faith of his birth, Judaism. We can be grateful for the inheritance Mark received from Judaism which includes his strong devotion to God, his ability to accept responsibility and an appreciation of the God - given dignity found in each and every person. He could grasp, as the prophet Isaiah taught, the Universality of God.

Mark was also Blessed with a loving and devoted, faithful, devoted wife, Tamie. Her devotion to God, his ability to accept sacrifice was the foundation for the legacy that he has left here for us to see his legacy in his children Daniel and Hana. They are people of goodness, character and creativity and have grown up with confidence that they are loved. In Mark’s last three years, some hard clear determination to renew his devo- tion to God, his wife and family. He had just returned from the National Blessing ceremony in Korea and he was inspired to take on more spiritual work, especially teaching. During his last three days, he made an amazing search deep into himself to repent for any shortness or misjudgments he made. He was truly determined to be 100% pure in all things. His moving into the spiritual world opens up many opportunities for Mark to fulfill his deep spiritual desire.

We are deeply grateful to God, for many of Mark’s qualities are a result of God’s love. Through our relationship with Mark, we could come to understand a part of God, especially his patient strength, his wide embrace, and his commitment to excellence. This is a time of gratitude to God for the life of Mark Wilenchik and we appreciate the legacy that he has left here for us to build on.

This is a brief chronology: Mark graduated from the Universi- ty of Connecticut majoring in Anthropology and History. In 1975, he returned from the National Blessing Movement in Oakland, California. He went on a year of fundraising and witnessing where he served as a fundraising captain and also helped in public relations.

In 1979, he traveled to London, Eng- land where he pioneered in Home Church. Mark was matched to Tamie Asakura in 1979 and received the Holy Blessing in Madison Square Garden in 1982. In 1988, he graduated from the Uni- fication Theological Seminary in the first Divinity class. He was a class officer and won honors in Public Speaking.

Mark was instrumental in the develop- ment of interfaith conferences and anti-communism conferences at UPS.

During True Father’s court case, he served as an assistant to Mike Ryuyoung. After he graduated from UPS, he pioneered the West Point, New York cen-

tre.

In 1983, Mark became the Confer- ence Coordinator for CAUSA Interna- tional. He became a Vice-President for News World Communications, Inc. for a short time until he became President of CAUSA International Corporate Development Corp. in which he managed the Tiffany Building and other major real estate buildings throughout the New York area.

In 1995, Mark was appointed Man- aging Director for the New Yorker Hotel. Mark helped to guide the successful transition of the New Yorker to its cur- rent status as one of New York’s pre- mier 5-star hotels.

Mark served on the Financial Com- mittee for the NJ-PWPU and also served on the Board of Directors at Bridgeport University.

On November 19, 2000, Mark and Tamie completed the 2nd level Nation- al Blessing and Registration.
On September 1, 2000 the HSU Retreat Center officially opened to the general public. It is the first stage fulfillment of a decade old dream by Mrs. Sung Bok Hsu to provide all people who suffer with health problems a temporary home where healing and rejuvenation may take place.

How can this be done? Mrs. Hsu began her business in 1977 selling IL HWA Ginseng tea door to door in Columbus, Ohio. From this small beginning a large company with three retail centers and a mail-order department developed. At the very heart of this growth lies the success of the Hsu Internal Cleansing Program. This program utilizes of course ginseng tea, but also a variety of internal cleansers, developed by her, and other nutritional supplements. Through these cleansing and nutritional supplements the vital parts of the body, namely the digestive, eliminative, circulatory and lymph system are cleansed and rejuvenated.

In addition, Mrs. Hsu teaches and utilizes the principles of Proper Food Combining to aid the process of restoring and maintaining good health. Combined with a commitment to the cleanest water available, from a large steam distillation unit in the basement of the Retreat Center, the body is enabled to cleanse itself and thereby release the energy and vitality inherent in it to overcome the often crushing burden of disease. But that is not all. Exercise in clean, fresh air also matters a great deal. It does not have to be sweat-inducing exercise. Taking daily walks may be all that’s needed. The Retreat Center sits on 73 acres of land with beautiful walking paths meandering through the lush woods covering up to the back of the estate. In those woods one can find a variety of herbs given to us by God including the one often called the “King of Herbs”—wild ginseng.

Last, but certainly not least, spiritual recovery often goes hand in hand with physical recovery. Sometimes, simple relaxation in a beautiful environment, away from the oppressive noise and busyness of city life, is all that’s needed to be recharged. One may simply sit on the balcony, overlooking miles of rolling farmland, to feel a sense of renewal. On the other hand, as Unificationists we know that the study of God’s word is integral to our overall well-being. A well stocked library and cozy reading area is available for all retreat guests, of any religious persuasion. The spirit of the Pledge, which directs us to search for and develop True Love, permeates the Retreat Center and not just because Korean and English versions of its written manifestations prominently decorate the walls of the beautiful atrium.

We live in a society that seeks instant, simple answers and solutions to most, if not all of its problems. Those problems are due to living in ignorance for lengthy periods of time. By the same token, restoration requires both wisdom and time. That’s why it may take days or even weeks of staying with and learning from Mrs. Hsu to set in motion the course of restoring physical and spiritual health. The doors are open. Recently, an architectural magazine prominently featured the Hsu Retreat Center. Accompanying the article was the following letter by Mrs. Hsu:

The first time I looked at this land, including the woods in the far back and the gently rolling cropland in the front, I knew this was what I had been looking for. I had been searching for property, not too far from Columbus, Ohio, on which to build a small-scale health retreat as my retirement project. I wanted to build a facility for the improvement of physical health as well as a place where people could unwind so completely that one could recapture the childhood feeling of happiness from playing in the sand box. This land had been up for sale for many years, but not much interest had been shown. I started crying just looking at the land from the road. An embracing and healing gentleness surrounded me and welcomed me. I asked my Father in Heaven silently if this was the land He had reserved for me on which to do the work He had commissioned me to do, that of healing His children. The search was over. I asked the Realtor to make an offer that day.

One of my dear customers of several years, Mr. Bill Halley, introduced me to the architect Bob Giesken. Since I had never undertaken the task of building a home before, I really needed his help. When Bob Giesken and Mr. Halley, who is a builder in Columbus, and I came to the site and walked around the land, I knew I was in the company of two of the best advisers anybody could ever hope to have. Bob’s first comment was “We could build a beautiful home here.” When he said that I knew he was the one to design it. We sat down and I gave him a list of desires that I had. I described the purpose of the building and how many guests rooms were needed. I expressed that I wanted a green house and a pond, and told him all my other ambitions and dreams. He listened patiently and I could tell he was formulating a plan in his mind.

The next step was to select a builder. I count my lucky stars for the day I
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It took about 14 months to complete the building from the time of purchasing the land to moving in. Those 14 months were a time of creativity and rejoicing. Each week I would be given a new set of choices to make, just enough to get involved but not get bogged down with. Many people told me that building a home is a hard task; it wasn’t so with this project. Each week was a joyful venture with pleasant challenges. I was learning about a world that I had never needed to deal with before.

Now the house is finished and I have already lived here for 5 months. I have had neighbor luncheons and many dinners of appreciation and recognition for those who have worked with me during this experience. I am a very lucky person to retire from 25 years of working as a retailer in health foods and to be able to continue in this field, doing what I like to do the most in a place, which is “heaven on earth”.

It is beautiful during the day and it is beautiful at night. I hear the wild turkeys gobble and pheasants sing, deer graze, my two puppies run and the 21 chickens cackle and crow.

I named my guest rooms “Parkview”, “Woodeview”, “Star Gazer”, “Friendship Room”, and “Centerview”. I sometimes think that I should be awake at night and sleep during the day so that I can enjoy the night view in this place. The stars are bright and when the lights are on in the house it looks like a magical and enchanted house from the outside.

The builder asked me if I am happy here. If I am not, it is nobody’s fault but my own for I live in my dream house that has been built just right. I invited for dinner one evening the architect, builder, landscaper, concrete man, and a neighbor who cuts walk paths in the woods. I truly felt that I was amongst the masters of each of their fields. I am a lucky person to have this house to welcome retreat participants who have some serious health problems as well as those with less serious concerns. I find most participants to be my friends, and I am also a participant myself.

I eat right, exercise right and take herbs and other supplements detoxifying and nourishing my body and mind. Oh, yes I am busy but I am happy and at the same time peaceful within. I improve my health each and every day just as my retreat participants do.

At the true beginning of this new millennium I wish all of you a most blessed year and I invite you to spend some time with me to heal not only the body but mind and soul as well. I’ve had guests stay with me anywhere from 1 to 28 days! They included a Russian couple with the husband suffering from a brain tumor, a local couple with the wife suffering from severe diabetes, and a lovely lady from Texas with pelvic bone cancer. She improved so much that she is considering moving to Central Ohio to be near me. I also welcomed a dear brother from Florida suffering from cancer and many others with various degrees of eating disorders, weight problems, hypertension, and many other health concerns. Whatever time fits you best, I can arrange a way to give my wholehearted attention to you so you may leave from here truly refreshed and in better health.

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This month we’ll discuss the Global Environment and Development, and the movement that has sprung up concerning it. In the years since Earth Day began, this movement has grown in prominence, divided into factions, and remains subject to controversy. Governments have gotten involved, from the local level right on up to the United Nations. Rev. Moon is among the world’s first practicing ‘green’ Muslims, in his book The Principle, in its section on the Third Blessing, urges care for the environment.

Crisis?

There is a lot of conventional wisdom about the “ecological crisis,” not all of it accurate. Are the forests going green? Are oceans turning blue? Is the Earth warming up? (a separate issue, by the way), and would that be a bad thing? Are we getting buried under mountains of trash? These issues have bred fierce advocates. Al Gore has weighed in. As this article goes to press, the Presidential election dispute has yet to be settled. Whether Gore wins or loses, his book Earth in the Balance deserves attention, and its positive aspects highlight. He sees “eco-warriors” as “brave resistance fighters” in a battle as huge and dire as World War Two.

Gore advocates “new aquaculture,” just like our movement has pioneered. Also, “quick technology transfers” to “resistance fighters” in a battle as huge and dire as World War Two.

Gore argues that “government is in worse in direct relation to its distance from those being governed.” Thus, “environmentalism is like physical pollution.” He has some odd ideas about how such corruption starts. I applaud Gore’s written defense of life. But while he is right, he is still a protest movement.

Extremists

The environmental movement has spawned extremists. Some are large and well heeded, like Greenpeace. Others, like Earth First!, are shadowy. and well-heeled, like Greenpeace. Others, like Earth First!, are shadowy.

Conclusions

While there is much ecological sensationalism, including proposals ranging from the silly to Orwellian. There are real problems. Eventually, technology like large scale fish farming, and clean fusion, will help solve some problems. We have yet to jump into this issue (in a big way), so please note that the environment is part and parcel of any effective solution.

Humanity’s spiritual Fallen Nature is the greatest pollution. Cleaning up the world of this scourge will open the way for a clean, peaceful, and plentiful Kingdom.

Paul Carlson

Mr. Carlson is involved with marine aspects of the Prudence in the Bay Area.

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The End is Near!

Environmental Crisis have nearly been drowned out by all the rhetoric. For instance, the Antarctic "ozone hole" is shrinking, not growing. Pollution, which varies widely each and every year, has been dramatically reduced from previous centuries, for comparison.

In fact, Miami receives far more ultra-violet radiation than Antarctica ever does, even if its ozone cover were to vanish entirely! This is simple geometry: the angle of the sunlight hitting a spherical Earth.

Scientists such as the late Diane Lee and William R. Keating in his book Earth in the Balance have written that there are "eco-warriors" who believe that the ozone layer is "an eco-cheap solution" and that the ozone layer is "an eco-cheap solution.

Julian Simon writes that "the perceptual dimensions of society are not seen as a 'good' by people who are getting buried under mountains of trash!"

Also, the disappearance of America's farmlands and its trash disposal problem, have been vastly exaggerated. Also, the disappearance of America's farmlands and its trash disposal problem, have been vastly exaggerated.

Many believe that the Americas, before the White Man came, were paradise. In reality, the original Native Americans caused soil erosion, the salting of fields, and the extinction of many species, particularly the early Spaniards of farming caused less harm, as scientists confirmed in Mexico's Patzcuaro Basin. A farmer, if he had any sense, cares for his land the most. Such exaggerations can cut close to home. This author's son attends an excellent religious school. One day they were lectured to that the lumber companies are also replanting their vast forest lands.

Religion

There is a profound religious aspect to the environmental movement. Many activists say that modern people are "alienated from the Earth," and thus are harming unknowingly. They wish for a return to our Pagan religion. They want to call the Earth "a living part of our being," perhaps you've seen bumper stickers reading Love Your Mother, referring to the Earth as Gaia.

Before Safeway or McDonalds existed, people had to kill or gather their own meals each day. Such primitives, though, may be close to the Earth—or they'd probably starve! Most of today's activists are city dwellers, far less familiar with nature than the hunters and loggers are. People had to kill or gather their meals each day. Such primitives, though, may be close to the Earth—or they'd probably starve! Most of today's activists are city dwellers, far less familiar with nature than the hunters and loggers are.

In his book Eco-Scorn, Ronald Haeberlin, a leading environmental downsayer, are a part of a long "millenarian prophetic tradition." Those who cry:...
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