

Harlem Welcomes True Parents

by Rev. Phillip Schanker

Some 2,800 clergy and faithful packed Harlem's historic Canaan Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, March 8, 2001 to welcome Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon and a host of national religious leaders. The visit, at the invitation of New York clergy and hosted by civil rights pioneer Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, celebrated the successful interfaith tour of 52 cities in 52 days entitled "We Will Stand."

Launched by the American Clergy Leadership Conference, a racially and religiously diverse group of prominent clergy from across America, the tour has journeyed to dozens of urban churches in recent weeks. With the theme, "Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, Renew the Nation and World," the tour emphasizes the need for the faith community to work together beyond race and denomination for the healing and renewal of America. The tour reached over 100,000 people, including 14,000 clergy.



Hundreds of New York area clergy participated in Tuesday's gathering, including Rev. Charles Kenyatta of the Baptist Ministers' Conference, First

Corinthian Baptist's Rev. Derrick Porter, Christian Times publisher Rev. Dennis Dillon, Bishop Eric Figueroa of the New Life Tabernacle, and Bishop David

Billings of the World Bishops Council. They were joined by prominent national church leaders as well.

How Can Anybody Be Against?

Responding to concerns raised over the rapidly growing coalition, Dr. Walker pointed to the tour's uplifting theme and underlying purpose to "Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, and Renew the Nation." "How can anybody be against that?" he asked. Walker praised Rev. Moon's unchanging emphasis on the "Christian family," and noted his significant worldwide contributions to peace. Addressing the questions of some about the 81 year-old evangelist's relationship to Christian teaching, he pointed to "The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ," a recently published collection of Rev. Moon's sermons on Jesus from his 55-year ministry.

Dr. Hycel Taylor, pastor of Evanston, Illinois' First Baptist Church, professor at Garrett Theological Seminary and former national director of Operation PUSH, acknowledged the skepticism of some who are fearful of
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by Michael Balcomb

Last year on his Inheritance and Development world tour, our elder brother Hyun Jin Nim traveled throughout Korea, Japan, Asia, Europe and Russia speaking about the crucial importance of preparing for the settlement age, and the importance of a reorientation of our movement and ourselves as we enter the Age of the 4th Adam. He told us that we needed to let go of all our historical baggage and make a fresh start in faith.

All too often though, the tight schedule of his tour and the need to keep on moving to new countries left many of us wanting to hear a great deal more. This year, that hope is being answered with the series of special workshops with Hyun Jin Nim on the topic "A New Paradigm of Leadership for the Settlement Age." The first was held at Le P'tit Bonheur, Quebec, Canada on March 9th - 30th, 2001.

The inspiration for these immensely significant workshops began on True Parents' birthday earlier this year, when True Father called Hyun Jin Nim to the stage during an inter-

The 1st Special 21 Day Workshop with Hyun Jin Nim



national leaders' meeting. As everyone now knows, Father then gave Hyun Jin Nim leadership authority over all members and leaders under the age of 40 (later expanded to include those born after January 1st, 1959.) A few weeks later, Hyun Jin Nim was inaugurated as the President of the Youth Federation for World Peace in recognition of his greatly increased area of responsibility.

Hyun Jin Nim is a man of action. He was determined to get moving right away on getting to know all the youthful members and leaders that were being entrusted to his care. How many are there, he wanted to know? Well ... we have no idea. And so the request went out to every mission country of the world—all 185 of them—to send in their lists of members and leaders who met the age criteria. That turned out to be a massive undertaking in
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by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is the sermon given at the Canaan Baptist Church, Harlem, NY, on May 8, 2001

Respected ladies and gentlemen: I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for your participation in this rally despite your busy public and private schedules. I particularly would like to thank Rev. Dr. Wyatt T. Walker and the other distinguished New York area clergy who invited me here today. Harlem is the heart of New York City, a city that is a capital of culture, of finance, and of diplomacy centered on the United Nations. It is also a multinational city, where immigrants from around the world have come and live together.

Between February 25 and April 17 of this first year of the new millennium, I successfully conducted a speaking tour covering all 50 states in the United States, speaking in 52 cities in 52 days. Today, I am able to meet you again, thanks to the invitation from the many ministers of the New York area. During my tour, I spoke to audiences comprised primarily of clergy about the path humankind and America, and even the heavenly world and earthly world, must take.

When I was sixteen years old I met Jesus early Easter morning, and set out on the path of Heaven's Will to accomplish the Will of God. I suffered all manner of misunderstanding and persecution, but I never gave up. So I have devoted my life of more than eighty years to the effort of bringing about a world of peace based on the ideal of true families. In 1971, I came to America in obedience to God's command, and for the past thirty years have invested my full spirit and energy to guide America so that it can fulfill the mission for which it was chosen, that is, the mission of the second Israel. Today, I would like to share with you some of my content from the recent speaking tour, as well as content regarding the Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship that was held on January 13 of this year.

God's Image through Lineage

Ladies and Gentlemen, more than six billion people are now living in the world. Without exception they fall into one of two categories: man or woman. In fact, God created all beings, including those of the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms, with yang nature and yin nature. In other words, He created a pair system. That is because He created the universe to resemble Himself.

Let us ask, then, who is God to us? What is His relationship with humankind? We refer to Him as "Father," because He is our source of true love, true life and true lineage. Thus, the original relationship between God and humanity is that of parent and child.

There is nothing more important to us than love, life and lineage. Among these, which do you think has most value? Many people think that it is love. However, no matter how valuable love and life are, they are horizontal in nature. They appear and conclude within one generation. On the other hand, lineage is vertical in nature and continues for-

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ever, generation after generation.

This generation has inherited the lineage passed down through our ancestors. We are like a corporation composed of cells inherited from all of our ancestors going back to Adam.

Adam & Eve Lost God's Blessing

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children. Because of this, God never had grandchildren of direct descent.

Adam and Eve should have avoided the fall and reached completion, forming one mind and one body as true parents centering on God, their True Parent. Instead, they entered into a relationship with the enemy and found themselves in a position with their body

2:17, "You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die," was a strong warning about Eve's love. Eve had to protect her sexual purity until she achieved maturity with a God-centered character and entered into a blessed marriage with God's permission. Had she succeeded, she would have multiplied God's eternal love, life and lineage.

Eve fell, however, because Lucifer disregarded his servant's position and drew her into an immoral relationship based on his excessive desire. Thus, in 2 Peter 2:4 the Bible says, "...God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;" and Jude 6-7 states, "And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home — these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire." Clearly, the angels committed the sin of adultery.

I repeat: the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents Eve's reproductive organ, and God gave the commandment to protect her chastity. When He created us, God invested His entire heart and soul in our reproductive organs. He created

them as the palace of true love, the palace of true life, and the palace of true lineage. The story places the fruit in the context of good and evil in order to tell us that if Eve were to have a relationship with a king, she would give birth to a prince, and if she were to have a relationship with a mafioso, she would give birth to a villain. The quality of the harvest depends upon the seed that is planted. It was called the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because it could manifest good or evil.

The Fruit of Sexual Immorality

This is how the original sin, the root of all sin, came into existence. This is why it became necessary for human beings to find rebirth. Rebirth is necessary because the problem relates to lineage.

The Bible also depicts the archangel symbolically, as a serpent. Why is that? The serpent's tongue splits into two at the end, and so the serpent came to symbolize a person who uses his one mouth to say two completely different things, or a person who will use any means to accomplish his selfish purposes.

A man's reproductive organ is shaped like the head of a poisonous snake. It is always looking for a hole to slither into. A woman's reproductive organ is concave, like the wide-open mouth of a poisonous snake with fangs. Once this snake bites, poison quickly spreads through the body, bringing eternal death. Adultery does not just destroy the individual, but also the family, clan and nation. In



in which we live? Our mind and body have been fighting against each other since the beginning of history. World wars eventually conclude with a truce, or the defeat of one side, but the struggle between the human mind and body cannot be stopped; it continues without end. The mind and body failed to form a ninety-degree angle in resemblance to God, within whom the mind completely controls the body. The fall of the human ancestors brought on this state of mutual conflict. Even non-religious people have to acknowledge that human beings descended from fallen ancestors.

Did God expel Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden before or after they committed the fall? He expelled them from the Garden because of the fall, so it must have taken place after the fall, and before they could form a relationship of love, life and lineage with God.

Thus, Adam and Eve could not have a marriage ceremony blessed by God. Instead, they married under Satan's dominion. Doing so, they inherited Satan's lineage and multiplied descendants. For this reason, Jesus spoke so sharply when he pointed out that the devil Satan is the father of fallen humankind, "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire." (John 8:44) The fall destroyed the eternal relationship of parent and child between God, on the one hand, and Adam and Eve, on the other. Therefore, Adam and Eve were unable to generate the love of true parents, true husband and wife, and true

in total control of their mind.

The Root of Human Sin

What then is the truth behind the fall story? The Bible states that the fall originated when the first human ancestors in the Garden of Eden ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This is one of many important passages that the Bible expresses in parables and symbols. It does not refer to a literal fruit. As Jesus says in Matthew 15:11, "What goes into a man's mouth does not make him unclean, but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'"

It is human nature to try to hide our defects. A child caught stealing a cookie by his mother will instinctively hide his hands or cover his mouth. In the same way, if Adam and Eve had taken a piece of fruit and put it into their mouth, then they would have hidden their hands or covered their mouth when God called them. The fact that they hid their lower parts instead demonstrates that their crime was committed through the lower parts of their body.

There were five masculine figures in the Garden of Eden. First, there was God, who is the subject partner of the entire created world. Then there was Adam and the three angels, Lucifer, Gabriel and Michael. Eve was the only feminine figure. What do you think they felt, standing naked and without shame in the Garden of Eden, observing the insects and animals coming together in pairs?

The commandment given in Genesis

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the Garden of Eden, Satan defiled the chastity of youth. He is harvesting the fruit of that crime in the wave of immorality that is engulfing the world's youth in this time of the last days, when history reaches its conclusion.

If the reproductive organs are this important, to whom do they belong? A wife's reproductive organ belongs to her husband, and a husband's belongs to his wife. In this circumstance, a person's reproductive organ can be unlocked by one key and one key only. Under no circumstances should you make a spare key. This absolutely cannot be permitted. The wrongful use of this key leads to the destruction of the family and the nation.

Restoration Through the Blessing

The fall of the first human ancestors allowed Satan to have grandchildren and prevented God from having this experience. Because the false parent influenced the act of adultery, there arose the need for a Savior, or Messiah, and for True Parents. Since Adam and Eve's marriage was wrongful in God's eyes, the Messiah was destined to come as the True Parents in order to restore humankind through marriage rightful in God's eyes. The branches of the false olive tree must be cut off and grafted onto the true olive tree.

This is why Jesus said to Nicodemus that one cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven without first being reborn. Everyone must separate from false love, false life and the false lineage and engraft onto true love, true life and the true lineage in order to be reborn as citizens of the kingdom of Heaven.

It is possible to engraft families and even entire nations all at once. For this cause, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, centering on my teaching, has been working to bring the kingdom of Heaven on earth and in Heaven through the ideal of true families. If you doubt this, please pray about it. I discovered this truth through prayer so intense that my very life was at risk. I do not think there is anyone who knows more about the spirit world and God than I do.

Heaven's strategy is to allow itself to be struck first, and then to use this as a condition to take something from the other side. Satan strikes first, but in the end he has to pay reparations. Heaven teaches us to love even our enemies. In fact, Heaven ultimately requires us to love even Satan. Such love is proof that one is spiritually alive. I visited Mikhail Gorbachev and Kim Il Sung in order to practice God's true love by loving my enemies.

Persecution plays into God's strategy for us to inherit all of Satan's rights to ownership. Individuals and even the entire cosmos opposed me, but this opposition only served as my opportunity to develop further. You must come to know God with certainty. This is why the international holy blessing ceremonies I have officiated in the name of the True Parents, in the face of opposition, have liberated the God who has lived in sorrow and grief due to the fall of the first human ancestors. These ceremonies transcend racial and national differences and break down the barriers between enemies.

I have always taught that we must maintain absolute purity before marriage and absolute fidelity after the holy bless-

ing of marriage. By doing so, we can build a family that incarnates God's four attributes of absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal love. A man who is created in this way, as the reciprocal partner of true love, represents Heaven, or half the universe, and a woman who is created in the same way represents the earth, the other half. Thus, once a couple is married in the holy blessing, they are never to divorce. Divorce divides parents and children. The tide of divorce, now exceeding fifty percent of marriages, utterly destroys the underlying social discipline of moral law and human ethics.

Relationship of Man and Woman

Ladies and gentlemen, whom do you think God loves more, men or women? The later the creation the more valuable it is, because the Creator invests more of His dedication. Woman was the later creation into which God poured His entire heart and being. If you notice, women more than men are born for the sake of others and live for the sake of others. So God's interest and love tend to go more to women. Where does God want to reside? If Adam and Eve had not fallen but had reached completion and become one with each other centering on true love, then God would have dwelled with them. God is the owner of vertical and eternal love and the husband is the owner of horizontal love.

So the seed of life comes from God and is inside the husband. Women are like a garden. They receive the seed and sacrifice their body to provide it nourishment, nurture the fetus with love, and then give birth. The baby receives 99 percent of its bones and flesh from its mother. If you look at how a woman is shaped, you will notice that there is no part of her body that exists for her own sake. Do her well-developed breasts and hips belong to her? No, they exist for the sake of her babies. The womb, which men lack, and the monthly menstrual cycle also exist for the sake of her babies.

To whom do a woman's reproductive organs belong? Do they belong to her husband or to herself? They belong to her husband. In the end, we see that a woman is created to live for her husband and her children. So a husband must attend to his wife as the queen of queens. When his wife is breast feeding and nurturing the baby, the husband must do everything he can for the sake of his wife and baby.

The husband is responsible to rear the children born to him and his wife to become filial children, patriots to the nation, saints for the world and finally divine sons and daughters of God. In this way, husband and wife relate as subject and object partners. In terms of quality, men and women are equal in value. However, in terms of the order of things, the husband, who holds the seed of life within him, is the subject partner. With her husband as absolute subject partner, a wife and the children should create one heart and one body and offer a true family to God.

One World Family

Ladies and gentlemen, with the opening of the new millennium we are moving quickly in the direction of a unified

world. We are going beyond "one nation under God" and are moving toward "one universe under God." The unified family of humankind that I prophesied many years ago is becoming a reality.

There are still formidable obstacles on the path, in particular racism and religious strife. These stand against the will of God. God is the first ancestor of humankind. In a manner of speaking, white people are a polar bear race. Starting in the Arctic regions they spread to Scandinavia, Britain, and on across the world. The yellow race lived mainly in Asia practicing agriculture. They had a deep love for the land, so their skin turned brown. Black people are like the black bear of the tropics. The reason their skin is black is that they lived near the equator, where the sun's rays are intense. The different skin colors among the races have no significance in terms of superiority or inferiority. It is simply a matter of our

having adapted to different environments.

In fact, we know that the qualitative makeup of our bodies is 99.96% identical. From God's standpoint, skin color has no qualitative significance whatsoever. In fact, the God of love is color blind. God did not create different races with differing skin colors. In the spirit world, there are no white people or black people. The only color that exists there is the color of true love.

Strife among religious groups is a particularly serious obstacle blocking humanity's effort to bring about world peace. God did not create denominations or religious groups. In fact, religion itself is a result of the fall. Satan fosters denominational schism and religious divisions. In the spirit world, there are no walls between nations, denominations, or religions. It is a world composed of one huge family.

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C A L E N D A R

MAY 2001

- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
Ceremony for the Total Dissolution of Resentment (1975)
- 3 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 14 Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
Citizen's Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (1987)
- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 21 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' East and West Victory (1999)

JUNE 2001

- 4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
- 13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim's Blessing (1998)
39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
1st Stage of the 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)
- 14 Jeung Jin Nim's Birthday (1982)
Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 16 Washington Times Established (1982)
- 17 Declaration of the Return of the Sea to Heavenly Dominion (2000)
- 21 True Day of All Things (5/1/63)
- 23 Il-Sung Construction (1978)
Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Declaration of the Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

JULY 2001

- 1 Chil Il Jeol: Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (1991)
Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)
2075 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 4 Religious Herald Established (1971)
- 7 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
- 13 Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)
- 18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim's Blessing (1973)
- 24 124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
- 26 Youth Federation for World Peace Inauguration (1994)
- 27 Hye Jin Nim's Birthday (1964)

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Jesus' words in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life," take us beyond the boundaries of Christianity to reveal the global, ubiquitous, universal nature of salvation.

Traditionally, Satan always works to build barriers between people, and God works to tear these down. With the progress of God's providence, we see in the spirit world that already there are no barriers between the religions centering on the four great founders. Jesus, Buddha, Mohammed and Confucius can go back and forth and communicate freely among themselves.

Because I know these things well, I strongly encouraged all clergy during my recent fifty-state tour to transcend their denomination and unite as one. In fact, 144,000 churches are now leading this movement through the United Federation of Churches, centered on the American Clergy Leadership Conference. In the future, the home church format, centered on the family unit, gradually will become well established.

Ultimately, organized churches, temples and mosques will disappear. In addition, the movement to break down barriers for the sake of world peace, which I explained at the United Nations, is rapidly moving forward. The Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace is leading the way. Centering on WANGO, the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, this movement is spreading from the United Nations headquarters in New York across the continents and oceans of the world.

The Meaning of Our Age

Ladies and gentlemen, this year begins the seventh millennium of biblical history and the third millennium after Jesus. It is the time of completion for the Completed Testament Age, in which the promises of the Old and New Testaments are fulfilled and the Kingdom of Heaven is brought into reality on earth and in heaven in accordance with the completion of the spirit world.

I was victorious in setting all indemnity conditions necessary for the "Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship." This January 13, I carried out this ceremony. This was the most joyous day in providential history, because it liberated our Parent in Heaven from the path of sorrow that He has endured since the fall of the first human ancestors. Now I would like to speak on the Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship.

We can hold this Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship for the first time because all the people on earth and in heaven were blessed and form a homogeneous nation. To do that, religions from Judaism, to the second Israel centering on Christianity, to Korea, went through the realms of the first, second and third Israel and the eras of the Old, New and Completed Testaments.

The Completed Testament is the era of the blessing for all. Because of the fall of the human ancestors, all things created by God could not stand in the realm of blessing. Therefore, God taught people by establishing numerous religions, leading them through the salvation prov-

idence and raising them step-by-step to the era of the Completed Testament.

The people of the peripheral religions were not aware of this. Judaism and Christianity paved the road of serving God as our Father. On that foundation Jesus came as the only Son of God in the end times. God lost human history due to Adam and Eve's failure. However, for the first time the only son whose blood lineage God could love was born on earth: Jesus. The elder son was born.

Although the only begotten son was born, no "only begotten daughter" appeared. It can be said that God created Adam again after four-thousand-year history of salvation. After making Adam, God created Eve as Adam's counterpart by imitating Adam, applying the same prin-

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Eve and form a family, the chosen people of Israel and their nation were destroyed. All was lost.

The Mission of Christianity

Because the foundation of people was lost, Israel suffered greatly. In the seventh century, the religion of Islam emerged among the central people who received much blessing from God upon their return from Egypt. Muslims and Israelites were brothers, but became adversaries. Ishmael and Isaac were direct descendants of Abraham but they became adversaries

only religions, but also families, societies, nations and the world have become hellish. God's ideal realm of love was nowhere to be found on earth. In America, there is no family in which husband and wife, or mind and body are united in the original standard. Parents and children are fighting. There is no family in which parents and children are absolutely one. All are separated in a world of selfish individualism.

Buddhism, Confucianism, Christianity and Islam remained as forms of religion based on cultural status and educated people the world over about the mission of the messiah. Then, who is the Lord of the Second Advent? It is the True Parents.

Jesus and God's Blood Lineage

True parents bring true love and true blood lineage. False parents instigated fallen love and they planted the fallen lineage. In the original world, people are to create true families centering on God, to create a family of true sons and daughters by connecting with the true blood lineage. To become the children of True Parents, our lineage should be connected to True Parents. Without blood lineage, the true parent and child relationship is impossible. Even God cannot separate people from their blood lineage, nor can Satan. Because of this, in the Completed Testament age, the failures of both the Old Testament era and the New Testament era can be

indemnified through the true lineage of the blessed families who received the blessing of True Parents.

We should engraft into the blood lineage of God according to the original standard. With that, we should become people of one body, one mind and one thought who reach beyond the realm of death. Satan cannot touch anyone with a good heart who goes through life and death difficulties on the family, national and world levels. Such a person is in the direct dominion of God and Satan has no power over him.

If the people had received Jesus to the extent that he as the bridegroom could have had his own marriage supper, he would not have died. Satan could not have touched him. Because Jesus completed his responsibility, he entered the direct dominion of God. In the direct dominion, God's blood lineage is connected; therefore, there is no way for Satan to break in. The problem is that we have not advanced to that level. If Adam and Eve had married and loved with God's true love, they would have been unable to fall. Satan could not have separated them. Adam and Eve were in their growing period; the fruit was not ripe. Unripe fruit does not produce seeds. It has no eternal life. The place to dispose of lifeless things is hell. They have no relationship with God.

The father-son relationship hinges upon blood lineage. The son inherits the parents' blood lineage. Inheritance of the blood lineage does not just happen by itself. It cannot take place in a single entity. Neither man nor woman alone can do it. It absolutely requires a mixture of



ciple and blueprint used when creating Adam.

The Bible says that God created Eve by taking the rib of Adam. It means that God adopted the core of Adam to create Eve. That is why the perfected Adam would be in the position of God's only son. God found the only son through the direct lineage of love, but did not find the "only daughter." In order to find Eve, God had to restore fallen history through a family and engraft it on the national level. God prepared Jacob and the twelve tribes, considered the chosen people, and established the nation of Israel. Jacob's twelve sons gained ground and expanded the area of victory. This brought into being the nation of Israel and Judaism, which led the providence up until Jesus' advent.

The nation of Israel was external and Cain-like, while Judaism was internal and Abel-like. His bride, who would become a mother, was to have been chosen on the foundation of the unity of Cain and Abel.

After that, by serving Jesus as parent, the nation of Israel and the religion of Judaism should have united as Cain and Abel centering on God's lineage. Then, centering on the blessed family of Jesus, a clan and nation would have been established. No one can deny this. Even though Rome dominated the world, it would have been no match.

External things are like flesh, while internal things are like bones. Flesh cannot defeat bones. If Israel had taken such position, the unity of all nations, the liberation of God and the coronation ceremony for God's Kingship would have been achieved two thousand years ago. But, because Jesus couldn't find a restored

and fought throughout history. They fought centering on Jerusalem, and Israel was lost. The lost Israel should be restored, but not by force.

If Cain and Abel had achieved peace in Jesus' time, the war between left wing and right wing on the national level would have been solved on earth and in spirit world. But because the prepared nation of Israel failed to receive the Messiah, the Second Advent of the Lord became necessary. Centering on Christianity, which became the second Israel, the Roman Empire was conquered.

Because Jesus lost his physical body, Christianity expanded its influence worldwide representing the spiritual realm. After World War II, the world unified based upon Christian culture. By that unification, Satan was overcome at that moment. The allied nations and opposing nations could have been restored to God. On this foundation, if Catholics and Protestants had become one representing Christian culture and welcomed the Second Advent of the Messiah, the True Parents of humankind, the world would have been united. This would have taken place within seven years of 1945, by 1952. The Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God would have been held at that time.

But, Christianity did not recognize the returning Lord. To this day Christians have persecuted the Unification Church. As the first Israel and Judaism opposed Christianity, Christianity opposed the Unification Church. As this transpired, all religions lost their footing. Christianity, Buddhism, Confucianism and Islam now have the form of religion, but they have declined in spiritual vitality. Not

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blood from both a husband and a wife. With the foundation of the harmonious unity of man and woman, the internal and external character of their blood lineages become completely one with the fundamental cosmic principles. Then the substantial mind, representing the internal character, results in a substantial body representing the external character, and ultimately a human being is created and a life is brought into the world.

Humanity stems from Adam's family. Therefore, humanity is like a giant tree stemming from Adam's family. Centering on Adam and Eve, who were created as substantial beings by God, we are like branches and leaves that fill the entire tree in all four directions. We are like branch factories that manufacture heavenly citizens. By doing so, with the help of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, we earn the qualification to live eternally in heaven. This is how we co-create the ideal kingdom of God in heaven and on earth.

Prolongation of God's Coronation

Christianity, working spiritually, has tried to unite Cain and Abel, to build the reconciliation between religions and even to build a bridge between God and Satan. Upon this foundation, if the Lord of the Second Advent had come, built his own true family and secured God's sovereignty, the history of restoration would have concluded.

But this providence was not completed. After World War II, America as the second Israel standing on the Christian foundation, should have welcomed the True Parents who came as the third Adam and lord of heaven and earth. The foundation for the kingdom of God in heaven and on earth should have been established and liberated, centering on the creation of the kingdom of the third Israel.

It has been 56 long years since this consummation once again failed. Thus, to hold this coronation ceremony to honor God is like a dream realized for me. Who should hold this ceremony for God? To answer that, let us ask who destroyed the hope for such a ceremony to begin with? It was Satan and Adam.

Because Adam and Eve could not assume the True Parent's position, Satan entered the picture and the True Parents' blood lineage was not established. The fall left the trails of Satan's blood lineage, and neither God nor Satan could deny or reverse the consequences.

It is difficult for Satan to destroy what he has created. No one likes to destroy or dramatically modify what he created. This is true even for Satan. God by Himself cannot reverse the consequences of the fall. If He had the ability to do so, He would never have lost Adam's family to Satan in the first place.

By principle, this is clear. The perfected Adam is the only person who can repair the damage. We have to understand that the perfected Adam's family is the only family that can possess the original nature of love that originated

from God.

Everything needs a central position, like the center of a circle, as a reference point.

The completion of restoration is no exception. Then what is the center of the blessed family? To answer that, let us ask, who gives the blessing? The True Parents do. But, who officiates marriages in today's world? Who should officiate the ceremony through which children come to resemble their parents and inherit their parents' blood lineage? Without the fall, the True Parents would. But as a result of the fall, an angelic type dignitary approved by the secular world officiates the weddings of our children. [In terms of its value for restoring blood lineage] this is like climbing a mountain by walking on a horizontal ladder.

Restoring the Order of Love

On October 14 of last year, I declared the completion of the unification of all the religions in both the spiritual and physical worlds. All the saints in the spirit world, my own children who have joined the spirit world and all the blessed couples were included. In summary, the True Parents are the king and queen of the families. Has there ever been anyone who could claim that he or she is the king or queen of the family, standing as a representative of heaven and earth, with absolute purity? In order to become the

and granddaughters, grandfathers and daughters-in-law, it's all out there. Incestuous relationships occur because people revolve around without knowing the center. They don't know whether to turn one degree, 180 degrees or 360 degrees. Consequently they grab and consume one another. In this era of confusion, of chaos and family-level disarray, everyone floats around randomly to hook up with one another without any sense of order, even beyond the national level. The self-indulgent life style of many diplomats testifies to this.

Who can bring order to this world? God could not interfere with the fall or with marriages under Satan's reign. Likewise even in the last days, there is no way God can interfere. Since false parents created false love and false life, true parents have to reject these and restore true love, life and lineage through indemnity.

Liberation Through Sacrifice

What is the meaning of Matthew 10:39, "Those who seek their life will lose it"? We should be able to reach beyond the level of death in fulfilling God's providence. We should be able to say, "I still have energy to do God's work, even after I die." Then, we will live. There is no resurrection for those who fear death and run away to save themselves.

Then, what about God and True Par-

180 degrees opposite. Even the perspective on the family is different.

Therefore, in the last days the western world's tradition will decline. We cannot find the concepts of tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos in selfish individualism. How can we awaken the new concept in the world and cosmos? Reverend Moon has taught everything from the view of the family all the way to the view of God. Ultimately we even have to liberate God. I started from the smallest level and finally came to the position of liberating God.

How did I do it? We start with the smallest point, mind-body unity. Upon that absolute unity, the family, nation and world can return to God. As long as one clings to selfish individualism, he cannot reach that position. This individualism is the enemy of religion, conscience and God. It is connected directly to Satan. Did you come here as a spectator? Or have you come to hear my message and go through this difficult course successfully? It makes no difference whether you are a laborer or a graduate of Yale, Harvard or Oxford. Who likes free sex more, white people or black people? If black people like it, they do so because they learned to from white people. The life of free sex and homosexuality will inevitably lead people to drugs and AIDS, which are detrimental to human

survival. It is a tragedy that in some cities in Africa, 60% of the people have AIDS. If this trend continues, those cities may disappear in 15 to 20 years. Within two generations, everyone will die. The AIDS virus lies dormant for no more than 8 to 15 years.

Taking on the Core Problems

Let us turn our attention to the United Nations. The organizations such as NGOs have many problems. They do not want to deal with the difficult issues. The NGO representatives from around the world talk about this or that societal evil, issues within their realm of influence. When they hear that the UN should unite the world and solve the problems of communism and other problems, it is beyond their ability to achieve, so they accept me as someone who can help them. They believe that I am on the right track. They do not know how to deal with problems such as youth immorality, family

breakdown and AIDS. No president or UN Secretary General knows how to preserve pure lineage for humankind. They may ask themselves, "Is this solution true, or a dream?"

Now, I would like to explain the conditions we must follow after the Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship. Up until now, the most serious problem has been that of lineage. We are talking about our blood lineage. That is the most important thing. Kingship is not as important. Being parents is not as important. Society and government are not as important. School is not as important. All the nations of this world do not belong to God. They belong to Satan. Therefore, humanity has no choice but to follow the teachings of God and True Parents.

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king of the family, we have to become the parents among parents and the first son among first sons.

Among brothers, the first son should be the first to marry and start his family. Everything has an order. There is a term in Korean translated as "reversed marriage." This refers to reversal in the order of marriage between elder and younger siblings. The order is violated quite often today. This phenomenon actually reflects the path of restoration. Thus people go this way and that way and even follow the reversed order. The disorder should no longer take place. If the right order is forgotten, everything will fall apart. The world has become this way.

How are we going to repair or undo this? Incest, illicit love relationships and all such problems stem from this confusion. Couplings between grandfathers

ents? What if God takes the position where He is willing to lose His life? He will live. If God lives for His own life, then there will be no completion. That is the way that God saves fallen humanity. If you throw a rope over a cliff to save the people at the bottom, you will have to pull the rope until you bring everybody up to the top. By the same token, when God offers everything for humankind, He too will live. Therefore, the Messiah should work even harder than God. He should be willing to lose his life.

In the Western world, people shout, "I want freedom! Freedom! Freedom!" Although Western education is good, it is still confined within the boundary of the fallen world. The concepts of family, society, world, religion and the providence of God are missing. In this regard, the Oriental and Western systems are

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like America are hobbled is that the labor unions misuse their power. I will tell you how you can resolve that problem. In the same way blue-collar workers form a union, stock owners can also form a union. They can work together. Then each year will be much more productive than the last. There should be mutual benefits for each party, the employees union and employers union. They can compete with each other and see how much profit they can generate within three years. If employees have worked hard, they deserve a bonus. On the other hand, if the employers have worked more, they deserve to receive more. By using this method, they will never fight. In western society, no one has given this any thought. And as another idea, I will call on the religious organizations and blessed families of the world. We will make a religious union. Will you join with me?

Once we solve the labor union problems, the problem of communism will be solved, too. Communist countries such as Russia, China and North Korea are free from labor union problems. Then what propelled labor unions in the developed countries? It was the diplomacy of Russia aimed at destroying the free world. They encouraged laborers to take as much as they could get.

No matter how you look at it, whether you are oriental, white or black, you are having so much trouble. From now on, whether you like to or not, you really should listen to what I have to offer. It is your decision whether to remain engulfed in trouble and confusion. Today you decided to stand with me and your determination should not change. Now you must act based on sincere affection.

Have No Fear

What are we supposed to do in this new millennium? Up until now, neither God nor the True Parents were liberated. But from this moment on, the Parents of Heaven and Earth are liberated and the children also are liberated. There is nothing to fear. Even if you are locked up, you should not be afraid. I am eager to join the spirit world at a young age. Should I fear going to the kingdom of heaven at a young age? The cosmos is in my hands. You should not deny that you have ultimate value as a child of God. You should not worry.

Today, by holding God's kingship ceremony, we have changed the nation. It is the time to worry about how to follow the will of God. God has been pained with the history of resentment. We need to provide the supportive force so that God can do whatever He wants to do.

God is to have full authority based on this new kingship. We should be able to say to God, "Come out, I will guide your way. God, please wake me up and take me along." You know how to guide, don't you? Whether or not God can visit you, you should know how to guide Him. From now on things will change.

Do you know how to achieve perfection as an individual? Do you know that individual perfection comes through mind and body unity? At the time of the fall, the body that inherited Satan's blood lineage became stronger than the conscience. This was the problem. Under no circumstances we should follow bodily desires.

Three Immutable Laws

From now, we have to recognize and abide by immutable law. The first law is

that one must not stain the blood lineage, even to the point of dying. The second law is not to infringe upon human rights. Whether female or male, black or white, everyone is equal. One must not discriminate or violate human rights. For this reason, people who are in a leadership position must not change someone else's position according to their own desire or feeling.

The one who practices true love, honoring human rights in the correct way, living for the sake of others, is in the mainstream. The creation of heaven and earth began from that point. Whoever commits an act that dilutes or squanders this main current of thought is not to be tolerated. Violation of this is the second of all sins.

The third law is to refrain from stealing money to fulfill selfish desires. Seventy percent of the people in jail are there because of these crimes. If you are imprisoned, you will see this is true. Human rights infringements and lineage violations are problems that concern man and woman. Then come the money problems. Following these are the problems deal-



ing with power and money. Money, knowledge and power have ruled the satanic world.

From today forward, the blessed blood lineage that has been bequeathed through God's love and life cannot be contaminated by actions immersed in the habitual patterns of the fallen world. Can you abide by this rule? All couples, even if your spouse is dead, must pledge today that you will not stain your lineage. We must not forget this memorial day. When there is a quarrel between a husband and a wife, you should be able to stop immediately by remembering January 13. In the West, thirteen is the worst of all numbers. If the center consists of 12 months, the principle of heaven and earth will circulate through the year. However since this center number 13 does not exist, everything is in chaos and it has become an irrational, confusing world. God's desire is to straighten it out; therefore, once you understand this principle, you must abide by it even if you have to die a thousand times. Think of this as a moment to make an unbreakable, impermeable determination.

What's the first? Purity! Second? Abuse of human rights! Third? Misuse of money! On this memorial day, in order to maintain the sovereign power, the kingship of heaven, and to stand before it as a people, parents, wife, children, and brothers and sisters, this is absolutely necessary. Therefore, you cannot neglect your older brother. You cannot neglect your younger brother merely because he is handicapped. In the secular world, people may not care, but we cannot neglect in-laws or relatives.

How Shall We Live?

You who graduated from a university neglect those who only completed high school. That is a sin. It violates human rights. Following that offense is the misuse of money. The selfish abuse of the public environment is as sinful and fearful as taking public money. Those with such a lifestyle will not succeed regardless of how they try to live a good life. Try living this way. No matter how much you pray to God, you will not be able to evangelize effectively. Even if you bring a guest, the guest will come as far as the front door and turn back and leave; they will not come in.

The whole universe dislikes those who incur a debt. Within your clan, who would like it if one person created a problem for everyone else and caused the clan to fall into debt? In the end the entire clan will come forward and punish this troublemaker. That time is coming.

Do you understand the three points? Count the number of determinations you have made in your heart to follow the laws of the kingdom of heaven. Do you pledge to do that? The laws have to do

with purity, equalization of all people, and proper use of national property. You should understand everything well and make it habitual. You will avoid the wrong actions only when you reach the stage in which as soon as your mouth opens these articles of the kingdom of heaven come out.

There is no doubt you will face these challenges in life. There will probably be many such circumstances, but if you make an effort to abstain from violating the law, the challenges will make you a victorious person. As long as you keep up with these heavenly laws, you do not need Reverend Moon's teaching. You will naturally enter the Kingdom of God.

What do we do next? What kind of life do you want to live? We all want to live well. Then, do you consider living alone to be a good life? No! We should live together. With what kind of people and following what rules and environment?

It is simple. There are three answers: the parent-child relationship, the conjugal relationship and the brother-sister relationship. This last one means brothers and sisters in the position of children to the parents; it refers to a relationship among children of the same parents. This is why one's family has a mother and a father; from that couple came sons and daughters. You have the brother-sister relationship because you stand before the same mother and father. In my eyes, third cousins, the in-laws and all the cousins and so on including all people are related, sharing the brother-sister relationship. Once the parent-child relationship and conjugal relationship are connected, brothers and sisters will auto-

matically come to exist. The relationships within this wide range of humankind may be called brother-sister relationships. They are created to live a good life in harmony.

To live a virtuous life, guidance is necessary. Each person has to be an example to others. That defines a virtuous way of life. If you cannot become a model for others, you are not leading a true life. If your life can serve as an example before the mother and the father, the husband and wife, and children, then you are living a virtuous life.

Goals for Your Life

So, what will result from living such a life? The day will come when the king of heaven and the king of the earth will visit the family with the exemplary life and exalt them. Early in January of each year, the kings will like to visit your family. The time will come when the nation will recognize the family within its borders that is living the best life. The family receiving the recognition has to consist of three generations each of which form the perfected four-position foundation [the oneness of God, husband, wife and children]. The time will come when the president will present the award in that family's home.

There are three relationships, parent and child, husband and wife, and among the children. The brother-sister relationship is a consequence of the harmony of all these relationships. Therefore, whether in a brother-sister relationship or children's relationship, in order to become a person standing in the position of subject, you must influence others positively, such that not even one person can live without you.

From now on, even if you are accused as a traitor and executed in the view of the world, if you keep these things absolutely, your family will belong to the heavenly royal family that possesses eternal freedom, unity and liberation.

I want you to remember this clearly. Keep it as a motto. In the motto of the third millennium, I mentioned pure lineage, the equality of human rights, and the preservation of national public assets. That means, do not be a thief. What is next? Be an example! Be an exemplary parent, exemplary spouse, exemplary child and exemplary sibling. If you form such a family, people in your neighborhood will say, "We should follow that person. I want to live with him." That person is surely a citizen of kingdom of heaven, and heaven will remember that family forever.

I explained to you on this historic day, the day of the Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship, the three most important things that humankind must uphold and by which you can be truly liberated in your family and in your nation. I hope you can remember these contents and keep them as the goals of your life.

In the Completed Testament era, we must understand about the spirit world. May you study about spirit world and God, and may you live for the sake of others. If you do so, you will receive the blessing and become a blessed family. Through living for others, you prepare for your eternal life. We all should try to gain this heavenly fortune, which surpasses the fruit of all earthly effort.

In front of the living God, with humility, let us be children of filial piety and loyalty. Let us become the sacred children of God. In light of God's sovereignty, in this age of kingship, let us stand together to establish a world of peace, love and harmony. ❖

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Dr. Moon's revolutionary message. He noted his own careful investigation, and encouraged all present to "try every spirit," maintaining a critical yet open mind. Pointing to Dr. Moon's efforts to renew the United Nations, his investment in Africa and developing countries around the world, and his global work for family renewal, Taylor echoed Jesus' own guidance: "you will know them by their fruits."

Rev. Kenyatta, affectionately known to some as the "pope" of Harlem, challenged the clergy to support Father Moon's clear stand for family renewal and racial reconciliation. Kenyatta testified to the impact of this ministry on the black community and its youth, and called for a new alliance with Father Moon and clergy from all denominations. Bishop Dan Johnson, who oversees a number of Pentecostal churches in Kentucky and the surrounding area, predicted that the 52-city tour, and the racially and religiously diverse movement of clergy it had spawned, would bring a "new pentecost" to America. Johnson's own interracial church was recently burned to the ground by the Ku Klux Klan.

A Messiah?

Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings of Washington, DC, founder of the Imani Temple African American Catholic Congregation, hailed Rev. Moon as a "prophetic voice" for our times, and addressed the Korean leader's "messiahship," and his efforts to "complete the work of Jesus Christ." Pointing to Psalm 82, and Jesus' promise that his followers would do greater works than his own, Stallings extolled the divinity in each person, and explained that each of us should be a messiah (anointed one). "The work of redemption was completed on the cross," he said, "but the work of restoration remains, and in that we must each take up our cross and follow, and do greater things than he."

Following a moving serenade by the Three Sopranos, Rev. Moon ascended the pulpit to a rousing and warm Harlem welcome. He joked and teased with the audience, which by this time filled the aisles, the church hallway, and a downstairs overflow room. Several buses were reportedly turned away due to fire regulations, and a small crowd gathered outside Canaan Baptist on 116th Street, listening to the message over loudspeakers. In a long and strong message on fidelity, family and faith entitled, "God is Our King and True Parent," Moon declared a new age of the unity of righteous people under the absolute authority of God.

"There are still formidable obstacles on the path," Father Moon noted, lively and animated for his 81 years, "in particular racism and religious strife.

These stand against the will of God...in fact, the God of love is colorblind," he claimed. "In the spirit world...the only color that exists is the color of true love. God did not create denominations or religious groups...in the spirit world, there are no walls between nations, denominations, or religions. It is a world



composed of one huge family." To establish this new era, the preacher noted, all people of faith must follow three immutable laws. First, he explained, do not stain your lineage through sexual immorality and infidelity. Second, he observed, do not infringe upon or violate human rights, which are based upon the equal value of every human being in the eyes of God. Third, do not steal or abuse money or property selfishly, at the expense of others. His direct and challenging words drew strong applause and repeated shouts of "Amen."

At the program's close, a "Harlem Declaration, signed by all clergy present, was read by Archbishop Stallings and signed by Dr. and Mrs. Moon. It decried the disintegration of the family, and openly challenged the selfish and abusive disenfranchisement of black families through gentrification. Noting the leadership of Rev. Moon and the front line work of heroes like Dr. Walker, the document proclaimed that the walls of racism, sexism, classism, and religious division be torn down to form a unified pro-family movement. The New Life Tabernacle Choir brought everyone to their feet in a rousing and memorable conclusion.

Rebuilding Families

Chicago pastor T.L. Barrett, co-con-



vener of the tour, explained the strong participation and support of black clergy: "The crisis in our community and the violence of our youth is rooted in the breakdown of our families. Father

Moon has had a powerful family ministry for years, long before it was popular. Throughout the tour, numbers of clergy acknowledged that Rev. Moon's message has renewed their own commitment to fidelity and family. Barrett, who pastors the Life Center Church of God in Christ, reconciled with his wife during the tour after 24 years of marriage and 10 years of separation, with the counsel and support of Rev. & Mrs. Moon. "My own family has been healed," Barrett announced, "and my church renewed, because I am standing with a man of God." Several unmarried clergy, including Rev. Stallings, have asked for Moon's guidance and support in seeking a marriage partner.

Reverend Moon's relationship with the black community began when thousands of clergy, many of them veterans of the civil rights movement, came to his defense during his controversial tax case in the 1980s. Groups from the National Council of Churches to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference urged the Supreme Court to review the case. Then



SCLC President Dr. Joseph Lowery noted, "The personal attacks against him are similar in meanness and bias to those vented historically against Jewish, Christian and Moslem leaders when they were newcomers bringing a minority religion into the community."

Rev. Moon and his Family Federation for World Peace gave strong support to Minister Louis Farrakhan's Million Family March. At the march last October, the minister called for a "Million Family Movement." In many ways, the "We Will Stand!" tour is fulfilling that call. Moon has long referred to the African-American Christian church as being "prepared by God through suffering," "the leader in the reconciliation process," and the "hope of America's future."

Broad Interfaith Support

The "We Will Stand Tour began at

the Garden of Prayer Cathedral Church of God in Christ in the Bronx on February 25. Among the religious leaders spearheading the initiative are former DC Congressman Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy and Norfolk Virginia's Dr. Milton Reid, who together with Walker were founding members of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Also traveling and sharing the tour's pulpit were the Reverend Willie Wilson of the Union Temple Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Billy McCormack, founding board member of the Christian Coalition; National Baptist Convention board member Reverend Leroy Elliot; Rev. Jesse Edwards of the Pentecostals of Philadelphia; and more.

Controversy

The tour has raised controversy in some quarters. Some demonstrators promoted their own theological views or criticized Rev. Moon's. Participating clergy were quick to respond, emphasizing the tour's broad purpose. "This is not about the man, it's about the mission. We're not getting caught up in a personality, we're caught up in a common cause," said Rev. Stallings. Rev. Rufus Oscar Kuma of Providence, R.I. added, "Father Moon is not trying to convert people to his church, only trying to unite various faiths into one community." "None of us will ever agree completely on doctrinal issues," noted

Dr. McCormack. "So we must rise above our doctrines and unite upon this one fundamental issue: the rebuilding of the family in the United States of America."

Opposition, in fact, has only strengthened the resolve of tour supporters. Elder Lionel Rush, pastor of Greater Harvest Institutional Church of God in Christ in Indianapolis, added, "I am here to support and honor a world leader who is willing to work across denom-

inational lines to help solve some of the most deadly problems plaguing our communities," he said. Prominent Detroit minister Rev. William Revelly pointed out: "Father Moon's marriages have a 5 percent divorce rate. How can we, who have a 50 percent-plus divorce rate, say we have nothing to learn from him?"

"I love much of what Rev. Moon says about dismantling the forces of bigotry and hate. The man has a tremendous persona," stated Rev. John Hancock in Jackson, Miss. Harlem leader Kenyatta, himself a former bodyguard for Malcolm X, said, "I can identify with Rev. Moon. We both have had the misfortune of being persecuted. I'm glad to see him here because I know how he got here, and I want him to know that his time has come."

A trail of positive media reports has followed each visit, resulting in headlines in major dailies declaring "Diverse Denominations Agree With Moon's Message on Families," and "Clergy Welcomes Rev. Moon." The tour now moves to the local level in each state, and plans are underway for a major gathering at the Lincoln Memorial later this year. For information, visit the tour Web site at www.wewillstand.org. ❖

50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR



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As I look back upon the past year, I can only marvel at the powerful move of God that has taken place. It was in May of last year that 120 members of the clergy from across this country journeyed together to Korea, at Father Moon's invitation, to forge a relationship and initiate a movement that will shake this nation from top to bottom. This morning, as we gather for fellowship, discussion, prayer and planning, we can be sure that the foundation for that movement is solidly in place.

Our clergy members have grown to thousands as we traveled across America. More than 100 newspaper articles, as well as dozens and dozens of TV news reports and radio interviews have portrayed our unity, our diversity, and our powerful spirit. In every city where opposition tried to slow us down or stop us completely- cities like Detroit, St. Louis, Milwaukee, or New Orleans- we only became stronger, more united, more determined. Eventually, we overcame every obstacle, no matter how powerful the enemy, because, as Pastor Edwards said many times, "you cannot stop this movement, because it is of God."

I want to express my deep gratitude to each and every one of you who stood up so strongly: Pastor Barrett, Dr. Taylor, Rev. Edwards, Archbishop Stallings, Dr. Olsen, Rev. Wachstetter, Bishop Baymon, Rev. Elliot, and so many more. Many of you faced hardships on the tour: cancelled flights, overnight at airports, abandoned at passenger pick-up, crazy schedules. More seriously, some of you were warned by your denominational leadership not to stand with this tour or you'd be kicked out. Some were criticized, others were accused, even threatened. But what could we do? God told us to stand, and stand we must!

But those who were concerned about their denomination or position, they could not stand. Those who were worried what their congregation or their church board would think, they could not stand. Those who were afraid that they might lose the financial support of their church, or be ridiculed as Rev. Moon has been, they could not stand!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. often said that when God places a great truth at the door of your life, if you refuse to stand up because you are afraid of the consequences, you are dead from that moment. It doesn't matter how long you may live, if you deny what you know is right, it is over. That is exactly what Jesus meant when he said, "Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it. But whoever is willing to lose his life for my sake, will find it." Isn't that the truth? Every time you face such a test; whether

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worry about position, money, honor, or the respect of men, or whether to "seek first the Kingdom of God, and its righteousness;" when you pass the test, God will bless you abundantly. Oh what a great and wise God we serve!

So you and I, all of us together, have been tested in many ways during these last 52 days. We are being prepared, I'm sure, for a much greater mission. We must make the motto, "Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, Renew the Nation and World," a reality in America. Our work is just beginning.

Where We've Come From

Before we consider where we are headed, let's look at where we've been. Last May in Korea, at the founding gathering of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, the origin of the 120, God truly worked in a powerful way. We gathered at the DMZ, the line between North and South Korea, the last divided nation on earth. We had come to confront this division with the power of our unity. We shouted out, proclaiming that Korea belonged to God. We released 120 doves, calling for that nation to "study war no

Father Moon had prayed overnight with tears countless times through the years. We prayed, we worshipped, we fellowshiped together. And as many of you

Unite!" When hundreds of pastors gathered in Chicago for the first annual ACLC conference in December, the idea for this 50-state tour was born. At the



CELEBRATION
Photos by New Future Photo of the
end-of-tour celebration at East Garden

remember, a rainbow appeared in a circle around the sun, something none of us had ever seen before. We knew that God was smiling down upon us. As we built bonds of unity and love, the vision of the American Clergy leadership Conference slowly emerged. We came down from that mountain with a deep sense of purpose and mission.

Throughout the summer ACLC members supported the "Lasting Love" Conferences in America, Russia, China and Korea. Some attended the U.N. declarations and conferences, others participated in the American Leadership Conferences. But our true target was the "Million Family March," which our clergy from across America supported with busloads of participants. But no one invested more to support Minister Far-
rakan's call for family and unity than Father Moon did.

The spirit of that day was wonderful. The unity beyond race and religion was beautiful. But we all knew that it was just a beginning. The ACLC seriously began to build a movement. In early December last year, we stood in front of the Supreme Court, in the midst of angry voices and bitter divisions, and called for America to "Forgive, Love,

closing banquet, which coincided with the fifth annual True Family Values Awards Program, 2,600 clergy and faithful embraced Father Moon's message. Before dawn the following morning he called and told us that we needed to carry that same spirit to all 50 states.

The last 52 days have changed the spirit of our ACLC movement. As we've shared incredible experiences on the road, we have become truly one. As we have seen the spirit move in mighty ways, in city after city, we can testify that God is leading this movement. As we have faced trials, opposition and difficulty, we have only become stronger. Our commitment is not simply based upon logic. Even though we may have to let go of what we have understood and believed in the past, we cannot deny the power of the Holy Spirit that is in our midst. Then where do we go from here?

Rebuild the Family

When we say, "Rebuild the family," it is not a mere slogan or buzzword. How do we do it? Father Moon has laid it out for us every night on the tour. We must absolutely acknowledge the holiness of our sexuality, and consecrate it before God. As Saint Paul taught, and



more." The doves flew north, across the DMZ to the heart of the north, as if they carried the message right from our hearts.

But as we journeyed back to Seoul, we began to feel that God had another, even greater purpose for us. There we were: black, white, red and brown; from many denominations, trying to bring unity in the world. We realized that the real meaning of our being there was to become one with each other. If we are going to change the world, it must begin here in America. And if America is going to be moved, the community of faith must unite. God had called us to a distant land, to bring us together through our sojourn.

Pastor Barrett, Bishop Billings, and several pastors made it clear that they had not come to Korea for tours and sightseeing. As long as they were "guests," they felt, there would be no "movement" to this movement at all. God truly led us. We cancelled our tours and leisure time, and we began to dialogue and conference. On our last day we climbed the holy mountain at Chung Pyung Lake, where



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as Father Moon has shown us, our body belongs to our spouse. We do not have the authority or right to misuse them. If you and I cannot stand on the foundation of purity, then we cannot restore the families in our communities; we cannot properly guide our young people.

If you have your spouse, then, you have to say, "We Will Stand Together!" Absolute fidelity is the standard of the ACLC. Of course, we have all sinned, and come short of the glory of God. But when Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, as your Father in Heaven is perfect," that is the kind of unity between our mind and body that he meant. James 3:2 explains that a perfect man can keep his body under control, and control his tongue also.

We cannot be wishy-washy about this point. Fidelity toward your spouse must be your personal foundation for your ministry and mission. If you don't have a spouse, please pray seriously, and ask God what he wants you to do. If you stand upon personal righteousness, then through the power of this movement, and the spiritual foundation of Father and Mother Moon as True Parents, you can establish a powerful ministry of reconciliation and family renewal in your church. That is exactly what is happening to Pastor Barrett, as his family and church are being rebuilt, restored, and renewed. Through this movement we will be able to minister to the single parents and broken families in our congregations and communities, not by judging them, but by healing them. This is the power of God's true love.

Restore the Community

Similarly, when we say, "Restore the Community," we must first break down the barriers. Do not assume that simply because we fellowship together as we do, that we have accomplished this unity. What we have done so far is the easy part. Traveling together, meeting at conferences or when we are called together is only the beginning. We must show our fellow clergy and our congregations that we have torn down the walls between us. In the coming months we will preach in each other's churches,

support each other's ministries, and work together on a totally new level.

The riots taking place in Cincinnati have shown us that racial hatred can flare up in a moment. Bishop Dan Johnson had his church burned by the KKK not so long ago. We must stand against



this hatred, with the power of our love, and by putting that love into action. Each of us must ask ourselves, "How far am I willing to go? How much am I willing to invest of myself to truly love my brother or sister?" If we forge the deepest unity based upon service and sacrifice, we can stand as an example to our congregations and communities. Just as the ACLC leadership did at the Supreme Court last December, we must become the unified voice of love, forgiveness and reconciliation for those around us. If we truly become one with each other, which cannot come by lip service alone, then more and more people will be drawn spiritually to work with us. Many of you are here now only because you were moved by the spiritual power of our unity, isn't it true?

Renew the Nation and World

As we work to spread this spirit to those in the faith community who are prepared, you will see that this nation will be moved. Later this year, perhaps sometime in late summer, after we have strengthened this movement by regional crusades and cooperation, we will return to Wash-

ington, but this time with many more. As like-minded people recognize the righteousness of our cause, they will join us. And as we plan to do with our United Federation of Churches headquarters here in Washington, when different denominations cooperate for the sake of the community, it will be more than served, it will be transformed. This we must do in each city, town and area.

Historical Significance of ACLC

In closing, let me remind you of the significance of this ACLC movement. In 1945, when rev. Moon began his public ministry, he did not found a church; he did not seek to establish his own organization.

He preached from the Bible, in church after church, simply seeking to unite the body of Christ through a deeper understanding of the truths of the scripture. But at that time Christianity in Korea was mainly influenced and led by missionaries from the west, especially America. Had these leaders opened their minds and listened, then what you are seeing happen here would have begun more than 50 years ago.

When these leaders had neither eyes to see nor ears to hear, the Christian

community was never able to understand Rev. Moon's message and heart. They persecuted him in ignorance. In the face of this rejection, he had no choice but to build his own foundation. In 1954 he founded, not a church, but the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of Christianity. His goal was still the body of Christ. Quickly he built up a worldwide movement, now in 190 nations and established in a variety of fields: education, business, media, agriculture, and many, many more.

But this was accomplished only through sacrifice. Through personal imprisonment, public ridicule, and many other experiences, Rev. Moon paid a dear price to rebuild what was lost when Christianity failed to receive his message. But he did not retreat; he did not falter; he did not turn back. Now, having overcome all of the obstacles in his path and built a global foundation, once again he is reaching out to the body of Christ. But this time, the first will be last, and the last will be first. Those who are responding are those who have eyes to see or ears to hear; those whose hearts are open; those who worship the Father in spirit and in truth. By your courageous stand, we are restoring a serious historical mistake. I guarantee you, the movement we are building has profound consequences upon our society and our future.

What Drives Rev. Moon

In these next two days, we will fellowship, pray, worship and plan together. But also, we must study. If we recognize that none of us could do what Father Moon has done, and if we seek to understand what has driven and led him to initiate this movement, to invest so much time, energy and money to reconstruct the ideal of God in human society, we must understand his vision, and how he received it. We must find come to know and understand what it is that God told him.

Please, then, please invest yourself wholeheartedly during this conference. Open your mind and heart; let the Holy Spirit guide you into all truth, as John 16:12 promised. I wish you the best in your efforts here, and I look forward with excitement to building this movement by your side.

Dr. Yang is North American Continental Director of the Family Federation for World Peace & Unification. ❖





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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Portland ME—March 30

When we arrived in Maine, the first thing I ran into was the fact that one of our prominent ministers, who is really a righteous clergyman, had to withdraw from the program not because he didn't support us but because he had been attacked severely by his denominational heads and also by his own church, and he felt afraid. He was under severe persecution but he was willing to stand. God bless him.

With the severity of the attacks going on, I feel for these ministers who are bound by these denominational walls and barriers, and held hostage by incomes that are used to force them to go down a road that they don't want to go. One of our clergymen who had stood with us will come to other states on the tour. We praise him for not renouncing his association with us when he was pressured to do so.

We comforted that clergyman. We don't want to lose him, and we don't want him to lose his church. Therefore, we pray for his protection and safety. We've overcome many battles. Even some of our national committee members are under severe, severe attack.

As you're reading these testimonies, don't think that there are only glorious reports. There is a lot of suffering on the way. Some pastors have turned against us and betrayed us. Rev. Leroy Elliott was on the phone for an hour the other day with a pastor who he thought was really one of the best of the 120, yet this pastor completely betrayed us. Rev. Elliott asked how he could betray us at this time, that he thought we were brothers. But that pastor was ice cold. He could not change because he's being held hostage also by some kind of control that has been placed on him and his church, which forbade him to stand forward righteously.

We have to be careful at this time as the pastors go through tremendous trials. Rev. Elliott, as a member of the Nation-

al Baptist Convention board of directors, he is confident that many in the Baptist church will stand strong. We have known many pastors completely transformed by



these battles. Some have fallen by the wayside. We will come back to them if we can. We pray for their resurrection.

However, there are others that have joined the battle and gotten 10 times stronger. One such pastor is Rev. Leo Beato. He was with us in Maine. He and Rev. Olson have come under fire from the Lutheran church. However, because they are responsible pastors in their Lutheran ministries, and they also are very careful to be correct according to their Lutheran traditions, they were able to overcome the pressures. Although they did not secure the endorsement of the Lutheran denomination yet, they are confident that they are on the right road as men and women of God.

Rev. Beato stood up in Maine with confidence. "This is the will of God," he said, as he gave welcoming remarks. "I want you to know that Rev. Moon is very controversial. I walked with Dr. King and he was also very controversial. I used to be a Catholic priest. I walked with Dr. King

at that time, and because I became so involved with Dr. King's movement, many truly wondered if I had gone too far. Because of that I came under scrutiny in the Catholic church, and because the scrutiny was too restrictive, I removed myself from the Catholic church voluntarily, and I went on to become a Lutheran pastor.

"I believed that in Martin Luther I would find the kind of spirit that would stand strong against the winds when trials and tribulations come. I can see that I was also facing another crisis, but I am confident that God is with us, and that the Lutheran church also represents the spirit of Martin Luther in his absolute stand for the freedom of the individual to worship God as he so pleases, and also freely study the Scriptures on his own.

"Therefore, I feel Rev. Moon is bringing us revelations from the Bible that will help us to strengthen our families and to really build true families. I've seen the power of the blessing of marriage, both in my own church and other churches when we anoint our families with the blessing of marriage that Father Moon has been inspired by Jesus to bring to us. Those marriages have a special spiritual power to stay together. That's why the marriages of Father Moon have a 95% success rate over the last 30 years. That's an amazing phenomenon.

"Therefore, the anointing of marriage is now becoming a Christian movement. We are going to rebuild the family by anointing marriages. We are confident that we will not lose this battle. This battle is ours to be won. I pray for all the churches to come together and really share the blessings of God."

Mr. Scott Simon put together the program with Rev. Richard Buessing. David Caprara was involved, and well as the ACC leaders, who really are the founding pioneers of the effort to reach ministers. Starting in 1983, when they were all ordained as ministers of the gospel in the Bahamas by Rev. Won Pil Kim, they have walked a course with Christian ministers, and later expanded to include educating political leaders.

Now the ACC leaders and the Family Federation leaders are one, side by side. I could see how Scott Simon had sown great seed in the work.

The Maine event was shocking. Peter Kim said he'd never seen Father so harsh. Somehow there was something going on in Maine that had to be dealt with. We don't know what it meant, but some of Father's words to white Christianity were very, very harsh. He declared very strongly that white Christianity has divided America and has continued to divide the denominations. The white Christians are held responsible for this, and they must listen to Father or they will go to hell.

Even Rev. Kim struggled on the stage to find the proper words that would be at least strong enough that the people could even receive the message. However, there were those who exploded on the spot and could not receive the message. One such minister, who was even on the invitational committee, stormed out of the room shouting in anger. He was absolutely livid as he felt he was boxed in and completely judged.

Father said that God wants to save all humanity, but this minister felt that that was absolutely wrong. Coming from a Calvinist tradition, he felt that the Bible says that God will come for His elect. Calvin taught that only the elect would be saved and the rest would be condemned to hell, and nothing we could do could change that. He taught that people are already pre-chosen and elected, and therefore there is nothing we can do about that.

Father smashed that ideology to pieces as he proclaimed that is not true. Jesus prayed that all mankind be one. The book of Romans calls for universal salvation, that God wishes that none would perish, not one, but all would receive the glory of God. That's God's heart. Of course, people have to choose their own destiny. This pastor expressed his hold to that dogma. We will pray for him because we do believe that he was sincere, but many of these pastors are held captive by dogmas that have been entrenched in their denominations over history. They have no idea how much they are slaves to the letter of the law, and that's why America is falling apart. American families are falling into total breakdown. The divorce rate is rising in the Christian church beyond 50 percent.

These pastors have no power to stop the promiscuity, free sex, lesbianism and homosexuality. They can't even speak about it in their pulpits. Why? Because they are slaves to the letter of the law and they are captives of their denominational dogma. This must be broken down, and that's what Father was doing in Maine. He broke down many of the denominational dogmas that have held our churches in absolute adversarial positions. These walls must come down, and these dogmas must also be eliminated. God loves everyone. Jesus loves everyone. If we really live a sacrificial life as Jesus would live for the sake of others, then we will find common higher ground in Jesus' love for our fellow man.

The Bible spells out clearly that the only requirement to really come to the Lord is that we must have faith in Jesus. But the churches have nit-picked their positions to such an adversarial and judgmental position that they have done nothing but divide the churches until finally within denominations there are feuds, so that there are now 2,500 denominations in America. This is not Jesus' desire. Jesus is saddened when he sees this.

Therefore, we could see in Maine a tremendous battle ensued. We praise Rev. Kim and Rev. Buessing and Mr. Scott Simon for holding the course. The region has been one, and has produced very excellent results for our True Parents.

Also, one of the most precious women that we saw on the tour, Ms. Cora Brown, 91 years old, came on the stage afterwards and gave Father and Mother a gift from New Hampshire, a replica of the fishing boats that have been so famous in Maine. She loved the message. The women in general have loved the message on the tour because they know that Father is challenging the adultery that exists in the church. It's very painful for many of the pastors. Very few pastors can even say one word about adultery from their pulpits because they themselves are caught up in relationships that are not correct before the Lord. Therefore, a great cleans-

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Farewell to Shin Yea Nim



Our deepest sympathies go to True Parents, Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim and all of True Family concerning the passing of Shin Yea Nim the 3rd and youngest daughter of Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim. She passed at 7:16 pm on Saturday, April 28th at the Dobbs Ferry Community Hospital. She was a little over 1 year old and passed due to an illness.

She is the 3rd daughter youngest child of 3 boys and 3 girls. A farewell ceremony will be held at Belvedere at 3:00 pm on May 1st. The Seung Hwa Ceremony will be held in Korea.

We ask for all our families to join in heart and prayer for Shin Yea Nim's ascension and eternal happiness. We also request that your prayers be given for True Family at this time. ❖

50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Billings MT—March 31

The Big Sky state welcomed the "We Will Stand" tour to the Holiday Inn Grand Montana in Billings. The attraction to the event was positively magnetic and the 700 seat banquet hall was completely full well before the starting time.

The tour began Feb. 25 in the Bronx, New York where 3,500 clergy and followers joined the 81-year-old evangelist, who called for national interracial

and interreligious harmony and cooperation.

The Reverend Michael Yakawich, pastor of the local Unification Church, now called the Billings Family Church, stated in the press: "It (the event) is asking for everyone to take a stand against drugs, alcoholism and racism."

Prominent Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist and Pentecostal ministers have been joining the tour. "This is an ecumenical program, not that far removed from what we've done in the community," he said.

"The faith community must take a leading role in making a better reality for all our citizens. Our churches, temples, mosques remain the most segregated part of our society."

"Many clergy, especially African-Americans, have decided to stand with Moon on the issues of rebuilding the

family, restoring the community and renewing the nations", Yakawich said.

Bishop Richard Larsen, the Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Lat-



ter Day Saints and former mayor of Billings gave a beautiful welcome to Father Moon and the assembled. He was absolutely confident that the program was vital for Montana and the city of Billings.

Reverend Orie Medicine Bull, a Native American Indian from the Mono Nation and Christian minister stated: "The Native American's know that Reverend Moon is right. His position on the family and purity in marriage is an essen-

tial aspect of the universal truth that is God's vision for the family. The Indian nations are all in support of Reverend Moon. He says he is our cousin and he is right."

Reverend Medicine Bull brought 30 leaders with her. They had flown in from San Francisco to support the Billings event. Most of the audience was made up of white Christians. Reverend James DeFoe came from Wayman African Methodist Episcopal church.

Reverend Mark Wachtstetter of the Crown Point Assembly of God in Chicago gave a warm introduction to Father Moon, reinforcing the main theme of the tour: "The deterioration of the family parallels the rest of society's ills. Those problems supersede the denominational barriers."

Father Moon's address was delivered in Korean with simultaneous translation by Mr. Peter Kim.

The speech was truly inspiring, though there was a significant struggle when he spoke firmly that men are subject in the family. He used the example that the woman's love organ is concave or shaped like a bowl so it can receive while the man is designed to give the seed of life.

The women in the audience definitely were squirming at this point, but completely changed when he laid into the men telling them in no uncertain terms: "You cannot be men of God if you are unfaithful." The women, in particular, cheered at the sound of this statement.

The evening concluded with the presentation of gold watches to local ministers in recognition of their service to their communities. Chief Windy Boy presented special native blankets to Father and Mother Moon.

But first he went right to the microphone. It looked like trouble! He began sharing a lengthy explanation of the painful heart of Native American Indians. Then he suddenly stated that they (Father and Mother Moon) were the only ones that he felt could actually do something about the source of these sorrows. As he at last presented the blankets he sang a soulful ceremonial song.

Something most significant seemed to be going on. Father Moon embraced him with patience and a warm hug touching the heart of many who stood in silent, then exuberant witness.

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Denver CO—March 14

The day of the "We Will Stand" event started out beautifully. However, just as the plane was landing, a big wind seemed to come up out of nowhere and the skies turned cloudy and dark over the Mile High City. There was some snow falling.

Instead of eating lunch upon arrival, Father Moon held a Hoon Dok Hae session (reading of God's Word) for three hours. He was preparing for battle.

The banquet hall was filled to overflowing with well over 1000 guests. Some people were turned away from the main hall and had to take a seat in the overflow room where a light buffet was prepared along with a closed circuit broadcast of the program.

An essay contest was organized around the theme of the event, "Stand Together America." Sixty young people from local church youth groups between the ages of 13-25 submitted essays on topics ranging from the unity among people of different backgrounds to the overcoming of past injustices.

The essays were displayed in the lobby of the hotel. Many people were inspired by the depth of insight from these young people.

Reverend Thomas Mayes a prominent Bishop in the Full Gospel fellowship gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. and Mrs. Cho Fen Buczynski organized an interfaith, interracial choir of over 100 voices that deeply moved the crowd. Lutherans, Catholics, Hmong Baptists, and others had joined in with excitement of the "We Will Stand" interfaith theme and spirit.

Mrs. Lily Shen, director of the Asian culture center in Denver, had attended the local Denver Holy Blessing ceremony of marriage in February. She



was deeply inspired by it and brought leaders of several Asian culture groups as well as her Chinese choral group to join the interfaith choir.

A group of dancers from Colorado College and a Native American drum team performed as well.

There were brief remarks by Dr. Richard Lindsay, a member of the LDS Council of 70 from Salt Lake City on the value of the family.

Dr. Billy McCormack of the Christian Coalition, Reverend Walter Fauntroy of Washington D.C., and Reverend Jesse Edwards of Philadelphia also gave welcome and praise for the spirit and power of the crusade.

Reverend Edwards proclaimed that Father Moon was the anointed of God. When he went out in the hall he was met by about 10 very negative and upset individuals. "Brother, you are a liar and a heretic. You're supporting a false prophet. You are supporting the anti-christ", one stated.

Reverend Edwards dealt with them simply and firmly, "Brother, I love you all. I believe in Jesus and that Jesus anointed Father Moon."

His sense of peace and love prevailed.

A brief biographical video preceded the appearance of Father Moon on the stage.

Father Moon captivated the audience with his humility and humor. He asked the audience to please forgive him on the basis of his age of 81 years if he were to speak for a long time or digress from the topic.

He could speak many nice words and make everyone happy and satisfied, but that is not what God would want him to do. He also stated that he could

speak words which would make two thirds of the audience walk out.

It was his challenge to the audience "If a husband and wife love each

other dearly, but have no children, then their love has no future and they cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Everyone is a child of Satan."

Some people were offended and left the room. One man about halfway back in the hall suddenly shouted out, "Who is the Messiah?" Father Moon told him to go home and pray about it. His speech continued.

The vast majority stayed and heard the message to the end, grateful and deeply inspired.

Dr. Billy McCormack stood strong and ended the program joining in a reconciliation ceremony with the Nation of Islam leader Minster Gerald Muhammad.

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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Memphis TN—April 1

Nearly 400 people filled Greater Hope Baptist Church on a Sunday afternoon for the 35th state of the 52-state "We Will Stand" tour. The Tennessee volunteers were out in force as they reached out to churches all across the state in this historic campaign to break down walls among races and church denominations.

"Let us work together to rebuild the family, restore the community and renew the nation", proclaimed Reverend Michael Jenkins, president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification at a press conference immediately preceding the event.

Among the ministers joining him for the press conference were Reverend B. C. Brooks, pastor of Praise of Zion Baptist Church, Reverend William Duke Allen, Praise of Zion's associate pastor, Reverend Carolyn Bibbs, founder of Creative Life Inc., Reverend James Bingham of James Bingham Ministries, Bishop R.

L. Fidler, and Minister Anthony Muhammad of the Nation of Islam.

Asked if the ministers were followers



or supporters of Father Sun Myung Moon, Reverend Allen responded, "We're not all followers of Reverend Moon, but rather supporters of his call for unity and build-

ing stronger families and communities."

Among the press conference speakers was state Rep. John DeBerry (D-Memphis). He thought he was asked to come because of his support for family legislation this year that establishes a Fatherhood Commission. The panel will study the state's role in making more men be responsible fathers.

Later in the press it was revealed that he had been uncomfortable with the program and had therefore left abruptly, citing some kind of "miscommunication."

The event began with a lunch of fried chicken, fruit, punch, cookies and cakes in the church gym. Children played on an inflated moon walk. Outside, the Christian rock band Proto played.

Bishop Dan Johnson of Kentucky preached: "We just don't know what God has prepared for this great march to build

His kingdom. We have not understood Reverend Moon. We didn't know the anointing that was upon him. Now we can see and a Pentecost has come. God has raised up a leader among us to unite the churches and bring a revolution to the Christian world. We see tonight the dream of Jesus being realized. We are all one. Thank God for Father and Mother Moon."

Father Moon's sermon was warmly received by the diverse yet unified congregation.

"Which is the most important or has the highest value out of love, life, and lineage?" he asked.

"Love" was the response.

Actually, "lineage is most important" corrected the preacher from Korea.

It was a day to remember and build upon.

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Winston-Salem NC—April 2

The Adams Mark Winston Plaza Hotel was the venue for the Winston-Salem "We Will Stand" tour's North Carolina stopover.

One of the organizers of the rally for bridging gaps of politics and class and building God-centered families was Reverend Joseph Paige of Raleigh, a former president and dean of Shaw Divinity School.

"We hope to energize people. People of all colors—black, white, purple and green—ought to be brothers and sisters under God," he said to the local press.

"Father Moon has several strengths like he loves America and Martin Luther King, Jr. I love him for that. He hates racism. I love him for that."

Father Sun Myung Moon was the keynote speaker for the evening.

The Reverend Fermin Bocanegra of Iglesia Cristiana Wesleyana Church in Kernersville attended saying to the press in part, "Our families are disintegrating."

"The major religions and denominations, they've been fighting one another.

The real enemy is the devil," he said.

"We need to look for things we have in common and work together on those things."

During a news conference immediately preceding the program, several supporters spoke in support of the tour and its noble goals.

"The time is up for Satan and we're waging war," stated Willie Muhammad, an area minister with the Nation of Islam.

Reverend Stanley Gravely of the Church of Faith, Hope and Love in Kernersville commented, "I see a message of love, a message of hope. I see a quest for world peace. If this is a cult, then I'm proud to be a part of the cult of love that stands for true unity."

Father Moon had many members of crowd of over 300 shouting words of agreement as he stressed the need for good fam-



ilies led by men and a rainbow family of mankind led by God.

"I have been labeled many things; one of them is brainwasher. I think I brainwashed you well enough in this short time period," he cajoled the attentive crowd.

He talked of a lesson he'd learned in his life of prayer and devotion. "Selfish and greedy people don't get up to a good place and humble servants achieve a much

higher place in the spirit world."

He preached that serving God means strong families made up of marriage between one man and one woman who have a God-given duty to produce children. Such strong families, he noted, can end the social ills of homosexuality and drug abuse.

"I love women. Please don't get mad at me. It may be my age. But we have to get to fundamentals. God created women to bear and raise children. Why do you think God gave you such broad-cushion-like hips? For your own sake, to sit any place comfortably? No, for your children."

He also clearly stressed the family of mankind. "We have to tear down the boundaries among religions ... so that we can build one grand family under God."

Regional report ❖

Milwaukee WI—April 4

The "We Will Stand" event in Wisconsin was held at the Hilton Hotel Downtown Milwaukee on a Wednesday evening and was the 38th state to be visited. The program was well attended and very well advertised due to extensive coverage by the press, partly in response to aggressive denouncement by the local radio station WVCY.

"The issue is not numbers, not a coalition response, not simply a massing of people," said Reverend Vic Eliason, vice president and general manager of the corporation that owns and operates the Christian radio station WVCY-FM (107.7) in Milwaukee. "Christianity is not democratic. Christianity is a doctrine that is handed to us from God, and when someone else steps into God's place and claims to be the Messiah, that's blasphemy" was his statement to the press.

"The key thing that is causing a lot of discussion in Christian radio right now is the fact that there are a lot of mainline pastors and Evangelical pastors who are very, very much convinced that the anointing of Jesus Christ is on Father Moon," said the Reverend Michael Jenkins, North American president and spokesman for the Family Federation. "And that's got

people really discussing things. We are happy that these discussions are going on. We love and appreciate our Christian brothers and sisters.

"We just want to point out there was similar misunderstanding at the time of Jesus. When Jesus cast out demons, in the book of Matthew, they said it was by the power of Beelzebub that he did such work, and they also called him a blasphemer."

With notice of the event being given in February, Wisconsin was originally scheduled for April 15, changed to April 9, then finally settled on April 4. Once the date was secured, the veritable battle for a location began. Various churches were approached but it was Bethel Baptist that agreed to host the event. Yet, with the flurry of outreach activity and some consequent negative media attention, Bethel Baptist was unable to stand and the event was moved to the Hilton Downtown just five days before the scheduled date.

Several of the American Clergy Leadership Conference founding members went all out. Meetings were held where they would come as a guest speaker. Pastor Barrett, Maxine Walker, and Dr. Storne reached out to Milwaukee area pastors with calls that testified to the goodness of this holy crusade.

The local Nation of Islam mosque offered unqualified support assisting with leafleting, phone calls and the press conference.

The event itself was exciting, with attendees having to brave the picket lines of some 20 agitators and all manner of active involvement from security and the city police. Some guests were confused by the sight of the picketers while others forged ahead cheerfully.

Reverend Lawrence was working as a Christian minister when he joined the Family Federation Movement. His old pastor was invited by Reverend LeRoy Elliott

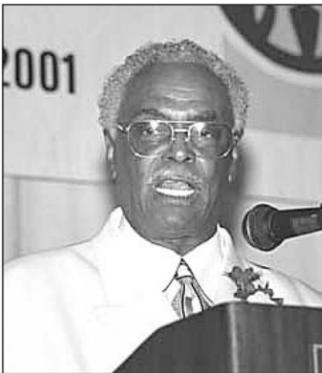
and he arrived in blue jeans, full of skepticism. However, when Reverend Michael Jenkins recognized him from the podium, he went home and returned suitably dressed; staying until the end of the program.

Brother Feifer came with his interdenominational choir. Time did not permit their performance, however, he and the choir remained for the entire program and treasured the message.

Father Moon spoke from his heart, reading only the first and last paragraph of the prepared speech at the close of his address. He preached about the importance of love, life, and most especially lineage with all the vigor and enthusiasm that he has displayed throughout his 50 year ministry.

A meeting is scheduled with the campus pastors at UW Milwaukee in May. The outreach to the political realm and to the media was done by Mr. Bruce Smith, working closely with Mr. Richard Lemont for the press conferences in the final days before the event.

Regional report ❖



50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Louisville KY—April 3

Our Kentucky experience began with a visit to the radio station with Rev. Charles Elliot our host pastor. Rev. Elliot invited all of our spokespersons to his weekly radio broadcast which reaches about 50,000. He testified to Father and Mother and made it very clear that the controversy around them was the same controversy that surrounded Jesus. Rev. Purnell Spicer was introduced. Rev. Spicer did a fine job in Louisville. Dr. Tyler Hendricks joined us there. It was great to have Dr. Hendricks back on the road for the tour. (Because of the True Family Values work of Bishop Pak and Dr. Hendricks so many top clergy have come to us.) Rev. Elliot is a very well appreciated and noted civil rights leader. In his office is a full page picture in the Louisville Courier Journal of the time Rev. Elliot rallied 100,000 to march down the main streets of downtown Louisville for equality and justice. He also became known as the black leader who had the backing of one of the wealthiest men in Kentucky, Mr. Al Sneider who owned Kentucky's premier five-star Galt House Hotel. When Mr. Sneider's wife had a serious illness he called Rev. Elliot to pray for her. With his prayer she was healed. They have been life long friends ever since.

Rev. Elliot walked with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in many of the civil rights battles. He was jailed and beaten many times only to become stronger in his faith. He was the first pastor in Kentucky to welcome Minister Farrakhan to his Christian pulpit. Two years ago he welcomed True Mother to speak at his church and now True Father was welcomed.

We arrived at the church for the press conference, there were already picketers out front. This time their picket signs seemed to be in a time warp. It was if the 2nd generation communists were there. Their signs read, Moon is pawn of CIA and other such things that only evoked smiles on the Christian guests and pastors that came in. We were going to a revival it seemed our friends across the street were going into a time machine to take us back to the Vietnam era. Nevertheless we respect those who do not understand.

Our press conference went on as scheduled at the King Solomon Baptist Church. 25 religious leaders joined in our conference. Dr. Hycel Taylor spoke most eloquently as he made it clear that he is firmly behind Rev. Moon and We Will Stand. He said, "How do I know that this is right. Make no mistake, we are going into this thing with our eyes wide open. We should be wary, and we should critique. One Christian called me and said he had concerns about Rev. Moon's theology. I told him. I have concerns about your theology! In fact I have concerns about my own theology. However, the bible tells me that we should Judge Them By Their Fruits. I have examined both the theology and the fruits of Rev. Moon's work closely. First his work for World Peace is magnificent. He is calling for a Religious Body to compliment and advise the UN to achieve World Peace. I have seen that he has the gift to bring together some of the worlds great religious leaders, not only from Christianity but also from, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Confucianism. Not only that he brings many of the Presidents of the world together with these religious leaders. Second, he promotes a strong family based on God with Man, Woman, and Child. This is a great fruit. Thirdly he promotes religious cooperation and unity and the breakdown of denominational walls. Therefore if the fruits are good the Prophet is of God.

In each press conference the different points come out. Rev. Elliot came forward and said that he is proud of his association with Rev. Moon and that he is another anointed man of God. Another, white Christian came forward— Bishop Dan Johnson of the Heart of Fire Church. We just don't know what God has prepared for this great march to build His kingdom. Rev. Johnson has a beautiful congregation of mixed races. His wife joined him there at the rally. Rev. Johnson was involved in a shooting accident when he was seven years old. He shot a twenty two at glass which then exploded in his face. One eye completely collapsed and the other was full of glass. He was completely blinded in both eyes. His father was a strong Christian and told the little boy.

Don't worry - you will be healed by Jesus. He went for seven months and no healing. He said he never felt fear because he trusted the Lord and his Dad. One day they went to another doctor and the doctor told them that the boy would never see again. Bishop Johnson heard his dad say, "Oh, no." Fear struck the little boys' heart. Daddy doesn't believe that God can heal me. Then maybe I will be blind forever. In the darkness of desperation he reached out to God and he decided that he would never stop believing in such a miracle. Shortly after that he went to a revival meeting and went forward when the pastor called for a healing for those who were afflicted. He went forward and was miraculously healed! His heart became bound forever to the sacrificial service of the Lord.

At the We Will Stand Rally the atmosphere was very profound. Rev. Johnson spoke as a righteous pastor. "We have not understood Rev. Moon. We didn't know the anointing that was upon him. Now we can see and a Pentecost has come. God has raised up a leader among us to unite the churches and bring a revolution to the Christian world. We see tonight the dream of Jesus being realized. We are all one. Thank God for Father and Mother Moon."

The host pastor, Rev. Charles Elliot, the brother of Leroy, has great influence in the city of Louisville. He brought the Chief of Police of Louisville and to everyone's surprise the Chief brought the Police Choir. They sang, in full uniform with pistols in holsters, two upbeat Christian hymns. Then Rev. Harvey brought his choir from Cincinnati, Ohio. The clergy jammed the church. Rev. Dennis Lyons, who has stood with Father for 17 years brought 100 Christian leaders.

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Father spoke with great revival power this time. Dr. Hycel Taylor came from Chicago. The TV stations wanted to get Father's speech. This time Father was in a total revival spirit. The church absolutely became spiritual. So many ministers proclaimed their desire to travel on the tour.

Immediately the next morning, Bishop Dan Johnson, traveled to Wisconsin to go to the next event. He was moved by the spirit.

Dr. Taylor was interviewed with Father speaking in the background by the NBC and FOX affiliates. They asked him why Rev. Moon is focusing on the black churches. He said, "Rev. Moon has brought his mes-

sage to all Christians. The black church knows the genuineness of a prophet and are responding. But I want you to understand something. The great unity you see tonight with all races and denominations is coming because of the anointing of God. Also, this is a very small example of the work of Rev. Moon. As his work is bringing unity here, I have also seen his work bringing unity at the UN with Presidents and the worlds top religious leaders coming together. He is bringing those leaders together for world peace far beyond the reaches of Chris-



tianity. He also has the UPI and is reaching the world with his influence. And, I might add, that influence is quite positive."

Rev. Michael Jenkins

The King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church was the backdrop for the Bluegrass State's "We Will Stand" revival meeting designed to promote the family and encourage harmony across religious and racial lines.

The Kentucky experience began with a visit to a radio station with Reverend Charles Elliot, the host pastor. Reverend Elliot has a weekly radio broadcast that reaches about 50,000 people. He testified to the "We Will Stand" tour and the power of God.

"I've had the privilege to be in Father Moon's presence and listen to what he is saying now... to bring people of all races and denominations together."

Reverend Elliot walked with the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and is famous for rallying 100,000 through a march down the main streets of downtown Louisville for equality and justice. He was the first pastor in Kentucky to welcome Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam to his Christian pulpit. Two years ago he welcomed Mother Hak Ja Han Moon to speak at his church.

At the press conference preceding the evening's event 25 religious leaders and civic activists joined together to speak up for the righteous cause.

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Father Moon's sermon was warmly received by the now unified congregation.

Never has a preacher stood up and proclaimed that homosexuality and lesbianism is not the model family of God. He was not judging, but affirmed what is right. It is the family message and the expression of true love for all people in this time.

Father Moon asks: "Which is the most important or has the highest value out of love, life, and lineage?"

"Love" is always the response.

Actually, "lineage is most important" states the preacher from Korea.

The pastors' wives are deeply grateful that Father Moon opens the door to this kind of teaching and preaching on the true sanctity of marriage and the holiness of love, according to comments heard afterwards.

"We're very grateful to Reverend Moon and (his movement) for that," said Minister Jerald Muhammad of the Louisville-area Nation of Islam. "Ninety-nine percent of the problems in our community could be eradicated if we could strengthen our families."

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itself, for we quickly found out that many countries did not keep an updated and corrected list of membership.

Right away, the lists started to come in from the field. They ranged from some pioneer nations, with only a handful of young leaders, to those countries where more than 95% of the membership is well under 40, and elder leaders are rare indeed. As the numbers increased from the hundreds into the thousands, our small staff in the World CARP office began to feel like the sorcerer's apprentice—how do you make them stop?

It was already very clear that young members worldwide had a strong desire to connect with Hyun Jin Nim and to work together with him to develop True Parents' providence. But there were a very significant number of replies as well from brothers and sisters whose 40th birthday was well in the rearview mirror, but who still hoped for a way to be included in that chosen group. The oldest was almost sixty!

The special workshop series begins

As the names flooded in, Hyun Jin Nim then announced his intention to hold special 21 day workshops for the key leaders, 300 or 400 at a time. The first workshop would be held in Canada, primarily for Korean and Japanese leaders but with representatives from every continent. The second workshop would be mostly for American and European leaders and would be held at UTS. The third workshop, just a week later, would be in Moscow for our Russian, East European and African brothers and sisters.

And so it was, that just over a month from receiving True Parents' direction, the first special workshop came together under the direction of World CARP vice president Ken Bates and J-CARP President Eiji Tokuno, with Rev. Bong Tae Kim and Rev. Inamori, the YFWP presidents of Korea and Japan as advisors and participants.

Every continent sent at least one representative to the workshop, and all the continental directors came in person for the last week, right after the celebration of True Parents' Day in Los Angeles. International FFWPU President Rev. Sun Jo Hwang attended through most of the workshop and surprised everyone one day by explaining that he had just taken a phone call from True Father, who was very interested in the progress of the workshop and had wanted a quick report!

For our workshop site we wanted somewhere completely new and different. God guided us to a remote youth camp in Quebec, nestled in the Laurentian Mountains, two hours north of Montreal, in a rugged area that has snow on the ground for five or six months a year. In the days before the workshop

began, late winter snow storms blanketed the site in fresh snow. For some of our participants this was a special challenge—for example the Filipino and Thai members were coming from hot sultry weather to face several mornings when the mercury fell to 20 or 30 below.

Hyun Jin Nim loves any kind of chal-



lenge, and certainly enjoyed the abundantly cold weather. "The snow covering the ground," he said, "is like a blanket that will be thrown off with the coming of spring. You have to melt the snow in your mind and heart right now. That's why I intend to challenge you every step of the way! This workshop is going to be unlike any other workshop that you have been to. Let me tell you right now that this workshop is designed to challenge you mentally, spiritually, physically, emotionally and psychologically. What you make of it is up to you."

"Because I am taking responsibility as an elder brother, you are actually my younger brothers and sisters. I called you here to truly teach you about the will of True Parents, the responsibilities of True Parents and how you have to be responsible. Therefore, this has to be the first day of new life for every single one of you here. This has to be the first day of a new era for our movement! This has to be the first day in building a new paradigm of leadership for our movement so that all of God's abundant blessing will come to our movement.

"This is the time for new beginning. A new beginning means that all the old habits, all the old concepts, and all the old understandings of the past has to go away. I made this workshop in order for you to receive a special grace and to give you a new opportunity, a new rebirth and renewal for the leadership of our movement under 40 years old. In one sense, all of you under

40, even though you might not be 2nd generation in terms of blessing, represent the 2nd generation."

A deliberately challenging schedule

Every morning began with a 5:30am roll call for all participants outside the lecture hall—in the icy wind and cold! All the participants were divided into six groups of five teams of ten, and the roll call would continue until all members of a group were present and cor-

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rect! Then and only then could the group go into the lecture hall for Hoon Dok Hae.

I'd better confess that when I heard about this for the first time, it seemed like a crazy plan, sure to bring half the workshop down with flu, pneumonia or worse—but I was wrong. Instead, the morning roll call generated a powerful spirit that extended through every day of the program, and almost no one was sick at all. Well, the spirit really is stronger than the body, it seems.

After a few days, the participants began to adapt themselves to the demanding schedule. After the 5:30 a.m. roll call and 6:00 a.m. Hoondokhwe, lectures were held all morning. Each afternoon, everyone was challenged to outdoor

of detailed content about the Word of the Completed Testament Age, True Parents' life course and the responsibility of the Blessed Couples in the age of the 4th Adam, spiced with his own testimonies and experiences learning from True Parents.

We were also glad to welcome many guest lecturers and speakers. Among them was Pres. Sang Kwon Park, who spoke at great length about True Parents' work in North Korea, bringing a fascinating slide show presentation that gave many of us our first glimpse of the work going on in True Parents' homeland. Mr. Dong Moon Joo, the outgoing president of YFWP, spoke of the investment made in the Washington Times and of his hopes for the new administration. Dr. Tom Walsh shared about the IIFWP and the development of WANGO and the future of the United Nations.

Perhaps the greatest interest was reserved for the World CARP presentations prepared by each of the eight



sports. Mostly novices, we found that cross-country skiing and snow shoeing were much more difficult than they looked, especially in temperatures usually below freezing even in the middle of the day. Then lectures and Hoon Dok Hae started up again from 4:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and team and group meetings took the typical day well past midnight.

Father's new Hoondokhwe book of Completed Testament Age speeches, True Parents and World Peace, was the main staple of daily study, with most speeches covered at least twice. All readings, songs and most prayers were in Korean, our mother tongue. Rev. Ken Sudo was the chief lecturer for the first part of the workshop, giving 50 hours

major chapter presidents in attendance. I think participants found these were particularly interesting and relevant because they demonstrated some of the major changes that have taken place in World CARP in the last year under Hyun Jin Nim's leadership. The workshop participants were introduced to the new World CARP slogan, 'There is no such thing as number two, only Number One' and adopted it as their own motto.

Midway through the workshop, two respected church elders Rev. Su Won Chang and Rev. C. S. Ahn were asked by Hyun Jin Nim to give their testimony about working with Father back in the early days when our movement was beginning. "Even as we plan revolu-



Workshop with Hyun Jin Nim

tionary change," he said, "We always need to respect our root."

Getting back to the root of our faith

Hyun Jin Nim led the workshop through several fiery speeches calling upon everyone present to make a new start and recommitment. "I have emphasized the necessity for the shedding of old skin, and that we should shed our old habits, old concepts and old ideas," he said, "so that you can have rebirth, renewal and new life."

"All of you gathered here are the so-called top leaders of Korea, Japan and the rest of the world under 40. That means it is basically through you that the substantial foundation for the Kingdom of Heaven has to be built! Yet, when I look at you, I realize that you do not truly understand what your responsibility is or what your mission is."

"To know that, we must ask ourselves what is the true mission of True Parents? When we talk about things such as building the substantial kingdom, what does that mean? If you cannot answer this fundamental question, how can you say you are fulfilling God's Will? This is the problem. We need to reflect more deeply on this fundamental tenet of our faith."

"The answer to that question can be opened and unlocked in the first couple pages of the Divine Principle, which has been Father's core, essential message ever since he began his ministry. What is the continuous theme that Father always touches upon? True Family! The original purpose of God was to establish the substantial True Family. Father's original mission was the substantial salvation of mankind through the foundation of true parents and true family, whereby the lineage of man can be transformed under the dominion of Heaven."

"What makes our movement unique and different from the rest of the different religions of the world? What makes us different is that we are engrafted as blessed couples into the true lineage of God. That means we are to be under the direct dominion of God! If we do not recognize this, if this is not something that we understand deeply, then we are no different from any other Christian congregation, no different from any other different religious congregation out there!"

This stirring call to repentance and renewal was the guiding spirit of the whole workshop from beginning to end. All of the top leaders of the movement who came shared their support and renewed appreciation of the challenge being laid down to the leaders present.

Every participant gets a grade

A new feature of this workshop was that every participant was regularly examined and graded. For a start, there were three intense Divine Principle examinations which combined made up a third of the final score. Additionally, each group leader regularly graded each participant in terms of his or her attitude, attendance, and team spirit.

Finally, the results of several day-long "Special Challenge" team sport competitions were included as part of ones final grade. One day, there was a



triathlon of cross country skiing, snowshoeing and an assault / obstacle course—quite a task for almost 300 novices. Another day was "Wilderness Survival Day," in which each team had to make a field shelter that could keep a team member alive overnight in sub-zero temperatures. Another challenge was the dreaded "Monster Hike" over seven mountains through chest-deep snow.

The combination of academic, spiritual and physical training was ultimately very refreshing and produced dramatic changes in the team spirit and atmosphere—a difference that Hyun Jin Nim noticed immediately when he returned at the end of the workshop.

"It seems as if everybody is coming together as a team," he said "Since everyone is coming together as a team, there is great hope for what we can accomplish in the future. The first time I talked to you I looked at the frozen lake and I said that this is the time that the blossom of spring should sprout. You now have to set the precedent for a new type of leadership that will come out of this workshop."

"As leaders of our movement, in what position do you stand? We stand in the Abel position. Until now, few people understood the real meaning of being an Abel. The blessing was not given for Abel alone, but for Cain. We always talked about Cain uniting with Abel. But Abel, as a true leader, also has responsibility.

"When I talk about the new leadership paradigm, I'm talking about a new culture of heart, I'm talking about a true leader, a true Abel. Before we talk about all the substantive changes, we have to understand what it means to be a true leader."

The new pledge of leadership

In the spirit of becoming a True Abel, each participant was invited to sign a pledge of recommitment and rededication as a leader before being considered ready to graduate. This pledge, which was written personally by Hyun Jin Nim, is a concise but moving summary of the expectations of leadership in the age of settlement and reads as follows:

As a leader of the Settlement Age having successfully completed Hyun Jin Nim's Special 21 Day Workshop, I make the following Pledge to God, True Parents, and True Family:

1. I, as an ambassador of God's sovereignty, shall substantiate His Will with honor and dignity.

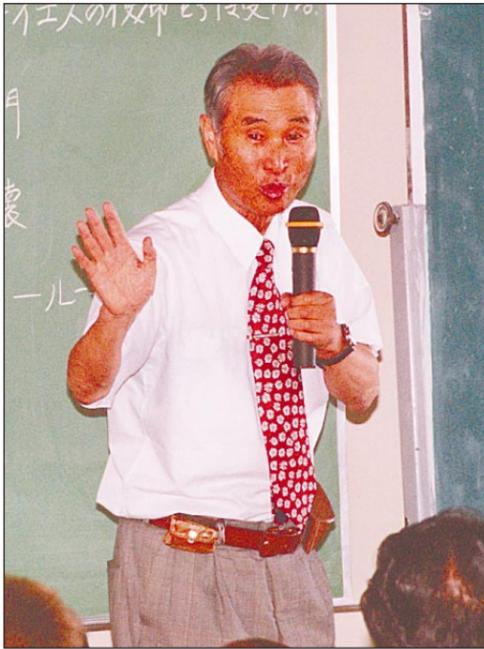
2. I shall attend God, True Parents and True Family with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

3. I, as a central blessed family, shall eternally honor and maintain God's lineage inherited from True Parents and True Family.

4. I, standing in the position of true Abel, shall not abuse this entrusted authority for a selfish purpose, but shall sacrifice myself for the greater good.

5. I, as a true steward, shall not violate the trust given to me in the management and use of all public assets, and I shall at all times be responsible and accountable.

6. I will sincerely guide the Second Generation to enter God's direct dominion as forerunners of the movement for



the culture of Original Heart.

7. I shall liberate God, True Parents, True Family and all humanity by substantially building God's Fatherland.

8. I, as a leader and a central blessed family, shall uphold the true, universal and absolute laws of Heaven and Earth in the Era of the Fourth Adam and the Age of the Second Generation.

I shall constantly remind myself of my solemn promise to uphold this pledge

and ultimately become a true son who inherits the legacy of True Parents.

The signing of this pledge was in many ways the high point of the workshop. Before anyone put pen to paper, Jin Man Kwak, World CARP vice-president, explained in detail about each point of the pledge. Then Hyun Jin Nim reminded everyone of the holy and solemn commitment that we were making together with him. It was a profound and moving moment.

And then, all too soon, the workshop was drawing to a close. The graduation ceremony was held that same afternoon. Out of 282 participants and staff, the top ranking 5% were recognized and awarded certificates of distinction. The winning teams were presented with commemorative medals, and all graduating participants received the all-important certificates of completion announcing that they were qualified to be leaders in the settlement era.

There was a joyful closing banquet held, presided over by Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim, whose Blessing Anniversary coincided with the end of the workshop. Photographs were taken, songs were sung and pledges affirmed. Then the whole group moved out into the still icy night air to hold a solemn candle-lighting ceremony, to symbolize the inheritance of new light and life from True Parents and True Family. Fireworks soared above the frozen lake as three cheers of Mansei echoed off the distant mountains.

Testimonies

Tomohiro Miyamoto (Japan): Hyun Jin Nim's speech at the workshop in Canada was a new beginning. This is a totally new responsibility for me, and I am not settled yet. However, I will make desperate effort to accomplish.

Chanwook Yoon (Korea): I was assigned to a new place and will make a fresh start. The workshop was the turning point for me and I will do my best to win!

Sachio Shinozaki (Japan): I feel that God, True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim have a great expectation towards CARP in this turning point in providential history. I am excited and hopeful that we can build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth on the worldwide level with the leaders who connected here through the Canada workshop.

Alexander Yershov (Russia): The message is very profound and very timely, and therefore moving. Any member of our movement who is sincere notices a certain inconsistency between the life and teachings of our True Parents on one side and our daily practices on the other. It is a very alarming fact, but when somebody like Hyun Jin Nim talks about this, it gives a lot of hope to our movement. ❖



50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Oklahoma City OK—April 5

Oklahoma being the end of the Trail of Tears and the final home for many of the Tribes of this sacred place now called America, it was decided that reconciliation of the Native-American and Caucasian relationship would be a central theme for the Oklahoma City "We Will Stand" tour stop.

Tribal Chairmen and Elders from many tribes were approached. As a part of the outreach effort a "pow wow" was even held in a sweat lodge.

Native Americans Gayokla Nichi and Saginaw Grant came in from California to help with the preparations as well as the program itself. Originally from Oklahoma, Saginaw has appeared in several movies and is well known throughout America among the Indian tribal leaders.

Both are members of the Soc and Fox Nation.

Reverend Jesse Edwards also flew to Oklahoma several days before the event to help prepare. He was so full of energy and inspiration that he had called every white church in Oklahoma City. He was very meticulous about his records, too. Some got upset, some got inspired. However, the love of Jesus and confidence in the God-given mission gave him great strength.

The press conference just prior to the main program displayed the unified spirit of faith, hope, and love.

Reverend Medina testified that he had worked extensively as a key organizer for the Billy Graham Crusades and many

other great revival gatherings. He stated that he had become disillusioned by the fact that many rapidly growing churches were more focused on their own growth and income rather than on sincere and genuine ministry. Feeling empty he want-



ed to experience something deeper.

"As Christians, we have lost our identity and completely merged into the fabric of this fallen world. We did not understand that as we wove our lifestyles into the common fabric of this secularized and Hollywood adapted society that we were actually becoming bound by the very fabric of which we became part. Bound in such a way that our churches say nothing against the escalating increase of sexual content on television

at all hours of the day.

"We lost our sense of calling as prophets that we must prune the tree to keep it from being diseased. We must proclaim the word of God so that the nation can receive its life. To shake off the bonds that have bound our Christian leaders, God has raised the Reverend Sun Myung Moon to bring the Word that once proclaimed throughout the land will cause the wall of denomination and race to come tumbling down."

He was on fire!

There was a large turn-out of African-American clergy as well and the hotel banquet hall was filled to its capacity of just over 500.

Gayokla Nichi and Saginaw Grant shared profoundly the heart of the Indian people and their suffering in America. Saginaw, whose face was deeply lined and weathered from outdoor work, sun exposure and great suffering spoke with great humility as he shared very detailed accounts of the historical and contemporary suffering of the Indian peoples in America. This was not a simple encounter.

Keynote preacher Father Sun Myung Moon spoke compassionately and extemporaneously while Mr. Peter Kim translated. He then read from the prepared text, "The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium."

The audience listened appreciatively

and responded with several "amens" and "hallelujahs".

After the powerful and poignant sermons various awards were given and received.

An exquisite prayer pipe ("peace pipe") and a sacred drum was presented to Father Moon on behalf of the local tribes. Mother Moon received a red Native shawl with white buffalo motif (symbolizing the messiah).

Gold watches were given to various members of the clergy and Saginaw Grant by the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC).

Then unexpectedly almost, there was a beautiful "path-crossing" ceremony between Native Americans and African Americans meeting White Americans. The bridge being a decidedly feminine symbol in Native usage, the term "path-crossing", was used which is masculine instead.

There were tears, laughter, and embracing as hundreds crossed the path. Each met a person of a different race, raised clasped hands in the air, and descended the stage to cheers and the flashing of cameras. Reverend John Jackson who drove in from Texas said afterwards: "You can tell if an event was successful if no one leaves when the doors are opened up and everything's over." Precisely!

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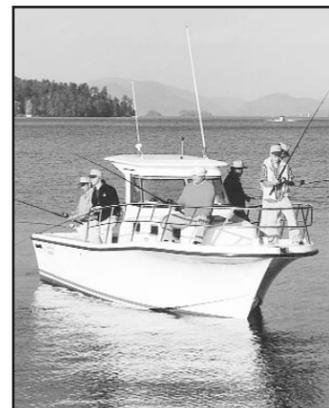


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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Omaha Nebraska-April 6

A small group of faithful brothers and sisters in Omaha had been working hard, since the beginning of the tour, inviting guests to the "We Will Stand" event at the Omaha Marriott Hotel.

By the middle of March many felt stuck and didn't know where to turn next. All the efforts were given a big boost when, after the San Francisco event, a team of six eager helpers arrived to aid the Nebraska preparations. This team began a concentrated outreach to new churches, identifying about 40 where the pastor was interested in attending and bringing his congregation.

Each morning began and each evening ended with a prayer for the historical crusade. Following the morning prayers, a caravan of vehicles drove to the hotel and circled it with prayers and love. It was reminiscent of the wagon trains from long ago which would also form a circle for protection against the night. These wagon trains had brought the ancestors of so many of the people of Nebraska across the plains over a century ago to this sacred place of settlement.

Mrs. and Mrs. Cho Fen Buczynski arrived from Colorado and worked to organize an interfaith choir as they had in Denver. In just a few days they were able to identify and confirm some of the best choirs in Omaha.

Even ministers who were skeptical were completely won over when they heard Mrs. Lee's stirring rendition of My Tribute — "everything I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to thee. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever". Those words, along with Mrs. Lee's angelic voice, deeply touched the hearts of those who listened.

On the day of the event, a racially mixed and excited crowd of over 450 people brought the ballroom to overflowing.

At a press conference preceding, Reverend Jenkins, Bishop Stallings and Reverend Wachtstetter were joined by three local pastors; Reverend Hill, Reverend Oliver and Reverend Kendrick, who did not hesitate to publicly stand up and support this great interfaith program for revival and renewal.

The program began with prayer. Immediately following there was a brief introduction of Mr. Eddie Staton of Mad Dads and his organization. Mad Dads is a national organization of fathers who are united to stop drugs and crime in the community based in Omaha. Even though the board of his organization had voted non-support of the event, he had simply told them, "Ok, if you don't support this event I will go and support the event on my own, representing myself!"

He expressed his gratitude to have been included as part of the program and God expressed His gratitude right back to Mr. Staton more than ten-fold. His name was also one of those chosen for the awarding of one of only a



few gold watches at the end of the program.

The choir was scheduled to sing, but as some choir members were late they were asked to wait to perform later. Mrs. jumped in and offered a song that powerfully moved the hearts of all in attendance.

On that foundation, Bishop Stallings then brought everyone to their feet with

a rousing, spirit-filled introduction to the keynote preacher, Father Moon. The room was electrified.

"No matter how happy your married life is without children, in the eyes of God, it is not family," he stated.

Those in the crowd often laughed, clapped and sometimes shifted nervously in their seats during a sermon that focused on the ideals of family, particularly the first family and the fall from grace.

He pointed around the room, composed of whites, blacks and people of Asian descent. "God didn't make humans' skin color different. Look at polar bears, brown bears and black bears. We adapted to suit our environments."

"A father's responsibility for raising children begins and a mother's ends when a baby can crawl to its father and say 'Dada.' A woman's reproductive organs do not belong to her. Her hips and breasts belong to her children for birth and nurturing. Her 'love organ' belongs to her husband and it must be opened by a key."

The crowd applauded loudly when he condemned "allowing spare keys."

The 40th stop of the tour had brought revival, hope, and reconciliation in abundance.

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Nashua NH-April 7

Richard and Majorie Buessing love their home state with the greatest care. Also, Rev. Mark Hanlon as our state director has build a substantive foundation for the work of our True Parents. The way you can tell was the fact that so many important clergy and elected officials were absolutely excited when we came to New Hampshire.

When we arrived, I was invited to sit at lunch with the VIP's from New Hampshire. Such a prestigious welcome for Rev. Jesse Edwards, Bishop Stallings and myself. Mayor Tony Giunta was there and totally positive about our work. Representative Gonzales the first Hispanic elected official in the history of New Hampshire was so excited by the program. The chaplain of the American Legion for the state shared his heart that he knows from the WW II at Normandy and the Korean war who is righteous about God and America. Rev. Moon is righteous. They loved Bishop Stallings and Rev. Edwards who were so moved by the tour and their experience.

CNN came and interviewed Rev. Jenkins with Bishop Stallings. Their main interest was the faith based initiative of President Bush. They asked why are some religious leaders playing upon the fears of people by using the controversy around the Unification Church to scare people. The answer is simple. Those who are fighting against others when it comes to saving our communities are concerned more about their own self interests than the healing of our communities. The problem of family breakdown is so severe that it is absolutely an emergency. Only a unified cross denominational Christian movement can cause a real change in the moral climate.

Father spoke with great joy in New

Hampshire, you could feel that he was loved and respected there.

The day after Nebraska at Hoon Dok Hae, Father proclaimed the dispensational meaning of the 50-state tour. It



represents the 50 days of Pentecost. Now all of the Christian spirit world centering on Jesus has united and is present with us on earth. The substantial unity with Christianity has now occurred and on that foundation, 50 days after the end of the tour a great Pentecost will occur. The spirit is pouring out on all flesh. We must do revivals with the Christians now and bring them to the blessing. This is equivalent to the period in the book of acts in which the spirit manifested and created the second Israel.

Michael Jenkins

Stressing the importance and sacredness of the family unit, Father Sun Myung Moon addressed an overflow crowd of about 500 people at the Nashua Marriott as part of the "We Will Stand" interfaith pro-family values tour.

Clergy from a variety of Christian

denominations, under the umbrella of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, and their congregations, were drawn to the program from throughout the state as well as the country.

A rousing gospel choir and an interfaith choir warmed the audience up with enthusiastic praise.

Archbishop George Augustus Stallings of the Imani Temple in Washington, D.C. prepared everyone for the keynote preacher.

"Never in the history of America has there been a leader with such spiritual boldness, audacity, and fortitude to bring together all religious leaders," he stated.

"I am thankful to God for having called Reverend Sun Myung Moon to lead us as a prophet and messianic figure to tear down the walls of separation... Don't get hung up on your religion or race, we are one family."

Reverend Michael Jenkins, president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, followed.

"True family, true parents. Say that!" The audience responded affirmatively and welcomed Father Moon to the stage.

"This is the time when the parent and children who have been long separated meet again!"

"The new earth and the new heaven, where there are no tears, are to be established, he preached. It is an age when there is free communication between the spirit world and the physical world, and when God's kingdom is established in heaven and on earth."

He spoke from his heart for over an hour inspiring and challenging the crowd.

Then reading from his prepared text, he stated: "I would like to conclude by

expressing my hope for the beginning of a new millennial kingdom overflowing with peace, freedom and justice in heaven and on earth."

The next steps, according to Phillip Schanker, vice president for public affairs for the Family Federation, will include regional crusades, inter-church programs, including a United Federation of Churches (UFC), and the development of curriculum for family education around abstinence for young people and the ending of divorce.

An AIDS/HIV curriculum has been introduced in a few schools throughout the country and will be further encouraged to expand.

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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Sioux Falls SD—April 15

Immediately following the "We Will Stand" event on the 10th in North Dakota preparations began in South Dakota for a program that would be held in less than five days.

It would be a resurrection of both spirit and body.

Mrs. Betsy Orman and Mrs. Mayuri Hoffman worked on the program. Mr. Frank LaGrotteria and Mr. Dennis Hoffman worked on the hotel and venue preparation while Mrs. Phyllis Kim oversaw the hospitality. The organizing committee volunteers performed miracle after miracle as they had in Fargo.

The message of strengthening American families drew 400 invited religious leaders and supporters from across the local area and nation to the Sioux Falls Convention Center on Easter Sunday evening.

Earlier the same day, a sunrise serv-

ice was held in Boise almost 1,000 miles away.

The beauty of all the invested love and care helped make the atmosphere tingle with the love of God.

A Japanese missionary choir moved the hearts of all with their rendition of Christian hymns on this sacred Easter evening.

Kentucky Pentecostalist Bishop Dan Johnson testified to the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit in his travels with the tour.

In response to a skeptical reporter he stated: "He (Father Moon) is not bringing us down, but calling us up, asking us to open our eyes and ears, to look at and hear what is happening. His is an important message that we're spreading."

The Sudanese community played a

big part in this event and many of their ministers participated in the program. One testified how the Father Moon through his words and teaching had saved his marriage.

After his introduction, 81-year-young Father Sun Myung Moon addressed the audience.

With Mr. Peter Kim giving translation, he spoke of the soaring divorce rates that have fractured the lives of children and spurred the breakdown of our family-centered society.

He explained that fidelity and a commitment to lasting marriages are essential in rebuilding the family and renewing the nation. Rounds of applause and cheers of reassuring "Amen's" were often heard.

"We have to restore God's love, life and lineage!" he shouted near the close

of his loving and often animated presentation.

"Man alone cannot produce. He needs a wife. Lineage is the most important factor to continuing God's plan."

It was an unforgettable Easter service.

Awards were given to some local area ministers and flowers were presented as is customary.

Afterwards, Reverend James Gavin of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification of Minneapolis traveling with the tour stated to the press: "We've got to bring Mom and Dad back into the family, bring purity back to our children."

"This is about a spiritual movement that will bring people back to where God wants them to be."

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ing is occurring in the Christian church at this time.

We know that this is a revelation of magnificent proportions. Father gave his speech long and harsh in Maine and we never saw Father smile during his whole presentation after the first 20 minutes. It was very warm in the beginning, but after about 20 minutes he began to be so stern. Rev. Kim was so shocked that he could not believe that Father could bring such a strong message, and yet it's only on love. So Father is trying to save Christianity, trying to break down the walls and lift up the family.

David Caprara was on hand with the American Family Coalition. We are confident that as we bind the body of Christ together, we all create a healing of America and we will be able to rebuild the family and restore the community and renew the nation and the world.

God bless New England for allowing Father to make a significant contribution to break down the incredible historical walls that divide Christianity.

Rev. Michael Jenkins

"We are confident that as we bind the body of Christ together, we create a healing of America that will rebuild the family, restore the community, and renew the nation and the world."

So stated Reverend Michael Jenkins of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, as the "We Will Stand" national 51 day national tour made its 33rd public appearance in 34 days.

"We have overcome many battles," he told the assembled.

Reverend Leo Beato welcomed the audience. "This is the will of God," he said, as he gave welcoming remarks. "I want you to know that Reverend Moon is very controversial. I walked with Dr. King and he was also very controversial. I used to be a Catholic priest. I walked with Dr. King at that time, and because I became so involved with Dr. King's movement, many truly wondered if I had gone too far. Because of that I came under scrutiny in the Catholic church, and because the scrutiny was too restrictive, I removed myself from the Catholic church voluntarily, and I went on to become a Lutheran pastor.

"I believed that in Martin Luther I would

find the kind of spirit that would stand strong against the winds when trials and tribulations come. I can see that I was also facing another crisis, but I am confident that God is with us, and that the Lutheran church also represents the spirit of Martin Luther in his absolute stand for the freedom of the individual to worship God as he so pleases, and also freely study the Scriptures on his own.

"Therefore, I feel Father Moon is bringing us revelations from the Bible that will help us to strengthen our families and to really build true families. I've seen the power of the blessing of marriage, both in my own church and other churches when we anoint our families with the blessing of marriage that Father Moon has been inspired by Jesus to bring to us.

"Those marriages have a special spiritual power to stay together. That's why the marriages of Father Moon have a 95% success rate over the last 30 years. That's an amazing phenomenon.

"Therefore, the anointing of marriage is now becoming a Christian movement. We are going to rebuild the family by anointing marriages. We are confident that we will not lose this battle. This battle is ours to be won. I pray for all the churches to come together and really share the blessings of God."

Mr. Scott Simon organized the program together with Reverend Richard Buessing. As American Constitution Committee (ACC) leaders they are the founding pioneers of this great outreach effort to ministers of all faiths.

Starting in 1983, when they were ordained (along with several others) as ministers of the Gospel in the Bahamas by Reverend Won Pil Kim (one of Father Moon's earliest disciples at the start of his ministry in Korea) they have walked a course that has expanded to include outreach to political leaders.

David Caprara was on hand for the American Family Coalition as well.

The impromptu message for the evening was shocking. Mr. Peter Kim, the translator for the keynote speaker, said he'd never seen Father Moon so harsh.

"Somehow there was something going on in Maine that had to be dealt with. We

don't know what it meant, but some of the words to white Christianity were very, very harsh. He declared very strongly that white Christianity has divided America and has continued to divide the denominations," stated Reverend Jenkins, a white minister of the Gospel himself.

"God wants to save all humanity!" shouted Father Moon.

There were those who exploded on the spot and could not receive the message, however. One such minister, who was even on the invitational committee, stormed out of the room shouting in anger. He was absolutely livid as he felt he was boxed in and judged.

Coming from a Calvinist tradition, he felt that the Bible says that God will come for His elect. Calvin taught that only the elect would be saved and the rest would

total breakdown. The divorce rate is rising in the Christian church beyond 50 percent.

"Many pastors have no power to stop the promiscuity, free sex, lesbianism and homosexuality. They can't even speak about it in their pulpits. Why? Because they are slaves to the letter of the law and they are captives of their denominational dogma. This must be broken down, and that's what Father Moon and this tour were doing in Maine. Many of the denominational dogmas have held our churches in absolute adversarial positions. These walls must come down, and these dogmas must also be eliminated. God loves everyone. Jesus loves everyone. If we really live a sacrificial life as Jesus would live for the sake of others, then we will find common higher ground in Jesus' love for our fellow man.

"The Bible spells out clearly that the only requirement to really come to the Lord is that we must have faith in Jesus. But the churches have nit-picked their positions to such an adversarial and judgmental position that they have done nothing but divide the churches until finally within denominations there are feuds, so that there are now 2,500 denominations in America. This is not Jesus' desire. Jesus is saddened when he sees this."

Mrs. Cora Brown, 91 years old, came on the stage afterwards and gave Father and Mother Moon a gift from New Hampshire — a replica of the fishing boats that have been so famous in Maine.

She loved the message.

In further remarks, Reverend Jenkins stated: "Women in general have loved the message of the tour because they know that it is challenging the adultery that exists in the church. It's very painful for many of the pastors. Very few pastors can even say one word about adultery from their pulpits because they themselves are caught up in relationships that are not correct before the Lord.

"Therefore, a great cleansing is occurring in the Christian church at this time. We know that this is a revelation of magnificent proportions."

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be condemned to hell and that nothing we could do could change that. He taught that people are already pre-chosen and elected.

Father Moon pointed out shortcomings of this doctrine. "Jesus prayed that all mankind should be one. The book of Romans calls for universal salvation. God wishes that none should perish, not one, but all will receive the glory of God. That's God's heart. Of course, people have to choose their own destiny."

Afterwards, Reverend Jenkins was conciliatory, but clear.

"This pastor expressed his hold to a dogma and we will pray for him because we do believe that he was sincere. Many pastors are held captive by dogmas that have been entrenched in their denominations over history. They have no idea how much they are slaves to the letter of the law, and that's why America is falling apart. American families are falling into

50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Columbia SC—April 8

The 42nd day of the "We Will Stand" 50-state interfaith and revival tour drew a capacity crowd of 600 to the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Columbia. A fellowship of 120 ministers from 17 denominations formed the American Clergy Leadership Conference which is the core sponsor of this unique crusade.

After the invocation by Reverend Tony Gordon, Ferguson Grant AME Zion Church (Cayce, South Carolina), a mass choir composed of five different choirs got the assembled into the spirit of joy and praise.

Included in the audience were 150 Christian ministers as well as Minister Earl Mohammed of the Nation of Islam and Imam Idris Mohammed of the Muslim American Society.

"We support any effort of unity and family," stated Minister Muhammad earlier in the press. "The aim is to break down the walls of racism, and South Carolina is, in my opinion, one of the most racist states in the United States."

He also expressed his opinion that only a thin, doctrinal line divides Christianity and Islam.

The Freedom, Faith and Family Awards were then presented to various organizations and individuals from around the state. Dr. Alma Byrd, a former state legislator and professor at Benedict College; Dr. Carl Evans, Chairman of the Religious Department at the University of South Carolina; Pastor Dr. Julia M. Lakin, Unity Evangelistic Church; the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Charleston; Mrs. Henrietta Squirewell; and the Born Again Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic were all recognized for their years of service to the people of South Carolina.

Because it was Palm Sunday all of the ministers who were traveling with Father Sun Myung Moon were unable to take care of their churches and get to the program on time. Fortunately, The Honorable Donzella James, Georgia State Senator, stepped in at the last minute. She gave an inspired speech that set the tone for the evening.



Reverend Lloyd Norris, pastor emeritus and founder of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Baptist Church in Columbia, was also present.

"I have an ecumenical edge that enables me to relate with people of other faiths and religions that many of my Baptist colleagues don't share," Norris said. "But the world is moving in a direction where interfaith religion is almost going to be required."

Senator James proudly introduced the

featured preacher after a brief biographical video.

Father Moon was very warmly greeted and his words were met with many shouts of encouragement. He spoke from his heart for about an hour and a half then read only the last section of his prepared speech. His busy schedule required that he catch a flight to New York that evening.

After his sermon, flowers were presented to both Father and Mother Moon by Dr. Alma Byrd and her husband. Father Moon and his wife then presented the flowers to David and Sanae Doose of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in Charleston.

Special commemorative gold watches were presented to Reverend Willis T. Goodwin, President of the Charleston Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and Reverend Edward McClain, Calvary AME Church of North Charleston.

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Indianapolis IN—April 9

An overflow audience of about 1200 people inside the First Christian Missionary Baptist Church of Indianapolis rolled out the red carpet for the "We Will Stand" national tour on a Monday evening. The spirit was Holy Ghost warm and welcoming.

Reverend Damon Roach had prepared his church for this historic crusade as if Jesus himself was coming to town. A police escort had been arranged for a golden Rolls Royce (a previous gift to Pastor Roach by his congregation) that carried the main party from the airport and hotel.

It was a magnanimous gesture, deeply appreciated by Father Sun Myung Moon, 81, the keynote preacher, and his wife.

A lively international ladies choir adorned in traditional Korean "hanbok" started the gathering off with beauty and grace.

Archbishop George Augustus Stallings kicked off the preaching by giving a rous-

ing and poetic sermon in his trademark style. The multi-denominational congregation parted like the Red Sea as he walked above and among them along the tops of the pews. After reaching the "Promised Land" near the rear of the church, he slapped someone a high five, pivoted, and returned to the pulpit even more filled with the Spirit.

Elder Lionel Rush pastor of Greater Harvest Institutional Church of God in Christ in Indianapolis had supported the "Million Man March" last year and in endorsing the "We Will Stand" campaign



stated:

"I am here to support and honor a world leader who is willing to work across denominational lines to help solve some of the most deadly problems plaguing our communities."

Father Moon preached about the oneness of Christian faith, the imperatives of racial reconciliation, interdenominational cooperation and strong families.

"When each of you enter the spirit world after this world, there will be no ethnic divide and no denomination, no color barrier," he said in Korean, with

simultaneous translation by Mr. Peter Kim.

"You will enter the family of God, which is what I see right now in this audience — one family, my family."

At the end of the speech there was a small surprise cake cutting and congratulatory song for Father and Mother Moon in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary. The Reverend Linda Triggol, pastor of the local Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) congregation, Indianapolis Family Church, noted that this is just the kick-off of a new ministerial alliance.

She will be working with Elder Lionel Rush, the Reverend Damon Roach of First Christian Missionary Baptist Church, and other congregations to offer marriage and family seminars as well as youth

Fargo ND—April 10

God sent the calvary to Fargo in the form of the "We Will Stand" renew America program on a Tuesday evening. The 50-state, 52-day tour of the United States was initiated and designed to encourage people of all faiths to tear down the walls of race and denomination in order to find solutions for broken families.

Over 40 of the most dedicated Family Federation (FFWPU) international volunteers came out of nowhere to help bring this harvest of blessing to the Peace Garden State.

These stalwart few visited all the diverse local communities and were pleasantly surprised to discover many wonderful caucasian young people who were interested in attending the convocation. Most on this team were not native English speakers and won over people with their beautiful smiles and hearts.

It was truly the power of the Holy Spirit!

The audience was primarily white, warm, and melted by the deep and loving spirit of the program.

The vice mayor of Fargo and his beautiful wife acted as host and hostess for

the evening.

The tour is co-sponsored by the interdenominational American Clergy Leadership Conference and two of its members kicked off the evening with simple yet powerful messages.

The Reverend Don Olson, an interim pastor at a Lutheran church near Miami, Florida praised the mission of the crusade and its leaders.

"I'm interested in a dialogue where clergy listen and aren't judgmental," he stated at a press conference prior to the main program. "Building the family is a core value that all people of faith can agree upon."

The Reverend Mark Wachtstetter, who preaches at an Assembly of God congregation in Indiana, agreed. "We can't solve societal problems unless we work on the spirit of people, but we need to work together. We need to look beyond denominational walls."

Father Sun Myung Moon was the fea-

tured preacher in the banquet-style gathering of approximately 400 people.

Mrs. Mayuri Hoffman sent a bus from South Dakota that included 12 Native American tribal leaders. They sat directly in front of Father Moon and received deeply much love and direct guidance for the duration of the sermon which lasted over two hours.

It appeared that they had come in very heavy-hearted.

They definitely left with smiles of joy and glimmers of hope on their faces.

Truly there was a healing that took place on some level at least, as they drank in the love and comfort given by God through his Word.

Speaking through his translator, Father Moon pointed to problems in families as the root of societal ills and encouraged married couples to pass on a lineage of



true love. He warned that America has no future unless it addresses its immorality and supports God-centered families.

"Women are born for the sake of children and to live for their husbands. Men should sacrifice for their children and wives."

"Only when you have children can you build a family in the eyes of God," he stated.

He spoke for more than two hours to a diverse crowd that included self-identified members of the Church of Latter-day Saints, the Sudanese Christian Church, the Islamic community, and even a few Lutherans and Catholics.

In the end gifts were presented by the Native America leadership, and the State legislature of North Dakota. Dakota is the Sioux Indian word for "friend," it was noted.

A special gift was presented to Mrs. (Mother) Moon by the local Women's Federation for World Peace in commemoration of the couple's 41st wedding anniversary on April 10th.

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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Anchorage AK—April 12

Over 500 hardy pioneers joined together on a Maundy Thursday evening for the "We Will Stand" event at the Hotel Captain Cook in downtown Anchorage.

For Father Moon, this was his third speaking engagement at the Captain Cook where he had first preached in 1974 and then again in 1996. It is said "three's a charm" or perfection. That was indeed true in this case.

Father Moon opened his keynote address with humor and intrigue, speaking about polar bears, brown bears, and black bears. He related intimately and directly with his Alaskan audience stating the need for reconciliation and harmony amongst all people beyond racial distinctions. He then described candidly the relationship between man and woman emphasizing the value of the marriage relationship. His frank approach to the topic of sex was unexpected but audience members sat enraptured, nodding



and responding in agreement, sometimes shouting out "Amen".

His message provoked much laughter as well as reflection over the two hour presentation. By the conclusion, tears were also witnessed flowing freely from the eyes of several within the audience assembled.

Some left in the middle of the presentation when the hotel fire alarm went off,

but most stood firm and waited for the noise to subside and a false alarm to be confirmed. All the ministers and VIPs in the front of the audience stayed in a true display of the spirit of unity. Incredibly, an hour later the fire alarm went off again for a second time. This time it was quickly stopped, and nobody left.

Over twenty volunteers came to Alaska from out of state. They offered sacrificially, their passion and determination during the final two weeks of preparation for the historical event. They reached out across a broad spectrum of people spanning several religious and ethnic communities.

As part of the awards presentations, an award was given to a Korean War Veteran who lost his leg in the Korean War and had participated in the Hung Nam

prison (where Father Moon was held) liberation. Another minister had also been at Hung Nam. He expressed horror recollecting his experience of marching through and liberating the concentration death camp, wondering how anyone could survive such atrocity.

A recent Native Alaskan victim of racial malice (or hate crime) in Anchorage was embraced by a white teenager, representing the perpetrators of the crime, and presented with a special gift. This ceremony of reconciliation accompanied by a haunting Native Honor Song created a memorable and sacred scene that was filmed and aired on the local nightly news.

The program concluded with spirited native drumming and dancing, moving ministers as well as elderly war veterans to the stage capping a truly unique Alaskan evening.

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Honolulu HI—April 14

The Saturday morning "We Will Stand" breakfast program drew 1,500 people and included the choirs and pastors of several local Pentecostal Christian congregations. The Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom was transformed by the lively and unique event.

The Aloha State flocked to hear Korean evangelist Father Sun Myung Moon and others speak on the sanctity of marriage and family and ending all forms of prejudice by "tearing down the walls of denominationalism".

More than 500 tourists from Japan and Korea were among the crowd, and they were among the most enthusiastic and attentive.

"Recently, many young couples don't care about lineage, they don't want children, they just want to enjoy life. They are less than human," he preached.

"If you are guilty of infidelity, you are bound for hell, you are going in the trash can. Wives who avoid having children are committing a sin.

"To have children was God's main purpose for humankind. Without children, that's not a family. You cannot enter the kingdom of God ... you enter as a fami-

ly."

He challenged and cajoled his newfound congregation. "Just by believing in Jesus doesn't mean you will enter the kingdom of heaven."

He thundered in the style of a hellfire preacher, speaking in Korean, and giving Mr. Peter Kim his translator a fit as



he sought to keep up.

However the ideas may have played in less tolerant areas of America, regarding racial intermarriage and lowered barriers between religious denominations, they

didn't cause a flicker in this crowd.

The tourists especially applauded appreciatively when Father Moon described bringing Japanese and Koreans together in marriage. "Then you are in-laws and old enmities are ended," he declared.

Reverend Michael Jenkins, president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, acting as the emcee for the morning stated: "Father and Mother Moon received a commission from Jesus to anoint families."

University of Hawaii religion professor Cromwell Crawford offered thoughtful remarks to the local press.

"He's not singular in that perspective, every religious leader has a messianic consciousness. No single leader has done more for ecumenism than Reverend Moon."

"I am consistently stuck by his message. He appeals to the type of mentality that believes it is under siege."

He said attacks from organized religion that marked the nondenominational movement in the 1960s and 70s fit a historic pattern.

"We were all on the fringe once. Every religion has been a 'moonie,' even Christianity was 'moonie' in its time. Every great religious leader was persecuted. We become monopolistic."

"In terms of translating what he says into welfare, this man has an iron in every fire."

Among other interests, Father Moon established the Washington Times and, last year, purchased United Press International news service.

Customary flowers were presented including the traditional Hawaiian Leis to Father and Mother Moon.

Awards were then presented to the Family Home Evening Program of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Mike Gabbard, founder of the Alliance for Traditional Marriage and Values; and Leon Siu, founder of Christian Voice.

Father Moon himself presented an award honoring Korean War veterans to retired Lt. Colonel Gayle Gardner, founder of the U.S. War Veterans Foundation.

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Boise ID—April 15

Boise, Idaho was blessed with a "We Will Stand" Easter Sunrise Service. Approximately 500 people gathered at the Grove Hotel for 47th stop of the interfaith and reconciliation crusade co-sponsored by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU).

At 6:00AM there was already a line waiting for the doors to open. Once inside, those attending were found to include several state legislators, the Idaho Secretary of State, Pete Cenarrusa, and Mr. and Mrs. Walema, of the Shoshone-Banock tribe.

The fact that most ministers were involved in their own Easter services made it a great sacrifice for those local clergy who did attend the event.

A simple breakfast was served at 7:00AM after the invocation by Mrs. Walema. The Sun Hak interfaith choir from Seattle entertained. This was followed by the reading of several national news articles

on the tour.

Proclamations from the Governor of Idaho Dirk Kempthorne, Nampa Mayor Maxine Horn, and Caldwell Mayor Garret Nancolas, marking the day as "Stand Together America" Day were also read to those gathered for the holy celebration.

The Reverend Michael Jenkins, Family Federation president, noted in an interview that :

"When different sects come together, their message of the Gospel is magnified. "What we want to concentrate the message on is marriage, and the end of divorce and the end of adultery and the end of promiscuity."

The introduction to Father Moon was given by Gene Winchester, state senator of Idaho.

Father Moon spoke frankly through

an interpreter about Adam and Eve and the concept of original sin. He repeatedly referred to misuse of the "love organ,"



in reference to adulterous behavior.

In sexual relationships, everyone must always think whether "God is sitting in between ... and watching whether it is a

legitimate relationship or an illegitimate relationship," he noted.

Following his remarks and reading, flowers were presented and then passed on to the Walemas in a gesture of Christian love.

Plaques of recognition and support from Idaho legislators, Korean war veterans, and American Leadership Conference alumni were presented to Father and Mother Moon.

In turn, gold watches were presented to Mrs. Walema as a representative clergy woman and Reverend Tim Comey by Father and Mother Moon. Comey, the Idaho Family Federation leader suffered a stroke in November and attended the event in a wheel chair. Other watches were won as door prizes by Julie Robertson, Dan Hockley and Mary Lou Leonard.

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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Las Vegas NV—April 11

Father Sun Myung Moon was the special guest speaker at an Easter Week Wednesday night revival held at the Zion United Methodist Church. Reverend Marion D. Bennett hosted the founder of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification for a 7:00 p.m. sermon on "The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium." This was the 46th gathering of the 50-state whirlwind "We Will Stand" tour.

When Reverend Marion Bennett heard that Father Moon was initiating a 50 state speaking tour, he could hardly believe that it was true. However, as soon as he understood that he wanted to bring the message directly to the churches, Reverend Bennett did not hesitate to extend an invitation for Father Moon to speak in his church. He stated that, "It would be a great honor to have Reverend Moon speak in our church. He has a message that people need to hear."

Reverend Bennett, a former Nevada State Legislator for 10 years, pioneer civil rights leader, and pastor of Zion Methodist Church for the past 40 years, stood strong in the face of skepticism and opposition to his decision.

When asked by an ABC-TV reporter whether some members of his own congregation were skeptical about inviting such a controversial figure to their church, Reverend Bennett was adamant.

"Yes, some opposed my decision. But people also opposed me in 1964 when I invited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Las Vegas. History proved me right about Dr. King, and I believe that history will prove me right about Reverend Moon."

There were two news conferences where Christians, Muslims and others joined together as one united voice before the world.

The evening began with a 5:00 p.m. buffet dinner in the Zion Fellowship Hall followed by the main program in the

sanctuary from 6:00 p.m.

The Zion Chancel Choir opened the evening's worship with gospel renditions that both stirred the soul and quieted the spirit in preparation for the messages that would follow. The Zion Usher Board helped pack the crowd into every available seat.

Former Nevada Assemblyman, Patrick Hickey, welcomed guests and shared the numerous proclamations and letters sent by Nevada dignitaries, including Governor Kenny Guinn, U.S. Senator John Ensign, and Congressman Jim Gibbons.

State Senator Bob Coffin, an Invitation Committee member of the American Leadership Conference, sent personal greetings saying that he had heard that Reverend Moon had enough passion and energy to conduct another tour of such magnitude "at age 91!"

The overflow crowd at Zion Methodist reflected a unique blending of Christians and Muslims side-by-side in worship.

The spirit of ecumenical brotherhood was reflected in the joint invocation offered by Reverend Sam Roberson, pastor of the Community Baptist Church of Henderson and Imam Mujahid Ramadan, leader of the American Muslim Council.

Reverend Michael Jenkins, American President of the Family Federation, shared impassioned remarks urging all to join in the spirit of family renewal and national revival.

Dr. Kene Holiday, well-known actor and Hollywood evangelist, introduced the ministry and the endless sacrifices that have encompassed Father Moon's life course.

Dr. William Baker, President of Christians and Muslims for Peace, and a close associate of Dr. Robert Schuller, preached

of the need for people of faith to unite around our many shared God-centered values.

Dr. Cheryl Lau, former Nevada Sec-



retary of State and Fellow at Harvard's JFK School of Government urged the audience to listen carefully to the featured message.

Reverend Marion Bennett introduced Father Moon expressing his gratitude for his Holy Spirit experience in Korea where the founding of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLCL) took place. He noted that he had both seen and felt Father Moon's unique calling to bring the church together.

Following the "We Will Stand" video, the congregation gave a resounding welcome to the keynote preacher, Father Moon. He seemed very much at home in the Zion pulpit and the congregation responded naturally and enthusiastically following every word.

He spoke with conviction about the true nature of the Fall of Man. He made it clear to all that humankind's fallen lineage resulted from the failure of the first parents, and that world salvation was directly linked to the restoration of

a hoped-for family of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior.

After extended extemporaneous remarks, Father Moon quickly led the audience through the text of his prepared speech with simultaneous translation by Mr. Peter Kim.

Clergy members of ACLCL then presented Father and Mother Moon with a towering 3 foot tall Nevada trophy carried by Minister Duke Muhammad, Reverend Terry Cox, Bishop A.J. Thompson and Reverend Donnell Horn.

Dr. Pouran Ameli, President of the Iranian-American Association presented Father Moon with a beautiful plaque from her members, and reminded the church of the many works of Mother Moon, as Founder of the Women's Federation for World Peace.

Dr. David Rowberry, Director of the Las Vegas Institute of Religion presented the couple with a beautiful wooden replica of the LDS "Proclamation of the Family" engraved in Korean.

Finally, Dr. Harry Newman, President of the Technical Institute of Biblical Studies, presented Father Moon with an honorary degree from his Institute.

Numerous model family and model community service awards were given out to local congregation members as well as the special gift of gold watches brought personally by Father Moon for several local ministers.

ABC, CBS, NBC, and Fox news reports on the event saturated the 11:00 p.m. local news. For one moment in time the so-called glamour of the Las Vegas Strip was clearly outshone by the presence of a "Moon shining brightly over Vegas".

It was indeed, a "victory for Heaven." *Regional report* ❖

Washington DC—April 16

The Omni Shoreham Hotel Ballroom was filled to near capacity with over 2000 in attendance for the culmination, though not quite the finale of the "We Will Stand" tour.

West Virginia in the afternoon and Vermont in the evening of the following day (April 16th) will bring the tour to its actual close. An extraordinary feat by any measure, the interfaith and revival tour will have met in every single state in a mere 52 days.

Over 400 clergy attended, including most of the founding 120 of the American Clergy Leadership Conference.

The Metropolitan Baptist Church choir had the crowd on its feet or at least clapping and swaying to its melodic spiritual rhythms. They were phenomenal. Reverend Levy Daugherty, Patsy Casino, and June Maxim also helped get everyone warmed up.

The lighting was creatively done with images of stained-glass windows projected onto the backdrop of the stage for most of the program.

Grammy winner Phil Driscoll had the ballroom church in ecstasy as he performed "I Will Exalt Him" with the

choir backing him up with its soulful harmonies. He is a trumpet player extraordinaire and a pretty fair white gospel singer to boot.

Reverend Michael Jenkins acted as the emcee for the evening and made it clear that this was just the beginning of a new revival movement that will



continue for some time based on the momentum gained from these last 51 days.

Archbishop George Stallings was electric and AAA as usual, even trying some pew hopping when there were none to be found. He jumped out among

the ministers and found a chair or two to stand upon instead. He tossed his clerical sash around a bit, filled with the Spirit and preaching the vital message that "everyone is a messiah" — if he is truly alive.

The 120 clergy were brought on-stage after the video (which had some technical problems) and welcomed keynote preacher Father Moon to the podium.

Father Moon went right into the meat of his recent message to the churches. Men and women, husbands and wives, need to use the convex and concave for the holy purpose of their one and only holy other for the sake of creating true families and the Kingdom of God on earth. The family and lineage is sacred. The time for true families is now.

He spoke for about an hour with one minister occasionally blowing his trumpet in response to the message. Father Moon then read the keynote speech in its entirety with Peter Kim giving simultaneous translation.

Another significant miracle was announced to the media as well as the audience.

Dr. T.L. Barrett (Superintendent for the Church of God in Christ, Chicago) and his wife had been separated for 10 years. They were together again suddenly this evening.

Father Moon had told Dr. Barrett that they would be getting back together within 10 or so days about a week ago while on the tour. He had also mentioned that it was strange for Dr. Barrett to be alone when he is leading a pro-family movement.

Pastor Barrett now sees his wife and himself as ministers for reconciling families—and it seems to be happening.

At his church recently, a couple that he knew had been long estranged was suddenly back together again. "God is bringing families together," he proclaimed.

After giving his testimony to the audience one lady who has been separated from her husband got up on-stage. Many of those assembled held up their hands in prayer for the restoration of her family.

It was a beautiful witness to the power of a greater community of faith in action. *Regional report* ❖

50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Burlington VT—April 17

With little over a week to prepare, the concerned people of the Green Mountain State of Vermont made their stand in support of rebuilding the family, restoring the community, and renewing the nation and world.

The banquet room at the Radisson Hotel Burlington was filled and ready to celebrate the victorious finale of the 50 state "We Will Stand" revival tour.

The clouds over scenic Lake Champlain gave way to sunshine that gleamed like countless precious jewels upon the water.

Burlington happened to be a rallying point for international protesters on their way to Quebec City for a huge free trade protest. This was the same group that trashed Seattle a little over a year ago. Burlington also prides itself on its reputation as a tolerant, welcoming city.

This reputation proved true, though only in part.

The press liaison, Bill Brunhofer, had invited all the major local media and there was a strong contingent of clergy, both local and national, ready to go. Yet, not a single Vermont media outlet showed up, even though many of them were right down the hall covering the free trade protesters. The Vermont press completely ignored the real story of the day. Local politicians were either otherwise occupied or just unable to attend due to the short notice of the event.

There were also some minor concerns of a protest or disruption of the evening program from "mainstream Christians" or others, but no such demonstration manifested.

Reverend Rico Diamond, however,



was undeterred by any such obstacles and took a powerful stand in support of the program. Pastor Diamond is an African-American Pentecostal minister who founded a ministry in New York City, then received a revelation that he should move to Vermont. He has worked hard to develop relationships with local leaders and met the local Family Federation Church pastor, Alex Nimick, about a year ago.

In his remarks before Father Moon's sermons, Pastor Diamond pointed out the beautiful diversity and harmony reflected in the crowd. He wondered aloud as to why city officials had failed to show. The Holy Spirit was clearly in evidence as he gazed across the jam-packed hall.



After some heavenly live music by two local Christian brothers and brief remarks by several other clergy, Reverend Michael Jenkins introduced Father Moon.

Speaking from his heart with Mr. Peter Kim valiantly translating, he uplifted the role of women, stressing that when women live for others, such as their spouse and children, they achieve true joy. He expounded on the importance of loving relationships, emphasizing that when all our physical and spiritual senses are engaged in loving others, we achieve true happiness and no longer need religion.

Near the end, almost two hours later, Father Moon mentioned his prepared text, a copy of which was given everyone upon entry.

He led the reading of a few paragraphs, then asked everyone to promise to read it in its entirety later.

He told the clergy present that he was staying in America in spite of requests to move to other countries because he wanted to protect the Christian foundation here.

He stated that he was aware of Vermont's recent civil unions law allowing same-sex couples the legal equivalent of marriage. "What is this nonsense?," he asked.

He explained that everyone is born either man or woman, then asked

if any people present were some "middle sex."

Father Moon's admonitions and exhortations were profound, delightful and well-received. His tone was that of a loving grandfather.

After the talk, plaques were presented by Maureen and Mary Connolly representing Vermont ALC (American Leadership Conference) alumni and Reverend Catherine Wood representing the ACLC (American Clergy Leadership Conference) to Father and Mother Moon.

Reverend Wood, who offered the invocation, is 88 years old. She grew up in China with missionary parents, and is a long-time ally and dear friend of Father Moon's ministry. When she had some trouble negotiating the stairs to the stage to present the plaque, everyone on stage rushed to her aid.

Honored with a gift from Father and Mother Moon was Mrs. Jana Robicheau, leader of a Tibetan Buddhist center in Montpelier, who has been active in the Women's Federation for World Peace, led by Mother Moon. She was deeply moved by the message.

Latter Day Saints elders Ralph and Beda Lavigne received the big bouquet of flowers given first to Father and Mother Moon who passed it on, as is their usual custom.

A beautiful cake celebrating the successful completion of the tour was brought out at the end.

The New England Choir from Worcester, Massachusetts, led by Sam Wada, sang "Amazing Grace," and Pastor Diamond sent everyone on their way to greater heights with a prayer.

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Shepherdstown WV—April 17

An estimated 450 people gathered in Shepherdstown for a Tuesday afternoon prayer luncheon at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. Dinner would be in Vermont on this the final day of the historic "We Will Stand" tour celebration of faith and family.

It was a miraculous victory of the human spirit and divine providence, considering that there were only seven days to prepare for the previously canceled event.

Reverend Doo of the regional Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) joined forces with West Virginia state representatives Henry and Katsuko Christopher to galvanize a small group of international volunteers.

Pier Angelo and Mary Beltrami put up half of the happy pilgrims at their house for the week, while the other half stayed with the Christophers.

Three teams met together each morning at the Student Union Hall of Shepherd College. After breakfast and some focused organizing, five to six car teams went out to nearly every church within the 30-mile radius, covering parts of West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. By Easter Sunday, between 200 and 300 churches had literally been visited, at least two or three times



each.

Meanwhile, Pier Angelo's graphic design office in Shepherdstown, was abuzz with creative activity. All the signs, banners, maps, and any other literature for the program were prepared. Hotel and event coordination, including the ordering of flowers and a celebration cake, alerting the media for the planned press conference, the contacting of local officials, as well as countless other details were also managed efficiently and joyfully from there.

A united faith, hope, and love made the overcoming of all barriers and walls possible.

The banquet room at the Clarion Hotel was overflowing and alive with

excitement. Many stood in the hallway outside the room to hear the messages and bask in the glow of the wonderful fellowship.

Father Sun Myung Moon was full of love and good humor.

The main sermon was simultaneously presented on a large screen television so everyone could see it and translated by Mr. Peter Kim.

Despite his age and the arduous schedule of the tour, Father Moon shared from his heart and soul for as long as possible. Suddenly he realized

that he had to close in order to quickly to catch a plane to the final gathering in Burlington, Vermont.

"I didn't know I was spending so much time in West Virginia. Maybe I love you the most," he said to the attentive and cheering audience.

One of the local ministers in attendance, Joe Liles Sr. of St. John the Baptist Church in Shepherdstown said afterwards to the press

that he had never followed Father Moon's teachings closely, but noted that his message "is very needed in the world we live in today."

"Different religious denominations have become barriers that prevent people from accepting and loving each other, but racism has existed in those churches too", was the conclusion of Henry Christopher, the West Virginia representative of the Family Federation.

Regional report ❖



Pure Love 2001

by Robert Kittel

Pure Love 2001—our 5th annual summer tour—is on! Eunha Stein, who has been on every tour so far, is Director. She “felt called” to take responsibility for this not only because of her PLA experience, but also because of her love for younger brothers and sisters. Eunha is an STF graduate; she pioneered teaching abstinence in the Chicago Public Schools, and currently directs a very successful Washington DC youth ministry (a model for many in the nation).

Community Building

This year the Pure Love summer tour will not be traveling across the nation. Our focus will be local. Yes, having hundreds of young people traveling across the nation speaking out for purity is one thing, but we need to think of building a grass roots abstinence movement. Concentrating on one location has its advantages. The impact would be even greater and more sustainable. Having the tour stay in one locale will enhance networking with local community services as well as political and educational leaders. As a consequence, the follow-up would be easier and more effective. Equally important, we must plan for the future. Remember that in the years to come, there will be thousands of second generation children wanting to plug into these summer activities and having a tour of that magnitude will be nearly impossible. We need to start thinking about new models. Can you imagine if next year there were several “local tours” going on simultaneously? For the PLA, these local tours are a wonderful opportunity to not only to keep the PLA going, but also expand it and make it more successful. Local initiatives have the added advantage of allowing whole families to become more involved both in the PLA and in their community level.

Why Florida?

Miami was the obvious first choice for a Pure Love tour in this new “community building” style. The reasons we selected this venue has little to do with the

shape of the state. It has everything to do with the foundation build over the past 4-5 years, including:

- Police offices from Miami-Dade County teach PLA's abstinence education program, the CLUE curriculum, in 7th and 8th grades. Currently seven officers have been teaching this and it has been going on over the past 4 years, even in the summer school camps.
- Positive bilingual media network
- Support from the faculties members from the Social Science Department and the School of Justice at Miami-Dade Community College
- Faculty backing from the Florida International University Correction Transition Program and Florida Atlantic University
- Encouragement from a sitting circuit judge who held a top position in the State of Florida
- Cooperation from large, active, interdenominational youth ministries
- Public school councilors and members of the local school board
- The former and current Presidents of the Golden Glades Rotary Club endorse and teach the PLA's abstinence curriculum
- The Florida Family Church hosted the PLA in '99 and is ready to host the 2001 tour.

College Credits

Unique to this tour, high school seniors and older will be able to earn up to three college credits for their participation in the tour. For every 15 hours of community service, including abstinence education programs, one college credit can be earned. To earn the maximum number of credits, which is three, 45 hours of community service is required. This will easily be fulfilled in our two-week program. Accreditation and registra-

tion will be through the Miami-Dade Community College and credits are transferable to any college in the United States.

The \$600 Pure Love 2001 registration fee does not cover the college accreditation and registration fees. Course registration fees will be \$20 per person (as

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Where? Miami and the Florida Keys

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Cost? \$600

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this is a “batch registration”) and the cost per college credit is \$49.65 per college credit for in-state students and \$173.40 for out-of-state students. A course syllabus is being drawn up and students who want to earn college credits will be graded on attitude, attendance, written reflections, and oral presentations. There are a minimum number of 10 students needed to begin this class.

Family Tour

Because we will not be traveling from

city to city or state to state (and nation to nation), we want to invite parents and families to come on the tour—even if just for one week. Especially families in the neighboring regions may want to work this into their summer mobilization plans. A recent front page story on *The Washington Times National Weekly Edition* read, “Study: Doing Abstinence Homework with Parents Helps.” The study demonstrated that “a program that focuses on parent-child communication can make a [more powerful] difference in the child's sexual attitudes” than abstinence education targeted only at the teenagers.

Families wanting to travel to Miami for the tour can contact the Florida Family Church if they want to arrange living accommodation with a host family from the Miami area. All the details of this new model of education have not been worked out. Some programs will be for teens and adults separately, others will be held together. This also depends on how many families want to make this a “family tour.”

The advantages of having the entire family attend may be many: it fits into the paradigm of the Settlement Age, Pure Love education can be more effective in a family setting, additional adult supervision, support, and transportation will be available.

Summary:

DIRECTOR: Eunha Stein
WHEN: July 18th to 30th (Staff arrivals July 16th)

WHERE: Miami and the Florida Keys
COST: \$600 (10% discount if paid in full by June 15th)

APPLICATION FORMS ONLINE AT:
www.purelove.org

EMAIL: tourinfo@purelove.org

AGE: 14 years and older

REFUND POLICY: Up to June 30th 100%; to July 15th minus \$50; after July 15th no refund. If a participant leaves or is asked to leave the tour for any reason, no refund will be given.

Robert S. Kittel is the president of the PLA ❖

UTS Expands Its Boundaries to NYC

by Dr. Kathy Winings

The Unification Theological Seminary expanded its boundaries to New York City last September when it accepted students for the new Extension campus at 4 West 43rd Street, in the heart of Manhattan. This new development in the life of UTS is the result of some new and vital partnerships with Christian clergy in the Metropolitan area. It is also a result of the generosity of the Founders of UTS, the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon who announced a special ecumenical scholarship fund for students wishing to study at UTS. Now, one of the most affordable Masters Degree programs is accessible and convenient for those living and working the tri-state area.

Over the summer, several clergy and the administration and staff of UTS worked diligently to make the new Extension campus a reality. Rev. Levy Daugherty, Mrs. Anita Wells, and Mrs. Sayomi Kamimoto became a part of the team and begin the difficult work of recruiting new students and adver-



tising this new venture in theological education. As the classrooms were remodeled at 43rd Street, UTS sponsored several dynamic Open Houses to advertise its program. The Extension campus also began to look for qualified clergy and professors who would complement UTS' already excellent faculty team.

One of the most exciting aspects of this endeavor was designing new courses that would be appropriate for clergy in urban metropolitan areas. This was a great opportunity to bring on courses that would be relevant to a large urban environment and that would

also make use of the tremendous resources of the city – including successful and creative ministries. UTS also made the decision to complement its degree program with community outreach opportunities and special events such as a True Family Values workshop for pastors and lay leaders.

When our doors finally opened on September 18th, we welcomed 42 new students. Since that time, our student body has continued to grow and our contribution to the New York area has expanded. UTS has added such exciting courses as the History of the Black Church in the U.S., Christian Economics and Community Development, Fundamentals of Youth Ministry, and Family Therapy Concepts and Methods. We have a diverse and rich faculty which now includes clergy with profound experience in urban/community renewal, family counseling, and effective urban ministry. UTS looks forward to offering preaching clinics, youth ministry seminars, family counseling workshops, and vital youth programs for

abstinence education and character development.

Classes at the new Extension Center are offered in the evenings each night of the week and on Saturdays. We are also hoping to offer courses over the summer break. I urge you to come visit our campus and feel the excitement and dynamism of UTS. We offer a Masters of Religious Education and a Masters of Divinity degree. God is calling you to be all that you can be and acquire the skills to do all that you can do for God's great providential work.

Dr. Winings, is the Dean of the UTS Extension Center. ❖



by Dr. Tyler Hendricks

This is from a sermon given to the New Jersey Family Church on April 29, 2001.

When discussing the virtues and deficits of the family in America from a biblical perspective, it is natural to return to the reality of the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. To do so provides a vast and fundamental truth, but leaves us still needing to fill in the answer to an important question. Why were families so much stronger one hundred years ago than today? What has happened in the last three generations that has laid such a terrible burden upon American social life as to leave people with only a 50-50 chance of success in marriage? What is it that has given rise to the situation in which influential voices in academia, the media, government and even churches cry out that marriage is an obsolete, unhealthy institution?

Today I will pay special attention to fatherhood. In 1968, 85% of all children lived with both parents; today it is 68%, a 17% drop. In 1968, 10.8% of children lived with their mother only, today it is 23%, a 115% rise. Of single mothers, in 1968, 0.7% were never married; today it is 9%, a 1,200% rise. The absence of fathers creates severe social problems, as noted by U.S. Senator Evan Bayh: "We spent a lot of time dealing with problems like poverty, juvenile violence [and] drugs, which are really symptoms of a deeper underlying problem—the epidemic of fatherlessness. Rather than just deal with the symptoms, I think we need to deal with the root causes." [Fatherless New Jersey, 3] In a country with so much blessing, why are so many fathers missing in action?

What do we in America have? Why is it that overwhelming multitudes of the world's people want to come to America and live here? First and foremost, here they can gain ownership. Here they can take personal responsibility. Here they can find the most level playing field in the world. We are an open-hearted society, a society in which ideals of brotherhood, fairness, honesty and responsibility are promoted. Where did these benefits come from? They came from God, through devout and sacrificial faith.

You might be surprised by my highlighting the importance of ownership, private ownership. Before you cringe at the term, private ownership, please realize that from God's point of view, it means personal responsibility. So it has a spiritual importance. Ownership first is by God, and we honor His ownership by tithing. Based upon our proper way of life and offering, God protects and increases your ownership. So true ownership comes from your relationship with God and translates into your sense of personal responsibility for what is around you.

We should realize that ownership did not drop out of the sky. Late medieval and modern Europeans developed the idea of the ownership of property. Still a major problem in the developing world is that people lack the right to private ownership. They lack the legal system through that guarantees ownership. The effect of this is immeasurable, economically and spiritually as well, because with ownership comes development. With ownership comes something more: leverage. One can borrow money based upon what one owns.

I recently read the example of a chicken farmer in Africa, who cannot get a loan with which to expand his farm, because he cannot prove that he owns his house.

The house was built on land granted him by the village chief, who, based upon tradition, owns the land. The man to whom the land was given, who built the house and has the chicken farm, cannot prove that he owns it. So he cannot borrow money to buy equipment and expand the farm.

The chief in such a culture is in the position of the father and the villagers are the children. It is just as in your house, in which the parents own everything that the children use. But in traditional societies, the children never grow up in terms of ownership. It was the same in feudalistic Europe. People broke down feudalism in Europe when they attained ownership.

Plymouth Plantation did not become productive until they abandoned Christian socialism and gave private citizens ownership of land and tools. Prior to that point, the colony was on the edge of starvation; its fields were unproductive and its tools were in disrepair. When they decided in 1623 to own their own land and tools, the colony never experienced hunger again. So America from early on was a society that respected private ownership.

I'll give another example of the value of ownership, especially of land, the practice in America called homesteading. For a century the country was acquiring vast expanses of undeveloped land. Undeveloped meant that the land that had no owner, or in the biblical term, no husband. This land was made available to anyone who would go there and stake a claim. But the claim could be maintained only if the settler developed the land. Within a year they had to have built a certain standard of housing, dug a well or procured a water supply, planted a crop, and so forth. Within two years there was another measurement of development the settler had to meet. If there was no development, no investment, no value added, then ownership was taken away.

On the foundation of ownership of the land, with the first Great Awakening, Americans took ownership of the church, and within a generation of the Awakening our forefathers freed the church from the state. With the same stroke, they took ownership of the state and separated themselves from the king of England. And now we get to the issue of fatherhood, we move from what they gained to what they lost, because the king of England was their father. He was the village chief who would not allow his children to grow up and take ownership of their own.

Ownership and Spiritual Maturity

Teenagers, in my experience, have no concept of ownership. They have little interest in taking care of the yard or the house. This is natural, but it means that they are immature. Look at what happened to the garden after Adam and Eve became immature husband and wife. When God created the garden, "there was no man to work the ground" (Gen 2:5). God created man and "put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Gen 2:15) Adam did not do a very good job. It became overgrown with thorns; it turned into a wilderness. God's curse was in actually a reality check and prophecy of what was to

come from this dysfunctional family: "Cursed is the ground because of you;... it will produce thorns and thistles for you." (Gen 3:17-18)

This came home to me when I moved to Barrytown, which is out in the countryside. When I lived in an urban apartment, I had no concern for the grounds. Now that I live in a house in the country, I work hard and spend a good deal of money to upgrade it. I have begun to think long term, in terms of the changing seasons. I am interested in nature, in the personality of the trees. I get an enormous degree of satisfaction from the yard work. My teenage children don't. I have to order them to help in the yard. It was the same between me and my father; he had to order me to help in the yard, and I did so out of duty and hated every minute of it. It is natural, I believe. They don't own it. They are not parents yet. Ownership comes with parenthood. If we have too few fathers, it means that many men do not feel ownership of the society. Many give it up and were enticed to remain teenagers.

So when Americans took ownership, they became real fathers and mothers. They developed the land and it flourished and it flourishes yet today. America became the new Israel. Americans had a strong sense that the land was the gift of God given for the purpose of redeeming the world, of granting to the world the blessings of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. (Up until the last draft of the Declaration, the third term was property; at the very last Jefferson inserted "the pursuit of happiness" in its place—such is the interrelationship of these terms in the Judeo-Christian mind.)

This is what we have. "This land, is mine, God gave this land to me." Exodus Note the importance of the "Promised Land" to the Israelites. Chosen status and the creation of God's kingdom were wrapped up in the ownership of the land. The commandment with a promise, commands us to honor our father and mother, so that we may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

With ownership, we become True Parents, we realize maturity and we can settle. Even our Unificationist ideal revolves around the term "settlement," hometown, home church or family church. Each family, each home, is a church, is the dwelling place of God. This is quintessential American ideology, but it underlies all religions. Here are some examples:

Judaism: "And Judah and Israel dwell in safety, from Dan even to Beersheba, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, all the days of Solomon." (1 Kings 4:25)

Hinduism, Taoism: the household altar, the household gods.

Buddhism: "Supporting one's father and mother, cherishing wife and children and a peaceful occupation; this is the greatest blessing" (World Scripture, 166)

That is what American families have. What American families need is summed up by the apt phrase of Rev. Levy Daugherty: how can you settle when you haven't

arrived yet?

Judaism and Christianity teach fatherhood, and this teaching was buttressed by the tribal religions of the European peoples. The kings of Europe gave rise to the great families and great lineages. Wedded to the church, the kings were ordained of God by the bishops. Out of this misty past emerged the doctrine of the divine right of kings. Patriarchy. The divine right of kings taught that the lineage of the king goes back to Adam.

The people all are children of Adam and the king is our elder brother, then, who represents Adam our father, and who represents God and hence has the divine right. He owns everything. All fathers inherit the rights of fatherhood from the king, from their participation in the king's lineage, the central lineage. They could stand as blessed central families. Filial piety, patriotism (rooted in the term, *patrios*, father, the fatherland), and on were givens. They were unquestioned. Almost. The problem is that they were racist. Each nation had their own king and they fought each other. The spirit of God moved against those kings.

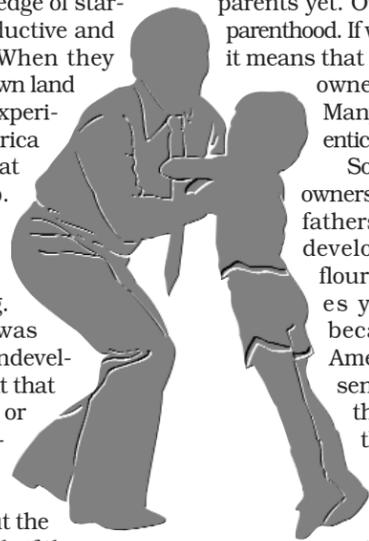
The English and French, and finally Russians, killed their king. Americans did the same. But when we killed our great father, we killed the root of the immediate father's authority. Within two generations, there took place what historian Ann Douglas calls "the feminization of American culture." The moral authority transferred from men to women. In the eighteenth century and before, the male head of the household was responsible for the religious and moral upbringing of the children. So the books dealing with this were addressed to the father. In the nineteenth century, they were addressed to the mother. By the twentieth century, we lost the notion that either of the parents are responsible for the moral upbringing of the children; the job has gone to teachers. And so, today, we have no fathers. That is what American families need.

The divine right of kings was the basis for the divine right of fathers. With what did we replace the rights of the king? John Locke developed the view that humankind did not originate from original parents, but appeared on earth as brothers and sisters, created straight from God without parents. So in the Lockean ideal, brothers and sisters reason together and create a constitution, laws they will follow that will form out of themselves a community or nation. The American founding fathers—note the clinging to the expression, fathers—created a nation out of committees that created a constitution.

What is important to us this morning is what Locke did with fathers and mothers. Having broken down the importance of lineage, what could he say of the position of parents? Simply put, the purpose of parents is to manufacture children and the purpose of the family is to civilize those children so that they will become good citizens. (Second Treatise on Government) Any affection, any love, felt between parents and children, or husband and wife, is purely incidental. Once the children have grown up and moved away, the parents' job is done and there is no interest by the state in them even maintaining their marriage.

When I discovered this, I suddenly realized the impact, believe it or not, of the

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The End of the World



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This month's article is a counterpart to my recent "Original Thinking," and it concerns the other end of human history. A person's beliefs about the origin and nature of humanity also defines their assumptions about its destiny.

Most people don't think too seriously about the future, and if they do, it's usually pictured as a speeded-up version of the present. Even when doom is (supposedly) expected, life goes on. People get married, and long term mortgages are signed. Still, the idea of an Apocalypse is deeply rooted in western culture.

Not everyone thinks the world will come to an end. The pagan worldview, as exemplified by the Mayan and Hindu calendars, embraces millions of years. While periods of destruction are forecast, overall, these calendars describe a vast cycle of endless (and ultimately meaningless) repetitions. Thus, the 'resigned to fate' personal attitude traditional in India and other ancient societies.

Fictional Doomsdays

Doom and gloom come easily to the human psyche. As Rush Limbaugh points out, most people think their personal problems are the worst anyone has ever faced; and their times, the worst ever in history. Illogical though such beliefs may be, this assumption is so deep-seated that many politicians run for office using that type of rhetoric!

Many disaster tales have—if one can use the word—popularized a terrible doomsday. *On the Beach* and other nuclear war stories crystallized the fears of an entire Cold War generation.

Science fiction has also taken up the call. In Walter Miller's classic *A Canticle for Leibowitz*, a handful of monks struggle to preserve the last remnants of scientific knowledge. In Damon Knight's novel *The People Maker*, a "helpful" new invention ruins civilization. In it, both scholar and planner are swept aside by the raging mob, and only the guns of the strongest men can maintain order.

Arthur C. Clarke, a noted atheist, wrote of a humanity without end. His novel *The City and the Stars* depicts a long-term psychological and scientific harmony that extends (a relatively static) human history one billion years into the future.

Real Disasters

Science has discovered that the world has, in effect, ended several times before. Devastating asteroid strikes wiped out the dinosaurs, and caused other major extinctions. Two centuries ago, we didn't even know that asteroids existed, but now we're making serious plans to divert them away from our planet.

Some disasters may be slower in coming. According to geologists, the Earth is overdue for its next Ice Age. The science is complex, and the claims controversial. While many agonize over global warming (which may not even be real), one British scientist says that our greenhouse gasses are the only thing staving off the next Ice Age!

No matter the actual facts, many environmentalists are eagerly presenting their doomsday scenarios. Will it be overpopulation, as in India and China? Or even underpopulation, as in ailing Russia and Africa? Will it be global cooling (like they said 20 years ago), or warming?

Will it be rampant diseases, new and old? Or even our medicines(!), as excreted vitamins and hormones have a subtle influence on the ecosystem?

Perhaps the doom they fear most is a drying up of their contributions...

Spiritual Doom

Christianity has set the tone for the modern concept of the End of the World. Since the day Jesus died, he's been expected back, usually on the heels of a terrible series of disasters.

Many people have thought that their time was the Last Days. And thus, the end of mankind, and usually the entire planet, and even the universe. However, the Bible doesn't exactly specify the year.

Nowadays, theologians say that 'the re-establishment of Israel' makes a crucial difference. But what did they say about that back in 1000 AD? They weren't stupid.

When your author was young, Hal Lindsey's books were quite popular. Now it's Pat Robertson, and Timothy LaHaye's *Left Behind* series. Their scenarios are based on a literal interpretation of the Book of Revelations.

Of course, which parts of it are taken literally varies from author to author. This has produced a popular Christian saying about the expected Rapture: "Pray for pre, prepare for post."

These ideas have a dark side. *Free Inquiry* magazine notes a connection between those Christian Tribulationist stories and secular terrorist acts such as Timothy McVey's Oklahoma bombing. McVey was a fan of an extremist novel called *The Turner Diaries*. In it, white racists have 'purified' America through a bloody revolution. It has some disturbing similarities with Robertson and LaHaye, especially regarding 'who gets punished.'

Other denominations share these nightmares. The Seventh Day Adventist's glum end times theology, with its inevitable rise of a tyrannical government, had a little-reported connection to the disaster at Waco.

Not only Christians expect an apocalypse. Some New-Agers have doomsday scenarios of their own. Most involve UFOs, and one such led to a mass suicide in San Diego. Others love to quote Nostradamus and his "accurate" predictions. (Though they're only ballyhooed as such well after-

wards).

It's not just a western phenomena, either. In Japan, one fanatical group got so impatient they actually tried

to cause the End of the World. Lacking a vengeful God to strike down their foes, they manufactured nerve gas and other deadly weapons. Fortunately for the rest of us, it didn't work as well as they'd hoped...

Politics and Science

Many non-religious people believe in the End of the World. Certain humanists regard themselves as wise and powerful enough to transform everything, and bring about a Utopia. Their apocalypse is usually called The Revolution.

With that event, it is believed, many problems will be solved—and many old scores settled. There is precious little talk about what would *actually* replace the current system.

This author once met a graying techie, on business, who thrilled to the call of this (still impending) revolution. A web search revealed (no surprise to me) that the man had once been a professor at UC Berkeley.

On the other hand, Hegelian scholar Francis Fukuyama posits that history will *not* go through any more disastrous upheavals; that western society has become stable enough to forestall any major wars or revolutions. He does leave open the possibility of great, as yet unforeseen, new adventures.

Eventually, even in the absence of (further) Divine intervention, humans *will* bring about a tremendous upheaval. Think of how bewildered a primitive man (or even a 19th century dweller) would be, were they dropped into a modern city. Of course, instead of a miserable doom, they might well see it as a world of wonder.

There are now hundreds of ongoing scientific projects: in space travel, computing and robotics, medicine and genetics, and much more, that will utterly transform civilization. At this point, even our most brilliant thinkers can barely sketch out these possible futures.

Conclusion

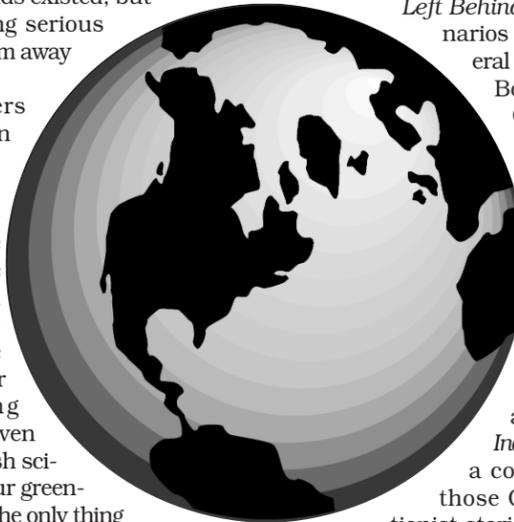
The Divine Principle sets forth the clear outline of human nature, human history, and its conclusion. Its vision is friendly to science, and to the beliefs of others.

Interestingly, the hoped-for revolution of the humanists is the closest thing to the Principle's depiction of the end times. Both agree: the physical world will not end, only the oppressive 'system,' and the suffering that results. Beyond that point, we have precious little in common.

Unificationists are not above a little doomsaying of their own. Father counters that the Messiah will *not* call down God's wrath upon his foes. I myself can recall the apocalyptic expectations of 1975-76 (just before the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument events), and I've read about several earlier episodes. I worked hard, and was eager to see what would really happen. But I wasn't quite ready to write any articles about the subject.

The Principle discounts the doomsayer's expectations that God; or asteroids, plagues, nukes, aliens, or a vengeful Nature; are predestined to destroy this little planet of ours. The Earth, as the Bible says, endures forever. (If five billion years isn't enough, scientists already have some ideas for making the Sun burn longer!)

One way or the other, we have now reached the real End Times, or as the Principle puts it, the Last Days. Everyone seems to agree on that. Finally! ♦



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children's story, the three little pigs. There is no parental responsibility for the children; they naturally set off into the big, bad world on their own to survive as best they can. The pig that builds his house of bricks and saves the others is not designated as the elder brother or sister; there is no attention paid to order of birth or gender. They live in a horizontal, genderless world in which technical skill wins the day. I never looked at the three little pigs the same. It was a big blow to my life.

It is a blow to all of us in our identity as parents. If the schools and media can enculturate our children to be good citizens from the Lockean point of view, we would need parents only to produce the children. Once the children are produced, society, starting with day-care, can take care of molding them into effective citizens and workers. But now even the task of producing children is being removed from us. If this, in the Lockean point of view, is the purpose of man and woman marrying and creating a family, then obviously we do not need marriage any longer.

In fact, it's better not to marry, because men and women just fight all the time anyway. And that is where we are today.

We should be aware of the roots of the current breakdown of the family. They are deep, and they represent a trade-off. We liberated ourselves to be owners at the cost of our parents; we liberated ourselves to be kings at the cost of our kingdom; we liberated ourselves to be children at the cost of our families.

Society is in turmoil about this. In 1960, 91% of families with children were married couple families; today, the fathers of more than 19 million children have become disengaged from their children's daily lives, and in turn those children have become disengaged from pursuing fully functional and productive lives (Fatherless New Jersey and Beyond, p. 24). There are many positive efforts to turn these trends around. We cannot return to a divine right of kings society, but neither can we exist much longer as a society without parents and without recognizing that God does work through parents to empower the children and the culture.

So our answer to Locke is that God is

the Father of Adam and Eve, and we do have divine rights as parents inherited from our parents, through lineage. But the true divine right of parents also bestows divine rights to husband and wife, brother and sister, and children. True parents will honor, protect and enhance these rights.

We as a unification community of diverse races, and national and religious origins, are gathered together by our faith that God is providing the solution to this dilemma. God is revealing the model of a family and society in which the love of parents, husband and wife, brothers and sisters, and children are equally exalted. He is the Creator of the entire family, and He has deemed it fit that the healthy society stands as the expansion of the true family.

The truth does set us free, and the teachings of the Divine Principle have liberated many families to find the way to oneness with God and each other, for eternity. I invite our guests to speak with the family that invited you about this. They will be glad to share this great revelation of God's love with you. ♦

Onewess With God

by Claire Bowles—Tulsa, OK

Very much like growing to physical maturity, spiritual maturity may be touched upon many times before a person can stand up and say, "I am One with God now."

Was there a moment in your growth from child to adult when you were able to say, "I am mature now. I am grown up at last"? You may have been able to say it one day, but the next day had to take it back and say, "I've changed my mind ...I'm not mature after all." Isn't growing up like that? Isn't it very hard to put your finger on the day you were actually grown?

Even your own mother could not tell you when you were grown. Was it your 18th birthday? Your 21st? We verge in and out of maturity until ...until when? At 45 I can't say I am always mature. It is the same with spiritual growth, which is the growth into Oneness with God.

What was the time frame you put on reaching Oneness with God? How long did you think it would take? 20 years? 200 years?

Oneness—when God and Man are merged into one Being. When God is more than father; more than husband; the other half of yourself. When His punch line and your chuckle occur at the same moment. When His soft word

of love to you is yours to Him, simultaneously. When you are the beautiful garment upon His lovely body.

Oneness is something we can taste, then touch, and then touch again as we move towards our eternal Union with God. The first taste of Oneness fills us with the desire to reach it again and again; more fully, for longer periods. Touching Oneness is the catalyst for continued resurrection. It is the confirmation of all your years of work and the reminder of why you are doing all this stretching and reaching towards Divinity.

Before we can examine the Oneness experience itself and what it will be like for each of us (something that we will discuss further another time) we must first believe that there is such a thing as Oneness between God and ourselves.

Well, is there? According to the Divine Principle there is. The fact that Oneness was God's original desire for us is part of our belief system. The fact that God needs this Oneness with us for His own happiness is also part of

that belief system. So why do many of us seem not to believe in Oneness with God?

Oh, we believe it for True Father or True Mother. We even believe in it for humanity as a whole, in some distant, misty future...but not for ourselves.

Not me, not now. How could I even lift my face up towards His throne, let alone melt into Him and Him into me?

Our feelings of lowness come from centuries of Christianity. Our sense of sinfulness is what we've been taught over the decades of our lives. It is what we are told even now by the myriad spirits whispering in our ears, in our minds.

These religious teachings had their place in our lives, too. But now is the time to start to speak aloud the words which are in your heart...in your original mind: "Oneness is within my reach and I am worthy to reach for it...I must reach for it."

The age of religion can now be closed at long last. This is the time. Our Oneness is the only thing that can get us past the age of religious structure.

Is reaching Oneness such a gargantuan task? I believe it is closer than we think. So close, in fact, that only a small shift in viewpoint would shine a bright light on the short distance we have yet to go; the few steps we have to take, into the arms of our beloved.

Just like growing up physically into a man or woman: you had to follow the rules of physical growth, eating well, etc. But time also dictated your level of growth. At seven, just like every child in the world, your baby teeth were falling out. At fifteen you could see the hairs on your chin if you were a boy, or had your period if you were a girl. Well, now is the time for our growth into spiritual maturity.

True Parents have opened the age of Oneness to us. The age of religion can now be closed at long last. This is the time. Our Oneness is the only thing that can get us past the age of religious structure. Until we reach Oneness, we will still need religion. Let us leave behind those primitive needs of a primitive age. Let us grow up into the maturity that is now made available to us. God has waited long enough and only our growth into Oneness can comfort Him in the truest sense of the word. ❖

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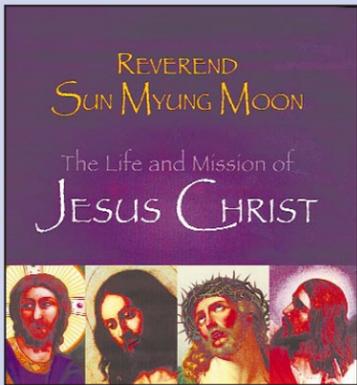
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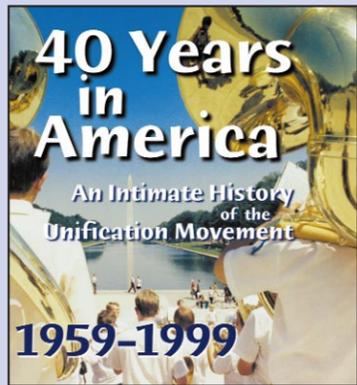
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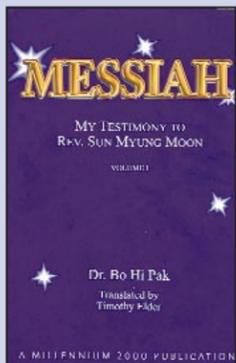


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