True Mother’s Speaking Tour of America

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Honorable religious leaders, esteemed scholars, beloved guests. Thank you for your participation at this most urgent summit. By responding at such short notice to this call for peace, your presence here must bring great joy to God.

Of course you know that we are surrounded by tensions of tremendous proportions. Political and economic rivalries, and historical resentments have blossomed so fully that even those who see with only earthly eyes recognize that our very survival is threatened. In the face of annihilating, humans, like all created species, are under attack from a growing enemy. This is why we now see such frantic activity in all spheres of human enterprise. In the effort to prevent unpreventable tragedy, leaders desperately propose solutions according to the orientation of their consciousness. Some seek military solutions, others political, or economic. While such proposals may participate in the establishment of peace, they can never generate the primary conditions needed to prevent war.

Closely related to religious and spiritual people understand the nature and origin of conflict. And only those who know the true origins of disorder can bring about a solution. This is why, in this time of great emergency, I have requested your presence and participation. Of course peace on earth will ultimately require insights from the spheres of human enterprise, politics, media and so on, but the root of peace is in God, and it can only come to this world through those who conform their lives to His perfect Will.

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Once you know that Satan always seeks to bring about the greatest destruction and darkness upon the human race. Throughout this century his plan was to perpetuate totalitarianism of communism. To thwart Satan’s plan, and pioneer a future of lasting peace. Only truly religious and spiritual people understand the nature and origin of conflict. And only those who know the true origins of disorder can bring about a solution. This is why, in this time of great emergency, I have requested your presence and participation.

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Surely no one expressed more deeply this original ideal of God than the blessed Prophet Mohammed, not only in word, but in deed. God who is infinite compassion would not like to see even the littlest one perish. What would we be then if we tolerated, or even perpetuated interreligious strife, knowing that this is the exact opposite of God’s desire? We can never lend our hand willingly to Satan’s plan to destroy the innocent, and cast mankind into unspeakable darkness?

One living for the community. This too is an unchanging principle of God. Once again, we can use the Prophet as a supreme example of knowing and living according to this Divine Principle. Did the Prophet live only for his own clan or tribe or even only for the Arab people? No, he always lived for the higher purpose, not limiting his message for only one group or race. The message of the Prophet was for every precious one into whom God breathes His spirit. Thus the greatest among us is the one who ultimately lives for the sake beyond even the world. The highest purpose is to live for God. The way to check one’s close-ness to God is to see if one’s message and life are devoted to the greater purpose. All action must be for the greatest good of all mankind, never for the sake of only one group, one nation, religion, or race. The one who is closest to God is the one who lives for the sake of the whole.

Therefore, even though the contemporary situation in the Middle East is complex, we must resist the temptation to rely on all sorts of analyses and sophisticated interpretations. Our primary responsibility is never to forget God’s unchang-ing, revealed principles: Aggression is Satanic, and blessedness is to sac-rifice the individual purpose for the sake of others. The greatest imagin-able tragedy would be for war to erupt between Christians and Mus-lims in the Middle East. The whole world will have to realize this point. The United States, European nations, Middle East nations, and so on. That is why I am sending this message to leaders of all nations. Everyone must live for only one goal, and that is to protect and safeguard this situation against the possibility of a religious war. As religious leaders ours is the greatest responsibility. We must do everything in our power to guide all players into a peaceful solution for this Middle East situation.

With my deepest heart, I pray day and night for the peace I have just described, all religious leaders must do the same.

Once again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your holy and noble love of God and God’s peace. May God bless you and your families, and bring lasting peace to our world, our home.
True Mother Eight-City North American Speaking Tour

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The New York ILC was held in the Crystal Room of the New York ILC. It was an excellent opportunity for leaders and Ambassadors of Peace appointed. New Jersey and Pennsylvania participated in the event.

Mr. Bill Lay and Mr. Farley Jones were the moderators. Mr. Neil Salonen, my spiritual father, did Dr. Walsh's PowerPoint presentation. Neil spoke of our ethics. How the workers at the Marriott Hotel next to the twin towers that went down ran and out did not even warn the people staying in the hotel. Neil, with his humor, mentioned how we long for the day when we won't have to open our Christmas Cards wearing gas masks and rubber gloves.

Iman Amer Pasha Saladin, director of the Islamic Center, gave an excellent speech. Alexa Ward spoke about the Women's Federation. David Konn lent a speech. Alexa Ward spoke about wearing gas masks and rubber gloves.

At the University of Bridgeport, Mother's tour was connected to the International Leadership Seminar. A strong contingent of clergy, together with professors and elected officials joined in the sessions of the IPFWP, APC, and ACLC. They received their certificates as Ambassadors for Peace directly from True Mother at the banquet.

The University Student center had been refurbished and looked absolutely beautiful as a banquet meal was served. The stage was set with the flags of many nations with a beautiful seal of the University of Bridgeport. It so good to be greeted by many of our second generation who are going to school there. Two professors, Amy Van Derstock, Christoff Yasutake, Esther dressed and her brother and many more.

The event was jam packed not so much with students but with professors and clergy from Bridgeport and surrounding cities. President Salonen did a magnificent job. President Rubenstein was there and many of the areas top VIPs.

Special thanks to Paul Yasutake and Rev. Hempsowecz. Rev. Yang, the Connecticut regional leader and Rev. Kim from Boston brought a very broad variety of guests.

Dr. Tom and Alexa Ward were there with many special guests. It was held as a luncheon which significantly increased the participation from professors. The video that Rev. Phillip Schanklen has completed and Rev. Dr. Raymond Hagen Blanchette spoke on "One Community One Family" the AFC effort in New York and New Jersey to help after the Sept. 11 tragedy. Carol Probanz, representing the Religious Youth Services, spoke on the Young Ambassadors of Peace. Young people going out and helping the world.

At the luncheon I gave an explanation of Parents Day and the American Century Awards and asked for nominations.

Under the AFC portion, Richard Panzer spoke on "Violence in Male and Female Relationships" with a PowerPoint presentation. Rev. Carlton Barrett spoke on a program called "Marriage Missionaries." One woman spoke with him and she explained how her minister wouldn't help save her marriage. Ministers just marry you and forget about you. The woman's present minister stood up and said he just wanted everyone to know he wasn't the minister of her choice but he had this happen and everyone had a good laugh.

Then I gave a presentation on 7 Habits of Highly Successful Families. Many leaders came to me and told me they were interested to come to a full program. This was my second presentation. I gave a presentation at the Sudbrook Community College.

The ACLC portion was moderated by Leeny Daugherty. Then Bishop Stalling, Bishop Hillings and Rev. Jesse Edwards all spoke. It was absolutely amazing collection of great speeches. I wish I had filmed this to show at other conferences. It was my biggest mistake. It was a very strong team.

The final program consisted of Tyler Hendricks presenting a PowerPoint presentation on the Sydney Olympics and the Blessing. This was to educate our Ambassadors on the Blessing to prepare them for receiving it and also for the future transition into the next plane of existence. Christianity has so little idea about the after life and how our daily life affects us in the next life. I was sorry we did not move more.

In my next program I am going to allocate more time for this area. The best part of this conference was that we had so many visual presentations and videos and not just speech after speech.

I used as readers two AFC Alumni that I have taught Divine Principle to completely and who accepted our Founder. Rev. Dr. Sophie Anderson and Eboni Kirkland, CEO of Ebony Marketing and Research. Our program ran from 10:00 to 4:30PM. At 5PM we took everyone to the Zion Methodist Church where the Family Federation sisters prepared and served a wonderful dinner: salmon, chicken, shrimp and Mother spoke to later to a gathering of 3,000.
The Cosmic Spring has come to Harlem. On May 8th of this year our True Father brought the Cosmic Spring to the Cos- 
mic House of Unification. The New York Family Federation was 
-hosted by Rev. Daryl M. Clarke, President, Rev. Michael 
Levy Daugherty. This was a great and most memorable evening. 
With full house, the Ware Family was the honored host. True 
Mother was and still is the focal point of this gathering. 
Crowds stood, shouting, whistling and showing much gratitude 
and appreciation for her important and timely message. 
As Mother departed from the sanctuary, Rev. Philip Thomas 
led the Japanese Missionary Choir on to the stage to close 
out the evening in a patriotic sharing of the message of 
Unification. 

Rev. Clarke is the Pastor of the Harlem 
Family Church.
**by Michael Jenkins**

**Dallas TX**

The program of the ILC in Indiana and Kentucky was a powerful experience. It was held in French lick, Indiana the home of Larry Bird the sports legend. Larry would have been proud to see Senator Dick Thompson (R. IN) and Rep. Denho (R. IN) from the state legislature started off the program.

Rev. Kim the Regional leader from North America said a powerful talk in leading us into our IFLP, ACLC, FPFWU, and AFC to a great success.

Over 50 VIP guests (40 was the goal) including clergy, educators, political leaders and other great americans joined in to honor the speaking. Mother's foundation world wide and the basic foundations for the Family and World Peace and then to accept the role of Ambassador for Peace.

Mrs. Lynn Walsh (wife of IIPWP Secretary General Dr. Tom Walsh) represented IIPWP, AFC leaders Peter Hayes and Jack Harford represented AFC and Rev. Michael Dickerson and Rev. Trigold represented FPFWU / ACLC.

Rev. Kim gave the opening address which set the tone for our convention and laid the groundwork for the Ambassadors for Peace.

The open sessions were given by Rev. Peter Hayes, Mr. Jack Harford, Senator Dick Thompson and Minister Jared England. This gave people a very deep sense of practical accomplishment of Father’s vision for working with the elected officials of our nation bringing moral principle to government.

Rev. Dickerson, Bishop Dan Johnson and Rev. Trigold gave the ACLC presentation. Presenting the three pillars of the clergy’s commission from Father to Re build the Family, Restore the Community and Renew the Nation and the World. Bishop Dan Johnson brought the audience to tears as he described his experiences at Ground Zero, praying with the firemen, police and rescue workers and helping the family through the trauma. He gave a very personal description of a father and son asking him to give a proper prayer and Godly blessing as a family member being brought into the makeshift morgue. He testified as to how God was using this
tragedy to bring America together and cause us to really seek God and bring America in God’s direc tion.

Rev. Peter Hayes gave a very moving conclusion of the session when he called on all to really examine America. He stated clearly that if America fulfills God’s will then America will be blessed. It’s spiritual law. If America doesn’t fulfill God’s will then America will not be blessed. The time is now to fulfill the Will of God and bring unity between all races and religions. America is the only place that God can do this kind of work. Peter Hayes gave the audience a very powerful speech.

Over the luncheon the video of the WFPW was shown demonstrating True Parent’s work through women to build
and our families can we bring peace to the fall of man and how only through the uncovering the origin of conflict in the was standing and applauding the power of Ambassadors of Peace. The power of that asked to be read at every ILC to the Father's speech from Korea which Father to WFWP. Then Rev. Jenkins read True schools in Africa. WFWP leader Susan was standing and calling to pray that God will guide our Pres-

Christ. These men had turned their lives over to Jesus and you could feel it in their music. They performed very smooth, sweet and soul filled gospel and a quartet in perfect harmony. Rev. Jenkins then gave the Rev. Kweak's message concerning Building a Nation of Cosmic Peace.

Bishop George Augustus Stallings was the Complete Testament Age Evangelist. In a most inspiring and moving presentation he testified to True Mother's speech and the peace that she is bringing throughout America. He also gave a testimony about his own Blessing and the time we are in. He met former Governor Jerry Brown and Pasto-

rers and sisters singing you would have to be there to appreciate the power of that singing. Then the Step Out Band was introduced. They are also known as the Redeemed Convicts for Peace. Dr. Frank Stallings did an amazing Coalition did an excellent job in preparing the International Leadership Conference which hosted over 80 Ambassadors for Peace. Dr. Frank Kenyone Smith gave the ILPWF presentation. Many of the 120 founding ACLC pas-

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The New Jersey event was great inspiration. Many of the clergy and guests stayed for an hour afterwards just to talk, to hear more inspiration and the joy. True Parents’ foundation is real- ly blossoming now. Rev. John McReynolds and Mrs. McReynolds and Rev. Mayes were there from the fishing club and long time supporters of our True Parents’ work. Rev. Albert Rowe of Calvary Baptist Church gave the Invocation. LaLeh, a Persian America, opened with song. WYNP Chairwoman Mrs. Alexa Ward led a beau- tiful ceremony with the Bridge of Peace. Muslim leaders, Jewish and Christian, black and white crossed the Bridge of Peace, symbolically reconciling a sad his- tory of conflict and strife. “Let There Be Peace On Earth” played as they crossed the bridge—it was quite moving.

Our ACLC evangelist gave a powerful message. As he gave his sermon the audi- ence was captivated—you could feel the Holy Spirit descend. He declared that Father Moon’s message was absolutely true. To have a good marriage the Bible makes it clear that Jesus and Mary were married. There can be no adul- tery. As Father puts it, we cannot have a spare key for others to use! With great passion he spoke of the walls coming down. He said we are here today to tear down the walls. You are about to hear a truly great message. A message of True Peace. We are bring- ing Muslim and Christian and Jewish people, people of all faiths together. As Rev. Philip Thomas brought the house down with the Japan- ese New Age Church of Christ which he started, con- ducted and trained and served the audience with their rendition of the gospel, “Holy, Holy, Holy. John Redmond. John, standing in the need of Prayer.”

As, before, the video presenta- tion of Mother’s life brought tears. Moth- er was magnifi- cent. One pastor relected that she was so graceful and charming, yet she had a powerful and complete love for her family. The stage was so much milder. The audience was naturally melt- ed.

After that the American Family Coal- ition presentation was led by AFC Col- lege, the walls came down. Dr. Sheryl Bricker gave a very moving presentation of the value of fam- ily. She spoke professionally and from the heart. It was quite moving. She had lost her son to suicide and her family had broken. Yet she overcame it all with faith to present a beautiful affirmation that God’s most profound creation in the family and that true happiness is to only be found in that context.

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The ALC video was presented. Hat’s off to Rev. Schanker as the video gave a pow- erful presentation of the Clergy move- ment and the power of its application to the Sept. 11th tragedy. The Interfaith breakfast and Harlem Day of Prayer and Healing showed how the religious lead- ers can take the lead to bring peace. It also demonstrated the clarity of the teach- ing of our True Parents and the victory of Father’s 50 state tour. The teaching of fidelity and no “Spare” key had every- one captivated.

Rev. Ephram of the Progressive Church of God in Christ gave a profound testi- mony of how Jesus directly inspired him and appeared to him to work with True Father. He touched on the theme of rebuilding the Family. Rev. Patrick Dem- mer, former President of the prestigious Denver Ministerial Association, Rev. Dem- mer led us to the theme of the breakdown of family and the crisis of the com- munity. His presentation was very mov- ing for he testified that he was very sleep-
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God. He said that love is absolutely the only way we will bring peace on earth. The Family love and teaching of Rev. Moon is foremost. He said I'm not a member of Rev. Moon's church but I'm his friend with him. Later he said to me “I'm a member of Rev. Moon's Family.” We are all one.

The capstone moment of the event was the powerful word that True Father had directed us with. In America, that message was read by Rev. Jenkins. The power of this word is great and totally current. It addresses the problem of terrorism and the four gates of peace that God has laid out. Living for the sake of others, especially building unity, is a powerful, a circular mirror on the table and fresh flowers in each circle. We had several sections set up for our guests. The front tables were reserved for VIP and behind that were the tables for our ILC Ambassadors of Peace. Many churches had reserved and paid for tables of 10 prior to the event. The balance was used for our choir and other paid guests.

The banquet hall quickly filled. Registration opened at 5:30pm and by 6:00pm, was 95% full. During dinner, the beef dinners were served at 6:30pm. By 7:00pm, every seat in the ballroom was filled. There was not one empty seat! Headquarters sent us 1200 speech books and there were no leftover books—not one. We had to prepare 200 extra lunch box dinners for our members and overflow guests. All our members had to “Stand in Oneness” against the wall—there was no leftover space. We had VIPs join this dinner banquet and the program was opened by 40 choir members of Rev. Dr. Apeloe Pue’s Sambon Congregational Church, dressed in their traditional native attire. We also had our own choir during the evening calling “Origin.” This professional choir was recently formed under the guidance of Music Direction, Mr. Rick Joosick. The other singers are Mrs. Miyuki Harley, Mrs. Mary Ellen Legay, Mr. Tony Parham and Mr. John Holmes. This was their first professional group to perform together and they did an outstanding job.

During dinner, the Interfaith Bridge Crossing ceremony took place. First to cross the bridge was Dr. Wiley Drake of Arizona, California State Assemblymember, Dr. Kene Holliday, Councilman, and Dr. Ray Pettit. Among the ambassadors for peace, there was Mr. Tony Parham and Mr. John Holmes. This was their first professional group to perform together and they did an outstanding job.

We prepared nine Peace Ambassadors to receive the framed certifi- cates on stage from True Mother. It was an incredibly inspiring day and evening. We made many strong prayer conditions in the days prior to the speech event. Our Regional Director, Rev. Baek Joong Ku, held 3 special prayers to call down all the blessed ancestors of our members who offered financial donations. We could feel many angels were present during the speech event, and many high level clergy who previously were distance from us, attended this time and have turned around. Our members received much energy from November 30th and are totally determined to keep the “I CAN DO—NEVER GIVE UP” spirit that has always united Los Angeles together. We have a wonderful foundation now for the 144,000 clergy corps blessing in April and we are already laying our plans. We have recently been able to make contact with the Crystal Cathedral—They have asked us to hold a bridge crossing ceremony there in January.

Following the dinner banquet, we held a Victory Celebration in a different ballroom where 300 members joined. True Father (via cable) and True Mother seemed very happy and joyful. Father sang 3 songs. Our 2nd generation children offered songs as did some home members. The next morning, we held 9:00am pledge in the same ballroom, also attended by 300 parents and children. Mother emphasized the importance that we all start studying the Korean language now! Mother was very happy that the LA event made victory, as were we. Through True Mother’s speech, all guests and members really felt the True Parents love, love for the world and embracing of all people.

We are grateful that Los Angeles was the 5th city of the tour and thank God & True Parents. Los Angeles is the City of Angels, and many angels are real-ly with us, working with us, pushing us to work quickly and make the final victory.
I would like to begin my report on Kansas’ ILC conference a little bit differently—from an observation and realization I had the following day. I was appointed an Ambassador, but needed to cancel my attendance. This was due to my wife’s serious illness. The ACLC is a very special place and I was very excited. I was able to cook a funeral. His was the only large church in Kansas City that offered the opportunity to deal with this person; a gangbanger who had been murdered. Fifteen hundred—nearly all the families—attended this very successful career professional that does everything with grace and a fine spirit of dignity. She is the wife of the AFC leader Art Roselle. A response to True Parent’s speech was given by Sister Luxi- ra Muhammad, who is the leader of the Nation of Islam in Detroit.

Rosanne and Art organized the Bridge of Peace. Rosanne (WWF chair) explained Mother’s initiation of the WWF and how Rev. Dr. Moon takes it right to the root, to the origin. That is of the fall of the first family, the basis for all peace is the love between husband and wife. I am still fascinated with and overwhelmed with the spiritual depth of my wife, really testify to his wife. His mes- sage conveyed the teaching of Elijah Muhammad and Min. Farrakhan, that we must learn everything all over again. Since the fall everyone learned the wrong way to live. Now God is work- ing to create new people in us that we might live correctly with love. The ACLC video was shown which always lifts up the atmosphere based on True Father’s 52-city victory this year. Especially exciting for the audi- ence is when Father tells everyone that there is no spare key available. One key for the husband to his wife’s love.

Rev. Dr. Wm. Revell then came for- ward. Rev. Wm. is one of the Nation- al Executive Committee board members from the ACLC. He is a known civil rights leader and a great pastor of Holy Hope Heritage Church, a Baptist. He recent- ly spoke at the Washington DC Parents Day event. The presentation and corrections and print the ACLC letter when he went with us to meet the edi- tor of Mass. The media is very interested, the story touched many hearts. He expressed his love for America and the fact that the love for America and the fact that the love for America and the fact that the love for America is being born from this historic effort. The presentations were all done by VIP’s. A new America is being born from this historic effort.
Then in turn the 50 state executive committees were affirmed and the organization has come to life. Rev. Eu, the leader of our Japanese movement, gave a beautiful testimony to True Parents in Hawaii and that he couldn’t believe that such prestigious clergy from many denominations and races have now firmly established a 50 state organization that is self sufficient. (All the clergy covering them on our tour as much as possible.) It was an historical moment. I heard that the celebration in Hawaii was great and that Father was truly happy. Thank you True Mother.

We sincerely thank Bishop Ko Hoon Kim for his magnificent leadership and Dr. Yang for his vision to have the whole nation converge at once at the same time making the event truly representative of all 50 states. Hawaii and Alaska were well represented.

The 2nd Annual Convocation of the ALC conferences took great messages from the Rev. Dr. Hyel Taylor of Pilgrim Baptist Church and Bishop Stallings and Rev. Dr. Revele. The Executive Committee of 21 pastors was officially voted in along with Executive Director Revelation of Peace. Dr. Michael Jenkins and Pastor T.L. Barrett were affirmed as Co-Conveners with Chairman Dr. Revele.

True Mother was very pleased with the reception of the ministers and community leaders who were present in her American speaking tour. Over 2,000 people attended the main event in Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Chicago. Leading ministers, academics and politicians took part.

The Bridge of Peace ceremony was an emotional highlight for everyone. Representatives from the Christian, Moslem, Indian, White and Black communities took part to help heal the rifts of the past. Over 270 Graduates of the ILC conference received their Ambassador of Peace awards.

We also many new people, met through or since Father’s tour. These new people all mentioned they’d had questions, wanted to understand what motivates us, and wanted to hear our side of the story. Mother’s question. All were satisfied. All were positive.

When we look at what we do, as the present of of We always see things that could have been better. We see the little mistakes. We have such a critical eye. The same with this church. But the response from the guests was so positive. Every one of them. Their questions were answered, and by Rev. Mother’s hand. They all mentioned how they were truly overwhelmed by the spirit.
The ILC Mobile took place Saturday, December 1st at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Mobile, from 12:30 - 8:30 PM. The program was a great success with 70 guests in attendance, and over 50 FPFW members and staff. In attendance were 27 religious leaders, 3 elected officials, 2 education leaders, 2 education leaders and 28 other guests.

59 Ambassadors of Peace were awarded: 48 from Alabama, 10 from Louisiana and one from Mississippi. Among these AOP's were 6 elected officials, 42 religious leaders, 3 media representatives, 6 civic leaders, and 2 professors. 18 AOP's could not be there to receive the award, but they were all mentioned and recognized at the final banquet, with some sending representatives in their place.

The ILC was a joint effort between Alabama and Louisiana, and some Ambassadors of Peace came from Mississippi to help. This represented the first cooperative effort between these three states, which comprise the Mobile region,centering on Bishop Won Geun Kim. The conference began at 1:00 PM and the session lasted until 5:30 PM. The attendees of Peace banquet then took place from 6:00 - 6:30 PM. Bishop Stephen Thomas took the opening and our members was beautiful to behold. The spirit was building strong and our members was beautiful to behold. The ILC conferences that have been held across America.

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15 Nov. Birmingham, MT
10 Nov. Kentucky
11 Nov. Anchorage
17 Nov. Boston
17 Nov. Jackson, MS
17 Nov. Fargo, ND
17 Nov. Denver, CO
17 Nov. Dallas
17 Nov. Arizona
17 Nov. Albuquerque, NM
17 Nov. Northern California
23 Nov. Portland, OR
24 Nov. Lansing, Michigan
24 Nov. St. Louis, Missouri
1 Dec. NYC
1 Dec. Raleigh, NC
1 Dec. Mobile, AL
1 Dec. Miami
1 Dec. Minneapolis
1 Dec. Des Moines, IA
1 Dec. Seattle
8 Dec. Charleston, SC
8 Dec. Atlanta
8 Dec. Minneapolis
8 Dec. Kansas City, KS
8 Dec. Salt Lake City
8 Dec. Houston
8 Dec. Nevada
8 Dec. Los Angeles
15 Dec. Cleveland
15 Dec. Memphis, TN
15 Dec. Chicago
15 Dec. Little Rock

by Joshua Gutter

Thomas, AFC Louisiana chairman, gave a presentation on Rebuilding the Family. He discussed the work of AFC and the challenges they face. He also highlighted the importance of family and how it impacts society. One thing that stood out was his message of hope and encouragement for those who are struggling with family issues. He ended his speech with a call to action, urging everyone to support AFC's mission and help build strong families.

The keynote speaker was Rev. Richard Martin, AFC Louisiana chairman. He talked about the organization's mission and the work they do. He emphasized the importance of family and how it affects society. He also shared personal stories about how the organization has helped individuals and families.

The closing speaker was Rev. Hà K. Kim, AFC Louisiana minister. He spoke about the organization's accomplishments and the challenges they face. He also shared personal stories about how the organization has helped individuals and families.

We went immediately into the AFC presentation on Rebuilding the Family. The presentation highlighted the challenges that families face and the solutions AFC is providing. The audience was engaged and interested in the topic.

The conference concluded with a workshop on how to apply the lessons learned to daily life. The workshop was interactive and participants were able to engage with the material and ask questions.

Overall, the ILC Mobile was a successful event that brought together individuals from across America to discuss and learn about the challenges that families face and the solutions that are available. The speakers were knowledgeable and engaged, and the audience was interested and participated fully in the discussions. The event provided valuable insights and resources that can be applied to daily life.
expected audience.

Bishop Irma A. Cannida, pastor of Greater True Vine Spiritual Church of Jesus Christ and long-time friend of the movement, opened the conference with a beautiful invocation. Carl Swearson, president of the American Family Coalition of Missouri, gave opening remarks. He was followed by Chicago Family Federation Regional Director. Rev. Ki Hoon Kim, presenting Rev. Kwak’s welcoming address.

Rev. Kathy Rigney delivered the IIFWP PowerPoint presentation, giving the audience an excellent outline of the work of True Parents around the globe over the past half century. Kathy is a St. Louis native, who in 1975, became a Unification Church missionary to Africa. She served as the Continental Leader of the Africa from 1993 through 2000, but still travels there to oversee its continued development. Everyone deeply appreciated that, through the presentation, she interjected first hand accounts of the positive impact of the IIFWP around the world.

Mrs. Earlie Wrice, of Missouri Women’s Federation for World Peace, gave a spirited reading filled with marriage and parenting principles with such love that the audience truly caught the heart behind our True Parents’ words. Next, Sister Andrea Muhammad, a wife, mother, teacher and Protocol Director at Muhammad Mosque in St. Louis, gave a moving commentary saying, “husbands and wives, when you are submissive to God and to each other, the children are raised in an atmosphere of holiness and the whole society benefits from a Godly family.” Bishop Irma Can nada then spoke about the family and touched on the detrimental affects of divorce. She also emphasized how we need to seriously come to God in prayer when seeking a spouse saying, “If you are asking God for nothing, then that’s probably what you will get.”

Rev. Leonard Wrice, Missouri State Director of the Family Federation, served as the luncheon and afternoon master of ceremonies. He did a wonderful job of introducing the speakers and keeping the program on schedule. Mr. and Mrs. Ahmed, directors of the Islamic Information Center, were the first speakers at the luncheon. Born in India, they are now citizens of America, migrating in 1977. Both have Masters Degree in Economic and Political Science. Mr. They gave an excellent overview of the basic tenets of Islam as a religion of peace when correctly practiced. Mr. and Mrs. Ahmed were both taken by the level of conern and interest in understanding Muslims on the part of the Christian community. He later shared his frus tration with other organizations he has affiliated, stating, “This is what they should be doing. I am so honored to have the opportunity to be with you today. Let me know how we can work together.”

Judge David C. Mason was the featured luncheon speaker, sharing his own experiences in growing up in poverty, but at home where the word of God was lived, with his brother and grandmother. Many things she taught them through her own modeling examples of faith, love and sharing he didn’t truly realize until many years later he told the audience. Judge Mason later had these comments on the ILC, “Keep doing this and do it as big as possible. This message is the perfect cure for world violence and dysuasty. This is a great movement, a God-driven movement. I am honored and blessed to be able to participate.”

Mrs. Barbara Harrington Smith, sister to Kathy Rigney and an African missionary for 18 years, gave True Mother’s story, “The Nation and World of Peace Sought by God and Humanity.” Although it was in the afternoon, Barbara was able to keep the attention of everyone due to the heart and content she conveyed.

AFC President, Carl Swearson, gave excerpts of past speeches of True Father on topics relating to eternal life and the spirit world. Before the Ambassador for Peace were announced and awarded, Rev. Ki Hoon Kim spoke about their expected roles as road builders and bridge builders as living testimonies to the truth and relevance of living for the sake of others.

Although we had prepared for 60, the Missouri ILC accommodated 80 guests. After the event, some who had not been those numbered among the 50 Ambassador for Peace honoroees, came forward and requested that they also be considered to be appointed as an “Ambassador for Peace.”

Arch Bishop Michael A. West, D.D.; Ph.D. is Missouri’s first appointed Ambassador for Peace. He is pastor and founder of the St. Michael’s Temple of the Expand Mind in St. Louis. “I was greatly impressed with the coming together of multicultural and widely diverse religious groups... This seminar gives me great hope for the future, for as the dialogue progressed, the climate of understanding led me to see the potential for great progress beyond dialogue.”

Dr. John N. Doggett, a retired District Supervisor with the United Methodist Church who was also one of the AP recipients, summed it this way. “The Ambassador for Peace concept is basic to the good life which the world needs. We shall champion the cause.”

Another Ambassador for Peace recipient, Honorable Darius J. Whiston, proclaimed, “This conference was an eye opener. The Ambassador for Peace concept has my full support. May the Lord Jesus bless Father Moon and Mother Moon! I propose a think tank come together on how to best develop and expand what has been started here.”

Gedlu Metaferia, Executive Director of the Ethiopian Community Association in Missouri, was so inspired by the event that he insisted that a conference on conflict resolution be organized in St. Louis by February of next year. “God has been pushing me to put together a program such as this and I need your help. Promise me you won’t allow me to miss any of these in the future,” he said. Gedlu has already obtained approval for partial funding and contacted prominent speakers who have agreed to participate without charging honorarium. Mr. Metaferia, also one of the AP recipients, has requested that a representative of the IIFWP also be a presenter at this conference. As a sidebar, Gedlu is now giving serious thought to the Blessing and has asked that he be submitted as a candidate for the 2002 blessing.

Victory for own Soccer Team

The Il Hwa soccer team won the national league game of Korea on Oct. 28, 2001. When True Parents arrived at Han Nam house in Seoul from America the final game was in progress. True Parents had hoon dok be reading with Korean elders and leaders after their welcome and than watched the national league soccer game on TV. After the victory, the team captain brought the championship cup to True Parents for a victory celebration.

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From July 2–13 nearly fifty youth and staff gathered from eight nations to help construct a community center as a way of promoting the healing and unification of seven nations. The project was organized by the International Institute for World Peace (IIFWP) and the Religious Youth Service (RYS), which are affiliated with the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The project was a collaboration between the IIFWP and the RYS, with support from various organizations, including the Women Federation for World Peace, the Honduras Ministry for Social Projects, and the Religious Youth Service (RYS). The project was initiated to promote leadership, character, and social and economic uplift and to serve as a base to coordinate NGO activities in Honduras.

Additional work drew our participants into the national capital of Tegucigalpa. Our volunteers formed a special work team to go to the National Jail to give dental service to the prisoners. The project was a way of providing medical and dental services to the prisoners and the medical personnel of the hospital.

In the 1980s the nation of Honduras suffered from civil unrest that resulted in the death of many civilians. It is a sign of the profound social changes marked by healing and reconciliation that the nation is going through that in Honduras a new attitude of reconciliation and cooperation is emerging within the nation's armed forces. This attitude is being marked by concrete changes in the way the military trains and works.

On the foundation of this in the relationship between the civil society and the community of peacemakers was welcomed and hosted as special guests of the new Honduras Military Forces. During the week, they stayed at the newly constructed Technical Army School and were provided with housing, meals, and transportation.

In a substantial way, Col. Jorge Cuellar call for emergency help. At the hospital our team of volunteers was given the responsibility of removing large amounts of medical equipment which was taking space in the clinic. Rooms, halls and even all seven floors of the building. The equipment location made a fire hazard in the hospital and was endangering the patients and staff.

The efforts made by our young volunteers were well recognized and greatly appreciated by all medical personnel of the hospital.

An additional service of the Friendship America's project took place in an area often neglected by others, with work with prisoners. By the vision and effort of the FFHICCA project we stayed at their newly constructed Technical Army School and were provided with housing, meals, and transportation.

The prisoners were especially appreciative of a chance to be with such energetic and happy group of people.
Rodas Gamero, Col. Jorge Montañola and Col. Julio Cesar Avila were the core actors who hosted us at the Technical Army School and modeled the new policy of cooperation aimed at bringing greater cooperation with the civil society.

On a personal note, when the Project Director, Mario Salinas initially approached Col. Avila, he was so impressed by the scope of the programs vision that he asked if his two daughters could participate. He worked to organize a special tour of the whole school and proudly let us know how they are training their students in many different fields more related to the civil life than military life. Our participants and staff had many opportunities to exchange with the military students especially through sports and a cultural program.

Our days had woven into them various educational programs, which served to help broaden the understanding of culture and life. These talks were enriched by academics and experts like Dr. German Espinal who spoke about The History of Honduras; Dr Francisco Amador who spoke on “The Crisis of the Honduras’ Youth” and also a session with the International UN Volunteer representative Lic. Lucio Sade on the topic “The UN, Voluntarism and Youth” which gave reinforcement to the ideas of a globalization of service.

Our project concluded with a time for personal and collective reflection and commitment, which was framed by the beauty of the Caribbean coast of Honduras in Tela. Everyone spirits were lifted as we experienced directly a close harmonious relation to nature.

As an inter-religious project the surroundings helped gave each of us a wonderful opportunity to find God looking high at the blue skies while reflecting on the wisdom of the saints looking at the beauty of nature and creation that was surrounding us.

We want to thank the parents of all the participants for raising up such wonderful sons and daughters who demonstrated strength for work and a vision for life. Their example has helped established a good example for the youth. Honduras. An additional note of thanks to the parental presence and love of Mr. Ron Pappalardo (USA) and Alice Ikehata (Germany); the strong spirit of Kelly Henz (USA), the sweetness of heart and unconditional service of Julie Prenchtel (USA) and the leadership of Daniel and Chung Hee Bessell (Germany/Guatemala). Together we are greatly enriched for being part of this movement to create a culture of peace, a movement that can and will make a positive difference in the way we care for others. ☮
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Living for the Sake of Others: Passing This On to Future Generations

Hello, this is IBRF, where living for the sake of others is a way of life! This is the message that greets you when you call the IBRF office. Because living for the sake of others is a central tenet of our faith as Universalists, it is a phrase that is part of an alphabetic basis. Nor is this concept held exclusively by Universalism. Most of the world’s faiths will affirm that service, unselfishness, or giving to others is a characteristic of a good or spiritually mature person. Yet, as much as we talk about living for the sake of others, do we really know how we can pass this ethic along to our children? Do we really know how we can make it a meaningful experience from day one of their life? I have found that many of us believe that the only thing our children and teens need to do is simply sign up for a service project and then living for others will become a natural part of their life. Just do it; just experience it. Isn’t it enough that our youth simply experience something? Why isn’t it enough for them to find profound meaning in the experience and so make it a clear part of their lives? Or isn’t it enough that they see us, their parents, living this ethic? Well, it would be nice to say “yes,” but it isn’t so simple.

It is true that we are living in a society that followed the ethic of living for the sake of others, then I would say “yes” it is as simple as giving a few dollars. We would be surrounded on all sides by those for whom service would naturally foster recognition and reflection on who we are as children of God. Unfortunately, we all know that this is not the case. Our neighbors, acquaintances and co-workers are becoming increasingly self-absorbed. Our current generation of teens and young adults have learned to exemplify the “me” generation attitude to new heights. Just sit and watch the commercials on television for the next 60 minutes to see how this is reinforced. To be cool—buy this; to get ahead in your school you need to fend for number one. Fortunately, this isn’t the only message out there. Sociological studies and ethnographic surveys show that since 1960, more teens and college students are engaged in community service and voluntarism than any previous generation. That is excellent news. More good news indicates that community service and voluntarism are celebrated and encouraged through the increasing number of scholarships and awards for graduating high school seniors across the United States. During this past year I met a young woman who earned over $15,000 in college scholarships for her community service work. And we saw literally thousands of men, women, and teens volunteer during the World Trade Center tragedy. All of this points to the fact that the U.N. was right to make this the “Year of the Volunteer”.

Yet, if this is true, why are we still seeing the high rates of consumerism, individualism, violence, and apathy? Why wouldn’t we find increasing numbers of activists in addition to the increasing number of organizations that handle the large numbers of volunteers, that we would begin to see a change for the better in our communities, schools, and cities. But, the sad fact is that we are not seeing much improvement. While there are complex reasons for this, a major reason is that, while community service is a wonderful experience, it does not go far enough.

Those who engage in service work do not have the opportunity to bring closure to their experience, they don’t close the circle of experience, so they become alienated through service alone.

So, what is missing from this picture? It is the connection of theory and practice. It is the opportunity to consider why one is serving, what one is learning from the experience, and how this relates to who we are as sons and daughters of God. It is the one thing that brings word and deed together into a coherent and focused picture. In other words, what is missing is the chance to reflect on our experience. This is the meaning of service learning.

Service learning is the beginning of true service work. It realises a more advanced and principled understanding of voluntarism and it is an idea whose time has come. How does service learning work? If one is first beginning to work with service learning, it is easier to break it down into three simple steps: reflection which prepares you for the project, reflection to help you as you work on the project, and reflection that will encourage you to draw insights from the experience.

Beginning Your Service Project

Before you begin the service project, your project will be enriched if you take the time to reflect on what it is you are going to be doing and why. Religious Youth Service, RVS, uses this time to guide the participants of the project to look at their own expectations, images, and visions of what it is they are going to be doing. Often times, participants are led to consider why they are doing this work and what it is they hope to gain from the experience. What this does is begin the process of connecting theory and practice. It grounds you and focusses you at the same time. Reflection at this stage begins to bring your heart and mind closer together. Taking the time to think about what it is you are doing and why will add purpose to the project.

Many teens will come to a project wanting to do something valuable. They may not necessarily know why they want to do this. They just know they want to do something of value. This is a good time to challenge them to reflect on this feeling, probe a bit more deeply as to why it is we feel this need. This small connection lays the groundwork for the total experience and will help the volunteer integrate what they gain from the experience into their life.

During the Project

As an individual actually lives for the sake of others through service, there are profound changes that take place in the volunteer. These changes involve one’s spirit, emotions, and intellect. We serve with our whole beings. As we begin to feel something from our experience, we use these three faculties of spirit, emotion, and intellect to process that experience. Unless we have an opportunity to do that constructively and intentionally, our experience may not root itself in our life. That is the function of reflection.

Reflection can be as simple as prodding time to talk about what is happening or as creative as putting one’s feelings and thoughts to music, poetry or drama. In other words, just as the type of project is not important, the form of reflection is not too. It is true that fact that one does it. For example, one young girl shared the following during a project: “Wow, I used to think that old people were useless, smelled bad, and couldn’t teach me anything. But, after working with these senior citizens, I really see them as my own grandparents.” This was an important realization for her. It is the kind of realization that will not only stay with the teen for a long time, but will help shape her life in a principled way. Another young man who was working in a low income neighborhood reflected that: “I thought service was about me giving to the poor who also were lazy and didn’t care enough about themselves to change their life. But during the project, I realized that I have gained a lot from working with this neighborhood and that they really do care and work hard for their children.” It takes time for attitudes and habits to change. By giving the opportunity to reflect on our attitudes and behaviors, we might not realize how they change.

After the Project

When the project is finished, most youth will feel good about their experience and they should. Through living for the sake of others, they have actually engaged their original heart and mind. That is, after all, what happens when we live according to God’s principles and God’s standard. But, the challenge comes when these same youth must go back to their normal everyday life. They need to bring their experience around full circle and bring closure to it by reflecting on their new insights and feelings. They need to ask where they are going and whether they want to consider what lasting principles they have learned through their experience; and they need to recognize how important living for the sake of others is for their daily life.

These insights will not come to them automatically. They need to take the time to reflect and allow these insights to make themselves known. Time and again, testimonies of service learning volunteers indicate the impact of this process. “I want to make service a real part of my life because this is who I am as a child of God.” “Through my project, I have realized that I was created to bring joy to God and others—and that the joy is the secret to my own happiness as well.” “I really felt God working through me as I was tutting these young children. I can’t ever lose that feeling. “If there is anything I have learned from this work it is that we are each a family and so I need to change my image and attitude toward others.” Statements like these tell us that these young people have profoundly changed their lives as a result of their service learning experience.

Students show that when community service and service learning are evaluated, those who engage in such work have a greater rate of long-term change in their attitudes, thinking, and behavior.
Seiko Ramunni

Seiko Ramunni was born on Nov. 10, 1956 in Nagasaki-ken, Japan. She joined the Unification Church and CARP in 1979. She graduated from St. Mariana University of Medicine (nursing program) in 1979. She worked at St. Mariana University of Medicine and N.I.C.U. and Ishin Hospital in Tokyo from 1979 to 1981.

She was blessed to enter the ministry in 1982. After that she worked on the special MPT in Japan. In 1983 she was a Seattle church member before being chosen to be one of the “50 sisters” at the International Seafoods of Alaska fish processing plant in Kodiak, Alaska. Besides processing fish, she also did bookkeeping and cooking as well as fundraising during the winter.

In 1989 she joined her husband at the Spokane, WA center and they started extension of CFL activities, she said she opened a special “highway” for the angels to come to Paulo and for the liberated spirits to go to Chung Pyung.

On the 19th of November about 200 Blessed wives gathered from Latin America to participate at the 21 day Blessed Wife Workshop, about 160 more came the following week. Then the husbands together with the children gathered and overcowd the building for three days. Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim came for the closing ceremony of the 21-day workshop, and to initiate the opening of the three-day seminar for the Registrants.

On the 11th in the morning the Blessing Ceremony was held where the Blessed Wife offered the Holy Wine to the husband and the children then, right after a small break, was the Blessing Ceremony for the liberated ancestors from past ceremonies. Here the participating dressed in white holy robes offered the Holy Wine to the ancestors by lifting up the small cup above the head. Concluding was the ceremony to liberate the ancestors until 49 generations where the participants sit in lines singing repeatedly the song Grace of the Holy Garden in Portuguese and English.

The event was sponsored by the wives who completed 21 days and the children, they could go home, but the husbands who were asked to stay until next Sunday to attend the eight day special seminar for the husbands.

America on the Cross

There is a bleeding wound on the aching heart. Those innocent died as a holy sacrifice for peace. For the dissolution of hatred, for the pass-away of evil.

Endless tears shed by the loved ones. All people of the world offer their great regret. The price of blood-sacrifice is always great, and the heart of forgiveness is even greater!

Jesus’ words

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing!”

Cheng J. Guh, MD, Taiwan

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than those who simply do community service work. As an educator and a minister, this is an important finding. It tells me that this is a program that we need to do regularly.

True Service

The time has come to take the concept of living for the sake of others more seriously in terms of guiding and nurturing the coming generations in making this a vital part of their daily lives. We can do this by encouraging our children, teens, and young adults to engage in service learning projects on a regular basis. In addition, we can do this directly in our homes by volunteering in the community as a family and then spending time together as a family to reflect on the experience. You don’t need to be a teacher or youth minister to do this. All it requires is a desire to talk together, setting time aside for reflection, and considering what it is that needs to be learned from the experience. You can also encourage your local schools, youth ministers, and service organizations to add reflection to their service projects if they do not already have a service learning program.

God gave of Himself completely out of the goodness of His nature in the person of Jesus Christ. Each of us was created by God with the same character of living unselfishly based on true love. Only when we live unselfishly with true love will we create this culture of true peace. If we are to begin that process, our children need to actually live that ethic on a daily basis. For that ethic to become an integral part of their lives and the lives of their children, we need to develop projects such as service learning to make the process complete. Only then will we see the truth of True Parents’ statement: “A life of living for the sake of others is the first gate to peace.”

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IIFWP Peace Prayer and Walk for Global Peace

Peace Prayer took place on October 12 at Data Durbar Lahore, Pakistan. In this event more than 30,000 people participated. I was requested to attend as a special guest of this grand event of prayer.

The other event was a “Walk for Global Peace and Role of Pakistan.” It was organized by our Daily Pakistani Newspaper Din and I was asked to lead this walk as an IIFWP Ambassador for Peace.

At the end of both events I conveyed a message of good will and peace on behalf of IIFWP Chair- man, Rev. Dr. Kwak. Most of our Urdu newspapers have published cover story of both events. My Ambassador for Peace mission assigned by Rev. Kwak and Dr. Walsh has been highly appreci-
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the way that esoteric, apocryphal imagery and symbolism has proved enigmatic, the issue of the historical moment of the Parousia has also been a question for believers throughout the centuries. As we have indicated, the occasions of hope—and subsequent periods of dismay—have been many. The Gospel of Matthew’s warning that “of that day and hour no one knows” (Mt 24:36) perhaps should have been given more heed than it has.

On the other hand, there is reason to believe that the millenarian time can be known. In Amos 3:7, for example, we are told that “Surely the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.” Consistent with such a reassurance, instances of Yahweh’s revelation of His purposes and plans to Old Testament figures abound: God revealed the coming of the Great Flood to Noah; He told Lot of the imminent destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah; He indicated to the family of John the Baptist and others that Jesus would be born.

In like manner, although two thousand years ago no one did know the “day and hour” Divine Principle affirms that at the appropriate time God will make known the moment of the Second Advent. Indeed, given the importance of such an event to the Lord’s own purposes, it is virtually inconceivable that it would not.

In their discussion of Israelite history, Judaism, Christianity and Islam by Janet O’Dea et alia, we are reminded of the special relationship between God and man, because of which God is given to communicating His intentions and activities: “Yahweh had revealed himself in history to his people and had determined his historical destiny. The Israelites...were partners with Yahweh in carrying out his plan for mankind.”

The Hebrews’ relationship with God thus was not only that of law but also of covenant. Such a covenant is at the basis of Yahweh’s revelations to Abraham, and the family of John the Baptist. As He announced His ways to them prior to significant Old Testament events, in a similar way God will communicate His purposes today. After all, cooperation of partners requires it.

Before we proceed to discuss the present, let us review those historical patterns which suggest the significance of the twentieth century should be noted. While Divine Principle affirms that we are living today in a time of unparalleled importance, it nevertheless recognizes that this is possible only on the basis of prior spiritual developments. Let us examine them.

Patterns in History

Since the restoration of God’s creation is to be consummated through the Messiah, we may imagine that this person is the center of God’s hopes. Accordingly, God’s work in human society has focused on preparing a foundation for his coming. The foundation was originally established through the Israelite people and their Jewish faith. As we know it, it is in Hebrew culture that the idea of a universal messianic figure first emerged.

When the Hebrew people failed to recognize the Anointed One when he came, however, they missed their chance to serve as the soil for the new messianic civilization. As Jesus indicated, their privilege was passed to a new nation (Mt 21:41-43). History would subsequently show that this was to be the multi-racial Second Israel, consisting of the devout of the Christian faith.

As we will demonstrate, in studying the histories of Israel and Christianity by a certain parallelism in the development of these two Israels can be detected. For Divine Principle the reason is clear. Since God is a God of principle and law, the history of the Second Israel, Christianity, must both follow the same pattern for preparing for the Messiah. The history of the two societies differ in terms of their historical eras, specific events, geographical settings and cultural backgrounds. Nevertheless, as both of these dispensations were to prepare for the foundation for the Messiah, the purpose underlying them was the same and so that the probable timing of these two histories may be made evident and so that the probable timing of the Second Advent may be substantially identified. We will begin with Israel’s period of bondage.

Egypt and Rome

Divine Principle points out that the periods of suffering of the Jews in Egypt and the Christians under the Roman Empire are distinctly comparable. After the spiritual accomplishments of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Jacob’s twelve sons and seventy kings, the Jews entered Egypt. Here their descendants were enslaved by the Egyptians. Ever in the midst of their suffering and deprivation, however, the Hebrews maintained their faith. They performed sacrifices and kept the Sabbath. Similar in the centuries immediately following Jesus’ death, the Christians were persecuted by the Roman Empire. It is said that Nero’s palace grounds were once set on fire by the burning bodies of crucified Christians. Regardless of such persecution, the Christians also preserved their faith.

After the 400 year period of slavery in Egypt had ended, the Book of Exodus tells us that God chose Moses to subjugate Pharaoh and lead the Israelites to the new land of Canaan. In a parallel development, at the end of the period of martyrdom in the Roman Empire, Jesus influenced the Emperor Constantine to recognize Christianity publicly, which he did officially in 313. In 392, approximately 400 years after its inception Christianity became the state religion.

Having led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, Moses brought them the Ten Commandments. Similarly, after the period of oppression by the Roman Empire, the early Christian Church developed a stable core of doctrine to guide its faithful. The New Testament was canonized and certain affirmations of faith, such as the Apostles’ Creed, were formulated. Both accomplishments were possible only on the basis of the 400 years’ indemnity paid by persecution, first in Egypt for the Hebrews and later in the Roman Empire for the Christians.

Judges and Patriarchs

A comparison between the Old Testament judges and the patriarchs of the early Christian Church is also evident. During the age of the judges, which began after Joshua had led the Israelites into Canaan, the people of Israel were governed by a series of judges and military heroes known as Judges.

Just as the period of Egyptian domination lasted a reported 400 years.

In Robert’s Bible, Romans 9:21

“Has the potter no right over the(che) clay to make out of (the) same lump one vessel for beauty and another (for) manual use.”

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so—we are told by the Hebrew Scripture—the period of the Israelite captivity lasted an identical period. While both numerical figures may be symbolic, for Divine Principle they nevertheless indicate distinct phases of God’s dispensation.

Leadership functions for the early Christian Church were fulfilled by Patriarchs. A patriarch was the bishop of one of the chief cities in the Roman Empire, primarily Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem.

In some cases a patriarch’s influence extended well beyond his immediate domain. At the height of his power, for example, the patriarch of Antioch governed the Christians of Syria, Lebanon, southern Turkey, Syria, Palmyra, and Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. In general, just as the Jews were governed by judges, Christians looked to patriarchs who represented them for wisdom, power, and authority.

Next Month * Parallels Today

by Anonymous

Dear lovely daughter,

How are you doing? I heard you talked to omma two days ago. BTW, we will visit here in the next two, and you should buy one if we don’t, because the credit card number I gave is about 81 a minute, so we had a phone bill on that card of about $460 last month!! Your mom and sister talked about how much longer you have to send you a phone card or a letter. BTW, we will come to see you next month.

Take care of yourself and pray for your family and your life. I need to talk about how you are doing since your last conversation.

Father loved you so much. I want you to think about how much longer you have to be serious, but be light also, don’t let your head down. Maybe you do that in this life; tomorrow will take care of itself. Like True Father says, you are not perfect, so you have a special blessing, so be grateful.

There is only one way: figure out how to appreciate his good points. Figure out how to unite. Serve him, humble yourself. Maybe you do that in this life; tomorrow will take care of itself. Like True Father says, you are not perfect, so you have a special blessing, so be grateful.

So, how’s it going? I hope you don’t think about how much longer you have to go, even though it’s difficult to get your mind off of that. But it’s better just to focus on TODAY and right now and just give your best and try to connect to God. You have a special blessing, so be grateful.

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So you’ve gotta record in your spiritual archive all these kinds of incredible experiences, too many to recount. You feel like you’re the king of America, like you can go anywhere and talk to anyone. Like you know America better than anyone else does. So, you are going to join the ranks of MFT graduates, and anyone else does. So, you are going to join the ranks of MFT graduates, and

When he was made to see this, he was the happiest mother in the whole world at that moment. You can just imagine how excited she was to see her son walking off that ship, alive and well! She jumped and cried for joy. This really moved Father’s heart to see how much his mother loved him, and as he hugged her tenderly, she cried with her. It wasn’t until about a week later, after she had calmed down from the excitement of seeing her son safely home, that his mother noticed that she had hurt her foot on a big splinter. It was sore and infected. But she didn’t care. She still smiled and sang all day long. That day Father learned a lesson he could never forget: that the love of a mother or father is truly the greatest love of all. He could never forget how she ran barefooted all those miles because she thought he had been killed.

Father loved his mother so much, and yet he loved God even more. That is why he was able to travel during dangerous war times. Just as Jesus said, “As a mother or father is truly the greatest love of all. He could never forget how she ran barefooted all those miles because she thought he had been killed.”

So, please dig deep and look at every-thing from a spiritual point of view. Take care of yourself and pray for your family and your life. I need to talk about how you are doing since your last conversation.

by Barbara Pavey

This is the sixth in a series about True Parents’ life written for children and first published in the Blessing Quar- terly.

Many years ago, in the year of 1944 when World War II was still going on, Father was in Japan. He had been going to school and working there for several years. Now the time had come to return to Korea.

Wartime is dangerous, because there is lots of fighting and bombing going on. You never know when you might run into a battle or get hit by an explod- ing bomb. In spite of all the dangers, Grandfather wanted Father to return to Korea at this time. Father loved God the most, so he was willing to follow His direc- tions. In fact he loved God so much, he really showed this kind of truth about himself.

Suddenly, however, a few days after receiving his letter, his mother’s smiles turned to tears. She received a terrible message! It said that the ship Father was on had been attacked. It was an American B-29 plane and had sunk. She was completely heartbroken, and all she could think of doing was going to the port where the ship should have come in. Perhaps there were survivors.

She ran out the door, out the gate, and down the road. She ran for miles and miles, and all she knew was she wanted to be near the place where she thought Father had gone. She didn’t notice that she was bleeding and thirsty. She didn’t notice that she had forgotten to put on her shoes. She didn’t notice the pain as she ran over the rocks, but her whole body landed on a sharp stick. She ran bare- footed all the way to the port!

All she could think of doing was that her son had sunk with the bomb- ed ship. What were the chances he could have survived? He was proba- bly dead! For a mother who loved her son so much, this was the most, the worst possible thought. She was frantic with worry.

Mothers do love their children more than their own lives, and they really showed this kind of truth about themselves.

Finally, she arrived at the port, pant- ing and holding her child, who was a tiny, beautiful child. She ran up to the manager and told her that this was the last time she had heard any news. She asked everyone she could think of whether they had heard anything.

No one had any answers.

Then, she got a big surprise! Some- how she learned that Father wasn’t on the ship that had sunk, after all. Because Father is so important to helping God fulfill His Will, somehow, with God’s protection, Father had changed ships at the last moment. Therefore, Father had arrived safely at the port in Korea on a later ship.

When his mother saw him coming down the gangplank, she was the happiest mother in the whole world at that moment. You can just imagine how excited she was to see her son walking off that ship, alive and well! She jumped and cried for joy. This really moved Father’s heart to see how much his mother loved him, and as he hugged her tenderly, she cried with her.

During the time Father was living in Japan, his mother, who loved him dearly, used to think about him day and night. She was always wondering what he was doing and when he would return home to Korea. Father loved his mother very, very much. So when it
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by Michael Hentrich

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I poured through all of our English language HDH publications, marking all the excerpts which I deemed especially appropriate as introductory material. After this, Michael typed them into his computer, which could then organize and edit the selected verses. I tried too many routes into 7 topics, but finally settled on just three. We boiled down the entire HDH booklets entitled: "Wisdom of True Love", "Wisdom of Marriage and Family", and "The Truth about Life After Death, My wife and daughter joined the effort by repeatedly proof-reading and giving their input and suggestions. After massaging and massaging, we found we had three very nice HDH booklets of 30-40 pages each, which offer a very stimulating introduction to True Parents’ vision and thought. They are the kind of material that is very comfortable to hand to even a new acquaintance and certainly to an old friend. They are concise, informative, thought-provoking, and thought-provoking. And, I felt very good creating this together with the children since it also gave them an opportunity to have another level of give and take with Father’s words, themselves.

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Sunday School Manual

Parent and teacher study material with children’s coloring book

by Theodore Kirkley

I am a second generation from New York who is currently attending Bridgeport International Academy (formerly known as Eden Academy or NEA). Our high school was set up and ordained by True Father and True Mother in Wyoming who is currently attending a college preparatory high school. In March, Father offered the Principle, but only recently with True Parents and the Providence through HDH, we are reaching the dawn of our name and transformation into primary school, and Father said, “When you witness, begin with direction to help our work here.” He only one specific point of advice or way to the top of my daily to-do lists. and months of procrastination flew by on various general topics which could convey Father’s vision to even a casual acquaintance. However, weeks and months of procrastination flew by as all of the strong priorities found their way to the top of my daily to-do lists.

Now, to explain a bit about what Bridgeport International exactly is, let me start by saying it has always been a college preparatory high school. In other words, it is a high school that resides on a college campus and gives students the opportunity to take university courses for actual college credit! In this way, BIA students have the opportunity to get high school and college credit at the same time. A few students are graduating after their junior year, because they have enough cumulative high school credit to get a diploma. BIA also has access to every one of the university’s facilities, including a large gym, a gigantic nine-story library, an elaborate dining hall, and the various events and festivities that are held on the campus. There’s a lot to offer here that most high schools cannot.

In addition, the recent developments from this year have been quite remarkable. BIA has an active student council that has already completed two successful fundrais- ers. In October, we held our annual Haunted House for the blessed children around the area. We’ve also had quite a bit of success in extracurricular activities and three active teams that compete against other high schools in the area. The teams are the debate team (that has already won a trophy), a basketball team, and a swimming team.

Some people may think that our school is not a professional high school, but that is completely false; we have official approval from the State Department of Education. The school curriculum fulfills the state’s requirements and is directly linked to the State Department of Education. The official approval from the Connecticut State Department of Education. The official approval from the Connecticut State Department of Education. The official approval from the Connecticut State Department of Education. The official approval from the Connecticut State Department of Education. The official approval from the Connecticut State Department of Education. The official approval from the Connecticut State Department of Education. The official approval from the Connecticut State Department of Education.

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In closing, we would like to thank you for your support and your consider-ation, and we implore you to change any previous misconceptions of our school. Please keep in mind how far we’ve come this year. If you would like to learn more about Bridgeport International, please contact me at the student council’s email address: bi-studentcouncil@hotmail.com. And you could always contact the school by calling (203) 334-5434, email bi-studentcouncil@hotmail.com, or use the mailing address: Bridgeport International Academy, 482 Mill Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06604.
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The Unification Church attained a great deal of public visibility during the eight-day crowd which attended its concluding eight-city Day of Hope tour. The West Coast was an early locale of the movement’s original, anonymous, seven-city tour just thirty-two months earlier, and was a most ambitious undertaking to date, but it had severable months to prepare. In addition, there had been “a tremendous influx of members.” In New York City, members had been assigned, since July, one hundred and twenty houses each for door-to-door contact. Ten thousand pocket-sized editions of Divine Principle and an equal number of Rev. Moon’s “Christianity in Crisis” talks were made ready for distribution. The arrival of several thousand IOWC members in mid-August greatly augmented campaign preparations in New York City. Lodged at the Paris Hotel on Manhattan’s West Side, ten seventy-member IOWC teams followed rigorous plans to ring the Washington Hilton Hotel, site of the prayer breakfast, were canceled, a post-breakfast event at Battery Park was cut short by David and Tricia Nixon Cox, who greeted well-wishers. On February 1, 1974, Rev. Moon had a twenty-minute audience with President Nixon, reportedly telling him, “Don’t knock under to pressure. Stand up for your convictions.”

A second phase of the Church’s Watergate involvement came at the height of the crisis in 1974. With court-ruled limitations on executive privilege, allegations of impeachment, and exposure of damaging transcripts of presidential conversations all abounding, the NFPWC launched an aggressive campaign. Members were to circulate a one-page, seventeen inch by twenty-two inch flyer called “under false pretenses.” On Feb. 13, the Concerned Christians Association of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary issued a widely circulated document entitled “A Statement of Inter-Denominational Ministers Concerning the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.” Equally significant was a letter from a group of inter-denominational ministers led by the Reverend B. D. Baruch, to the General Association of Philadelphia. The letter drew an equally significant response from the Philadelphia City Council. The Reverend Baruch, who had been an outspoken critic of the Unification Church, was quoted as saying, “This is the first time that we have had a church leader come before the City Council and ask for our support.”

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arah was, and is, a dear friend of mine. We met in Chicago in 1960 or thereabouts. I was in Chicago for True Father's Day of Hope speech. I remem- ber going shopping with Sarah—the neighborhood was busy and traffic heavy but she had no trouble finding a parking space. When this hap- pened at two more stores, I remarked that she found parking without trouble. Sarah replied, “Oh, not for me. This happens at Los Angeles Community College where she stayed with relat- ives and earned a G.I. Bill. There, during and in Sociology class, she encountered Edward Bellamy's Looking Backward (1888), a book that launched her life’s journey. As she told it: “I read the entire book without stop- ping. As I read, the world being described as an ideal would without war, crime or evil of any kind became very real for me. The book was written as a roman- tic novel but was taken as a true prophe- cy of what was to come in the year 2000, to be pioneered in the U.S., and to be brought about with- out war through a just and righteous process. I realized that the prophecy was true and that I would see this world in 1947, and I was 28 years old. I figured that I would be 82 when this world was established.” Sarah realized she “was not qualified to be a cit- izen in such a per- fect world” and, as she expressed it, “determined to change myself to become like a character in Bellamy’s book, able to love every- one as though they were part of my own physical family.”

Sarah met Eileen Welch, a Unification Church mission- ary, after several visits, Eileen said, “You know, there is an International Family building an Ideal World.” Sarah immediately replied, “You know, that’s what I was thinking!” From that point, Eileen began teach- ing Sarah the Divine Principle. Later, Sarah put her entire life on hold to help Father Moon establish the Unification Church. Dr. Michael L. Mickler

On Sarah's Seung Hwa

One of our sisters' best
Sarah Witt is laid to rest.
But her spirit, strong and pure
Does not rest, as I am sure.
Sarah lived and loved us well
Where she went, I cannot tell.
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This page is a memorial to Sarah Witt, a Unificationist who passed away on November 18, 1999. The text describes her life, her work for the Unification Church, and her impact on others. The text is written in a personal and respectful tone, highlighting her dedication to the church and her commitment to her family and community. The text also includes a message from Dr. Michael L. Mickler, offering condolences and acknowledging Sarah's contribution to the Unification Movement.

Sarah's life is described as one of service and sacrifice, with a strong focus on her dedication to the Unification Church and her family. The text mentions her work as a counselor, her involvement in various church activities, and her dedication to helping others. The text also highlights her personal life, including her marriage and the birth of her children.

The text ends with a message from Dr. Therese Stewart, offering her condolences and expressing her admiration for Sarah's commitment to the church and her community.
Part One

This month we begin a two-part article about the beliefs and practices of humanism. In my view, the differences between Christian denominations are relatively minor. The clash between Christianity and Islam is far more serious, but the two faiths have more in common than many people care to admit. Even the yawning chasm between monotheism and paganism pales in comparison with one other cultural divide. In the future, the crucial debate will be between those who believe in God and those who oppose that belief. (I'll address paganism and the New Age movement in an upcoming article.)

The Divide

Marxism may have failed, but that was just one quirky version of atheist thought. In past UNews articles I have appealed to atheists, and mentioned humanism. This article is an appeal to card-carrying Humanists, plus information for believers who have encountered them, or soon will.

Why the concern? Humanists don't just privately doubt, or simply not believe. They actively denigrate the beliefs of others. They claim that the universe is entirely material, and that un-god belief in the spiritual can only lead to pleasant delusion, and at worst a dangerous fanaticism.

In practice, this opposition ranges from clear, logical arguments to childish, ignorant mockery. Increasingly, they are using the very scientific rules we study things under, to somehow prove the existence of the supernatural. Their rationale seems to be: if a thing can be proven, it must be false. Therefore, if they can't come up with any explanation of God, then that must mean... well, you fill in the blank.

Science itself has some limits. No one can do experiments upon astronomical objects, nor observe the multi-million year process of evolution. In both cases we can only see the results, and that from a considerable distance. Scientists are unable to create life, much less intelligence. (These things may yet occur.)

There are also basic flaws in the scientific method. Gödel's Theorem states that mathematics cannot prove itself true; that one must always seek another, larger source of truth. Authors Jones and Wilson put it thusly: “In 1931, the Czech-born mathematician Kurt Gödel demonstrated that within any given branch of mathematics, there would always be some propositions that couldn't be proven either true or false using the rules and axioms of that mathematical branch itself. You might be able to prove every conceivable statement about numbers within a system by going outside the system in order to come up with new rules an axioms, but by doing so you'll only create a larger system with its own unprovable statements."

This concept was expanded by computer pioneer Alan Turing, with his famous Halting Problem. In essence, a computer cannot always know when a given problem is unsolvable, or when to stop trying to figure it out. A popular example involves a donkey caught between two identical piles of hay. Unable to decide which pile to approach, a literal-minded donkey would starve! As with the Vulcans of popular fiction, logic cannot really give motive, much less meaning, to one's life.

The Divide

Humanists rarely attack such beliefs as the Buddha's Righteous Path. They reserve their ire for Christianity, and do their best to shred the Bible and popular American beliefs.

There are endless 'proofs' for and against the existence of God, which alone would fill an entire bookshelf. However, few are convincing. In my opinion, no one has ever done it better than C.S. Lewis (in his Mere Christianity), and our own Principle of Creation.

Most humanists display a basic ignorance of theology. Most of their essays poke at concepts such as 'predetermination' and the 'existence of evil,' which theologians have already tackled. But if mainstream Christian doctrines are lacking, chances are that the Principle has already provided a decisive answer.

One tongue-in-cheek attack on the Biblical 'Noah's rainbow' story was especially silly. (It presumed that rainbows would not have existed before that time.) Rather than joining in a rich discussion, humanists are usually content to set up straw men.

Suggestions

I'd like to offer the humanists a few helpful suggestions. You see, despite some impressive scholarship, their organizations have a tiny membership. (Sure, I say, a lack of converts?)

Surveys reveal that there are millions of non-religious Americans, and humanists wonder aloud why those people aren't flocking to their banner. With their vast numbers, they might now incur. This matters to science itself. It gives everyone some food for thought.

Next month we'll continue with Part Two.
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