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Atlanta

Thirty ministers and elected officials from Atlanta attended the Chicago and Washington, D.C. National ACLC Convocations. They were deeply moved by their experiences. I thought to myself, “Wow, can we bring this spirit back to Atlanta?” But we did!

On Thursday, March 21, one hundred fifty guests attended the American Clergy Leadership Conference. There were 120 ministers, about half of them attending an ACLC program for the first time. At the end of the program there was an invi-

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Virginia

Heavenly Father’s mighty marriage dedication campaign spirit came down to Fredericksburg, VA, April 19, at the ACLC prayer breakfast organized with the support of 3 area couples and AFC. Of the 44 participants, 36 were clergy and state leaders including Cabinet, faith-based liaison, and two state legislators. The spirit was one of dynamic excitement and possibilities for our community and nation, as Rev. Fauntroy, Rev. Jenkins, Bishop Johnson and Peter Brown led the poignant commitment to see VIRGINIA on page 6

Ohio

With just four days notice, we received a message that Rev. Dr. Charles Kenyatta who has been matched with Ms. Sun Bok Lee (Mrs. Hsu) was coming to speak to our city, Columbus, Ohio. As we have a weekly Prayer Breakfast Meetings every Saturday, we sought that it will be appropriate for him to speak there. However, in accordance with his national schedule, he had to speak on Tuesday night. We were in a bind so the Korean national messiah, Rev. Shin, called some Japanese missionaries for a midnight Prayer Vigil.

On this foundation, we invited all the core ACLC pastors’ couples and the newly blessed ministers’ couples. To our surprise, over 300 people came. The night before the dinner meeting, we met with Bishop Andy Lewter, who is the President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and Pastor of Full Gospel Baptist, and we invited him to join the dinner meeting. He said that he knows Dr. Charles Kenyatta very well and he is an old friend of him, he was very curious to learn that he is a fiancé to Mrs. Hsu. He said, “I have to come and listen to his testimony”. In addition, he came for sure and sacrificed his Bible Study. Many other great ministers, Dr. Sokoto Fulani, Pastor of the

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DC

This March and April, local ACLC leaders, Rev. C. Phillip Johnson and Rev. Cleveland Sparrow conducted Blessing Ceremonies in their churches.

Rev. C. Phillip Johnson prepared everything by himself. He sent a special invitation card to his congregation and led the ceremony. All the congregation received Holy Waze.

Nobody told him how to conduct ceremony, but he knew it and he did it. He had just come back from NY convocation and he was really hot. (In fact, while he was in NY, he was invited to East Garden as one of 12 key ministers and received special guidance from Father together with other key ministers.)

Rev. Sparrow also conducted Blessing ceremony. He was also very excited to give Blessing and he actually did it.

Now, together with these

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Seattle

The first Sikh Blessing in Seattle took place on Sunday April 7, 2002 at the Gurdwara Singh Sabha. About 250 couples received the Blessing.

Sikh Peace Ambassador Dr. Tarlochan Randhawa, Regional Director Rev. Hun Suk Lee along with David Malloch and Daniele Cohen organized the event. In attendance were Rev. Gurmukh Singh, National Messiah to Italy and Rev. Jung Yuel Choi, National Messiah to the Dominican Republic. Fifteen Japanese missionaries lent their support.

Planning this Blessing required careful consideration as to how to maintain respect for the Sikh faith and how to administer the Blessing within the bounds of Sikh culture and tradition. The Blessing was given through the Sikh holy bread pitha, a mixture of flour, sugar and butter. The taking of pitha for a Sikh is one of the most holy

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Denver

We had a wonderful event in Denver the evening of April 4. It was one of the very first events of the “We will stand for Family and Save the Nation” 50-state tour by ACLC ministers. We were honored with the presence of Rev. Charles Kenyatta and Mrs. Hsu. Their testimony really won everyone’s heart. As Minister Gerald of the Nation of Islam put it, “That was the punch!” We found out about Rev. Kenyatta’s coming just the night before the event, but it was just what was needed to bring the Blessing message home to our audience.

Although we had prepared for 100 guests, it soon became apparent that we had far too few seats and meals to go around. Many more people started showing up and we had to set up extra tables. Our Japanese missionaries and local staff stayed in the foyer as our guests filled up

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by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Beloved Heavenly Father. Today is 2002 April 4, at 10 o'clock, the 22nd of February according to the lunar calendar. We started this ceremony in Korea fourteen hours ago. To connect the 1st and 2nd and 3rd and 4th and 5th and 6th and 7th and 8th and 9th and 10th and 11th and 12th and 13th and 14th and 15th and 16th and 17th and 18th and 19th and 20th and 21st and 22nd and 23rd and 24th and 25th and 26th and 27th and 28th and 29th and 30th and 31st of February, and the 1st and 2nd and 3rd and 4th and 5th and 6th and 7th and 8th and 9th and 10th and 11th and 12th and 13th and 14th and 15th and 16th and 17th and 18th and 19th and 20th and 21st and 22nd and 23rd and 24th and 25th and 26th and 27th and 28th and 29th and 30th and 31st and 1st and 2nd and 3rd and 4th and 5th and 6th and 7th and 8th and 9th and 10th and 11th and 12th and 13th and 14th and 15th and 16th and 17th and 18th and 19th and 20th and 21st and 22nd and 23rd and 24th and 25th and 26th and 27th and 28th and 29th and 30th and 31st of March, we started a new year. Today, the 2nd year of the Cheon Il Guk, 2002, lunar 2/2, 22 hours, 22 minutes and 22 seconds, is the time of giving the blessing in Korea and Japan, centered on the central people, the blessed couples. In America, we offer this ideal with the four saints and four True Children in the spirit world. We receive the blessing, and each central figure is totally mobilized to set up your ordinance.

We come here this day to set up this offering and liberation ceremony. True Parents, Lord of heaven, Lord of absolute faith, love and obedience, Creator of one heart, one mind and one body, the heart of God. We have one bride, one family, under God. From there we can offer this glory on this day, at this moment, in the name of True Parents.

Blessing spirit world

Today, the 2nd year of the Cheon Il Guk, 2002.02.02, 04:04, is a special day for Daemo Nim. Daemo Nim and Cheong Pyeong lake in the name of the Cheon Il Guk, 2002, lunar 2/2, restored the failure of those in the mother’s position, in the Old, New and Completed Testament ages. At this moment, centered on Cheong Pyeong Lake, in the name of True Parents, and on the position of the True Children, Heung Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Hye Jin Nim, and united with the four saints, all the blessed righteous people understand. On that basis, they receive the blessing of the True Parents.

Then all blessed couples in spirit world and physical world unite to indemnify the Cain and Abel relationship, centered on the parents of heaven and earth. They are inter-religious, international, inter-ethnic, “inter NGO,” and are resolved to establish God’s fatherland, with absolute faith, love and obedience. We believe in God and total unity in True Parents’ original true love, life, and lineage, we can establish the foundation that we lost in Adam and Eve. We can establish the national foundation with absolute faith, love and
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Obedience, living for the sake of others, giving and investing and forgetting, with God’s love and heart. Resembling God, we are newly born in the position of children. I deeply appreciate this moment.

Unification brothers and sisters are reborn with true love, life, and lineage. The first and second generations are now connecting to the third generation. These are not just words, but this is the fact of facts, with the authority of God. We can set up from here the foundation of the individual and family, and connect to the whole spirit world. Spirit beings can come down to the earth to move on and support in this time, to liberate all people on earth. This time is now.

Today, lunar 2002.02.02, we tear down all the walls of spirit world and equalize all the spirit world centered on God and True Parents. Right and left, brothers and sisters, all are equalized with one heart, mind and body, creating the realm of one family centered on God. This represents the tribe and nation and the position of the messiah. It is God’s time to fulfill the messianic position, by the coronation ceremony of God’s kingship. Everything is in your hands. You are the all transcendent, all immaculate, all abundant and all sovereign God. You can totally dominate this and liberate all creatures from the depth of sin. I create; I am beyond; I can totally embrace. Come into the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in heaven.

So far, Lucifer and evil spirit powers come, join and support this time of liberation. Everything is done well, on earth and in heaven. All blessed couples totally understand and join together. We work based upon this ideal at Cheong Pyeong Lake, with assistance from heaven and now on the earth the foundation of God. Now we move on to the coronation ceremony of True Parents’ kingship, and then the total living offerings for the children.

The children born on earth should be persons of filial piety, patriots and sons and daughters of God. Those people are to liberate all humankind, liberate all religions, and liberate political and economic worlds. Now is the time to move on to the new world and the new heaven and earth. We declare the age of the autonomous nation and the special liberation and completion of God’s time and age. Centered on God, all humankind becomes one family.

Indemnity offerings

History moves forward on the foundation of indemnity. The happy family is the key indemnity. It is not easy to overcome the number nine. That’s why God has less than 1/3 and Satan’s side more than 2/3. So God’s side has to pay the 10% tithe. In the time of indemnity, 10% tithing is very important. You receive a salary, and to make it right you offer money clean and fresh from the bank. If you do so, your life will never suffer difficulty. The important thing in the religious life is indemnity. Offer the most important thing in your family to God. For example, offer ten percent of your jewelry to God. Share the other 90% with your tribe, as a legacy. If you give it to your children, they will quarrel over it with each other. From now on, the practice of parents bequeathing to their children is not the right idea. Your wealth should be offered to the nation, not to your children.

What you gain in your life, offer to the nation. One beautiful tradition in America is that of wealthy people giving away their wealth to the society, not to their children. I am this way; I offer everything to the world, to benefit the next generation. The ideal of the Unification Church is to serve the world. So, in response, you should support the True Family, just as the archangel should have protected the children of Adam and Eve. The blessed couples did not fulfill their responsibility, so the True Family is in trouble.

Whatever Satan takes, I can restore to its original place, at any moment, without problem. Of the four True Children in spirit world, three are sons and one is a daughter. They are totally united, one Eve and the three sons representing the three ages. These are principled numbers. They couldn’t fulfill everything during their earthly life, so now young people are growing in the spirit world. We should memorialize them. The spirits of babies who died are growing. They reach above 16, then, when I give the direction, they receive the blessing. That comprises 100 million couples. Even previously married couples receive the blessing in the spirit world.

The second category of couples, that of Noah, consists of couples who are only half settled. Those who receive the Noah type of blessing just lived together but were not married. Those people gather together and are blessed. Then there are the pure couples. It is just like the 36 couples: there are three different types. The third type is that of the Jacob couples. They are the seed of all human descendants. The others are impure or divorced. The central position among the 36 couples is that of the Jacob couples, the pure couples. The Previously Married Couples are representatives of the Old Testament age; the Noah couples represent the New Testament age, and the Jacob couples are pure, representing the Completed Testament age. All this is set up only through True Parents. Then safe settlement can come, in this way, on the earth, and those blessed couples will connect with the Kingdom of Heaven directly.

Now is the time to settle the three types of couples. There are many cohabiting couples in America, couples who want no children and just live to enjoy each other. They unite with the Jacob couples. All three types unite.

The 72 couples are centered on Moses, as were the 72 elders in the wilderness. In Jesus’ time, there were 72 disciples and 120 followers, all connecting with the disciples that numbered 12. In Jesus’ time, the 120 followers connected with the Holy Spirit, the mother spirit. They have no political foundation, but just a spiritual foundation here on earth. But Israel had a substantial nation. Christian people were just wandering, shedding blood wherever they went. Tearing down their ideas and nations, shedding blood through the walls. Christians are sacrificed everywhere. They reach to the national level. Those nations are America, England and France, one by one, and Germany, Japan and Italy on the evil side. There was a secular nation. And Hitler said he was like the messiah, and the Japanese emperor acted like a messiah. All of that connects with Satan’s side. And they used force.

France is in the archangelic position. England is the mother’s position and America is both son and father. The allied nations won. On the foundation of that victory, the messiah came on the earth. Jesus lost the foundation on the earth and the True Parents returned to God. He returned 4,520. He was to have unified Roman Catholicism and Protestantism with a one-day education and one-day blessing, as with the Ambassadors of Peace. It is a powerful weapon. It was prepared for 7,000 years. Now in one day Rev. Kwak visits a nation and blesses the top leaders.

The physical world does not yet totally see the value of the blessing. The earthly world is the Adamic realm, and the spirit world is the archangelic realm. The ancestors are in the archangelic position. The body of Satan multiplied as humankind. True Parents, from age 16, made indemnity conditions and set the foundation for victory.

Conditional blessing

You received a conditional blessing, as the basis to connect with your wife. Your wife is in the mother’s position.
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Bass Fishing on The Hudson
with Father April 2002

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Fishing with Father

by Mr. Minoru Kayaguma

I had an opportunity to guide Dr. Yan and few other Korean Leaders to fish on Hudson River on Sunday Mar. 24. It was a nice day but a little bit of a difficult day to find fish.

We moved a few times and finally we started catching striped bass. Even True Father's boat was struggling to catch the limit of fish allowed. Both boats finished almost in same time to catch and bag the limit. It took nearly two hours but still much quicker than in previous years. Though we fulfilled our task, still True Father was trying to catch bigger fish. Then

Dr. Yan caught a beautiful 30-inch striped bass and this fish was the biggest fish of the day.

their thoughts and dreams. They miss their True Father, the true man. They never met a true man. That's why all women miss the true man. But they cannot meet the messiah and they end up abused and exploited. The dream of the fallen Eve is to meet the one person, the bridegroom. In the fallen world, you marry having such hope, but even if you have a family, you soon hate your husband and he turns to homosexuality and free sex. Thus he becomes like an animal, and the human race is going down.

So the Unification Church gives the offering table? Or do you just want to eat the fruit of this atonement ceremony with God and True Parents? Are you better than God? You should love Rev. Moon more than you love God. Do you? If not, you should repent so much. "I am here at this liberation ceremony with God and True Parents, but I am so arrogant." Do you like these hard words from Father? Or do you just want to eat the fruit of the offering table?
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tation to receive the Marriage Blessing. Twenty-five minister couples received the Blessing, including a State Representative and a candidate for the U.S. Congress.

The program began at 7:00 p.m. with dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the Atlanta Family Church. At 7:45 p.m. the program moved into the Sanctuary. The Japanese missionaries sang a very beautiful Christian hymn that really opened the hearts of the guests. The new videotape, "Stand for Marriage and Save the Nation," was shown. The movie introduced the Blessing very nicely, and people were wondering how they could participate.

Then Elder James Tukes and his wife, Sister Santera Tukes, gave a tes- timony about receiving the Blessing on Sunday, March 17. It is before our program. Their pastor, Apostle John Davis, Sr., attended the Washington D.C. Holy Convocation, and the very next day, Sunday, March 17, he offered the Blessing to the couples in his congregation in Atlanta. The following Tuesday he received an excited telephone call from Elder Tukes. He said, "Pastor, pastor, you are not going to believe this. After drinking the Holy Wine, and participating in the Marriage Blessing, my whole life has changed. I have fallen in love with my wife again. I have to get up at 1 am every morning to go to work, and she never gets up with me. But yesterday morning, she got up, and we prayed together and she blessed my work. I see her in a whole new way, now. Our love has changed, too, it's a different kind of love.

After the Elder Tukes' testimony, it was my turn to share how the Blessing would be offered at the end of the program. The whole audience was eager to take the Holy Wine.

Then Pastor Jesse Edwards spoke. His speech was dynamic and hit all the right points. He shared how in the past year his church has grown because he has emphasized the Marriage Blessing with his couples. Every week at least 10 new members are added to his church. Sometimes, as many as 25 new guests attend on a Sunday.

The ACLC meeting the following Thursday was very exciting. First, the response of the ministers to the Mar- riage Blessing was very encouraging. They really wanted to receive the Holy Wine, and to bring it to their congregations. Several are giving the Blessing to their members next Sunday. Secondly, many ministers are now bringing other ministers to our ACLC meetings. The Blessing is spreading the South, and the ACLC is growing dramatically.

Executive Committee.

On March 28 we had another incred- ible meeting, this time our Month- ly ACLC Executive Committee meet- ing. Our ACLC Executive Committee has met monthly since January, and our March meeting happened to fall on Maundy Thursday, the day we commemorate the Last Supper of Christ with his dis- ciples. Our meeting included Lady Hyun Shil Kang, Rev. Zin Moon Kim, Rev. Man Ho Kim, and twenty-one ACLC min- isters. Our local com- mittee represents a diversity of faiths including Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, Tri- umph Church and Kingdom of God in Christ, United Church of God in Christ, Mormon and Muslim, as well as white, black and Asian.

After our program, Mrs. Kang exclaimed, "This is good, this is good," and Rev. Zin Moon Kim smiled, "Good job." As Bishop Murjan Rashead drove away from the meeting he burst into tears. "I couldn't help cry- ing, I was so deeply touched by the spirit of unity, love, and giving that I felt during our meeting.

We began with an Invocation from Presiding Apostle Willie Malcom, a member of the National ACLC Executive Committee. Then we received the Motorcycle Blessing of Rev. Man Ho Kim, the Chairman of the Georgia ACLC. He emphasized that world peace can only begin when mind and body are unit- ed. Conflict in the family is actually an expansion of the struggle within the individual. In the same way, all glob- al conflict is an expansion of the war within the indi- vidual and family. Rev. Kim conclu- ded, "It is a miracle that we are here today representing such a diversity of races, and religions. Throughout histo- ry, religion has been source of most strife. We need understanding and dialogue between religions.

Ministers then shared about their experiences the Washington, D.C. and Chicago Convocations. Rev. Kaye Obitoshe shared that after the very first words were spoken in Chicago, he heard the Spirit of God say, "You see, you could do it in isolation. Even if you had everything you need to do the job - even if you had all that God has - you could not accomplish the task alone."

Another minister gave a testimony about how he expanded during the Jesse Edward's meeting in Atlanta. She con- fessed that before meeting the ACLC she wanted to divorce her husband or not she should stay married to her husband and divorce him. She demanded an answer from God. and quickly found it when she heard Bishop Stallings at an earlier Atlanta ACLC meeting. She brought her hus- band to the meeting with Pastor Edwards, and they participated in the Blessing. She was deeply moved when her hus- band, upon Pastor Edwards instruction, pointed a finger at her and said, "You are mine, you belong to me. Divorce is not an option." Their Blessing rekindled love in their marriage.

Archbishop and Mrs. George Stallings have baby

Archbishop Stallings and his Japanese-born wife, Sayomi, have a child.

Archbishop Stallings—who was not at the birth of Shin Young Stallings on April 15 as he was in North Carolina on the "Stand Up for Family Tour"—said: "As the Roman Catholic Church continues to strug- gle with celibacy in the priesthood, my only regret in having come to this point in my life as a Catholic priest is that I didn't come into this incred- ible family and life-affirming expe- rience sooner."

You need to reach out to other people. Only by working together can you ful- fill the task." Even though he had gone to the Convocation with some doubts, after attending, he concluded that, "Now is the time of action. I am giving ACLC my service. Whatever needs to be done, I am available." Rev. Ofodile also testified to the work of the Japanese missionaries. Several of the ministers around the table smiled at me with knowing eyes as Rev. Ofodile described the persistence, constancy, and genuine love of these Japanese missionaries. The ministers felt they cannot escape the True Love of the Mother Nation.

Minister Steven Muhammad is the Southeast Regional Director of the Mil- lion Family March and attended the D.C. Convocation. He was moved by the speech of Dr. Chang Shik Yang, the National Chairman of the ACLC. Min- ister Muhammad especially appreci- ated the reminder that the wife owns her husband's sexual organs, and vice versa. During the Convocation he saw more deeply into the value of the fam- ily, and how through family love, one can more fully experience the love of God. "From the Convocation, I under- stood more about the family than I had ever been taught before."

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family dedication together with many local speakers. Local pastors and their wives eagerly helped lead a communion of happy marriages. One of the state legislators commented on the program, "The central problem is sin, which the government cannot solve. This is my problem is the reason, growing the church, saving the nation!" We were invited to have an array of pastors crossing the racial and denominational boundaries, with significant white mainland alongside leading African American clergymen: Lutheran, Unit- ed Methodist, Catholic, Evangelical, Black and White Baptist, and a director from a multi-denominational body representing tens of millions of Chris- tians. These were almost all first time participants. The Tony and Mimi Dempsey Family, Paul & Neuma Erich- son, and Caprona’s—aided by a vol-unteer Girl Scout Troop from New Hope Academy and our dedicated staff vol-unteers Debbie Scott and Joe Wakana—worked hard through mailing to 250 churches and many church visits, and a weekend host- ing of the most beautiful Japanese team (Ritsuko, Takeda and Chiimani Furukawa) who melted their hearts. Phone call- ing was led by one of our bright second generation leaders, Marreda Lee. Futsy Casino touched every heart with her uplifting gospel song, and closing with "Impossible Dream..."

We focused on solving a central, grass-roots movement that is tacking the abortion problem of our youth (20 churches called for youth abstinence, 800 area youth the preceding Sunday which we visited together with our Japanese family). Peter Brown sup-ported this with AFC’s Parents Day and "True Love Thing To Do" abortion education campaign, a love offering was made for the local abstinence movement, a place of prayer was made to meet again on follow-up projects in the community. We want to support the launch of a True Fam-iely Values Institute in the lead church to help equip the ministers in address- ing marriage and fami- ly issues, along with an AFC family healing cen- ter and abortion support program.

Afterwards, our leadership team of Rev. Jenkins, Rev. Fanmutu, APC Regional Director Peter Brown, Bishop John-son and myself prayed tearfully for the nation holding hands together under a shade tree in the beating sun at Pres- ident George Washington’s historic boy- hood home overlooking the Rappa- hannock River. It was a watershed prayer and unity among us for the new family movement of our African American ancestors. (Four histo- ry archaeologists who were surveying the Washington homestead were amazed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and our inter-racial brotherhood). Just as we were praying for Rev. A. and Mar- ries (APC RD Region 2, phoned from Ohio and patched into Rev. Fanmutu, who led the urgent call for support for a major national Black Leadership Con- ference coming up in May).

This marriage reevaluation campaign is Father’s gift to America. Build your foundation in each state and renew our families working together community-by-community. Thank you Rev. Jenkins and APC RD Peter Brown for tremen- dous support and all with the Dempsey and Erickson family (please pray for their daughter Arianna who is suffer- ing greatly amidst their beautiful sac- rifice.}

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Wesley United Methodist Church and others came, even Minister Donnelb Muhammad, a represen- tative of Minister Louis Farakahkatan brought his wife and other Moslem brothers. We had a greatained audience.

Pastors and ministers were moved by the testimonies of Dr. Kenyatta and Mrs. Sung Bok Lee who were considered as Abraham and Sarah. Dr. Kenyatta said that he does not know how Abraham felt when he met Sarah, but he knows how he feels by meeting

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level.

Rev. De Borah James testified that after attending her first ACLC meet- ing, she went. The ACLC answered so many questions for her. "Technology is advancing rapidly. The latest com- puter is obsolete the very next year. I was amazed with the ACLC. They have catapulted us into a whole new dimension of God’s Kingdom Dominion. After meet- ing the ACLC I even walk differently. Instead of looking for Christ outside myself. I want to reflect the Christ that is in me."

After the ministers shared their experiences from the about Chica- go, Detroit, and Atlanta ACLC events, Apostle John Davis, Sr. gave a twenty-minute address. He is the Co-Chairman of the Georgia ACLC Execu- tive Committee, and truly a man of action. Apostle Davis challenged the assembled ministers to get themselves right. “No more spare keys”, and to devote themselves to making ACLC a success. He concluded by saying, “We need to let people know that Rev. and Mrs. Moon are not monsters. They are of God, and God has anointed their ministry in a powerful way. The ACLC and the Blessing are not just some idea ministry in a powerful way. The ACLC and the Blessing are not just some idea of God, and God has anointed their ministry in a powerful way. The ACLC and the Blessing are not just some idea that they sat around and came up with. The ACLC is of God ordained, and God is endowing this Blessed Marriage Move- ment...”

Since the national Convocation, Apostle Davis, and four of other min- isters had conducted blessings for members in their congregations. I then, gave a twenty minute address on “Greater Love Hath No Man (John 15:13)” — a testimony of the mission of Rev. Moon, and his suffering course of living for the sake of others. I encour- aged the ministers to understand more clearly what kind of person Rev. Moon is, so that they could defend attacks that might come to them for associat- ing with the ACLC.

Lunch began promptly at 12:30 p.m. While eating we discussed what we needed to do to make the April 27 Bless- ing a success in Atlanta. As we tried to decide where to hold the ceremony, Minister Steven Muhammad, of the Nation of Islam, suggested asking a black United Methodist pastor if we could use his larger church. Sitting next to Minister Muhammad was Pas- sor Terry DeLand, a white, United Methodist minister. He knew the other UMC pastor, and said he would work with Minister Muhammad to make the church available. They joked about how their “salt and pepper team” would get the job done. We also decided to hold a Seven Day Prayer Vigil for Marriage from April 20 through April 27. The ministers chal- lenged every church and the blessing during local Prayer Break- fast. Too many testimonies and reports are coming everyday.
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rituals he can engage in. It represents the grace and blessing of God. All Sikhs partake of phershad at their worship services. It is also the only item according to religious structure that can be consumed within their holy sanctuary. The Family Federation offered to sponsor the phershad for that day and Rev. Lee, Song and Choi prayed over the phershad to add their blessing to it.

An explanation of True Family Values and the Inter-religious Blessing in English and Punjabi was distributed to the participants. In addition, everyone received the four Blessing Vows again in English and Punjabi. David Mataiovich gave a short presentation in English which was translated by Dr. Randhawa. The heart priest gave the blessing prayer also in the Sinhalese language.

The whole event made for quite a colorful spectacle. The Korean elders and the Japanese sisters all wore brightly colored clothes on their heads. The Sikhs themselves, wear bright clothes and scarves. Everyone gathered for photos afterwards. Since September 11 the Sikhs in this community have unfortunately been persecuted in this area and they were very appreciative of what we were doing. We in turn were moved by the warmth and sincerity of such devout people.

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the seats and enjoyed the meal. They didn’t mind missing the dinner because they were so overjoyed that all their faithful efforts in visiting ministers had paid off. There were easily more than 150 in attendance.

Some of the ministers of the largest and most famous African American churches in the city showed up for the first time. Not only did they come themselves, but the brought others from their congregations. Rev. Jesse Griffin from Minneapolis gave a wonderful testimony of the work of ACLC. He testified that he gives the Blessing once a month in his church and that it has made a world of difference in his church. He challenged all the clergy present to do the same. He said, “It doesn’t take much time, it’s no trouble at all, and you will be surprised what a great blessing it will bring to your church. Just try it!”

Rev. Griffin called all the couples to the front and it seemed that every single couple hopped out of their seats and went forward and drank the Holy Wine together.

After the Holy Wine, Rev. Kenyatta and Mrs. Hsu were introduced. They were introduced by Rev. Juanita Perre-Louis. She really did a good job of introducing them and shared that they had recently been “matched”. When they came to the stage everyone was charmed to find such a cute and yet dignified couple of newlyweds. Around the room there was nothing but smiles on everyone’s faces. It was a wonderful testimony to True Parents’ love.

Everyone present was encouraged to bless their own churches. We told them that we would provide the Holy Juice cups for all pastors intending to do the Blessing this Sunday in their churches. They were instructed to pick up the Holy Juice cups at the registration desk. Twenty-three pastors requested and received 580 cups on their way out of the program.

Testimonies and Reflections

The participants at the Stand for Family banquet represented an amazing cross-section of faith leaders: Baptist, COGC, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Apostolic, plus Muslims and Messianic Jews. The participants also included African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians and whites.

Rev. Frank Davis is the pastor of Zion Baptist Church, the oldest and one of the largest African American churches in Colorado. He came with wife and 4 other ministers from his church and their spouses. He said “this was a wonderful and exciting program. This really makes clear to me that I need to focus more on family and bring this to the community.”

Rev. Hugh Harris is pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church in Denver. He will soon leave Colorado to pastor a large church in Vancouver, BC. He said, “This is a very meaningful ministry. I will bring this to my congregation to give them the blessing I have received.”

Rev. Jesse Griffin in the ACLC national evangelical church from Minneapolis. He did a wonderful job of sharing about the blessing and inspiring all couples present to participate. At the conclusion of the program he said, “This was really an amazing turnout. It is really inspiring to see the many different pastors and church leaders who came. There is a great work going on here in Denver.”

Rev. William Ephrat-am, co-convenor of ACLC in Colorado, said that the testimony of Rev. Kenyatta and Mrs. Hsu was such a highlight; everyone was thrilled. He said, “Father really knows what is doing in matching; you could just feel that Rev. Kenyatta and his bride to be are just right for each other. I wish Father could match the young people in my church; then I could be sure their marriages would be on solid ground.”

Among the participants were two leaders from the Colorado organization of Messianic Jews, Dr. Ferguson, who has a Ph.D. from Oxford, leads the group. After the program they stayed for near an hour, fellowshipping with our members and other participants.

Edwin Cornier mentioned that his guests were skeptical and cool when they first arrived at the program. By the end of the evening they were so inspired and warm that they did not want to leave.

Rev. Patrick Tessmer, pastor of the New Apostolic Church, said, “I am inspired by the idea of bringing the experience of first love back into marriage and the holy juice blessing.”

Mrs. America Peacecock (minister's wife) said: “It is so valuable to remember that marriage is so important. I was very touched by Rev. Kenyatta. And there was so much spirituality in this program!”

Rev. Steven Williams is pastor of the Aurora First United Methodist Church. He said: “I like the idea of rededicating our families. I will do this at our church on Sunday, April 28th.”

Mrs. Morgan, wife of Pastor Oscar Morgan of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, said: “The speakers at this program were all wonderful, but especially the pastor from New York (Rev. Kenyatta) and his wife. I could feel the unity; it was wonderful.”

Linda Cornier also made a special breakthrough today. She went with Japanese missionaries to the offices of Denver mayor Wellington Webb. They did not have an appointment, yet Linda persisted through the objections of the Mayor’s staff to see Mayor Webb for even one minute. Her perseverance paid off: the met the mayor and shared the holy wine with him. (Wellington Webb is well respected nationally as an African American elected official who has done excellent work as Denver’s mayor for the last 8 years.)

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This Blessing was just the first step. There is a Sikh population of about 10,000 in the Seattle area and 100,000 in Vancouver, BC. Two more Blessings are planned for April 14 and 21. April 21st is the day the Sikhs celebrate Kalsa, the biggest holy day in the Sikh calendar. Thousands of Sikhs will attend from the Seattle and Vancouver area and will be very blessing at that time.

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UNIFICATION NEWS

April 2002
by David Pelton

I felt so good to bless someone. It made me want to do it again and more! Although I am among the majority of American members who are employed and support their families, I felt strongly motivated to assist the Japanese missionaries who were relying on the western members in our Northern California community for daily transportation. So I volunteered two time slots (Thursday mornings and Wednesday evenings), and hoped other western members in our community would step forward.

I saw no reason why we shouldn’t use some of our time to help in any way we could. It is the least we can do, and let us remember, as we were taught many times that whatever we invest ourselves for God, particularly for this coming special Blessing, every effort we make will be remembered, and we don’t need to look around and doubt if our own such effort is valuable.

Fortunately, in the last few weeks a number of western community members have committed their time to provide transportation, homes, funds and food to the Japanese sister’s efforts. My wife Hisayo and I have done the same. She has even assisted a team with transportation on one Sunday with a rental car.

My first Thursday experience was with three Japanese missionaries. That morning we revisited three churches they had visited the previous afternoon. The Pastor, his wife or the assistant pastor serviced us and her pinterest review and consent. We were very happy to hear from him. This pastor’s church is near a convocation or the Blessing ceremony which would open the door to a future appointment with him.

Then we received a list of churches from the flag providence. We visited forty of them with a video (“We Will Stand”) and a pamphlet. After April 21, we visited the responsive or the interested. We had a good impression of. On this second visit, we thought it was important to get support from sisters living in America to avoid a language problem. Whenever they needed missionaries’ help for their area, we helped them with pleasure. Then when we needed them, they were willing to help us back. Through this, we created good give and take action with them and trust in our relationship. Based on this unity, the pastors’ response became better than we expected. We appreciated working together with each other.

We left with a very uplifting feeling, and felt he would testify saying “Father! Let us see to which church would open the door to a future appointment with him. It felt so good to bless someone—my first time! It made me want to do it again and more.

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**Father’s Words to ACLC Executive Committee**

This is from a note True Father sent to the ACLC ministers.

God’s Will will be accomplished on earth, no matter what. Because of the power of America, but by the power of the Truth. Only the Truth can prevail. If you are connected in heart to Jesus you can know these things. Therefore you have to listen. This is the completion of the Old and New Testament eras. People don’t know how to reach the heavenly realm. If you know God and the Spiritual World you will understand Rev. Moon.

This Blessing is not because I need 144,000 churches but because it will open up the gate of the Spirit World. Once this gate is open then Heavenly Father will guide America. If Christianity fails God will go to the other world religions to accomplish His goal. However if God’s providence goes in a different direction it will take much longer for the Kingdom to be realized.

I didn’t come to America because I’m fond of America. I’ve been persecuted here. I came to America because of Jesus. The only reason I’m here in America is because of Christianity. Christianity is the chosen religion and because of that America is the chosen nation to save the world.

You, the ACLC Executive Committee, have to take up this mission together. The Blessing of the 144,000 clergy will form the core of the second Israel. Now Father has expanded beyond Christianity. Father has the power to guide these 144,000 to save America, and embrace all the religions of the world. If you truly understand the Divine Principle and go out with your whole heart, who could reject you clergy. Who will insist on just being Presbyterian or Baptist. The walls must come down.

144,000 is not just clergy but churches and families that can form a Family Movement to save America. It has to become obvious to save America. I am here in America because of Jesus. What we are doing all together now is based on the 40-year course that I went through with Christianity from 1945 – 1985 and the victory we won. Because of Christianity I came to America. That is the only reason. God’s will however is not just to save this nation, but to save the whole world.
Blessing Testimonies from Japanese Missionaries

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I came off after lunch. Then one tribal messiah sister introduced us to her and said that we were missionaries that came from Japan. She said, “I can recognize missionaries from other mother and behind you.” We found it strange but then we thought that this meeting must have been guided by God and True Parents. We asked her name, church and address.

After three days, we visited her church. It was a big Catholic church that has 16,000 followers. By chance we met the pastor who was taking a walk with his dog. After we talked, he welcomed us and invited us to the chapel. We explained more about what we were doing and the blessing. He said, “If I can receive the blessing, I want to do it as soon as possible, even now.” So he received the holy wine and our prayer right there. He was still single but symbolically we could give him the blessing. We are planning to visit him again on the 9th and we want to give the blessing to his members. Through this experience, I strongly felt that True Parents have always been behind us. Thank you very much.

Oklahoma

Everyday we go out in three separate teams. This testimony is from one of the groups who goes out until late night. The team leader is a local Blessed family. They took off to the church visit with the insight given by the NM stationed in our area. “You’ll never come back to the center without giving Holy Wine!”

When Rev. Williams of New Jerusalem Temple was praying in his church, the team leader and his assistant went to visit him. When he heard the team leader’s name, sounds very similar to the word, “Messiah” he really thought real Messiah paid a visit to his church? After he listened to their explanation of why they came to save families in America, he felt he was stricken by thunder. Rev. Williams spoke of this testimony at Good Friday sermon. Additionally, he strongly persuaded [his congregation] that our Blessing movement and True Parents, and God will so appropriate for this era, and we all must not miss its visitation.

That day, the team was invited and introduced on the stage. They dedicated three Japanese songs followed by Good Friday Communion where more than 100 members of congregation including clergy received Holy Wine altogether.

Maryland

I was my second day after I arrived here. When I visited one church they were singing holy songs. When I saw the pastor, who was a woman, tears came to my eyes. It is probably because I saw the word “African” as part of the church name on the signboard when I came in. From that moment, the memory of my mission country, Dominica, a country that has many black people, came to my mind.

After the holy song, she hugged me strongly so I hugged her back. I felt as if she was my daughter. Also it reminded me that we missionaries came to America to save families in this Mission country. Two years ago, we started to visit this particular area just recently, grateful to be invited to the event, he told us.

The next day, there were 5 couples at the Sunday service. After the pastor read the four vows, he gave a prayer while holding the representative couple’s hands. He also asked his members for a donation to support our movement, so we received 60 dollars! Even a guest speaker gave a prayer for us. Afterwards, we had lunch together with them.

We are so guided everyday to be able to meet good pastors in the realm of the victorious True Parents with tremendous support from the spirit world. But this time was the first time to receive a donation. We were so surprised that not only good people but also all things were prepared. We strongly felt that whenever we take action with confidence, trusting the victorious realm, everything was prepared for us.

Washington DC

We started to witness to ministers at 7 AM. We wanted to meet Abel-type ministers in our nine appointments. Unfortunately, we were unable to meet even one minister who would take the time to talk about the Blessing with us. So, we headed back to our center with no result. As we were driving however, we noticed one minister alone at a bus station. We decided to stop and introduce him to the Family Federation and the Blessing movement. Amazingly, he accepted our Blessing and drank the holy wine on behalf of his wife who has passed into the spirit world. Finally, after we prayed for him, this minister invited us to his home to talk more deeply about the Blessing. He also invited us to church “any time” because the main minister there knows our movement.

Thank you God and True Parents for helping us to meet this prepared person today! If we take care and educate ministers, they will come to understand and trust us more and more.

New Mexico

I attended a Bible Study at one “white” church. When I greeted the pastor and testified about True Father and introduced this Blessing movement after the program, I was bitterly rejected. However, when the pastor’s wife who was playing organ came to me, I said, “You [and your husband] look like a wonderful couple. Could you please take a picture with me?” They felt so honored and opened up their heart and they really felt the atmosphere was being changed positively. Then, I approached again. “How about we bless this church?”

Following this, both the pastor and I offered prayer and they finally took the Holy Wine as a couple. Moreover, they asked me to come back again! I was assured that the pastor’s spirit was moved and was being liberated from that moment.

I regard “white” churches and Catholics as such a challenge. Yet, I can confirm everyday that even the toughest is being drawn [to True Parents and this Blessing movement] with the help of the spirit world and God. So I can keep up my hope.

Nebraska

Despite the mass mailing which took up much of our time today, local Japanese members came to help us visit a predominantly white, middle-class residential area.

At one church, I was about to leave an invitation for our event because I didn’t see anyone, but then a pastor came. Initially, we didn’t notice he was the pastor. His wife had noticed we were there and told him about it. Later we found out that this pastor had already received the invitation by mail, and actually was wondering which of the three prayer breakfasts he should attend? He was grateful to be invited to the event, he told us.

This Protestant pastor had been a pastor in Zimbabwe for 36 years before returning to the US. Then, he was appointed as a pastor of his father-in-law’s own church 2 years ago. We started to visit this particular area just recently, but we feel very helpful to find that there are ministers who has prepared and placed in this area.
Zambia Project Tackles HIV/AIDS

by Nicholas Ghisha

On the 13th of November 2001, representatives of 12 African Nations were invited to attend a meeting in Nigeria, Lagos for the planning, training and preparation of the HIV/AIDS educational and prevention project on HIV/AIDS, to be implemented in each country.

This project was initiated by Dr. Chung Hwan Revak Chairman of the Board of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IFPW www.ifpw.org)

The Project focuses on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention lectures that can be given in schools, communities and places of work with the help of a curriculum and a flip chart teaching aid. Dr. Revak in June 2001.

The presentation is based on one of the most successful existing curriculums and slide projections already being used in Africa and a number of other places.

Both the curriculum and the lecture charts have been developed and produced by a team working under Dr. Revak’s close supervision. These are 40 colorful page laminated flip charts, which were shipped to Lagos and distributed to the participants at the meeting.

This project as come just at the right time especially here in the Southern part of Africa, where many people are victims of AIDS.

Zambia being one of the 12 countries involved in this project, the lectures have proved to be very helpful in making people understand the dangers of HIV/AIDS and also learn how one can prevent and protect one self from AIDS.

In Zambia most of the victims of AIDS are the youths, therefore our target group is mostly the youths and with these flip charts we are able to lecture in Universities, Colleges and High schools very easily. The response has been so great everywhere we have been teaching, as you can see from the photos. We are really so grateful for these HIV/AIDS flip charts.

On January 24th 2002, five secondary schools attended a lecture on HIV/AIDS at Modern High School. The number of those in attendance was 120. At the end of the lecture there was a proposal from the attendees that HIV/AIDS clubs be opened at these five schools.

On the 25th of January 2002 we had a meeting on HIV/AIDS (Living AIDS free) with the Mayor of Ndola City and three members of Parliament, to see how the Local Authority can be able to fund this project which they promised to seriously look into, because they also felt the project was very important for the citizens. The Mayor invited us to use their public hall to hold seminars and workshops for HIV/AIDS, which is very encouraging for us.

Workshop with Soldiers

Here in our country Zambia, we have been experiencing a big increase in the number of soldiers infected with HIV/AIDS, especially when they return from peace keeping missions abroad.

Due to this serious situation we have mobilized a good number of soldiers for a special conference and have some of these soldiers trained to become lecturers in HIV/AIDS (Living AIDS free) so that this message can reach out to many soldiers as possible of our national army.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done to help these soldiers especially the peace keepers because they are a part of our society if they are not educated on the importance of Living AIDS free then not only their lives will be at stake but other people in countries where they go for their peace keeping missions, that is why this not only a national problem but also international problem where it needs all people of goodwill to come together and work together to fight this scourge.

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to have the blessing in his church. This Pastor along with his wife were previously blessed at Raleigh’s 1st Blessing event. Bishop Dan Johnson had administered a healing session for them. Note: Pastor Mc Allister’s wife was not going to come because of severe pain in her feet—a long standing ailment. Suddenly her pain mysteriously disappeared. Inspired, she changed clothes suddenly her pain mysteriously disappeared. Inspired, she changed clothes and went forward in faith. The time came when the Pastor called me to his side at the pulpit and began to talk about the importance of the family and the ACLC. He then said, quite prophetically, “Let the spirit guide us now! So be it!” I invited the Japanese sisters to sing. They sang so beautifully! You could feel the spirit of God filling the church. Afterward I began to read the mission statement of the ACLC slowly and deliberately. As I looked people were deeply listening to these inspiring Heavenly words. Many heads were nodding deliberately. As I looked people were nodding deeply listening to these inspiring Heavenly words. Many heads were nodding deeply listening to these inspiring Heavenly words.

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IIFWP Seminar: Renewing Cameroon

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

Despite several recent changes in government, including periods of extreme social unrest, local IIFWP leadership successfully convened significant religious, political, and social leadership to participate in a one day seminar in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on March 24, 2002.

Particularly to be noted among the leaders of periods of extreme change was His Excellency Guei, Ivory Coast president of the World Wide Mission. Guei, who has been instrumental in recent times to bring about peace and calm, was present at this IIFWP seminar under the theme “Renewing the Nation: An exploration of principles and practices that strengthen families, educate our youth, and rebuild society”. There were 82 guests from civil society and government, 6 national leaders from other countries and 35 members from FFWPU, WFWP, CARP, IRFP, PWFA and IIFWP.

The program opened with an invocation by Rev. Fritz Mbi Takang of the Cameroon Ministry of External Relations and current chairman of IIFWP Cameroon. This was followed by the welcoming address of Dr. Thomas Walsh and the video presentation about the life and work of True Parents.

Rev. Kwak delivered the keynote address which was followed by an introduction to IIFWP by Dr. Walsh. During the lunch break all the guests visited expositions that were set up by WFPW, CARP and PWPA and discovered what activities each organization was sponsoring in Cameroon.

In the afternoon Dr. Walsh spoke on Character Education and AIDS Prevention using a PowerPoint presentation. This was followed by a presentation using the IIFWP ‘Zero Transmission Life Style’ Flip Chart given by Pius Manchan of the executive director of IRFP. Mrs. Kathy Rigney then gave brief comments on the AIDS presentation. This was followed by a talk on True Family Values delivered by FFWPU President Mr. Daniel Essomba Eyene.

After the coffee break Reverend Kwak delivered his lecture on “Spirit World and the Blessing.” The presentation was very well organized and the use of the PowerPoint and other material had all the participants on the edge of their seats. Most of the participants expressed their pleasure at the sincerity of Rev. Kwak’s message and how he connected his life experiences to the presentation.

At one point during Rev. Kwak’s talk the power in the city was turned off and there were no emergency lights in the hall. Rev. Kwak continued his presentation with out missing a beat and the hall was dark. The laptop that was used for the PowerPoint presentation was the only light in the hall because it was on a battery and this illuminated Rev. Kwak’s face making him look like an angel. Many in the audience speculated that the spirits in the spiritual world Rev. Kwak was talking about was having a battle over his presentation.

After finishing his presentation Rev. Kwak along with Dr. Walsh and others invited participants to come and receive the blessing. Around 25 to 30 couples and individuals participated.

At the closing banquet, two guests shared their impressions about the seminar. Mrs. Helen Chendi (Director of HIV/AIDS programs with UNICEF) expressed her approval of the AIDS materials and information as well as her appreciation of the fact that IIFWP focused on the family as one of the major shareholders in the fight against AIDS. Mrs. Rose Kuh (Ministry of Education) expressed her great surprise at the fact that her whole life so far was a series of events with no central point. She stated that her role as a mother, a leader and a citizen was all defined through Reverend Kwak’s speech and that she now felt empowered to invest herself in living for the sake of others. The IIFWP youth department provided the entertainment through songs and traditional dances while the IRFP cultural department (Bantu Feeling) provided the music with instruments they produce. The Bantu Feeling group introduced its newest member from the U.S., Mr. Wade Hampton, who played the Njimbe. After the entertainment Rev. Kwak presented 15 VIPs with Ambassador for Peace Awards. Five of these Ambassadors of Peace were tradition rulers.

Ivory Coast International Leadership Seminar

by Michael Lamson

On Tuesday March 26, in Yavoune, Cameroon, an estimated 123 participants from Media, Religious Associations, Political Groups, The NGO Community and Government participated in an International Leadership Seminar under the theme “Renewing the Nation: An exploration of principles and practices that strengthen families, educate our youth, and rebuild society”. There were 82 guests from civil society and government, 6 national leaders from other countries and 35 members from FFWPU, WFWP, CARP, IRFP, PWFA and IIFWP.

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At one point during Rev. Kwak’s talk the power in the city was turned off and there were no emergency lights in the hall. Rev. Kwak continued his presentation with out missing a beat and the hall was dark. The laptop that was used for the PowerPoint presentation was the only light in the hall because it was on a battery and this illuminated Rev. Kwak’s face making him look like an angel. Many in the audience speculated that the spirits in the spiritual world Rev. Kwak was talking about was having a battle over his presentation.

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by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

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Welcome came from Dr. Kore Guei, Ivory Coast president of the Professors World Peace Academy (PWFA), and from Mr. Emmanuel Gbocho, Ivory Coast president of the IIFWP. Dr. Guei offered a fascinating account on the nature and possibility of peace, building much of his presentation on an exchange of letters on the subject between Professors Freud and Einstein.

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Reverend Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, to ducing its Chairmanship and President Reverend Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, to the opening keynote address of the conference.

Lunch followed and the program continued with a number of presentations designed to further familiarize participants with the broad range of IIFWP commitments and activities. Dr. Walsh offered a powerpoint introduction of the IIFWP. Ms. Kathy Rigney presented the AIDS Prevention education carried out by IIFWP throughout Africa, and Frank Kaufmann presented the history of programs for religion and peace preceding and during the time of IIFWP international outreach.

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Yes, you shall find!
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And you shall find.
Of your fruitfulness.
All I see is, but, an immeasurable abundance
the deep blue ocean waters,
down the mighty Victoria Falls.
To the ancient fortress
From the pyramids of Egypt,
To the south in the Drakensberg Mountains,
Ever shinning skies of abundance.

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Poverty, corruption and disease
Is your loving heart of ages?
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From the north in the Atlas Mountains,
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From the pyramids of Egypt,
to “the Egyptian fortress.”
Of Zimbabwe,
down the mighty Victoria Falls.
What has become of your wisdom?
Looking up, beyond
the blanketed of the blue skies,
Down underneath
the deep blue ocean waters,
All I see is, but, an immeasurable abundance
Of your fruitfulness.
Seek thy mighty true love and wisdom
And you shall find.
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Viva Africa, viva all mankind.
Viva True Parents!!
God bless the world.

by Michael Kirby

In a traditional gesture of Nigerian hospitality, former ambassador to the United Nations and African Refugee Foundation Chair, Oluwaseun Olusola, made a special presentation to Dr. Kwak. “I dip my hand into my pocket and find one piece of Kola nut,” Amb. Olusola said. He then offered it to Dr. Kwak.

“This is what the poorest man in Nigeria might offer you – with his prayers,” Amb. Olusola said.

The Kola nut is a traditional symbol of unity and welcome, often used by traditional chiefs to welcome guests into their palaces.

Prof. Yusufu Ogboje, Chaplain to the President, Secretary General of the National Interreligious Congress of Nigeria and President of the Baptist Seminary in Omonowo, offered the Christian concluding prayer. (There was also a Moslem prayer.) On learning that there may be another IFWP conference on peace later this year, he said he would like to personally be involved in organizing it.

In attendance at the conference also was the
Minister of Police Affairs, Mr. Steven Akoga.

In addition to the three government ministers who personally attended the conference, four other ministers sent their direct representatives: Alhaji Gani, Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Alhaji Yayale Ahmed, Head of Service; Mrs. Pauline Talata, Minister of State for Science & Technology; Chief Dubem Onyia, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

Also present were Former Minister of Science and Technology, Maj. Gen. Sam Momah; the wife of the Minister of Works and the woman leader of the ruling party, PDP; Dr. Josephine Aninhin; President of the Institute of Work and Society in Akwa Ibom State, Chief Ifa D. Ekpeut; Assistant Director General of Customs; the Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University, one of the preeminent universities in Nigeria; and about 140 other high-level dignitaries.

Dr. Kwak met with the Vice Chancellor after the conference and in the process of signing a Memorandum of Intent to promote a sisterhood relationship between Ahmadu Bello University with the University of Bridport and Sam Myung Moon University.

NTA, the largest television network in Africa, gave the IFWP event extensive prime time coverage for two nights after the conference.
Moldova International Leadership Seminar

by Ronald Koonce

The honored Chairman of IIFWP, Dr. C. H. Kwak started his visit, March 22, 2002, to Moldova on a high note as he was greeted by four of Moldova’s most respected educators and activists at a welcoming dinner. They each wanted to convey their gratitude to the Founders, Dr. and Mrs. Moon whose “Cultivation of Heart and Character” curriculum has been used in the institutions that these educators lead.

One of the lasting impressions remaining after the One Day International Leader’s Conference held in Chisinau, the capital of the republic of Moldova was the intense concentration and focused participation of the 130 leaders in attendance. The theme “Renewing the Nation: An Exploration of Principles and Practices that Strengthen Families, Educate our Youth and Rebuild Society” was very timely and relevant to all participants.

The invocator, Mrs. Elena Raileanu, set the mood of the Conference, reciting “The Essence of our Existence” an original poem which highlights the importance of true love as the primary human part in the Divine drama.

Welcoming remarks were offered by Ambassador Nicolae Tau, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, who outlined the purpose of the Conference as identifying and recognizing Leaders who are committed to the principle of “living for the sake of others” and the vital importance of the family as the context within which future leaders can be nurtured.

Dr. Thomas Walsh’s presentation on “Charity Education and AIDS prevention” was punctuated by Mrs. Valentina Sentasa whose gave a moving account of how the NGO called “La Strada” is fighting for the lives of thousands of women and girls who are unwittingly seduced into the sex industry by human traffickers.

This conference provided a model for the inauguration of a Moldovan Chapter of IIFWP. Dr. C. H. Kwak’s lectures provided a living example of inspired leadership in action that continued to build and finally peaked after his lecture. The Eternal Value of Marriage, Family and the Blessing. When couples were invited to come forward to re-dedicate their marriages, 37 couples responded.

At the closing banquet a number of exemplary public servants were confirmed the title of Ambassador of Peace for their untiring efforts in realizing the Founders’ vision of leadership in Moldova. Although it was getting late, many remained to discuss and plan how we can further practice and promote these ideals to realize the hope of all mankind, a peaceful world.

IRFF

Zambia: HIV/AIDS Radio Program

by Nicholas Chisha

The story of HIV/AIDS is well known throughout the world, but here in Africa, it is a very serious matter due to lack of correct information about this disease and its prevention.

In Zambia we have lost a good number of young men and women because of this disease, that is why IRFF Zambian Chapter came up with this Radio Program on HIV/AIDS to inform the Citizens of the dangers of this disease and how they can protect themselves from this deadly disease. It was not easy to find a sponsor for this project because here in our country it is very costly to go on air, our prayers were answered when through Dr. Massimo Trombin (IRFF Europe) provided the very much-needed funds for the program to take off. This Program will be for 4 Months starting from October, 2001 to January, 2002. We would have loved it to be for a full year but due to lack of funds we are limited to 4 Months only.

The Program is divided into sections, which are as follows: First section look at the effects of HIV/AIDS on the family; second section, the impact of HIV/AIDS on Education; third section, the impact of HIV/AIDS on Development and Poverty; fourth section, the role of Parent and Guardians in educating their sons and daughters on the evils of HIV/AIDS; last section looks at the role of the Churches on education concerning HIV/AIDS.

On each section we invite people working in the field of HIV/AIDS from different Organizations including Church to come and share on this Program. We have also extended invitations to IRFF Kenya and Tanzania to come and share their works concerning HIV/AIDS with the Zambian people, because we believe networking on this subject of HIV/AIDS here in Africa is very important. We can not build or develop without young men and women who are healthy, therefore if we do not address this issue of HIV/AIDS anything we do will just go to waste.

The response from the public has been very encouraging so far. We are very hopeful that one day with God’s blessings we will hold a Conference on HIV/AIDS here in Africa so that the truth about HIV/AIDS and the correct prevention can be communicated to Africa, there as been too much of false information which is misleading many of the people, that is why the numbers of HIV/AIDS here are always going up, when in other parts of the world a decrease has been recorded.
This was the first IRFF project for both of us. The group that met in Hungary, March 25-30, 2002, was quite international, with people from 12 different countries: Hungary, Slovenia, Italy, France, England, Germany, Holland, Austria, Korea, Norway, Portugal and Saudi Arabia. We are all from very different cultures and backgrounds, some of the Hungarians on the team were also gypsies, which made the experience even more interesting and some of us were also here representing Service for Peace (www.serviceforpeace.org)

The first day was spent getting to know each other through orientation games and activities. First we had to learn each other’s names off by heart. We had to rake leaves, remove dead and unwanted bushes and trees, and improve the general appearance of the garden. It was very rewarding to finish and look back over the garden. The results of our work could clearly be seen, and it was very satisfying to see that we had done a good job.

The other two teams stayed back at the hostel to repaint the main hall, the bedrooms and the bathrooms. It wasn’t such an easy job, because there wasn’t such much extra space, but we were all motivated to finish the job before dinner, because otherwise we would have to finish it before going to sleep. So everybody really worked hard. Also people always found something to do without being asked. At the end everything looked really white, and really new, and we could benefit from our work for the rest of the project.

For the next three days we went to work in a nature park. Our job consisted of removing, piling and burning overgrown and unwanted bushes, therefore making the area more clear and pleasant.

On our second day we also had the privilege of planting new trees by the river. The mayor of Pécs also came to see what was going on, and helped by planting a tree.

On the third day we worked on the river - making it wider so the water could flow more easily. At the end of the day people were getting really muddy, but still enjoying the work.

On the last day of the project we went to a different site, and picked up rubbish on tourist trails and picnic areas on a mountain, meanwhile enjoying the nature and beautiful weather. Once we got started it was difficult to stop. A few of us still carried on after lunch, not stopping until it was time to go back on the bus.

Every evening we had different cultural activities connected to the project. We got to know the Hungarian and gypsy culture better through dance and music, we all had a chance to learn a little about the Gypsy culture, which was quite interesting. Also we could see what was going on, and helped by planting trees.

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The final program on the schedule was a cultural evening, in which all the teams performed a sketch or song, which we had spent many hours practicing and preparing for. The general atmosphere of this evening reflected the feeling of the whole project by it’s simplicity but strong effects, and of course everybody received a certificate as a memory of the whole project.

We would like to conclude by acknowledging Agi, and Sonny the IRFF Hungary directors for their hard work and dedication, and Massimo Tromboni the IRFF international field director for his contributions in this project, and of course all the participants that made it happen.

The sponsoring organizations were: IIFWP, IRFF, HUNGARIAN WINE DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENT, SANNOVA, TESCO GLOBAL, ARUHAZAK RT Pécs.
The foundation of New Eden Academy, Bridgeport International Academy continues the development of an outstanding, academic program focused on the enhancement of the character of each student. The weekly planning committee, composed of parents, teachers, and administrators, has created a mission statement to reflect the goals of our college preparatory school.

A Winning Debate Team: 
The 2001-02 school year was a time of transition in which the focus was on building a quality academic, character-based program to market to the local community and to international students. One of the most exciting and successful efforts was joining the Connecticut Debate Association and creating a successful debate team under the supervision of Joy Garratt, the Academic Dean and English teacher, and Greg Breland, a parent and university employee.

The Connecticut Debate Association is built on a long tradition in which more than three hundred debaters participate from the finest (and largest) public and preparatory schools in the state. Our little school, with one-fourth of its student body on the debate team, gained the interest of many, experienced debate coaches when Chris Breland won the first place trophy in the Lincoln-Douglas, debate competition, and Masjo Ward took third place in extemporaneous speaking. Both boys were first year debaters, and we are proud of them.

Clubs and Activities: 
Several new clubs and activities have been started this year. There is a jogging club, a swimming club, a basketball team that has played several, local schools; Mike and Kati Brisbois are the husband-wife coaching team. To the enjoyment of our students, Mrs. Kun Taek Park imparts her skills on local schools; Mike and Kati Brisbois are the husband-wife coaching team. To the enjoyment of our students, Mrs. Kun Taek Park imparts her skills on pottery wheel in the university’s ceramics studio to fifteen of our students. During the fall semester, most of our student body learned the ABC’s of video production at the local cable TV station.

Believing in the mandate to live for others, our Academy has added a requirement of thirty hours of community service per semester. We have helped to build houses for Habitat for Humanity, serve in a local soup kitchen, and assisted younger children in a local Head Start Program and at Bridgeport Hope School.

Fundraising by the Student Council: 
Having discovered the financial potential of fundraising with fresh flowers, the I.B.A. Student Council continues the tradition of selling roses on Valentine’s Day and flowers on Mother’s Day. Having a sizable fund available for trips and activities makes planning these activities very exciting for a very active Student Council.

Authorization to Enroll International Students: 
On May, 2001 our school received state approval, and on that foundation of accreditation in December the I.B.A. received authorization from the I.N.S. to issue I-20 forms in order for international students to receive F-1 student visas. Since we are now able to admit foreign students, our planning committee held a day-long brainstorming session to lay out the basic goals and plans for the coming year. The goal for the 2002-03 school year is to admit up to twenty-five international students who will live in the school’s dormitory and attend the new Intensive English Program (I.E.P.). Two ESL teachers will run this program and work side-by-side with the regular teachers and classes. The international students will be mainstreamed into the high school curriculum as they gain English proficiency.

The Intensive English Program will be open to international students who want to become proficient in the English language while still in high school in order to prepare to attend college in the United States. Qualified students may also take two courses per semester at the University of Bridgeport as part of their high school curriculum.

Home Stay Option: 
As we have learned in dealing with residential students, it is expensive to provide a good, full-time residential experience. Therefore, we can make this available only to students who can cover the full costs of tuition, room and board. In addition, students who wish to arrange to stay with another family will be welcomed as day students. Several families in the Bridgeport community have expressed interest in making home stay arrangements.

Summer ESL Program: 
A constant challenge for any independent school is the financial responsibility of providing for a qualified staff and faculty. The I.B.A. administration has met these challenges creatively in several ways, including a Summer English Enrichment Program (SEE) for international students between the ages of 10 and 16 years of age. This pioneer project worked well last summer and is envisioned to be even larger this summer. SEE has allowed the I.B.A. to continue to develop its regular, academic program.

New Classrooms: 
Several dormitory rooms in Cooper Hall were converted into two, enlarged classrooms, in order to meet the academic needs for the summer and next year. A demolition crew of parents and students worked knock down a wall and renovated the rooms.

Faculty and Staff Needed: 
Bridgeport International Academy is looking to hire several teachers and staff members for the upcoming, school year which begins in August, as well as ESL teachers and an activities director for the summer. The following positions are available: 
1. One dorm parent (or parent couple) to work in the dormitory with one or two residential assistants to provide supervision and care for international high school students after school hours.
2. One Mathematics teacher to teach mathematics, science, and/or computer courses for high school students.
3. Two college students to live in the dormitory and serve as Residential Advisors on a part-time basis.
4. One Activities Director interested in sports and organizing recreational activities for students after school and on weekends, as well as P.E. classes.
5. Several ESL teachers and Residential Advisors from July 1 until August 17.

Anyone interested in teaching or working at our Academy should send a resume to: 
Dr. Hugh Spurgin, Bridgeport International Academy, 400 Linden Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06604; send a message by email to hspurgin@hotmail.com; send a fax to (203) 334-8651; or phone (203) 334-4384.

By Nora Spurgin

Bridgeport International Academy: Plans for 2002—2003

Debate team winners: Chris Breland 1st prize (on right) Masjo Ward 2nd prize (second from left)
Below, Valentine’s Day fundraising
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by Mark Callahan

empirical Japan occupied Korea in a most disrespectful, arrogant and ruthless manner by 1936, when Jesus Christ first appeared in a spiritual vision to the young Sun Myung Moon. Koreans were treated like chattel and the Korean homogeneous race at that moment in history could be likened to an animal stable. The First World War, sometimes called ‘the war to end all wars’ should’ve created a New World Order possessing the same freedoms and Edenic purity as the first Son of God ‘Adam’ had in the beginning of human history. Instead, the third Adamic figure (Jesus was the second) was born into a similar and unintended situation like Jesus in a stable.

All of the blood, sweat and tears of the altercations of 'the Great War’ (originally, it didn’t have a number) should’ve brought an end to the long suffering and restoration. Restoration means indemnity and by 1932 when the Paris Peace Conferences ended, all of the historical indemnity should have been paid. The Biblical Last Days were to begin after the First World War, when peace negotiations between the victors and towards the defeated powers brought little positive change and renewed global tensions causing two more world conflicts.

This of course was not the intended outcome for the First World War from God’s providential viewpoint. As stated already, all historical indemnity should have been paid. At this point, it must be stated that the absolute predestination of all events as put forward by St. Augustine, John Calvin and other Christian leaders is not accurate. The history of all human activities from the creation of the world until today are not fixed and preordained as part of God’s ultimate plan. That would presuppose evil being an intentional part of God’s purpose and that has never been the case. God has been trying to prevent and minimize the impact of evil at every turn and juncture of human history but that is another issue that cannot be addressed in this report.

At crucial turning points in history like the First Great War (1914-1918), God’s initial attempt to create a good condition (i.e. foundation, event, blessing) failed due to human error and had to be extended into three stages or three generations. After World War I, the victorious allies - United States, Britain, France and Italy failed to create democracy on the world level. America entered the war near its end in 1917 at a crucial moment when Germany appeared to have the upper hand and victory seemed within its reach. America did not enter the war to return the world to its pre-1914 status quo. This of course backfired the European powers that prized their hegemonic rule over the world. America was in the younger brother position to Europe. Like Abel, America came through the war largely unscathed and appeared blessed with good fortune. Elder brother Europe, was somewhat resentful and jealous like Cain. The young upstart nation of America preached its ideals of democracy and a world-level democratic League of Nations to govern international disputes. Wilson wanted to create a New World order (America was after all a part of the ‘New World’ displaced by the old regime’s crimes of aggression) to make the world safe for democracy. “This was definitely in accord with God’s Will and it was only when America entered the war that a good cause and noble vision was raised for the war’s overall purpose. God had raised up America as a champion of democracy. It was an ideology that protected basic individual human actions such as the right to live, the right to free speech, the right to a just and free life and the right to free religion. These were necessary social preconditions that the incoming messiah (third Adam) and his followers would need for success, to avoid arrest and even execution.

Democracy was a system that protected not only the rights of the majority (Nationalism) but the minority groups as well. The returning Lord could very well find himself being in a minority group. Germany, the old power, was seeking an alternative to the mainstream majority religious views. Democratic rule on the world level through the League of Nations could have such safeguards in Korea. The Korean-born messiah would have grown up in a peaceful Edenic environment like the first Adam (Abel) could’ve had not have had to undergo a bitter forty-year period of persecution by Cain.

American president Wilson expounded his ideals for world democracy in his famous Fourteen Points. Had these been implemented, there would have been a brotherhood of nations (League of Nations), mutual respect for different races of humankind (no racial superiority) and safeguard protections for colonies like Korea and their eventual right to self-determination. President Wilson did not want a vindictive peace settlement after the war. The victorious European allies did. Coaxed by angry France, the European leaders sought to punish and humiliate Germany as a means to keep Germany down and thus, prevent any future German aggression. The goals of the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 after the war were not really about peace but punishment. British Prime Minister David Lloyd George had some doubt about the French-inspired vindictive approach and he spoke prophetically about the next World War. But George saw no reasonable alternative. He want the Old World Order restored and its replacement with an American one. The Cain position held by Europe does not readily give up its birthright to younger brother Abel. It is only possible through Abel loving Cain and this did not happen. Wilson was cerebral and intellectual; a great visionary but lacking humility and warmth of heart. This did not mesh well with the conc already prevalent in Europe.

Near the end of First World War, the German government abandoned its autocratic ruler, Kaiser Wilhelm II and replaced it with a representative democracy. Germany then surrendered with the hope that America’s vision for reconciliation could be followed. This natural surrender could’ve been made the foundation of the new order on the world level. The victorious European allies however did not want this kind of surrender. They wanted an unconditional surrender in which the new Germany was still strapped with the old regime’s crimes of aggression.

Peace Conference 1919

The Paris Peace Conference of 1919 was a miserable failure. France and Britain had paid a terribly high cost in the loss of human life and suffering and could not be easily consoled. They continued the imperial past by adding new colonial possessions in the Middle East like prized jewels in their national crowns.

The right to self-determination, which the treaty granted to the Poles and other ethnic people in the former Austria-Hungary Empire, was not granted to the German-speaking people. Austria and the German-speaking people of the Sudetenland sought unification with Germany. It was denied. This double standard by the victorious West against the German peoples’ right to self-determination made a mockery of such principles. Germany did not sense its relationship to the West as a brother nation being recorded to the world family of nations. Instead, Germany felt it was still being treated as the enemy. Japan defeated Germany and its allies. It was receptive to the idea of a League of Nations and sought a racial equality clause in its charter. This principle of human equality (similar to the
Australian Peace Ambassador takes initiative in Egypt

By Greg Stone

A
bout 2,000 peo-
ple in Cairo and
500 people in
Suez City gath-
ered for four-
hour IIFWP afternoon ses-
sons on February 6, 2002. These were the first IIFWP seminars ever held in Egypt. They took place through the personal initiative of IIFWP Peace Ambassador, Dr. Samir F. Hanna (Aus-
tralian Peace Ambassador) who was visiting family in Egypt.

Inspired by the vision of IIFWP that he had experienced in Conferences he had attended in Australia and Wash-
ington DC, Dr. Hanna seized the oppor-
tunities that arose during his visit to Egypt. Due to the interreligious ten-
sions, especially between the Muslim and Christian communities there, Dr. Hanna found that there was great inter-
est in the work of IIFWP. On his own initiative and at his own expense he con-
ducted two seminars to overflow-
standing room-only crowds.

Most of the attendees were from local Coptic Orthodox communities and the seminars focused on the fol-
lowing issues: How to harmonize with people of other faiths; youth issues including the dangers of drugs and alcohol, dealing with youth conflicts and anger, the importance of sexual purity, the role of the media in inter-
religous conflict and the sig-
nificance of the family.

Another issue of particu-
lar local concern was the high
level of unemployment among new graduates. Advice was given about pos-
sible projects where gradu-
ates could form a “Gradu-
ates Club” and take their own
initiative in creating employ-
ment and business opportuni-
ties.

In Cairo, eight priests came to the event, and in Suez
sity two more were in
attendance. A video recording was taken of each event. A beau-
tiful youth choir sang in Cairo, and at the end of each seminar there was question

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Civil Rights Act in America seventy years later) would most certainly have ste-
mmed the social Darwinian ideas in Europe espousing the innate supe-
riority of the white race. It would have helped prepare a receptive world envi-
noment for the returning Lord whose race was not white. Such a clause would have helped stem the tide of Jim Crow
laws in the southern American states against the Blacks and opened up Amer-
cana’s tight restrictive immigration quo-
taxes, earlier rejected clause for racial equality. For the Japa-

tese, race and religion become one issue: all kinds of diversity must be tolerated and protected or none at all. It was rejected. The Japane-
se left the conference very biter, resolving to be superior to the West if it could not be its equal. But the fact that Japan
ultimately chose to display its superior strength, sending a second dove, is an olive branch — a true peace

President Wilson was the first
American president to travel
abroad while still in office. It
was unprecedented. Overseas in
Europe, the people received him
almost in messianic terms as a
great Deliverer. This provoked
jealousy and envy among the
European leaders. Ultimately,
American leadership was rejec-
ted abroad and at home. Wilson
was a Democrat and he failed to
approach the political opposition in America (Republicans con-
trolled the Congress) and rally their
forces for a unified stance on foreign
policy: Wilson’s delegation to Europe
for the Peace Conference had only one
symbolic Republican representative.
This did him in; snubbed Republican
majority rule in Congress rejected Wil-
son’s bid for a New World Order. In
conclusion, the American Congress and the European leaders did not want
American leadership abroad and
in the world. America retreat-
ed into isolationism.

Communism

Satyanarayana Pravakar

Satan is always quick
to take control of a lost
opportunity in God’s pro-
ridence. God wished to
bless the world environ-
ment through a demo-
cratic foundation on the
world level. This was not achieved and in the void and vacuum of unmet
demands, Lenin and his socialist form of government prom-
ised the world a com-

munist vision of international peace and social equality.

Because the first providence for world
democracy failed, the dispensation was extended to three great world wars over
three successive generations. These wars were like three great temptations that
tested the world’s people, their
moral principles, their governments
and their religious institutions. World
War II had to resolve the issue of Nation-
Alism, which only respected the rights of the ethnic majority. Minority rights
for the Jews in Europe and the Kore-
ans in Imperial Japan were denied.

World War III was the Cold War. It
was waged between atheistic commu-
nism and the God-believing democra-
cies. It lasted a providential forty years
beginning with the Berlin airlift (1948-
9) and lasted until the Seoul Olympics
and the subsequent fall of the Berlin
Wall (1988-9).

No Edénic Environment

For most of Reverend Moon’s life,
he aimed to pioneer a path to the King-
dom of God on Earth without the aid
and beginning point in Eden. Where-

Rev. Moon went, there was no
peaceful environment to dwell but only Hell. As a student in Japan during the

Overall, the very high level of atten-
dance and interest in the seminars, indicated that there is certainly a great need for the ongoing work of IIFWP in

The National University Character Edu-
cation tour has successfully begun in
the city of Vlora and will travel to seven
cities in the spring season. Almost eighty stu-
dents participated, despite the Easter Holi-
day.

Gani Rroshi gave the Family as the School of Love as an introduction and Dr. Ludmila Hajnaj, professor of Psychology at Vlora University, addressed the Causes and Resolution of Con-
flct. Keeping his promise to support the ini-
tiative, the new Minister of Education the Hon. Leon Memushi spoke on the need of character education and about the value of the project. Mrs. Vitoria Hasani, Dean of the Medical Faculty at Vlora University moved and shocked the audience with a slideshow about the impact of STDs and the role of character education in preventing these dis-
eases, especially AIDS, still a poorly under-
stood threat in Albanian schools and uni-

The League of Nations failed to cre-
ate a true democratic environment on
the world level in which the Messiah’s
and his movement could be nurtured and grow. This is similar to the sym-
boile first dove of peace sent out from
Noah’s ark. The League and Noah’s
first dove came back empty-handed and
unable to find settlement of God’s
ideal for world peace on the earth.

The second attempt at world democ-

cy after the Second World War was
the United Nations. It did bring a mea-
sure of peace but its efforts were only
crude and only partial as demonstrated in the Kore-
an War. The United Nations can be likened to the second dove of peace
sent out and returning with an olive
branch. The United Nations logo, like the second dove, has olive branches
promising hope and peace for the future.

After the Cold War, Reverend Moon is now trying to reorganize the United
Nations. This new United Nations should
achieve lasting peace on the earth. Like
the third dove of peace, which could
find true settlement on the earth, the third attempt to structure a world body
for peace would be an improvement
to the present, which has the providential good fortune that can never be in God’s Kingdom of True
Love.
We Europeans have been trying to unite our continent for a long time. Luckily, God is always paving the way. There have been many political and economic developments already this year, such as the preparation of the European Constitution and the introduction of the European common currency. Now it’s time for a deeper and spiritual unity. From the CARP perspective Europe still is roughly divided into two regions: the West including the four of the world’s major G8 nations, Germany, the UK, France and Italy, and the East, or former communist countries. Although CARP in the East has been growing since the mission was pioneered in the 1990s, in the West there has been some stagnation and even decline due to focus on other activities.

However, a new generation is coming to the rescue in terms of young spirit, manpower and leadership as well. Young leaders grasped the initiative and just held a West European CARP Workshop to get things moving again. The number of CARP students is growing steadily and through the workshop the sense of World CARP identity and international community has been greatly strengthened. Over 50 leaders from the UK, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal and the Netherlands attended and several European CARP Alumni also showed up. The host nation France, led by US CARP alumni Jago Gavin and his wife Estelle, did a great job preparing, helped by Simon Cooper and Hannah Speller from the UK. Emanuel Bauer brought nine European Task Force members and they energized the workshop with their exciting testimonies. Participants appreciated the high-spirited atmosphere and the sense of unity. The program provided for hard work, such as studying the World CARP providence and practicing lecturing, with healthy doses of good fun. We had a night challenge game in the forest, soccer, American football with Jago and a very loud Yute game. There were group discussions on future CARP activities, singing, grilling, bonfires and prayer. We watched Hyun Jin Nim’s speeches on video and listened to testimonies, including one specially written for this event by VP Ken Bates. Other events in the program were a new model introduction lecture by Mark Bramwell, a presentation on Service for Peace by Ajay Rai, a PLA lecture by Jago Gavin, and guidance for successful inter-religious dialogue by Alain Roulot and Hannah Speller. In a lecture competition we discovered amazing new talent for teaching the Principle. Anne Penard from France was the winner? her introduction lecture could have convinced anyone!

Another fruitful exercise was to divide into teams and propose models for the new CARP houses that will be one of the first steps in rebuilding CARP communities all over Europe. Though some of the proposals were still in the visionary stage, particularly in the realm of finances, the team exercise helped everyone to take more active interest and ownership in building their own communities.

In the context of the 21-year history of European CARP, this workshop was a landmark event in developing the CARP movement in Western Europe. This development is truly gratifying, and of course the welcome result of many people committing themselves to inheriting the World CARP mission. We look forward to great things this year.

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**World CARP:** A Fresh Start in Europe

*by Mark Bramwell*

The West European World CARP Workshop in Chamaronde, France

Group sessions and the peaceful French countryside helped everyone to focus on building the CARP community spirit throughout Europe.

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**Shakespeare’s Plays**

*A Study of Friendship and Love*

Mose Durst, Ph.D.
Omma."

"Daughter."

"Omma?"

"What kind of clothes, Omma? Korean or English clothes?"

"An clothes or English clothes?"

"For Jesus today?"

"She asked.

As they walked down the street in the dark bedroom.

"And her bright little face seemed to shine despite her age."

"But money was scarce and there was no way she could buy clothes."

"Ju Kyung chattered excitedly."

"They had not turned cold yet. Ju Kyung put on light clothes and tied her long hair back with a ribbon as Omma had shown her."

"Tomorrow she would be six years old."

"Her heart beat faster; she could hardly keep from dancing."

"He smiled, and she felt as though there were a live heart inside this woman."

"This was because Jesus had told her the Messiah would be born as a baby and grow up as a man on the earth."

"The church that people called the Inside Belly Church was really a big white house that they had all bought together."

"They passed by a large house with a hand-painted sign and a cross nailed to the door."

"The people inside sang 'Amen Grace'; it made them feel good."

"Meanwhile, down in the public market, the cloth man was unlocking his little shed."

"He took down big rolls of cloth and set them up on the ground."

"He would shamble home exhausted and without a penny at the end of the day."

"It was August of 1946, and the air had not turned cold yet. Ju Kyung put on light clothes and tied her long hair back with a ribbon as Omma had shown her."

"It's all right. It's all over now; those men are going away."

"Omma took the price!"

"Mrs. Lee explained. "That's what they called it that church, led by Mrs. Ho."

"As they passed by the Catholic market, Ju Kyung gasped. What a price!"

"Omma took the bills from her pocket and began counting them into the man's hand."

"Omma rapped her smartly on top of her head with her knuckles, "What's the matter, you're knocking on a door. "Ow!"

"She asked.

"He smiled, and she felt as though there were a live heart inside this woman."

"They had not turned cold yet. Ju Kyung had told Mrs. Ho, and Mrs. Ho had told me. Do you believe Jesus? Then don't complain anymore."

"But Omma..."

"Ju Kyung was the impossible little girl who was always talking, always noisy."

"Go back to sleep. You should rest."

"Omma found her hand and took hers, and they walked along quietly."

"They passed by a large house with a hand-painted sign and a cross nailed to the door."

"They could hear people inside singing 'Amen Grace'; it made them feel good."

"Ju Kyung crawled carefully over her sleeping father. She wasn't the least bit worried about disturbing him, since this had been his first chance to sleep in days."

"It was August of 1946, and the air had not turned cold yet. Ju Kyung put on light clothes and tied her long hair back with a ribbon as Omma had shown her."

"Tomorrow she would be six years old."

"She wondered what he would look like—"
Abortion: A Violation of Human Rights
by Raven Bradford Saw

Since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in January 1973, more than 30 million innocent, unborn babies have been butchered to death in their mothers’ wombs.

In a recent study by Dr. David Heardon of the Elliot Institute for Social Sciences Research, we learn that of 260 post-abortion women: 36% became self-destructive; 20% had a nervous breakdown; 10% were hospitalized for psychiatric care; 61% said abortion was restating the Golden Rule so well enunciated by Jesus Christ in His Sermon on the Mount. But what if we would like others to emulate our moral judgments, in other words, if we want to be more like Jesus, would we want our mothers to abort us for personal, social, or economic convenience? Would we, as unborn babies, want our mothers and fathers to opt to kill us rather than give us an opportunity to live and accomplish something worthwhile with our lives? As unborn babies, would we want our mothers to abort us for personal, social, and economic convenience? Would we, as unborn babies, want our parents and physicians to kill us because they believed our medical or physical handicaps would mean that we would be born less than “perfect”? Kant’s significant moral teaching should be applied in the abortion debate because it focuses much needed attention on our moral obligations and on the need to treat people with respect for their God-given, intrinsic moral worth and dignity.

Mysterious ways

Despite all these understandings, the assertion that Korea is the new chosen nation of God will nevertheless strike many as quite surprising. However, let us recall that the God of history has often acted in surprising ways. Who would have expected, for example, that a shepherd boy named David would be called by God to be a king of Israel—and perhaps the greatest one at that? In the same vein, how likely would it have seemed that the son of a humble carpenter, rather than a high priest or distinguished rabbi, would be called by God as the long-awaited Messiah? With such precedents as these, it becomes clear that we cannot expect the Lord to be guided by conventional human antici- pation and norms. It seems the require- ment placed on us, rather, is to be con- tinually open to new possibilities.

In any event, let us keep the role of the chosen nation in perspective. All peo- ple are God’s children and all are loved by Him. The purpose of God’s choosing a nation is thus not to exalt it over the world, but rather to use it to serve the world. “Whoever would be great among you must be slave of all” (MK 10:43-44). With such a principle being the guiding ethic of one’s appointment, the task of a chosen people is, at least initially, not further glorious nor easy. Theris the sacrifi- cial role of a servant nation.

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*(In comparison, the average cost of a single crypt is $4,600-

4,700; a double is $6,700-

6,800)
The first serious investigations of the church were still more than a year away and did not interfere with preparations for the Washington Monument campaign which began immediately. The movement had much less time to prepare, only about 100 days as opposed to the 18 months it spend getting ready for Yankee Stadium. However, everything went much more smoothly. There were several reasons for this. First, the movement already was in a state of readiness, and there was little chance of a let down due to the less-than-ideal result at Yankee Stadium. If anything, members were more determined. Con- versely, the movement’s opposition slackened off. Ted Patrick lost an appeal on an earlier conviction and went to jail in July. The opposition of negative parents also dissipated and was not a significant factor in the campaign. The hot summer months in Wash- ington undoubtedly played a role. How- ever, while its opponents may have gone on vacation, the movement maintained a professional approach in marketing the festival. The effort was to accentuate the human qualities of Rev. Moon, allow the members to speak for themselves, and encourage Washingtonians to make up their own minds. Apart from this, the movement contacted with California Fireworks, creators of displays for Disneyland and Disney World, to put together a “God Bless America, World- national Fireworks” for the festival’s finale. Col. Pak was confident that the fireworks display alone could attract up to a million viewers. However, he expressed concern that “there would be the mobilization of at least 100,000 people” who would be “seri- ously interested” in Rev. Moon’s message. This was the basis of the church’s “busying strategy.” Char- tered buses transported partici- pants from other cities to Yankee Stadium, but in an uncoordinated and limited way. In Washington, the basic strategy was to bring peo- ple by bus. The Church chartered over 1,500 buses to transport guests within a 300-mile radius of Wash- ington, D.C. As routine bus transporta- tion was free and food was available for a nominal fee, mem- bers working in surrounding states had little trouble confirming guests. Meanwhile, God Bless America Festi- val organizers quickly organized bus routes and parking. On the day of the festival, some 850 buses from Virginia, Maryland, Philadel- phia, Delaware and New York brought approximately 40,000 guests. Six hun- dred circulating buses in Washington, D.C. brought an additional 30,000. The total amount coming on their own from the Washington area, according to church spokesmen initially estimated 200,000 and later 300,000. Regardless of the estimates, photographs in published accounts testified to a mass of human- ity on the mall grounds.

Unlike Yankee Stadium, there were very few incidents. A Park Service spokes- woman said, “It was an incredibly order- ly crowd...family-type groups.” The move- ment also received praise from a National Capital Parks spokesman who said, “It was the first time any group of demonstrators had followed through on a promise to clean up its own trash.”

Day of Victory of Heaven

However, there were two ominous developments. One was the apprehension of a member, Carl Trent Trimble, by U.S. Park Police, who placed Trim- ble under the custody of his father. They were executing a court order signed ear- lier in the day by D.C. Superior Court Judge Nicholas S. Nuss. The court order was given the power to have his son “counseled, examined, and treat- ed by persons including, but not lim- ited to physicians, psychiatrists, social workers, and psychologists” (God Bless America [young Trimble] in...custody, even in the event...young Trimble) wishes to leave said custody.” This was one of the

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by Dr. Michael Mickler

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ev. Moon’s message at Yan- kee Stadium, “God’s Hope for America,” broke new ground. Rather than allud- ing to theology as he had on their speech on “The New Future of Chris- tianity” at Madison Square Garden, Rev. Moon dealt primarily with civic themes. Rather than as a prophet for Christians, he cast himself as a “doc- tor” or a “firefighter” from the outside who has come to help America meet its third great test “as a nation,” that of “God-denying” communism. He also proclaimed that the Unifica- tion Church Movement and its “absolutely God-centered ideology” had the “power to awaken America, and...raise up the model of the ideal nation upon this land.” For many, these claims suggested that Rev. Moon and his movement had not only reli- gious but political ambitions. So long as the church confined itself to the religious sphere, it might be vigor- ously opposed by rival religiousists and families of converts, but there would be little chance of overt gov- ernmental repression. However, once its rhetoric, perceived aims and activ- ities intruded upon the public square, the possibility of governmental agen- cies opening official investigations was greatly increased.

The first serious investigations of the church involved the search for the word list. The words in the word list are hidden in the diagram of letters. Find them by reading to theology as had his

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This month’s topic: Moses

Aaron, Caleb, Canaan, Commandments, Egyptian, Elders, Golden, Israelites, Manna, Midian, Moses, Palace, Pharaoh, Quail, Red, Rock, Sea, Seventy, Staff, Tablets, Ten, Twelve.

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Monument Rally

early court-ordered “blind” conservatorship which was to become a pre
ferred method of abduction for dis
traught parents and “deprogrammers.” Michael Hunyan, the church’s director of public affairs, termed it “frighten
ning...that this kind of thing could have happened in America.... It’s more like
something that would happen in Com
munist Russia.”

The other ominous development was that a U.S. House subcommittee investigating activities of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency in the Unit
ed States was interested in Rev.
Moon’s “close ties” with the Kore
an government. According to the New York Times, “as he was mak
ning final plans for...Bible rally, Neil A. Salonen, president of the Uni
fication Church, was being sought by...The subcommittee’s staff consul
tant...[who] to present Mr. Salonen with a subpoena to appear before the panel.” Again, accord
ing to the Times, “Mr. Salonen evaded service of the subpoena...but agreed to make a voluntary appearance before the committee in his capacity as president of the Freedom Leadership Foundation, but not as president of the church.” As with the conservatorships, this was the beginning of what was to become an explosive investigation during 1977-78.

The morning after the festival at Great Falls Park, just outside of Washington, D.C., Col. Pak con
veyed Rev. Moon’s message to sev
erai thousand members that be
cause he had just taken the Washing
ton Monument rally to be an “unconditional suc
cess” and that he was “proud of
them.” Some two weeks later, on October 4th, the anniversary of Rev.
Moon’s release from a North Korean communist prison camp, he again pro
claimed the Washington Monument rally to be an “unqualified victory” and confessed, “I feel light as a feather. I feel like I can fly. I have borne a tremendous bur
den of responsibility, but with the vic
tory at Washington Monument, I feel like I have been liberated from the weight. I can now walk as a free man. I can hold my head up before heaven and earth.”

Rev. Moon proclaimed October 4th to be the “Day of the Victory of Heav
en and Earth,” “trying to isolate and destroy them.” He called upon the “three brother nations” where these three religions are based, the United States, and Korea, the nations must also be brothers. He stated that the three nations had a “common des
tiny” and that the communist bloc was trying to isolate and destroy them. He ac
nowledged the work the three brother nations had begun to gang up on the youngest. He contended that the Jews and Judaism, signed by Rev. Moon and published in full-page advertise
ments, which repudiated anti-Semi
tism and pledged support for the state of Israel. At the same time that the American Jewish Committee was mak
ing its attack, the U.S. House Sub
committee on International Organiza
tions, chaired by Rep. Donald Fraser (D-Minnesota) continued its probe into

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again will have three weeks of Family Camps this summer. We are trying out a new location and time. Please check out the French Creek Camp. The dates and contact information for each Camp are listed below.

Project/Camp Description: Our traditional Family Camp at our Pocono Mountain location. To sign up, contact the appropriate person or, beginning May 1, visit our on-line registration at live4joy.org. All the necessary forms for Camp are available in PDF form now at live4joy.org.

Family Camp 1
June 29-July 4, 2002: Camp # 2, French Creek State Park
Camp/Project Director: Geoffrey Hinkle
610-576-8402 geoff@claure.com
Registrar: Ann Stephens
410-997-5154 jstephens@comcast.net

Family Camp 2
Aug. 5-10, 2002, Shehaqua, Hickory Run State Park
Camp/Project Director: J. Bruce Bonini
570-595-7844 bonini@noln.com
Registrar: Joseph Pickell
610-629-6249 prickell@ptd.net

Family Camp 3
Aug. 11-16, 2002, Shehaqua, Hickory Run State Park
Camp/Project Director: Robert Pickell
570-629-6249 prickell@ptd.net
Registrar: Robert Pickell
570-629-6249 prickell@ptd.net

Camping Retreats
I grew up having an opportunity to go camping each summer in the mountains of Southern Colorado and in Wyoming with my family and other families. I loved the time with people I was close to as well as the time in the mountains. Visiting Blue Knob State Park last year I was so taken with the views and location, I had to make an excuse to return. I hope you can join me.

Friends & Family Camping Retreat
May 31-June 3, 2002, Camp # 1, Blue Knob State Park
Camp/Project Director: Rob Sayre
610-298-2439 familycamp@live4joy.org

Aug. 18-23, 2002, Camp # 2, Laurel Hill State Park
Camp/Project Director: Rob Sayre
610-298-2439 familycamp@live4joy.org

The idea is simple, share an experience in nature with your family and close contacts or friends. Families will stay in cabins, food and cooking done by each family (you do your own). Study, Hoon-Doc-Hae in morning, hiking and outdoor activities in the afternoon and campfires in the evening.

Perhaps this can develop into an annual Family Camp? Cost: $50 per family, regardless of size or length of stay. Send registrations & payments to: Rob Sayre, 7249 Decatur St., New Tripoli, PA 18066

Pocono Family Ministries Starts Introductory DP Workshops
To grow as individuals and as a community, we must share our faith. It is that simple. These workshops are designed to introduce your family and contacts to the Divine Principle, Our Movement, and to True Parents.

This is an introduction to the Divine Principle and the Unification Movement. For those friends, relatives and contacts that are curious, maybe “baffled,” but not educated in the basics of the Principle. The entire family is encouraged to attend. We will have activities for all ages and lectures for kids and adults.

Families will stay in their own cabins, meals will be provided. Sponsoring families will serve as staff in the spirit and style of the Family Camps. Cost: $35/person. Spiritual parents come with their kids (guests).

Friends & Family Introductory Divine Principle Workshop
May 17-19, 2002, Camp Shehaqua, Hickory Run State Park
June 22-24, 2002, Camp # 2, French Creek State Park
September 20-22, 2002, Camp Shehaqua, Hickory Run State Park
Info: Rob Sayre 610-298-2439
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Solutions
Everything I’ve mentioned is of concern to parents, teachers, and church leaders. For our BC’s sake we must address these issues frankly, and in an age-appropriate way.

We must explain the most outrageous situations and practices, and clearly—before some ignorant classmate does it for us. Without arousing curiosity in those too young to have been interested in (or even heard of) such things before.

This has always been difficult for parents. I myself never did get that little ‘birds and bees’ talk. (Not wanting to be ignorant, I read a famous book on the subject.) Teachers can address these issues effectively, and I don’t mean the ‘condom on a banana’ fiasco promoted by the Public Schools. Church-related workshops are usually the best forum for such discussions. Elders, nurses, and Youth Pastors can all contribute. Informed, older peers are especially popular with our BCs.

Internet surfing, and music/video playing (big sources of trouble) are passive, and usually done alone. Young people have tremendous energy, and it should be channeled into constructive, public-spirited activities. Church youth groups are great for this.

In areas without a Family Church, various other denominations will have similar activities. (Check them out beforehand.)

We can and should learn from our elders in religion.Consult experts such as James Dobson, Franklin Covey, Laura Slessinger, and Thomas Lickona. They have books, videos, and web sites. Most have parent groups meeting locally.

Conclusion
Blessed Children have a very special innate spirituality. They have memories of faithful and hardworking parents, and a strong moral compass. They’re already halfway to fulfilling God’s joyful vision. With the right guidance and activities, they can readily fulfill their longings, experience true love, and meet their destinies.

They will become, quite literally, human beings in the spirit and style of the Family Camps. They will become, quite literally, human beings in the spirit and style of the Family Camps. They will become, quite literally, human beings in the spirit and style of the Family Camps. They will become, quite literally, human beings in the spirit and style of the Family Camps. They will become, quite literally, human beings in the spirit and style of the Family Camps. They will become, quite literally, human beings in the spirit and style of the Family Camps. They will become, quite literally, human beings in the spirit and style of the Family Camps.
This month’s article focuses on our church’s growing Second Generation, who are primarily known as BCs. Thanks to webmaster Stu Bowman for her keen insights and special perspective.

Please note that this article deals with sensitive issues, and isn’t intended for small children’s eyes. While I’ve striven for accuracy, I welcome any clarifications.

This is addressed to both parents and older BCs.

Challenge
The challenge is clear. How do we raise American BCs to volunteer for the marriage Blessing rather than choose marriage outside the faith to follow a different path. For BCs who have been matched and Blessed and how do we help make these unions successful?

This situation has been noticed, and carefully addressed. The Bay Area Family Church boasts several ongoing programs for our youth. Many of our BCs have also participated in the Special Task Force, and given encouraging reports.

Our P-PACT Academy school has sponsored Youth Development events, which have included valuable input from non-Unificationist parents, as well as noted scholars.

Through these sources and more, your author has uncovered some unexpected factors that affect the situation. Many of these are universal to teenagers, while others are special to believers, or unique to BCs.

Adolescence
Adolescence is a time of finding one’s identity, of asking questions, and for making decisions regarding a career, love life, and other things.

It is also a time of asserting oneself—usually without realizing how self-centered one remains. (Basic example: how many teenagers volunteer for necessary household chores, whether at home or as guest? I know I didn’t.)

To bring up one of Dr. Laura’s favorite themes, few teens realize what a limited person they appear before reaching, say, thirty years of age.

Our church, being new, is populated mostly by converts. People who’ve endured terrible persecution, and sometimes defined their own parent’s wishes to embrace the revelation of the Principle and the love of True Parents.

Our BCs have had everything handed to them, so to speak, on a silver platter. They can also rebel, but in reverse, into a secular lifestyle. Few BCs gravitate toward their parent’s former religion, or any religion in particular.

This situation is not unheard-of. The Amish and the Hassidic Jews, among others, expect their American-born children to embrace a rather unusual lifestyle. Despite a well-known pattern of rebellion, most do finally take those paths (Read Charles Bukowski’s novel The Chosen, or rent the movie.)

Many Protestant churches have adopted youth ministries. They almost always try to keep them for years. Then, any BC who fails may condemn himself (or herself) with an awful guilt and a deep sense of unworthiness.

Let’s be specific. Masturbation is not the same as intercourse. Both are condemned as sins. Even so, almost all boys, and many girls, will masturbate.

Pornography is not the same as prostitution. Most boys, and a surprising number of girls, will look at a centerfold, and some get into harder Internet or video porn. This is, of course, sinful.

These practices could escalate into ruinous activities, but the fact is, they usually don’t. (If they did, few adults would be left alive to speak of it…)

However! If a BC ‘thinks’ he’s already fallen by doing these practices, they may disgust themselves from the Blessing, and without ever saying why.

Double however! Don’t you dare think of this as a ‘free pass.’ Boys may tell themselves “They have to relieve the pressure,” when in fact they may be turning up an adjustable hormonal hose to full blast.

Former Pres. Clinton injected America’s youth culture with the idea that oral sex isn’t really sex. At workshops, BCs have openly inquired about this point. Wondering, since it isn’t ‘technically’ committing the Fall…

Guess what: presenting your genitals to someone who ain’t your spouse is having sex. It is also skat ing a thin line, and can even catch you a nasty STI. If you ever have done so, admit it and quit it.

Parents
Unificationist parents devoutly hope their BCs will get Blessed, providing the best education and guidance they can. At home, parents have a variety of standards. At the extremes, some will deliberately toughen their BCs by pushing them out into the world; while others shelter them, hoping to avoid all temptation.

Parents may pressure their teenagers to hurry up and get blessed, before they are ready. Why would this be?

Our converts worked long and hard to qualify for the Blessing. I myself was blessed at age 26, and did not start my family until I was 32. By then I'd nearly doubled the formula course, and found plenty of spiritual children. It was a sore trial I hope my own son does not have to endure.

Do parents see the Blessing as a brass ring? Perhaps they are counting on the stability provided by a faithful spouse. Might it even be a ‘stage parent’ thing, a lingering guilt at their own lack of achievement?

Even when a BC agrees to be matched, problems can erupt. With parents in this situation, mothers especially are insisting that they set their daughter up with the grandson of a Woody Allen movie, ‘Jewish mother’ types will clash with their offspring about who it is appropriate to marry. Anot the ‘issues’ are money and education, faithfulness and church participation, physical appearance and mannerisms, etc.

Leaders
Unificationist leaders hope to see all of their congregation’s BCs get Blessed. Sometimes this may happen under pressure, and with inadequate preparation. Why would this be?

Our entire movement is goal-oriented. Perhaps, when a Blessing event approaches, leaders are trying to ‘make the goal’ for New Couples Sent from their area. They have an understandable pride at the number of BC families in their church.

They may even ponder (in the back of their minds) that having some cute new BC couples will inspire their gray congregations, not to mention the younger children.

Concerns
In past times, children roamed free in their neighborhoods. Today, many families live in areas too dangerous for that.

A filmed binge on a Friday night might be crack cocaine, or methamphetamine, and a tatted Playboy in the treehouse by a host of dead-by-SILOS.

Parents can, to a large extent, pick their family’s town and schools—and thus their BC’s peer group.

There are effective ways to monitor our BC’s party/event attendance. It used to be that American parents knew the parents of their children’s friends, and thus cooperated in raising their offspring. Thus the neighborhood faced it takes special effort.

Personally, whatever the lyrics, I think rap music is annoying as heck. My boy, having grown up with it, isn’t bothered at all. (For me it was Beatles music.) Does your BC want a new CD? Christian rap music is a possible compromise.

As for clothing, the ‘shut look’ is definitely out, and ‘gangsta rags’ aren’t far behind. It is old to think that purple hair can look pretty good.

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Internet use can be monitored. If possible, put your computers in a busy area like the living room. You can also use ‘filter’ programs, but those are not always effective. You’ve heard that kids learn to erase the evidence of their questionable emails, web surfing, etc. Believe it?

Where trust is already lost, there are ‘keystroke recording’ programs that will keep a record of everything that happens on a given computer. Many of these are inexpensive shareware. There are also ‘ghost’ programs that will make those keystroke programs invisible. (If needed, bring in a friend who knows computers.)
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