True Parents proclaimed after the Blessing ceremony on April 27 the total victory of the Interreligious and International 144,000 Clergy Couples blessing. 144,000 couples were blessed and offered to heaven. 21 clergy couples were matched directly by Father and educated by UTS President Dr. Tyler Hendricks.

Rev. Levy Daugherty, Executive Director of the American Clergy Leadership Conference emceed the first portion of the Blessing program. True Family were in attendance. Hyun Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim’s couples attended accompanied by Hyo Jin Nim. Rev. Harold White, Rev. Cleveland Sparrow, and other clergy joined together to read the many proclamations from U.S. elected officials. Commendations for the blessing came from four U.S. Governors and 25 members of Congress including several U.S. Senators. (Thanks to AFC President David Caprera, Gary Jarmin, Mike Smith and our AFC leaders). International support was offered by President Kaunda of Zambia, the Speaker of the House of the Philippines and President Wahid former President of Indonesia. In Indonesia 10,000 Religious leader couples gathered for the Blessing. At the Ganges river in India, thousands gathered for blessing and prayers for the success of the April 27th event.

Rev. Leroy Elliott of the National ACLC board of directors gave the opening prayer for the day’s event. In a beautiful prayer and proclamation he declared that through our families and blessing we are declaring war on evil. The family is the most important thing that God has made.

At the central location in Washington see 144,000 on page 14
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ev. Kenyatta, Bishop Billings and Bishop Stallings. These three Black Christian leaders represent Christianity. Christianity is in the position of the Second Israel. Black Christianity is uniting with True Parents. Now Hispanic and Asian Christianity will also unite. Ambassadors of Peace have been established everywhere. The first generation is God, the second is True Parents and the third are the blessed Central Families. You should forget all boundaries. Don’t consider denominational or national boundaries. They will hold you back. You must be like a newborn baby before God with an absolutely pure heart. When a baby is born he only cares about his mother. He doesn’t consider the nation of other boundaries. We should be like that now. This is the age of the Cheon Il Guik or United Nation of Cosmic Peace. This is the Kingdom of God of which all blessed families are citizens.

True Love is the key. Give and forget. Couples should not quarrel with each other. We must find the way to cooperate. Father never thought that he accomplished anything by himself. There is always God and the Spiritual World behind every accomplishment.

Now all black people should become as if they are one person. All the black community and all black people should become one. In Adam’s family, Cain, Abel and Seth should become one. When Noah’s family came, then three sons should become one. All three sons should become one. All black people should become one as [Jesus]. The Asian/Hispanic should become one son. The White race is like one son. All races should unite and become like one son.

Father Moon is in position of the Elder Son to guide all the other sons and brothers. Now the age of the “Autonomous Nation” has come. All white people become one son. All Black people are one son. Hispanic and Asian people become one son. Then the three should unite. There is nothing to be proud of concerning your race or nation in the eyes of God. You should completely deny yourself and then you won’t be blocked on the way to heaven.

You must have the heart of a child and then you can go to heaven. Think about your brothers and sisters. You should unite them centering on True Parents. You should totally unite and bring them into one. Then this is international and International—beyond all barriers.

You have now come here in the position of the Elder. You should serve others. You should not seek to be served but to serve. Many different levels should be formed. Do not think about your own foundation. Father wants to make 12 and 36 Black Clergy. Now is the time to become one. 36 Couples should become one and then make 3 groups. 108 top black clergy should be organized in the world from this blessing. (3 times 36 couples) We can vote for the top 36. They should be elected by the rest of the body. Then from there we can choose and elect the 72 Black clergy couples.

What is next. 360,000 three times should develop. That way we can save the nation and save the whole world. Among them, we can reorganize from top to bottom. We will form a new system here. We can form a new movement to educate political leaders.

Many different branches center on the trunk. God lost all the children He loved and then came down to earth. New encompassing leaders and all religious leaders study the DP in the spirit world. Now Communists, Philosophers and the 120 Religious leaders study together. Then we should take Marx, Lenin and all the communist leaders and restore them through the principle. Then 840 key leaders should be organized in the SW.

That way we can bring the ideal world of peace.

You are a pastor and centering on your family you should restore your tribe. Centering on your tribe you can make 12 churches then 36 churches, 120 churches, 430 churches, 777 churches, 1800 churches, 30000 churches, 360,000 churches, 3.6 million churches, 36 million churches and eventually all the world.

Don’t think about receiving. Don’t think about True Parents support. This will cause trouble. During age of indemnity True Parents could support. Now the age of indemnity is over. Therefore Father cannot support anymore. You must generate your own support.

Look at the twin towers. Now we are restoring that through the current resurrection of Christianity. Centering on 3 black leaders there must be 36 Black clergy couples. Every time we can connect through the number of 12, 36, 72, 120, 430, 777, 1800, 30000, 360000, 3.6 million churches, 36 million churches and eventually all the world.

Now we are restoring the tribe this way. We are doing the Interreligious, International, Interracial blessing. Through this we can liberate mankind.

That’s why we must organize. 108 can didates must be selected. Then vote for the 36 couples. Now, for 10 years until 2012 we are going to inform the media. We will establish the SW message. We must build the top leaders name list. The whole world will come together at...
one time. The Unification movement is like a big iceberg.
To achieve this we must first bless the religious leaders. Three sons, white, black and Asian/Hispanic must unite as one son. If we set up these ideas, then Christianity as 120 top religious leaders will lead. Now Moslems in the spirit world are so hot to study the principle. Simon who carried Jesus Cross, set the condition and is the reason why, in the last days, black leaders are uniting with Father at this time. Now Moslems, especially black, are coming together with us. Minister Farrakhan supports Father. Now top black leaders are coming together as one.
Don’t feel burdened. Just think about God’s will to accomplish the liberation of God’s heart. It doesn’t matter about the physical age. The mother’s position is very important. Then the mother will take responsibility. Now the woman is important. All women are like one woman. All men are the archangels. They should listen to the mother (wife) and follow Father. Think of the original 36 couples. How serious is their responsibility before heaven. Those that thought of their own benefit failed. Japan is poor, simple and humble. True Parents’ daughters in law should be humble and serve. Now the establishment of the 3rd Israel is to be realized.
Now we must accomplish the three heavenly ethical points. The same formula works. We must appreciate. Every Sunday morning you must have pledge service. Then with purity offer everything to God. With purity prepare everything for God together. Keep pledge service as your holy service.
The Old testaments, New Testament and Complete Testament are represented by these three black leaders. Bishop Stallings said. I’m the Completed Testament, Rev. Kenyatta is the Old Testament and Bishop Billings is the New Testament!! Ham, Shem and Japeth. Now you must embrace all Asian and Hispanic community. Then the third son the white son must be embraced. Now Black people are in the top of the religious world. Now black people have kept the faith and become the core of the attitude of faith in America.
Thank you for your hard work to bring a great joy to God and True Parents for 144,000 Clergy Blessing. Because of your support and hard work the event in Chicago was a great success.

About 1,000 people came to Rev. T. L. Barrett’s church on the morning of April 27. The church was decorated so beautifully by the tribal missionaries. The ceremony was so moving and beautiful.

Rev. James Porter offered an opening prayer and Rev. Maxine Walker introduced Bishop Kim and explained the Blessing. And many other ministers gave the testimonies about the Blessing.

We met a pastor in Elgin and we shared openly about our work. He told us that he is a missionary himself, following a vision of bringing unity between races and denominations. He was so grateful to have met our members, especially the Japanese missionaries of the church, gave us all the donation they collected at the Sunday service. We were so grateful that we received this donation as representatives of all the missionaries and also we felt this kind of miracle happened everyday on the foundation of TP’s long time investment toward America and all American brothers and sisters hard work.

We visited a church we found last week. The pastor’s couple was so inspired with our visitation and we could give them the Blessing. The first lady wrote a testimony for us, “On Saturday The True Family Values Choir sang “Amazing Grace” and it really lifted up the spirit of the ceremony. Twelve attendants couples lined up in their Holy Robes and Bishop and Mrs. Kim entered and officiated the ceremony as representatives of True Parents.

The atmosphere was so holy and we felt True Parents were there with us. When the Holy Wine and Holy Water ceremony was conducted we could see all the participants’ rejoicing and also feel many angels filling up the sanctuary and rejoicing together. Some ministers were moved to tears.

After the ceremony they enjoyed the lunch prepared by the tribal missionaries and the Japanese missionaries and went home with a big smile.

We have been contacting a Hindu group and gave the Blessing to the leader of the group. He told us to continue with our teaching, especially with marriage vows. The leader allowed us to give the Blessing to his people and last Sunday Mr. & Mrs. Cooper visited a Hindu meeting with Bishop Kim and gave the Blessing to 3,000 couples.

Paraguayan missionaries visited a church which they found two weeks ago, because the pastor promised to have the blessing ceremony for his congregation last Sunday. The day before we went there with a banner and asked the pastor to talk about marriage and family at Sunday service. But he said, “No, I already decided the contents of the sermon. I cannot change it.” And we gave him the Blessing scarf and told him to wear when he gives the Blessing, he said, “It says Blessing 2001. I don’t want to wear it.” His face was so hard. Anyway we went to the church on Sunday. When we arrived there an assistant pastor told us, “We don’t have enough time today. You cannot have the ceremony. Even you cannot sing songs. So you can go home.” We were so shocked but we could see our banner on the pulpit, so we still hoped we decided to stay for the service. And a miracle happened. In the middle of the sermon the pastor started talking about marriage, took the blessing scarf out of his pocket, put it on his neck, called his wife to come up to the pulpit and put another scarf on her neck. And he explained about the Holy Wine for 30 minutes and asked all couples to come up front. Total 20 couples received the Blessing. Spirit world is truly supporting us.

Guinea Bisssau missionaries visited a church with Mrs. Kim where they visited before. The pastor was so good why I was visiting them, what I am learning from them, how Father loves Jesus & Christians, and let us live eternally together with God, etc. And all of sudden the pastor and this wife started crying with a loud voice. They cried & cried and they held our hands and started speaking in tongues. Then we explained the Blessing, they willingly received the Holy wine and prayed for Father. I feel that Japanese missionaries brought a new spirit and God, Jesus, and TP are working with us.

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**Blessing Testimonies**

One of the Japanese missionaries was so moved by the tribal missionaries that she gave $50 to the church. The pastor was so kind that she gave $50 to the church. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church has a testifying on woman pastor. The pastor was the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation. The church is the 2nd visitation.

One of the pastors testified that after he had the Blessing ceremony at his church, he had about 100 new church members in 2 months. It had never happened before at his church. The pastor is now so busy to take care of new members. Another pastor said he doubted his membership in two months after the Blessing.

Last week Rwanda missionaries visited churches for following up. While we were driving we found a lady selling old cloths in front of a church. We thought we needed some summer cloths, so we stopped by the church. We found out the lady was a first lady of the church. We made an appointment to visit the church again. Also another lady came to see the clothes. She came from the church across the street and said her brother is the pastor of the church across the street. We made an appointment with that lady, too. We visited these two churches yesterday and both of them welcomed us very much and received the Blessing. We feel the more we visit churches, the more God & Spirit world support us.

The atmosphere was so holy and we felt True Parents were there with us. When the Holy Wine and Holy Water ceremony was conducted we could see all the participants’ rejoicing and also feel many angels filling up the sanctuary and rejoicing together. Some ministers were moved to tears.

After the ceremony they enjoyed the lunch prepared by the tribal missionaries and the Japanese missionaries and went home with a big smile.

**144,000 Clergy Blessing**

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In closing, we will not stop until we have the ceremony. Even you can’t do as he wishes within the authority of his bishop. But his heart and mind is totally aligned with Father Moon. We presented him with a Divine Principle book which the missionaries brought. And he explained to us, “I decided to have the blessing ceremony for him for 40 days condition. He said he wants to go to Japan to visit the Unification Church for the vision of focusing on blessing the Marriage. In fact, one couple came to me after the service, the wife with tears in her eyes, saying that they were going through some difficulties in their relationship and redecating and dedicating their marriage was what they had been praying for.

**God Bless you the ACLC and the Unification Church on the morning of April 27. The church was decorated so beautifully by the tribal missionaries. The pastor and his family heard our voice and woke up. Even though they are in Japan, Japanese missionaries hearts are always in America working for ministers.**

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**Lord spoke to me and said that one of my natures that I’m standing on to preach the Gospel to.**

**We visited a pastor whom we met about two years ago through Japanese missionaries. The pastor and his wife attended the Father’s tour and gave the testimonies about the Blessing.**

**We visited a church last Sunday. It was the 2nd visitation. The church is not big but has very warm spirit centering on woman pastor. The pastor was so kind that she gave $50 to the Japanese missionaries from her pocket and her husband, assistant pastor**

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O
ver one hundred cou-
ples braved the freezing
rain and sleet on Saturday, April 27th to par-
ticipate in the 144,000 Clergy Couple Holy Bless
ing. Local attendees made an emotional display of solidarity with our True Par-
ents at the beautiful Wayman AME
Church in Minneapolis linked via satellite
with the main ceremony in Wash-
ington D.C. Congregants and lay people from
many faiths throughout the Twin Cities
shared this historic moment with over 144,000

The event began with luncheon and fellowship. Host pastor Rev. Alphonse
Reff warmed and humored the audience
with his welcoming remarks. Rev. James Gavin, local co-convenor of the
A.C.L.C. offered historical perspective
to the event as the realization of Jesus’
dream and the fruits of His sacrifice.
Rev. Eugene Wright offered the invo-
cation and blessing on the meal. Rev. Wright in his characteristic impas-

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**TESTIMONY**

from page 4

to us when we visited him for the first
time. But yesterday somehow the pas-
tor became negative and he said that
he doesn’t want to associate with us
anymore. We were so shocked because we
prayed for and invested a lot to this
church. We all shed tears. We were
surprised that there were all
different races sitting together, black, white &
yellow, like our church. The pastor and
the congregation welcomed us very
much. We sang songs and gave
the Blessing and they also promised to
come to the Rev. Barrett’s church on
April 27th. We were so happy. And Mrs.
Kim gave a special donation to the
church. It was all the money she had
in her purse and gave me. This is TP’s heart.

Rev. Kim shared this morning after
a missionary gave us the above testimo-
y. “I always tell my wife ‘If you feel
you need to help somebody, please give
him everything. Don’t give him some
and save some for somebody else. Invest
100%.’ It is because I have some expe-
riences with TP. In early days of our
church, one day Father invited all lead-
ers to a movie. We were walking to a
theater with Father and Father saw a
beggar on the street. Father approached
him, talked to him and gave him all the
money he had. Then Father told us, ‘I
gave all the money to the beggar. I have
no money for move. Let’s go home.’
And we all went home without watch-
ing movie. Also when I graduated UTS,
I visited TP with my family. I present-
ed my thesis ‘True Family’ to TP. TP were so happy that Father told Moth-
er, ‘Give them some money’ and Moth-
er took all the money she had in her
purse and gave me. This is TP’s heart.

 attentively the prayers and blessings
from the gathered leaders represent-
ing the world’s major religions.
It was heartwarming to see host pas-
tor Rev. and Mrs. Reff, FPWP Region-
al Director Rev. and Mrs. Seo and New
Apostolic minister, Rev. and Mrs. John
Stoebie bless those assembled with Holy
Water.
The program was followed by a spir-
ited celebration with music by Rev.
Chaplain’s band, West Point Palmist.

This April 27th event brought to a
clase a successful two month cam-
paign completed through the sin-
cere devotion of our Korean Nation-
al Messiahs, and the hard work of
Japanese Missionaries and local
members. The Minnesota/Dakota region
completed and exceeded their goals
through outreach to 2,300 clergy cou-
ples who participated in the Holy Bless-
ing and Holy Juice ceremony. By the
grace and will of God, the leadership
and sacrifice of True Parents and the
efforts of brothers and sisters from the
Father. Mother and older Son nations,
Minnesota and the Dakotas took a giant
step closer to the Kingdom of God on
Earth.

Celebrating True Love

Above:
Celebrating True Parents’
Wedding Anniversary on
April 28 in Washington DC.

Presentation on Mother’s
Day at East Garden, NY.
H
d incredibly the Bless-
ing Ceremony was in Los Angeles on April 27. Over 126 clergy couples attended their finest wedding clothes. Women marred for thir-
ten, forty, years wearing traditional wedding dresses. Others wearing long white dresses. All had on beautiful veils. Rev. Dr. E.V. Hill, who was our guest "congratulatory" speaker, came with his wife and they participated in the cere-
mony dressed in their beautiful wedding clothes. Rev. Joseph ‘Hallehjah’ Pupa Lee and Mrs. Sandy Lee were co-offici-
ators of the ceremony along with our Regional Director couple, Rev. & Mrs. Berek Joong Koo. The Lees also partici-
pated in all areas of the ceremony.

Our blessing day was divided into three parts. Our event was at the LAX Marriott Hotel. We used the same big banquet hall as for True Mother's Speak-
tour last November 30th. The ball-
room was set for 500 theater style seat-
ing for the blessing event and 50 tables for the luncheon banquet. Each table had a beautiful flower centerpiece and the front of the stage was covered in fresh flowers.

The stage was the same size at TMT. The audio-visual set up was even better than TMT time and we had no problem hooking up to the satellite link. The entire ballroom was fully decorated in pink, white and yellow balloons and wedding hoods. Each aisle chair had a beautiful decoration. The brides and grooms entered through a beautifully decorated wedding arch into the main ceremony. The entire entrance aisle was lined with our 12 community leadership couples holding waving rodeo red roses. Each bride was given a large fresh flower bridal bouquet and each groom was given a red carnation corsage. All clergy couples wore white gloves and the ladies wore a white veil.

Registration opened at 8am. Our clergy couples started arriv-
ing between 8:30am and 9:00am. Upon arrival, they were escorted to the bride and groom attendants who helped them with their bouquets, veils, what ever they needed. The "line-up" of the couples to enter through the arch was at 9:30am. Participating were 126 clergy couples, 8 heaven and earth clergy, 26 clergy observers (bishops were unable to attend). 12 of our leadership couples (district leader position and above), 6 full time blessing cou-

les and 1 pastor couple that were engaged and to be legally

married last night (the name of their church was "The Bless-
ing MBC!!!"). We had a won-
derful 25 adult and 5 band member gospel choir "The Sadoc Christian Singers" from Rev. Walter Millspap's Sadoc Chris-
tian Church. The choir was the same exciting choir we have ever had.

Our M.C. for Part One was Dr. Rene Holliday, National ACLC Executive Committee Member, Evangelist with the I've Been Chosen Ministries and TV/Film Star. Welcoming remarks were given by our Vice Regional Direc-
tor, and co-convenor ACLC of Los Ange-
les, Rev. Timothy Hening. After that, Ms. Magdalene Millspap, daughter of Rev.

Millspap, gave a wonderful rendition of the National Anthem.

The opening invocation was by Bish-
op William Turner, of the New Revela-
tion Baptist Church in Pasadena. His con-
gregation numbers over 500. Just last Saturday, we gave a TVF lecture and Holy-Wine Ceremony for his church cou-

ples followed by a wonderful catered luncheon in their fellowship hall. The Sadoc Christian Singers were then invit-
ed back up to keep the spirit high and "rocking". It was! We then showed the very inspiring "Stand for Family – Save the Nation" 14 minute video. As soon as that was finished, Rev. Joe Waller, co-

convenor ACLC of Los Angeles and West-
ern States ACLC Executive Board Mem-
ber gave the opening speech leading into the holy wine ceremony for all the cou-

ples. During this past week, upon careful checking, we decided that most of the pastors had already received the HW, but most of the wives had not. There-

fore, we did not eliminate the HW Cere-

mony from our schedule. Rev. Waller did a fantastic job as the "spiritual cheer-
leader" and all clergy couples partici-
pated including Dr. E.V. Hill's couple and Rev. Joseph Lee's couple. Following the benediction, we prepared to start the satellite transmission. Pastor couples were deeply moved by the Holy Wine Cer-

emony and many were crying.

Part 2 was the Main Blessing Cere-

mony from Washington DC. Our M.C. for Part 2 was Rev. Timothy Hening, Vice Regional Director and co-convenor ACLC of Los Angeles. We followed the Washington DC schedule completely. We had two officiator couples. Rev. & Mrs. Berek Joong Koo, our Los Angeles Region-

al Director and West Block Director and also Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Lee, Pastor of the Heavenly Vision MBC and the first church to hold a blessing ceremony on Dec. 26th, 1996. We did the presenta-

tion of officiator flowers live and also the ring exchange. Pastor couples found this deeply moving. During the Main Bless-

ing Ceremony, we had one cable televi-
sion reporter attend and take video shots for their local news. At the end of the Washington DC Blessing Ceremony, we switched back to "live" action in Los Ange-

les. Dr. E.V. Hill, pastor of the Mt. Zion MBC and named as 1 of 7 top preach-
ers in America by Time Magazine, con-

cluded part 2 with his congratulatory speech "How To Remain Married & Happy". His speech was powerful!!! He is one of the most powerful and well known min-

isters in Los Angeles and received hearty persecution in this month. But he over-

came and gave a magnificent strong &

powerful speech. He received several standing ovations. Immediately follow-

ing his speech, we had a love offering, fea-
turing our 40 member Japanese Mis-

sionary and home member choir, then prayer and group pictures.

Part 3 was the blessing celebration luncheon and Dr. Rene Holliday was once again the MC. The other half of our big lunch was already set for 500. Dur-

ing Part 1 and 2, we used this table area

for all our family members to be able to attend. Now it was cleared and our newly dedi-
cated bride and groom and clergy cou-

ples were escorted to their wedding banquet. Members could remain as soon as the couples were seat-
ed. We had a wonderful three-course lunch with a special wedding cheesecake covered in white chocolate that the hotel chef had made. The Sadoc Christian Singers sang during the luncheon and so many "new brides and grooms" felt the spirit and were dancing, partying and having a great time. Also, our 40+

strong, Japanese Choir sang. Some pas-
tors wanted to sing and share testimo-

ny, so we allow free time for this.

The conclusion was the drawing for the three grand door prizes. Our event was finished by 6pm – a five hour blessing day for them. We closed with every-

one singing Amazing Grace and Rev.

Berek Joong Koo led three strong, deter-
minded cheers of Munseor.

During the entire month of April, many of our churches received negative liter-

ture trying to dissuade them from attend-
ing our event. They attacked Dr. Hill heavily as a "false prophet" and focused on the surrounding churches. All of April, we could see very clearly that this was a fight between the "Blessers" and the "un-

fortunates". It made our Los Angeles outreach members every day struggle, but they never let up for a moment. For our event yesterday morning, one of the church-

couples sent 6 or 9 of their "scouts" to the hotel to canvass the parking lot and hand out "enlightening" negative flyers to our arriving pastors. They were on hotel prop-

erty approaching all incoming cars, cars that had already parked and pastors walking towards the hotel. At least some of our pastors were influenced by this and couldn't attend. But the strong will of the leaders did prevail and we locked out these "evil-doers."

We really felt right up through the ceremony that this was a real war situation. Through that, we were able to make victory.

Two real "John the Bap-
tist" were born during this providence. Rev. Joe Waller, of the Shiloh Missionary Bap-

tist Church was co-convenor ACLC co-convenor for us on March 25th. He quit his full time job that night and started doing daily activity with us. He and his wife have been married 23 years and have 11 grandchildren. Rev. Waller attended each and every one of our minister programs (sometimes 5 in one week) and conducted the HW bless-
ing ceremonies at each one. He has an office at Pasade-

na House and every day from early morning until evening, he dedicated himself to this blessing. He will continue with us on the same sched-

ule for the next step. He is prominently committed to this providence and to bring victory for True Parents. He is a strong fighter for True Par-

ents and the ACLC. Also Rev. 

see LOS ANGELES on page 7
April 27th was a most holy and joy filled day for the New York Region. More than 1,500 happy souls gathered for the Family Rededication and Blessing at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Harlem. It was a special day everyone had been waiting with great hope and desire. Those early arrivals came and enjoyed very tasty food at the reception, which provided time for sharing and for the making of new friends. Hundreds of clergy gathered for this family atmosphere in the Church's welcoming hall with Rev. Bruce Grodner as the welcoming host. There were also accompanying attractions such as videos and photo displays of ACLC local events. Everyone was pleased with this enlightening and warm gathering of people. There was a feeling of anticipation and hope that could not be successfully in bringing victory for the 144,000 Clergy Couples Blessing all over America. Many great leaders were present like the Bishop Billy Robinson, the Garden of Prayer Cathedral, C.O.G.I.C. and many respective clergy and vast variety of denominations and locations. Many clergy filled the steps outside, taking pictures and sharing good words about the total feeling of joy and peace that each and everyone of us had experienced this day. Recovering from open heart surgery and moments before the actual ceremony Rev. Miguel Cruz, Alpha & Omega, pastor, he almost missed the event feeling some chest pains but he went ahead and challenged himself and he said, "I'm most grateful because I see what a meaningful event this is, I wouldn't have missed it, not for the world. Thank you." Rev. Miguel and wife, Juanita both attended with friends. These kind of testimonies tell us that we are seeing the beginning of eternal relationships of clergy and congregations, making concerted efforts to see God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Thank you, True Parents.

**LOS ANGELES from page 6**

Walter Millsap became our real John the Baptist. Rev. Millsap brought his couple along with 30 couples, 1 daughter couple, 25 adult church and 5 band members. Rev. Millsap has a "Trinity Weapon" method in his church.

Our mobilization for this providence started two months ago with our February 24th Interfaith Revival Service. Since then, 85% of all Southern California families joined in activity. Some could not because of very difficult situations, but almost all families joined. We had 60 missionaries in Los Angeles and all were assigned to home stay families. For each family who housed a missionary and made their family donation, we gave them an ACLCTV to use for their outreach. Members wanted to really guide ministers as to the true meaning of the holy wine blessing, so having an ACLCTV was very important. Without that, we could not be successful in bringing victory for holy wine ceremonies. Clearly each pastor knew the meaning. Holy Wine was not lightly given out and it only was given out to pastor couples and clergy leadership couples—no congregation. We had a "Trinity Weapon" method in Los Angeles. Stand for Family Video Tape; Minister Pocket Guidance Folder; and a bag of 12 holy wines. Our minister guide pocket folder was very detailed. We had many, many, many materials developed very quickly for our members. We made over 200,000 copies of materials (many in color) and over 3000 video tapes. We also developed everything in both English and Spanish and shared all our information with the West Block as well as other states who requested it.

At our Sunday Service on April 28th, the spirit of our members was very high. This was a real offering service to God and True Parents. Almost all of our members joined and were crying as we made this offering. We pledged our continued determination to keep this a real victory for Heavenly Father. We very much still have the "I Can Do – Never Give Up" spirit and very strong determination for step 2. Our Los Angeles church raised up our spirit during the last 2 months. In April all our outreach families only visited other churches from early morning until late at night, not even being able to attend our own church service. Our Nation Wide goal for holy wine blessings was 10,596, but we were able to exceed 12,200 by midnight April 26th. We not only completed our National portion of the goal, but also our Regional goal. We did not stop when 144,000 was completed two weeks ago, because Los Angeles was determined to fulfill 12,000. We had strong help from the Spiritual World and we prepared a big offering table on True Parents Day. We also offered up all our member donations for spiritual power. Every day for the past 40 days, we have had very deep prayer at 6:00am and also 10:00pm for spiritual world help. All our families made determination every day. For 2 months, there was total investment for this providence. All of our families made one! Our Region also includes Hawaii. Because of the time difference, they held a breakfast banquet at the Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki Hotel starting at 7:30am.

They had 100 guest confirmations, including pastor couples and some single pastors. 33 participants actually attended the ceremony. Their Japanese missionary couple came especially from the Garden of Prayer Cathedral, C.O.G.I.C. and many respective clergy and vast variety of denominations and locations. Many clergy filled the steps outside, taking pictures and sharing good words about the total feeling of joy and peace that each and everyone of us had experienced this day. Recovering from open heart surgery and moments before the actual ceremony Rev. Miguel Cruz, Alpha & Omega, pastor, he almost missed the event feeling some chest pains but he went ahead and challenged himself and he said, "I'm most grateful because I see what a meaningful event this is, I wouldn't have missed it, not for the world. Thank you." Rev. Miguel and wife, Juanita both attended with friends. These kind of testimonies tell us that we are seeing the beginning of eternal relationships of clergy and congregations, making concerted efforts to see God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Thank you, True Parents.

The victory from Los Angeles, Region 21, we offer gratefully to God and True Parents with strict determination to keep going with an "I can do – never give up" spirit. Thank you Heavenly Father!
Rev. Daniels of St. John’s Missionary Baptist Church, Durham North Carolina was a minister our brother Mamoru and Caroline and three Japanese missionaries met three days before the Blessing of the 144,000 clergy on Saturday April 27. It seemed late in the providence to invite Rev. Daniels to Bless his church, as the Blessing was only 3 days away. With this in mind we resolved to show Rev. Daniels the videotape and offered him to drink the Holy Wine. Rev. Daniels did so willingly and was left with one Holy Wine cup to give his wife and he asked for 150 more for his congregation. Also he was left with the Four Vows. Also the Japanese missionaries sang him a few songs, which he loved.

The following Sunday was April 28th. It was the day following the Blessing given by True Parents in Washington DC. Mamoru, Caroline and the three missionaries attended Rev. Daniels’s Sunday Service. When the time for the pastor’s message came we were surprised to hear how direct Rev. Daniels talked about the sexual relationship of husband and wife and chastises the members in the church for having pre-marital sex. He said that people have to change. The next thing we knew he called all the married couples in the church to the altar, and that all single people, widowed, divorced etc. should also stand. Mamoru and Caroline went forward not knowing whether we had been at the church or not. We were discouraged to find that he was not there, but at home sick. We felt that he was guided by Heavenly Father to receive the Blessing from True Parents. May 5th we attended Sunday Service at that church and told them that his sermon was to be on the family. The visit he received from us and the information he received fitted right into what and where he was guiding his church. We felt that he was guided by Heavenly Father to prepare himself and his church to receive the Blessing from True Parents.

During the moment of recommitment, the couples and Rev. and Mrs. Moon faced each other and held hands. Most of the husbands wore black and the wives white, and all donned a white neck sash commemorating the event. Rev. Moon declared that the couples were "committed to becoming true husbands and wives." The event, held at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, is part of what organizers called a "world peace blessing movement" that seeks to solve social problems by bolstering sexual morality and fidelity in marriage.

The clergy organization had planned the renewal ceremony for Madison Square Garden in New York City on Sept. 22 last year but postponed it because of the terrorist attacks 11 days earlier. Hundreds of the clergy traveled to Manhattan anyway for a prayer vigil next to the demolished World Trade Towers site. Before they arrived here yesterday, many of them participat-
ed in a "family communion" ceremony that involved a spousal sharing of holy wine or juice. They said that such initiatives have helped set a tone to preach more frequently on moral values and marriage.

The clergy Renewed Wedding Vows.

by Caroline Uyama

**Blessing Testimony N. Carolina**

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ing God) he spoke from the Book of Genesis and about family. His sermon was excellent. Full of sound guidance.

Following the service Mamoru asked Mrs. Daniels if we could visit Rev. Daniels at home later that afternoon, as we had some flowers for him. We all went there around 3PM with a beautiful flower arrangement. We spent a few hours talking with Rev & Mrs. Daniels.

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This is an excerpt from the report of the Blessing in The Washing-
ton Times.
Marriage and the Family Are a State of Crisis in America Today. 50% of all marriages are in divorce. A greater percentage of marriages in the Christian community end in divorce than among those who declare no church affiliation.

This crisis happened on our watch as ministers, while we stood in pulpits across America declaring what “doth satan the Lord reign in this land? could such a situation have occurred? Is it a serious indictment against the power and efficacy of our preaching or does it indicate that we have allowed powers and principalities to gain control over the marriage in the hearts of our people? Are we guilty not only of the sin of commission but the sin of omission, by failing to do all that we can to slow the hemorrhaging of marital fidelity and permanency.

If marriage has deteriorated on our watch, then it is our charge and responsibility as ordained men and women of God to correct the situation. The greatest work that any of us could be called to is to restore the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus stated in the Gospel of John, Chapter 14, verse 12. “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” (The New King James Version)

It is a difficult challenge getting church folk to believe that they can perform the same works as Jesus, no less accomplished a realization than they can do even greater works than Jesus! In order for them to believe that they can perform the greater works, an understanding that they are the hands and feet of God created and woman in His own image and after His likeness in the spirit (cf. John 4:24) and woman in His own image and after His likeness in the spirit (cf. Gen. 1:28).

God placed Adam and Eve in a unique position to reach full growth maturity. All that was required of them was to be fruitful, to multiply and to have dominion over the earth (Gen. 1:28).

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When marriage occurs as God originally intended, it is the fulfillment of His original ideal of creation. As a reminder and renewal of your marital vows and commitment to remain together for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and health until death do you part. As a living example and manifestation to your congregation that marriage is a sacred covenant, instituted by God, and the ideal foundation for family life.

D. David Barrett Jr. and Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings

This letter was given to all the participants in the 144,000 Clergy Blessing.

Dear ALC Participants in the 144,000 Clergy Couples Blessing: On behalf of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your support and participation in the historic Marriage Blessing Ceremony on Saturday, April 27, 2002 at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

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As a public statement to the nation and the world that we will stand up for fidelity and permanency in marriage.

As a public declaration of our belief in no more divorce and no more adultery.

As a statement of unity and purpose that binds denominations of all faiths together in addressing the spiritual needs of all nationalities, races and tongues.

As a means of creating awareness and focusing attention on the current day crisis of marriage in America and leading the way in providing a solution of marriage restoring the nation.

In turn, each Clergy Couple is asked to officiate at the renewal of marriage and to bestow the Marriage Blessing upon married couples in their churches, mosques, temples or synagogues. Each faith should follow or observe its religious traditions in conducting the Marriage Blessing. However, it is asked that an essential component of the ceremony be the Holy Wine Ceremony (which may consist of wine or grape juice).

The Holy Wine Ceremony is the ritualistic act that symbolizes and seals the spiritual transition of each married couple and family from the blood lineage of Satan to the blood lineages of God. It bespeaks of a “spiritual blood transmutation” or “spiritual dialysis.” Together, we can “stand up for marriage and family and save the nation.”

50-State Three-Evangelists' Tour in Las Vegas

by Rev. William Starr

Saturday April 13th, following a morning breakfast meet-
ing in Oakland CA. Rev. Charles Kenyatta and Ms.
Seong Bok Hsu traveled to Las Vegas Nevada for an evening revival in the Zion United Methodist Church.

The program began with the 14-
minute videotape explaining the pur-
pose of ACLC. The Japanese Sisters Choir sang ‘Song of the Banquet’, Rev. Kenyatta and Mrs. Hsu entered the sanctuary with guest pastors greeting them as they proceeded to the pulpit to sit together.

Following Welcoming Remarks from Rev. William Starr, Religious leaders from Baptist, Jewish, and Muslim, and Methodist backgrounds offered scrip-
ture and comments on marriage and family. Rev. Sylvester Rogers, Pastor
of Greater Mt. Sinai M.R.M., Rabbi Kent Sutton of Beth Menorah Ministries Min-
ister and Rimm Muhammad, Nation of Islam all shared brief comments. Rev.
Rogers left his own program to come to speak for us Host Pastor Rev. Mar-
ton Bennett shared his vision on the need to Save Marriage and Family and welcomed the guest speakers.

The Zion Chancel Choir, lead by Mrs.
Clara Scott treated the audience to sev-
eral Gospel songs. The choir and soloists
poured out their heart and created
happy and joyful atmosphere. Zion ush-
ers added a sense of dignity to the occa-
sion. A solo from Rev. Bennett’s daugh-
ter Karen prepared the way for the guest speaker. Juanita Pierre Louis warmly introduced the speakers.

Rev. Kenyatta and Mrs. Hsu stood
together to speak. Rev. Kenyatta imme-
diately showed that he was ‘with it’ and
knows what is going on’. His comments on world situations captured the crowd.

Mrs. Hsu brought a ‘golden light’ with her testimony about the matching. Sev-
eral members had spiritual experi-
ences as Mrs. Hsu spoke. Rev Bennett was transixed as he listened to the
testimonial of the matching. The
audience loved hav-
ing both Rev. Keny-
atta and Mrs. Hsu
speak and enjoyed seeing how they support each other.

Several guests said ‘I will never forget
this.’

Rev. Ra, St. Lucia National Messiah and Rev.
Jim Seong Lee, Nevada State Leader assisted Rev. Starr with the
Altar Call Marriage Blessing of the pastors and Chris-
tian couples. Rev. Bennett’s daugh-
ter and her hus-
band participated in marriage bless-
ing along with other couples that were crying and embracing. A few
people stayed for an hour that
day after the program talking, taking pho-
tos and sharing with each other. It
seemed as if people did not want to leave. In addition, we are very grate-
ful for Bishop Lee and Rev. Wiesinger in Seattle for their guidance and wis-
dom in helping make this program a
success. With gratitude to Heavenly Father and True Parents.
Longwalker and Warrior

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The mission of the clergy is more crucial now than ever before. Even since the tragedy of September 11, with the fighting still in progress and with terror at our doorstep, the entire world is filled with resentment, fear and conflict. Conflicts among religions and races are becoming worse. Every day we read of families killed, children orphaned, while those who fight continue to seek “an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.” As prophets, the clergy must lead this nation and the world back to God. We must be fearless to speak God’s word, and we must become the examples for people to follow. But in this time of crisis, the number of souls we convert inside our churches, or how well we fill the collection plates is not the measure of our success. We must go beyond the walls of our own denominations, and join together with the kind of unity that the world has been unable to find. The success of the Bapists, or Catholics, or Unificationists by themselves will never save this nation. We must stand together like never before in our nation’s history. This is the mission of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, to tear down the walls of race and denomination. No other clergy organization is more important. No other movement is able to gather so many from every race, creed and nationality. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the vision and leadership of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, together with the vision and leadership of Rev. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, the ACLC is designed as we are. No other clergy organization has been given at the ACLC Convocation, March, 2002, Washington D.C.

Mary was told, "Blessed is the fruit of your womb." And it is only by inherit- ing the flesh and blood of the sinless Charles and Mary, a pure lineage, that our children born anew, and enter the Kingdom of God."

Then how do we rebuild the family? We need more than social programs and community service. We need to purify the lineage of humankind, and restore true love in God-centered families. This is the simple yet profound meaning of the Blessing of marriage being given by Father and Mother Moon. Even for those of us who have experi- enced the salvation of our souls through our relationship with the Lord, as St. Paul said, "...the law of sin... dwells in my members (flesh)" (Romans 7:23). Though we proclaim we are "sancti- fied," we still pass sin on to the children born from our bodies. The most devout men and women of faith still suffer the temptation of false love. Though we have experienced individ- ual salvation, our family life continues to be mired in sin.

Father and Mother Moon have been anointed by Jesus to sanctify families. This is the purpose of the Blessing of marriage. Just as communion signifies that we are inheriting the flesh and blood of the sinless son of God, in the Blessing we take communion as a cou- ple, to cleanse and renew our lineage. This is the ultimate meaning and mis- sion of True Parents. Not only are we called to do this for ourselves. But we are called to do this for the family. The family is in crisis. As a result, the fabric of our communities has been torn. The build- ing block of our society has been bro- ken. The cornerstone of a peaceful world has been shattered.

But the problem goes deeper than that. The fall brought enmity between the woman’s seed and that of the ser- pent. The true seed, the lineage of God, was defiled. Jesus taught in John 8:44, "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires." This is the real meaning of the original sin that we continue to pass on to our children: we are born of the false lin- eage of Satan. Even for the most devout Christians, our children are still born with original sin. It was not until the conception of Jesus, the sinless Son of God, that his mother conceived this special anointing to all the upright members of the clergy. We are the instru- ments, the vehicles, to start the Church Parents to convey God’s Bless- ing to our congrega- tions, communities, and to all humanity. To achieve this, we are working to raise 144,000 clergy couples to mediate this blessing to the world. The Blessing has transformed the lives, the families, and the ministries of so many pastors already. You will meet those who found the power to overcome divorce, adultery, and count- less other challenges, and who have found renewed vision and strength by offering their marriage to God. Please pray seriously about these things, for with this movement of family renewal through the Blessing of marriage, the ACLC can transform this nation.

So what are we doing? We are working to raise 144,000 clergy couples to mediate the Blessing of marriage. The ACLC can do more than any other group to tear down the walls between races and denomina- tions. We are standing together from all back- grounds and countries, and instead of talking about unity we are trying to live it right now. Rolling up our sleeves and working together is a far more powerful way to achieve unity than interfaith dialogues. When 144,000 clergy couples from all creeds, cultures and nationalities come together on April 27th proclaim- ing “Stand for Family and Save the Nation,” we will move this country. Imagine how the spirit of God can touch this nation in such a holy moment. But to arrive there we have lots of work to do. Let us be clear that our faith calls us to care for the least and the lost, but even so we must feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, protect the needy, we will only end hunger, homelessness and poverty when we change the hearts and minds of the peo- ple. Stand For Family and Save the Nation!

The message of the clergy is quite simply, the first institution created by God. In Genesis Chapter 5, we read that God made them male and female, and called them togeth- er “man,” in His image and likeness. God said, “It is not fitting for man to be alone.” And the helpmate He made for Adam was so close to him, for she was “flesh of his flesh,” and bone of his bones. If Adam and Eve had obeyed God’s word, they would have remained free from the sin that we continue to pass on to our children. We are born of the false lineage of Satan. Even for the most devout Christians, our children are still born with original sin. It was not until the conception of Jesus, the sinless Son of God, that his mother conceived this special anointing to all the upright members of the clergy. We are the instru- ments, the vehicles, to start the Church Parents to convey God’s Bless- ing to our congrega- tions, communities, and to all humanity. To achieve this, we are working to raise 144,000 clergy couples to mediate this blessing to the world. The Blessing has transformed the lives, the families, and the ministries of so many pastors already. You will meet those who found the power to overcome divorce, adultery, and countless other challenges, and who have found renewed vision and strength by offering their marriage to God. Please pray seriously about these things, for with this movement of family renewal through the Blessing of marriage, the ACLC can transform this nation.

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Ambassadors Breakfast at the UN Features the World Peace Blessing

By Nadine Andre

On Friday, March 26, 2002— the day before the “Stand for Family, Save the Nation” event in Washington D.C.— the IFWPF hosted an Ambassadors Breakfast at the UN. The purpose of the breakfast was to help the Ambassadors, members of the UN Secretariat Staff and all those who attended, better understand the profound contribution to the goals and aims of the Special Session on Children being made by this world-wide grassroots “renewal of commitments,” movement. culminating the following day in Washington DC and around the world.

According to Mrs. Karen Smith, Director of the UN IFWPF Office, “The worldwide initiative under the banner World Peace Blessing 2002, contributes substantially to the realization of the goals and targets of, ‘A World Fit for Children.’”

This faith movement involves literally thousands of churches, mosques and synagogues worldwide on their moral authority to inspire the renewal and commitment of communities to actions that have the capacity to provide for children the healthiest lives, optimal education for education, protection from abuse, exploitation, violence and most importantly, protection from HIV/AIDS.”

Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, guest speaker, spoke saying, “Tomorrow, in Washington D.C. there will be an historic, public celebration of marriage and family as the foundation for the restoration of our nations and the world. Religious leaders from a wide range of backgrounds will gather together to demonstrate their shared commitment to the moral and spiritual ideals of true love and true family.”

“In this way, the World Peace Blessing brings about a unity that transcends race, nationality, denomination, religion and culture. Through this movement, not only can we transform individuals and families, we can also transform entire nations. For, as we create a culture of peace within our families, we will eventually create a culture of peace in the world. Dr. Kwak explained that this initiative started by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and supported by religious leaders world wide, although misunderstood and often perceived as ‘strange,’ was in fact winning the support of many religious leaders and political leaders as a tool that can indeed regenerate and revitalize the most fundamental unit of society, the family. Starting between husband and wife, who vow to commit their marriage and thus their family to the pursuit of world peace, the movement is a true grassroots movement.

Although the UN is an arena that predominantly looks upon solutions to pressing world problems through diplomatic, governmental and economic means, the breakfast brought to bear how the most fundamental aspects of humanity’s culture, religion, ethics, and morality, has a huge role to play within the formula of what many are calling, ‘a new paradigm for international relations.’

However, the question often asked is, “But whose morality, whose religion?” So to these ends the breakfast program included leaders of three of the world’s major religions. They presented their perspectives on marriage and family, what makes for the ultimate well-being of children, and their views of the “Stand for Family, Stand for Nation” movement.

The religious leaders who spoke were Rabbi Itzhak Bar-Dea, Chief Rabbi of the Ramat Gan Rabbinate in Israel, representing Judaism, Rev. T.L. Barrett, Superintendent of the Church of God in Christ, Chicago, Illinois representing Christianity and Imam Ameer Salahuddin, resident Imam and co-founder of the Islamic Center of Passaic/Paterson, New Jersey, the oldest Islamic Center in the city of Paterson, representing Islam.

These three religious leaders representing three major world religions spoke in concert over breakfast at the Delegates Lounge at the United Nations headquarters, about what would be optimal for creating a “World Fit for Children.”

While we witness a world torn by historical resentments, hatred and war, the ability of the International World Peace Blessing Initiative to bring the world’s religious leaders together in harmony and dialogue and then to broaden that dialogue to include the political, diplomatic and economic leaders of the world shows it to be a challenging yet ennobling undertaking. Approximately 75 participants including 53 Ambassadors, diplomatic and UN Secretariat staff, representing over 52 nations attended the program. The program, although atypical for the UN was well received. Many attending the breakfast expected a business as usual briefing but instead heard about an unusual and powerful interfaith movement of marriage and family and three religious leaders.

One of the Ambassadors upon leaving said, “After the mornings presentations I am definitely in a position to better handle the challenges of my rigorous day.”

Another highlight of the morning was the beautiful Japanese Peace choir. Comprised of Japanese volunteers working with the IFWPF Office, they added beauty, grace and dignity to the event, from beginning to end. Under the direction of Mrs. Yoko Sato, Associate Director of Volunteers, and Mr. Ricardo de Souza, Director of Volunteers, they constructed hand made invitational cards for the assembly, and then, as a crown on their day, delivered the special hand delivered to the different missions.

The Peace choir dressed in their traditional and beautiful Kimonos. They sang a Japanese and a Korean song to open the program, much to the delight of the Korean Chef de Cabinet of the President of the General Assembly. To close the program, the Peace choir sang a stirring rendition of ‘Let there Be Peace on Earth,’ while joining the audience on Earth,” while joining the audience in song.

For more information about this event, the full text of the speakers and photographs, please visit the website of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace http://www.ifwp.org in the next few days and watch for the IFWPF bi-monthly newsletter, the IFWPF eNews.

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cation is as broad, or interracial, or genuinely interdenominational, as the ALC.

The message and mission of ALC for America has been clear from the beginning. When the nation was bitterly divided over the 2000 presidential election, we stood together at the Supreme Court and declared our love for our fellow man. To remind our leaders that God is the foundation of our freedom and democracy and that when our legal and political systems fall short, we need the guidance of Heaven. We proclaimed “Forgive, Love, Unite!” to a wounded nation. In fact, we had been there since the tragedy of 9-11 struck this nation, the ALC was there, ministering to the victims and heroes at ground zero. Within 10 days, we gathered 1200 ALC clergy from across the nation in New York, just minutes from where the World Trade Center had fallen. There were many moving memorials and services for the victims of this tragedy. But no one else could call together so many clergy from such a diversity of faiths, to lead our nation in healing and reconciliation.

But today, we look forward to our most urgent task, to “Stand for Family, Save the Nation.” I want you to repeat after me: “Stand for Family… Save the Nation.” Last year, during the historic 52-city ALC tour, Father Moon told us that we must cry out from our pulpits about true love, no divorce, and no adultery. More than that, he said, we must be the example of God-centered families to our congregation and community. Our spouse has the key to our sexual organ, he taught us. “No spare keys!” he warned us. Pastor Barrett responded, and after 10 years of separation and divorce, his lovely wife Cleo has returned to his side. Moreover, 22 other couples in his church were healed and restored through the Barretts’ testimony and ministry! Archbishop Stallings took Father Moon seriously, and after a lifetime as a priest, he is blessed in marriage. He and his lovely wife, Suyomi, are expecting their first child just at about the time of the upcoming Blessing. He travels throughout the country, through-out the world, proclaiming the message of the ALC: “Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, Renew the Nation and World.” Many others were healed and blessed through the 52-city tour, and now we must expand this movement of family healing and Blessing to the nation. When 144,000 clergy couples stood together on April 27th, God’s people, called by His name, I am sure that God will hear from Heaven, and He will heal our land.

God has the power to end divorce! God has the power to restore our families! God has the power to restore our communities! God has the power to renew our world. We must make this movement more encompassing, reaching all the people, who are called by My Name, humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)
144,000 Clergy Blessing

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ton. D.C. the blessing program included the testimony of Rev. C. Phillip Johnson ACLC Wash-
ington Chairman, a Vietnam vet and power pastor in Wash-
ington. He gave a sermon pro-
claiming that the Book of Rev-
elution was fulfilled.

Pastor T.L. Barrett Jr. the
Co-Convener of the American
Clergy Leadership stood with
his wife Cleopatra and testified
as to how, during the 50 state
tour, Father prophesied that
they would come back to-
gether. (They had been divorced
for 10 years.) Pastor Barrett said,
"God told me to stand with
Father Moon and I would be
blessed. The most unexpected
blessing came. I was reunited
with my wife and the mother of
our seven children! We are so
happy now. Father and Moth-
ner Moon, our True Parents want
everything and everybody to be
married! Father is a marrying
man! He wants everything to be
married. He would like a desk
chair or even the two light bulbs
to be married if possible."

The congregation enjoyed the
living humor. However, because
of the healing of Rev. Barretts
family you could feel how deep
and serious the inner message
was that he conveyed. The cou-
ples were moved. Many began
weeping.

The media team led by Rev.
Phillip Schanker and Dr. Linda
Wharton Boyd (who did the 50
state / 52 city We Will Stand
tour) kept a steady stream of
coverage. Then representative
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Sikhism; Swami Amar
Nath Gupta, Hinduism

Then the most influential Christian leaders
in America because of the central role he
had in bringing black Christians into
the Million Man March). They each
gave a powerful prayer.

Special Thanks to Dr. Kaufman for
organizing this wonderful and historic
Interreligious and International prayer
for the 144,000. Mr. Joo said that it
was so significant that this occurred
in Washington, D.C. This demonstrates
to the world that there is hope that
America can be the Elder Son to lead
the way to harmonize all religions.

After the prayers of the religious
leaders, the attendants entered in their
white Holy Robes. This was followed
by the Officiators, our True Parents
led by a procession of religious lead-
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face each other and hold hands. The couples were asked to also face each other holding hands. Then the con-celebrant clergy and their wives extended their right hand (of the husband) and left hand (of the wife) in the traditional sense over the larger body of the congregation. The Washington Times reported over 700 Clergy couples attending the main ceremony in Washington, D.C. 30 Couples came from the Nation of Islam directly sent by the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan through Minister Kadhir and Sister Claudette Marie Muhammad. 21 Buddhist couples came from Korea. Top Christian and Buddhist leaders came from Japan. More than 21 Sikh leader couples came from Washington Area.

This was all being beamed across the world via satellite and web cast to all 50 states and 190 nations. 10,000 clergy couples gathered in Indonesia. Then True Parents prayed for the 144,000 Clergy Couples.

Then True Parents read the four vows which were strongly affirmed by the Clergy couples with a strong YES! After this moment of beauty and splendor True Parents gave the rings to each of the 12 representative couples for the Ring Exchange Ceremony and the whole congregation exchanged rings.

Then True Parents gave the Proclamation of Blessing (the four vows and the proclamation of blessing were projected in English onto the huge viewing screen.)

Then flowers were presented by Elder Bob and Judy Miller of Texas assisted by Jackie Apostelides. Finally, a two gifts were presented by the American Clergy Leadership Conference Board of Directors, Pastor and Mrs. Barrett, Bishop and Mrs. Stallings and Rev. and Mrs. Edwards presented a crystalline vase and a special presentation of a pair of doves mounted beautifully representing peace.

Archbishop Stallings placed a flower at the foot of the stage before our True Parents symbolizing the love the religious leaders wanted to express for our True Parents.

Then Raoul Joseph and Linda Laleh Nader (from a Moslem heritage) performed a congratulatory song.

Father and Mother, joined by Bishop Dan Johnson, Dr. Chang Shik Yang and Rev. Oyamada gave led three cheers of Monsei. The concelebrant clergy then led True Parents in the Recession of the Officiators. Then the Attendants receded and the ceremony concluded True Parents then returned for pictures. As True Parents left the Blessing Sanctuary you could feel the warmth of love emanating between all races, religions, nations and cultures.

The ceremony concluded with a beautiful performance by the Mighty Clouds of Joy who also were blessed with their wives in the ceremony gave an uplifting Gospel performance for all the Couples.

It was a glorious day for Heaven and Earth. We sincerely thank our Continental Director Dr. Chang Shik Yang and our Regional directors (especially Rev. In Ho Lee), National Missions, Japanese Missionaries, VP Daugherty and VP Schanker and all International directors. Western leaders and members, without whom, this miracle would not have been possible. Special thanks Rev. Kwak and Mr. Joo, Rev. Hwang, Rev. Su and Rev. Oyamada from Japan, Dr. Walsh RFWP, Dr. Kaufman RFWP, Antonio Betancourt Summit Council, Mr. David Caprera AFC, Mrs. Alexa Ward WFWP, Rev. Joshua Cotter CARP USA, Mr. Michael Balcomb World CARP, Tom McDevitt Washington Times Foundation, Rev. David Stewart, Rev. Jorg Heller and Rev. Michael Leone, National HQ, Rev. Kevin McCarthy, Rev. Lorman Lykes, Rev. Michael Marshall (Pastors of the Washington Family Church) and all Washington area leaders and members (especially many Western sisters who came and worked night and day on the campaign. Special thanks to David Eaton and crew. There are many more that should be mentioned. Heaven will bless all who sacrificed for this providence.

Thanks to Korean and Japan. Especially thanks America. You fulfilled this responsibility before heaven. Now let us immediately step up to the next level of responsibility until the Elder Son Nation is standing strong to bring God’s Kingdom on the earth.
Down with Sunday School?
Family Worship Here We Come!

by Dr. Kathy Wining

Do these questions sound familiar? "If we believe in the family so strongly, then shouldn't we get rid of Sunday School and just have family worship? After all, isn't the home the first school of faith and true love?" "We don't need Sunday School anymore. Sun School is passe." "We don't need to have age-segregated classes, we have the family for that." Have any of you asked your local church director or pastor these questions before? Many do, and often in Sunday School and parenting workshops. Parents and church leaders seem torn as to whether or not we need to continue the Sunday School system for our children. I imagine that if you survey many of the church communities throughout the United States and other countries, you will probably see a split between those who believe that Sunday School should be replaced by family worship and those who feel that Sunday School is still an effective tool and resource for our children. So, who is right? I am not so sure that it is a question of right and wrong anymore. Nor do I feel that it is a question of either Sunday School or family worship. It is a question of creating a new paradigm of religious education and faith development; a paradigm of family-centered, church-supported faith. This means that the old Sunday School model is beyond the confines of their immediate and protective environment but one that can move the hearts of the family members to recognize how God can touch the lives of each family member in a different way as they worship together, and sharing their gifts with each other, and their family to recognize how God can touch the lives of each family member in a different way as they worship together, and sharing their gifts with each other, and their family.

Sunday School

Sunday School provides a wonderful support system to ensure that our children are exposed to the themes, issues, and topics that are vital to their faith development. As they wrestle with concepts and points of faith, age-specific activities and teaching methods can help them sort through their emerging questions in a supportive environment. But now that we live in the Completed Shim program is now developing a parental lesson guide as a way of involving the parents, as an example of this.

2. Welcome parents into the Sunday School class: Teachers can help create a family-friendly culture when they invite parents into their classroom on Sunday morning. Parents can work with their children and youth will quickly become bored and will probably become disengaged. If the worship services are aimed only at the adults in the congregation, the children and youth will quickly become bored and will probably become disengaged. Family worship also challenges each family to recognize how God can touch the life of each family member in a different way as they worship together, and sharing their gifts with each other, and their family to recognize how God can touch the lives of each family member in a different way as they worship together, and sharing their gifts with each other, and their family.

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Finally, Sunday School or age-based religious education can target learning styles and abilities that are age-specific – something that is hard to do in a home full of children covering several age groups. Our children benefit from having lessons taught at their age level, and is the center point of the church's mission; a paradigm of family-centered, family-supported. This means that the old Sunday School model is beyond the confines of their immediate and protective environment but one that can move the hearts of the family members to recognize how God can touch the lives of each family member in a different way as they worship together, and sharing their gifts with each other, and their family to recognize how God can touch the lives of each family member in a different way as they worship together, and sharing their gifts with each other, and their family.

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by Vladimir Barkanov.

World CARP Rally in Latvia

by MatifLikengElie

Amazing grace; amazing love; amazing results. It is more than a decade since CARP was legalized as student association in Cameroon. Since then CARP has been functioning mostly in the nation’s capital of Yaounde-Cameroon. But although CARP has been working in the University campuses, it has not succeeded to function as an association within the University milieu despite recurrent attempts.

Our determination never wavered, and we never relented our efforts to keep knocking at the door. This time around, in another University, the lone Anglo-Saxon University whose Vice Rector is a PWPA member, gave us the green light by signing the authorization for CARP to function as a student association in the Campus of University of Yaounde. To maintain the enthusiasm and momentum, we scheduled and organized an introductory seminar of W-CARP activities on April 20, 2002. It was an occasion to disseminate the knowledge we acquired during the leadership seminar. It focused on the epistemology of W-CARP, that is the Theory of Education of the Uniﬁcation Thought; CARP membership categorization with duties and obligations, and lastly the importance of SFP categorization with duties and obligations.

When we toured around the University of Yaounde Campus, we realize the story is not different. During our seminar on April 20, 2002, we requested the participants to be part of a service Project on April 27, 2002 at the University of Yaounde Campus, captioned “Operation Zero Paper” and we went ahead to print 70 invitations calling on others students to assist us on this day.

Despite the fact that we have done such services in the previous years, the administration is often reluctant to grant our request. They are still bewildered to see a student association trying and here still exist a lot of negativity to our movement, but even now also appear some negative articles, but the same time appear some journalists from TV and newspapers who try to protect us and who want to help us fully carry out the goal of CARP and Rev. Moon here in Latvia. But now many non government organizations now want to work with CARP and also protect CARP from persecution.

As well give the possibility to all other students to be part of the CARP Latvia. It was a first in Riga, Latvian CARP members for a long time. From the beginning of the movement in Latvia, we dream about this, but because of persecution in the former communist country and the organizing in Latvia projects “Service For Peace”. With such a activity such a small country as Latvia (just 2.5 million population) can be restored in very short time.

Through this event all CARP members, who organized this Latvian mem-

Camp Sunrise 2002

CARP sponsored a rally April 26, 2002 in Riga, capital of Latvia—a march against drugs, AIDS and supporting moral values—entitled “We are On The One Way”. The main purpose of this march was to proclaim new alternative youth culture based on moral values, purity of love and a healthy lifestyle. As well give the possibility to the young people to participate in an activity with the purpose solving the problems of society and, through this, get feeling of ownership for their country.

Joining the march were 300 students from the different schools of Riga. They prepared banners and came with the desire to do something about problems of society.

Two months before the march, in many of the schools, we gave special lectures about the march. It helped the young people to get a more serious attitude and prepare themselves for this event.

In the beginning of preparation for the march we had support from the city government. A real help with organizing was a deputy of the Latvian Parliament, who was appointed as an Ambassador of Peace last year. Because of his support it was possible to overcome a lot of difficulties with permissions for the march.

The march ended with a meeting, and concert in the square at the center of the city, near the town council. At the meeting were representatives of AIDS center in Latvia. The concert was given by two rock band: “Carpe Diem” (World CARP of Russia, S-Petersburg,) and “Feedback” Latvia (friends of World CARP Latvia.)

It was not a huge march, but such an event was a first in Riga. Latvian CARP members for a long time. From the beginning of the movement in Latvia, we dream about this, but because of persecution in the former communist country and the organizing in Latvia projects “Service For Peace”. With such a activity such a small country as Latvia (just 2.5 million population) can be restored in very short time.

More information by e-mail from carp@parks.lv

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people in the room began whispering and talking. One man spoke up and said, "Kyo heh jun-nim, we will never allow them to take you to prison. We would die first."

She waved her hand at him impatiently. "If it pleases God for us to go to prison, what's that to you? You should be humble in front of God's will, and God's destiny for all of us. We will meet the Lord in prison. Think of that and pray for it." People began whispering again. Mrs. Ho walked into the kitchen to see if the food offering was ready to go on the altar.

Omma led Ju Kyung upstairs and gave her a length of thread. "Go to the little store next to the public bath, you may need this," she said. Ju Kyung began whispering to herself, going three rolls of this thread, and tell him we'll pay later.

Ju Kyung took the thread and tied it to her finger, and she was off down the street. She paused and looked up and down for that little gang of men, but they were gone. She went on her way to the little general store where people went to buy whatever odds and ends they needed.

When she got there, the store was full of people, and it took a long time for the man to notice her and ask her what she wanted. She untied the thread and told him what her mother had said. He frowned at her. "Oh, is your mother at the church with all those people, the Bok Jung Kyo Church?"

"Yes," said Ju Kyung fearfully. She had never felt afraid before, but she was learning the meaning of fear today. Just yesterday she would have spoken right up, but this afternoon her "yes" stuck in her throat for just a second, and it surprised her. "My mother works there," she added, a little defensively.

People stopped chattering. People looked at her. The man looked at her. Oh, no thought Ju Kyung Lee. Please Jesus, don't let these people do anything to me. Don't let them throw me through a window too. The man looked around for someone. "Mrs. Choi?" A woman stepped up to them. "Mrs. Choi, I think it'd be nice if you could walk this little girl back to the Bok Jung Kyo and see if."

"Still there?" thought Ju Kyung. What does he mean? Now she felt another kind of fear. These people all knew something, she knew it wasn't for herself but for other people. "We're looking for this girl's mother." People began walking quickly back to the church. There were many communist soldiers loading all the clothes and food they had made for Jesus and the coming Lord.

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"Yes, " said the man. "We're looking for this girl's mother." The old man squinted down at her. "You're Mrs. Lee's little girl, aren't you?"

Ju Kyung nodded her head eagerly. "I think I know," said the old man. "Just a minute." He went back out of sight, into the darkness of the prison cell. He spoke with someone for a moment and then came back again. He stuck his arm out the window and pointed down the prison wall. "Try the fifth window."

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Ju Kyung ran tearfully into her arms. She rested in Thee—Saint Augustine

Thou didst create us for Thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until we rest in Thee—Saint Augustine

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Behind the Clouds: A New Hope for Afghanistan

by Umberto Angelucci

As we flew over the bombsites surrounding Kabul, we felt deep joy to be able to contribute to the people of Afghanistan after more than 20 years of waiting. From the sky, we could see evidence of the US bombers and especially on the ground we could see the destroyed aircraft thrown on the side of the runway like rubbish. As we entered the airport we could see the reality of the current situation. The electrical system, the luggage conveyance belt and the modern facilities installed in the past were destroyed. Even the light fixtures and wiring had been stolen. We were grateful that at least the runway was functioning properly. Regardless of the effects of the war we felt secure coming into the city. In order to connect properly to the local situation we went to visit the United Nations office. We could meet two Afghan WFWP employees who guided us in a very helpful way. They referred us to a guest house which became our home for the next 16 days.

Because of the limited schedule of the only flight to Kabul, we arrived at the time of Id, the most important Muslim holy day of the year. This caused us to alter our original schedule but allowed us to experience the reality of their everyday life. We spent the holy day with one local family and we could experience the deep joy of being in the hearts of the people due to more than 20 years of war and misery. At the same time we could see the openness of the hearts of the people, hoping to be able to soon see the changes ing centered on three main organizations: the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank and the UNDP. Fortunately, because we stayed at this guest house we had the opportunity to discuss with responsible people from these agencies and consequently understood more deeply the way the international community wants to bring changes in Afghanistan. These agencies have sent experts and done research in order to make proper investment but they cannot do the work by themselves. Consequently they will work through the government and also through NGOs that are working on the grass root levels. All this information was helpful for us in making decisions on our immediate activities and future plans.

We visited many international and local welfare organizations. Many of them had our Wasan experience in Afghanistan. We visited the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of Education, the Planning Ministry, the Ministry of Development, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Aviation. Also we met the director of Kabul University and the Aishi Durani High School which we later decided to support.

This high school was at one time the finest high school in Kabul and it had a very good reputation. We would like to help this school to recover this position once again. After discussing the high school and dealing with the director we understood that the international community would help. We would also like to develop an in-service program for teachers and to work with their teachers to develop an active PTA Association to encourage the parents to support the education of their children.

We also visited one worthy local NGO in Ashiana which we felt was a place that we could support and consequently help many children. This project we finalized centered on the IRFF-Afghanistan. Aishi ana has four centers for a total of 1,800 street children. We supported the children to return to school but also if the families are facing the problem of raising money to survive. So the street children’s project inspires the children and sponsors. Most likely we will continue to work with these two organizations.

We visited many international and local welfare organizations, all of them helping in their ways. We felt deep joy to be able to help them in their work.

Our plan is to return to Afghanistan as soon as we have secured our projects and continue to work with these two organizations. The Aishi Durani High School and the Ashiana Street Children’s Project. At our next visit we will establish our office in Kabul.

It was not easy to leave Afghanistan again. One of the young Afghans that I met during our previous visit expressed to me that when at the moment of departure he became confident that the Afghan people’s wish in his life was to meet me. Under his jack- it was carrying a hand-stitched wall mirror from his mother. He said that in order to manifest his gratitude to me he was giving the wall-hanging to me as a memory. We hugged each other with tears in our eyes and I promised him that I will come back to Afghanistan and wish him the best of luck.

If you are interested to help any of these projects, please contact us and we will be happy to provide you with more information.

By Mrs. Alexa Ward, President of World Peace International was established on April 10, 1992, WFWP, USA Celebrates Tenth Anniversary Celebration at the Hilton Washington Hotel, in Washington DC, on Saturday, March 23, 2002. One hundred and fifteen guests participated in the afternoon program that included: The Tenth Anniversary Celebration, a reception, as well as The General Assembly. The Tenth Anniversary Celebration opened with tango by Ms. Caroline Betancourt, Master of Ceremonies and Vice President, WFWP, USA. Alexa Fisher Ward President, WFWP USA, presented the President’s Address. Musical selections by Patasy Cosmos, Mr. Om Hair, Tako and Cecilia Soteros who enjoyed them very much.

Congratulations to the founder and President of Wasan, Ambassador IlonkaFisher. Living For the Sake of Others Awards were presented to Sheri Rueter for the Side of the Bridge” was presented by Mar- garet Buhlmaster Coolman, Director of Health Care Reform, State of New York. Five outstanding women were honored during the Awards Ceremony. The Founder’s Award was awarded to Dr. Hak Gilman, and Congressman Horn. The Keynote Address, entitled “The Other Side of the Bridge” was presented by Margaret Buhlmaster Coolman, Director of Health Care Reform, State of New York.

The Tenth Anniversary Celebration opened with a welcome by Mrs. Alexa Ward, President of the Women’s International Federation for World Peace, Colorado, also on the agenda were: the Tenth Anniversary Celebration, a reception, as well as The General Assembly.

T he Women’s International Federation for World Peace (WFWP) was established in the year 1992, with the main purpose of promoting international peace and understanding through the establishment of national and international women’s groups centered on women’s issues in order to further the cause of peace. The WFWP consists of forty-three nations, emphasized WFWP’s commitment to “Live for the Sake of Others.” WFWP’s Regional Chairwomen were introduced and recognized for their hard work throughout the year. The General Assembly closed with goals for 2003 and closing remarks.

The Tenth Anniversary Celebration, WFWP USA is in the process of establishing a second endowment fund, entitled the “Peace in Afghanistan Project Fund,” which will endow one or more programs on an annual basis. The initial request to fund this project will be approximately $14,000.

For information about WFWP, USA and the Women’s International Federation for World Peace, President Mrs. Alexa Ward at alexa53ward@hotmail.com.
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uses social service work as a vehicle for young people of different faiths and barriers to come together to work together to help our community.

The RYS project is a model for peace. The RYS project creates an environment where we can create a culture of peace throughout the world. A culture that is inclusive of all faiths and nations and their worldwide faith. The RYS project is a microcosm of the world.

The ultimate goal of RYS is to establish a peace project that could be copied and exported. A culture that is inclusive rather than exclusive. Is this a worthwhile pursuit? The sad reality throughout history is that our culture has been one of conflict, war and division fueled by ignorance and selfishness.

Evens amongst religious people who speak of wonderful ideals and profess God's love are as guilty as anyone else. They say "we are not interested in religious work because we see all the different kind of values that are needed in their country, that is, their personal values. These values are list the kind of values that are needed in order to go beyond the barriers and realize the universality of character education was introduced, since to create a culture of peace, we need men and women of good character.

Further brainstorming led to the crystallization of concrete projects that could be implemented by participants within a three-month timeframe. Self-ownership of projects was a high priority as was a plan to make them available to a committee of people from various backgrounds as soon as possible.

The two-day program, a mini-service project was conducted. In Tonga, the task was to pick up rubbish on the foreshore adjacent to the International Dateline Hotel. This was an experience that was significant in the minds of many. The former Prime Minister, Baron Vaea, participated in the entire two-day program including cleaning up. Also involved in the clean-up was a member of the royal family. The involvement of Baron Vaea and the member of the royal family inspired many who never dreamed that they would "come down and mingle with us commoners" (the words of one participant).

In Samoa—with 20 Christian denominations plus other faiths such as Islam, Bahai etc.—participants commented that they simply don't come together except, for example, for a joint Christmas Day Service. For different faiths to work together on service projects is, in Samoa, pioneering new ground. Yet at the end of the two days they were buzzing with excitement thinking of the possibilities. This is the inspiration I find in RYS®

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The church would have moved sooner to incorpo- rate the Oakland Family within its national struc- ture were it not for the group's exceptional witness- ing results. In late 1976, Mr. Sudo recruited Matthew Morrison, a longtime Oakland member, to be coor- dinator of Barrytown Training workshops, "incorpo- rating some of the spirit and ideas which had helped the Bay Area bring scores of members." In Septem- ber 1977, Bo Hi Pak reported Oakland recruiting results to assembled state leaders, stating that "90 percent of the work of our movement is done by one center." The following month, Rev. Moon asked Oak- land Center Director, Dr. Mose Durst, to give a report on their activities and suggested that a key to their success was the unity between Dr. Durst and his wife, Soo Lim "Onmyo" Durst. "People," he said, "are attracted by their parental love and warmth. Furth- ermore, everybody does his share to make guests and new members comfortable, to feel at home and to be intoxicated in heavenly love."

There clearly were other reasons for Oakland's success. On his 1971 visit to the San Francisco Bay Area, Dr. Moon had identified it as a magnet for youth, and the Oakland Family recruit- ed actively at train and bus stations, especially tar- geting Japanese-speaking backpackers. However, equally important was the stability of its witnessing program. The Oakland Family never varied its schedule of nightly evening programs, two-day weekend workshops every weekend for as many as 300 mem- bers and guests, seven-day workshops for those who wanted to learn more, and "actuator" programs for those who decided to move in. Moreover, while Oakland might send any num- ber of new recruits to the church, it always kept its staff intact. Therefore, there was not the constant rotation of leadership that characterized the movement as a whole. Oakland also departed from the "on-your-own" pio- neer philosophy that typified the Bar- rytown Training Program. All mem- bers who wanted to move in. Moreover, while Oakland might send any num- ber of new recruits to the church, it always kept its staff intact. Therefore, there was not the constant rotation of leadership that characterized the movement as a whole. Oakland also departed from the "on-your-own" pioneer philosophy that typified the Barrytown Training Program. All mem- bers had a rich and varied background, was a polished and engaging speaker, possessed an ambi- able personality, and with his wife had fashioned and led a center that had better witnessing results than the rest of the U.S. movement combined. Yet, over time, Dr. Durst was reduced to being a church spokesman and apologist. He did this work and sev- eral of his nationwide public relations tours were well received. Still, his inability to become the leader of the Unification Church in America highlighted a second East-West tension.

The Unification movement placed a great deal of public emphasis on the international, intercultural and interracial dimensions of its work. At Yankee Stadium, Rev. Moon stated, "God seeks to build one family of man. Therefore, the family, church, and nation God desires transcends all barriers of race and nationality. The people who are a unified blending of all colors of skin and who transcend race and nationality are most beautiful in the sight of God and most pleasing to him." At Washington Monument, he stated, "The United States of America, transcending race and nationality, is already a model of the uni- fied world." America may have strayed from its Godly tradition. But the Oriental mem- bers who moved to the United States were "contaminated by the American way of life." This tension was not resolved between 1977 and 1986. Some members took Rev. Moon's words as a challenge and redoubled their efforts. One brother who had been fundraising for five years wrote in a March 1983 issue of the church's world mission magazine, Today's World, "I have made a pledge to God that I will shed tears for Him every day of this year. If I fail one day, then the next day I will fail. If I cannot shed tears for one week, I will fast for a week. If I cannot shed tears for a month, then I will fast for a month. If I cannot shed tears at all, I will die." Other members complained about the "Korean-ization" of the church and recalled that Rev. Moon had announced previously that "the leader-centered movement is over, and the member-centered move- ment is going to begin." In fact, the Korean leaders were no more successful in stimulating increased membership than their Japanese and American pred- ecessors had been. If anything, there was an increased exodus out of the church centers.
**Bridgeport International Academy News**

**by Chris Breland**

Bridgeport International Academy has been extremely busy recently with projects, fundraisers, competitions, and even a presidential visit! Read on to find out more about BIA and our activities these past few months.

**Easter Fundraiser**

by Nikolus Cook

The student council organized an Easter fundraiser to raise money for school trips and necessities. On the Friday before Easter Sunday, all of the students participated in wrapping flowers, which were going to be sold over the weekend. The wrapping was quite fun, and we had drunks and snacks afterwards. Even after all the students finished wrapping the flowers into bouquets, most of us volunteered to donate as well. We sold at two spots set up in the Bridgeport area. One was a Getty gas station next to a public park, and the other was in the parking lot for a “Kennedy Fried Chicken.” We made about $700 total profit and still had some flowers left, which we were able to sell over the weekend.

**President Bush’s Visit**

by Masjo Ward

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The Unificationists have long regarded ourselves as ‘heavenly front line troops.’ This description is not a frivolous one. ‘Owls’ (and ‘Owland Chris- tin Soldiers’ can be heard at our services, and some of our members serve in the military. Pacifists we are not. The forces arrayed against God’s Providence are numerous and powerful. To stay in this movement and work toward its goals requires tremendous personal fortitude.

Just like people who sign up for the Marine Corps, we know well be engaged in difficult tasks: fundraising and witnessing, and even parking in distant cities and nations. We know that our efforts might not approve of such a sacrificial lifestyle. Our Second Generation is also walking a condensed version of this path.

Curiously, the anti-Christians no longer deny that the Marine Corps also practices what they’ve long defined as ‘humanism’—but now they say it’s okay. Sup- posedly, military recruits know they’re going to get brainwashed during boot camp, so in that sense it’s a believable American tradition! (Hence the nickname ‘jarhead’?)

Our members hail from a variety of back-grounds. Each person has a special character, which grew out of a unique childhood. Not all of which were pleasant or supportive. . . We do have prob- lems, and in order to function at all, much less make extraordinary efforts, we have to deal with them, on a daily basis and a long term basis. Suffering

This author became keenly aware of this issue during a brief tenure as an MFT team captain. We were under constant (and quite understandable) pressure to meet fundraising goals. The work was hard, physically and emotionally, and became even harder due to persecution.

Using these circumstances personal difficulties emerged, occasionally seri- ous enough to reduce that member’s results to zero. Yet the rest of the team was there, ready and willing to con- tinue, and our schedule was demand- ing.

As the team leader, I actually had to apologize to struggling members. Instead of hot cocoa and a roaring fire- place, and endless hours in which to discuss their problematic childhoods, we were stuck in a cramped van. Often in isolated towns, and with only a brief time between ‘runs’ to discuss any- thing at all. (Some of my greatest mir- acles occurred after a visiting leader did spend some personal time with me.)

Recently, at our local Family Church, this issue was brought into sharp focus. Our Pastor announced that one sister, blessed in marriage for years already, was leaving our church. Why? Because our members had not reached out to her, or aided her with a bad situa- tion. She’d found another church, and her members were more loving, and had time for her. Best of all, they came over and cleaned up her house.

Our Pastor had to admit to her that we were indeed very busy. That, perhaps, this other congregation could better assist her in her current difficul- ties. I have never beheld such a stricken silence as on that Sunday when he told us about the situation. Who were we, he said, to speak about an ideal, and let someone in our midst suffer so? (In fairness, other members later commented that this sister could have at least asked for specific assistance.)

Healing

Our leaders have, over the years, made various efforts to counsel the membership. In other instances, gifted individuals, and even out- side friends, have stepped into fill that need.

Our Blessed Family Depart- ment has made great efforts hold- ing seminars for Blessing candidates and new couples. They also appear in The Tradition, Book One volume.

Those sisters were woe- fully overextended. The seniors were few and far between, and with- out much follow-up. Their excel- lent Blessing Quarterly maga- zine ceased publication. So far as I know, a Book Two never appeared in print.

Others did try to fill that gap. A few spiritually open individu- als gained a reputation as heal- ers, but that type of effort lacked a good long term result. Today, all such situations are direct- ed toward Chungpyung in Korea.

One famous incident

involved a tight-knit religious com- munity on Vashon Island, near Seat- tle. If it is of the people involved, and later had to correct some strange rumors.) That group was led by a hus- band and wife, ministers with a deal of wisdom and quiet charisma. We encountered them through our ecu- menical work, and the relationship soon grew into much more.

Numerous members stayed with them to receive personal counseling, and most reported positive results. The group openly offered their services as a ‘hospital ward’ for hard working, long suffering Unificationists.

However, their methods, while not ‘unhealed’, baffled our (then brand- new) Korean regional leaders. Friction grew. Ultimately, True Father himself mixed the idea, saying that it confused the proper ‘central figure’ connection from members to God.

Nowadays, counseling services are mostly provided by our own local Pas- tors. Those members who reside near such a capable leader are fortunate indeed!

Methods

Some people are ‘naturals’ at coun- seling. Most others need, and every- one’s work can be improved by, a tried- and true method. In olden days the local priest or shaman was also the vil- lage counselor. In modern times, sec- ular and professional therapists have emerged. Something can be learned from each of these traditions.

There are dozens of therapeutic methods, far too many to review here. Some are very popular but, in my opin- ion, silly and ineffective at best, and fallen and corrupting at worst. These range from simplistic ‘psychoanalybible’ to oversexed Freudian Psychology.

Others methods are difficult, and less popular for that reason; but truly based at least, and effective against sin and fallen nature at best. These range from Adler’s ‘Humanistic’ Psych- ology to Unificationist workshops at Jardim and Chungpyung. (*Not to be confused with secular humanism.)*


Counseling must also become a major part of the worldwide Providen- tial effort. America was shocked to see news footage of radical Muslims—including small children— celebrating the World Trade Center attacks. Irrational, violently anti-Semit- ic distortions of those events are already being taught.

Those unfortunate kids have been weaned on hatred, trained from infan- cy through college to yearn for blood and death. Unless they transform their hearts and minds, they will trouble the civilized world for decades to come.

( Please note that those radical factions get TV coverage all out of proportion to their actual numbers."

Conclusion

We Unificationists emerged from, and are surrounded by, the fallen world. Our people have problems: personal, familial, cultural, and so on. We are expected to sacrifice much, and to accomplish more. So, is this movement a sympathetic healing facility or a front line juggernaut? Can we actually handle both?

Fortunately, our ‘formula course’ is oriented toward fulfilling difficult situ- ations. Each of them can help us over- come problems. With a contented lifestyle we’d never expect, much less over- come our weaknesses, limitations, and deeper fallen natures. (The same can be said of a purely romantic marriage.)

However, there is no guarantee that every member will successfully meet those challenges. Timely support is essential, and many of our elders are wise and compassionate enough to pro- vide it.

And these, our best people, invari- ably have the largest demands placed upon them. It should be possible to organize our concerned members in a fail-safe collective way.

There can’t be a Heavenly Kingdom without defeating evil, which isn’t going to be easy. Nor can you have a Heaven- en without pure and joyful people to live there. Quite a challenge! We are determined to meet it.

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