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July 3rd, A Glorious Blessing

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Ministers and the second generation from every denomination and race came to the blessing in Washington D.C. on July 3rd and to blessings held throughout America and the World. We also wish to thank the National Messiahs, without whose sacrifice and leadership the victory of July 3rd could not be achieved. Also, to our Japanese missionaries whose steadfast faith has transformed Christianity forever. The theme of this glorious blessing was Stand For Family, Save the Nation, Save the Next Generation. Dr. Yang and I sincerely thank all our leaders from every organization and especially our family members and brothers and sisters for

bringing True Parents great joy.

The focus was on transferring the blessing of our True Parents to the "Next Generation". Therefore many sons and daughters of the world's great religious leaders had come forward to receive the blessing of marriage from True Parents. Over 700 Couples jammed the Sheraton National Hotel. Events all over the world were overflowing.

Dr. Martin Luther King III stood as co-chairman of the event along with Rev. Torrey Barrett Jr. (Pastor Barrett's son), and Minister Ishmael Muhammad

(Son of Elijah Muhammad and assistant minister to the Nation of Islam). One U.S. Congressman who was blessed in the April 27th Blessing in Chicago gave an excellent congratulatory address. Rev. Levy Daugherty was the MC for the first part of the program and

Many great men and women of God gathered to lift up their congregations and their families to Jesus. World religious representatives offered prayers from the American Indians, Hindus, Sikhs, Moslem, Jewish and Christian faiths. Dr. Bawa of the Sikh faith

shared about the significance of such a ceremony bringing all faiths together. Chief Longwalker gave a beautiful prayer for the blessing complete with a ceremonial waving of a large "Prayer Feather", Imam Elahi of the Shi-ite Moslem tradition from Detroit gave a stirring prayer and explained—see **BLESSING** on page 15

Wedding and Rededication Ceremony

Washington DC The Sheraton National Hotel July 3rd, 2002



Stand for Family - Save the Nation! Interreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony

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This is from an address given on June 12 in Seoul, Korea

Today, the twelfth of June, is the thirteenth day of the World Cup. Soccer fever is heating up around the world. Each day, we see the drama of competition played out in the midst of upset and upheaval, joy and disappointment. In the midst of this, a celebration of friendship and excitement is unfolding that transcends race, ideology and national boundaries.

As we gather here today, we must think deeply about how to work through sports to bring peace to all humanity.

The Bible says, "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9) Throughout my life, I have attended God in the context of religion, academia, media, culture, the arts, sports and other fields by putting these words of the Bible into practice in accordance with the will of Heaven. My life of more

than eighty years has been a continuous offering of sincerity and dedication for the establishment of God's will and His ideals of freedom and happiness and the realization of a world of peace.

As you are well aware, through its long history the world has tried to bring about peace by every possible means. But it is not a problem that can be solved by the political, economic or military power of any one country.

The fact is that there needs to be a fundamental truth, an ideology of peace, that can be applied to families, clans, peoples, nations, the world and even the cosmos.

The world of true ideals, true love, true life, true lineage and true peace is God's ideal of creation and is also the long-cherished desire of humankind. But when we speak of ideals, happiness, love and peace, we must begin by inquiring as to the origin of these. Here, the fundamental truth is to be found in a life of serving, sacrificing,

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and living for the sake of one single reciprocal partner. The fundamental principle of the orderly existence of the universe, is that, like God, each and every being exists for the sake of other beings.

The omniscient God is the king of wisdom. By His wisdom, He created worlds of beings in such a way that subject and object partners have to live for one another in order to bring about true love, true happiness and true peace.

All beings are interconnected and possess dual purposes. At the center of each entity, there are dual purposes. There is the purpose relating to its internal character (sung sang) that seeks the good of the larger whole, and there is the purpose relating to its external form (hyung sang) that seeks the entity's own preservation and comfort. Exemplifying the internal purpose, the action of protons and electrons make it possible for an atom to exist. Atoms, as positively and negatively charged ions, form molecules. Nutrients composed of such molecules make it possible for plants to grow. As plants multiply, they provide food for animals. Also, oxygen and carbon dioxide are exchanged between animals and plants. Bees and flowers coexist with each other. If we observe the heavenly bodies, we see that the sun and its planets engage in a give and take action that allows the planets to revolve around the sun at a precise distance while maintaining their own rotation.

Early in my life, I realized that there is a fundamental truth of the universe: all beings exist for the sake of others. This truth applies everywhere, so when applied to the parent-child relationship, true parents come to be and true sons and daughters come to be.

It is an undeniable truth that the state in which parents and children can achieve happiness comes about only when the family members live for the sake of each other. Existing for the sake of others is a fundamental principle of the universe. Only when we stand on this principle can we complete all happiness, all peace, all ideals and all love.

If we expand the principle of living for the sake of others, we can transcend nations and ethnicity and bring about a world of peoples who live for the sake of others. Without a doubt, such a world would be the world of perfect true love, true ideals, true peace and true happiness that humanity has long hoped to achieve. If we hold onto the principle of living for the sake of others, we can go anywhere.

If you go to spirit world having practiced a life of true love, of living for the sake of others, on earth, you will be able to receive God's blessings for eternity. This is because God is the central being of heaven and earth. You will discover then that there is no happiness greater than this. It is vital for us to understand that a being that lives for the sake of others takes the central position in its environment, and because it is central, that being has the capability to develop a unified environment

and a world of peace.

Today, there are many religions with many different scriptural texts. But their core teachings all boil down to the words, "live for the sake of others." What are the characteristics of a true religion, a religion of love, a religion of ideals and happiness that can lead people to peace? You already know the answer: the religion that says it will sacrifice itself for the sake of the individual, for the sake of the family, for the sake of the clan, for the sake of the people, for the sake of the nation, for the sake of the world, for the sake of heaven and earth and for the sake of God is a true religion, an ideal religion, a religion that can lead the world's people to peace and happiness.

Peace is a term that arises in a reciprocal context. The same is true of happiness. No one can experience happiness alone. Knowing this, we conclude that the happiness of the entire universe begins with each individual's effort to unify. Peace and all ideals begin from and are connected to the point where each of us tries to become unified.

Human works alone will not bring about peaceful ties among people. Why is this? Fallen people seek only their own benefit. They try to use each other for their own purposes. Each person pursues his or her own interest and accumulates as many goods as possible. Is this not true of you who are here today? Even successful members of Parliament, those well respected in their community and people in leadership positions scramble to increase their power and advance their interests. In the world until now, this has been the essential basis of our lives. In the environment of a world woven by people living for their own sake, conflict will never end.

Here, let us observe the structures of our own bodies. Did the eye come into being so that it could live for itself? Was the mouth created for its own sake? No, each was created for its reciprocal partner. Did the ear come into being for its own sake? No, it was created so that it could hear for the sake of the whole body. Was the nose created for its own sake? Our hands were not created just to serve their own purposes. In fact, the sexual organs of men and women were not created for men and women themselves. Instead, the husband's sexual organ was created for the sake of his wife and the wife's for her husband. This is where peace begins: at the point where each person tries to live for the sake of another. A mother's body is structured so that it does not just serve her own purposes but also so that she can exist for the sake of her husband and children.

Throughout our lives, my wife and I have worked together in many different areas to bring about one peaceful world, a world in which people live for the sake of others. Representative examples of this are the interreligious, international, inter-NGO activities and education of both ruling party and opposition party that we are conducting in order to bring down the barriers of race,

C A L E N D A R

JULY 2002

- 1 Chil Il Jeol: Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (1991)
Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)
2075 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 8 Shin Kwang Nim's 1st Birthday (lunar)
- 13 Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)
- 18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim's Blessing (1973)
- 20 Shin Ha Nim's 4nd Birthday (lunar)
- 23 Kook Jin Nim's Birthday (6/14/70)
- 24 Sun Jin Nim's Birthday (6/15/76)
124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
- 26 Youth Federation for World Peace Inauguration (1994)
- 27 Hye Jin Nim's Birthday (1964)

AUGUST 2002

- 1 Hee Jin Nim's Ascension (1969)
Day of Returning to the Home Country (1993)
- 4 Hye Jin Nim's Ascension (1964)
- 15 6th 7.8 Jeol (Cosmic Sabbath)
- 16 Il Sung Il: Total Victory Day (1985)
- 17 Declaration Day Jeon-ban & Jeon-neung (1999)
- 20 Shin Goon Nim's Birthday (7/12/83)
Shin Kwon Nim's Birthday (7/12/89)
Declaration of the Providential Age of Salvation by Love (1989)
- 25 30,000 Couples' Blessing (1992)
360,000 Couples' Blessing (1995)
Chil Pal Jeol: Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for
Parents of Heaven and Earth (7/7/97)
- 26 In Jin Nim's Birthday (7/18/65)
- 27 Hwa Jung Nim's Birthday (7/19/77)
- 31 Pal Jong Shik: Day of the Settlement of 8 Stages (1989)

SEPTEMBER 2002

- 1 Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)
- 6 Young Jin Nim & Hwa Jung Nim's Blessing (1997)
Hyung Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1997)
Shin Ji Nim's Birthday (7/30/94)
- 8 Shin Joong Nim's Birthday (8/2/93)
Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)
99.9 Jeol: Unification and Liberation Ceremony (1999)
- 10 3.10 Jeol (1999)
- 12 Hyung Jin Nim's Birthday (8/6/79)
- 15 Hye Shin Nim's Ascension (1971)
- 18 Foundation Day (1976)
- 21 Soon Ju Nim's Birthday (8/15/72)
Chusok - Korean Thanksgiving (8/15)
- 27 Day of Dispensational Reversal Toward Unification (1988)

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in Creating World Peace

religion, national boundaries and language. Another is the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, which promotes the true family movement and pure love movement.

In the academic field, efforts in the higher education and practice of the philosophy of peace are being made at the University of Bridgeport in the United States and Sun Moon University in Korea. In the media field, The Washington Times in the USA, The Segye Times of Korea and Sekkai Nippo in Japan, and other media organs throughout North and South America, have created a network. This soon will expand to 185 countries and contribute greatly toward bringing the world's people together.

This is a rally of leaders in the world of soccer. Soccer fever is sweeping Korea and Japan and the entire world has come together in a festive atmosphere.

Ultimately, though, the proper way for world of sports is that the Olympics and the World Cup should guide the world's people along the way of reconciliation and peace. Occasionally, there is cause for concern over money and power combining to contaminate the pure spirit of athleticism. It is necessary to examine carefully whether salaries offered top players are excessive and whether wealthy parties are engaging in unethical speculative or monopolistic practices.

In an effort to contribute toward world peace through sports, I have invested in the development of soccer in Korea by founding the Ilhwa professional soccer team some time ago and more recently, I had Sun Moon University begin a soccer team. In Brazil as well, we are managing the CENE and Sorocaba professional soccer teams.

My interest in the management of soccer teams goes beyond business pursuits. My first priority is to teach sportsmanship to young people of the university soccer teams, so that they can be trained to join professional teams and contribute to

world peace through sports.

It is well known that soccer began in England. It was developed at Eton College, a school for the sons of aristocrats, where, in addition to knowledge, physical fitness was considered an important quality for leaders. Because of the importance of teamwork in soccer, however, it did not take long for soccer's popularity to grow beyond the aristocracy and encompass the larger society.

Even if one player is exceptionally skillful, it is still difficult for a team to win unless the other members can back up this individual. The ball is round and can roll this way or that, but the ball is honest and it rolls where a player kicks it. There is a principle of purposeful community underlying the game of soccer. In this game, there is no way for established powers to use trickery

to preserve their own position. Neither is there an order according to which teams are allowed to score goals. In soccer, it does not matter whether a country is large or small, strong or weak. Goals are scored honestly, bringing joy and happiness to everyone. In soccer, there is only the energetic communal harmony that comes from team play.

Soccer and other sports, as well as the entirety of leisure culture, have developed over a long period of time. Sports were originally created in order to create strong bodies and maintain safe societies. Today, they have developed globally and bring enjoyment and enrichment to the lives of billions of people. So, it is important that we seek ways by which sports can contribute to the achievement of peace for all the world's people.

The world stands at the dawn of a new millennium. Astonishing developments in information technology are bringing the ideal of one world family into reality. On the other hand, it is also true that the world faces a moral crisis with the danger that spiritual values will be destroyed. We must look to sports for constructive proposals on how to overcome hedonism and self-centered values among young people.

Sports employ rules to insure fair competition. Thus defined, competition differs from conflict; the two exist on different levels. Conflict appears in the savage and bloodthirsty law of the jungle by which animals live. Here, one side uses physical and military strength to negate the other side's existence and annihilate him. Competition in sports is different from this. Rules are established, the winner is decided in accordance with these rules, and each side acknowledges the other. A gentlemanly spirit governs sports.

As large numbers of people watch, the athletes demonstrate the attitude of fair play and sportsmanship as they compete based on their talents, abilities and strength. They follow the laws and rules that have been agreed upon, and they submit themselves to fair judgment by the referees.

Fair play is considered the most important aspect of the game. It requires obeying laws and following the rules. Breaking the rules and committing fouls result in the loss of points, expulsion from the game and the eventual loss of the privilege of participation. The offending players are punished. Athletes pour out all their energy, sincerity and courage for the sake of the victory and glory of the individual and his or her country. The victorious players receive a crown of laurels, a gold medal and a bouquet of flowers. They are congratulated with thunderous applause and their national anthem is played as their country's flag is raised. Such a ceremony brings the height of emotion, the ultimate glory and a celebration for us all. The virtue of sports is when the loser does not dwell on his own disappointment, but applauds the accomplishment of the winner.

In sports, there is the beautiful fragrance of friendship and love among like-minded people. The beauty of the players appears when they demonstrate sportsmanship. They must work hard, shed sweat and tears and

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Birthday Party at East Garden • July 5, 2002

Kook Jin Nim - 32 Years • Sun Jin Nim - 26 Years
Shin Ha Nim - 4 Years • Shin Kwang Nim - 1 Year



The Establishment of the Sun Moon Peace Cup Promotion Committee

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of the Sun Moon Peace Cup Promotion Committee, held an exposition conference in Seoul, Korea, for the purpose of founding the Committee on the afternoon of June 12, 2002 at the Art Center of the Little Angels' School, in the presence of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, Founder of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and approximately 500 distinguished guests from Korea and abroad.

During this time Father Moon, founder of the prominent Il Hwa Soccer Team in Sung Nam, Korea, and the Sorocaba Soccer Team in Brazil, announced that the Sun Moon Peace Cup game will be played in Korea in July 2003 from among all continents throughout the world.

The Sun Moon Peace Cup is being established with the purpose of realizing world peace through soccer games, transcending the barriers of ideologies and religions, with the support of "Pele, the Emperor of Soccer," who formerly served as the Minister of the Sports Department in Brazil, the FIFA and such.

The Sun Moon Peace Cup, which will debut next year, is projected to become a worldwide event, reviving the heat-wave-like spirit of soccer games followed by the 2002 World Cup game with the joint sponsorship of Korea and Japan now in progress amidst the enormous enthusiasm and interest throughout Korea and everywhere. Further, it is expected to draw a lot of attention as a gigantic event, able to utilize new stadiums currently well-known to the world through the 2002 World Cup game.

Currently, international soccer games are placed into two categories: nation-to-nation matches and club-to-club matches. Examples for the former are the Olympic games and the World Cup games (strictly speaking, this refers to the matches among each nation's soccer committees). On the other hand, international, profession-

al soccer teams represent the latter. The Sun Moon Peace Cup game will adopt the category of professional team games for the championship, sponsoring the game every three years. Its participants will represent 7 continents: South America, North America, Europe, Oceania, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Korea being an automatic and regular participant as the sponsoring nation. The Sun Moon Peace Cup Promotion Committee is now thinking of establishing a joint team between South Korea and North Korea.

At the present time, a clear decision has not yet been reached as to whether one club team or a unified club team will represent each continent. However, an agreement has been reached as

to the principle of forming the #1 team from each continent. Thus, 8 teams will compete for the championship of the world.

Participating teams, representing each continent, will be finalized by Pele Promotions, Inc. (Renaro Duporaro Pilo, President) led by Pele, with the support of the FIFA.

To the champion of the Sun Moon Peace Cup game, \$2.5 million (approximately 3 billion Won) will be awarded, which will shoulder the Toyota Cup game in Japan (Europe vs. South America club games), attracting national and worldwide attention. Further, the Sun Moon Peace Cup game will be an event that will actualize the purpose and meaning of "Peace," through contributing

its entire profits to children who are suffering from starvation in Asia and Africa.

Rev. Moon disclosed that preceding the announcement of the founding of the Committee, he had a meeting with former Minister Pele, during which time he explained that the purpose and goal of founding the Sun Moon Peace Cup game is to realize world peace through sports, especially through soccer games among all continents of the world, and that he personally requested Pele to promote it in each nation of the world. In response to this, the former minister expressed his full support, saying: "If I can be of any assistance in the promotion of world peace through soccer games, I am willing and ready to go anywhere in the world!"

Father continued: "Since 1989, when I established the Il Hwa Professional Soccer Team in Sung Nam, I additionally established the Sorocaba Soccer Team and the Cene Soccer Team, currently managing all of them with success. And in the future, I will strive to establish college football teams as well."

Hence, the Sun Moon Peace Cup game is likely contributing not only to developing the skills and techniques of foreign professional soccer teams but also in enhancing the power and abilities of domestic soccer teams. ❖

8,000 Couple Blessing Celebration The Independence Day of God

July 4, 2002 - Washington, DC



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achieve incredible standards of skill. They must be trained in the virtues of fairness, proper order and etiquette.

The realm of sports has made large contributions to modern society. It has contributed to our physical and mental health and has provided excitement through skillful play. The love of sports can transcend religious dogma and political ideology. All people can become one through sports, so sports can spread a banquet of reconciliation and peace, where the hearts of all the world's people can come together as one.

Though the Cold War has ended, the world is yet unable to throw off its common yoke of suffering. As the September 11 tragedy demonstrated, the world

is in agony over conflict and strife between religious and ethnic groups. In addition, the world's natural environment is being destroyed. Young people who are to be responsible for the future are becoming cynical, fascinated with materialism and hedonism, falling prey to drugs and abandoning civil norms.

In order to solve these problems, we need to graft the authentic spirit of sports onto a foundation of the truth that teaches us to live, like God, for the sake of others, and we need to put this spirit and truth into practice. In this way, we will be able to build a world of harmony, peace and unification.

For this reason, I am happy to announce the establishment of the Sun Moon Peace Cup. The Sun Moon Peace Cup is the Cup of the Sun and the

Moon, the Cup of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Cup of Peace. May it shine forever with the light of pure love. The Sun Moon Peace Cup is different from existing trophies, for they exclude God, emphasize entertainment and idolize celebrity. We must know God and the spirit world thoroughly. We must walk the path of truth.

The Sun Moon Peace Cup will be a festival. It will bring together efforts toward the original world of God's ideal in the fields of religion, science, politics, economics and sports, including the unique contributions of women and youth. In it, people will express their desire for humanity to come together as one large family. It will serve as a particularly important starting point for our progress toward the ideal of true peace centering on God's true love, tran-

scending barriers between races, countries, ethnic groups, religions and ideologies.

The Sun Moon Peace Cup will not only celebrate a healthy spirit of humanity. As our spiritual nature continues to develop, it will become a festival of internal and external reconciliation and harmony within the world community. It will be a place where people unite in one mind, as one family, and in one heart, to open the way toward God's ideal of creation, a world of peace, freedom and happiness. I want to inform you that Pelé has already promised to work with me for this great cause. I would like to ask FIFA, Pelé Promotion and everyone here to take a leading role and contribute significantly toward the development of the Sun Moon Peace Cup. ❖

JULY 3RD, A GLORIOUS BLESSING

by BillieAnn Sabo

The Blessing Ceremony held July 3 at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Los Angeles was truly amazing. We had asked our registered couples to come between 8:30 and 9:00am. Our staff was asked to come at 7:30am—one hour earlier. A few of us, including myself, were there at 7:00am. But by 7:15am, blessing couples started to arrive!! They were there ahead of most of the staff!

On April 27th, when we began our entrance of the blessing couples, only a few were lined up and ready to begin. Many came late! But this time, almost all of them were there by 7:30am, one hour earlier than they were asked to come, registered, veils, gloves & wedding flowers in place and lined up!!! They truly were excited about this blessing! We had 89 blessing couples, including 3 Heaven & Earth blessings, and 3 matching couples, plus 12 concelebrant clergy couples, 31 observers (clergy whose spouse could not attend) and our own staff members (almost 100). They were dressed in their finest clothes, including white satin gowns on some. Some grooms wore tuxedos. Each bride held a fresh flower wedding bouquet and each groom wore a fresh flower red carnation.

Part One was the Prelude to the Blessing. It began at 9:30am. Our M.C. was Dr. Kene Holliday, Actor/Director and also Evangelist with the "I've Been Chosen Ministries". Our event was at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel - LAX in their grand ballroom. The ball-room was set for 300 theater style seating for the blessing event and 35 tables (350) for the luncheon banquet. Each table had a beautiful flower centerpiece and the front of the stage was covered in fresh flowers. We hired an outside A/V company and also satellite company. We used two video photographers and one still photographer. The entire ballroom was fully decorated in pink, white and yellow balloons and wedding bells. Each aisle chair had a beautiful decoration.

The brides and grooms entered through a large arch decorated with fresh flowers. The entire entrance aisle was lined with 12 blessed couples, from younger blessing groups, dressed in fresh white holy robes. Each bride and bridegroom were given a blessing shawl as well as our 12 concelebrant clergy couples.

The prelude began with the proces-

sion of the concelebrant couples, followed by the blessing couples. The wedding march was played at that time. Following, 15 members of the Sadoc Christian Choir plus their 5-piece band performed. Welcoming remarks were given by our Vice Regional Director and co-convenor of the ACLC of Los Angeles, Rev. Timothy Henning. After that, Ms. Magdalene Millsap, sang the National Anthem. The opening invocation was

by Dr. Raymon Harris of the Greater Zion Flower MBC and one of our 12 core ACLC ministers. Dr. Harris and his wife are one of the 60 couples who received the blessing directly from

did a fantastic job as the "spiritual cheerleader" and all couples participated.

Following the benediction, we prepared to start the satellite transmission. Blessing couples were deeply moved by the Holy Wine Ceremony and I saw many crying.

Part Two was the Main Blessing Ceremony from Washington DC. Our M.C. for Part 2 was Rev. Timothy Henning, Vice Regional Director and co-convenor ACLC of Los Angeles. We followed the Washington DC schedule completely. Our Los Angeles Regional Director/West Block Director, Rev. & Mrs. Baek Joong Ku were the officiators. At the end of the Washington DC Blessing Ceremony, we switched back to "live" action in Los Angeles. Dr. Jerome Fisher, Pastor,

Little Zion MBC (congregation size over 5,000), gave congratulatory remarks followed by our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. E.V. Hill, Pastor, Mt Zion MBC (congregation size over 4,000) and named as 1 or 7 top preachers in America by Time Magazine. Never before have we had such powerful and BIG ministers join in the same program! It was quite amazing. Both men received standing ovations. Immediately following Dr. Hill's speech was a love offering, closing prayer and pictures.

Part Three was the blessing celebration luncheon and Dr. Kene Holliday was once again the MC. The other half of our big ballroom was already set for 350. During 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 rededicated bride and groom couples were seated. We had a wonderful 3 course lunch. The Sadoc Christian Singers sang during

the luncheon as well as our own beautiful Japanese Choir. Also, one minister, Rev. Carlos Ramos, Pastor of Monte Horab, offered two songs. He brought his own small church band. Rev. Ramos is one of our 12 core ACLC board members. Our conclusion was the drawing for the two grand prizes - all expense paid 3 day/2 night trips to Las Vegas and Palm Springs. We closed in prayer and 3 cheers of Mansei was given by Rev. Baek Joong Ku.

During the entire month of May and June, this mobilization was so difficult. It was like we would take one step for

God's side and something would pull us back two steps. Every confirmation was a strong victory because we had to work so hard to get it. The churches were actually very positive this time, but it was difficult to mobilize totally for

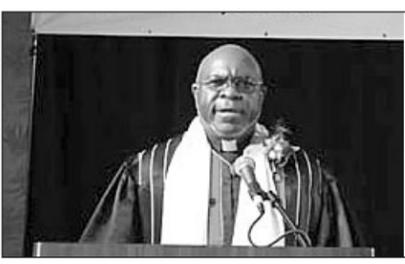
this because many of our home families who did full time outreach for April 27th, had to return to their jobs. Our missionaries were half the number this time. But throughout it all, we kept our strong determination and never lost the "I Can Do - Never Give Up" spirit. Our Regional Director held many meetings with our home stay families, missionaries, activity families and full time members. This helped greatly to keep us all united, focused and determined. It was too easy to be distracted this time. Satan was trying to keep us from focusing on our mission. We also reduced our Sunday service to just one hour, so members could do full outreach on Sundays.

When True Parents announced this blessing on May 1st, we quickly developed and made our outreach materials. Within just a few days, we had secured the hotel, made our plans and had materials ready for all our members to start using. As our missionaries arrived in Los Angeles, after just a few hours of "orientation" at Pasadena House, they were assigned to live with home stay families. This kept them focused on activity as well as our community members. We developed all outreach materials in English and Spanish and we shared these materials with not only America, but countries around the world. We never wait in Los Angeles - we take immediate action to unite with the direction. Because of our strong leadership here and centered upon Rev. & Mrs. Baek Joong Ku, we are able to create and keep unity and bring victory.

During these two months, our ACLC of Los Angeles really developed. God clearly gave us the vision of who our 12 core ACLC should be and based upon that, we gathered them together and started holding weekly meetings, led by Rev. Joe Waller, our ACLC co-convenor. We shared many ideas, hopes, dreams, visions, but always stayed centered on the July 3rd blessing. 5 out of the 12 ACLC core ministers brought couples to this blessing. Also, through these meetings, we developed our ACLC sponsorship and each one of the core made a financial offering (\$500-\$250-\$100-\$50). First time for such a time to happen in Los Angeles!!! We have great hope for ACLC of LA and we will continue holding weekly meetings to grow this foundation and also to bring education to our newly blessed couples.

It was a difficult mobilization, but a victorious one and we really feel like we won for God and True Parents and that today, the 4th of July, is truly God's Independence Day. Community members, full time members and missionaries worked hard and worked together for this result and the victory from Los Angeles, Region 21, we offer gratefully to God and True Parents with strong determination to keep going with an "I Can Do - Never Give Up" spirit. Thank you Heavenly Father! Mansei!! ❖

Los Angeles



True Parents in May 2001.

Following the invocation, was our second choir, the Mt. Zion Hollywood Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Blinky Williams. When the choir finished, we showed the new 19 minute video "The Power of True Love". This video tape is very inspiring for them to see and they cheered and clapped loudly at the end. As soon as that was finished, Rev. Joe Waller, co-convenor of the ACLC of Los Angeles and Western States ACLC Executive Board Members gave the opening speech leading into the holy wine ceremony for all the couples. Rev. Waller

JULY 3RD, A GLORIOUS BLESSING Hawaii

by BillieAnn Sabo

On July 3rd, Youth & Clergy Couples Marriage Blessing and Rededication was held at Pacific Beach Hotel Mauka Room in Honolulu Hawaii.

There were 118 people gathered, includes 31 staff members and 72 observers. The number of Blessing Couples were 11 people and 2 brand-new couples. We had a couple who is a granddaughter of a minister. Her grand parents attended in Washington D.C. and parents attended in Hawaii on April 27th Blessing Ceremony. This time she brought her fiancée and went through all the ceremony with her father and grandparents.

Registration started at 10 o'clock in the morning, playing holy song jazz. We prepared veils for brides, and it made the brides very happy and beautiful.

The program started at 10:20 a.m. by Rev. George Chee, vice president of ACLC Hawaii Chapter (Ohana Family of the Living God Ministry) and Dr. Chizuko Allen (Vice President of WFWP Hawaii). Rev. Sadrian Chee (Ohana Family of the Living God Ministry), Sis. Clarita Nuese



(Waipahu Full Gospel Church), Japanese Missionary Choir (FFWPU) presented "Welcome to the Family" as Opening Music. Then Emcee did welcome remarks, and then all participants stand and sing the National and Hawaii Anthem together.

Rev. Jeff Carter (Pastor, New Life United Ministries) gave the Invocation, after that Rev.

Hiro Y. Matsuzaki (Chairman of ACLC, Hawaii Chapter) explained Values and Significance of Blessing. Then the Holy Wine Ceremony was held by officiators: Rev. & Mrs. Walter W. Cullen, President of ACLC Hawaii Chapter (Messiah Full Gospel Bible Mission)

and Rev. & Mrs. James Mitchell, Vice President of ACLC Hawaii Chapter (FFWPU Hawaii), and Rev. Matsuzaki. Firstly, singles pledged the Pure Love Commitments, and then Couples or Married persons pledged True Family Commitments. All the people who pledged these vows were given Holy Wines from the officiators.

The end of this part of the program, Japanese Missionary Choir went forward and performed Musical Selections. They sang one song after that they danced Hula (Hawaiian traditional dance); the choir received warm and loud applause from all the participants.

Part two of program started with the video that recorded the ceremony held in Washington D.C. that morning. Emcees



were Rev. James Mitchell and Dr. Chizuko Allen. All participants watched the video seriously. At the Holy Water Ceremony, the co-officiators of Hawaii went forward and sprinkled holy water on the participants who received Holy Wine. On the screen at the Reading Affirmation of Vows by True Parents, participants answered "Yes!" loudly. After the Ring Ceremony, we stopped the video and took group pictures.

The last part of the program was a Japanese buffet-style lunch. While they are eating lunch, the Japanese Missionary Choir went forward again, and sang a song for celebration. It was a most amiable time.

A minister couple came to the ceremony for the first time. Until this time, they didn't come any meeting of us even though they said they were inter-

ested. As they came to the registration table, they looked apprehensive. But after the ceremony, they changed and looked very happy. The husband told us they were very glad they had attended the ceremony. ❖

Chicago

Around 700 people have gathered July 3 for the 1.7 Million International and Interreligious Young Couples Blessing at the Life Center and Interreligious Young Couples Blessing at the Life Center Family Church of God In Christ, Chicago. The program began with reviving songs of different church singing groups

including our very own True Family Values band and choir. Min. Briella of

the Life Center and Alderman Shirley Coleman both gave warm welcoming remarks.

Religious leaders from Sikh Mission, Hindu, Nation of Islam, Baptist and other Christian denominations were also invited to grace and pray for this holy occasion.

Husbands in dark suits and wives in white dresses and veils had marched to the altar and drank the holy wine signifying their faith and love for each other for eternity.

It used to be that our officiators/attendants come from our own central blessed families but this time we had invit-



ed other couples from different churches to be officiators/attendants as a condition for these pastors and ministers to inherit True Parents way of giving the blessing.

Bishop Ki Hoon Kim received a lot of support from the National Messiahs and Christian pastors, which brought this event with tremendous victory and we want to humbly offer this to God and True Parents. ❖



INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE

International Symposium: "Governance and the Challenge of Contemporary Crises"

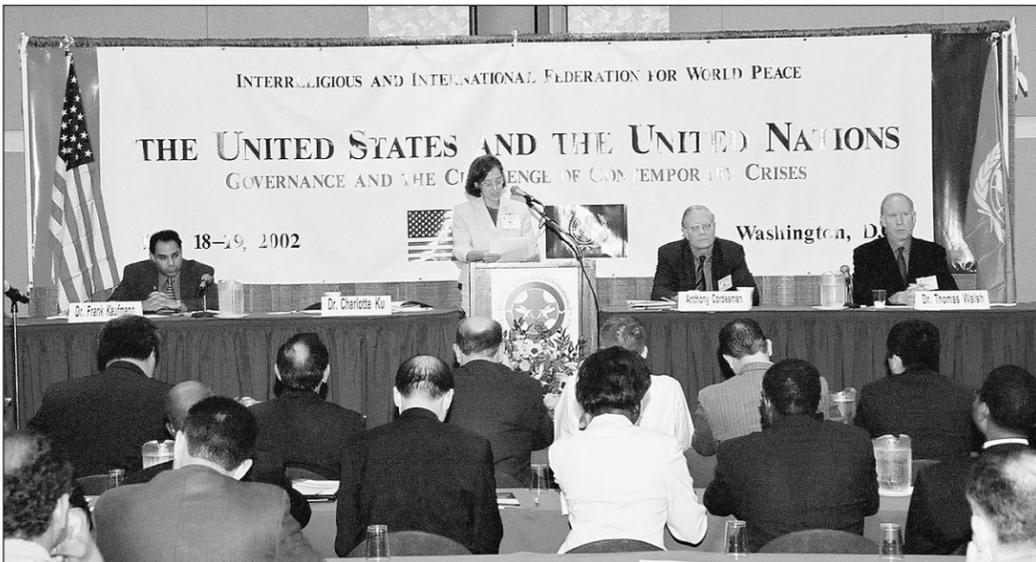
by Nadine Andre

Washington D.C. —Over 50 UN Ambassadors and Foreign Diplomats gathered in Washington D.C. June 18-19 to discuss the threat of International Terrorism, the New Compact for Global Development, HIV/AIDS, the International Criminal Court and other critical global issues while the world watched Korea in the final moments win their match against Italy during the World Cup Soccer event. While one event underscored the challenges facing humanity, the other event gave a glimpse of how the world can be united. Both events pave the way towards peace.

The International Symposium called, "Governance and the Challenge of Contemporary Crises," brought together UN Ambassadors, Embassy Diplomats, and USA legislators in an attempt to foster greater understanding and cooperation. The symposium sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) was held at Gallaudet University. It was the

third in a series that has become reflective of what the organization's mark has been on the international community - the ability to bring together various sectors of society for the purpose of education and dialogue. The co-sponsors of the event were the World Association of NGOs (WANGO), the University of Bridgeport and the Washington Times Foundation.

"September 11th brought long-standing global problems home to Americans in the form of horrible and dramatic violence," said Anthony Cordesman from the Center for Strategic and International Studies during the opening plenary - The Role of the United Nations in the Campaign Against Terrorism.



Dr. Frank Kaufmann, Director of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace brought a unique perspective to the panel by addressing the formation and roots of the concept of the nation-state and the historic tension that is imbedded in the concept of separation between church and state. He said, "The issues of terrorism cannot be fully addressed without an understanding or inquiry into a knowledge of religious sensibilities and beliefs."

The roundtable discussion that followed the plenary - The Role of Religion in International Peace and Prosperity featured Mr. Syed Shadid Husain, Senior Advisor of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the UN. He acknowledged that NGOs and religions are on the forefront to address society's most pressing problems but have not been sufficiently brought into the UN structure. Dr. Gordon Anderson, Secretary General of the Professors

World Peace Academy, discussed the merits and challenges inherent to implementing Rev. Moon's proposal, the founder of IIFWP, in establishing an Interreligious Council at the UN. (Available at : <http://www.iifwp.org/Activities/2002/USUNJune/anderson.shtml>)

The other roundtable that took place simultaneously addressed the International Criminal Court. Congressman Crowley (D-New York), spoke passionately to the participants during the luncheon program expressing his regret that the current Bush Administration failed to ratify the International Criminal Court treaty, which he said, "prevents the US from shaping the eventual policies and practices that will make up the ICC."

Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of IIFWP gave the keynote address. He was unashamedly happy about Korea winning the soccer match that morning. He said, "Dr. Moon articulated a vision of governance which had political

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Political And Spiritual: A Constructive Partnership

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

This address was given at the International Symposium on the United States and the United Nations, June 18, 2002, Kellogg Conference Center, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

On behalf of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace it is my pleasure to address you today on our Symposium theme, "The United States and the United Nations: Governance and the Challenge of Contemporary Crises."

As we entered the 21st century, I believe we all hoped to see the dawning of an era of peace, cooperation and universal prosperity. That is, we hoped that the present and future would not repeat the patterns of the past. There were similar hopes,

we all know, at the turn of the last century. Idealism prevailed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, only to witness the outbreak of WW I, the Bolshevik Revolution, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War

and so on.

In the middle of a century marked by conflict and suffering, the founding of the United Nations in 1945 represented the power of the human spirit which ever hopes for and seeks for peace. That the United Nations had its birth, and took up residence in the United States speaks loudly of the idealism that characterizes the American spirit. And while the UN and the US often do not see eye to eye on a number of issues, on matters of vision and general principle there is much common ground.

This symposium series is intended not simply as a neutral academic exercise. It has a normative interest in fostering better understanding, and on that foundation, enhancing the prospects for improved appreciation and cooperation between the United Nations and the United States. Moreover, the purpose is not to

promote either the US or the UN as ends in themselves, but rather to underscore the ultimate goal of world peace, universal human well being, and the harmony of all humanity as one family. In addition, we want to emphasize the importance of constructive and respectful engagement as a means to the goal of creating a 21st century that truly is qualitatively different from the past.

If we are to create a 21st century that represents a 180 degree turning point toward peace, then we need to review and rethink current models and practices of governance. This applies both to the United States and the United Nations.

At IIFWP's Assembly in the year 2000, the Founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, speaking at the United Nations, articulated a vision of governance which had political leadership and spiritual leadership engaged in constructive partnership in the effort to assess and solve

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ical leadership and spiritual leadership engaged in constructive partnership in the effort to assess and solve critical problems. Meeting the challenges of our day requires the participation of not only experienced and trained political leaders, but also leaders representing the religions, as well as academia, the media, corporations, and civil society. Our models and structures of governance should be re-evaluated in light of the need to include other significant stakeholders and problem-solvers." (Available at : <http://www.iifwp.org/Activities/2002/USUNJune/keynote.shtml>)

The afternoon session: The New Compact for Global Development and the Millennium Development Goals, addressed a major initiative by President Bush regarding US aid to developing countries. Mr. Frederick Schieck, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), which gives out millions of dollars a year in foreign aid said what most of us already know. The majority of the world's population makes under \$2.00 a day. He said, "The goal of the New Compact is to stimulate economic growth and reduce poverty in developing countries. The US government has set criteria to assess a

government's performance: that they rule justly, invest in people and promote economic development."

Dr. Thomas Ward, Dean of the International College at Bridgeport University in Connecticut, reflected back to his early career in banking where he conducted risk analyses. "In any international loan, he said, the formula is always the same, we looked for political stability, the state of the economy and credit history."

The afternoon's two roundtables included: The HIV/AIDS Crisis and International Peace and Prosperity, and UN Conventions vis-a-vis the Family and Sovereignty. Dr. Richard Wilkins, Director of the World Family Policy Center made a case for the importance of how we define 'family' and the ramifications that definition will have on policy throughout the world.

The Washington Times was the site for the evening program. Senator Chuck Hagel (R-Nebraska), US Senate Foreign Relations Committee underscored the importance of US involvement throughout the world, not just in times of conflict but in peacetime as well. He said, "The US should spend more money on development, however accountability by nations and their governments is a key ingredient."

What was a surprise to all was the impromptu introduction by Ambassador Phillip Sanchez, Publisher of *Noticias del Mundo*, the premiere Spanish-language newspaper in New York City, of Mr. Imad Musa, a producer for the Al-Jazeera Satellite television station. The station has been decried by most of the Western world for showing tapes of Osama Bin Laden. Mr. Musa who used to work for the BBC gave the history of Al-

Jazeera. He said the station was born after Saudi Arabia pulled the plug on the only Middle Eastern station in existence when it spoke against the Saudi government. Mr. Musa said, "Al-Jazeera is now the only independent station in the Middle East. It has incurred the wrath of governments of the West and the Middle East by not only airing the Bin Laden videos but by featuring heads of the Israeli government to give their side of the conflict." Thus, he concluded, "We aim to be independent and go for the facts."

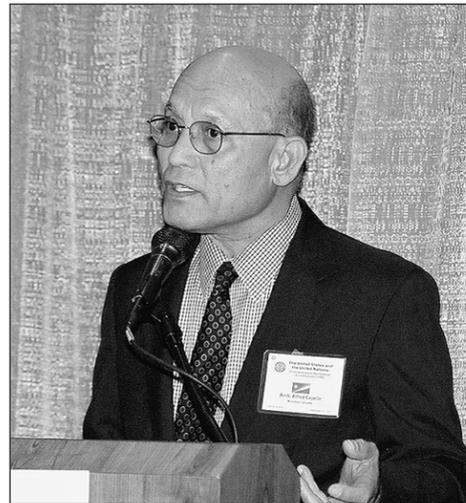
Day Two

The second day began with an off-the-record briefing with the US State Dept at the Senate Hart Building. Four representatives of the State Dept. answered questions from the Ambassadors and diplomats and spoke about US policy abroad, the structure of the State Department, peacekeeping operations and aid to developing nations. It was clear the challenges both sides have in maintaining balance - to represent the interests of their nations and to engage in productive honest dialogue.

The closing luncheon at the Senate Hart Building featured Congressman Danny K. Davis (D-Illinois) who is a Black American. He gave a moving testimony of how his descendants were brought to America on a slave boat and how his parents engrained in him the values of overcoming obstacles, perseverance and hard work that led him to an esteemed position in the US Congress. Congressman Davis seemed to be a cross between an 'ol time preacher and a first-class statesman.

Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, former Bangladesh Ambassador to the UN and presently UN Undersecretary General and High Representative for Least Developed Countries said, "A fact that is not so well recognized is that 80% of the UN's resources, human and financial are used for development. He outlined seven areas that the UN should focus upon. They include: good and

democratic governance, further support and integration of civil society into UN deliberations, the importance and necessity of partnership between the public and private sector, UN involvement in bridging what he called the 'digital divide,' peacekeeping strategies, conflict prevention as opposed to conflict resolution and UN reforms which



have been outlined in the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's, 'Millennium Goals.'

Since its founding in 1945, the growth and development of the UN has been decisively impacted by its relationship with the US, both good and bad. Consequently how the US defines itself in relationship to the UN and the rest of the world is of immense significance and importance. This international symposium reflected the best efforts in bringing these two camps together; the United States and the United Nations.

Please visit the IIFWP website, where you can read more in-depth reports of the International Symposium including links to speeches and photos written and compiled by Dr. Gordon L. Anderson, Secretary General, Professors World Peace Academy at <http://www.iifwp.org/Activities/2002/USUNJune/report.shtml> ❖

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Dr. Moon straightforwardly advanced the proposal that the United Nations establish a council of religious and spiritual leaders within the structure of the United Nations. In this way, those who represent governments and who have governmental experience in assessing and resolving problems, can sit with non-governmental representatives of the religions. Religious and spiritual leaders can often look more deeply at the roots of our problems and can guide their followers to uphold high spiritual and moral principles.

While this kind of innovation can improve the effectiveness of governance, there is still something more fundamental, which has to do with the moral foundations of governance.

The moral foundations of governance are rooted in human character. While we may attempt to create laws, structures and procedures that function even though we may be corrupt and machiavellian, leadership must be rooted in good character. And the highest virtue in leadership is unselfishness. An unselfish person is one who lives for the sake of others. True innovation in governance requires personal transformation, from selfishness to unselfishness. Perhaps the greatest contribution that religion can make, when understood and practiced rightly, is in motivating believers to be unselfish, to live for the sake of others.

A new model of governance requires leaders who have a global conscious-

ness, a consciousness which is well-informed, respectful and appreciative of others. Education is important here. Leaders must not only study international law, economics and political science, but also the world's religions, the world's civilizations and their histories, and the moral worldviews of peoples around the globe.

In this respect, I believe some Americans tend to be inadequately educated. Owing to the global significance of America, to its melting pot history, and the dominance of English language worldwide, some Americans can be naive and at times ignorant of world affairs.

But, at the same time, global awareness, which may come natural, if not

necessarily, to those of nationalities which are not as blessed as the United States has been, is not all that is needed. We must all look for the values, virtues and practices that bring out the best in human beings. In this respect, America is not successful and powerful simply by accident. There are some aspects of the American way which are worthy of study, if not imitation by other nations. We should look to learn from one another.

At this symposium, we will address a variety of critical issues such as terrorism, development, HIV/AIDS, the family, the international criminal court, etc. I truly hope we can engage these topics intensely and constructively, with a vision for a better future.

Thank you for attending this Symposium. I want to thank the co-sponsors, the Washington Times Foundation, the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, and the University of Bridgeport. God bless each of you. I hope the experience of each participant at this conference will be most rewarding and that, together, we can continue to take significant steps forward to bring about a world of peace for all humanity. ❖



This was published in newspapers across the USA in early July.

A Cloud of Witnesses: The Saints' Testimonies to the True Parents

What follows is a complex document. It was produced at a seminar in spirit world for leaders of the five great religions. It includes testimonies to the True Parents, a letter from God, messages from four communist leaders, and a resolution written and adopted by the representatives of the five great religions.

To take this all in, we advise you to relax and open your mind for a while. If you believe in the existence of a higher dimension of reality, of God, of an invisible realm, this will call you to reflect on the implications of that belief. We believe in the spirit world and in the continuation of individual identity from this world to that one. All the passed-away saints are residing in spirit world. Since Jesus called him in 1935, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon has carried on a ministry to spirit world in parallel with his ministry on Earth. He has sought to gather the founders and saints of all faiths around one table of unity. In recent times, he has ministered to spirits in hell and opened the gates of their liberation. This collection of testimonies is one fruit of that ministry.

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification is publishing this document throughout America and in 40 countries worldwide. This proclamation is our responsibility to let all humankind know the works of God in our age.

This message has significant practical as well as spiritual import. It is a unifying message, addressing believers of all faiths as one global family. As such it is intended to draw all men and women to the one Holy God and help bring world peace. Peace will not arrive through politics or economic development alone, as crucial as these things are. The foundation for peace is common faith in God and practice of true parental, conjugal and familial love. Hence the value of True Parents, and the messianic power of their words and works.

A committee or coalition cannot instigate true love; the responsibility for this devolves to substantial human exemplars. The testimonies that follow bear witness that the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon are those exemplars and have opened the gates for all people to inherit, through them, God's completed salvation, prophesied in all scriptures.

The testimonies appeal to Father Moon's teachings and works as the evidence of their veracity. We encourage the reader to move beyond these messages and duly pursue study of his teachings and works. Those of us who have followed Father Moon's leadership confirm the testimonies of the saints. We believe in God's work for world peace, to bring His kingdom upon the Earth and in Heaven. With that love and hope in our hearts, we recommend these messages to you.

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Ceremony in Spirit World

Ceremony in spirit world for the adoption and proclamation of a written resolution by the representatives of the five great religions.

The written resolution of the representatives of the five great religions

1. Christianity: Jesus and 12 other representatives
2. Confucianism: Confucius and 12 other representatives (including 3 additional people)
3. Buddhism: Buddha and 12 other representatives
4. Islam: Muhammad and 12 other representatives
5. Hinduism: Three people among the 12 representatives

This report was sent by Dr. Sang Hun Lee and received by reporter Mrs. Young Soon Kim, between December 19 and December 27, 2001, at the Asan Campus of Sun Moon University.

Ceremony in spirit world for the adoption and proclamation of a written resolution by representatives of the five great religions

Order of the Ceremony:

Date and time: Noon, December 25, 2001
Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Sang Hun Lee

1. Proclamation of the opening of the ceremony: We will now conduct the ceremony for the adoption and proclamation of a written resolution by the representatives of the five great religions.

2. Recitation of the Family Pledge
3. Proclamation of the written resolution (Jesus)

4. Representative prayer (Jesus)
5. Three cheers of victory, led by Mohammed - Victory for God, Victory for True Parents, Victory for the five great religions

The ceremony concluded with applause.
Seating Arrangement:

- 1) The front seats were filled by the leading representatives of the five great religions.
- 2) Behind the leading representatives, the 12 other representatives of each religion sat.
- 3) In the back of the arena, 120 representatives from each religion sat.

Jesus' Prayer:

We of the five great religions, attending God above us and True Parents horizontally, pledge and proclaim that we will go the way of absolute obedience, in order to correct all of the wrongs committed throughout history.

I report this in the name of Jesus, of a central blessed family. Amen, Amen, Amen.

The written resolution by representatives of the five great religions

1. We resolve and proclaim that God is the Parent of all humankind.
2. We resolve and proclaim that Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the Savior, Messiah, Second Coming and True Parent of all humankind.
3. We resolve and proclaim that the Unification Principle is a message of peace for the salvation of humanity and the gospel for the Completed Testament Age.
4. We resolve and proclaim that we will accomplish the peaceful unification of the cosmos through "living for others" while transcending religion, nationality and race, centering on true love.
5. The representatives of the five great religions resolve and proclaim that we will harmonize with one another, unite and move forward, in order to bring about the nation of God and world peace, while attending True Parents.

This has been resolved and proclaimed by Jesus, the leading representative of the group of representatives of the five great religions, Christianity, Confucianism, Buddhism, Islam and Hinduism, at noon on December 25, 2001.

Christianity

Jesus: Reverend Sun Myung Moon! Thou art the Second Coming who inaugurated the Completed Testament Age! The 120 people, who have brought light to the history of Christianity, pledge to take part in all that the True Parents do, and resolve to strive toward the ideal, the original garden where there is no original sin, through the guidance, the words of the Completed Testament, and the Unification Principle, of the Savior and Messiah, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. (2001.12.19)

1) Peter (Disciple of Jesus): I, Peter, representing the twelve disciples of Jesus, pledge to attend the Lord of the Second Coming, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, as Messiah and Savior.

2) Paul (Missionary): I, Paul, pledge to believe and attend the Lord of the Second Coming, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, as Messiah, Savior and True Parent, with the fire I felt when I met the resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus. I will live with the words, "You must save the saints" in my heart.

3) John Calvin (Religious Reformer): God

is the Parent of humankind and Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the Messiah, Savior and Second Coming. Therefore, I shall live by the teachings of the Lord, and I, John Calvin, pledge to become a pioneer in helping those who are still waiting for the Lord, who are in agony, following a theology of bigotry.

4) Martin Luther (Religious Reformer): I believe that God is the Parent of humankind. I believe that Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the Lord of the Second Advent. I proudly proclaim that the Unification Principle is the new gospel for humanity. I, Martin Luther, pledge that I will believe in these truths, and live a life of attendance, to become a pioneer for humanity.

5) John Wesley (Missionary and Revivalist): I, John Wesley, proclaim that Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the True Parent of all humankind and I pledge and pledge again to live according to the direction and teachings of the True Parents.

6) Karl Barth (Modern Theologian): Dear Reverend Sun Myung Moon: Although I am late in doing so, I, Karl Barth, wish to live a life of attendance to, and receive guidance from, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who is the Second Coming and Savior. True Parents, I wish to receive the messianic teachings. Please guide me in this. I pledge to live in attendance to the

True Parents.

7) David Livingstone (Missionary to Africa): Reverend Sun Myung Moon! O Second Coming of Christ! Dear True Parents, I, Livingstone, wish to create a land of God's ideal, even if it is a modest place. Can you give me a place in which to do this? I pledge to live according to the guidance of the will of the Second Coming.

8) Jonathan Edwards (Leader of American Great Awakening): Reverend Sun Myung Moon! Lord! I am so grateful to you. Please forgive and save America with the magnanimity of True Parents. America is God's Garden of Eden. Let it remain as the eternal Eden on earth. I know that the ideal of the Lord is that of God, and only Godism can save America. I, Jonathan Edwards, promise to never change my heart attending the Second Coming.

9) John Smyth (Founder of the Baptist Church): O esteemed Reverend Sun Myung Moon! Please allow the grace of your blessing unto the whole of humanity, so that they may start a new life. Please open the way for humankind to be able to live together as brothers and sisters in a Garden of Eden without original sin as soon as possible. I, John Smyth, shall go anywhere, if the Lord goes with me.

10) John Harvard (Founder of Harvard University, Puritan): I, John Harvard, truly wish that not only the youth of Harvard University, but those of all the universities in the world, can be armed with Unification Principle and receive the guidance of Reverend Sun Myung Moon. I pledge to participate actively in Reverend Sun Myung Moon's movement for world peace.

11) St. Augustine (Bishop of Hippo, who laid the cornerstone of Catholic theology): I, Augustine, will move forward strongly in realizing the ideal of the Completed Testament Age, to allow all of humanity to have the Unification Principle as their truth and Reverend Sun Myung Moon as their Messiah. I respect, believe and depend on all the words and theology of Reverend Sun Myung Moon and I give my oath and pledge, raising my hands, to do all that I do together with the Lord.

12) Horace Underwood (American Presbyterian, first missionary to Korea): I, Horace Underwood, joyfully celebrate the fact that the Second Coming has come to Korea, an eastern country that takes polite etiquette very seriously. I put my hands together and

bow to the Messiah. I pledge and give my word of honor to devote all that I possess in attendance to the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

Confucianism

Confucius: The 120 figures representing Confucianism pledge to accept the Unification Principle as the truth and to believe and attend the Reverend Sun Myung Moon as the Savior and Messiah in the Completed Testament Age. (2001.12.19)

1) Yeom, Baek Woo (who was outstanding in his virtue): I give my oath that, centered on my teacher, Confucius, I will accept the Unification Principle as the truth and attend Reverend Sun Myung Moon as the True Parent.

2) Ja Ro (who developed the traditional Chinese political theory): I will loyally follow the way of my master, Confucius.

3) Min, Ja Geon (who was outstanding in his virtue): As I have followed the great Confucius throughout my life, I will trust and follow the way that he has now taken. Reverend Sun Myung Moon, True Parents, I will go the same way as my master. This I pledge.

4) Jae A (along with Ja Gong, this person is renowned for his oratory): Reverend Sun Myung Moon! The True Parents of humankind! Following my teacher Confucius, I pledge to unite with the will of the True Parents of humankind.

5) Yeom Woo (who had political capability, along with many other talents): I cheer the Reverend Sun Myung Moon! I cheer the True Parents of humankind! I cheer the Savior and Messiah! I, Yeom Woo, offer my pledge. I will believe and follow the Savior of the new age, who is the Second Coming of Christ, and proceed along this path with the great Confucius.

6) Chung Gong (renowned for his benevolence, great generosity and virtue): I will follow the path that my master, Confucius, has taken.

7) An Yeon (an able disciple of Confucius' teachings, outstanding in his studiousness and virtue): Until now, my teacher, Confucius, taught us disciples a way to attain virtue and to follow the true way of a scholar. Witnessing the fact that the Reverend Sun Myung Moon has guided my teacher to the correct way of truth, I, An Yeon, promise to believe and attend Reverend Sun Myung Moon as well.

8) Ja Gong (a great diplomat and political leader during the No and Wui dynasties of ancient China): I, Ja Gong, believe that the Unification Principle is a great truth that can shake the soul of all of humanity. Therefore, I shall arm myself with the Unification Principle and guide Confucianists to a new and revolutionary path. And because our master, Confucius, came to save our souls, I resolve to become a part of the advance guard of the movement for unification, along with him.

9) Ja Ha (renowned for his fighting and literary abilities): As my master, Confucius, humbly accepted and adopted this as the genuine truth, I, Ja Ha, pledge to be obedient to the way of the will of Reverend Sun Myung Moon as well.

10) Ja Yu (outstanding in literature, created a powerful school in the age of the civil wars): Since this is the way that was chosen by my master, Confucius, I, Ja Yu, will also offer my undying passion in going this way.

11) Jeong Ja (leading theoretician of filial piety, self-cultivation and loving kindness in Confucianism. Compiled "The Great Learning," one of the Seven Chinese Classics): I believe that the Unification Principle is a theory that can save all humanity, and that it surpasses the teachings, virtues and studies of my master, Confucius. Therefore, along with my master, I determine to receive the teachings of the Unification Principle and the guidance of Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

12) Ja Yu (an advocate of filial piety): I was very moved and inspired by the fact that God, who created the entire universe and

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I believe that God is the Parent of humankind. I believe that Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the Lord of the Second Advent. I proudly proclaim that the Unification Principle is the new gospel for humanity.

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human beings, is the Parent of humankind. I respect Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who has revealed such a great truth. I am grateful to my master's loyalty and courageous decision. I wish to guide all Confucianists to this truth.

13) Ja Jang (an advocate of loyalty to and faith in one's king or ruler): Even though I am a human being, I have found the genuine truth. Therefore, even if that way may be one of suffering and difficulty, I believe that following with an unchanging mind is the way of loyalty. So I pledge to Reverend Sun Myung Moon that I will share the suffering and joy of my teacher through following this path.

14) Mencius (who taught the divinity of human character): If our Parent is God, then the natural way is to attend God. Therefore, I pledge that I will live in attendance to the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and that I will do this with unending passion. There is no greater truth than this.

15) Sun Ja (who taught the importance of education and propriety): I think that the Unification Principle is a truth that can guide people on a clear road through life. Reverend Sun Myung Moon, I thank you and respect you. And I promise to dedicate myself to this great truth unconditionally.

Buddhism

Buddha: Reverend Sun Myung Moon! True Parents! The 120 people of Buddhism vow and pledge to advance toward a movement of peace that will guide humanity in a new direction. We pledge to attend God as the Parent of humankind and Reverend Sun Myung Moon as a True Parent, and to equip ourselves with the Unification Principle and Unification Thought. (2001.12.20)

1) Ven. Sariputa (One of Buddha's ten greatest disciples, who had outstanding wisdom): True Parents, Reverend Sun Myung Moon: the twelve Buddhist representatives have resolved to dedicate themselves to your teachings. We respect the virtue and teachings of Buddha and think that the way of Buddha was the way of Heaven.

2) Mok, Keon Ryeon (One of Buddha's ten greatest disciples, who had outstanding divine power): Because I believed in and attended the teachings of Buddha, I will proceed with a sincere heart. Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the Savior of the Completed Testament Age, I resolve to follow the way of God's will, along with Buddha.

3) Ven. Mahakassapa (One of Buddha's ten greatest disciples, who systematized the Buddhist faith): I think that the Unification Principle and Unification Thought are great teachings, not only for Buddhists, but for all of humankind. I pledge to harmonize the teachings of Buddha and the detailed teach-

ings of the Unification Principle, to lift up the will of God, who is the Parent of humankind, and of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who is the True Parent.

4) Ven. Anuruddha (One of Buddha's ten greatest disciples): Reverend Sun Myung Moon! I am sincerely grateful for your revelation of and guidance along the way toward the eternal future of humanity. I promise to pioneer a new way of life, along with Buddha, and to meet you in an eternal place.

5) Ven. Subhadda (One of Buddha's ten greatest disciples): I give thanks to have lived in faith in and attendance to Buddha. I am now able to attend the Reverend Sun Myung Moon and study the Unification Principle. I am deeply grateful for this. I think that the way of truth lies in knowing that the true victor is the one who can win the battles that human beings must fight from the cradle to the grave. This is the fight within oneself. Now that I have encountered the wonderful Unification Principle, I resolve and pledge to make a new start following the guidance and teachings of my new teacher. I can now courageously put aside my old way of thinking.

6) Ven. Purna (One of Buddha's ten greatest disciples, the greatest Buddhist preacher): Human beings' birth, life course and death proceed not according to human power but by the will of God. What a great teacher we have met, the one who has taught us about God and that God is our Parent! Reverend Sun Myung Moon, although we are small and insufficient, we of the Buddhist faith have resolved and pledged together, to lift up and attend the will of True Parents, while attending Buddha.

7) Ka, Jeon Yeon (One of Buddha's ten greatest disciples, the greatest at debate): There is a section of the Unification Principle entitled "Give and Take Action." I truly admire and am amazed by that content. The Unification Principle is organized perfectly; it is the truth that can save humankind. The theory of Give and Take Action seems at first glance to be commonplace, but it is actually a monumental truth. It contains deep and meaningful content that is essential for our following God's will. I think that the way of following Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who has revealed the Unification Principle, is the way of Heaven, and I promise that I will follow the way of Heaven.

8) Ven. Upali (One of Buddha's ten greatest disciples, the greatest observant of the Buddhist commandments): Buddha has always been patient, and he has not just taught us but has shown us through his actions. The Unification Principle is very new to us, but since Buddha learned and experienced everything on his own before bringing it us, I cannot but absolutely believe in the Unification Principle. Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the True Parent and Messiah of humankind. I strongly resolve to believe and follow the Messiah. I will advance toward a world of peace centered on God, by going beyond all religious denominations.

9) Ven. Rahula (the son of Buddha, one of the ten greatest disciples, who was not known to be a disciple): I, Rahula, think of Buddha not just as my father, but as the father of all of us, and I am grateful that I lived a life of asceticism. Now, I am grateful that Buddha has given me the opportunity to access the Unification Principle, which allows me to go the way to the eternal ideal of Heaven. I strongly resolve and pledge that we Buddhist disciples will unite centered on Godism, which can bring about an eternal world of peace for all humanity, while we attend Reverend Sun Myung Moon as our True Parent.

10) Ven. Ananda (a younger cousin of Buddha, one of the ten greatest disciples, the greatest in knowledge): It is only natural to attend Reverend Sun Myung Moon as the Messiah of the Completed Testament Age, because all of the fundamental truths Buddha taught to us are found

in the Unification Principle. I firmly believe that God is our vertical Parent, and I pledge from now to follow only one path.

11) Yong Su (who studied and developed Mahayana Buddhism): I firmly believe that Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the True Parent, Messiah and Savior of humankind. And I believe that the Unification Principle is the truth that will save all of humanity. I resolve to stand in the forefront of a movement to bring unity centered on Godism, through overcoming the barriers that stand between religious denominations.

12) Se Chin (who helped expand the power of Mahayana Buddhism): I believe that Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who revealed the Unification Principle on the earth, is the True Parent and Messiah. And I hope that the Unification Principle will be passed on to all the people of Buddhist faith. I firmly pledge to actively help in the movement for unification.

Islam

Muhammad: Since I, Muhammad, encountered the Unification Principle and met the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, my worldview has changed. I am now confident in everything. Everything seems new to me now. I am filled with optimism and hope. This is

I believe that the Unification Principle is a great truth that can shake the soul of all of humanity. Therefore, I shall arm myself with the Unification Principle and guide Confucianists to a new and revolutionary path.

because I have come to know the fundamental will of God and that God is the Parent of humankind. I know now that this is the way I must go. The basic way of life is to live in attendance to our vertical and horizontal parents.

I cry out: Victory for God! Victory for Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent, Messiah and Savior! All Muslims follow the will of Muhammad. Allah, whom you have been following, was actually God, Jehovah.

There is only one God for humankind and God is our Parent. I offer my pledge. I pledge to have faith in everything and follow the will of the Eternal God. (2001.12.26)

1) Abubakr (First Khalifa): Allah is actually God. God and Allah are the same being. Reverend Sun Myung Moon has let the world know that God is the Parent of humankind. He is the True Parent of humankind. Through the Unification Principle, I have discovered truth that has moved me deeply. As Reverend Sun Myung Moon has let me realize the correct fundamentals of human life and the direction of history, I pledge to follow his way. Thank you.

2) Umar Bin Kha Pab (Second Khalifa): Muhammad is more passionate and faithful than anyone else. As he introduced us to the Unification Principle, Unification Theology and Reverend Sun Myung Moon, he told us that if we believed in him this far, we should follow him until the end. Moreover, Unification Principle and Unification Theology moved me much more than the teachings of Muhammad did. When we realized that God is our Parent, it hurt us quite a lot. There is only one God called on by different religions, and His purpose is always exactly the same. I was surprised by the fact that religions have fought over small differences. Reverend Sun Myung Moon, I will go forward. I pledge to attend and to follow the will of the True Parent of all humankind.

3) Osman Bin Afan (Third Khalifa): I have realized that even though the Unification Principle is new, it is a precious truth that can truly change and renew human beings. I sincerely realized God's pain as He waited for humanity for so long. Reverend Sun Myung Moon is qualified to be the Messiah of the Completed Testament Age, and the True Parent of all humankind. I pledge to have faith in, and follow, this great teacher.

4) Ali Bin Abi Palib (Fourth Khalifa): I wish to say, "Victory to Muhammad!" Because I followed Muhammad, I came to know the Unification Principle and was able to meet Reverend Sun Myung Moon. We are all grateful to both of these people. The Unification

Principle provides very accurate and clear guidance for humanity. Muslims, your hard work and devotion have not been in vain. I desire that you receive the teachings of Reverend Sun Myung Moon. He is a great teacher, Messiah and Savior of the Completed Testament Age. He clearly directs humanity concerning the final problem of the afterlife. I desire that Muslims study Unification Principle. Reverend Sun Myung Moon, thank you for your hard work. I will believe in and follow True Parents.

5) Abdullah Bin Abbas (A scholar in the Age of Sahaba, who interpreted the Quran): Muhammad has shown us great courage and passion. He did not allow us to be mistaken about God. I, Abdulla bin Abbas, will follow with total faith everything that Muhammad decides. And, although I have not heard the Unification Principle many times, I can say that it is very systematic and well-organized. I think its logical analysis touched Muhammad's mind. I also accept it and believe it. I pledge to work hard testifying to Muslims, while believing in the vertical God and the horizontal True Parents.

6) Abdullah Bin Masud (An interpreter of the Quran who lived in the days of Muhammad): I believe that Unification Principle will move Muslims greatly. I desire that all Muslims take interest in the activities of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who is the Savior and True Parent in the Completed Testament Age, and study Unification Principle. Allah, whom we have attended thus far, is none other than God. The world is a wide place. Muslims, please try to broaden your conservative thinking and ideas. I will believe in and attend Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of humankind, who revealed the Unification Principle.

7) Abi Bin Khab (An interpreter of the Quran, who lived in the days of Muhammad): Reverend Sun Myung Moon! True Parents of all humanity! I believe in the Messiah, who is the Savior. I also have faith in the fact that the Unification Principle is an eye-opening truth that can guide the future of the world and the afterlife of all humanity. I will go forward believing in and attending the True Parents of humankind. This I pledge and swear.

8) Amu Hanifa (Founder of the Hanapi School): Unification Principle is so moving. Words cannot express the greatness of its truth. It is definitely a revelation from God. Reverend Sun Myung Moon, True Parents, thank you for your hard work. As the future and afterlife of all of humanity has now been clearly revealed through Unification Principle, Earth and Heaven should be happy and cheer, "Victory! Victory!" I pledge to believe in and attend Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

9) Malik Bin Anas (Founder of the Maliki School): Muhammad did not persuade us. He did not even teach us the details of the Unification Principle. We were moved by the look in his eyes and quality of his actions, once he learned about the Unification Principle. Muhammad's courage and vision, manifested as if the whole world were his, moved us. I believe in Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent and Savior of humankind, and I believe that the Unification Principle is a revelation from God. We pledge to equip ourselves with the Unification Principle and to follow unchangingly, actively supporting the work of the True Parents.

10) Ibn Idris II-Shafi (Founder of the Shafi School): The Unification Principle is an eye-opening gospel given to humankind. Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who has come as a True Parent! I'm sorry that I have not been given enough time to express how I am moved, but I am truly grateful to you. Without a revelation from God, the Unification Principle couldn't have appeared on the Earth. I firmly pledge to believe in and attend the Messiah in the Completed Testament Age.

11) Ahmad Bin Hanbal (Founder of the Hanballi School): Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the Savior of humankind, thank you! Thank you for your hard work. The Unification Principle proves everything. I will believe in and attend you.

12) Al-Ashari (Founder of the Sunni branch): I first would like to shout, "Victory to Muhammad!"

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THE SAINTS' TESTIMONIES TO THE TRUE PARENTS

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mad!" Because of his having devoted all of his passion to Allah, he has been able to find the Unification Principle. Now, I hope that those of the Muslim faith will believe in and follow Muhammad until the end. The Unification Principle is not a theory that came from the brain of a person on Earth. It is the new gospel, which Reverend Sun Myung Moon revealed through revelations from God. Reverend Sun Myung Moon! True Parents! O Messiah, O Savior! Victory! Victory! Victory! I firmly resolve to go the way of loyalty and filial piety, while believing and attending the True Parents.

Hinduism

Three people from among the 12 representatives

1) Shankara (founder of the Advaita Vedanta): I am very sorry to have to tell you my reflection on the Unification Principle after having listened to lectures for but a short period of time. I will try to make a worthy statement in the time given. Through this seminar, I newly realized the following: that God is the Parent of humankind, that in order to correct the deviated history, God sent providential central figures, that God sent the great teacher Reverend Sun Myung Moon as the Savior of humankind, and that the Unification Principle has been revealed as the new truth, to teach humankind the correct path. God! Reverend Sun Myung Moon!

Because Hinduism didn't know of the existence of the one God, our religious ceremonies were very complex, and as the ages and environments changed, our religion adopted various local and ethnic religious forms. However, the Hindu mind always desired to find an absolute being. Whether it is expressed through a local religion or a philosophical ideology, is not the desire to find God lodged within the original character of all human beings?

Through listening to the Unification Principle, I, Shankara, have clearly realized that God has been involved in the internal world of human beings. Now, since I know God's fundamental purpose, I have rid myself of all of my previous thoughts. I will organize all my thought patterns centered on Godism. And I will think over Reverend Sun Myung Moon's theory about how to save humanity, God's love, and the dispensational history of restoration. I will invest all that I have to go the way of genuine truth, while thinking carefully about everything I do.

Reverend Moon! Thank you. It is a great honor that you have thought of the religion of Hinduism. As a representative of Hinduism, I pledge to become a pioneer in the unification movement.

2) Madwa (A pioneer of dualistic philosophy, who built the Temple of Krishna): After listening to the Unification Principle, I realize that we have been spending much time on things that are pointless. There exists a Creator, a causal being, but as humanity didn't know about the cause, neither could we know about the effect—this world. I, Madwa, am mortified that I spent so much time meditating and reasoning, when that was all pointless. Of what use are arguments over monism or dualism without the guidance originally intended for humankind?

O God! I, Madwa, was been able to find You. I did not even dream that You are the Parent of humankind. Although we lived wrongly, now that we have found the genuine truth in the eternal afterlife, we will be grateful to God and start our lives over. We will absolutely obey the guidance and teachings of Reverend Moon, who is a great leader, a great teacher and the True Parent.

Moreover, I, Madwa, will pour all my energy into completely understanding the Unification Principle. Thank you.

3) Maharishi Gautama (Founder of the Niyaya philosophy and the philosophy and practice of yoga): I was severely shocked when I realized that God is the Parent of humankind. Even though there is an ideal place in which God and His children should have lived together

er from the time we were created, up until now, we have turned our face away from God and have created an unprincipled history. When I realize that we need to discard atheistic philosophy completely, my mind is so troubled, infinitely troubled. What can I do? There is no other way. I cannot explain how I feel. I am filled with regret, lamentation and nausea.

The Unification Principle gives us new hope. It is so clear. God did not create man and woman to be complicated. God gave humankind one correct way. I feel that after having floated in a sky endlessly, I have been rearranged and recreated as a new human being. This is not a time for lament and regret, but rather to have new hope and energy as I attend Reverend Moon, whom God has sent as the Messiah. Therefore, I firmly offer my pledge.

Reverend Moon! Thank you for having called Hinduism. From the moment we encounter this new truth, Hindus will not live quietly. I firmly pledge to be obedient to God.

Communist Leaders

1. Karl Marx (1818-1883, The founder of Marxism; born in Trier, Germany.): I, Marx, affirm God's existence and that He is the Parent of all humankind. I denied God and shouted loudly with confidence to the extent that people believed me more than God. Now I'd like to reveal my experience with God to the whole world. I felt that my theoretical paradigm was crumbling as I listened to the Godism lecture. At the same time my pride was damaged severely. When I listened to Godism, I thought it was a dream, but it was not. Then a beam of light came into my heart like a red-hot bullet.

I, Marx, have met God. I have found that He is the Parent of humankind. I have felt the greatness of God's love. I clearly convey to you who God is. He is the Parent of humankind. Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who is on the Earth, brought this fact to light. The Divine Principle and Unification Thought express the original standards that open the way to salvation, so you must read them. I ask this of you seriously. I clearly say that I apologize for my past to God and True Parents and love them and am proud of them.

2. Lenin (Vladimir Ilich Ulyanov; 1870-1924, The leader of the Russian Revolution, the October 1917 revolution, Chairman of The People's Commissariat.): God certainly exists. He exists as the Parent of humankind. In spite of that, I put myself on the vanguard of Communist revolution with a sword in my hands, shouting out that there are no parents. I made their hearts ache.

I announce to Communists: God, Jehovah, certainly exists and He is the Parent of humankind. The Communist counties will perish without fail. The ideal of Communism will be realized by its being engrafted upon Unification Thought. I have an earnest request for you. There is only one way for Communist countries to live and that is to follow Reverend Moon's guidance. Please study the Divine Principle in detail. Please receive the thought of Reverend Moon and study it deeply. If you do so, you will attend God more truly than the thinkers or politicians of the Free World. This is the only way to live truly. If you follow my words, it will release me from unimaginable suffering and agony. I beg this of you. Communist countries must re-arrange everything as soon as possible. I met

God. The spirit doesn't die, but lives. This is my last wish, given in blood from the world of Heaven. "God is alive. God is the Parent of humankind."

3. Stalin (Joseph Vissarionovich Djugashvili Stalin, 1879-1953, Lenin's successor, who communized Russia.): Friends in Communist countries, I am Stalin. You have had wrong thinking. As the way you are going is not the way you should go, you must turn to the right path as soon as possible. One's life on the Earth determines the place one will live in the heavenly world. Our beliefs are wrong. The worst of it is that we deny and ignore God, who is the origin of the cosmos. The God we denied is the Parent of humankind. God is not a theological existence, but is our Parent.

Those at whom we laughed live well in spirit world. It is certain that they didn't go to Hell. When we laughed at them, they and God loved us. We live in the bottom of Hell here. Do you understand what it means? People here don't treat each other as human beings, but as material. If there were any means to rid myself of this pain, I would do it. The place one dwells in the spirit world cannot be decided by power, honor or gold. It is decided by the sincerity of your life on the Earth. First, know and believe God and attend Him. Second, completely clarify your way of life.

Please receive the will of Reverend Moon completely, open your minds and build churches for the worship of God and hold worship services. Reverend Moon reflects the image of God, even though he is a man, and he is struggling intensely to save Communist countries. His thought is messianic, especially for the Communist countries. You must receive his ideology of peace immediately. I, the dictator who denied God, cry out to all the Communist countries on the Earth. Please believe in God and seek for Him.

4. Deng Xiao Ping (1902-1997, the Chairman of Chinese Communist Party.): Thanks be to God for forgiving the one who committed sin. Thank you Reverend Moon for working hard to save those in Hell and the Com-

munist bloc.

Friends in the Communist Party! The word that followed me was one that made God's heart bleed. I now know that I was a terrible sinner. Reverend Moon is the one who brought to light Unification Thought and the Divine Principle, and he is the father of humankind named as True Parent by God. Follow him and be guided by him. Communism has misled humankind. God exists as the Parent of humankind. We all became rebels against God. The spirits are destined to live here in the spirit world. There is no way for Communists to live, but by following Reverend Moon's guidance. This is my earnest wish and appeal.

A Letter From God

Dear Beloved True Parents, I am the God of all people. I am the God of all people. I am the God of all people. My beloved son. My beloved son. My beloved son, I, the God of all people, love True Parents! I love you greatly! I hold you dearly!

How could I help but feel happiness and gratitude for you, who are my son? If there were a word better than "love," I would like to borrow that verb, but I can't think of a better word. Although the True Parents reside in a deep place in my heart, I cannot adequately express my love for you in words.

As you, the True Parents, have now succeeded in everything and have raised everything to its true level, you are now the Savior, Messiah and King of Kings of all of humanity!!! Because on December 25, 2001, the Founders and representatives of Christianity and the other religions adopted written resolutions in which they without exception resolved to participate in realizing the peaceful unification of the cosmos, while attending the True Parents, it is right and proper that the True Parents are exalted in the position of True Parents of all humankind. I, the God of all people, desire this and want to see it happen.

Despite the people of the world not yet fully understanding the position of True Parents, because the position should be fulfilled internally, I, the God of all people, invite the True Parents to the position of King of Kings.

Because the True Parents have, in my place, endured countless difficult paths, I now want to bestow upon you all of the gratitude, inspiration, excitement and joy that I have been feeling. I want you to inherit all that is mine.

My beloved True Parents! I have wanted to express my heart to you for a long time, but I have not had such an opportunity. However, now this daughter of mine has looked into my heart. This has allowed this time to come to pass, and I would like to express to you my gratitude.

True Parents! My beloved True Parents! I want to hold you in my bosom and not let you go! It is a waste for me to walk the floor with my two legs. I want to hold you all night and talk to you!

I, the God of all people, have faith. I believe in the True Parents. I know and remember all of the difficulties, pain and suffering that you have had to endure. I have seen it all. It was all my responsibility, yet you endured and raised a victorious standard. How can I ever forget you? I am grateful.

I am so happy because of you. Truly, I thank you for your hard work.

My beloved True Parents, victory to you! Victory to the Saviors of humanity! Victory to the King of Kings, True Parents!

I, the God of all people, sincerely convey this to my beloved True Parents. ❖

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ACLC Programs in North Carolina

by Rev. Burgi Hutcherson

On June 11 and 12 Archbishop George Augustus Stallings came from Washington DC to speak in North Carolina. After a successful event in Durham on Tuesday night, he left for Winston-Salem.

That following morning in Winston-Salem, the Archbishop had a personal breakfast meeting at the Midtown Café with Dr. John Mendez and his assistant pastor Rev. Bass. I was very grateful for this gathering, since Dr. Mendez is playing an important role for many pastors and churches in Winston-Salem. Dr. Mendez is the president of the Winston-Salem Minister Conference, which is a body of over 100 churches and pastors. I had already spoken with Dr. Mendez about our work, but Dr. Mendez had a lot of issues which burdened him in his understanding and embracing the work of Father Moon. So I felt a tremendous hope that at this breakfast could really open up new ways of understand-

ing. Rev. Kim, Rev. Tim Davis and myself sat at a nearby table and we enjoyed their good laughter.

Archbishop Stallings then went to Charlotte where brothers and sisters had prepared a lunch service. In the afternoon he returned to Winston-Salem to attend the prepared program at the Christ Rescue Temple Apostolic Church hosted by Bishop Willie Davis.

Bishop Willie Davis is a long time supporter of Fathers work and he is Co-Chairman of ACLC in North Carolina as well as Regional Co-Chairman.

It started out with a minister's dinner prior to the service. Mrs. Sharon Pace and Gigusa, a Japanese sister from Raleigh had prepared a lovely table setting for our guest. And a catering company prepared a tasty chicken dinner for the pastors. Pastors from Winston-Salem and Greensboro attended with a count of about 25 people. The dinner was joyful and pleasant. Some lovely music uplifted the atmosphere.

The revival service started at 7 p.m. The Christ Rescue Temple Youth choir opened up the service and lifted up everybody. Especially the song "Nobody but Jesus" got the whole congregation onto their feet. Dr. John Raye was the Master of Ceremony. A video on the Blessing followed.

After several rounds of introductions and praise for all the lead pastors, Archbishop Stallings gave a commanding sermon. He poured his heart out to make everyone understand about "What an awesome God we serve". He was able to share Divine Principles supported by significant bible verses. His message could be easily received by the people. A crowd of about 130 people praised his dynamic and depth of understanding. Following Archbishop Stallings, Bishop Willie Davis was so moved by the content of the message that he felt compelled to speak from the podium to make sure everyone had heard the key points. He was especially

moved by the point Archbishop Stallings had made about the church being the bride of Jesus. We have to be a good bride.

The program continued with short comments given by every lead pastor sitting at the altar. I was amazed to realize that many of our NC ACLC committee members were gathered there at the altar. They created a team with unity and purpose. Also amongst the Christian Leaders was our faithful leader from the Nation of Islam, minister Mikal Muhammad. He had also brought his people to the program.

The moving and holy spirit filled evening concluded with the benediction given by Archbishop Stallings. Then we concluded with picture taking and fellowship.

The following morning we saw Archbishop Stalling, his wife and baby off from the Hotel. We were so very blessed to have him come to North Carolina to speak. ❖

IRFF Tanzania Adult Education Program

by Arnold Kashembe

In the 21st century, education becomes life. A person without education is excluded from knowledge and life. Many people in Tanzania did not have great access to study while others had a chance of completing only standard VII (primary education). The main cause of this situation is known to be poverty. Among many poor communities, Jangwani Ward, in Dar es Salaam is well known to have very few educated people. This situation refrains its inhabitants from having proper jobs to run their daily lives. Instead many people deal with small business and illegal business such as drug trafficking, prostitution, robbery, conning, etc.

One adult class was initiated mid last year 2001 by JADECO (Jangwani Development Community) with purpose of teaching old people how to write and to read. The class was not very successful because of lack of volunteer teachers. Called on by JADECO, the IRFF - Tanzania (TRFF) has been given the responsibility to conduct this education. Our initiation becomes broader and attracts many people and Organizations that wish to work together in-order to develop Jangwani (a forgotten community).

We have now a block of five (5) classrooms at the Mnazi Mmoja Primary School fully at our disposal. We have turned it into a center that we name Jangwani Adult Education Center.

Many organizations were afraid to run their activities in Jangwani area because of its bad reputation of drug trafficking and addiction. IRFF-Tanzania has made a step towards this community. We walk along streets in



this area, calling people to join our center for their education.

We work hard to achieve our goals, which are: 1. To create awareness on the importance of education in the community. 2. To acquire people with knowledge on how to read and write. 3. To train people on how to use computers in order to be connected to the world. 4. To provide the community people with vocational education in carpentry, mechanics, sewing, for self-reliance. 5. To acquire the community people with small business management skills that will enable them to raise income for their daily life. 6. To acquire people with the capacity building on catering by training them on the hygienic conditions of keeping and selling food so as to avoid diseases to the consumers.

We have established cooperation with very reliable organizations which have taken the responsibility of training our six volunteer teachers for the effective result of this edu-

cation, The Ilala Municipal which has donated some carpentry tools, the British Council (Tanzania) which has provided us with some English teaching books, and audio teaching mate-

rials.

Some other organizations such as Emau, VETA (Vocational Education Training Agency) have promised to give us their support.

The targeted people in this program are the youth and the elderly people disadvantaged and illiterate, who suffer from poverty. This is to give them the tools to build a productive, self-reliant life.

We believe that education is a long term effort, an unconditional service that will enable Jangwani Ward people to contribute meaningfully to the progress of their community.

The Center is managed by IRFF - Tanzania with the full participation of JADECO and the community. Great effort is needed to be done to help this community turn into a peaceful area with healthy people. It needs courage, heart, investment tolerance, sacrifice and hard working to bring prosperity in Jangwani. IRFF has come at the right time to apply this motto 'People first' in this forgotten community. ❖



Moment of Meditation

You should control yourself before you control the universe.

Hyun Jin Nim in Mongolia

by Jesper Hendriksen

The first ever outdoor rally with World CARP President Hyun Jin Moon was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on July 9th. "Are you ready for a whirlwind?" he asked. Yes, we were ready, and the whirlwind hit everyone!

More important than the simple numbers of people who came to the rally—about 12,000 people gathered at the Park Stadium—was the way in which so many people caught the vision of the event, taking the initiative over the past few weeks. One example was the way in which the Park Stadium itself was enthusiastically restored in time for the event. The once run-down venue had a new lease on life. More than half the crowd had already been in touch with Service for Peace and came attracted by its vision. However, the first-timers quickly caught on, and by the time Hyun Jin Nim took the stage, everyone was cheering his name. When he asked if they truly were the owners of SFP, the reply "Yes" came in strong unison.

In the weeks up to the rally, all the staff and all Mongolian members had to wrestle with multiple challenges. How to do what no one had experience with before? Yet from the outset, the many details of preparation were smoothly guided by Hyun Jin Nim's confidence that this rally would succeed.

The main project in the build-up for the rally involved the venue itself. The Park Stadium was build 34 years ago and had nearly fallen apart but Ser-



vice for Peace volunteers from various schools and organizations worked for several weeks to restore it.

By July 9th the old stadium had become the Service for Peace stadium, restored for safe use and painted in SFP blue with dandelion logos on the main walls.

Finally, the day before the event, a Member of Parliament, a city district chief, a school director and other social leaders worked side by side with Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim amidst a hundred high school pupils. The project was co-organized by the Capital City's Children and Youth Development Department, whose director and staff took a very active role in organ-

izing the rally. Other sponsors included the YFWP of Mongolia, a Mongolian student union and even the city's two TV stations.

The program began with famous Mongolian national culture group *Tumen Eh* offering a concert for all participants of the rally.

Next the Tong Il Moo Do Martial Art group put on their awesome demonstration, followed by songs from students from the Cultural University of Mongolia. The music sounding through the stadium and most of downtown Ulaanbaatar inspired many young people to attend the rally right up to the last moment. All seats of stadium filled up and the number of participants went far beyond the ten thousand which had been planned before.

After the national anthem, Ms. Tsogzolmaa the head of Youth and Children's Development in Ulaanbaatar, and gave their heartfelt messages representing local government offices and NGOs cooperating with us. Mr. Thomas Phillips introduced about the international work of Service for Peace and Mr. Ganbat explained about local activities in Mongolia.

Finally the time came that over ten thousand young people were waiting for, and our honored guest Pres. Hyun Jin Moon took the stage, welcomed in the traditional way with a blue ribbon and milk.

He told the young Mongolian people that they held the keys to their nation's future. he said, "If every person could invest his or her heart and soul for the sake of others, our country can once again influence the world this time by our moral ethics. But if



every person lives for their own benefit then this or any nation will surely be destroyed."

After his speech, Mr. Davaanyam, President of Chinggis Khaans Academy granted title of 'Honored Academician of the Chinggis Khaanas Academy' to Hyun Jin Nim. It was a mark of great respect from the Mongolian people.

The third part of rally started with young people's songs calling people to serve.

Then Mongolian popular pop group Nomin Talst, children from the National Children's Palace and popular rock group AXE-6 all offered their concert. Finally Hyun Jin Nim brought the whole stadium to its feet through his bright and infectious Rock'n Roll! ❖

CARP Unification Culture Education Meeting in Korea

On April 19th, a special education for Service for Peace and Unification Culture Movement was held sponsored by CARP at Dowon Building in Seoul, Korea. On this day Ken Bates, Senior Vice-president of World CARP and Akiko Ikeno, SFP Ambassador-at-Large gave a presentation and lecture respectively to about 40 leaders including Kyoungjoon Lee, President of Sunmoon University, professors of Sunmoon University, Yongsoo Sul, President of Segae Ilbo and other company presidents and regional directors.

After the opening prayer by the Kangseo regional director, Kyounghyo Kim, K-CARP President stated in his address that "this session today was prepared to provide a basis for all to understand the vision of HJN ... we must understand what HJN's desire is and now let us all take ownership in our fields and make it a reality!"

This was followed by a presentation by vice-president Ken Bates titled, 'Presentation to Non-Profit Group Leaders.' The vice-president stressed the importance of trust saying, "The most important thing is to have a clear vision of what we're doing ... and people must be able to trust that vision." He also



emphasized that the culture drives structure by saying, "trust creates a culture that builds trust ... and what kind of culture an organization has is important." The vice-president explained the three elements of our unification movement culture as a culture of 'living for the sake of others', 'ownership' and 'team work.' He also encouraged the leaders by saying, "If these 3 elements of culture can be established then we will be able to do greater things ... let us all work together."

Ambassador Akiko lectured on 'Guidelines for Creating Service for Peace Project.' Ambassador Akiko explained the meaning of SFP saying; "Before we begin SFP activities we must know the heart of HJN

who talks about SFP and the wishes of True Parents ... SFP shows us the way to become filial sons and daughters to God and True Parents." She continued the lecture giving a detailed explanation on how to create SFP projects and concluded the lecture by presenting the direction of SFP saying; "We need to make many people involved in this movement and we must be able to elevate these service projects to become a 'service for peace' project."

After the lectures participants

expressed their resolutions saying, "I was deeply impressed about the part on culture driving the structure ... and from now on I'll try to 'live for the sake of others'."

The presentation given on this day to Korean leaders was done so under the instructions of HJN. It was originally presented at a quarterly meeting with HJN where President Jeonghwan Kwak, President Dongmoon Joo, President Changshik Yang and other leaders of the American community were present. ❖



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The 13th Blessed Children's Olympics

by Eric Erstling

On July 4th the BC Olympics was held on the front lawn of Belvedere. This annual event was initiated and founded by True Mother in her love and concern for the second generation youth. True Mother's love is for our children to be well-rounded leaders of the future. Not only is the spiritual, moral, and educational growth of the second generation important but the athleticism and health are a vital

part in being a whole person reflecting God's character.

Families of the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Philadelphia area have participated in these past 13 years. The average number of children participating has been about 275, but this year the number of children was much less due to the July 3rd Blessing in DC.

The morning events are individual competitions similar to Olympic events with a little twist incorporating fun with

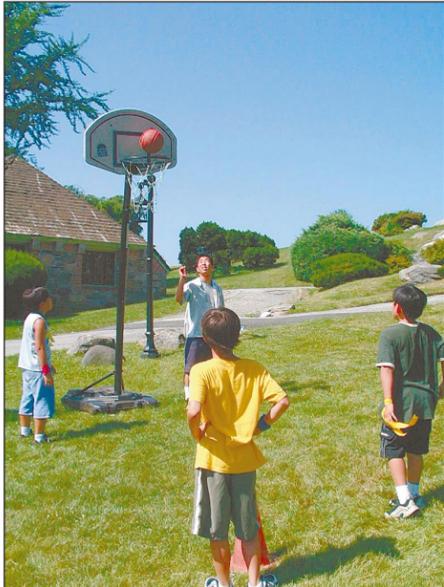
sports. Some of the events are target shooting (throwing bean bags at soda cans), high hurdles and the obstacle course.

The afternoon involves team sports. The children are divided into four teams. We've had tug-of-love, bean bag game, and relay races over the years. Recently, even the parents have participated in dodge ball games (for the dads) and tug-of-love (for the moms). The team games have usually been the exciting part of the day as everyone gets involved with cheering as well as teamwork.

The Olympics has been supported by volunteer work from faithful, loving people. Paul Fontaine and Hamako Miyake have poured their

love and sweat into this event since the first year. With guidance from Mrs. Mal Sook Lee (36 Blessed couple), also from the first year, and from Rev. Dong Woo Kim this event has been a successful and enjoyable annual affair. Thanks also go to Pastor Bruce Grodner, as the Westchester Church leader, and the Japanese missionaries, as well as the Erstling family. Joe Coyne has been a loyal MC for the past several years. Thanks also to Gregorio Villafana and Luis Araujo for being the valuable sports coordinators of the day. A special offer of gratitude goes to the team captains (parents and mostly middle school children) for leading the teams of young children.

Perhaps this tradition can be set up in all the regions. One day a national event could be an annual event. ❖



July 3rd, A Glorious Blessing

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nation that we have gone beyond 9/11 and through this ceremony families are bound together before the one God of us all.

Rabbi David Ben Ami of the Jewish faith and prominent leader of Jewish Christian dialogue gave a prayer in Hebrew. Then Minister Ishmael Muhammad of the Nation of Islam offered a profound prayer in Arabic, standing together with his Mother, Mother Tyneta Muhammad representing the first and second generation he called for God's blessing upon the couples of all religions and faiths and thanked God for sending Rev. and Mrs. Moon for this work. Finally Rev. Jesse Edwards closed with his wife Tanya by his side as he stirred the soul of the audience with a rousing prayer crying out for God to

save and bless these families.

The Nation of Islam brought 40 couples, the Sihks brought 20 couples, the Hindus 20 couples and many other groups brought their lineages before heaven that they might receive God's blessing.

The Concelebrant Clergy led by Bishop G. Augustus Stallings and Rev. T.L. Barrett had well rehearsed their grand processional entrance to the Alleluia chorus of Handel's Messiah. The night before Pastor Barrett and Bishop Stallings designed the basic format of the procession. The procession was led by Pastor T. L. Barrett Jr. who was leading representing the First Generation and his son and daughter in law Minister Torrey and Brandi Barrett followed. Then there were 7 Concelebrant clergy couples represented by chairman of the ACLC of Denver (Rev. and Mrs. Demmer), Rev. Cleveland and Mrs. Sparrow, Rev. and Mrs. Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Edwards, Bishop Michael and Mrs. Watson, Bishop Dan Johnson, Bishop and Mrs. G. Augustus Stallings. Bishop Stallings guided the rehearsal the night before several times for both the attendants and the concelebrant clergy so they could enter with great grace and dignity. Then when the clergy had taken their positions the Co-Officers the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon were

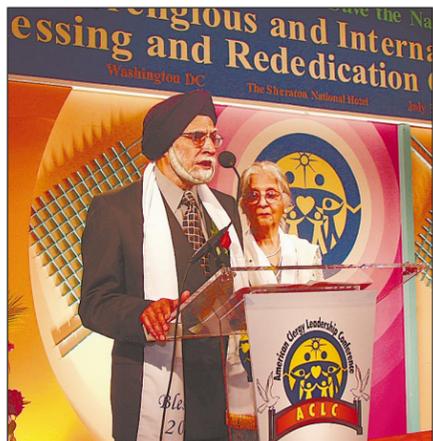
announced. As they entered the applause and shouts of alleluia filled the congregation. This was the moment that Minister Torrey Barrett had just testi-

prayed for the couples the concelebrant clergy held their hands up high and prayed.

The unity of the service was so mov-



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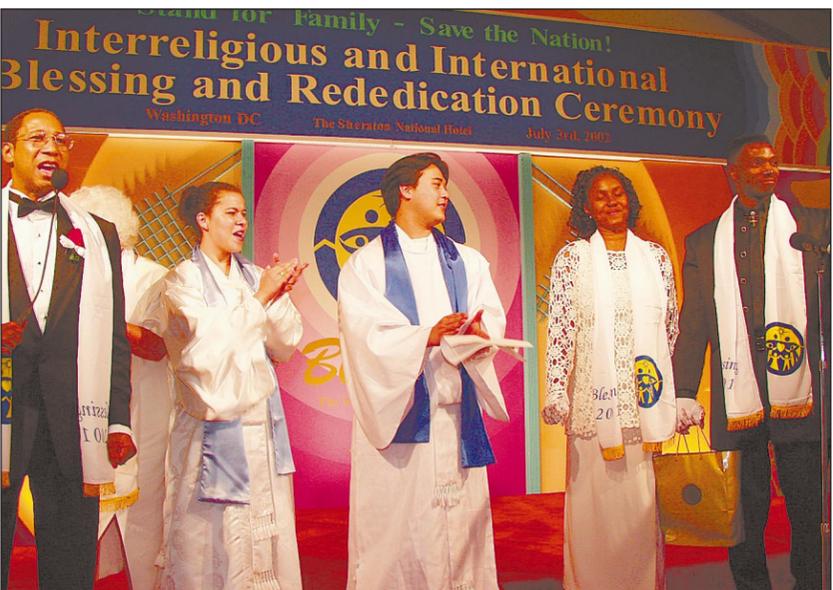
fied about. The moment in which his marriage was healed. There is some kind of mystical power surrounding the gathering of the saints of all religions in one accord. This is a moment when the Holy Spirit moves and marriages are healed.

True Parents took their position on the stage and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak gave the "Report to Heaven". Rev. Kwak reported that this blessing represented the expansion completion of the 1.8 million couples blessing (144,000 x 12 couples) to achieve the blessing of the second generation.

Then the Holy Water ceremony was conducted by our True Parents. In complete unity with True Parents the Christian leaders of the ACLC couples performed the sprinkling of water with True Parents. As Father and Mother

ing. Imam Elahi said, "I owe my entire life situation to Father Moon. I came to the Assembly (IRF) in 1990 in San Francisco, which was the first time I was ever out of my country, and first time I met the world of other religions. It is because of Father Moon that I am in America, thanks to being a participant of the Assembly of the World's Religions in 1990." He also said, "This is the most significant activity to make strong marriages and bring peace between religions."

Bishop Dan Johnson shared, "The spirit in this blessing was even greater than that of April 27th. I can't believe how this movement is growing. This time Christians, Muslims, Jews and all religions were one. It was totally natural being together." ❖



TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

Father Works Again in Pyongyang

by Ken Weber & Mrs. Linna Rapkins

Father recovered from his three months of torture in Pyongyang prison as quickly as he could. His disciples tried to make him rest, but all he could think of was returning to his mission.

Before long, he was holding long meetings. He taught the people from his Bible, always speaking very strongly and with many tears.

Again the meetings were very exciting. The people gave their full attention. They felt they had to get every word down on paper, and they would take notes as fast as they could. They didn't plan to stay late. But when Father spoke, they forgot about time; they forgot about families. Before they knew it, the time had flown by and it was late at night again. The same kind of feelings of electricity came over them, and they just had to jump up and dance around for joy. God's love made them feel so wonderful!

Sometimes, while they prayed, miracles happened. Some who came were quite rich, and the food Father served was simple. But to them, it tasted more delicious. One wealthy man with a stomach problem was cured after eating the food at Father's place, so the word got out that Father had some kind of "miracle food."

Many times, as Father spoke, they learned answers to questions they had been asking for years. Then they would get so inspired and excited they couldn't wait to go out and tell other Christians.

"I'm going to tell my minister about this," they exclaimed. "He'll be so excited to hear it."

But almost always, the ministers of their old churches were not excited at all. The ministers told them, "You're wrong. These answers are not true, and anyone who makes their people dance around in church must be from the devil."



Many of them stopped going to their old churches altogether.

As you can imagine, the ministers became very upset when some of their best members left. So they got together with their own church members and went to argue with Father. They wanted to ask him difficult questions and show the people how wrong he was. But Father answered their questions before they even asked them!

"Mr. Moon must have special pow-

ers," they murmured. "He's surely of the devil. We must stop him."

They spread the word around that Mr. Moon was a bad man. They tried to scare the people. Then they even went to the communists and accused Father of being dangerous.

"This man, Sun Myung Moon, is breaking up our churches; he's breaking up homes," they declared. "He will want to break you up, too. He's probably a spy from the south. You must get rid of him." More than 80 ministers wrote letters to the police, accusing Father of all kinds of crimes.

This made the communists very happy, indeed. They had already heard that Father had come back to life and was preaching again. They had started watching him carefully. Their belief was that anyone who believed there is a God

is mentally ill. They wanted to just get rid of them all, so they were watching for their chance—some excuse. Now one church was fighting against another! What better way to make the churches weak? So they helped by spreading even more lies about Father.

On February 22, 1948, because of the ministers' complaints, they arrested him and brought him to trial. Father had been teaching in Pyongyang one year and ten months, which is almost

two years.

By this time, Father had become well known in Pyongyang, so the courtroom at the trial was packed with people. He was led into the room in handcuffs and with his head shaved. He was accused of taking money from the poor people and using it for himself. He was also accused of telling people lies.

After the trial, the judge pronounced him guilty. Everyone knew it was always best to remain silent. If the judge became angry, he could make the prisoner stay in prison even longer. But Father knew he had been wronged, so he stood up and asked that the charges be dropped, because they were not true. He had not told any lies or deceived the people.

The judge was shocked. The communist leaders who were watching had hoped to show that people who believe in God are weak and scared. Instead, this man showed courage!

Won Pil Kim was in the audience that day. His eyes filled with tears as he saw how brave his beloved Father was. Up to then, he had only seen Father's loving and warm side. In the courtroom, he saw a fearless man.

The charges were not dropped, and Father was sentenced to five years in prison. As Father was led away, he looked back at his disciples and smiled reassuringly, as if to say, "Don't lose heart. I'll be back." With his chained hands raised high in a sign of hope, he was escorted off to prison.

Father's disciples felt totally sad and discouraged at that point. But Father was full of hope that, through his prison term, God could do great things for Korea. ❖

MEDITATION

It Could Happen To You...

Your whole being knows it's true but at the same time you think you must be just dreaming this. No one else is ever going to believe you. They'll wonder what you had for dinner and write it off as a chemical reaction in your brain.

Your thoughts are racing. "Oh my God, I'm so embarrassed for him to see me like this."

"I feel so much love from him and I'm totally unworthy to be receiving it. I hope he goes away soon."

"I've got to remember every detail of this experience."

"I can't believe this is happening."

"He's really real!"

"Wow! It feels like he's even more real than all the rest of the people and things in my life."

"I'm so happy, I hope this feeling lasts forever."

Then Jesus says with a certainty and an unmistakable clarity, "I have chosen you. From this day forward until the day you die, your life will be different."

"He's going to ask for my help. I can't believe it. Why me?"

"I'm a nobody. Why me? I can't do anything!"

Jesus waits patiently for a while for your mind to stop racing a little. And you know that that's what he's doing.

Because he's waiting on you, you want to hurry up and calm down. But this makes you even more nervous.

Finally, after what seems like a long time you are able to take a few deep breaths. Throughout it all Jesus has been very reassuring. He's not in a hurry. He'll wait until you're ready. He understands what you're going through.

The amazing part of your experience is that his love is so wonderful that you want to reject it. You even think about sending him away because you think you don't deserve his love. In his presence your sinful nature and shortcomings are so obvious it's like a thousand watt bulb is shining on them.

And besides all that, which is bad enough, he has chosen you to do something. He needs your help. He's going to ask you to do something and you can bet it won't be easy.

The Lord isn't going to ask you for something small. He's going to ask you to give it all.

What do you think you're thinking now?

"I wonder if there's any way out of this?"

"How many chances do I get?"

"I'll never be able to do it."

"But how can I turn down Jesus?"

"This is the real Jesus. I feel great but this is really terrible."

Then Jesus speaks again distinctly. "I want you to be like me and go forth and save the world."

You think, "Oh, no! Did it have to be that one?"

"I'm not qualified. I have no idea how to save the world. I have no idea where to even start. I haven't a clue what to do."

Jesus says, "Don't worry. I know what I'm doing. You are chosen. I trust you."

Jesus waits patiently like before for all this to sink in. Then gradually Jesus begins ascending and he gets smaller and smaller as he rises up into the sky and finally disappears like a helium balloon that slipped from a child's hand.

You're suddenly back in the pitch dark bedroom. Minutes pass as you go over and over in your mind what just happened, trying to remember every detail.

Now you're back to what everyone calls "reality". But what you've just experienced you now know is the "real" reality. Our everyday lives are just a shell of what real life is all about.

Now you have to go forth and save the world - whatever that means.

My friends, you are chosen to save the world and I am chosen to save the world. Whether you have this experience or not, and I hope you do, it's still the truth. Jesus is knocking for you to open the door of your heart. Let's get together when you realize you are supposed to save the world. I need your help. I can't save the world by myself and goodness knows the world needs it. ❖

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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

Nature of God and Man; the Purpose of Life

Volume 1 * Part 3

INnumerable studies of modern culture have been done, but it hardly takes a trained scholar to detect the profound malaise which permeates much of twentieth century western society. The title of Carl Jung's well-known book, *Modern man in Search of a Soul*, suggests one level of this malaise while Stanley Kubrick's *A Clockwork Orange*, a 1970s film replete with senseless violence, is a cinematic indication of the moral sickness of modern society.

Alienation, spiritual emptiness, meaninglessness and powerlessness are words which for many characterize the situation of modern man. The lack of meaning and loss of belonging strike particularly at the spiritual roots of modern city dwellers, especially in teeming, impersonal metropolises like New York, Los Angeles and London.

Divine Principle uses the concept of give and take to express one dimension of what is missing in the experience of modern secular man. The Principle explains that, for lack of proper give and take, we are missing the core relationships for which we were created. Indeed, since everything exists as part of a pair system, each aspect is created to relate to the other. This occurs through giving and taking, both in human society as well as in the natural world.

An atom, for example, exists because of the exchange of energy between positive and negative charges. Give and take between stamen and pistil creates new seeds for plant life. Zoologists speak of a vast web of life in which each part plays both a productive (giving) and receptive (taking) role. Throughout the universe, give and take provides the energy for the existence, development and multiplication of all things. It is the action whereby the polar aspects of all things can be harmonized and unified.

God's Energy

Beyond the interaction within the natural world, Divine Principle suggests there is a giving and taking of energy within God Himself. When Moses asked God for a name by which He could be called, He replied, rather enigmatically, "I am who I am" (Ex 3:14). Since God is the First Cause and the primal source of all that exists, we may think of His Being in terms of perpetually self-generating energy. This ultimate energy is the outer form of God, as heart is His inner character. The give and take between these polarities with the Godhead form the foundation for the Lord's eternal existence.

The late Paul Tillich is famous for having removed God from His throne in the sky and having identified Him as the "ground of being." Divine Principle would sympathize with this assertion. God's energy is the source and substance of our physical world. Causing the visible creation and operating through it, God is responsible for the infinite patterns which energy forms to make the world we touch, see and know.

If we think directionally, we may say that the source energy from God is in a vertical relationship to the world while the energy produced through give and

take between different earthly polarities is horizontal. Since the energy emanating from God operates to stimulate give and take between distinct horizontal elements, there is no creation in which God's spirit is not at work. The universal law of give and take is an aspect of God's omnipresence; nothing can exist without this connection to the living, ever active God.

Flow of Love

In line with the principle of polarity, Divine Principle points out that wherever giving and taking occurs, two positions are established, one we may call the position of "subject" and the other the position of "object". Generally speaking, the subject projects an initiating and creative energy, while the object is to be stimulating and responsive. As the positions complement each other, both are needed for interaction.

Examples of subject and object relationships are many. In human affairs, these positions can be seen, for example, in the relation between director and actors in the theater, or—in a family—between parents and children. Husband and wife may also be thought of in terms of these categories, with the mates playing different roles at different times. In his most famous work the Hasidic scholar Martin Buber termed these two positions *I* and *thou*.

Since love requires "two" (the lover must have his beloved), the positions of subject and object ultimately exist in order that love might flow. As in the exchange of love two persons change places and alternate roles, we may think of love as occurring in a circulatory motion. Love is the power which unites. Therefore, in love the subject and object ultimately unite and become one. This can be true of man and woman, parents and children, or even an individual and God.

The Four Positions

Polarity, give and take, subject and object, God and man: do all these elements fit together? Yes; they converge in an interconnected whole which the Divine Principle terms "the four position foundation."

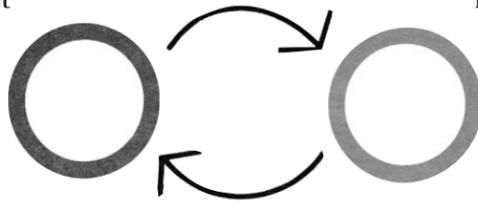
When a man and a woman—or in fact any two entities in the role of subject and object—have a relationship of give and take, they form a unit of four positions. We may think of this unit as the basis for every-

thing which exists; indeed, it is the foundation upon which God carries on His creative work.

In the natural world, give and take between a proton and electron, for example, establishes a four position unit consisting of God as the Source, proton and electron and the resulting atom. Similarly, interaction between two atoms produces a four position foundation among God, the two atoms and the resultant molecule.

In human society, give and take between mind and body centering on God creates a four position foundation on the individual level. In a family, a four position foundation consisting of God, husband, wife and children is established. When a person enters a God-centered relationship with the things of the universe, he realizes a four position foundation on the universal level.

The ultimate in a series of give and take relationships is the exchange of love between a man and a woman, husband and wife.



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For Divine Principle, the four positions on the family level, including parents and children with God in the first position, provides the natural foundation for human society. Indeed, this is the pattern for all other bases of four positions. On the community level, the four positions would be God, the leadership, the people and the community formed among them. Societal, national and international relationships are also based upon this pattern. Indeed, in the view of Divine Principle, the four position foundation provides an operative model for the realization of societal harmony. If social leaders were centered on God, embodying His heart and seeking to bring His love and truth to their people, then an ideal community would begin to be within reach.

As we all know, however, the give and take principle in action in society at large leaves much to be desired. Satisfying four position foundations are not being realized. This is the result of the quality of the relationships as well as the content. Certainly, if the content of our give and take were love, and if it were given with understanding, then a world of harmony and cooperation could result. The reason why Christianity historically has flourished, for example, is that it emphasizes the primacy of love: "so faith, hope, love abide," writes Paul, "but the greatest of these is love" (I Cor 13:13). The New Testament envisions a loving fellowship which through love binds together very disparate kinds of people:

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love...and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (I Jn 4:7-8).

Divine Principle stresses that harmony among people can be achieved when such people first love God. We may say they then have access to a warehouse of love and can pass the cargo of God's love to their neighbors. When the Apostle Paul was spreading his new faith throughout the Hellenistic world, he was well aware that, in Jesus' eyes, the commandments to love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself were the most important of the hundreds in the Torah. He knew that harmony on the horizontal level was dependent on the vertical relationship with God, that give and take flows freely between people only when it flows between individuals and God, and finally that "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (II Cor 3:17). ❖

International Leadership Seminar in Bulgaria



International Leadership Seminar in Estonia

by Johann Hinterleitner

Over two hundred guests joined together with over 30 staff and lecturers on May 6th, 2002 in Tallinn, Estonia, for an all day seminar in the Radisson SAS, to contemplate the future of their newly independent country.

Prof. Anto Rukas, who has attended various IIFWP international events, the last one being the WCSF in Seoul, Korea this past February - welcomed the lecturers, all participants and his fellow Estonians.

Prof. Raukas is well known and is a respected public figure in Estonian society. After giving a brief overview of the many activities initiated by the Rev.

and Mrs. Moon, he stressed the importance of moral principles and healthy families for the future of Estonia.

Dr. Thomas Walsh introduced the keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak and then Dr. Walsh presented an overview of the goals and activities of IIFWP, illustrating his presentation with beautiful slides.

The morning sessions concluded with taking a group photograph, which certainly wasn't an easy task. However, everyone cooperated very well.

After lunch a very serious problem was addressed—HIV. Dr. Thomas Walsh spoke on "AIDS Prevention and Healthy Lifestyles" followed by two Estonian speakers who are struggling with the rapidly growing number of HIV infect-

ed people, most of whom are youth.

Statistics presented by Dr. Irina Moroz from the Estonian AIDS Prevention Center clearly showed that a large percentage of the young people who get involved with drugs, come from broken families. The connection between broken homes and drug abuse are evident, and the HIV virus spreads most rapidly among drug users. Both, Dr. Moroz and her colleague, Mr. Jury Kalikov emphasized the importance of a stronger awareness of the HIV problem among leading politicians and leaders in society. Otherwise an epidemic is a real threat for the future of Estonia.

Mr. Jack Corley, Secretary General of the International Educational Foundation (IEF) continued the presentations with a slide lecture on "The Need for Moral and Spiritual Education." The logic and clarity of this presentation received many positive responses and participating teachers showed great interest in IEF literature, which is a curriculum based on character education, for their schools.

Finally Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak gave two lectures. The first one was, "The Significance of Eternal Life and the Spirit World" and the second, "The Significance of Marriage, Family and Blessing". Both lectures presented a strong challenge to the Estonian audience, because Estonians do not have too much of a religious inclination. However, almost everyone stayed to the very end, listening attentively to the powerful and logical presentations.

Then the emcee and Rev. Kwak invited all couples present to

come forward and rededicate their marriage vows and receive the Blessing. For various reasons we were rather uncertain how people would respond to this call. Estonians seem reserved and do not show their emotions easily, especially to foreigners. One brave couple had courage and came forward, then six more couples followed and were joined by three individual spouses who rededicated themselves even in the absence of their spouses. All couples seemed deeply moved with several of the women shedding lots of tears spontaneously. It was truly a most meaningful conclusion to the seminar.

During dinner some participants shared their impressions of the seminar, expressing the need in Estonia for what had been proposed during the conference. Five newly appointed Ambassadors for Peace received their certificates from Rev. Kwak. Certificates of participation and a group photo were distributed to all those present.

The general tone from many participants was that the content of the lectures was exactly what Estonian society and the country on the whole needed. Even though Estonia has seen impressive economic development during the last ten years, the other side of the coin is alarming indeed: rapid disintegration of the family, accompanied by moral and ethical decline, increasing drug abuse, and a threatening HIV epidemic.

Our first IIFWP conference in December 2000 and this seminar have enabled us to build a good foundation with many leaders in various fields throughout Estonian society, many of whom appreciate and value the vision and work of the founders, the Rev. and Mrs. Moon. ❖

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The Mission of UTS

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

This is from an address given at the UTS Commencement on June 22, 2002.

On this occasion I would like to share my reflections on the mission of UTS in light of the current providence, and especially in light of the significance of the Coronation of God's Kingship.

As the center of leadership training for the members of our movement, UTS is a place of immense historical and spiritual significance. True Father founded this seminary in 1975 with a clear vision centering on the true love of God, and linked to the most urgent and noble task of restoring America and the world, by renewing and fulfilling the spirit and mission of Christianity and the world's religions. At the center of his vision is the ideal of the family that is centered on God's true love, life and lineage. In fact, the restoration of the family is the ultimate goal of Christianity and all religions. Furthermore, it is the foundation of the renewal of the nation, and world.

Our movement, and the seminary, stand on the foundation of the Founder's direct, heartistic experience and knowledge of the living God. As Father came to understand the reality of God's situation, he never once—not even for one second—lost sight of God's original heart and purpose of creation. He fully and completely internalized God's will for a world of true love and world peace, and, since he was 16 years old, he has dedicated himself absolutely to the realization of this goal.

Furthermore, he has always thought about communicating this vision to others who could join in the task of liberating God's heart and restoring the world. In particular, he has been concerned about educating core leaders for this task. That is why he established UTS.

Our Founder established a movement consistent with God's heart and will to transcend racial, religious and national boundaries. UTS trains its students in that tradition in order to advance God's providence of restoration. UTS should be in the vanguard of history, educating the leaders of the future in the way of God's will. For this reason, you should be so proud of UTS and its mission, and

fully aware of your responsibility.

Because the ideal of the true family is the core of God's providence of restoration through the Blessing, it is essential that UTS graduates live an exemplary family life. Each of you should imitate and substantiate the life of True Parents. Do not simply speak about this ideal, but practice it and become a living example of the ideal.

While there must be an intellectual dimension to understanding and communicating the experience and knowledge of God, the foundation in direct, personal experience is always primary. If the experiential dimension is lost or weakened, then seminary education becomes external. Moreover, as we teach others, keep in mind that the transmission of intellectual knowledge or information is only part of the educational process. It is more fundamental to teach through example.

The uniqueness of our movement lies in the living relationship between God and True Parents. The revolution that is needed in our world is primarily a revolution of heart and true love. If we lose our connection to God's original love, then we lose our spirit.

Therefore, our first responsibility is always to connect with God's true love, and to practice the principle of living for the sake of others in our daily lives. Based on my own 44 years of experience following True Parents, I have seen that he has never given guidance on any point, without his first having practiced and fulfilled the direction himself.

The theologian must connect to God directly, heart to heart, life to life, love to love—living with God, breathing together with God, in love with God.

Fortunately, we are living at an incredible time in history. On January 13, 2001, True Father declared the Coronation of God's Kingship. For the first time since the Fall of Adam and Eve, a complete vertical line of true love was established,

and God's position as the invisible True Parents was realized. Prior to the Coronation and since the time of the Fall, God's power of God's true love had been limited. Of course God's nature is eternal, unchanging and absolute. However, in His original purpose of creation God never had any intention to rule or direct humanity and history by external power or force. God only intended to rule by true love's power.

Therefore, according to God's original principle, if there is no object of true love, then God cannot emerge as the subject of true love. In this sense it is almost as if God had not

existed. God could not love the descendants of fallen Adam and Eve, and therefore He only related indirectly to historical events, through the principle. In other words, whenever the right indemnity conditions were set, God would act in history. Without an indemnity condition, God did not exercise special authority or power. Until True Father's teaching, no one understood this point.

Instead, up until now, Satan has ruled as the false subject and owner of love. Humanity has been Satan's object partner. Satan, through false love, has dominated at the individual, family, tribal, national, global and cosmic levels of reality.

True Parents, in turn, have worked continuously to restore the proper dominion of God and true love on each level, from individual level to the family, all the way to the cosmic level. As each stage is accomplished, Father has had to go back down to the very bottom in order to restore the next stage. At each stage, therefore, he has faced incredible obstacles and endured unspeakable difficulty and suffering. In this way he has been able to restore the correct dominion of true love.

God's power and influence over humanity was only during the youth of Adam and Eve, prior to their Fall, when they were still at an immature stage in their

development. Even Satanic love's domination throughout all history, could not eliminate the effect of God's love of Adam and Eve prior to their Fall. In particular, we can see this in the power of

the human conscience, which had been cultivated in Adam and Eve prior to their Fall. Despite so many generations of fallen history since the time of Adam and Eve, the conscience remains active and ever-present in human beings. This gives some evidence of the power of God's love.

With the Coronation Ceremony, God's authority has been re-established. And, although Satanic power and the practices of evil persist in many ways, ultimately goodness is gaining the upper hand and God's ideal is soon to be realized.

The global Blessing movement is cutting the root of Satanic power, both on earth and in heaven. As such, more and more, you will see that those who resist or obstruct God's providence, will be weakened and judged. Since the Coronation I have seen this repeatedly. Meanwhile, those who build a righteous and pure foundation are blessed and prosper.

Since the Coronation, each of us, and especially leaders, such as UTS graduates, need to develop oneness with True Parents. This means that each one of us as individuals, and each Blessed family, must become an object of true love.

Here at UTS we need to teach the absolute value system centering on God that will transform this world. It is the mission of UTS to take the lead in fulfilling this goal. For this reason, each faculty member, each member of the staff and administration, each student, and each graduate must renew their heartistic standard and perfect their relationship with the living God. Unless we establish this relationship with the living God, we cannot transform the world by providing a new vision and moral standard.

Those graduating must have confidence as you go out from this place that God's power will go with you, just so long as you remain principled in living for the sake of others. You graduate today, not as scholars and theologians only, but as the object partners of the living God, leaders of a true love revolution that will transform the world, as the power of God's true love increases daily. ❖



Fishing in the Chesapeake Bay

by Patrick Kirkbride

Our family moved to Virginia Beach in March of 2001. One of the main reasons we moved here was the closeness of the water. We live close to the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay and with water this close it was very easy to start fishing again. I have been mainly surf fishing for the past year and have been catching the following fish: striped bass, flounder, croaker, spot, trout, skate, black sea bass, small shark (dog fish) and blue fish. Though I have not been able to feed many yet with these catches I have nevertheless been quite inspired to go out fishing.

The Chesapeake Bay is a very large body of water that covers an area approximately 4,300 square miles plus many more thousands of square miles of rivers that flow into it.

Many people regard this body of water

as one the richest and most valuable estuaries in the world. Fishermen, both commercial and sport fishing, appreciate this diverse body of water because of the quality, quantity and variety of fish and marine life that can be caught there.

True Father knows the Chesapeake is rich in fish and recently gave directions to True World Marine staff to go fish in the Chesapeake Bay starting up in Chesapeake Beach, Maryland. While there True Father directed one boat to come down to Virginia Beach and Norfolk area to fish for the big Black Drum. So, Captains Kageyama, Nagasuji and Morioka came to our area by boat on the evening of May 21st to fish the bay for the Black Drum.

In May the Black Drum come into the Chesapeake to spawn. They are a big fish that can weigh up to 120 pounds. The average size is 20 - 70 pounds. They are named drum because they make a

fascinating drum sound when they get on board. I was invited to go fishing with the team and it was a similar experience to going out tuna fishing during Ocean Challenge. We went out early in the morning and stayed until sunset. For those who have had experience on the water know the feeling of being on the water all day. Late in the day on the third day Captain Kageyama finally hooked up to a Black Drum and it took approximately 20 minutes to bring in the 4 foot long and approximately 70 pound fish. As it was the first fish caught he released the fish back in the water. Within about 30 minutes Captain Morioka hooked up and brought in a 40 inch Black Drum that weighed approximately 35 pounds.

On our return that night I was looking forward to fishing the next day as I was confident that I had learned the tech-



nique needed to catch the big Drum. However, on our way in the engine developed some problem and we could not go out again with the Good Go. The next day we did go fishing out into the Atlantic on a 'head' boat in search of the tasty Black Sea Bass. We went out 12 miles from Virginia Beach in 65 feet of water. It was extremely rough that day and we could only bring in a few fish. ❖

SEVEN VALUES FOR A GROWING CHURCH

by Tyler Hendricks

This is from a sermon given at the New Jersey Family Church on June 2, 2001.

We should be aware that 85% of churches in America are on a plateau or declining in membership. That's the bad news. The good news is the 15% of churches are growing, and some are growing very fast. For instance, the Vineyard Church and Calvary Chapel. Both were founded around 1970 in southern California, there were about 600 Vineyard churches and 700 Calvary chapels in 1996, giving them approximately 120,000 attendance (Vineyard) and 140,000 attendance (Calvary) at Sunday service (in 1992). That's not just members on a list, but members actually attending service.

I don't want to emphasize numbers. Those growing churches don't emphasize numbers. They just want to worship God and save people. Do we want to save people? Do we believe that every person on this planet needs True Parents, or they will be in prison in spirit world? Do we really believe that we can bring a person to a life-changing experience of God's love through True Parents? Do we want to do that? Do we care about fallen people?

At Chung Pyung Lake, Daemo Nim said that we got no results because of our sin. All our effort was indemnity, and that added to True Parents' foundation led to our registration and blessing, and so now we have to get visible results. She said we could get results by being sincere and honest and loving people despite their sin.

A man by the name of Mark Mittelberg has written a great book about building one's church; called *Building a Contagious Church* (Zondervan, 2000). The book is sub-titled, "Revolutionizing the Way We View and Do Evangelism." This is key. We have to revise our concept of church growth. It will not happen on the streets; Father has told us this since 1980. It will not happen through drive-by blessings or by seeing people as conditional objects. The growing churches are liberated from that, and we should be liberated from it as well.

Let me tell you my experience with the Soka Gakai, a neo-Buddhist movement from Japan, in 1969. A Japanese woman physically pushed me into a car to take me to a lecture. The lecture was given by an American, but all the other members I saw were Japanese. They pushed me to buy a *gahunzen*, which I did and I won't continue the story except to say that the Soka Gakai movement is negligible in America. Why? Because they never adapted to this culture. Pushing people into cars and selling them \$10 prayer scrolls does not make it.

Mittelberg talks about a man named Jim, who had a passion to reach people for Christ. The people God called him to reach were not the normal people of his culture, so he decided that he would have to change to fit their culture. He shaved his head, except for a ponytail, that he dyed. He gave up

his business attire and dressed like them. He ate their kinds of food and learned their street vocabulary, read their papers and got to know their points of view. He moved into their neighborhood, although they were very poor people who didn't seem interested at all in what he had to say.

Jim's church leaders were very upset. They maligned Jim for giving up the true gospel, of watering it down and changing it just to make it convenient for these strange people who nobody cares about anyway. Jim persevered, receiving persecution both from his own church and from the people he was trying to reach. But today, countless people from the neighborhoods he worked so hard to reach now know and serve Jesus Christ.

Jim—or as he's more widely known, James Hudson Taylor—is the man who more than a century ago gave up everything to build a ministry called China Inland Ministry. More than anyone else, he is credited with turning so many in that nation to faith in Christ.

Is it worth taking risks to reach lost people with the love of True Parents? Is it right to proclaim the Divine Principle in ways that break a few paradigms, push back a few boundaries, and ruffle a few feathers?

The lessons of Luke 14:28-33: 1. We have to be ready to give up everything. 2. We need an accurate understanding of the task at hand. Hudson Taylor looked long and hard at the unchurched culture of 19th century China, and he aligned his mission, values, and strategy to fulfill God's call to reach them. For those of us who have our sights set on reaching secular people in our increasingly post-Christian society, we must step back and figure out what our own mission field's cultural landscape looks like. We need to know what we're up against. Know the enemy in order to love the enemy.

Seven Values that will undergird all of our outreach efforts.

Value #1: People matter to God

"This belief is the hardest one to fully absorb into our value system." We agree with it, but we don't own it. What we do with every other concept in this book will directly depend on the degree to

which we own and apply this first value. People matter to God. Do you believe this to the very core of your being?

Rate yourself: look at your checkbook and calendar. They will tell you where you are investing your time and money. Are you investing your time and money trying to reach people outside the family of God?

When you start trying to rearrange the priorities in your life—or in your church's life—this value will be tested immediately. The question naturally arises, whether aloud or below the surface: How much do people matter to God? Other values start competing with and crowding out this first one. Everyone you lock eyes with matters to the Father, matters to True Parents.

Value #2: People are spiritually lost

Luke 19:10: Jesus said his mission was "to seek and to save what was lost." Lost is not derogatory; it is just stating the truth about those who have not found True Parents. Not: I'm okay, You're okay. Rather, Romans 3:9

No matter how "good" people are, if they do not have the blessing and own it and are committed to becoming central blessed families energized by the heart of attending True Parents, they are stuck with the satanic blood lineage, at the time the Messiah is on the earth, and whose fault is it? Mine. Yours. Who will have to reach them in spirit world? Me and you. And is it more or less difficult there? More.

Anyone who has received holy wine and has fallen, is in terrible shape. And if it is our fault, then we are in terrible shape. People who do not know and attend True Parents are separated from God: Isaiah 59:2—"Your iniquities have separated you from your God."

Value #3: People need True Parents

This is absolute. Forget relativism, that every path is the same, that every religion is okay. Every person needs True Parents. Everyone we know needs to know and follow True Parents. They need to give their heart, their time, their gratitude, their money, everything to True Parents.

We have an unpopular message, and we have been commissioned to pres-

ent it boldly. The only way to God is through True Parents.

Now, if people are standing next to the chasm, and they know that they are in Satan's blood lineage and even with Jesus they cannot cross the divide, then we can directly proclaim and teach the gospel of True Parents. They will understand that God has dual characteristics and that Adam and Eve fell during their growing period and that the fruit was not literal and that religion is a result of the fall and so forth.

The problem is that people do not live close to the chasm where they can look over the edge and see the depth of their sins. They don't realize how far away God really is. In fact, they may be so far away that they do not know there is a chasm there at all! And they are moving farther and farther away.

This is called secularization. People are cynical, materialistic, critical, proud of themselves, self-satisfied and so forth. They think that God approves of whatever they like to do. They have been conditioned to reject many Principled values, like sexual purity, no divorce, honoring their parents, the sanctity of life and so forth. A few decades ago, a couple could not rent an apartment without a marriage certificate and proof that they attended a local church. We live in a post-Christian age. How do we reach people in this culture?

Value #4: People need answers

The Divine Principle not only has to be declared, but defined and defended. We have to remove the intellectual roadblocks. People are programmed in school to question everything, especially God and traditional values.

So we have to learn what the questions are and how to answer them. In this arena, we have the finest theology in the world. But even with the finest theology, if you don't know how to use it to answer their questions, it is of no value. Usually we go over people's heads. We talk a different language. We answer questions that they are not asking. So we need to slow down and get into their shoes—know the enemy. Overcome fear of the questions, and learn the Divine Principle answers. But just the intellectual answers are not enough. They are absolutely necessary, but we need to give people more.

Value #5: People and community

Look at the popular sit-coms: *Cheers*, *Friends*, *Frasier*, *Home Improvement*, *Seinfeld*: they deal with a tight-knit circle of friends. Beyond the humor, the attraction of the shows is the feeling that there is some level of genuine acceptance and connectedness.

Families are broken. People are scattered far and wide from their loved ones. People need friends, community, culture. People want to be members of a community of love and ideals, to reproduce the small town, village life, the neighborhood. That is what a church is.

If we are to grow, we MUST become that community. "Our responsibility is to build churches where true community can flourish." When I joined, it was not the Divine Principle—it was the community plus spirit world, the community on earth and in heaven. So we need to build

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The Young Man and the Sea

by Mamoru Oyama

Right after the World CARP Convention last winter I was invited to Hawaii to participate in a fishing tournament and training. A long session of sport fishing in the Pacific might sound like the ultimate dream assignment, but after few weeks of very early mornings, rough seas and empty hooks it sure didn't feel that way any-

more.

And then, just when it looked like we'd be going home empty-handed came the special day that made it all worthwhile. After a long fight we landed a real monster blue marlin. A picture is worth a thousand words, and a big marlin weighs more than a thousand pounds. Can't wait till we catch the next one ❖



by Zulfiqar A. Kazmi, Ph.D.

Ambassador for Peace from Pakistan speaks to Muslims across USA

IFWP Ambassador for Peace, Grand Shia Imam of Pakistan Allama Nasim Abbas Rizvi delivered 40 lectures on peace during Islamic holy month of Muharam and Rabi-ulawal in the United States of America. Dr. Zulfiqar A. Kazmi, IIFWP national leader for Pakistan invited the Grand Imam on behalf of Shia Muslim community residing in the United States. He addressed Thousands of Shia Muslims at New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Illinois, Connecticut, Florida, Los Angeles, Texas, and the nation's capitol, Washington, D.C.



While speaking at Islamic Centers and Central Mosques of metropolitan cities of different States, Grand Imam Rizvi stressed that all the leaders of major religions should unite as

children of Adam and Eve. He said all of us should hold the rope of one God and must not create disunity among ourselves. The Grand Imam mentioned in his sermons about the role of Unification movement and vision of the IIFWP and its Founder for World Peace.

The Grand Imam Rizvi said the tragic events of September 11 occurred in the United States but all peace-loving people consider themselves as sufferers of these tragic events. He said Islam is a religion of peace and has great respect for other religions and creeds. He said IIFWP has taken a bold initiative for world peace. For many generations, the hope of people of all ages has been and

still is for a united world of peace and well-being. The hope has been for united human family within the community of nations living harmoniously with each other in their natural environments.

Grand Imam Rizvi said the twentieth century witnessed significant initiatives aimed at creating greater harmony and cooperation among nations and peoples. Those ideals include taking the enormous responsibility to work for peace, living for the sake of others and going beyond the boundaries of nationality, race, religion, culture and beyond the trauma of past experiences.

Before his final address at Muhammad Center Washington, D.C., Dr. Kazmi appreciated the scholarly efforts of the Grand Shia Imam Allama Rizvi and expressed his hope that Muslim World will seek guidance from his thoughts and beliefs.



Prior to his visit to USA Grand Imam Rizvi addressed on Government-owned TV network Pakistan Television about Islam and Peace and there was live broadcast of his sermons in 48 countries. Grand Imam Rizvi is on a three-month tour lecturing for Peace.

Zulfiqar Kazmi is President, IIFWP Pakistan Chapter ❖

by Zulfiqar A. Kazmi, Ph.D.

IIFWP-Pakistan Celebrates Prophet Mohammed's Birthday

On a special request from Dr. Zulfiqar A. Kazmi, there was a special celebration event of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) in Lahore, Pakistan, May 23, 2002. Religious Leaders of all sects of Islam participated. All IIFWP designated Ambassador for Peace in Pakistan took an active part in this event. About five thousand people participated in the program.

Mr. Asif Mehmood, Mr. Zia-ul-Haque (IIFWP Pakistan Chapter VP,) Allama Maqsood Qadri (Grand Imam of Pak-

istan and IIFWP Ambassador for Peace.) greeted all Muslim leaders and participants on behalf of IIFWP-Pakistan. Dr. Kazmi sent a special message, expressing his hope that Pakistan will overcome all problems it faces. He conveyed IIFWP Chairman Rev. Kwak's belief



that Pakistan has a very significant role to play not only for regional peace but for the entire world.

The IIFWP is focused on issues of spiritual, moral, and educational development, as well as on issues related to human rights, poverty, and nation building. In addition, the IIFWP stands for interreligious, interfaith, and intercultural harmony and cooperation. This is evidenced in many programs carried out by the IIFWP over the past years around the world. We seek to bring a voice of unity, harmony, and compassion to address the current crises.

Zulfiqar Kazmi is President, IIFWP Pakistan Chapter ❖

In Mexico City, Dec. 8, 2001, the IIFWP convened several hundred academics, scholars, journalists, media personalities, businessmen, professionals and other leaders to the presentation of 120 Ambassadors of Peace. The conference theme was: Universal Values and Public Service: Building a Culture of Peace. Special guest and Master of Ceremonies was Ambassador Phillip Sánchez, of New York, Publisher of *Noticias del Mundo*

IIFWP in Mexico

and *Tiempos del Mundo*. From Korea came the National Representative of IIFWP, Rev. Chong Kwan Yoo and Mrs. Yoo. He presented the

Ambassadors of Peace, including Lic. Elsa Sánchez de Salas, president of the Women's Federation of Mexico. Lic. Juan José Torres, the organizer, is the Mexico representative of the IIFWP.

While presenting the "Ambassadors of Peace" awards, Dr. Yoo declared, "Each of the Ambassadors of Peace, and each

one of us should help foster world peace. Let us take active roles as leaders in the movement for peace."

Sánchez added, "I hope that with the "Peace Embassies" as the center, all the international organizations, including the UN, will participate actively in the peace movement. We should all be pioneers for world peace, first by building ideal families of true love that live for the good of others!" ❖



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true community among ourselves. Otherwise "brothers and sisters" is just a joke.

Value #6: Cultural relevance

In a foreign land, missionaries need to know the language and culture. The culture includes the clothes, music, hairstyles, food, occupations, rites, family norms, spiritual interests, traditions, etc. The language includes humor, references, subtle signals, personal motivations, hot button words, and so forth. It is called "contextualization."

We are in a foreign culture. Now we will expand our drawing, taking out the letters True Parents. Why? Because

that is not the chasm the blessing fills! There's a wider and deeper chasm to the right, even further from where the unchurched people are—that is the sin chasm, the blood lineage chasm. The closer chasm is the "culture chasm."

These are spiritually neutral, but they separate people from True Parents. The next drawing shows progressive embankments from the right to the left, filling the cultural chasm. We have to "crack the cultural code."

Mittelberg spends several pages on this point, discussing language (easy to understand), clothes (wear the same as your target audience). If you want to reach the business community, wear business attire. Students, wear campus style clothing. A tropical culture, wear short-sleeved shirts and deck

shoes, minus the socks. Music—what they like. Personal motivators: spell out the benefits of membership, as well as the costs. Cultural points of reference—not a lot of people around here raise sheep, but they did in biblical times so the Bible uses sheep. We should use contemporary references. Habits—people drive, so get a parking lot. People like movies, so show film clips to convey content. People have short attention spans, so be brief and to the point.

We cannot expect them to cross the chasm; we have to do it.

And the type of outreach you do has to depend upon how far people are away from you.

Value #7: People need time

Allow people to move ahead at their own pace. "Pressing people to take steps

for which they're not yet ready will backfire. In some cases it can even short-circuit the whole process."

For most people conversion to True Parents is a process. It is not accomplished through one event, but rather by deepening the trust and understanding of secular people over time and urge them to put their faith in True Parents.

To summarize the values that build the church, that lead us to become successful blessed central families: 1. People matter to God; 2. they're lost; 3. they need True Parents; 4. they need answers; 5. they long for community; 6. they need relevant communication, and 7. they require time. ❖



PAUL
CARLSON

Newer New-Agers

This article is about the New Age movement, and its influence on American society. Your author grew up around several of its luminaries. Despite this familiarity I've taken to bashing it in previous articles. This time we're going to look more closely, with an emphasis on the positive.

New Agers certainly believe in God, the spiritual world, and the immortal human soul. Despite this, they are not particularly Christian, or even strictly monotheistic. They love scientific rhetoric, but don't follow the scientific method.

History

The New Age movement is not exactly new. The Masons were well established in the thirteen American colonies. It really got rolling in the 1800s when Madam Blavatsky founded the Theosophical Society, and the first western Bahai converts were made. Various 'fringe' leaders, such as health advocates and utopian prophets, added to the mix.

New Age organizations like to claim an ancient heritage, usually links to Crusader Jerusalem, or Solomon's Temple, Pharaonic Egypt, or even Atlantis and/or other planets. Obviously these claims are muddled at best, and sheer fantasy at worst. (The original Freemasons probably did take over for the ancient, banned Knights Templar.)

Whether they use the astrological, the Mayan, or even the common Gregorian calendar, all New Agers look to the future, and yearn for a transformed world.

Variety

New Age beliefs and practices are

famous for their sheer variety. Like to wear purple robes, or nothing at all? Want to go vegan, or live on whatever you can catch in the wilderness? Scanning the sky for UFOs, or the ocean for Atlantean demigods? Do you scream a lot, or meditate in silence? The movement has a place for you!

The Internet is replete with New Age sites, from the supposedly scientific, to the bizarre and harebrained, to alarmist doom-saying. (All of which are being covered up by the government, mind you.)

On talk radio, Art Bell, Whitley Strieber, and several others are very popular. Your author is often irked by their uncritical, apparently credulous hosting of everyone from famous, genuine experts to creepy, whacked-out eccentrics. These hosts sound a constant drumbeat of impending doom.

Sometimes this leads to unneeded suffering. During one show a frail old man called in. He said he was being poisoned by "chem-trails," and told the radio audience of his terrible ailments—and gave no indication he was seeing a doctor.

These so called chem-trails are simply contrails. Plain ice clouds left, under ordinary weather conditions, in the upper atmosphere by any passing jet. (One possible exception may be a classified Federal project to "counter-spray" a future bioterrorist's particle release.)

Influence

Is the New Age movement on the fringe, or does it have a big influence on American society? Some of its groups have come and gone, while others endure. For example, Edgar Cayce's organization has been active for decades.

Is it fad, a curious sideline—or part of

a deeper social trend? The movement does have a profound effect on society, especially through its influence on mainstream Christianity and Reform Judaism. Its ideas are more common than most people realize.

Some examples: The vision of "many paths to the one God" is well known. To regard humanity as a single family, together on a journey to a 'higher level,' is widely accepted. The fear that this journey will pass through an apocalyptic phase is almost universal.

To be more specific: Most Americans will make reference to, even without having an explicit belief in, reincarnation. Many people believe in reciprocal fate, known as 'karma' and by other names. Also, 'natural' healing is increasingly popular.

Spotted on a California bumper sticker: My Karma Just Ran Over Your Dogma.

Science

New Agers are children of the modern era. They love to bandy cutting-edge terminology. You'll hear a potpourri of elements drawn from science; especially Astronomy, Quantum Physics, and Archaeology.

On the face of it, they'll get about half the terms right and garble the rest. Then put it all together with illogical abandon. To any listener with a relevant education, this can be quite frustrating!

They love to use 'smooth' terms. The aliens they'll contact are from the Pleiades, and never from Fomalhaut, much less the Horsehead Nebula. Astrologers have latched on to the newly-discovered asteroid Chiron. Though invisible to the naked eye, it orbits the Sun in a convenient fifty-one years. They've quite ignored aster-

oid Fraknoi, which is a shame, as it was named after a brilliant and popular teacher of astronomy.

Several years ago *The Celestine Prophecy* spent over a year on the bestseller lists. This despite its bland plot and dialogue, and numerous basic errors; not to mention its outlandish conclusions, such as physical human invisibility.

Americans respect science, yet most don't know enough to separate the wheat from the chaff. They want hope, and a better life, so will grasp at even the slenderest of reeds. Especially *Celestine*-style reeds, which impose no strictures, and require little prudence, much less exertion. Still, the optimism is there!

Consequences

The few people who oppose the New Age movement are, strangely enough, from two opposite camps. Fundamentalist Christians see nothing but heresy and demonic cunning. Secular Humanists see cynical frauds leading the pleasantly deluded. These opponents have created many books and web sites on the subject.

Even without the few and tiny 'suicide cults,' the New Age has its downside. Not wanting to be—or at least to be seen as—negative, its adherents tend to be over tolerant. In conversation, "being judgmental" is likely to be the most horrible sin they'll mention.

On an individual level they've tossed out personal discernment, and often refuse to make hard but necessary decisions.

Socially, do their ideas promote healthy tolerance, or lead to foolish compromises? Actually, both! New Age concepts and attitudes have moderated traditional American religions; on occasion, too much so. (There have, as yet, been few signs of moderation among organized Muslims.)

There is a dark side to the movement. Racism is clear in some older New Age books. Their belief in 'oversouls' has unsavory implications for individuals and cultures.

The movement has been largely white and prosperous, most converts being disaffected Christians and Jews. Poor folks, Blacks, and Latinos, if welcome, seldom apply.

If people can reincarnate, this implies a long series of 'free passes' for one's current behavior; even an acceptance of suicide. If someone chose their 'current incarnation,' one need not pity their dismal situation. (Americans do better; think of Calcutta.)

In some places there is sexual exploitation by charismatic men.

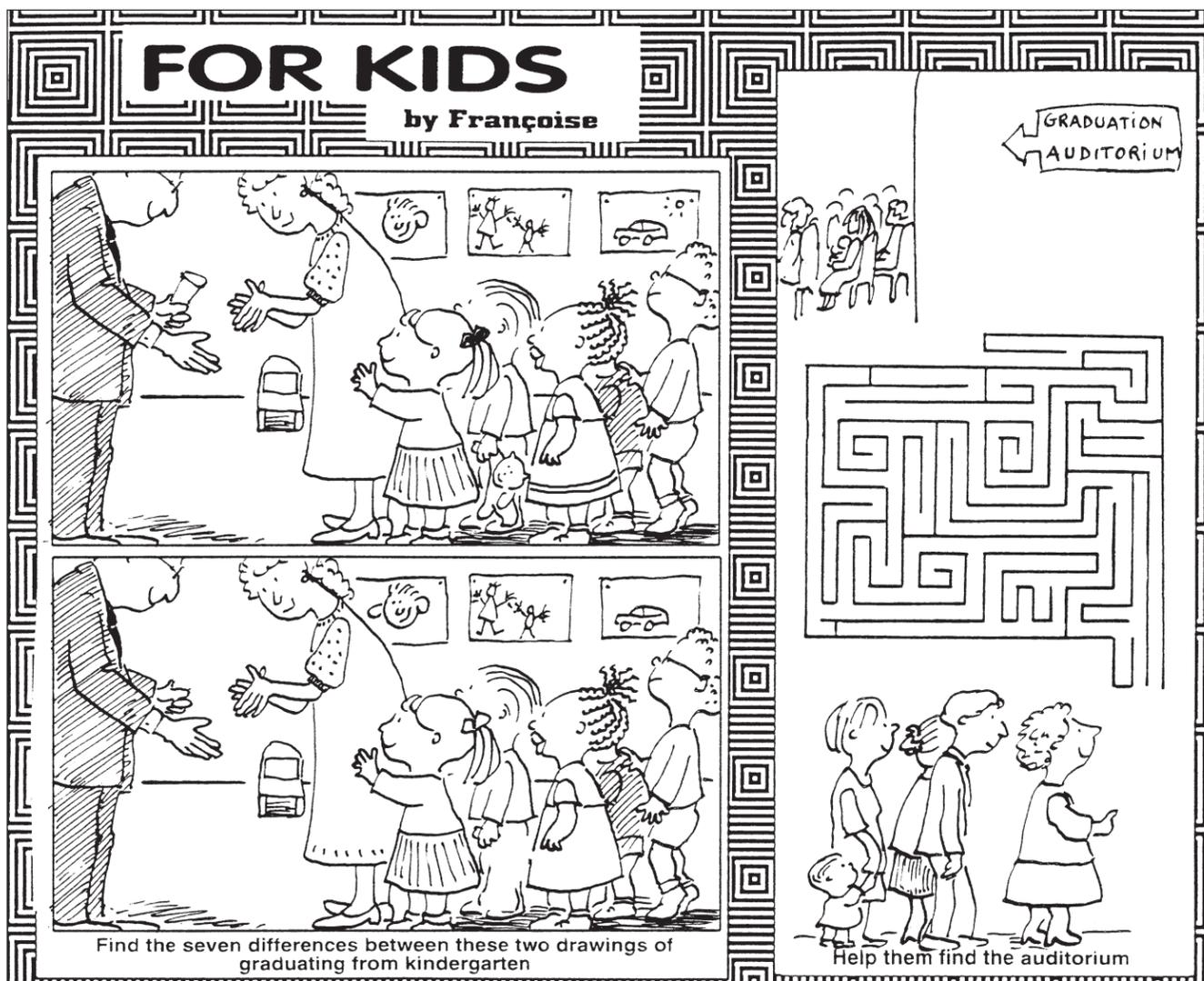
Overall, New Agers whitewash pagan history, accompanied by hearty church bashing.

Conclusion

On the positive side is their hope for unity, and a few halting moves toward it. This crosses all the terrible divisions that plague our world. Many warring groups could benefit from a few evenings of campfires-and-Kumbaya. (There is, in fact, at least one summer camp for Israeli and Palestinian teenagers.)

New Agers have a sincere longing for a harmonious future, call it the Aquarian Age or whatever. There is a deep concern for nature, with a shamanistic bond to all things living.

Finally, they have a vision of themselves as part of a large and purposeful cosmos. They need only pick up the Divine Principle to learn about the real New Age. Their active support is welcome. ♦



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of graduating from kindergarten

Help them find the auditorium

Texas Sun Hwa Academy Entering Seventh Year

by D.J. Brewer—Highlands TX

Sun Hwa Academy, now in its 7th year, was renamed by True Mother on November 29 of last year, two days after the purchase of

the new school property. The school facility has a house, an apartment, a swimming pool, a 1500 square foot teaching hall, 20 pentium computers, a dedicated video editing room, and is shaded by pecan and cypress in a quiet Texas neighborhood. It is privately run by George and D.J. Brewer, a blessed couple in Texas who are regional coordinators for Second Generation education. Coupled with their 3,000 square foot home, students receive an amazing education that is wholly family based, in an exciting and people filled environment that covers the gamut of deep and meaningful to crazy and fun. The feeling is not one of a boarding school, but of being in a home with relatives whom you love and respect.

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CARP in the Cameroon

by Matip Likeng Elie

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 Buea.

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 obligation, and lastly the importance of SFP based on Living for the Sake of Others as a fundamental transforma-

tion on inside out.

Getting students to keep even their own environment clean is a hard nut to crack. Owing the ugly manner in which students litter paper without concern it is a major preoccupation both to the administration and people of good conscience.

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 rendering its services gratis contrary to the status quo. We registered 24 participants who were assigned to a building with seven tutorial halls. Participants worked to the satisfaction of everyone present, by cleaning the halls, washing the floor to the amazement of others students. It was a good experience for our guests, a real transformation of the heart. At the end, the administration representative requested us to come back in a month's time. ❖

40 YEARS IN AMERICA

by Dr. Michael Mickler

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Representative bodies within American Protestantism, and Judaism also, opposed the movement's ecumenical outreach. Reference has already been made to the American Jewish Committee's charge that the movement's main theological text was anti-semitic. On June 21, 1977, the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. followed suit by releasing to the press and other interested persons "A Critique of the Theology of the Unification Church as Set Forth in *Divine Principle*." The eleven-page "official study document," drafted by Sister Agnes Cunningham of Mundelein Seminary (Roman Catholic), was issued "to clarify the claim to Christian identity made by the Unification Church."

The Commission acknowledged receiving Unification Church "statements of self-clarification" but disregarded them. It also admitted to "diversity in Christian belief and theology and, thus, internal disagreement." Nonetheless, the Commission determined that the Unification Church "is not a Christian Church" and that its "claim...to Christian identity cannot be recognized." The church's efforts to engage both the American Jewish Committee and the National Council of Churches in dialogue were fruitless. The Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States took no official stance. However, Japanese bishops issued a statement saying that the movement "has nothing to do with Catholicism, not even with Christianity, and is not an object of ecumenism."

Ironically, these actions did not have their intended effect. Rather than shutting its doors, the Seminary effectively parleyed interest stimulated by controversy about the movement into a broad-based ecumenical and interreligious conference program. This began in February 1977 when Professor Herbert Richardson of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto "brought together 8-10 of his old students—now professors teaching in various parts of North America—to dialogue with UTS students about Unification theology and what this 'Moonie' stuff was all about." This led to a follow-up conference in April and several more weekend "theological conferences," organized by UTS students before the end of the year. In 1978, the Seminary hosted two "Evangelical-Unification" dialogues convened by evangelical author Richard Quebedeaux, which brought its students into conversation with

"born-again" Christians. These conferences and others fed into a week-long Virgin Islands Seminar on Unification Theology for fifty theologians, scholars of religion, philosophers, ministers, social scientists and others from July 22-29, 1979. Ferment from that conference carried over into the first "Advanced Seminar on Unification Theology" held the following February in the Bahamas.

By this time, the conference program had caught the interest of Rev. Moon, who committed significantly more resources to its development. This led to the founding of the New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA) and the creation of a twenty-one member board of consultants who met twice yearly "to plan conferences, publications and other events to bring people together ecumenically worldwide." Under the New ERA board of consultants the conference schedule was regularized so that there were annual summer introductory conferences, advanced winter seminars, New ERA regional conferences, special theme conferences, and UTS conferences. Hundreds of scholars participated at the movement's expense in the summer introductory seminars which were held in Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Madiera, the Canary Islands and

Athens, Greece between 1980-84.

The advanced winter seminars consisted of three or four concurrent sessions on specific topics and were held at various sites in the Caribbean. Regional, special theme and UTS conferences covered a wide range of topics. The most substantial of these was an ongoing series of sociology conferences which included many of that field's most prominent academics.

No less than was the case with ICUS, the movement's distinctive form of "academic ecumenism" generated a good deal of synergy. In 1981, in response to a proposal by a New ERA board member, the movement convened the first of four annual conferences on "God: The Contemporary Discussion." These large international gatherings were conceptualized as a kind of "internal ICUS" with various conference sections and participants expected to produce papers. The Youth Seminar on World Religions (YSWR) emerged out of the first "God Conference" at which some participants asked whether the event could "extend beyond the scholarly level" and allow students to have a similar "broadening experience with the world's religions." Rev. Moon endorsed the idea, and between 1982-84, some 150 students and professors gathered annually during the summer for a 1-week orientation and 7-week around-the-world pilgrimage to sites associated with the religious traditions of Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hin-

Ecumenism,

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by the Unification Church." In addition to its vigorous conference and publishing program which eventually included several imprint series with Paragon House Publishers, IRF provided seed money and development grants to the National

Council for the Church and Social Action (NCCSA), a coalition of community-based and community-governed organizations which "grew out of ideas proposed by black clergy of different denominations in dialogue with members of the Unification [Church] Interfaith Affairs department." By 1983, there were forty-nine chapters in thirty-four states.

Business Ventures

All of these initiatives raised questions about funding. In actuality, movement support of its non-profit organizations, though amounting to as much as \$10-15 million dollars a year, paled in relation to expenditures on its for-profit business and media ventures. In 1983, according to the *Maeil Economic Daily*, the movement's Korean business enterprises had total assets worth \$198,000,000. These included two titanium industrial companies, a pharmaceutical company, a stoneware company, and Tong-il industries which was a Republic of Korea defense contractor but also produced lathes, milling machines and boilers. These holdings appeared to be extensive or even ominous to movement detractors who often described Rev. Moon as a Korean industrialist. However, as sociologist David Bromley argued in a study of "The Economic Structure of the Unificationist Movement" (see J. Richardson, *Money and Power in the New Religions*, 1988), "A simple aggregate dollar comparison of UM economic resources with those of mainline churches leads quickly to the conclusion that the former are dwarfed

by the latter." Bromley cited sources that put the value of mainline, church-owned, tax-exempt property in the United States in excess of \$1 trillion and annual church income in excess of \$20 billion in 1976. Even "similarly aggressive single denominations," such as Mormonism, far outstripped the UM with an estimated income of nearly \$2 billion and estimated total assets approaching \$10 billion in 1985. And if one used the movement's "controversial public solicitation of funds" as a basis of comparison, again according to Bromley, "Other religious organizations generate much larger revenues." He noted research that showed "the top four programs on television took in over a quarter of a billion dollars in 1980."

The movement's Korean enterprises provided only marginal funding for U.S. operations during this period and were themselves, particularly Il Shim Stoneworks, the beneficiaries of cash flow from Japan. In reality, Japan was the economic juggernaut which powered the worldwide movement. In 1984, two former church officials in Japan reported that the movement there had sent more than \$800 million into the United States over the past nine years through a variety of businesses that benefited greatly from Japan's overheat-



duism, Islam, Judaism and Unificationism. These events further expanded the movement's ecumenical and interreligious network and involved religious scholars of the highest rank, including Huston Smith, author of *The World's Religions* and one of the country's foremost authorities on world faiths, who with his wife co-chaired the first two Youth Seminars and served as chairperson of the fourth God Conference.

The New ERA model had additional benefits for the movement. During the early 1980s, some thirty-six UTS graduates pursued doctorates in religion at major U.S. seminaries and universities. These students served as lecturers, panelists and conference coordinators for many of these meetings and thereby gained invaluable experience. In addition, the church applied the New ERA model to its ministerial outreach, establishing Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy (ICC) in 1982. These focused on three broad themes: Christian Perspectives on the Family, The Church and Social Action, and Unification Theology: With Implications for Ecumenism and Social Action. More than 800 ministers attended ICC gatherings by 1984. The International Religious Foundation (IRF) was incorporated in 1983 "to bring under one umbrella the various interfaith and ecumenical activities sponsored

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Funding & Fishing

ed economy. Most of these funds supported start-up and operating costs for large-scale fishing-related enterprises, daily newspapers in New York and Washington, and a commercial feature film release.

American mobile fundraising teams supplemented this funding from Japan for the church in America. Bromley estimated, "At the height of this effort there may have been 1,500 to 2,000 fundraisers and...revenues of \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000" but acknowledged that "UM officials insist that receipts actually peaked at \$20,000,000." However the figures are calculated, the period clearly was one of significant economic expansion and diversification.

Idealism

All of the movement's major economic ventures had a strong idealistic component. In other words, the movement's primary motivation for undertaking projects was not profit-making but rather implementation of its religious vision. This was true for the movement's nonprofits as well as for its businesses. Religion and science, according to its theological teaching, must come together "under one unified theme." This was the "internal" purpose of the Science Conference. Similarly, contradictions within Christianity and the various world faiths should be explained, clarified and solved. This was the inner motivation behind the movement's ecumenical and interreligious network. However, it was one thing to base nonprofits on religious idealism. The question was how well these qualities transferred to businesses. In general, the results were mixed. Given members' underlying religious motivation and zeal, the movement's business enterprises had access to inexpensive, even voluntary labor. Also, since profit-making was not the primary motivation, they could absorb huge operating losses which in normal business circumstances would have been fatal. This enabled the movement to persevere in its efforts and draw public attention to its economic program. On the other hand, these businesses' access to cheap labor and their relative inattention to profits meant that many of the movement's particular investments were less than well planned or managed. This had the potential to undermine idealism and foster cynicism or even disillusionment.

Rev. Moon based his economic program on two compelling ideals. The first was the necessity for the "equalization of technology" and for "technology transfers" from advanced to developing nations. These ideas stemmed from his religious vision of a just economic system as well as from the experience of the Korean people who had suffered exploitation under Japanese colonialists. They also underlay the movement's effort to develop heavy industry, notably the Tong-il group, in Korea. During the early 1980s the movement expanded aggressively in West Germany, buying several large machine tool plants. It subsequently set up Saeilo Machinery as a worldwide machine distribution network to mar-



Rev. Moon meets with founding members of New ERA at East Garden, New York in 1979. Clockwise from Rev. Moon: Col. Bo Hi Pak, Drs. Richard Quebedeaux, Frederick Sontag, J. Stillman Judah, Herbert Richardson, unknown, and Darrol Bryant.

ket the Tong-il line of machine tools and its West German lines. Saeilo Machinery (USA), Inc. exhibited sophisticated, computerized metal-cutting machinery from Korea and Germany at the National Machine Tool Builders' Association biennial international machine tool show (IMTS '82), the biggest and most prestigious trade show in the North American metalworking industry. Although the movement's industrial investments were highly publicized and controversial in Germany, they received little, if any, media coverage in the United States and were generally unknown.

The Ocean Providence

The same could not be said of the movement's involvement in U.S. fishing industry-related enterprises, which was intensely publicized and explosive, particularly in local communities. Rev. Moon considered the ocean to be a potential solution to world hunger and a key to future human survival. As he put it, "Population will increase ten-fold.... The land itself will be crowded. There will be less space to farm and more people to feed.... For a while mankind may try and escape to space and live up there, but the expenses will be too much and...[they] will come right back down to earth. Then...[mankind] will have to turn to the ocean. It is only a matter of time. The future of the ocean is inevitable."

Although the movement began fishing operations globally, America became the main focus for several reasons. First, there were multiple excellent fishing

grounds on both coasts. Second, the American fishing industry was regarded to be depressed and the overall fish market underdeveloped. Third, and most important, Rev. Moon was working in the U.S. An avid fisherman, he began fishing in the Hudson River near Tarrytown, New York in 1973. Later that year he fished off the Connecticut coast and out of Freeport, Long Island. After he became very successful catching small tuna off the Long Island and New Jersey coasts, locals suggested he go to Gloucester, Massachusetts to challenge the giant bluefin tuna which can swim sixty miles per hour and grow to three-quarters of a ton. Unable to catch one in 1974, Rev. Moon returned in 1975 and landed his first after three weeks of effort. He caught seven more that season. Continuing to refine his technique and taking to the sea as early as three or even two o'clock in the morning, his party caught sixty-four giant tuna during the seventy-day season two years later. It was during this period that Rev. Moon announced, "We are going to be a sea-going movement."

The movement pursued two tracks in its sea-going ventures. The first was the business track. From 1976 through the mid-1980s, the movement invested in a plethora of fishing-related businesses along the Korean *chae-bol* or conglomerate model. In other words, it acquired or built shipbuilding yards, commercial and charter fishing fleets, fish processing plants, and a distribution network consisting of wholesale and retail fish companies, restaurants, markets and groceries. The idea was to create a comprehensive, interlocking system of enterprises.

The movement's major investments between 1976-81 were for shipbuilding yards and food processing plants in Norfolk, Virginia; Bayou La Batre, Alabama; Gloucester, Massachusetts; and Kodiak, Alaska. During and after this period, approximately \$30,000,000 was spent to purchase or construct several hundred ocean-going vessels ranging from multi-ton trawlers to sport-fishing boats. The movement also capitalized on widespread interest in Japan and its raw fish or "sushi" tradition during the 1980s by creating a network of several dozen Japanese restaurants across the country. Other movement companies sold to American retailers or exported fish, especially tuna and lobster, to Japan at significantly higher prices. Research into various fish powders, imitation crab meat, which later evolved into a successful business, and the possibilities of fish farms and aquaculture also commenced.

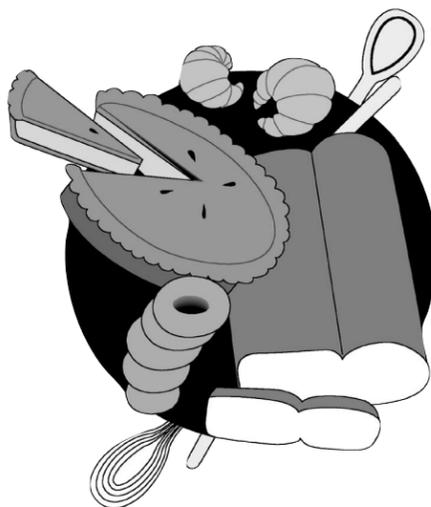
The second track that the movement pursued was in relation to the "ocean" providence. This involved the stimulation of interest among Americans, particularly young people, in the ocean, the revitalization of American seaports, and the creation of "ocean" churches. Rev. Moon frequently spoke about the virtues of fish over the American meat diet, the depressed state of the American fishing industry, and the need of youth, especially inner-city youth, to be exposed to the challenges and excitement of sea-going life.

An early effort to stimulate interest and excitement was the "World Tuna Tournament" which the movement sponsored in Gloucester, Massachusetts between August 24-30, 1980. Total prize money was \$100,000: \$70,000 for first, \$20,000 for second, and \$10,000 for third. This was the biggest cash prize ever awarded in a tuna-fishing tournament and far eclipsed the amounts awarded in other local, established tuna tournaments, which ranged from \$200-\$1,000. ❖

Boat builders pose with Rev. Moon during the construction of Sea Hope 1



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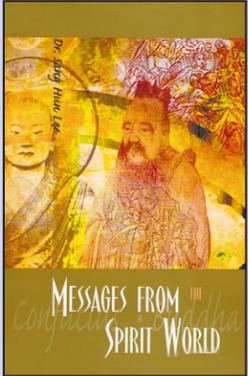
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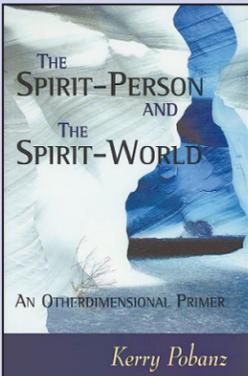
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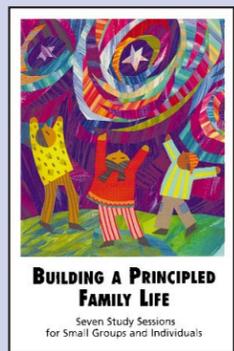
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