Assembly 2003 at WCSF

Global Governance at a Turning Point: Innovative Approaches to Peace in A Changing World

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The IIFWP conference assembly 2003 at WCSF in Seoul on “Global Governance at a Turning Point—Innovative Approaches to Peace in A Changing World” was attended by over 300 top religious leaders and many former and current heads of state. The conference is like a global convention of the Cheon Il Guk. It has all the aspects of relations of the Religious leaders. Political leaders, scholars, professionals from the Media and Academic fields.

Due to the fact that many of the participants have gained trust over the last few years of conferences, very serious and relevant presentations are being made concerning the Middle East, Governance (dealing with the relations of nations and global concepts of governing their relations through the UN and other efforts), Peace on the Korean Peninsula and Human Development had a very healthy mix or world experts who for the most part have become Ambassadors for Peace and Unificationist scholars and leaders from around the world.

The presence of religious leaders from all major faiths, relating in harmony (there are of course many historical tensions, but due to their special calling and long term association with True Parents they have become the forefront of leadership for harmony and peace among religious leaders.) Rev. Kwak’s opening address went in depth in terms of Father’s vision concerning the Blessing of Marriage, intermarriage among enemy nations and cultures and the vision for World Peace. He called for the participants to step “out of the box!”

This was followed by presentation of the committee chairs—Taj Hammad, Antonio Betancourt, Karen Judd Smith, Kathy

IIFWP Summit of World Leaders

The World at a Turning Point: A Global Vision of Peace and Good Governance

by Rev. Dr. Chung Heun Kwak

This address was given at the Opening Plenary, August 12, 2003, Seoul Korea

Gathered here for this Summit are many very distinguished religious leaders, political leaders, scholars, educators, representatives of the media, and leaders of non-governmental organizations.

You may ask why this Summit of World Leaders is focusing on the theme of “the world at a turning point.” Why is this theme also being associated with the topic of good governance?

One could argue that the world is always at a turning point, and in some sense this is true. However, we also know that there are times in history that present unique opportunities for change and transformation. History records these remarkable moments from the past. From the rise of religions rooted often in the vision of a lone prophet or founder, to the emergence of social and revolutionary movements, an informed student of history knows that there are unique times and places and people who shape history in dramatic ways at specific times, turning ordinary history, as the passage of time, into a time of transformation.

That the present moment is a “turning point” is represented in several ways.

On the one hand, we can point to the broad process of globalization, wherein trade, communications, transportation, and the transnational economy are developing rapidly, and having great impact
I would like first to give thanks before God, who has left behind the darkness and melancholy of the past century to bless the new millennium with bountiful hope and dreams of peace. I have invited you to hold this conference in the Republic of Korea, the only nation on Earth where the sharp conflict between democracy and communism continues even to this moment. I state this not simply because, from the individual perspective, it is my homeland, but rather because, from the perspective of God’s providence, the Korean peninsula, though small in size, is the central country of the twenty-first century that must bring about human peace.

I will speak today on the topic, “The Owners of Re-creation,” to help you understand God’s providence and to clarify our mission and responsibility in building a world of peace.

Respected guests, we live in the age of a great providential revelation. All nations and religions must now transcend past ways of living, and understand that, for very practical reasons, it is necessary to live in exact accordance with a new understanding of God’s providence. This applies not only in the earthly world but also in the world after death, the spirit world, where we all must go and live when we have shed our physical bodies.

The number of new Ambassadors for Peace that I have appointed throughout the world now reaches into the tens of thousands. The newly appointed Ambassadors for Peace sometimes ask, “How should we conduct our lives?” According to an established formula, they must complete the course that the unification movement has traveled in the course of its history. They should clearly understand the reality of the spirit world and its direct link to the earthly world. Awareness of this spiritual reality naturally forms the core and guiding content for their lives. They should have conviction to live in accordance with this awareness and become one with the spirit world.

They must develop confidence that this is the context in which they now live.

Over the decades, the contents of my sermons have not changed. When someone lives for the accomplishment of God’s will for the new world, these teachings form the basic standard to determine if a person becomes a principal actor in the effort to bring about the ideal Kingdom of Heaven. So we must now live according to this basic rule. If our lives have been based on vague concepts, then we must now lead lives based on awareness of this reality that brings us into oneness with heaven, including both the spirit world and physical world. We should unify the spiritual and physical realms within our own lives and expand this to the national realm. This is the only way to bring about the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven.

We must understand that the position of owner of Cheon Il Guk, the Kingdom of Heaven, is someone who establishes a new standard that enables the peoples of nations around the world to transcend their current ways of thinking that have been based on traditional philosophies and concepts. The owner of Cheon Il Guk progresses to a new, higher dimension.

Due to the Fall, humanity completely lost the world God originally created, and even lost God Himself. So in pursuing the providence of re-creation, I was responsible for bringing about the world God created but lost at the time of the Fall. That is, I was responsible to create again the position that Adam would have occupied had he not fallen. Please understand, the God of grief must be liberated to become the God of happiness.

On the foundation of the Unification Church, I established the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and, later, offered God the “Coronation Ceremony of God’s Kingship” and “The Coronation of the Ring of the Blessed Families for the True Love, Peace, and Unity of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth.” Since the Fall, God has been unable to involve Himself in the created world, and yet now He can restore all things through indemnity, and can perfect this world through the True Parents.

We need to understand that God is neither the owner of re-creation nor the owner who pays indemnity for Adam’s Fall. These are actually Adam’s responsibilities. So everything must be placed in its proper order within the timeframe of Adam’s generation. Otherwise, there will be no way to allow God to stand in His original position. For this reason, though He is omniscient and omnipotent, God has worked hard through the long course of history from the position of a God without true sovereignty over the creation. We need to know this mortifying fact.

I hope you each come to realize that your own spiritual development occurs only when God’s Kingdom and the realm of daily life expand through the eras of the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, world, and cosmos. In this way, you will become people capable of traveling freely between the heavenly and earthly worlds. You will be able to attend God Himself. The mission of the perfected Adam will not be completed until God’s Kingdom, starting with His palace, is created and dedicated to Heaven.

The saints and sages now in the heavenly world are not living in glory. But with that goal in mind, they have worked continuously in order to achieve the true peace of God. We need to understand that they continue their efforts until they achieve the true love ideal, that is, the unified realm of the liberated earthly and heavenly worlds.

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1  Hee Jin Nim’s Ascension (1969)
4  Hye Jin Nim’s Ascension (1964)
16  Il Sung Il: Total Victory Day (1985)
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20  Shin Goon Nim’s Birthday (7/12/53)
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26 6500 Couples’ Blessing (1995)
27  Chil Pal Jeol: Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic
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6  Young Jin Nim & Hwa Jung Nim’s Blessing (1997)
7  Hyung Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim’s Blessing (1997)
9  Ji Jin Nim’s Birthday (7/30/94)
13  Hyung Jin Nim’s Birthday (8/6/79)
15  Shin Myung Nim’s Birthday (9/8/86)
16  Shin Mi Nim’s Birthday (9/18/77)
22  Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)
23  Shin Mi Nim’s Birthday (9/18/77)
25  Shon Jin Nim’s Birthday (7/19/77)
26  Federation for World Peace (1991)
30  Young Jin Nim’s Ascension (1999)

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1  Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World (1988)
3  Foundation Day for the Support of HSA/UC (1963)
5  Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
6  Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification between
7  the Physical World and the Spiritual World (1998)
11  Father’s father’s Ascension (1954)
13  Opening of Cheonsung Wanlim Palace Center (1999)
15  Shin Myung Nim’s Birthday (9/8/56)
16  6000 Couples’ Blessing (1982)
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21  Shin Hs Nim’s Birthday (9/16/89)
23  777 Couples’ Blessing (1970)
25  Shin Mi Nim’s Birthday (9/15/77)
26  Shin Ok Nim’s Birthday (9/19/89)
27  Hwa Yun Nim’s Birthday (9/20/77)
28  Hyung Jin Nim’s Birthday (9/24/98)
29  Shin Pal Nim’s Birthday (9/20/77)
30  6500 Couples’ Blessing (1985)
You need to know that, if you are unable to complete this mission while on earth, you will find that when you arrive in the world after death, you will need to go through a long training process to overcome challenges, and to restore the limited realm that you left uncompleted. We must understand that the time we have on earth offers an opportunity more precious than anything else under heaven, for we have the opportunity during our earthly lives to perfect our love. It is urgent that we understand that the work we do now is for the sake of inheriting a path that is more precious than our own nation, more precious than the world we now live in, and more precious than our own love or life. The lives we lead from here on have indescribable value.

It is important to understand that it is not God’s responsibility to bring about God’s liberation. It is our responsibility. If this were God’s responsibility, He would not have allowed Adam and Eve to commit the Fall. The staggering fact is that responsibility for the Fall lies with the family of Adam. Not a single person has fully understood this point during human history up to this point. The owner of re-creation does not refer to God but to your families. This is the reason our families are so important. The foundation of Cheon Il Guk, which is the world of origination, was never able to report His birth, or marriage. God, as the owner of the creation of the cosmos, was never able to report His birth, or marriage. Why? It was because of the human Fall. Had there been no Fall, God’s own love would have blossomed at the time of Adam and Eve’s Blessed Marriage. Due to the Fall, that dimension of God’s love was unfulfilled.

This is the reason that the True Parents must liberate God on the foundation of having offered to God the “Coronation Ceremony of God’s Kingship.” God originally stood in an autonomous position and could do as He pleased with every object in the creation of the heavens and the earth, from the smallest to the largest. However, because of the Fall, He could not make a start as the owner of Cheon Il Guk. He could not assert Himself freely. We must understand this mortifying fact.

Because it was the family of Adam and Eve that ruined the realm of creation and freedom that was originally God’s, the perfected family of Adam and Eve has to make this universe anew. So if, from this moment, you make determination with a deep conviction to fulfill your responsibilities with confidence.

All that would remain then would be to have a family centered on God. You also should make a determination to stand with the political party that is on heaven’s side and set straight the countries that until now have been associated with political parties of Satan’s side that have caused heaven to suffer by persecuting religions.

You must become owners who build the original homelands and fatherlands where you would like to live. You must become people who give true love to all of nature. All things, even plants and animals, must be re-created. Because of the Fall, they lost their being in the reciprocal realm of true love. The realm of true love only existed until Adam and Eve reached age sixteen, their age at the time of the Fall. After their Fall, the realm was divided. We must now take responsibility as though it was our mistake, committed by our own hands, that ruined the entire world. The blessed family that makes the determination to take responsibility to accomplish restoration will be the owner of Cheon Il Guk.

Please realize that all humanity today stands in the position of having been born simultaneously into the realms of hell and heaven. But these two realms of good and evil are now like brothers in one family. Therefore, you need to develop a heart that is able to embrace a family where an older and younger brother are loved equally by their parents, and feel a love that, based on your own experience, deeply understands and sympathizes with this family’s situation. Otherwise, when you go to spirit world, you will not be able to live in a family qualified for the royal palace. Instead, you will wander continuously around that vicinity for thousands, even tens of thousands of years. As ancestors to coming generations, you must dedicate all your sincerity and dedication to the task of passing on a lineage of chastity and fidelity, a pure blood, and a pure love. You have a responsibility to your family that you must fulfill before you die, even if it means that you offer up your life hundreds or thousands of times before you are able to go over that mountain. You must travel this path with a constant spirit of one heart, one body, and one thought.

God has had this level of seriousness, and Rev. Moon who founded the Family Federation was so serious to establish a clear family tradition of purity and fidelity. So, like it or not, you must also do your best and do this with all your strength in order to achieve the goal.

Please understand very clearly that the overall purpose is to inherit this foundation of victory, to live in attendance to God, and return to one nation, one culture, one world, one brotherhood, and one realm that is an expansion of the one family that lives in peace on the earth and in heaven forever and ever.

How incredible it is that something such as the Family Party could emerge. Had Jesus completed the providence of restoration through indemnity, then married and formed a family, he could have established at once a foundation of marriage blessings that would have brought the people of Israel into Heaven’s realm. He could have named them the Blessing in Rome. Then the Kingdom of God on
Guk, which is the new global nation, and to enter that nation as new citi-
zens. If you die and go to the spirit world without accomplishing this mission, you will be held back.

This is because you need to sincerely dedicate yourselves to accom-
plishing all your tasks while you are alive. No one can take responsibility for your life or providential history if you commit an error on the path. It is too difficult. It is not enough even if you burn your five senses, or ten senses (including your spiritual senses), hun-
dreds or thousands of times over. Can God be responsible for this? No, He cannot. As I said earlier, if He could not take responsibility, He would never have allowed Adam and Eve to com-
mit the Fall in the first place.

Who is the owner of re-creation? It is not God. It is you and your families. That is the reason we say in the ‘Fami-
ly Pledge’ to God each morning, ‘As the owner of Cheon Il Guk, our fami-
lies...’ From the smallest animal created by God to the heavenly world and the whole universe that is more than a hundred billion times larger than the solar system, everything is arranged in a pair system. This is the orderly exis-
tence of all things within God’s realm of love.

Satan divided all this by defiling the blood lineage. So the True Parents need to relate to all things again and recre-
ate them. You also are responsible to resolve God’s grief by loving the plants, the animals, and the land with God’s true love, and to resolve the grief of humanity’s failure to become true own-
ers. That is the reason a new view of life, a new view of the universe, and a new view of the cosmos are estab-
lished.

Finally, there would have been no need for a Family Party. What was needed was a family that lived in atten-
daunce to God as the Parent. Because such a family was not established, how-
ever, it must be accomplished now. No matter what may happen during the course of indemnity. The Family Party was established to educate all people about the purpose of carrying out this task. You must go forward with the self-

life of the True Parents, it is necessary that yours is a family of princes among princes, princesses among princesses, and filial children, patriots, saints and sons of God. We are pioneering the path that God would like to travel. Howev-
er, He is no longer in His place as offerings. Even if you are able to receive God’s love and remain in the realm of His heart for thousands, or even tens of thousands of years, you will shed tears of shame when you face the God who has suffered unimaginable grief throughout the ages. Even if you shed your blood and sweat for God so that your entire being is on fire, you will still feel that you are so inadequate. This is the path that our families must go in order to free ourselves of the mistake of having failed to accomplish our responsibility as princes and princesses seeking after heaven.

Fallen human beings destroyed the heavenly kingdom, even the heav-

enly world. So we should determine to recreate everything, for God. On that foundation, our fam-
ilies will create filial chil-
dren, patriots, saints, and sons and daughters of God, to an extent a thousand, or even tens of thousands of times greater than would have been achieved if the Fall had never occurred. If we recreate every-

thing, then how can hell exist? The recre-
ated world will be the core of the royal palace of the heavenly kingdom, and God will be able to dwell anywhere on earth in the same way as when He is in His palace.

I have traveled a suffering course in the process of founding and lead-
ing the Unification movement, but none of these experiences until now really feel like suffering to me. I can feel this way, because I have arrived at a place in my heart that enables me to profoundly com-
prehend, through my own experience, God’s deep, wide, and exalted blessing, and be grateful for this. Those who have not experienced such a position will not understand.

Even though God is the Creator and is almighty, He feels He has nothing to

and God’s birth, the nation cannot exist.

The life of the True Parents has also been a course of grief. The historical

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way, and become citizens of Cheon Il Guk, living with one heart, one body, one

thought, and one harmony, then the nations of the world will unmistakably becom-
e members of the royal family.

We have here at the Little Angels Per-
forming Arts Center tonight leaders

who signed the Jerusalem Declara-
tion, the Washington Declaration, and, now, the Seoul Peace Declaration, repre-
senting the unity of the eras of the first, second and third Israel. Participants in the Seoul Peace Declaration include youth leaders of the second generation who participated in the International Youth Leaders Conference held at Sung
Moon University, and world leaders who have attended the BPWP Summer

of World Leaders. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all of you.

You are lead-
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erations who can

inert the realm of Heaven’s chos-

en people. I earnestly ask that you remem-

bering that you stand here today

at the site of the Seoul Declara-
tion to become united with each other in mind and body, and answer the historic call to renew the United Nations and so

recreate a new United Nations that expresses God’s original idea.

I offer gratitude to God for all these things, and pray that God’s abundant

blessings will be with each of you, your leaders, and your countries.
Closing Ceremony for IIFWP Summit of World Leaders and ‘Lasting Love’ International Youth Leaders Conference

A ugust 15 is a day of national celebration in Korea, as it marks the anniversary of the regaining of independence from Japan. This year, another event of tremendous significance took place on this day. This was the Closing Ceremony for the IIFWP Summit of World Leaders and the International Young Leaders’ Conference, held at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center.

Participating were the participants of the Summit of World Leaders, a conference that had convened distinguished leaders to discuss the theme, “A Global Vision of Peace and Good Governance.” The group included heads of state and government, members of the diplomatic corps, major religious leaders from the spectrum of the world’s faiths, distinguished academics and media representatives. They were joined by the 500 or so younger people who had, for the past two weeks, been attending the Lasting Love Conference for Young Leaders, which was also convened under a similar theme. They were from five nations—The United States, Russia, China, Japan and Korea.

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and men and religious leaders. True Parents presented the certificates personally. Other Ambassadors for Peace were awarded a special prize for their efforts over a number of years.

As a final parting shot, Rev. Kwak came out and spoke very quietly from his heart about the existence of the apt world and the importance of everyone making effort to research the reality of our eternal existence. He introduced everyone some of the senior sisters who are blessed with religious leaders in the spirit world.

Finally, representing each conference, participants presented True Parents with a special gift. The evening concluded with dinner followed by a performance of the Little Angels of Korea dance troupe.

IIFWP Summit of World Leaders

Seoul Korea - August 15 2003

Major religious traditions, including heads of state and government, parliamen-
tarians and ministers, scholars, media professionals, and civic leaders from all continents and nations, gathered for the Summit of World Leaders to consider "The World at a Turning Point: A Global Vision of Peace and Good Gov-
ernance."

Building on two recent IIFWP efforts for peace which began by establishing a foundation of reconciliation and forgiveness among Jews, Christians and Muslims, in the holy land, and expanding to a wider interreligious assembly in America, a land founded on Christian ideals, resulting in the Jerusalem and Washington Declarations respectively, which promote the har-
mony of all religions, and

Affirming that God, the origin of humanity as one family, is the source of goodness, truth and love, indeed, the foundation of true and lasting peace; and

Observing that we inhabit a cosmos that has both a physical reality and a spiritual reality, which are to be unified and harmonized as a foundation for true and lasting peace; and

Confirming that peace is "the hope of all ages" and the eternal will of God, who has worked His providence in history through all religions in order to establish a kingdom of true love and peace; and

Expressing our gratitude for Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon’s visionary leadership as True Parents, True Teachers and True Owners, who founded and articulated the unifying vision and principles of the IIFWP.

We therefore:

1. Resolve to uphold the imperative for interreligious harmony and cooperation as an essen-
tial foundation for peace, security, and human development worldwide, and apply ourselves most seriously to the task of building bonds of love among believers of all traditions;

2. Dedicate ourselves to peace and the fulfillment of God’s ideal, for the sake of the com-
ging generations, particularly through the establishment of blessed families of true love that apply the principle of living for the sake of others and go beyond the barriers of race, religion and nationality;

3. Acknowledge that we, from every nation, religion and race, have in many ways fallen short of the ideals that we should uphold, and that in some instances we have wronged one another and, therefore, must repent, seek forgiveness and initiate acts of reconciliation for the sake of peace; and

4. Support the proposal for an Interreligious Council at the United Nations, presented by Dr. Sun Myung Moon in his address at the United Nations, August 18, 2000, and which is now to be taken before the 58th Session of the General Assembly by the Republic of the Philip-
pinos, calling for the General Assembly to form a Special Committee to expedite the propos-
al for this council at the United Nations, as a means to significantly strengthen the effective-
ness of the United Nations in carrying out its urgent mission "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war."

Signed this 15th day of August, 2003, in Seoul, Korea.
We, the 250 delegates from 71 nations, and representing 10 major religious traditions, have gathered for Assembly 2003 of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, in order to consider: Global Governance at a Turning Point: Innovative Approaches to Peace in a Changing World.

We, therefore, resolve that an interreligious council at the United Nations would add significantly to the effectiveness of the United Nations in addressing the major challenges we face. We believe that such an interreligious council would serve as a mechanism for fostering dialogue and cooperation among religions, and would provide an opportunity for members of different faiths to work together to address the common challenges we face.

That, given the ever-increasing interdependence of the world, it is essential that we work together to build a more peaceful world. In order to achieve this goal, we must foster dialogue and cooperation among religions, and we must work together to address the common challenges we face.

Signed this day, July 13, 2003 in Asan, Korea, as a participant in Assembly 2003 of the IIFWP.
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on peoples and nations the world over. We can also refer to the digital revolution, which might be as dramatic a development as those that marked the previous age. It was some centuries ago. Then there is the view that we are in the post-Cold War era of global ideological struggle between the communist, or atheist world and the democratic world. This is the view that we are living in the post-Cold War era of a new global ideological struggle between the communist, or atheist world and the democratic world. This is the view that we are living in the post-Cold War era of nuclear war. This is the view that we are living in the post-Cold War era of nuclear war. This is the view that we are living in the post-Cold War era of nuclear war.

This era is characterized by a growing sense of global anxiety. This is not only in competition over land and resources but in divergent worldviews, cultural traditions, and racial and religious identities. As such, we find ourselves in an era that cannot be controlled simply by political, economic, or military power. For our race is an age which sees political and national identities being challenged by the rise of cultural, religious, and moral identities, along with strong non-governmental affiliations. Moral and spiritual authority, to some extent, are becoming more important than, political and military authority.

Our understanding of good governance is affected by these changes, and, therefore, we must explore what sort of authority is as under discussion as we enter the new era. And, of particular importance, I believe, at least to the IFIPW, is to understand the foundation of this new world order in the hearts and minds of human beings. IFIPW's founder and spiritual leader, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, has always taught the need to understand peace as a continuum that develops from the individual level to the family level, to the society, the nation, and the world. At each level, there must be a development and a transformation. And, if necessary, we must proceed to the next level. A selfish interest cannot create a good marriage or be a good parent. Likewise if families are lacking in any public awareness, the society suffers. Moreover, if nations are centered only on themselves, there is little hope for a system of global governance that serves the interest of all people. How do we go about establishing a true and lasting peace?

Finally, a True Parent is a True Owner. There is one who always cares for the future generation and the next generation and who wants to guide them on the right path to true human fulfillment.

According to God's original ideal, human beings are to be to benefit from and have dominion over all things with a heart of true love.

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Thus, if we consider some of our core topics for this Summit—namely, the United Nations' development, the resolution of the 30-year-old crisis on the Korean Peninsula, and the promotion of the Interreligious Council—their solutions to these problems are applicable. How are we to develop this kind of heart, attitude, and character? According to God's original ideal, we are to learn true love within the family, then within the school of true love. Our heart grows through the experience of true love with our husband, wife, etc., and the ideal and practice of good governance.

in the stages of family life from birth, to marriage, to parenting and grand par-
ty, we should begin with the family, that is truly the foundation of human development.

This is the vision and purpose of the World Peace Blessing movement that Rev. Moon has led for more than 40 years.

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be here in DC. We have to think about the development of America. If you cannot accomplish this the world will perish. Centering on this 2400 people should move to America. In small nations I want to make a training center of living for others.

Lasting Love Conference must be done in every university. Abel UN has to be made. The Washington Times and UN must be responsible for this. In the summer it will be golf and fishing all the time. A world level movement has to be developed centering on 4 to 5 countries. We have to have peace tour centering on the UN concept. We have to develop education centering on this concept. Sun Moon University and the Media foundation must be used well. You can organize everything through the internet and email. All nations have to accept Unificationism. Now the time has come to make a universal city and reach all the highest realms of every government and structure.

What is the holiday for the 7.8 Jeol. That was the foundation to make the new UN. That occurred 7 years ago. You must make a tradition of Hoon Dok Hae with your family. This is very important. We must connect through Hoon Dok Hae. You must do Hoon Dok Hae and bring three families together for 30 minutes husband can read, 30 minutes the wife can read. No matter what happens you must establish the condition of Hoon Dok Hae at your home. Sometimes you can finish in one and one half hours. You must establish Hoon Dok Hae in your home. My words are not my words. They are God’s words. Heavenly Father and the spiritual world teaches through Father. Content of a proclamation is not a temporary word. It’s not my word. Sometimes, I can’t find the theme of my speech even 5 minutes before, then suddenly when I speak God comes. Many of the things that I teach I do not know but then these contents are revealed by God. Just eating and playing around is not the right thing to do. You must do hoon dok hae with your children.

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should stand above any nationalistic or sectarian self-interest. For we stand at a turning point in history, and, if we are serious about peace, we must move to a new level in terms of both our vision and our practices.

During this summit I hope you will consider these points. In each committee I hope you can consider the way in which global governance—largely religious leaders and women live together in mutual respect, and particularly the interreligious council, can contribute to your area of concern. I think it has tremendous relevance to the situation in the Middle East, but also to South Asia, Southeast Asia, and other parts of the world. It also has great relevance to human development issues. Don’t you think that religious leaders and believers could and should contribute to solving the HIV/AIDS pandemic, to solving illiteracy, and poverty?

I hope many of you will support this very important initiative. The time is right and the need is great. There is too much at stake to allow for delay. This is an historic moment—a turning point. The IIFWP has launched a major, world-wide campaign to raise awareness about the need for this interreligious council. In the course of this summit we will share with you our plan of action for reaching out to heads of state and government, to parliamentarians worldwide, to religious leaders, scholars and NGOs, raising awareness and garnering support and co-sponsors for the Philippine initiative. As we depart from this summit I hope we will go with a clear vision, and a personal plan for action grounded in a powerful sense of purpose and mission. Let us turn ordinary history into a transformed history. Let us turn conflict into peace. Let us commit our time, our talent, our resources and our lives to this noble task. Let us live lives that those who follow us—our children, grandchildren, and people 50 or 100 years from now—will look back and say, “these were truly great men and women. That was my grandpa.”

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IIFWP, on the foundation of its vision and the investment of decades, is truly becoming a global movement for peace. If you have not already begun to recognize this point, I am sure you will. The Ambassadors for Peace worldwide are providing responsible and visionary leadership to the peoples and nations of the world.

God’s eternal longing is for one worldwide family of true love, where all men and women live together in mutual respect, harmony and cooperation; one world under God. The era of interreligious conflict and disharmony must come to an end, just as the quarrels among nations must come to an end. In this respect, all religions and all nations should repent for past mistakes, and make a new determination for peace. It is precisely through the establishment of an interreligious council at the United Nations that the entire world can show its resolve in starting a new history of peace, and in ending the suffering caused by war, disease, poverty.

In God’s ideal, wealth, technology, and quality of life should be enjoyed by all people. There should be no discrimination based on race, religion, economic status or nationality. We are at a turning point in history. Let us work together for peace. Let us work together to fulfill God’s will for all humanity, and let us work together to establish an interreligious council at the United Nations. In this way we can help solve the world’s most critical global problems, and end the suffering of millions around the world.

As we begin this Summit, let us be reminded that the success of this event depends not only on the external arrangements, but, rather, on the attitude and practices of each of us. Do not lose sight of the fact that the world needs us. The world needs each one of us at this time. The world needs us, working together, hand in hand and heart to heart, with a vision, and the commitment to carry out that vision. Although we all have much in our lives that we have accomplished, I want to say to you today, that there’s much more that lies ahead. We are going to see dramatic and profound changes in our world. I firmly believe that the IIFWP and many of you are going to be at the center of these changes. Please have hope, have confidence. God is truly alive and wants to be active in our lives, and God’s hopes and aspirations are far, far greater than our own. We are at a time of harvest and a time of hope. We are at a turning point in history, and we have been called at this time to provide leadership, guidance and a path to peace. Let us take our mission with great seriousness and with enthusiasm. Time is short and the need is great. Let us work together.
In the early days if the early Christians that connected with us they would have received so much blessing from God. In prison, everyday, I cleaned my body with cold water. I used part of my one cup per day to clean my body.

I did it very quickly when no one was looking. They used seawage water for showers, I didn’t use that. I wiped my body with drinking water. I didn’t live as I wanted to live. I received the name Holy Lamb of Prison. Thank of the messiah in prison, what kind of miserable things I went through. That’s why no one could judge me. Coming out of Soh Dae Mun prison, I talk about these kind of things because now is the time to go back. You cannot have the mind to develop your business in my name. The person who went to develop his own business in his own name, his children went to all different universities and they all fell. That’s why you must live accordingly to the principle way. The reason why I like Kodiak. There is no owner here. In the winter, everyone runs away. I can make a training center here. You can fish and go to the ocean. You can sell the fish, this is a tremendous place for training.

How about soccer. How many are interested in soccer. On the surface or in depth. Who went into the water? One boat had the name Abonim. Is this hoon dok hae or exercise against the wall like he did in prison. With his hands on the wall he pushed as hard as he could and he marched with exaggerated steps.) Mother said laughing, “Ahoom, is this hoon dok lae or exercise class—everyone laugh.” Father then taught us many exercises.

Even if you have to skip your meals, you should be longing to be with True Parents. If you bring your children, your grandchildren and all your family. Who is the leader of the family, the grandmother brings all the food when the family gathers and the grandfather directs the family. In the world until the husband comes home, how wonderful it is. If the wife cooks and makes the delicious dinner and the better it is. If the wife can cook the delicious dinner and its better than any hotel how wonderful it is. If the wife can make such a delicious dinner but doesn’t eat until the husband comes home, how happy it is.

The white people are white and black. Everything is different than the seed. When the seed it blooms and grows. The smell and colors are completely different than the seed. When I go up to Senak mountain, even if it is raining I go to the top. From the top I said I am the owner. All things respond to me.

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Unification News

Special New Holy Wine Condition

August 11 - 15th conference. One major world Muslim leader signed the declaration and proclaimed the success of True Father in bringing true peace through the unity of the world religions. In addition, this unity also opened the door for the world religions to unite. Therefore, this most historic conference also set the condition to “commission” the world religious leaders and the Ambassadors for Peace world-wide.

Father has now commissioned a new Pilgrimage to Israel on September 16 - 23rd which will bring the new level of unity between the first and second Israel together with Islam. Father has called for a Fourth Declaration to be crafted. Since the condition of repentance removed the condition of enmity between Palestine and Israel the reconciliation and unity of Israel and Palestine will be secured from this time.

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ased on the foundation of the first, second and third Israel becoming one Father is conducting a new Holy Wine Ceremony on August 20th. The Continental directors of each continent are attending a special ceremony officiated by our True Parents. In this ceremony they are receiving Holy Wine for all Blessed Central Families throughout the world. Also, a special condition is to be made in which the participants of the Jerusalem Declaration, Washington Declaration and the Seoul Declaration will all receive this Holy Wine and blessing.

Father said that this condition is connected with Father’s liberation from Danbury on August 20, 1985. The fulfillment of the repentance of the first Israel with the Second Israel for not properly understanding and embracing Jesus set the condition for Israel to be forgiven and to be allowed now to go forward in reconciliation with Palestine (Israel). The repentance by the third Israel (Unification Movement) after Father’s trial of March 16 - May 1 allowed for a condition of total forgiveness on May 31st True Day of All Things. During Father’s 7 hour speech Father passed through a “symbolic” 7 days of creation and then went through a course to “reestablish” all the conditions in Father’s course since 1945.

On May 31st Father forgave and “reestablished” the 36 couples, he went a recommissioned USIT and commissioned the world movement through a “providence for the start” centering on the “Word”. The 21 day condition that all blessed Central Families participated in centered on a condition of continuously doing Hoon Dok Hae centering on the God’s “Word” through the IIFWP Conference in June 27 - 29 in which the Jerusalem Declaration was reaffirmed in the Second Israel through the Washington Declaration, Third Israel through the IFWPC Conference in Seoul on August 11 - 15, “The World at a Turning Point”, the Seoul Declaration of August 16th Father announced that the new condition was to be achieved through the distribution of Holy Wine worldwide for all blessed couples and in particular for the participants of the three historic declarations (Jerusalem, Washington and Seoul).

The efforts of the American Clergy Leadership Conference and the United Federation of Churches in educating clergy of all faith traditions in the teaching of the Divine Principle continues throughout America as hundreds of clerics study the profound teachings of the Principle. The testimonies of the clergy who have participated in these seminars affirms the hope and belief that only through loving one’s historical enemies can we end conflict and strife. It is with a deep sense of gratitude that we thank all those who have contributed to the UFC Building Fund.

To date nearly 500 families have accomplished the goal of contributing $1,200 to the United Federation of Churches Building in Washington, DC. Hundreds more families are making their offerings in installments as a way of attaining the goal and having their names inscribed on the beautiful UFC Plaque that adorns the lobby of the UFC building. The inscription of the UFC Plaque reads:

Dedicated by the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, the United Federation of Churches building of the American Clergy Leadership Conference was created as God’s embassy for all religious leaders of every race, faith and nationality in order to advance and expand the Cheon Il Guk. The families whose names are listed respond to the call for Patriarchs to rekindle the same spirit in which the American Pilgrims sacrificed themselves to establish their very first building a common house to be used for worship in honor of God. The sacrifice of these families has liberated the heart of Jesus and created a base for Christianity as the Second Israel and America as the Elder Son Nation to bring the kingdom of God on Earth.

We encourage all Family Federation members to contribute to this most noble effort, and in once you have attained the $1,200 goal to be recognized with your family’s name inscribed on the UFC Plaque for posterity.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang
Contitutional Director N.A.
Kev. Michael Jenkins
President, FFPWP

Rev. Michael Jenkins
President of the American Church

Rev. Jenkins is the American Church President of the American Church (Father’s True Church). This church has raised over $290 million to build the True Family Church. The church, located at Danbury, Connecticut, is the first and only religious building in the United States directly linked to the Divine Principle, which is the philosophy of the Unification Movement.

Rev. Jenkins is a former rector of a prestigious high school in Seoul. He is a graduate of the University of California and the University of Paris. He has been active in the Unification Movement in the West for over 30 years.

Gratitude to the Corporate Financial Supporter

We appreciate the following companies for their support of the National Park Foundation:

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Have Your Name Added to the Plaque of Honor

United Federation of Churches Building

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tance of the next Pilgrimage to Is-
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historic march for peace for Moslems,
created the Jewish faith, Moslem reli-
gion, the Hindu religion, the Bud-
hist religion all for His Divine Purpose. If we
go forward with the love that Jesus had
for all humanity all the barriers will crum-
bles before our eyes. That’s why the move-
tment to take down the cross will expand.
We feel the anointing of the Lord on our
effort. The cross has as a symbol does
not convey the essence of Jesus and that is his victo-
ry in Love and his victory over death through his one-
ness with God. We now must become one with God and
receive our crown. Father Moon is truly being guided
by God in this dispensation with the anointing of Jesus.
When we do we will achieve victory over death and with
this power we will end the bloodshed in the Middle East.
That time has now come upon us. We are going again
to the Holy Land and we are
confident in the Love of God.”
Rev. Winfrey mentioned a scene in Raiders of the Lost
Ark where one is asked to choose which cup to drink
from, and the person made the wrong choice and was
told, “you chose poorly”. He went on to explain, “I am
telling you in faith today that we have a choice today. If
we chose to trust in the Lord and allow our faiths to
become one then we will choose the right way. If we
choose poorly” and separate and fail to head the
call of God, then we may
miss our chance to be a part of the coming Kingdom of
God.”
I was sitting with one Jew-
ish leader who said after Rev.
Winfrey’s presentation smil-
ing, “I am good, he is sin-
cere and I like what he is saying. I can support this.”
Then a key leader from Syrria spoke. He gave a pow-
ernpoint presentation that was very deep. Reciting verse
after verse from the Koran spoke. As he spoke in Eng-
lish and recited incredible verses from the Koran in
English and Arabic the atmosphere changed. It was a spirit of God. Truly, when
we go deep into the script-
tures that God revealed in the major reli-
gions we find the spirit of the Lord is
there and is working to bring us all togeth-
er. This is the work of God.
Dr. Wilson gave another brilliant pres-
entation on the fact that if Jesus had
been received he could have created a family
and the Kingdom of God could
have come. Because that didn’t happen
the Abrahamic family divided into Chris-
tianity, Islam and Judaism. They were
meant to be one. Now we are achieving
the time when they will become one again
and the Kingdom of God will come. What
is needed now is repentance on all sides.
Mr. Taj Hammad was called by God
for such a time as this. He has a
very special role in the dis-
persation as a Moslem—Uni-
factionist. He immediately
creates an atmosphere of
understanding and trust. As
he was the Chairman of this panel
you can feel how God called
and prepared certain people to come to Father
and be the bridge for the Kingdom.
Taj conveys the heart of God
and True Parents with such
depth that you can tell that the Christians, Muslims and Jews feel a sense of peace from
him. We thank God for Taj.
My brothers and sisters, please support the next pil-
grimage. History is opening before our eyes. Through the
IIFWP and Rev. Kwak and Dr. Walsh, God and the network of
all the 193 nations of the world, God has created the foundation in which all the
major religious leaders of the world are coming together now.
Being guided by True Father
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sibility of the cooperation between each other and the nations of
the world to usher in the King-
dom of God. Through True
Parents indemnity course and
victory over death the world is
now rapidly moving into the
Kingdom of God.
Rise up Amnesta and become
the moral and religious force
that God prepared you to be.
Help us to create the Kingdom who will end the cross
and build the Kingdom. Help us
find the Rabbi and the Muslims who hear the voice of God in the
Last Day. Rise up Ameri-
a, support the healing of the
Middle East and bring that
victory all the way to the Father-
land at which time we will see
our conditions cause the walls of the world to come tumbling
down. 
Cross Reconsidered Conference for ACLC at a Major Seminary

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Rev. Larry Dangher as executive director of the ACLC did a fantastic job at developing and coordinating a series of theological conferences that Father requested and participated in to move to end the era of the cross.

Rev. Phillip Schanker opened and moderated the conference stating that this is an historic time in which the faiths of Abraham are becoming one. Rev. Schanker talked about an additional focus of our conferences, the unity of the Abrahamic faiths—the First Israel and the Christian second coming. This opened up the door for hundreds of churches to follow. Little did we know at that time that this would be religious. Politics is needed and has been going on for a long time, but it becomes clear that we are on very solid ground Biblically, theologically and missiologically. We are in a key role in educating the clergy and the scholars through teaching and following the powerful documentary film-making he is doing with Simon Kinney. He is creating such a powerful tool through the videos to capture the spirit of this historic march to the realization of God’s Kingdom. We are grateful for his contribution. When we showed the video today “Beyond the Cross”—people were overwhelmed by the interviews and the scenes of the greatest movement of reconciliation in all of history. Rev. Schanker is on the cutting edge.

Another historic seminar was successfully completed recently at Union Theological Seminary. A theological revolution is in the making because the union of the major Abrahamic faiths once again becomes clear. Many will feel that this is the time of the Messiah that the Jews and Christians are to ever reconcile.

Rabbi David Ben Ami and myself opened the conference with an overview of the movement to end the era of the cross opening to receiving the cross at the time of the return of the Lord. This opened up the door for hundreds of churches to follow. It was discovered that God had already prepared the way when the Hymn “The Old Rugged Cross” revealed a fundamental principle which the majority of Christians support—that when the Lord died on Calvary for us, the Jews must respect and honor Jesus for having lifted up the cross which is the symbol of pain to God and incorrigible suffering instead of the resurrection and victory. This will not heal or lift up the people. It’s time to move beyond the cross, use the cross for a crown. Dan Fefferman, son of a famous Jewish apologist, said that this is an historic time in which the faiths of Abraham are becoming one.

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Moon and the way God is working is leading Christians to repent. He is here to reconcile, how can we not realize the fulfillment of scripture. Without this reconciliation and the unity of the Abrahamic faiths the world is in grave danger of being torn apart by those who deny God and want to destroy the church. Bishop Stallings was deeply pleased with his mentor’s response. He shared with me that this is a much bigger revolution than people can imagine. Rev. Moon has discovered an emotional attachment that is not theologically grounded.

The first session was on “Abraham. The Father of our faiths”—Dr. McLeod, Dan Fefferman, and Imam Ameer Salahuddin were the presenters. UTs President, Dr. Tyler Hendricks moderated.

Dr. Lonnie McLeod of New York Theological Seminary shared he sees the major road to reconciliation of the Abrahamic faiths in that the cross must be overcome. He stated that for Christians, the cross becomes a place of residence instead of a stepping stone to the resurrection, victory and joy. “We are focusing on the misery and suffering instead of the resurrection and victory. This will not heal or lift up the people. It’s time to move beyond the cross, use the cross for a crown.”

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Celebrate the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The ceremony was held August 4, 2003 at North Garden, Kodiak, Alaska. In Alask-the sun goes down at 11 pm at this time of the year therefore Father can go out much longer or at anytime. Suddenly he went for fishing at 5 pm on Sunday night the night before pledge service. Father and Mother came back at around 7:30 pm and the leaders from around the world had dinner and closed the evening.

We gathered for the main pledge service at 6:30 in preparation for the 7 am pledge service. Rev. Sun Jo Hwang International President of the FPWPU and Dr. Yang, North American Continental director worked to make sure everything was prepared for our True Parents. Rev. Hwang went over the procedures for this holy day pledge service. Representatives from the three primary nations of Korea, Japan and America as well as all the major religions of the world are all represented by Blessed Couples. One unique aspect of pledge that began on May 31 with the True Day of All Things is that Dae Mo Nim represented by Hoon Mo Nim now bows together with True Children. Today, Mrs. Chang (the bride of Jesus) also was asked to bow with True Children. This means that they are representatives of the True Family before heaven. Also representatives are chosen from the Cain world and the Abel world as well as the spirit world.

At Pledge the offering table was a beautiful and rich offering before the Lord. All the fruits of creation are perfectly stacked in circular towers. In addition, candy, cookies and every imaginable representation of the creation is there as well as prepared dishes for God. Father and Mother entered and the room was silent and holy. We wore Sunday dress for pledge with no holy robes. Father began with lighting the candles. First the one on the far right, then the left then back and forth toward the center. Some of the candles were not so easy to light so Father asked Dr. Yang to bring the far right candle that was burning. Then True Mother took that candle with Dr. Yang's help and continued to light the candles. True Parents stood side by side facing the altar and offered prayer before heaven. Then True Parents bowed. One interesting thing at this service was that Father and Mother together went to their places behind the altar. Then the True Family members came to bow with Dae Mo Nim and Jesus' bride. Then all blessed couples bowed.

Father is at 100% full power. Father wore a dark blue suit with light blue shirt and maroon tie. Mother wore a green knit suit with stripes of black and white trim on the cuffs and the front. Father and Mother are the Parents of Heaven and Earth and they are standing with such an air of dignity and power.

After the prayers True Parents cut the hol-iday cake and the Bishop began with his opening. Then Father and Mother led the singing. Dr. Yang led three cheers of Ok Monsei. True Parents distributed the offering table to True Family, including Dae Mo Nim and Jesus' bride. Then everyone through Rev. Hwang and Rev. Yang. True Parents chairs were brought out to the right of the altar and we began our Hoon Dok Hae.

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of the religious conflict between Cain and Abel we need Repentance, For-giveness and Reconciliation. No Jus-tice, No Peace is correct but we must go deeper. There can be no justice without the qualities that allows all sides to repent, forgive and reconcile. This is not something Governments can do—this is the role of religion—therefore the work we are doing with the Abrahamic faiths is this path and will lead to both Justice and Peace.

Dr. Puder was given a very impor-tant contribution to the effort. He is from Israel and is the son of Holocaust survivors. He was honest and real. He stated that without the religious there can be no peace. The problem is not about land, its rooted in religion. He felt that unless we get to the real source of the motive behind the radicals we will never solve the problem. Therefore the misuse of scripture of ill pur-pose to vent hatred must be uncovered. We must find Scriptural common ground to bring peace.

Rev. Jesse Edwards gave a pow-erful testimony of his experience in Israel. He shared that he saw the sacrifice of taking down the cross as the power that opened up the door of brotherhood. He said, “Folks, God is doing this, I saw with my own eyes in Israel that the Jews, Christians and Muslims are all from the same Abra-ham and from the same God. We are true brothers. Now we are becoming true brothers in heart. This will bring the Kingdom of God.”

Archbishop Moses De La Rosa gave a moving testi-moncy of his life changing experi-ence in Rome, Israel it is chang-ing. He testified that he never grew up with a cross, however a church he was called to pasture had a cross. Before this move-ment was started he received in reve-la-tion that the cross must come down. He had the ceremony with his mentor and the Bishop that trained him. He said it made controversy but it didn’t matter because “It’s my church that God is guiding me to pastor”. God is leading the way. His wife, Bishop Margie De La Rosa is an American Indian who was commissioned by Father Moon to bless all the tribes of Indians when she came back from Israel. She said, “The Holy Wine has the Power—it is an awe-some power. They drink the holy wine communion and their marriage is strengthened and sanctified. The Holy Wine—Oh my—such a power it has!”

We prayed and sang with Rev. Daugh-erty. It was a beautiful factory for God and True Parents.
The 9th annual Blessed Children’s summer camp, Camp Tongil Northwest 2003, reached a new height in heavenly spirit and true education. The theme, “Creating a Culture of Heart,” was directly inspired by the heart and words of Hyun Jin Moon.

Over 125 blessed children from 3rd to 8th grades participated in the camp, July 6 - 12, 2003 at Cornet Bay, WA, coming from Alaska, Canada, Montana, Oregon, Washington and as far away as Boston. The camp was lead by Mr. John King and Mrs. Jane Bowman. This year was special as the baton of leadership was passed from Mr. Jeff Gledhill, who together with Mrs. Toni Lee Curry and many others had pioneered this camp.

Other states. Making friends with new brothers and sisters was a precious, very important, experience. Uncle Dieter shared tonight what a deeply joyful moment he and his wife experienced as all the campers from throughout the Midwest congregated that first night. Finally their heavenly vision, after all these years was coming true.

We believe this was God’s joy as well, for how many millennials has he yearned for the children of this pure lineage—and now he can see their advancement and growth! We thank and bid blessings to all those who contributed to this victory, and to all the campers who shared their beautiful spirits with us these past three days!
My experience at family camp started nine years ago. I have been a camper all my life. I can’t remember a summer that didn’t include a hike on a hot summer day, cooking stoves and lanterns, and a pitch tent or cabin. Growing up as the daughter of two of the PA Family Camp pioneers and the eldest blessed child in Pennsylvania, I took on responsibility as a group leader, song leader, helicopter coordinator, and more recently, group leader advisor. Throughout my nine years at family camp, I have begun to catch on to the vision of what my parents have built.

It’s often hard to imagine what something will become when it is first starting out. It all began with a few local families in tents and has turned into a two week camp with almost a hundred families attending from all over the United States and even internationally.

It was this past year that I started noticing the real impact of family camp. I have watched children grow into young adults. Kids that I had in my groups are now in high school and leading groups of their own. I am constantly amazed at the transformations of my peers from year to year. For many, their most pivotal and deep experiences have occurred while at camp and the most important part about it is that the whole family is there to experience it together.

Camp Aurora New Hampshire

Our camp was held at Geneva Point Center June 21-27th. 2003 on beautiful Lake Winnipausakee in New Hampshire. 122 children and 27 camp counselors, 13 of them 2nd generation attended Camp Aurora for our eleventh annual Blessed children’s camp. Camp Aurora is a collaborative effort. Our volunteer staff represents five regions and over the years children have attended from fourteen states. We were blessed with perfect weather and everyone felt it was the best camp ever.

The camp provides a wide variety of activities such as the water sports carnival, canoe lessons and trips, swimming, ropes courses and team building activities, nature center and crafts. Geneva Point staff support our camp and help us take advantage of the many wonderful facilities and uplift beautiful scenery, Point enables us to host all three camps together ensuring all three camps together ensures all three camps together.

A theme that permeates each camp run has its origin in Father’s guidance to us concerning Blessed children’s education. About 12 years ago Heather Thalheimer, who co-founded Camp Aurora together with Marjorie Bussing, attended Belvedere for Sunday Service. At that particular service Father asked all of the Blessed couples to stand up and told everyone for not educating the 2nd generation about the history of Israel and the unsuccessful settlement of Canaan by the 2nd generation of Israel. Helping our second generation understand how Israel became weakened as it was absorbed by the surrounding culture has always been a focus at our camps. We look at the forces today in American culture that try to drag us away from God’s line.

A restored barn, with a stone fireplace for campfires, is available for the camp theater and evening activities. The wonderful facilities at Geneva Point enable us to host all three camps concurrently. Kids Camp (grades 3-4, 45 participants), Youth Camp (grades 5-7, 45 participants) and Teen Camp (grades 8-11, 55 participants). Camp Aurora is strengthened through the contribution of our second generation. We welcome high school seniors and students as camp counselors and presenters. Host- ing all three camps together ensures all groups a powerful, spirit filled experience as they come together to create music and share in certain activities collectively. Every year we hold a huge, multi-age capture the flag game. Campers are paired oldest to youngest. Seeing the pairs running around the field together is a riot. Interactions like this help the older children develop a parental heart toward the young campers. Our singing and music raised the roof! The pure spirit, enthusiasm and good behavior of our children received a lot of praise from Geneva Point staff. The Director of Geneva Point Center asked, “Where did you find these children? We have many groups passing through this facility but your children are exceptional; their behavior and the way they cooperate together is very special.”
of the mountain. They dealt with snow and rugged trails with the heart of true sons and daughters. They felt God especially when they conquered their fears and doubts in climbing to the crest of the mountain. This gave them great confidence and a deep sense of the living God. They returned to camp tired and dirty, but in good spirits. When we looked at their photographs we were amazed to see many orbs of light. Some people believe these are angels.

We had an unexpected blessing of kindness when Mrs. Lee, wife of the Washington regional leader, drove in from Seattle one day to prepare a delicious Korean lunch for the entire camp.

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Rev. Kim (Regional leader from Oregon, Alaska, Montana and Canada who have supported this precious camp. We are grateful to all the local members who invested time and effort to make Camp Tongil such a great success. We are indeed deeply grateful for our True Parents who have paved the way to the Culture of Heart and inspired us in the education of our Second Generation.

Joy! It is God's joy as well as ours to see all these families coming together as brothers and sisters, a place where he can dwell and live. One of my favorite things to say is, “PA is not a state, it's a state of mind.” the joy and love that we experience at camp, we take with us back to our own communities.

In our lives we are a part of something much greater than ourselves. Father has always said that we enter the kingdom of heaven not as individuals, but as a family. Every year, I have experienced a little piece of that kingdom within the bounds of Camp Shehaqua. I cannot begin to describe it in words, all I can say is come and see for yourself.

There were two sessions of Camp this year with 46 families and 200 participants in attendance at each session. Our plans for next year may include more sessions, the development of a standardized 7 day program for families and 200 participants in attendance at each session. Our plans for next year may include more sessions, the development of a standardized 7 day program for families.

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In terms of the overall program, there are three things that I feel make the Pennsylvania camps stand out. I have learned valuable lessons from each one of these trademarks of family camp. First, everyone comes with their family. While I have attended many workshops for second generation ones, and have valued my time there, I have come to understand more and more the importance of community and family through my time at family camp. We are all God's children, and therefore, we are all in it together. Often the parents seem to get more out of camp than their children. I have found in my own experience that the best way for a child to grow and understand principle is to have unity with in the family.

Second, every one works at Camp Shehaqua. From older second generation ones to group leaders to parents that work in the kitchen, everyone that comes to camp has a specific role or responsibility to fill. This is what makes the whole camp function physically as well as spiritually. Everyone works together to make the camp happen. We are a family of the bigger family and community working together to fulfill a higher purpose.

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Testimony: Camp Sunrise for Middle School

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I also learned a lot from an activity that we had to do as a unit. It was an activity to make a bracelet for someone else and to pass it on. During this activity, we were encouraged to honesty and truthfulness. It was a great experience for me to grow in my faith.

I also learned a lot from the lectures we attended on topics such as the Principle and the life of Jesus Christ. The lectures were very informative and challenging and helped me to understand the principles better.

I also had the opportunity to participate in the Sunday morning service and to sing with the choir. It was a very humbling experience to sing in front of so many people and to feel the presence of the Lord.

I would definitely recommend Camp Aurora to others and I look forward to attending again next year.
Phoenix on fire in the Spirit of the Lord

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Phoenix is like Israel. It is a hot desert that supports civilization only through irrigation. Like the temple at Jerusalem in Biblical times, Phoenix Arizona (which had a 110 degrees while I was there) the Phoenix family is hot. On Sat- 

The Ambassadors for Peace / America's Christian Leadership Initiative. The Phoenix on fire in the Spirit of the Lord

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said, “I have one thing to say, I’m going to Israel with ACLC on the next trip. I want to be part of this history of the work of God.”

To highlight the diverse backgrounds of the participants another important leader was asked to give testimony about her recent experience as an Ambassador For Peace, Dr. Joyce Downey, a most sophisticated lady, launched by IIFWP on Capitol Hill. Mrs. Joyce Downey, a most sophisticated lady, launched by IIFWP on Capitol Hill. Mrs. Joyce Downey, a most sophisticated lady, launched by IIFWP on Capitol Hill. Mrs. Joyce Downey, a most sophisticated lady, launched by IIFWP on Capitol Hill.

His memories of the MEPI conference in Washington DC. His powerful testimony of personal transformation set the pace for the speakers. He was followed by Imam Haitham Bundakji of Orange County who reflected on Rev. Moon as a man of “guts” to stand in the middle of conflict and mediate peace. His vision of the MEPI conference also stressed crossing barriers of love to those who had until then been regarded as enemies. Rev. Williams of Greater Victory Baptist Church brought the theme “a ministry of reconciliation” from 2 Corinthians 5:18 with a testimony of how the love of Christ manifested at the MEPI Conference. How we can live it at home. The keynote address by Rev. William shared about True Parents’ vision to reconcile the sons of Abraham and how the effort of Rev. and Mrs. Moon over the past forty years have provided a foundation for world peace to be realized.

The combined effect of several speakers with enthusiastic testimonies and the excellent video presentation and musical performances made a great impact. As we could not find it in such a situation. It touched me and it changed me. I’ve seen it before but this time I understood something. Rev. Moon is in special in this way. His work leads to real peace. I then got my dictionary and looked up Ambassador and Peace. This time the definition fit. I am proud to be an Ambassador for Peace. I want to be a part of this movement. America needs this movement. Thanks Senator Anderson, I’m an Ambassador for Peace.”

We broke into round tables for greeting and deepening our friendship through dialogue then I was introduced by Rev. Bette. Using the powerpoint that summarizes the Israel Pilgrimage the theme of loving ones enemy was developed. Through the pictures and testimonies the Ambassadors for Peace could understand the living Divine Principle. The Divine Principle in practice—that of loving ones enemies. Through the powerpoint the story of Jacob and Esau could be told and demonstrated through the embrace of Christians, Muslims and Jews. Also how Esau had to learn the key to solving the problem of family breakdown was presented. The blessing movement is growing and expanding in a most profound way. From the healing of marriages to the way the heart of World Religious leaders like Imam Kwan from Jerusalem was moved to pray over the young couples. Now, through the July 5th Blessing, we could see that the Palestinian Moslem leader Dr. Jodeh could be moved to embrace Rabbi Shulam Ben Ami the Jewish leader. The Blessing has the power to heal the family, the nation and the religious of the world. The Ambassadors for Peace were so open hearted that I could freely tell how we must have faith at this time. We could teach about Abraham and that when he lacked faith his son had to be offered instead of a dove and pigeon but when he showed faith in his heart, his heart became the offering and his son did not have to die. The Ambassadors for Peace and the ACLC are like two giant movements of God, one representing the diplomats and the other representing the prophets. We have the power to transform America. We could feel it in Phoenix. Rev. Leon the American Indian Christian as well as the beautiful Sikh leaders were so one in heart by the end of the program.

New Eatery at New Yorker

Renastaurateur August Ceradini, Jr. who runs the maritime dining conglomerate World Yacht, is teaming up with New Jersey restaurateur Carmine Cabell in a new venture: a restaurant at the New Yorker Hotel.

With a working name of My House, to open in mid-2004, the eatery is intended to become an upscale supper club and event palace where the glass-walled kitchen can be used as a TV studio. It would be a new floor-to-ceiling 30-foot windows and the view in which 15 people could dine. It would be a new floor-to-ceiling 300-seat windows and a view in which 20 people could dine. It would be a new floor-to-ceiling 30-foot windows and the view in which 20 people could dine.

said Andrew Patel of Garrick-Ang Store Leasing who repped both restaurant owners.

Kevin Smith, general manager of the hotel, said he is excited about the cross promotions with the Ramada franchise. He said they consider this a new level-up-standing establishment.” Smith said. “We want to keep everything upbeat.”

Senator Mark Anderson concluded with encouraging words concerning responsibility and commitment to create a culture of stable families through legislation and social and community developments in cooperation with the state. The Senator will be coming to Washington soon. (My prediction) Senator Anderson invited the special leaders up to become Ambassadors for Peace and commissioned them together with Rev. Jenkins and Rev. Kwon and Mrs. Kwon. The final photo and follow-up lunch with key leaders could be summed up in one word: JOY.

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n Saturday July 19, we held our monthly ACLC prayer breakfast in the Florida Region. Even though we held these kinds of meetings monthly for over three years, this was special in that it was volunteered, led by, held by our ACLC ministers. They even brought new ministers. In the past we had to do all of the work, and ministers just sort of "showed up". Now they are taking responsibility, clearly inheriting more of their true position and knowingly following Father’s direction. This was so inspiring, especially to the central blessed families who had sacrificed all of these many years to finally see how Christianity was supposed to act in being the direct foundation for our True Parents to stand! Rev. Byron Filius, one of the original founding 120 ACLC ministers who had gone to Korea, brought 7 new ministers himself, and held the monthly prayer breakfast in his church.
The ACLC in Washington DC sponsored a lunch July 24, 2003 to welcome home the Interreligious Sports Peace Festival (ISPF) Silver Medalist Basketball Team representing Washington, DC and the USA. These are the remarks made by Father Adrien Bogo.

Welcome the ministers, members and friends of Greater Washington American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) gather today to celebrate family, the community of the faithful, the community of men and woman of God, who are championing the spread of parental love beyond race, class and religion here in the Washington metro area. Today because of such parental love extended to 14 young men through your contributions to help Pastor Greg Thomas be the best spiritual father in the south east section of Washington DC.

The ACLC stands with Pastor Thomas, Ed Crawford -Coach and the Silver Medalist basketball team that represented not just DC but the nations capital and United States as a whole, in the World Culture Sports Festival / Inter religious Sports Peace festival held in South Korea from July 5 - July 15 2003. With Heavenly pride for our youth, we salute and congratulate you on this remarkable achievement on and off the basketball court.

The Bible tells us to bear fruit that will last, this is the fruit that will last; when we train up our young in the way of the Lord. When we raise the youth to belong and praise the youth for standing Strong on life’s lasting values, true love that transcends space and time and embrace all humankind. Through Godly, association and healthy loving peace seeking competition with emphasis moral in Christ like responsibility. (True love)

Even when many thought they were wrong, they pushed on pressed pass the scorn.

Today we pray for our youth to forge on with vigor, strength and the joy of Christ love as we help channel their passion and compassion for life to overcome prejudice, pain and fear. As we raise a new generation of Faith leaders, to continue to Rebuild the Family. Restore the community and help renew the nations of the world.

Again congratulations to our Washington Champions for Peace for soaring high on eagles wings we dub you the ACLC Washington Youth Eagles. We love you and God. Jesus the Christ and True Parents Love you even more.

The New Hope Singers International choir was founded by True Parents in September 1973. The choir gathered in Washington on August 3 to celebrate its 30th anniversary.

New Hope Singers International
30th Anniversary
Washington Family Church - August 3, 2003

Unification News

Video Update: “Beyond The Cross: The Road To Victory In Jerusalem”
Extended Version for Clergy Education
by Rev. Phillip Schanker

As promised, the video ‘BEYOND THE CROSS: The Road to Victory in Jerusalem,’ has been updated and developed for the purpose of educating ACLC clergy and testifying to new clergy about the movement to take down the cross. While the first version was made quickly, and focused upon True Parents for the May 31st celebration of the “True Day of All Things,” the new version is more appropriate for clergy, and focuses upon the ACLC mission.

The new video is longer, about 20 minutes in length, and filled with educational excerpts from the Georgetown University symposium and the reconciliation conference in Jerusalem. It also contains more moving footage from the pilgrimage experience itself, as well as commentary from ACLC clergy. It is specifically designed to explain to Christian clergy the significance of taking down the cross and reconciling the children of Abraham. It should prove to be a respectable and effective witness to top Christian clergy about the heart and mission of ACLC.

The format is original quality VHS. And, for the first time, CD and DVD versions will soon be available:

VHS: $12. for one, $30. for three, $50. for five, or $7. each for ten or more copies.

Shipping is additional. Please contact Sheila Song by phone at (202) 319-3200, by fax at (202) 299-9496, or by Email at publicaffairs@familyfed.org.
IN MEMORIAM

Homer Charles Boutte, son of Alice and Thomas Boutte (part of the 474 Couples bless- ing), died in a rock-climbing accident on July 27, 2003. He was born in the Bronx in New York City, May 2, 1982. He was named for the Home Church mission that his sister Alice was doing before the time of his birth. He lived almost a year in the Bronx, eight years in McLean, VA. and moved to Keene Valley, NY at the age of 9. Keene Valley is a small village in the center of the Adirondack Mountains. It has always been our summer home and gathering place for relatives. Tien- son, Cara, Christal, Jacob, and his par- ents went there to do the tribal meshi- mission in 1991. He graduated from a high school there in June 2000, part of a class of 18 students whom he had spent 10 years at the Keene High School graduation, the PTA announced that it had renamed its annual scholarship the Homer Boutte Award, “given to a senior in recognition of the qualities of character most treas- ured by members of the school com- munity.”

Homer’s character was always sym- pathetic, affectionate, and kind. He especially loved plants, trees, animals and birds, and younger chil- dren, and he always enjoyed game sports and was a real “team player.” See attached article and obituary. He loved to plant seeds to watch them grow whether it was in his college dorm in a bucket or his room at home in the mid- dle of winter. He liked taking photos of flowers, identifying trees, and observing animals and especially birds. He was enthusiastic about any church and fam- ily activities or outings. He made deep friendships in the village as well as with other blessed children. Homer was a loving counselor at Camp Sunrise and a participant in PTA 2000. He also went for a week with a member of the Keene Valley Congregational Church to par- ticipate in a service project at an indi- an reservation in South Dakota the day after he graduated from H.S. For his blessed cousins Adonia and Felicia Brat- ti, he was like an elder brother who provided activities. He was especially of Homer’s men- tioned and completed three service proj- ects for a long time after the help of his two younger siblings and about 8 other kids whom he had gotten to sign up and vol- unteer for the project as kids went through the school. He received a written letter of commen- dation from the town supervisor (like a mayor) for his volunteer work and inspir- ing other young people to do the same. However, physically, emotionally, and mentally, he was struggling to bring his inner and outer worlds into harmony, on the individual, family, tri-dental. He began study at the University of Bridgeport in September, 1992. But with the onset of symptoms from mental illness (or becoming too spiritually open as we would sell in Albany for Easter and Mother- er’s Day and bringing a spiritual child in Moscow, Russia, to participate in the We Will Stand campaign in numerous states. He fundraised, participated in the We Stand for America to work with Christian ministers which was three days after Alice had offered, after three months of planning, a formal feast, dance and testimonial activity, or his own limitations. Homer died when he fell from a high waterfall he was attempting to climb not far from his home in the early afternoon of June 11. He had apparently jogged there for a quick break before his work began at 2 p.m. Physical evidence from the scene, his clothes, as well as dreams from both a neighbor in town and a neighboring FWPU member, and Thomas’ fellow workers and message to his family later through Beatriz Steeghs, test- ify to the fact that his death was acci- dental, with Homer seeking a safe tri- pital place to commune peacefully with nature when he lost his footing and went very quickly to the spirit world in the message from spirit world Homer said it had been a long time in the spirit world since he was so com- pletely separated from his family, but that he was comforted by Andrew and Shawn Byrne who guarded him and father to him. He reassured his family that he was free and where he and expressed deepest gratitude for his life and the love he received. God had his reasons for calling Homer home at this time. We can’t understand them all, but a few things are evident. Homer's death happened 46 days after his 21st birthday. He was the Bouttes’ second son and died on the second day of the 21st day condition for Blessed Fam- ilies that Father requested us to do from June 10 – June 30. Also, he died June 21 (Homer was a 9th Japaneseee states (out of the 2400 due to arrive) arrived in America to work with 10 Japanesees in America (out of the 2400 due to arrive) the Church on the twentieth anniversary and prior to the Home Church mission that my family undertook in America with the blessing of the Bouttes. Also, Homer kept a regular dream journal, discovered by Homer'sSeung Hwa Ceremony was on June 22 (the dream was on June 22, the day prior to the PTA announcement that it had renamed its annual scholarship the Homer Boutte Award, “given to a senior in recognition of the qualities of character most treasured by members of the school com- munity.”

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The passing of Asako Kimura on February 11, 2003, was a great loss, one that left a long sickness. Her Seung Hwa took place in Mobile, Alabama, and she died on September 13th, 2002. Asako was born on September 13th, 1920, in Yokohama City, Japan. She was married to Kurazo Kimura and together were blessed in 1976 in Seoul, Korea. She worked as a housewife and raised her daughter, Seiko. She was married to Kurazo Kimura in 1920 in Yokohama City, Japan. She was the daughter of Senji and Koyuki Kimura. She was the daughter of Senji and Koyuki Kimura.

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Tortured in the Orchard

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He loves children and he loves animals. And his heart reaches so much further than I was able to see while he was here. A few times I was trying to convince Homer that there were other things he needed to pursue in life, you know, ‘cause I cared about Homer and was worried about him a little bit. But Homer knew I was wrong all along. Homer was stubborn and pursued his own dreams. And his dreams were far deeper than most of us of really reach. Homer reached further than me and much of the world. Homer reached further than me and much of the world. He loves children and he loves animals.

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I live in La Crescent, the Apple Capital of Minnesota. The limestone bluffs rising from the banks of the Mississippi River create an ideal location for growing apples. Rows of fruit trees are snuggled into valleys, protected from hail storms, damaging winds and early frost. Orchards cover entire hillsides.

The shade under a large apple tree growing in its great size.

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Sometimes during our conversations we would end with a prayer. When it was his turn to pray I often felt moved to tears by his prayers, touched to the point of sobbing. And I thought I was supposed to be the counselor but I was like that, at that moment. They were kind of joyful tears to find such a beautiful spirit, a beauty in his smile amidst his struggles. I wanted to bow in humility to him for manifesting such a great heart, for becoming such a true man as that... So although we all wished for him a longer life, let us join in God with prayer and action for the fulfillment of His and Homer’s deepest desires for his life.”

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The story of Asako Kimura is filled with sacrifice and struggle. She was a young man of unified culture. In Japan there are two most important virtues: 1) loyalty and filial piety to Heaven, elders, youngers and leaders as a vertical virtue and 2) harmony and friendliness as a horizontal virtue. In Homer we can see these two virtues together, representing unity between East and West. Homer had a lot of Japanese friends. Oriental people felt comfortable with him. One final thing I want to mention is that Homer had another special gift. He could feel the spirit. Many times when we walked together around together on the street, Homer told me, “Susumu-san, I see this person is struggling. Should I do something for him, or for her?” He can feel it. He can feel people’s heart and spirit. He had unified culture, not only between East and West, vertical and horizontal, loyalty and friendship, but he could be a bridge between people, whether or not they were of the same race or for showing us the way. Thank you, Homer, for providing us with these important virtues. He was a young man of loving the world. He’s a young man of harmonized and unified culture.

Betsy Jones, the remarried elder sister from Alabama, who counseled Homer in the last few months, also testified about her experience sharing and praying with Homer.

“Because of our bond of love with Homer, all of us, we feel like one family – everyone coming together, bringing food, sharing love for Homer. He’s like a community of harmony and obedience. She was come back and visit us often and keep the Boutte family in your prayers sincerely and quietly lived, loved, and worked well as repentance for the suffering he endured trying to harmonize with this still stressful and divided world. Please keep the Boutte family in your prayers and honor the memory of Homer, who sincerely and quietly lived, loved, and suffered for God and True Parents as well as for his family, his hometown and the second generation. Note: The Boutte family and the Second Generation Office would like to collect reminiscences of Homer to create a Web site or other form of memorial. Please send your reflections of being a team mate on STF or other memories of Homer to: boutte@kvvi.net. Mail ing address: BOUTTE last fall said: “Homer is truly one of the directors of my life, of his deepest heart. He takes everyone’s love with him into the eternal world. And therefore he becomes like a tugboat to that world because of his golden heart... I believe he is in a glorious place with God, with Jesus and the great saints...”

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A sad Tim stood up and started to pick some more apples. When the bag was full, he emptied it into the bin. It looked so empty. Apples didn’t even cover the bottom. With his picking sack, walking down the hill, got in his car and drove home.

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This is the twenty-fifth in a series of excerpts from the book 40 Years in America: An Intimate History of the Unification Movement 1959-1999. The editor is Michael Inglis. The historical text by Michael Mickler. The book is available from HSA Publications for $70 + $8 s/h. Contact them at: 4 West 43rd Street, NY NY 10036; tel: (212) 997-0050 x2520 or at their web-site: www.hsabooks.com.

During the mid-'90s the Blessings expanded to local ceremonies at Christian Churches all across America.

The globalization process affected movement practices and eventually members’ thinking about the Blessing. Prior to the CTA, members endured lengthy preparation periods that extended from the time they joined the movement until they were blessed. During this time, they were strictly celibate and fulfilled regular membership duties as well as special conditions associated with the Blessing, such as bringing three new converts and completing a seven-day fast. All were “matched” by Rev. Moon based on an accepted official personnel system to “start their families.” A major departure after 1993 was that these conditions did not apply to the overwhelming majority of newly blessed. The reason for this was simple. They were not Unification Church members. For most of these couples, there was no formal preparation and pre-wedding ceremonies. The Blessing wore as suddenly as a knock on the door. In fact, as the numerical totals climbed into the millions, the majority had only the most limited and rudimentary understanding of the Blessing if, indeed, they understood that they were blessed at all. There also were departures from basic ritual practices. For most Unificationists, the Holy Wine Ceremony was the centerpiece of the Blessing. It signified the cleansing of original sin, or in Unification terms, the “change of blood lineage.” As far as possible, members preserved the integrity of this ceremony. They offered holy wine in living rooms, on beaches, at county fairs and elsewhere according to accepted formulas. However, there also were adaptations and eventually innovations that bore only a faint resemblance to the original tradition. Some couples refused wine. In these cases, members distributed grape juice referred to as “holy nectar.” Others had explanations about accepting drinks from strangers. In these instances, it was sometimes maintained that sniffing the wine or dipping one’s finger into a cup was sufficient. Once again, as numbers accelerated into the millions, enterprising members distributed holy “lemonade” to thirsty beachgoers or downtown pedestrians, usually with little or no explanation of its benefits. Others distributed holy candy with printed blessing affirmations.

Globalization, in effect, resulted in the spiritualization and democratization of the Blessing. Whereas eligibility had been interpreted previously in literal and legal terms, the movement now incorporated symbolic content and a more accentuated theology of grace. There was significantly more emphasis placed on benefits available through “the merit of the age.” The grace of the Blessing was understood to accrue to people regardless of their effort or even their awareness. Rev. Moon stated that those born after the True Parents’ Holy Matrimony in 1960 were already blessed. He later extended the period to include those born after he began the GDR’s first avowedly open Blessing. In 1992, forty thousand social and religious leaders, and more than 100,000 couples from the world’s religions had signed up for the Blessing. In 1993, the movement’s first avowedly open Blessing. In 1992, forty-three VIP leaders and missionaries; and a lecture slide program, “The Loving Family and World Peace.” From December 1994, IRF leaders gave forty-three VIP Blessing education seminars in eighteen countries. Six months later, Dr. Frank Kauffman reported, “several hundred social and religious leaders, and more than 100,000 couples from the world’s religions had signed up for the Blessing.” At this point in the ceremony, they obviously had immense skill and problems. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, who had overall organizational responsibility, commented, “Anything you can imagine happened at the Blessing.” He noted, “Bridegrooms and brides came to the organizers right before the start of the ceremony saying they could not find their spouses.” Despite the Korean rainy season and typhoon-like conditions and flooding in the days leading up to the ceremony, there were no accidents with vehicles, including the hundreds of chartered busses bringing participants to the stadium. Members also counted it a miracle that the rain stopped just prior to the ceremony and resumed again afterwards.

Rev. Pak reported other “amazing miracles” throughout the world. In the bowling center the team company restored a connection at the last moment despite the country’s “terrible track record of not paying for satellite service.” Two weeks before the Blessing, through
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the work of a former President, Mal’ti [ignition...erected 15,000 couples]. In Brazil, “on the eve of the blessing all the participants put on their ceremonial gowns and paraded in cars on the streets of Sao Paulo” with local media inflating the blessing total to 400,000 couples! In Papua, New Guinea, the satellite broadcast was carried on prime-time national television, and in Taiwan, the head of the Cultural Revival Association, a government organization seeking to restore traditional moral and family values, “sent out a personally-endorsed government notice to 5,000 heads of district and local organizations.” As a result, two city stadiums were prepared and “nearly 10,000 couples were blessed.”

Apart from its work with VIPs, the American movement did not play a major role in the 360,000 Couple Blessing, particularly at the grassroots level. A number of staff and blessing candidates from among the membership traveled to Korea to support or participate in the main ceremony. Other couples took part in the “satellite blessing” at various locations. However, the locales and precise numbers were unclear. The Unification News published “partial” lists of couples blessed in Korea and by satellite which approached 1,000. Even if these lists represented only one-tenth of the actual total, the U.S. would have fallen well short of its national goal of 40,000 couples.

Blessing ’97

Blessing ’97 presented a different set of circumstances and confronted the American movement far more directly. Previously, members had assumed that Korea, as the birthplace and holy land not only of Unification faith but of an expected new global culture, would be the site of all future World Culture and Sports Festivals and International Blessings. After the completion of Blessing ’95, many were surprised when it was announced that the Third World Culture and Sports Festival and the main ceremony for an International Holy Wedding of 3.6 Million Couples would be held in Washington, D.C. at RFK Stadium on November 29, 1997.

The rationale for the decision to hold Blessing ’97 in the U.S. was not entirely clear. There was a sense that Rev. Moon wanted the next Blessing to have a more substantial global impact, particularly in terms of media coverage. Although Korea was regarded as the future center of world civilization, that was not the case at present. In this respect, the U.S. offered intriguing possibilities. Rev. Moon’s attention already had been drawn to South America as an alternative starting point for a new global culture. It may have been that he wanted to draw upon the resources of the entire Americas. Or it may have been that he simply wanted a more substantial return on his investment in the American movement. There also was evidence that Rev. Moon relished a challenge. Having been there and done that in Korea, he may have wanted to test the movement’s mettle in the capital of the world’s only remaining superpower.

Whatever the reasoning process, the American movement was left with responsibility to spearhead Blessing ’97. This would be a time of testing for the membership. There were ongoing anxieties, frustration, despair and agony over lacking or slow results, dramatic shifts of strategy, significant breakthroughs, and eventual vindication. In the end, members learned an important lesson about the Completed Testament Age. It was about members, themselves, taking responsibility. As early as 1980, Rev. Moon proclaimed that the era of the leader-centered movement had ended and that of the member-centered movement had begun. It took more than a decade and a half to realize and experience that prophetic revelation.

Even then, it was a lesson easy to forget and one that required continual reinforcement. Once the 3.6 Million Couple Blessing total had been attained, an event which he sealed with the blessing in marriage of his two youngest sons, Rev. Moon proclaimed the “Era of the Fourth Adam.” Although once again there was ambiguity about the precise meaning of the proclamation, essentially it indicated that the mission of the weekly between June and December, 1996. Several seminar sessions were based on Rev. Jeong Hyun Pak’s Five-stage strategy for success at RFK.

These stages included the:
- True Family Values education of ministers;
- education of members to become True Family Values presenters;
- teaching of True Family Values in churches;
- giving of pre-Blessings at True Family Value Festivals; and
- bringing of pre-Blessed couples to the main Blessing event.

The major innovation in this formula was the concept of pre-Blessings and pre-Blessed couples coming to Blessing ’97. Initially, the movement leaders began to conduct blessings, with all the ceremonial components, on behalf of Rev. and Mrs. Moon. The only missing element was True Parent’s prayer of consecration which would be given November 29th at RFK Stadium.

In December 1996 and January 1997, the movement conducted seventeen True Family Value Festivals in thirteen North American cities. These resulted in eighty pre-Blessings or an average of slightly more than four at each. This level of result continued through February and March 1997 at which point the movement had held 50 True Family Festivals nationwide and pre-Blessed 200 couples, still an average of four per festival. It was encouraging that the first round of pre-Blessings in December and January included thirty Christian ministers, two Muslim imams, and three Native American chiefs. By mid-March, the total of 200 ministers included Roman Catholic clergymen. However, there was little evidence that ministers were bringing their congregations. There were two main reasons for this. First, while ministers might be open to the promptings of the spirit, congregations and review boards tended to be more conservative or at least less adventurous. Second, the True Family Value Festivals format was too unwieldy. It simply was expecting too much that ministers and their congregations sit through several hours or even a full day of True Family Value lectures, change their attire and mindsets to be pre-Blessed. While there may have been some limitations of strategy, the more serious problem was that the UC membership had not yet caught the spirit. In an important speech, Rev. Jeong Hyun Pak emphasized that members, like the early Christians, needed to make the transition “from Disciple to Apostle.” Pentecost was the “turning point” in this shift for early Christians. Unfortunately, the general membership had not yet experienced that empowering event. Some were intimidated by the prospect of facing ministers and congregations. Others, having barely been exposed to the True Family Values material, were equally intimidated by the prospect of having to lecture it.
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