History was made in Israel September 22, 2003. For the first time Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders walked together in prayer through the old city of Jerusalem pledging with their lives that God had called them to end the divisions and become one family. They walked through an area where no marches rallies or gatherings of such a type are permitted. They were on a mission to end the divisions of the historic Abrahamic faiths.

The march was the fulfillment of inspiration of our True Parents and came on the solid foundation of the reconciliation of the first and second Israel during the first Pilgrimage last May 123 of the Christian leaders came from America on the second Pilgrimage. This group of clergy are much more clear about our mission this time having the benefit of understanding the first pilgrimage through the “Beyond the Cross” video and True Father’s incredible revelation that the last Pilgrimage reconciled the sons of Abraham and created a condition of lifting up Jesus in such a way that forgiveness could come for Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

On this foundation Father proclaimed

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Centering on the realm of new religion and the unity with the political area the Kingdom should have been established. Satan cannot make the whole world one. Centering on Father’s teaching we can make the world into one. Because we will embrace all religions and people.

Although there were so many persecutions and trials, Jesus was supposed to go to Rome and liberate Rome. Before the fall there was no hell. Therefore if you turn around the blood lineage you eliminate hell. In the Satanic world there are no true partners and true ownership. Without standing on the foundation of the unity of all religions we cannot go over the Satanic realm. With the foundation of that victory, all the people can be united with True Parents and God.

If Christianity had united with Father after WWII this restoration that we have achieved now would have been accomplished then. Because of the failure of Christianity, Father’s family became divided. Through this confusion and suffering Father found True Mother. The person fulfilling the second coming of the messiah will unify the mind and body and transistor the national and religious levels. The Archangel cannot go over to the World level. Because of the failure at WWII and numerous failures related to the fall, America lost its position as the second Israel. Only because of the conditions that Father set could God allow his blessing to remain with America.

Christian missionaries from America tried to destroy the Unification Church in Korea. The Unification Church was created to restore the second Israel. The Yoido rally launched the national level movement, this surprised President Park. Because Father had Unification Thought and the Divine Principle President Park was totally shocked. Father initiated industrial development with machine tools which were linked to German technology - we were the vanguard of the Korean economic revolution. The stage was set for millions to follow us. However three presidents in Korea blocked our work. We have over come this and now have the foundation to mobilize one million people within one week. Note the failure of Christianity was restored by

Therefore Father has desperately worked to save America. Communism was the biggest threat and to deal with it Father founded the Washington Times and educated Christian pastors in America. This is the same foundation with which to save the family and end the immoral culture.

Centering on America as the Second Israel, Christianity through the blessing has engrafted onto Father and then restored the first, second and third Israel and end the immoral culture.

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Germans. The German can be like a gangster. 

You must love your enemy. Look at this Japanese sister here sitting next to the American sister here. They were enemies. Now they can unite. This is the power of the principle.

Once you have a good relationship with your spouse you have to serve the people of the world. If you don’t serve (like breathing – serving and receiv- ing) you won’t receive. If you miss this you will lose your love. Who is the owner of world peace? Those who serve. Gods’ heart and mind is forever. One should do your love. Who is the owner of world peace? Those who serve.

Abraham failed to divide the offering. When Jesus was rejected then the correct offering was not made and Jesus had to be divided and offered. The second Israel of America persecutes Father because they know he has grassroots power beyond the CIA and FBI’s power. The current leadership of America has been losing popularity. Father is trying to help America. Even though America was like an enemy to the me. I loved the enemy through Washington Times, UB, UT5. Top scholars came to UT5 in 1975.

Rev. Kwak are you confident to educate the top leaders of the world? Because of WWII nations became enemies. During WWII if the three nations America, England and France had united centered on God’s will, world peace would have been real- ized at that time. Father says that even at 25 years old, he understood the way to peace and the provi- dence of the first, second and third Israel. Right now I am influencing the world to go God’s way in the position of looking down from heaven on them. I’m like the Father waiting for the Prodigal son to come home. That is the love of parents whose son is about to go to the final sentencing. Money and Power don’t matter at that point, true love mat- ters. The true parents will sell everything to save the son. I’m giving out everything for America. There is no holding back. I gave out everything I owned last year in December at East Garden (BG). Then in Korea I gave out all my money.

58 years ago this unity could have come. Today it must come. Today, I initi- ate a new international organ- ization for this reason. We will create a new organ- ization in the New Yorker. We must create a special temple in the New Yorker.

Right now we are launching into the image history based on the symbolic one. The God of heading will bring world peace. The Interreligious and Inter- national foundation will become one. Now we decide. The realm of the fourth Israel – at 6:30 am I pro- claim the establishment of the realm of peace, the beginning of an Abel international organization. At this time, all the six nations must become one cen- tering on Korea making a total of 7 nations. Cen- tering on the True Parents, who have the unity of the mind and body, it is the time to launch this new organiza- tion. Every nation should connect with this.

The key problems of the world are the Middle East and Korea. If America makes a wrong decision, the world will go to a world war. I have that way and power to make America go the right way. We must solve all these problems. We must solve the prob- lems of the Middle East. With the Cheon II Guk and the fourth Israel all of these things must become one. Centering on the Middle East and Israel and America must become one. That is the religious foun- dation. Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and Confucians must become the Abel side with Christianity. The 6 nations must become one centering on Christiani- ty. After WWII this couldn’t be made. Now Father will make it.

The second area centering on Russia, China and North Korea must also be solved.

We must have an international convocation mark- ing this new beginning before October 14th. (The day Father was liberated from Heung Nam). Second Israel, America must do this. The second Israel is the center between the first and second Israel and unite them. If they don’t do this America will be invaded. If this happens you should be prepared to go to South America and start over. That is why Father created so many boats. We must do this thing happens.

The King has that kind of power. 191 Member States of the United Nations must get this book of the 36 late Presidents’ messages. And they must go to all 50 states and then we should make a huge noise on this foundation. Dr. Yang and Michael Jenk- ins, do you understand. After we publish this mes- sage in the Washington Times then we must give it to the Ambassadors in New York. America can be considered the enemy in a way. Why, because Amer- ica failed after World War II and divided Korea and gave it to the communists. Do you understand. 7 nations that participated in WWII should now become the founding members for the new global organization. From today on this must quickly be done. This all must be completed by the end of September. By October 3 is the new heav- en opening day. Arabic nations and Israel and the Middle East matter must be resolved. The next trip to Israel is critical for this. If they unite then everything will be over. We will contin- ue to utilize all the messages from the spirit world.
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the forgiveness of the first, second and third Israel through the Jerusalem, Washington and Unification Declarations. These Declarations brought forgive- ness to the first (Judaism, second (Christianity, America) and third Israel (Uni- ficationism, Korea). All three faiths did not receive the Mes- siah properly but all has been indemnified and on this basis the fourth Israel was pro- claimed by our True Parents through the Seoul Declara- tion.

The Fourth Israel is real. It is made up of those from all major religions who have been blessed by our True Par- ents. It has authority and power to bring God’s King- dom. We saw that great power on the march. We marched where you could not go.

Rome

In Rome we toured Paul’s prison and the site of his execution. Many clergy canceled in the last two weeks before the journey. Many times out of concerns raised by family and friends about the war like conditions — they lost will to go on. Interestingly as soon as one canceled another cler- gy would suddenly sign up to go. Many times they felt that they must do some- thing to stop the bloodshed.

Many had to overcome great trials to go. In Rome on our first night, the Italian family provided a tremendous fellowship at their main center and vineyard outside of Rome. It was a total- ly “Family Church” type spirit. We sin- cerely thank the Rev. Cali and the Ital- ian family for the heart that was given to us. The 123 Pastors and Unificationists all took down their crosses are feel that this is the call of God.

Testifying to the trials that many had to go through to decide on this trip. Pastor Jimmy Clark of Texas gave his testimony. could not make the last pilgrimage and swore that he would go this time. He paid his tick- et and was ready. Just one week before our departure his son in law Anson was attacked by a carjack- er who walked up to his car with a shot gun and shot him in the face. The attacker then pulled him out of the car and then shot him again in the back. Again he aimed his gun to finish him when he saw Anson’s 8 year old daughter on the porch. He then decided to kill her. He fired another blast and it took out the front window of the house. Then he loaded the gun again walking towards her. Suddenly she saw a circle of angels around her and another angel knocking the gun aside as he shot again.

The killer got scared, took the car and drove off. The girl was not harmed. Anson went into critical con- dition. His face and both eyes were full of shotgun pellets. He was blind and hanging by a thread. Rev. Clark was there before the ambulance arrived. His daughter and son in law had just had a baby the week before. Somehow Anson held on for life. Rev. Clark could only think about saving him. He can- celled his trip to go. As soon as he can- ceded, he began to feel turmoil. He then couldn’t sleep, not only due to the tragedy but because he felt that he must think about the sons and daugh- ters in Israel (Muslims and Jews) who are dying everyday. He felt the spirit of the Lord come over him. If I sit here my son in law may die anyway with me not doing anything. If I go to Israel I can help stop the global violence. I know this is what God wants. “I put my son in law’s life in your hands Lord. I’m going to Israel” he prayed. He testified that as soon as he made up his mind, his son in law got better.

He then told the Pastors, Father Moon is calling us to risk our lives to bring peace in Israel. Jesus taught us that if you seek to gain your life you’ll lose it, but if you seek to lose your you will gain it. With tears in his eyes he said, “I’m going to the Holy Land. I’ve given up my life so I don’t fear death. God is with us. We must sacrifice ourselves to realize peace. Peace is not free. It must be paid for. The most powerful part is that the pastors are accepting it with their hearts. Rev. Raws’s who led the Selma March a few weeks ago. Is also leading this trip. Rev. Raws said, ‘I was a little apprehensive at first. But now I realized that only through our walking this path with many religious leaders side by side can we end the violence. I’m not afraid of anything now. I’m ready to go to Gaza.

The Therefore Brothers and Sisters, these clergy who know that Father is the Sec- ond coming of the Messiah.

These are the clergy that are lead- ing the Peace March in Israel. The next day Rev. Bennett Hayes of Gloryland Baptist Church in Houston gave tes- timony. He shared about how he became upset in Ocean City when he first heard the principle. He shared how he couldn’t accept the part about John’s fail- ure and then late that night his con- science told him to read it again in his room. He read it and believed. Now he’s teaching the Divine Principle from his life.

The Pastors were deeply moved. Two days later Rev. Clark testified that his son is beginning to see out of one eye. There is hope that he will live also see again.

The next night Bishop Stallings gave a sermon and stated to the 123 that Rev. Sun Myung Moon is the savior, Messiah and King of Kings. The most
A Trip of Tears to Rome and Jerusalem

by Angelika Selle

Glory and thanks be to God and True Parents for a great victory in Israel! I would like to acknowledge the immense foundation of sacrifice, tears, sweat, and blood of our True Parents that lies at the foundation of this trip.

In addition, substantial conditions of repentance and reconciliation between Jewish and Christian brothers and sisters in our movement were made here in America, in which our leadership participated. Also, brothers and sisters of the Family Federation in Israel made conditions, all of which contributed to the success and gave us ownership.

Finally, the many behind-the-scenes prayers and fasting conditions by brothers and sisters in Washington, DC, in Israel and elsewhere helped to open the heavy gate between Christians and Jews a crack wider in a very moving way.

During the entire trip, I felt the presence and spirit of True Father and Jesus with us, following our every step along the way in anxiously anticipating what was going to happen next, praying that we would accomplish our mission. Clearly, this was not a sightseeing trip but a very crucial life-and-death mission.

As our group merged together from different parts of the country at Newark International Airport, great excitement and anticipation was in the air, so that another fellow air traveler, a Christian lady, asked me what this inter racial group was up to and where we were going. When I told her that we were about to go to Rome and Israel in order to bury the cross and seek peace and reconciliation with our Jewish brother and sisters, she was in awe and moved to tears. She said, “I wish I could be a part of this.” Before we departed, we prayed together for the success of the trip.

After arriving in Rome, “La Città Eterna” or the Eternal City, our bus took us onto the paths of Saint Peter and Paul on the first day and Saint Paul on the next. Just to be able to stand on the ground where they stood and sense their powerful spirit of serving Christ at the cost of their very lives was deeply moving. We descended into the prison where both of them had baptized other prisoners. We held hands and prayed in tears, with the determination to inherit their kind of spirit and commitment. In contrast, we then saw the beautiful artwork and architecture of the basilicas that the Roman Catholic Church had built, in which the Catholic Church nowadays is mostly holding masses, often without any spirit. For me as a former Roman Catholic it was painful to see how far the church of today has strayed from that original spirit of sacrifice and love.

While I was standing in the middle of the Sistine Chapel, looking at the frescoes of the Old and New Testament, I began to pray. Suddenly, it seemed as if the history of restoration came alive and the people—Moses and the saints depicted there on the walls—wanted to connect with me and say: “Please finish our job!” Walking along the path of Saints Peter and Paul and the early Christians, even just for two days, moved and touched me deeply. One of the“authentic” sites was the pasison into which Peter and Paul had been thrown, where they baptized many people. When praying down there in the dungeon and dipping my hand into the water in a round basin in the stone floor, I could feel their powerful spirit of determination and fire to witness to their beloved Jesus.

As the days went by, our group of 131 became closer and closer, like a family. As I got to know many of the clergy during our walks, mealtimes, and on the bus, each of them had a story to tell as to how they came to be on this trip. One thing they all had in common, though, was a deep desire to reconcile with our Jewish brothers and sisters. I saw many of the lady pastors in constant prayer and also filled with eagerness to look out for others.

In my case, being of German and Roman Catholic background, I never had dreamed of this amazing opportunity to go to Israel for the sake of reconciliation with my Jewish brothers and sisters. I saw many of the lady pastors in constant prayer and also filled with eagerness to look out for others.

Jerusalem Peace Resolution

This is the Resolution that was signed for 400 Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders after they marched from the Wailing Wall to the Al Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock to the Mount of Olives, all significant holy sites of the three Abrahamic Faiths.

We, religious leaders, faithful Jews, Christians, Muslims, and believers from all religious traditions, are assembled in the Holy City of Jerusalem on this 22nd day of September 2003, for the sake of G-d and the peace of the peoples of Israel and Palestine. We are 120 Christian ministers, Muslims and Jews from America, 120 rabbis and Jewish leaders from Israel, and 120 Muslim and Christian leaders from the Holy Land. We stand as one, pilgrims inspired by G-d. We hereby join together with one heart and voice:

1. We declare that G-d is one, and the founders of our religions—Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Prophet Mohammed, and all religious founders—are one.
2. We affirm that all people on Earth are brothers and sisters, one family under G-d.
3. We call on all religious leaders to lift up the will of G-d above the parochial interests of their particular faith, nationality or race. Religious have the responsibility to unite as one for the sake of peace.
4. We affirm that G-d instructs every single person to live in peace with all people from all faiths. We find this teaching in the Torah, the New Testament, the Qur'an, and all Holy Scriptures.
5. In the spirit of understanding, reconciliation and harmony, we truly repent and beg forgiveness from G-d and from one another for the dark parts of our past, for having sometimes fallen into ways aberrant to G-d, persecuting and killing others. We cast no blame on others. Instead we seek to follow a new way, G-d’s way of peace, from this day forward.
6. We respect and honor all the holy places of Jerusalem, and the right and responsibility of each religion to administer its own space and for the sanctity of the entire Holy Land.
7. We declare that politics in isolation from spiritual leadership cannot find solutions to conflicts in the region. Violence cannot lead to peace.
8. We declare that governments and political and civic leaders need the guidance and enlightenment of religious leaders, united as one in their commitment to peace. Religious leaders, for their part, need permanent forums from which to guide and enlighten political and civic institutions. Therefore we call for the establishment of religious peace councils at all levels, from local governments to the United Nations.
9. We call upon political and civic leaders to cooperate with these peace councils, and to govern for the sake of reconciliation, peace, and justice.
10. We affirm that the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon was called by God for the sake of this ideal, and has worked tirelessly, in the spiritual and the physical worlds, to establish the conditions for its realization at this time.

On this day, September 22, 2003, in Jerusalem, we hear God’s desperate cry that we stop killing one another and begin to treat one another, each and every one as God’s beloved. The voices of our slain children, both Israeli and Palestinian, cry out from the ground. It is our responsibility as religious leaders to see that this bloodshed does not continue. Moreover, we believe that the peace of Jerusalem will become a model of peace for the peoples of the world.
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and sisters on their soil!

Every morning after Hoon Dook Hae and in the evening, we were educated in the ways our Jewish brothers and sisters feel, think about, and perceive Christians and Jesus, and we were made aware how not to approach them. Coming to understand about Judaism, especially through the presentation of Dr. Andrew Wilson, who is a Jewish Unificationist professor at UTI, I could see that it would take nothing short of a miracle for Jewish rabbis to consider Jesus as the Messiah. Why?

For the last 2,000 years, Jews have been accustomed of having nailed Jesus to the cross and killed him. For that deed, the Jews were persecuted, killed, disowned, and haunted by Christians. Thus, Jews, the cross truly became a symbol of accuation and hate.

The only possible way for them to open their minds to Jesus, whom they don’t even mention or talk about was if we could introduce to them the real Jesus who had come to build the Kingdom and have a family—if we would focus on his teachings, such as the Sermon on the Mount, rather than his suffering.

It became clear that in order to heal our relationship there needed to be humaneness, mutual repentance, and forgiveness. If we Christians could truly embody the love of Christ so Jews could see it, there was a chance for change. I did have a lot of hope that that would happen, because our group consisted foremost of African Americans representing the black race, which has gone through tremendous suffering, due to slavery, segregation, and discrimination, thus bringing with them a common base of heart as a foundation for a relationship with Jewish people. In addition, as a substantial gesture of reconciliation, all the clergy who had come on this trip had taken down their crosses, the symbols of horror and division between Jews and Christians.

We had no idea what the reaction of our Jewish brothers and sisters would be and how they would respond in such a short time to a different way of looking at Jesus. But we determined ourselves to love and embrace them, no matter what. And we knew that only through that kind of love could Jesus himself truly speak to their hearts.

Off we went to the Holy Land. After having gone through extensive scrutiny in the airports in both Rome and Tel Aviv, we finally mounted the buses that would bring us directly to Jerusalem. Our tour guide greeted us with the words, “Welcome home! This is your homeland!” And indeed it felt like coming home, home to the land in which Jesus grew up, preached, taught, walked, and talked. It still seemed unreal that we were actually there. Interestingly, we would arrive on May 15, the 55th anniversary of Israel when the Israelites celebrated their Independence Day. What a divine coincidence!

Just driving through the rocky but gently rolling hills from the airport to Jerusalem at dusk with the full moon above us gave me the feeling I had gone back in history. The small towns we passed looked just like they were from pictures in the Bible. All of the towns looked the same because, by governmental decree, everyone who builds a house in Israel has to utilize the native limestone, which is available in abundance. The hills reminded me so much also of Korea, the homeland of our True Parents. There was an amazing resemblance!

Our hotel overlooked the city of Jerusalem, which, by the time we arrived looked like it was in full festive attire—a city on a hill, a sight to behold.

Before retiring, I prayed in tears with two of my sisters on the balcony, stretching out our arms to embrace the city of which Jesus had said lamenting: “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! In this place where Jews, Christians, and Muslims live together under great tension, we have had to plant a seed of true peace. Here we are, Jesus! Tears came to our eyes. We wanted so much to be his representatives!

On the first full day, the first site we visited was the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. The purpose was so all could remember what had happened to the Jewish people and that we would never forget. I knew that this would be spiritually and emotionally very difficult for me, being originally from Germany. Yet at the same time, I knew that was one reason God had allowed me to be part of human being do this to another?”, I thought. And we were talking about 24 million Jews all throughout Europe who were exterminated! I could barely walk through the museum. I knew I had to do something while in Israel to restore this past, even on a small level.

That evening during testimony time I became filled with emotion and felt moved to go up on stage. I asked my Jewish brother, Dr. Andrew Wilson, to join me there. Then I began to repent on behalf of Germans and Roman Catholics for the horrible things they had done in the name of Jesus to our Jewish brothers and sisters. I noted specific points, such as the burning of their synagogues, treating them as less than human, taking their possessions. It was hard to speak, as I was choked up in tears and fell on my knees. My brother took my hands, asked me to stand, and without letting me finish my long list, said: “I forgive you, I forgive you!”

There was one more thing, however. I felt I had to do. I spontaneously took off my jewelry and gave it to him as an offering—a symbol of all the beauti- ful and precious things that Germans and other nations had taken from the Jewish people. Dr. Wilson received it, and I went back to my seat weeping. Many people in the room went to embrace him and express their gratitude.

My spirit felt truly liberated after that. The next day, when I met Dr. Wilson over breakfast, he also expressed gratitude, told me he had never experienced anything like that and that it had moved him and his ancestors deeply. Then he said he never realized how much pain the Germans must have because of their guilt, and that the Jewish people need to love Germans more and forgive them.

The reason I am sharing this is because of the principle of repentance and forgiveness as an integral part of reconciliation. I know that without the Holy Spirit and my involvement and training in reconciliation over the last five years. I could not have done that in public. Credit must be given to our Racial Reconciliation Group and to Revs. Joe and Debbie Taylor (an African American couple) and Brenda Müller (a white sister), who showed me how to repent. During the Vatican Experiences, we were taken to the Mount of Olives, which overlooks most of the city. From there, Saint Peter was told, “Jesu of Nazareth, the Potter’s Field, where Judas hanged himself, the place where Saint Peter betrothed the house of Caiaphas and many of the other historical places were located near my previous mental picture, all the places were situated closely together, within walking distance.

Many of us knew and felt that not all of the historical sites were authenti- tic, but rather had been selected more or less arbitrarily for the tourists, though with some exceptions. One such place was the ‘dungeon under Caiaphas’ courthouse, where Jesus was incarcerated and investigated. It was there that all of us shed tears, held hands in fervent prayer, and felt the suffering of Jesus. He did not have to go that route if we Christians had known and been understood.

I felt Jesus’ presence so strongly and the feeling built in me how much he loved his people and wanted to reconcile with them. My overwhelming desire and goal became to be able to have Jesus within me as much as possible, and to let him and his Jewish family.

Our next day trip took us to the Wailing Wall, at the Temple of David, which overlooks the city of Jerusalem. The wall surrounding it had two distinctly different layers of stones, the original foundation, and on top of it the more recently built wall. That place is also known as Mount Moriah where Isaac was near- ly sacrificed and where the covenant was made between God and Abraham. This place is claimed by all three religions as a holy place. As I had seen in movies and on pictures, men and women go to the Wailing Wall in separate areas. There were more men and women there today on the Sabbath than during the week. Our tour guide told us that we see TEARS on page 8.
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cern for what was going on. You don’t march with Muslims, Christians and Jews through Palestinian and Jewish sections of the old city. Meetings for dialogue is one thing, but 500 marching on the street at a time many feel is the most dangerous, volatile and tense is unthinkable. However, from heavens point of view, this is the era of Cheon Il Guk and every wall and border will eventually fall down if we walk in faith.

Suddenly our march came to a dead stop. Our Jewish IIFWP Ambassadors for Peace sprung into action. This was Shelley Elkyan Shando, Baruch Shalev who advises one Israeli Cabinet member, Dr. Eilazar Gluebach and Dr. Shuki Ben Amit (all scholars and Ambassadors for Peace) immediately stood in between our marchers and the police and with incredible finesse and conviction helped the Israeli police understand that this march would bring peace not conflict. They introduced Bishop Stallings, myself and Rev. Hartoom.

A conflict now ensued at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher which has Jesus’ tomb inside. Suddenly something changed in the countenance of the Police. Not only did they permit us to go forward but felt that they now must make the March a success. They gave us total trust and support. It was unreal. Our way was blocked by one religious order who didn’t understand who we were and were afraid. The Police did understand and we reversed our—we all did an about face in the narrow (only 5 can stand side by side) covered streets of the old city (with small kiosks and Palestinian / Arab merchants along the sides)—and the end of the march became the front. Then because we now had full support we broke into a cadence of Peace, Shalom, Salaam alaikum, Peace, Shalom, Salaam alaikum, Peace, Shalom, Salaam alaikum. Now as we walked the shop keeper smiled and the spirit of tension turned into a spirit of joy.

They helped us get through the security check points quickly and we could assemble before the Holy site of the Western Wall. It was there that Dr. Lonnie McLeod offered a Christian Prayer, Imam Kiwan offered a Muslim Prayer—Imam Kiwan gave the main prayer representing all religious leaders at the July WCF Blessing in Korea, and then Rabbi Moshe Chen. The Rabbi was deeply moved that this march could occur. He said, “Many have died on this path we are walking so we are like Martyrs, however today I feel no danger and that we will be like being Martyrs.” The Rabbi brought great respect for Judaism to the Muslim and Christian leaders.

Then we marched to the Temple Mount (Mt. Moriah where it is believed that Abraham sacrificed Isaac, and Muhammad ascended into heaven). It is one of the three most revered and holy sites of all of Islam. Again we passed smoothly through security checkpoints and became the first inter-religious group since the second Intifada to go before the mosque. The meetings we had the day before with the Imam and key leaders of the Mosque made an incredible foundation. Imam Bundakji of California, did so much to help Jewish and Christian leaders appreciate Islam. For many Jews who have lived their whole lives in Jerusalem it was the first time in the Al Aqsa plaza.

To our astonishment and the profound shock of the Police they Muslim Imams and key leaders welcomed us with love and total respect.

500 gathered at the steps of the Dome of the Rock and led by Imam Bundakji we shouted God is Great. Allah U Akbar !!! Out of total respect and reverence for their heart and tradition before God we followed only the Muslim expression of honoring God. Imam Bundakji said we believe and love Moses, Isaac and Ishmael. We believe and love Jesus and we believe and love Muhammad. We believe and love True Parents. Again, the Imam brought great respect and a feeling of love for the greatness of Islam and many Jewish and Christian leaders were deeply awakened to the fact that this is God’s holy religion.

From the Dome of the Rock we marched through the Lions gate and then on to our buses. Our rally concluded at the Mt. of Olives. All faith traditions assembled there in the sun on the eastern side of the old city across a great valley. You can see the Holy City from the place where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Lk: 19:41—42

And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

However we come to proclaim to that same hillside overlooking the city and proclaim, Jesus we love you and now we know the “things which belong unto thy peace.” We are reconciling Jesus and accepting True Parents. Through this you are being lifted up and liberated. Your family is feeling love and Ishmael and Isaac are in permanent fellowship now that will bring a healing power that will end the strife. The Christians and your beloved Jewish family are repenting and forgiving one another and through that they are discovering the ‘real’ love of Jesus.

Dear Jesus, “Weep no more.” It is time for your tears of sorrow to turn into tears of joy.

Dear True Parents, Please “Weep no more” the Elder son and the religions that you are longing for have come to understand that God’s love through True Parents is healing our hearts and allowing all brothers to become one together.

Thanks America.

Thans Israel. Thanks Palestine.

Thank you Rev. Kwak and Dr. Walsh and the IIFWP for developing religious leaders in the Middle East who will be the Ambassadors for Peace and the founders of the Middle East Peace Council and the World Peace council. We really thank Rev. Ji, Dr. Abe and Rev. Hod Ben Zwi for the Israeli Families incredible work to make it happen. Also Dr. Wilson and Dr. Frank Kaufmann out of pure heart sacrificed from their hearts to make it all work. God is blessing this work. Father told us that ACLC would bring peace to Israel. I see it now with my own eyes, the walls have come down. We are entering the era where there will no longer be borders and check points. This is the time of the Cheon Il Guk.

Thank you Rev. Hwang and the 840 who are pouring your blood sweat and tears into New York right now. We are on the road to total victory for the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Special thanks to Dr. Charles Shing Tong who has Father’s heart of righteousness but incredible patience and love that allows this movement to continue to walk through the fires and trials that his followers have divided all religions. We are ending divisions now.
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Our very humorous and down-to-earth tour guide had been enlightening us from the beginning about the reality of some things mentioned in the Bible.

How narrow the river is where Jesus was baptized! After we stopped and went down to the River Jordan, many of the pastors captivated each other. A few were even fully immersed. Around the Sea of Galilee, nothing much has changed for two thousand years, and it is easy to imagine how Jesus, supping in the spirit of Jesus teaching the crowds, and stopped at the Mount of the Beatitudes. Here, I couldn't help but feel overwhelmed. The first healing of Peter's mother-in-law took place here. We passed the road to Jerusalem, Jericho, and finally to the summit of the Mount of the Beatitudes.

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Suddenly, as we reach the top, the sound of cars comes to our ears. In the next few seconds several police cars pass us by. One almost hits me. Something must have happened. We found out later that at that time, 6:00 am, a suicide bomber had blown up a bus just two blocks from our hotel! No doubt, this is a battle of life and death.

We need to go down another street, and as I try to catch up with the group, someone in the front suddenly calls, "Stop the song: 'Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?' The sound of sirens comes to me, and we all join together in this beautiful hymn. Tears come to my eyes when I see my black brothers and sisters who have gone the path of suffer- ing, about to liberate our brother Jesus on behalf of True Parents. What a privilege to be part of this!

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from them. Yet it seems that God has provided replacements. These young women are almost ecstatic when they hear the presentation by Dr. Wilson, which, in a very challenging yet loving way, explains to the Jewish audience why they might consider and embrace Jesus as a great rabbi. As other presenters continue, the young lady next to me keeps nudging her friend saying: “It is happening, it is happening! We are going to have real peace!” They stand up and cheer excitedly. Then Archbishop Stallings begins to read the Jerusalem Declaration for the first time. There is a sudden tension in the air. Will Rabbi Brodman sign? The archbishop asks him the question.

Oh, yes, and not only does he want to sign, but he would sign only if his Islamic brother would sign first. Amazing! It is more than we all had asked for. The three brothers of Abraham all sign and then embrace each other. Tears come to my eyes again, tears of joy, gratitude, and relief. Nearly everyone steps toward the front them to also put their signature on the historic document, a spirit of joy and celebration fills the air. We toasted during the evening banquet with real wine, as now Jesus’ family was reunited!

Truly, a powerful seed for peace among the three sons of Abraham has been planted there today! It now needs to be watered, cultivated, and nurtured to grow into a beautiful family tree!

For our group, we had one more day of sightseeing, which would include the Dead Sea, the Qumran caves, and the Daemona community of Hebrew Israelis, Africans and African-Americans who had settled in the desert 36 years ago to build the ideal Kingdom. We left my beloved Jerusalem and drove into the desert toward the Dead Sea. It is the lowest point on the globe. Passing by Bedouin settlements, goats, sheep, and dust till we neared a stretch of green where luscious fruit and vegetables are grown.

“The biggest greenhouse built by God,” our tour guide, Danny, said. He was full of stories and anecdotes, which he interspersed among all the many facts about his beloved land and people. For example, one joke well illustrates the character of the Israelis:

Three Israeli boys talk together, debating whose father was the most powerful. One says: “Do you know the Eiffel Tower?” “Yes,” the other two answer. “Well, my father constructed it.” The second one says: “Do you know the Empire State Building?” “Yes,” the others answer. “Well, my father paid for it.” Then they were wondering about the Israelis question. “Do you know the Dead Sea?” “Yes.” “Well, my father killed it.” Danny’s comment: “Three Israelis, three opinions.”

A most wonderful, spirited, warm welcome awaited us at the Daemona community, whose leadership had been in touch with our movement. They all welcomed us “home.” It was a good ending to this first historic trip to Israel. My personal relationship with Jesus, whom I have known since my early childhood, has changed and deepened tremendously, after having seen where he walked and talked, feeling with him at the Sermon Mount, where he was trying to reach all of his Jewish family with a “new” yet ancient truth. I shed many tears during this trip. I felt Jesus’ presence with us and with me from the beginning to the end. He was talking to me from his heart. One clear message he gave me: “You must love aggressively, especially your enemies.”

Again, all glory and honor go to God and True Parents who have paid for this miracle with tears, sweat, and blood and unending faith and patience. Jesus is now free, once and for all, from at least the one cross that lies buried in the ground at the Potter’s Field. He will be freed with every cross that comes down. As the crosses come down, Jesus and True Parents are asking us to carry our own cross and fulfill our personal historical responsibility at this time. One very personal message I received from Jesus was: “If you love me, do as I did, love your enemies aggressively!” By doing so, all religions will come together as one family, and the dream of God and True Parents and our own dream, the substantial Kingdom of Heaven, will become reality.!
Region 7: Unity and Courageous Education Start to Bear Fruits

Reverend Juan Morales, a Mexican brother, is our assistant Regional Director, who came to Ohio two months ago. Reverend Lee said that more has been accomplished in these last two months than in the two years since he and his wife have been in Ohio. Why is that?

Reverend Morales attributes it to the good old formula of unity with central figure. He came to Ohio 100% determined to lay aside any pride, and unite totally with Rev. Lee. Seeing his passion to educate ministers, our church members began to bring their minister friends to Rev. Morales in their homes or at our church. These ministers would then receive a blast of Divine Principle education, especially Mission of the Messiah and the fact that Jesus did not come to die. It has been well received and understood by many of these ministers.

In Cleveland, at a monthly prayer breakfast, nine pastors were educated on the DP view of Jesus’ true mission, and why the cross should be taken down. The “Victory in Jerusalem” video was also shown. They understood, and helped bring the number to 19 pastors at the next prayer breakfast. Rev. Lee taught that the DP is a divine revelation from God, and the ministers are beginning to understand the importance of Rev. Lee’s message.

Receive God’s Word

Have you heard the voice of Rev. Lee’s wife? It is one which reaches to the heart of her listeners, and is given in prayer and love. She has spent countless hours performing in sickness and in health for the benefit of many churches. She recently sang “To God Be the Glory” in one church, and the Holy Spirit was so strongly present that the whole congregation wept for 20 minutes. This opened the way for Rev. Morales to deliver a powerful sermon. He feels he can always deliver a good speech when she opens the way with her singing first.

Rev. Morales commented, “Because of Rev. Lee’s heart, I was inspired to make effort to unite. I feel because of the strong unity we could establish, Ohio could change. Also, because of Rev. and Mrs. Lee’s investment, and since they are moving away, I feel God wanted to show them their effort was not in vain. It’s important to unite. With unity centered on heart and love, results can come.”

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There was a tremendous spiritual convergence of events on September 7th 2003 at Columbia Rd. Church. The mysterious hand of God was clearly moving circumstances so that a full and faithful Washington Family Church could enter the realm of the 4th Israel together. An added element that brought an even deeper spirit was that the event was the first event to be held in our newly redecorated and reconstructed National Welcoming Center at The Washington Family Church.

Blessed central families from all over the metro area began to arrive early in order to get a good seat for the ceremony. The atmosphere was heavenly and uplifting as everyone could deeply feel the same sense as our original blessing day and even more so considering the added significance of entering the 4th Israel.

We were also greatly blessed to have Dr. and Mrs. Chang Shik Yang as our main officiators who began the ceremony as the first family to receive the holy wine. Dr. and Mrs. Yang then administered the holy wine to Rev. and Mrs. Jeong Phyo Hong and to Rev. and Mrs. Kevin McCarthy who then administered the holy wine to elder couples and to the rest of the participants.

For twenty-five long years, our sanctuary, perhaps in a nod of recognition to the past, had maintained the architectural style of the origin owners. During that time, nothing had been touched to bring our own sanctuary more in concert with the era of the Completed Testament Age, the age of attendance. Even to find a place for True Parent’s chairs was a daunting task given the tight quarters of the sanctuary layout.

The new CTA styling brought an unprecedented holy feel to our sanctuary. The angels were surely dancing for joy as a bright new era unfolds for the Washington Family Church.
Saskatoon and Montana One-Day Conference

by Rev. Miko Takawchi

On August 26th, 2003 we hosted our International ACLC conference. We had about 40 people in attendance.

We were truly surprised by the great turn out (which was an overflow crowd to our event). We had five representatives from Canada attend. They were from Saskatoon, Canada. The overall faith participating included several LDS elders, AME, Methodist, Unity, Presbyterian, Shield of Faith, Church Universal and Triumphant, Family Church, Jewish and Buddhism clergy, lay ministers, missionaries, elders and leaders. It was a wonderful variety that greatly complemented our program.

Our MT. ACLC Secretary, Mr. Dennis Briggs, who is the elder of the Church Universal Triumphant, gave a very clear and deep opening prayer. It was a good start to our program. He has been a very loyal member of ACLC.

Dr. Selover's wife, Grace, gave our opening Bible reading from Psalms 133 and our Japanese missionaries opened everyone's hearts with a Christian Hymn.

Pastor Mike Yakawich then introduced the conference with some introductions, explanations of national and local ACLC and then an overhead presentation of Cre-ation/Three Blessings. This helped set a direction for our conference, introduce some of our principles and helped stimulate some discussion and conversation.

Next, we had a very well thought out video based presentation from Dr. Thomas Selover titled, "On the Road to Jerusalem." It was an excellent Presbyterian sermon that leads into the introduction of the video. Dr. Selover is the leader of ACLC in Saskatoon, a professor of Religious Studies at Saskatoon University and very active with the Presbyterian faith. Here I give much of the Presbyterian faith. Here I give much credit to the Canadian ACLC leadership who both inspired and spearheaded this conference. Their inspiration and dedication to bring such great spiritual leadership from Canada made our event so successful.

The video "On The Road to Jerusalem/ The ACLC Tour" brought much tears to the audience. Many guests could be heard crying especially at the end of the program when Jew, Muslin and Christian embraced. After the presen-

tation, the Unity Church leader came up in front of the podium. He expressed how God touched her heart through this video and how grateful she was the Lord. Dr. Martin invited her and that she came to this program. If wish also to note here that Mr. Martin did a super job in videoing and photographing this program.

The MT. AFC director, Paul DiLorenzo gave a very informative talk on the UN resolution, Ambassador for Peace and the Parent’s Day Program. He hand-ed out to the audience the resolution regarding the UN proposal from the Philippines in Sept. The MT. ACLC staff stepped up front to show support and sign the proclamation all together. Many clergy were inspired and signed.

Other talks included Bishop Hilton McClendon’s address on “Take Down the Cross and Carry It!” He captivated the audience as he drew in personal examples of tearing down walls of religious prejudice and placing true Christianity instead. He con-cluded his talk by symbolically burying the cross. He took a cross and laid it on the podium. Then he placed the faced great physical pain at this con-ference and explained that he was being tried and tested by Satan. After the program, several of us traveled to the top of the rim rocks, which overlook the city of Billings and blew the horn several times more. He felt God’s presence and guidance for the horn to be blown and to bring greater blessing to Mon-tana. He shared a great happening will occur in Billings due to this.

Elders of the LDS faith presented a discussion on the value of the family and how we all should bring someone closer to God each day.

A Hispanic Methodist Lay Minister gave us a wonderful prayer over the lunch meal. He like so many were deeply touch-the video regarding the conference in Jerusalem this past spring. The Unity Church representative was in tears sharing her testimony on seeing the video and the Jew, Mus-lim and Christian embrac-ing each other.

We had our share of spir-ritual battles during this conference. The Jewish Christian representative, Mr. Luiten from Canada, cried out in pain at the beginning of the program with sharp pains in his back. He said Satan was attacking him. Bishop McClendon offered a strong prayer for healing and protection. Later, as Mr. Luiten stood up to share and blow his horn he was again in excruciating pain (where Dr. Selover and I physically sup-
ported him at the podium). Here he said he felt the pain of God for the divi-sion of Christianity.

At the end of the program, a very close friend of ours from the AMEI church had her daughter, Dumi-tra, with her. Her daughter fainted into a light coma. Apparently, they were taking our group photo. (Since, we could not do anything anyway with Damitra in the good hands of the para-

We were in our closing prayer when the ambulance arrived. She was looked over by the paramedics while we were taking our group photo. (Since, we could not do anything anyway with Damitra in the good hands of the para-

We were blessed at the end of the program by Rev. Stewart Fulster, a Presbyterian minister form Canada, who gathered everyone into a circle (as we pushed tables and chairs to the side). He passed a rock around for each to hold and at that moment could pray or pass it on for someone else to pray. He is a Native American minister and shared deeply about prayer, coming together and the value of the Native American culture. He did an excellent job in bringing everyone together and concluding the event even while the paramedics were busily working on one of our guests.

We felt it was a very high spirited and lively event. Our guests were asking when we would be doing our next program. Many took a copy of the video home with them to share with their own church members. They left with a deep sense of gratitude and un-derstanding of the ACLC’ move-ment.

We thank God, Lord Jesus and True Parents for making this event so special. We are also thankful for the prayers and support of Rev. Lee and Rev. Wiesinger who helped make our program such a great suc-cess. I am also very grateful for the Martin and DiLorenzo fam-ily, the missionaries Sayoko Okano and Naemi Setyama, and my wife Yukiko whose leader-ship, planning, support and staffing of the program made it such a great success.
Chicago Jericho Walk and Blessing

True Parent’s blessing for Marriage and Family through Bishop and Mrs. Kim. At one time or another in the last 9 years, the Governor, the Mayor, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Minister Farrakhan, Pastor T.L. Barrett and many more key leaders have made it to the Jericho Walk. The schools and surrounding churches support this walk in faith to “tear down the walls” of race and community to end the killing and violence. Now Rev. Hansa is preparing to take this spirit with us to the Holy Land to end the violence there. Like Joshua shouting and seeing the walls come down, we will shout out praise to God for sending True Parents and showing that the way of True Healing is through the Blessing.

We will be victorious. True Parents power and authority is absolute. The Jericho is deeply immersed in courageous. We want to see Muslims, Christians and Jews arm in arm calling for religious leaders of Jesus’ time, not merely to challenge the central theme of our discussions today is “The Cross Reconsidered.”

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O ur Chicago Family Church members and CARP/STF Youth Ministries marched September 7, 2003 the same day as the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. walk in Chicago. When he walked to Marquette Park in 1966 and was stoned. Like the recent Edmund Pettus Bridge march in 1965, we, Black, White, Hispanic and Asian together. Through the marches freedom was won in America.

This is the 9th year in a row the Family Church marched with Bishop Con- ney, the fourth of four leaders since the reformed Jericho Walk in Chicago. As with past March- es we began in the church and received others through a shared culture and tradition. But it seems that these religions have gone as far as they can go as uni- fiers, and now face each other. If we want to achieve a greater unity, a higher level of harmony, then we must lift up the higher ideals that we share in common.

Judaism, Islam and Christianity share some of our most common ideals and common goals. In many places and times through the cen- turies, they have lived side- by-side in peace. Muslims and Jews in particular. But today, we are witnessing unprecedented bloodshed, and senseless, needless killing. Sadly, we can see the truth of Gandhi’s words: “If we continue to practice an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, eventually the whole world will be blind and toothless.”

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To think, that this historic trail years latter but now with Black, White, Hispanic and Asian together. Through the marches freedom was won in America. The schools and surrounding churches support this walk in faith to “tear down the walls” of race and community to end the killing and violence. Now Rev. Hansa is preparing to take this spirit with us to the Holy Land to end the violence there. Like Joshua shouting and seeing the walls come down. We will shout out praise to God for sending True Parents and showing that the way of True Healing is through the Blessing. We will be victorious. True Parents power and authority is absolute. The Jericho is deeply immersed in courageous. We want to see Muslims, Christians and Jews arm in arm calling for an absolute end to the violence. The Peace Council has the power to go where political efforts end. We will move the hearts of the religious leaders and the people whom God has prepared.

We must do this because it is right, just and needed. We must now bring the age of the Blessing of True Family. We will conduct and International and Inter-
The 7 am pledge service was held before a special offering table that represented North, East, South and West. The offering table did not have the cylindrical towers of fruits and cookies but rather had large mounds of fruits of every kind. Bags of cookies and candies were also standing in mounds. The offering table had for significant mounds at the four corners, representing North, East, South and West.

The True Parents entered and True Father lit the 7 candles. First the center, then the right, the far left, the second from the right, the second from the left and so on toward the central candle. Then Father prayed.

Then Rev. Kwak asked if we should do the representative bow from each nation and religion. Father let everyone squeeze around him and then they go. Let them always experience your heart and love. We are now here to bring victory vertically and horizontally at this time. We must be totally united among all members. We are the representatives of heaven.

Father’s Prayer: Heavenly Father you have lived endlessly declining, however with Rev. Moon there is hope. You should be even more serious than I am. If anyone is dozing here then his nation will collapse. If there are three Jews here and one is sleeping if means that one third of all Jews are in jeopardy. Without victory God cannot bless me. Survive.

If I am not victorious God could not attend and take care of me. Without victory God cannot bless me. You should be even more serious than I am. If anyone is dozing here then his nation will collapse. If there are three Jews here and one is sleeping if means that one third of all Jews are in jeopardy. We must restore brothers or sibling conflict. This must be possible. Father let everyone squeeze around him and mother. There wasn’t an inch to spare.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang was asked to read Hoon Dok Hae from the establishment of Pal Jeong Shik in 1989:

The True Parents offered Ryung Il to Heavenly Father and True Parents together sat behind the offering table. Then True Children bowed. Then all blessed couples bowed and we recited the Family Pledge (Rajong Menge). Father said: We have entered the realm of the Fourth Israel. This is a time when peace will surely come. We now have to transcend the barriers of race, religion, nationality and establish our True Identity as sons and daughters of God with one lineage. Then Rev. Kwak asked if we should do the representatives bows from each nation and religion. Father said, today is special we need 36 couples representing North, East, West, South, North and the center. We spread out in four directions on the EG property and cut the fruits in half of thirds and then through them and as an offering of God's love to all humankind. Father and Mother were still giving out the offering table to every member. Rev. In Hoi Lee and other leaders helped to distribute the offering. Then the offering table was removed and Father asked everybody to squeeze up as closely as possible. Father let everyone squeeze around him and mother. There wasn’t an inch to spare.

The turning point of the battle against Satan was 1989. From that point we could have the exchange marriage. From that point you must be connected to True Parents. How are you connected through lineage and True Love. Father tries to save things, even toilet paper. This is a way to show heart for everyone. If you don’t take care of fish well you will be lacking. We should be able to utilize the underwater sea. We should not have any walls. We should no longer say, I’m Japanese or American. We should say that I am an original daughter that is coming to the land of my hope. What is most important now is not talk but rather ACTION. Pal Jeong Shik represents 8 which has two circles. It represents the relationship between men and the establishment and victory centering on True Parents. We must be totally united among all members. We are the representatives of heaven.

Father’s Prayer: Heavenly Father you have lived such a toilsome life and I realize how painful it must have been. May times we did not know your heart. Without knowing however we cannot fulfill your will. This is why we must have the messiah. W e must understand the archangel and over come the barriers with him through true love. Lucifer must be restored. True Parents discovered all the secrets of heaven. You guided me to do this and I am so grateful for this. I’ve been able to make so many Tribal Messiahs and I am grateful for this. I am now in Kodiak and we are ending this month of August and the number 8 will be settled in this land of Kodiak. Now I’m about to send your representatives to 32 countries. Please let them be victorious wherever they go. Let them always experience your heart and love. We are now here to bring victory vertically and horizontally at this time. We are entering a new age of parenthood.


Dr. Yang was asked by Father to read the next the speech that talked about the Proclamation of August ..., 1989. On the victory of proclaiming Pal Jeong Shik August 1 by the Lunar calendar, (ceremony of 8 stages), I could proclaim Cheon Bu Shik (August 2nd by the Lunar Calendar - Ceremony of the victory of True Parents.) From this victory we are clearly in the position of Abel. No one in Cain’s position will be able to accuse me – Not Kim Il Sung or any, because I served them completely. No matter how faithful you are as an individual or couple you cannot go to heaven without restoring your tribe. I set all of these conditions that is why Father could
There must be woman. Same with siblings, Elder brother can exist because of younger brother, they need each other. Those who live alone are in a pitiful position because they did not know True Love. Parents mean a pair. In America there are many that want to live single. This is denying True Love, this is not good. For men to find value, he needs a woman and woman needs man to find True Love. If America continues to go this way they will fall. But because of the Blessed Central Families – there is hope for America. You are supposed to save your family and your tribe. You must come to the point where your tribe is deeply grateful for you and each word you speak. You must raise your children so that they respect their parents. There must be Elder and younger brothers and through that there can be siblingship. Everyone in America is very individualistic, they are only centered on the husband/wife relationship – which is only centered on one generation. No matter how happy they must be toward each other, they are not happy without a lineage and children. We need three generations to achieve happiness in our family.

You don’t need parents, or brothers and sisters? Rejecting having children is not the right thing to do. Then you will just end up with one generation. Homosexuals and Lesbians only live for one generation. Can men and men produce a child. They will be finished within one generation. They are trying to legalize homosexuality. Any country that does such a thing will fall. Homosexuality is a means for Satan to destroy humankind. It is more terrible than the disease of leprosy. It is blocking the will of God and is designed to block God’s nation. Now through the blessing, we can change God’s people and create the Kingdom of God.

If you speak the language of True Love, this is not good. For men who don’t want to live single. This is denying absolute love. Man needs woman and woman needs man. That’s why we should be united for eternity. No matter how many relationships we might have, we should seek for absolute love. We should know why we lost true love. How many American sisters are here? Not so many. This is a problem, we are here to save America, but there are mostly Japanese sisters here. Then America will become Japanese. You should have fresh love which is eternal. You must have eternal women’s love. Eternal women’s love must have the love of an eternal man. Love is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. People are only talking about it. Why were men born. The master of all those creations are human beings, those who think about selfish love are swindlers. All the creation is true and they form in pairs. The insects and the animals form pairs. Look at the Salmon all in pairs. Animals, regardless of their background they speak the language of True Love. Is there anyone that doesn’t want to possess True Love? We all want True Love – everyone raise your hands if you want True Love. Everyone raise their hands.

You should remember the first true love. That is the most important. Western women have clothing that show their breasts and with short pants – there is nothing mysterious. The men are the same. They already know everything about each other and therefore they don’t want to be married. Everyone wants something mysterious. Men want a feminine soft woman, and women want a masculine even hairy man.

Do you find it a joy to live with your spouse after the blessing? Because your mind and body are fighting you have not tasted True Love in your family. Should America prosper with its current lifestyle.

If we fail to subjugate the body. We strike our body – that’s why we do fasting and prayer. We should go beyond this. There is some sort of Messianism. Abel should win Cain. Not by force, only by love. Messianism is to restore the original state. For this we must have a vertical state, without this we lose our connection to Satan must be cut and severed. How can we restore Cain and Abel. After WWII Cain and Abel were restored on a World wide level. What was Danbury – it was a 20th century cross. I made two presidents the one in 1980 and the one in 1988. Russia lost hope when they were defeated. But when they found me they found hope. I ruthlessly abandoned my family to do God’s will. Many leaders wanted me to go an easier way. But they didn’t understand. Now Americans are beginning to understand. I completely fulfilled my role and even went to Congress and proclaimed Parenthood. Through this Cheon Il Juin we can fulfill the final stage of restoration in the world between Cain and Able. We lost kingship and you should restore it. If you are confident that you can do it raise your hands.

Father: One week ago Father said that one week ago that we must prepare for today. From Servant of Servant, to Adopted Child to child all the way to God. We must be connected by blood lineage. Blood lineage cannot come by one person. It must come through two that come together. That’s how we can have love. When there is
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The fall is like a clock turning to the right. If Japan had worked in a different direction, Japan would not have been a “JK” family or a “KJ” family. If an American is marrying an American, it is not an exchange marriage. It must go beyond the national boundaries. Must go through 8 stages. This must be restored through exchange marriage. Many entertainers are so popular and made look powerful that people would be running after them. No matter how filial we may be, if we make the mistake of the fall the lineage is destroyed. We must always remember that we belong to the chosen people so much that God had been leading the dispensation centering on blood lineage. Through Rachel and Leah, Mother and Grandmother of the servant. For 8 stages to be established the children of the direct lineage must be united. Through Absolute Faith, Absolute Love, and Absolute Obedience, Jesus should have had a family. Jesus should have been able to complete the 8 stage process. Individual, family, clan, tribe, nation, world, cosmos and then God. Vertical and Horizontal 8 stages. Servant, Servant, Adopted Son, Sun, Husband, Father – True Father, God.

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n the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965, over 600 Christians marched and were stopped at the bridge by Alabama state troopers. Just before the march Dr. King received a call from the FBI to call off the march. The FBI’s role was to protect the marchers. They had discovered that many of the key State Police officials and the superintendent over the men on the bridge were leaders in the KKK.

The march was not called off. It led to Bloody Sunday—this struck the heart of America so significantly that it caused the voting rights of black Americans to be rapidly achieved from this day.

August 28, ACLC led by Rev. Rawls of Selma organized a march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. This time, black, white, Asian and Hispanic, Rabbi’s and Imams, Syrissans and Selmans marched together. The Police were our official escort and now were composed of black and white policemen. Through the righteous coming together and standing on the religious foundation that is needed the political leaders can go the way of righteousness and justice in America. America was made for this purpose.

To bring out the injustice of the world and then through religious leaders putting their lives on the line the conscience of the people can be touched. Because America has sinned and is in need of reconciliation from the Beattitudes was
ded on such principle

ACLC March Across the Edmund Pettus Bridge

Los Angeles ACLC Monthly Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Henning

Saturday, August 23, the ACLC Prayer Breakfast with the theme of ‘Peacemakers’ from the Beatitudes was held at Opportunity Baptist Church with a capacity crowd of 150 and seventy different ministries represented. We opened at 8:30 with prayer and readings from the Old Testament (1st Israel), New Testament (2nd Israel) and the Quran (Fellow Son of Abraham) and The Seoul Declaration (Third Israel).

Following a bountiful breakfast prepared by volunteers, the “Road to Victory in Jerusalem” video was shown and Dr. William Johnson, Superintendent of CME churches, testified strongly to the movement for peace he witnessed at the WSCF and the Religious Leaders Summit Meeting in Korea.

The video was followed by a presentation on the work of the IRF and a short video tribute to the life and Ministry of True Father.

Mr. Andy Weiss, Coordinator of the AFC in Southern California explained the Proposal for the Religious Leaders’ Advisory Council for the general assembl

STF Car Accident

In September, Saturday, September 20th, at about 8:00 AM central time an STF van was driving to Houston, Texas. They were driving at the speed limit with all seat belts fastened. They were reading Father’s words for study time. Suddenly, a pick-up truck from the on-coming lane (from the opposite direction) flipped over and landed on top of the STF van from above. According to the police, the driver of the truck was a 19 year old male. He was killed immediately.

The truck flipped onto the van on the right side. The co-driver was a second generation brother Kwan Jung Lee, in his first year of STF training. He sustained serious head injuries, and died at the scene. His father, Rev. Lee was in Kodiak with True Parents at the time. Father wrote an epitaph for Kwan Jung Lee. The truck flipped onto the van on the right side. The co-driver was a second generation brother Kwan Jung Lee, in his first year of STF training. He sustained serious head injuries, and died at the scene. His father, Rev. Lee was in Kodiak with True Parents at the time. Father wrote an epitaph for Kwan Jung Lee. One second generation brother, Nam Hi Hwang, also sustained severe head injuries but survived. His parents are Mr. Thomas (Voo Joo) and Kathleen Hwang who are National Messias in China. Nam Hi was the assistant to the team leader and in his second year of STF training.

The driver and team leader, a first generation brother, Oleksky Belevogor, from the Ukraine was in critical condition then passed away. His parents will arrive from the Ukraine to the US as soon as possible.

There were three other second generation boys in the van. They were all taken to Jennings American Legion Hospital Emergency Room in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Jonathan Bonini has a broken jaw and a few cuts on his face. He will be released from the hospital tomorrow. Solomon Pohanz and William Bowles were checked from the hospital tomorrow. Solomon Pohanz and William Bowles were checked.
noon. Five pastors have graduated from every Monday from 10:30am until 12 Academy for Clergy. This class meets Chicago training whenever those oppor-

tunity their own colleagues to the programs. This is their movement, and are inviting

support from the ministers themselves. One pastor who cannot otherwise attend a luncheon.

come for an evening program, or can-
to participate who cannot otherwise attend a luncheon. We meet for lunch (10:30am-1:30pm).

dinner (6pm-9pm), and the next month we meet for lunch (10:30am-1:30pm). One month we will meet for

dinner. And finally, everyone knows individually Church is convenient. It also makes

big dinner. And finally, everyone knows,
Washington DC Rally: God is Our Parent: Stop the Violence

by Rev. McCarthy

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ant to know how to become the center of attention? Find the

your city, stand up in the

most public setting and

scream: “We can

fix it!” It reminds me of

the state leader’s meet-

ing, we had years ago

with Father. He would

always give us advice

about how to witness

effectively: “Go buy a

horn and every night

at midnight go through

your neighborhood

blowing the horn as

loud as you can. Do it

for a week and then

after that go visit everyone
door to door. When each

person sees you they

will shout at you for

making so much noise

but you will be famous and they

will become curious about why you

did such a thing... then they will be

your friend!”

In other words, before people

will listen to you, you’ve got to get their

attention.

On August 21st, we got Washing-

ton’s attention. It was rally day. Stop

the Violence; Bring the Peace! It was

the fruition of the inspiration given

birth a mere two weeks before when the

Holy Spirit did cause Pastor Gregg

Thomas and Ronald Brown to chal-

lenge ACLC to greater and more coura-

geous action. We answered the call.

Everyone worked so hard in all areas

of outreach. It was great to hit the

streets again with a handful of leaflets,

meeting the people of the community

and urging them to turn out for the

rally. We visited city officials, police

leaders, ministers and social activists.

We were able to learn so much more about the causes of violence, especially

gang violence in our city. The problem is clear: young people need love and

affirmation. They were joining gangs in order to feel what they couldn’t feel

in their own home: the sense of belong-

ing and acceptance.

On the morning of the event, prepa-

rations started early in the day for the

noon-time rally. The Japanese mis-

sionaries were busy making hand-out

flies that read: “Stop the Violence” -

Bring the Peace” and “God is our Par-

ent.” Rev. Randy Francis, Rev. Kanau-

ko Ogasawara and church staff were busy

setting up the sound system, banners

and chairs outside in the front of the

church. The minister outreach team,

headed by Rev. Debbie Taylor, was

busy making last minute calls. Rev.

Adrian Bayo, the rally coordinator was

running in seven or eight directions

trying to finalize the program and de-

ciding who would speak and in what

sequence.

With the support of Rev. Phillip

Schanker and Sheila Song at the Head-

quarters’ public affairs office, press

released a wire distributed to all the

major media outlets in the city. The

response from the press was over-

whelming. By 11:30 am, the front of

the church was a beehive of media

activity. Camera crews from every sta-

tion in town were setting up equip-

ment, running up their satellite dish-

es for the 12:00 noon live feed. Reporters

were lining up for interviews with our

key clergy spokesmen. What a scene!

The rally began promptly at noon

with songs led by Ms. Jayne Turconi.

We had over a hundred participants,

including Service for Peace youth and

CARP members. Speakers included

city officials led by ANC neighborhood

commissioner (and our sister) Minis-

ter Chi Maruuso. Also speaking were

inspired ACLC ministers. Bishop C.

Phillip-Johnson, Rev. Ron Brown, Rev.

Gregg Thomas (Rev. Thomas also brought

two silver medalist from our ACLC

Youth Basketball team) and Bishop

Carlos E. Harvin. Rev. Joseph Taylor

spoke powerfully about the basketball

program as a real hope to build the

character of youth and to lead them

away from drugs and violence. ACLC

now has 12 teams ready to participate

in the upcoming city wide tournament.

Rev. Adrian Bayo did a masterful job

as the MC.

After the speaking portion of the

program, we lined up to begin our

march into the neighborhood where

some of the recent gang slayings took

place. With bullhorns blaring and drums

pounding, we became one loud voice

beseeking all who could hear: GOD

IS OUR PARENT—STOP THE VIO-

LENCE—BRING THE PEACE!!!.

The people along the streets and

poking their heads out of apartment

windows were mighty glad to see us.

In either English or Spanish, they

shouted with joy. “What took you so long?”

We passed at a make-shift shrine at

the site of a recent slaying. Bishop

Johnson led us all in a powerful prayer

for unity and healing. Everyone was

deply moved.

es were over the news that day. Noontime live feed

on channel 4, 7, 9 and the Latino chan-

nel Univision. We were on again at

5:00pm and 6:00pm. Our minister’s cell phones started ringing off the hook

with calls from their church members

who reported seeing them on TV. They

were so excited.

After the march returned to the

church, we went into executive ses-

sion with the top ACLC leaders. We

discussed what would be our next

course of action. Our next project will be to bring the leaders

of the gangs themselves to

the table and broker a truce.

We have already established connections that will help to

bring that about. We will also

be working to establish men-

tering programs to go along

with our youth basketball pro-

gram to provide positive activi-

ties for youth who may not be

involved in sports.

After the meeting broke and we

were saying our good-byes,

my cell phone rang. It was

by Brian Sabourin

Second National Educators Conference at UTS

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n keeping with our promise and in

response to ongoing requests, we

have scheduled our second Nation-

al Educators Conference. This year’s

conference will be held again at UTS

beginning the evening of Friday, October 11

and concluding Sunday morning, Novem-

ber 2. This conference is for both first and

second generation educators and youth

leaders. So, please notify and encourage your sec-

ond generation youth leaders to attend

For more information, and for on-line

registration, please go to www.uts.edu There

you will find the link for the National Edu-

cators Conference and you may either choose
to register on-line, or you may download the

registration form and mail them in. We look

forward to seeing you all again this year.
The fifth annual parents/teachers, Students/Grandparents/Model employee and Model businesses of the year was held on July 27 at Ontario Elks club. This year NPD had sponsored an Essay Contest On: PURE LOVE WAITS: Americans and Abstinence. I was able to contact school districts, among the six High School districts in the Inland Empire we were able to have two of the school districts approve our flyer and encourage their students to participate in Pure Love Contest.

The outstanding parents of the year from the cities of Ontario, Pastor Paul & Faith Schaumack, Outstanding parents of the year Pastor Larry & Janet Neville from the city of Rancho Cucamonga, Officer Paul & Robin Phole from the Police depart of the city of Montclair, Mr. & Mrs. Bannales from the city of Pomona and other cities. Honorable Mayor Paul Eaton was our honorary Chairman who himself is a devoted Christian and a supporter of NPD for the past five years.

Honorable Mayor Gary Ovitt from the city of Ontario also has been a strong supporter of NPD from the very beginning and he is also the elder at the Methodist church in my city. Mayor Edward Cortez mayor of Pomona was also present and he is a Christian and mayor of Upland John Pomierski. Mayor pro team from the city of Rancho Cucamonga and assembly woman’s McLeod were present send from the city of Montclair Councilman was present. Guest speaker was Dr. Jim Willoughby very popular pastor from the Echoes of Faith, and active church and Christian school director addressed the opening remarks. Many ministers from a variety of churches including Lather Day Saints, Assemblies of God, LightHouse, Calvary Baptist and others. Model business of the year; Latino Art Museum, a non-profit organization to promote Latino Art and Culture in USA was selected. The Model Employee of the year was Neville from the city of Rancho Cucamonga. The Outstanding Grandparents of the year Alice & Al Perez and many others.

From the Spanish Newspaper Del Monte and English Newspaper, Daily Bulletin we had reporters. People of diverse backgrounds, church leaders of sixteen different church and lay leaders of six cities and dignitaries and law makers and police and fire department, people from all walks of life were the participants at the NPD in Ontario. The final closing remarks by Isabelle Davati, invited the participants to join hands and recite the Pure Love Pledge in unison after Rev. Tim Heming. The NPD was able to break down the cold barrier of separation of church and state and created a family feeling environment that the public officials and religious leaders would hold hands and take a stand for healthy, well adjusted families and SAVE THE NATION.

The motto was, “Stand for family and save the nation.”

The Sun Hak International Children’s Choir

Sun Hak International Children’s Choir held its first national-level choir camp in Seattle, July 14 to 27. After 4 months of music learning at home, 48 youth from four states (see image) gathered for two weeks of intense rehearsal and extreme recreation, culminating with a professionally contracted performance for the Dedication Ceremony of the Korean War Children’s Memorial in Bellingham. The event’s main speaker was Dr. Kim Suk San, Chairman of the Korean Welfare Foundation, which is responsible for all welfare aid being delivered to North Korea at this time. The choir also performed with Service for Peace youth in a music-and-drama event, and spent 3 days in recording sessions for its next CD.

Sun Hak International Children’s Choir is America’s 2nd generation youth choir. True Mother has personally supported the choir since it began in 1993, when she bestowed her name and Father’s names in the choir name. This summer in Alaska, Father was very pleased to hear of the choir’s progress, signed the camp logo (see image), and asked for the choir to expand and develop more.

The choir is open to all 2nd generation anywhere in the world who love to sing—girls ages 9 to 18, boys ages 9 to 12. Next winter when announcements come out for the 2004 Sun Hak Choir camp, please respond and participate! Music will be sent out to learn at home, then participants will gather to rehearse and perform together as the 2004 Sun Hak International Children’s Choir.

You may request a free 17-minute video CD of camp activities and performance, playable on Windows Media Player. Individuals are welcome to join the choir; also local chapters can be set up in any city. Nancy Kubo will assist in any way to help create a local area to establish their chapter.

Contact information: nancykubo@comcast.net and www.sunhakchoir.org.
Peace King Cup Kodiak Fishing Tournament

by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

I t all started with my trying to give my wife a little R&R before her new teaching year began. I thought Labor Day was perfect, and when I made some attempts to take her to the upper peninsula of Michigan did not work out, I remembered my AFC brother Eugene Harnett’s pleas, always trying to get me to come up and visit the beauty of Alaska. Many frequent flyer miles would even cover the cost. Then, Eugene mentioned the Kodiak Peace Cup Fishing tournament in Kodiak—but that was another $8400 and it didn’t start until I was to already leave Anchorage.

But—God was intervening. When I told him that I was going to Alaska, Bishop Kim asked me to go and help represent America and represent Chica-go at the tournament. Amazing, how it feels when you know that you are in sync with the will of God and True Parents. So my wife and I left and spent an incredible whirlwind 2 days in the Kenai Peninsula just below Anchorage. The following is from my correspondence with the Chica-go.

I arrived on Tuesday morning. Rev. Ernie Ho, who used to be the president of Ocean Church, asked me to come up and visit the participants. Mr. Sato (President of Ocean Church) is organizing everything. We are blessed with beautiful weather (60 degrees, clear and no rain). Our river was nestled in between green hills covered with pine trees. It is so beautiful.

Our community has a new Japanese Restaurant in Kodiak (the Power House Restaurant—across from the Kodiak power company). It is beautiful and the most popular restaurant in Kodiak. All I can say is that you can experience every ounce of God’s creation here in Alaska: mountains, oceans, glaciers, forests, pure air (no rush hour and hardly any cars at all)

Kodiak is like a Northern Garden of Eden. We pray for True Parents and all that are doing for the United Nations providence. Thursday and Friday we will be fishing for King Salmon. First prize is $2000 in each category. The halibut can be up to 500 lbs. Our brothers are working so hard. Everyone fell asleep immediately after dinner! Day Number 2 started out with Hoon Dok Hae. It was wonderful to have Rev. San Jo Hwang (President FFPUPI) and Chairman of the Tournament here to give internal guidance.

There are but a few teachers who can lecture the providential significance of True Parents activities quite a thoroughly as he does via PowerPoint. He was wonderful in Chung Pyung! He shared that the tournament was not just set up for us to catch fish, but that through our participation, we were meant to catch the meaning of the providence.

The following is from the Chica-go email which always begins with True Father’s words. This day’s quotation explained the providential meaning of the last 3 years and stated that this tournament was the first providential activity of the age of the 4th Israel. He also talked about the significance of the name, “Peace King Cup Kodiak Fishing Tournament.”

Our team got the blessing to go home with Hyun Jin Nim’s boat captain, Jim Hamilton on the Krystal gale. It was a wonderful day. We caught 11 significant fish, including 6 King Salmon 4 Silver Salmon and 1 huge Halibut. We celebrated with pictures on the dock after our 12-hour day. At the end of the day the Americans had first place in 2 of the 3 categories.

Then came Day#3. We almost did not go out on this day. The skies turned gray, the winds picked up to 15 knots and there was serious thought of doing only river fishing. But then the word came down from on high—Go for it! We [the 4 American teams] would be going out on the Good Go’s, I was on Captain Megumi’s (the only female captain) Good Go #309. Megumi-san is a young mother of 2 small children, but I have seen very few women work so hard in my life. She guided us, through the choppy waters to the best fishing and we returned home with a good catch.

On the way home, the Sun came out for the first time all day. Then we saw a humpback whale and when he saw us, he shot off his spout and Brew up into the air, to the applause of our tired, exhausted, cold and happy team. We returned home and after another incredible “fisherman’s meal” we celebrated during the awards banquet. Amazingly, Day #3 (the most difficult day weather-wise) would decide all the winners. The top prize winners were as follows:

King Salmon: President Hideo Oymadada. President of HASS-UWC Japan. 31.90 lbs.
Silver Salmon: Won Myung Lee. 18.36 lbs.
Halibut: Kazuo Nakagawa. 127.70 lbs.

(Post Script: On the last morning of the tournament, I checked the Chica-go email which always begins with True Father’s words. This day’s quotation was incredibly significant as well as enrolling to many of the participants. It reads as follows.

“One time we caught a lot of rotten, dark fish. The smell was like ammo-nia. I seldom feel seasick, but when I smelled that my stomach began to turn. I first thought, “I’m no good, because I’m feeling so bad over the fish.” Then I began to think differently and said, “I have to pay indemnity.” When I real-ized that, the sickness disappeared, because I could love that smell. It meant I could pay indemnity for something, for someone. I could have a sense of gratitude for that smell and with that, I overcame any feeling of sickness.”)

Daddy Sun Myung Moon, “Ocean Church and America”
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That Rev. Sharpton, a high-profile public figure and Democratic mayoral hopeful, was unapologetic about his participation in Blessing activities inspired other prominent clergy and elders to rededicate their marriages.

Blessing fever legitimized but Unification community during the summer and totals skyrocketed. Washington, D.C. members, working the Capitol Mall as well as residential areas, pre-Blessed 12,000 couples by the end of June. On July 4-5th, some 50 Minnesota members pre-Blessed 3,112 couples at a Hmong sports festival. On August 3rd, Rev. Moon Hyun Pak reported that 210,000 couples nationwide had been pre-Blessed, including 500 ministers. The hall of the Blessing was being surmounted, and the U.S. moved into the rank of leading nations in terms of Blessing count.

More importantly, Rev. Pak expressed “wonderful miracles” occurring. To be sure, quality-control measures were lacking, but members were having phenomenal experiences. They had discovered a message and a medium with which to engage the wider public at a mass level. Many, for the first time, had the feeling of being not simply a follower of Rev. Moon but a spiritual leader. This may have been the true miracle and blessing.

By mid-summer, it became obvious that 3.6 million couples worldwide were pre-Blessed. In fact, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak conducted a ceremony in Seoul on July 16th to commemorate the goal being surpassed. On August 9th, July 7th according to the lunar calendar, Rev. Moon proclaimed the “Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth.” This was later termed “Seven-Eight Day” as it was proclaimed in 1989, in the seventh month, on the seventh day, at the seventh hour, the seventh minute, the seventh second and it was his seventy-seventh birth year. There also were 7,777 pre-Blessing couples for that announcement.

Afterwards, Rev. Moon awarded prizes to four nations with the top pre-Blessing results. They were Korea with 4,651,852, the Philippines with 902,281, Nigeria with 748,814; and Ghana with 658,000. The U.S. placed ninth with a pre-Blessing total of 173,611 reported as of July 15th. There was a sense of vindication. Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, who attended the Seven-Eight Day ceremony, reported that many important leaders told him “how inspired they were” and “how secure it made them feel” to hear the U.S. result. Although a cosmic Sabbath had been declared, there was little rest for the movement’s worldwide membership prior to November 29th as Rev. Moon accelerated the Blessing schedule. Previously, he intended to conduct a 36 Million Couple Blessing after Blessing 3.6 million couples. Now, as a result of the progress made, he decided to combine the two.

Therefore, the goal for the RFK Blessing was increased to 39.6 million couples. Over the next four months, the worldwide result exploded with countries such as the Sudan, Nigeria and the Ukraine reporting totals in excess of seven, nine and ten million couples. The thrust in the U.S. was different. Some tribal messiah couples, particularly those west of the Mississippi River, continued pre-Blessings. However, the main focus shifted to preparations for the Third World Culture and Sports Festival in Washington, D.C. and the mobilization of pre-Blessed couples to fill RFK Stadium.

The American movement’s strategy for the WCSF was to make it not so much a Unification Church or even a Family Federation for World Peace and Unification event as a Washington, D.C. event. The movement already had a strong media and arts presence through The Washington Times and Kirov Ballet Academy. These connections helped WCSF III staff establish working relationships with a number of city officials. The theme that was adopted, “Rebuilding the Family, Restoring the Community, Renewing Washington,” reflected the hope that WCSF III would appeal to the city’s mainstream. The movement formed a large “welcoming committee” and secured an official invitation.

According to Dr. Tyler Hendricks, “This is WCSF III, but it is also a Washington renaissance festival! The entire city will be transformed. And the intent is to make the impact a lasting one; not just to fold up our tents after Nov. 29. We want to create a foundation for the future and a model for the regeneration of our cities and nation.... Of course, the foundation is the grassroots door-to-door, heart-to-heart life for the sake of others. But what is more, this festival is a larger preparation of the soil and the potential for important institutional revival, centered on marriage and family, beyond race, nation, and religion.”

These were heady sentiments. Whether the movement could pull together all the contacts it had established with Christian ministers, conservative educators and media, academics, business types, and now civic officials into a coherent urban renaissance package was, perhaps, doubtful. However, it appeared to be the direction Rev. Moon wished to go. He wanted the WCSF and Blessing to be popular events, exerting broad appeal. The first two World Culture and Sports Festivals, held in Korea, were rather isolated and movement-centered affairs. They consisted largely of Unification congregations in Korean and stadium Blessings. Significant numbers of couples participated from outlying regions and rural areas, but there was not the sense that the festivals penetrated mainstream Korean culture. This, undoubtedly, was one reason why the movement moved WCSF III to the U.S.
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The World

On October 29th, WCSF III Chairman, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, held a press conference at the National Press Club at which he provided background information and schedule details about the November 23-30th festival. He also cited Rev. Moon as saying, “There can only be a peaceful family of nations when you have nations of peaceful families.” As with previous festivals, the schedule included an array of conferences, a youth sports competition and the Blessing. These were to be complemented by week-long cultural activities: an international art exhibit, jazz concert, various classical recitals, ballet, and a “Love Alive Concert” to benefit The Hospital for Sick Children of Washington, D.C. In addition, there would be a parade and rally by the Pure Love Alliance, a national movement-related organization which promoted sexual abstinence. The Blessing, billed as “True Love Day at JFK,” was to include such world-class entertainers as Latin pop idol Jon Secada, Korean rock superstar Cho Young Pil and American Grammy Award-winning singer-actress Whitney Houston. A twilight laser and fireworks display was to conclude the event.

It was fairly obvious even by October 29th that WCSF III would fall short of “restoring the community” and “renewing Washington.” A stronger case could be made for the Festival’s role in “rebuilding the family.” However, even if this were not conceded, so long as WCSF III was accepted by the local establishment, it still would be counted as an advance. Here the movement got off to a promising start. Mayor Marion Barry extended an invitation for WCSF IV from the government of a “big Asian country.” The mobilization of 30,000 pre-Blessed couples to fill RFK Stadium was the top priority of members in the field. The general direction was each tribal minister from the wider D.C. area. It also arranged for various pack-trips also included a monument tour. Costs were kept low. For example, the upstate New York fee was $160 per couple. Fees were less for those residing closer and hoped for the best.

In most respects, they were not disappointed. The front-page headline in the December issue of Unification News described Blessing ’97 at RFK as a “Resounding Victory.” In the lead piece, Richard Lewis commented on the “unseasonably balmy air,” the “crowds everywhere,” the palpity number of demonstrators whom he described as “gpilute a drop from the massed protestors we had to run the gauntlet of the presence of so many ordi-...nial communications director Michael May was asked to comment on what her absence meant, replied, “in a word: refund.”

The mainstream media generally ran straightforward and respectful accounts of the event. However, during the preceeding week, The Washington Post published a series of articles that depicted Blessing ’97 as a “Moonie” affair. Chris Corcoran, the church’s public relations director, pointed out that it was the first major newspaper to use that epithet in an article about the Festival. The series, as a whole, depicted the Unification Church as a cult, its members as barely knowing their church-selected marriage partners, and questioned whether WCSF III was a “Festival of Faith or Self-Promotion?” The series unfortunately had a chilling effect locally. Mayor Barry decided to spend the weekend out of town, and local Catholics ran spots on Span-...ish radio discouraging the faithful from attending. It also may have helped induce Whit-ney Houston’s sudden illness. Most importantly, the series ran directly counter to the movement’s core strategy of making the Blessing “ours” in Washington, D.C. event. The movement hoped that WCSF III would appeal directly to the “mainstream.” That obviously had not happened. In fact, The Washington Post did its utmost to con-sider the movement a “minority religious group.” The media picked up on this and distinguished between the “mass wedding” and “marriage redefinition” aspects of the ceremony. However, the ques-tion of whether the movement should act in self-consciousness, whether there were two categories of sanctification, the opening of the Blessing, the less-ening of ritual requirements, the empowerment of members and even pre-Blessed couples to conduct Blessings, and the determination of WCSF III organ-izers to go mainstream reflected a universal approach. Yet the segregation of “newly-matched” member couples on the stadium floor from previously-married couples in the bleachers suggested that the transition from closed to open Blessings had not yet been fully realized. It raised the question of whether some couples might be more blessed than others. This was not experienced as a tension at RFK. Nevertheless, as the numbers zoomed into the hundreds of mil-lions, questions as to the meaning and purpose of mass Blessings arose for many. "blessings. Over the field,” and the "fabulous" fireworks. Of course, nothing could be more effective. Lee had suggested that the entertainment program’s headline, Whit-ney Houston, was a no-show. However, he cited nation-al communications director Michael May when he was asked to comment on what her absence meant, replied, “in a word: refund.”

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Blessing ’97 at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C.
The circular man-made labyrinth is the design of Chartres Cathedral in France. This is an eleven circuit labyrinth, which is the design we followed in building the labyrinth at UTS.

Guidelines for Walking

Ideally, we approach our walk without expectations. The labyrinth is many things for many people, and each walk is usually a completely different experience. It can be a place of reflection, recognition, tears and laughter. You may experience immediate clarity and insight or your experience may not be apparent for some time. Labyrinths can be walked individually, with a friend, as a couple, with your family or in a group. It takes about half an hour to walk the labyrinth, depending upon how long you spend in the center.

Three stages can be recognized when walking a labyrinth: journeying inward, time in the center and the outward journey. Prior to entering or at the end of the path, pause to reflect and make a prayer or intention for the walk, quieting your mind and opening your heart.

Step by step, you walk to the center following the path. This is often a time for “letting go”, breathing deeply, being present in the moment. There are no “wrong turns”; the path leads to the center so you can relax into the walk. The four major directions, North, South, East and West are marked on the outer circle providing good places to pause and reflect. Arriving at the center can be a time of receiving God’s love and guidance. The rosette pattern in the center represents God, and is composed of petals symbolizing the six realms of creation: mineral, plant, animal, human, spirit and the divine.

Standing in each petal helps us connect to healing energies from each realm. Four tree stumps have also been placed in the center of the UTS labyrinth. Here you can sit and reflect upon the realms of creation: mineral, plant, animal, human, spiritual and the divine. When ready, the walk from the center back out returns us to our lives, and we bring with us what we have gained from the walk, empowered to take action.

Each walk is a unique experience. It is a good idea to walk labyrinths as part of your ongoing spiritual practice, as they have a cumulative effect.

It was a labor of love to build the labyrinth, which took my husband Chris and I almost a year to complete. We began on our own, with a friend and her husband and dog. We worked from 7:30 to 9:30 every Friday and Saturday morning for a year to complete. We began to value the quieting of my mind and I am free to be me. The labyrinth is an act of authenticity.

What makes this place so sacred and special? How is it so conducive to meeting and communicating with God? What is a labyrinth anyway?

A labyrinth walk is a spiritual tool, a meditation walk or body prayer. Labyrinths are patterns on the ground; they can be made on grass marked with stones or brick, or dug in sand or snow even painted on canvases or on tarps, and people walk their clearly marked paths. Their circular shape symbolizes unity and wholeness. The meaning of unity within the circle is a metaphor for the journey of life or our spiritual journeys. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has only one path that leads to a central point and back out again. Walking a labyrinth allows us to aid healing, relieve stress, help in releasing grief, aid in decision making, guide us through trying times, illuminate our purpose in life, and be a tool of celebration and thanks.

The circular mandala designs of labyrinths are found in cultures throughout the world. They decorate prehistoric tombs and can be seen in African, Australian and Indian artifacts, some keying elements being: The Hopi Indian medicine wheel, the Jewish Cabala and Tibetan labyrinths. The oldest labyrinth pattern was discovered on stone tablets in Greece, dating back to 2000 BC. Early Christian labyrinths date back to the 4th Century. Perhaps the most famous labyrinth, dating back to the thirteenth century, is found built into the stone floor of Chartres Cathedral in France. This is an eleven circuit labyrinth, which is the design we followed in building the labyrinth at UTS.

A Sacred Walk - The Labyrinth At UTS

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Friday evening October 18th

A Sacred Walk: The Labyrinth at UTS

by Gillian Corcoran

ost of my life I’ve been a morning person, especially liking to greet the day with an early morn-

ing walk. My favorite place to walk is in these awakening, dewy moments is the labyrinth at UTS. It is an intimate place and time where I can meet and communicate with God. I’ve come to value the quieting of my mind and the opening of my heart which enables me to not only talk to, but really listen to God.

In this sacred and special place, together with God, I’ve shared the hopes and wonders of new beginnings with the rising sun enveloped in the soft embrace of morn-

ing mists, laughed and cried in cleansing rains, and dreamed with the wind. We’ve shared the mysteries of the moon rising through trees, and even crouched our way through the snow with freez-

ing toes and glowing hearts. In the labyrinth I experience God’s love and I am free to be me. The labyrinth is a place of authenticity.

Summer and Winter Solstice. We held a Circle of Peace candlelight vigil in commemoration of loved ones lost in the 9/11 tragedy; we will have a walk of gratitude on Thanksgiving Day and walks to prepare for the New Year on Dec 31st, and to begin the New Year on the right foot on Jan 1st, 2004. We are also holding a Labyrinth Retreat on Saturday October 11th from 10 am to 4 pm.

We’ve met wonderful new people each time we held an event. Walking together with others creates an imme-

diate bond that is deep and heartistic even when we haven’t met before. One lady shared that she just didn’t want to leave as she hadn’t felt such peace in a long time. Another said she had found her spiritual family. One person went home after walking, picked up the phone and reconnected someone for the first time in 30 years. To really understand how wonderful labyrinths can be, walk a labyrinth yourself. Come to ours at UTS or go to www.labyrinth-society.org the labyrinth locators and find one near your home.

You will find the UTS labyrinth in a sheltered and serene meadow, surrounded by trees, about 100 yards behind the school. You can take either the path that leads to Father’s trail or the one that goes to the potato barn as the labyrinth is nestled in the mead-

ow between the two paths. A bench dedicated to Andrew Byrne is situat-

ed in a meditation garden next to the labyrinth.

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Examining the Word

Material

Archaeologists discover evidence about the Bible, and the lives of those who founded religions. We discussed these last month.

People do their best to live by the Word. They are known, most simply, as believers. Their turn will be next month.

Some people spend their professional lives examining sacred words. These scholars are called theologians.

Scrutiny

Most religions have theologians.

Faiths such as Japan's Shintoism, which is based upon ethereal mythology, and rituals held at ancient shrines, require no elaborate theology.

The Muslim faith, with its 'original' language scriptures, and no central authority, hosts numerous imams and other clerics. Some are academically certified, others self-educated. In countless Islamic villages, their word is law. Anyone who watches the news knows how their temperament can be.

Judaism is famous for its Talmud, and other detailed self-examinations of that faith. For centuries, thousands of Rabbinists have spent their lives memorizing those texts, then applying their wisdom to contemporary life.

The Rabbi's task hasn't gotten any easier. Some ultra-Orthodox sects once decided that 'flipping a light switch' equals 'lighting a fire,' and is thus forbidden during the Sabbath. In response, Israeli scientists invented a room light that didn't have to be manually switched on.

Your author is most familiar with Christianity, so that'll be our main focus. How much scrutiny can the Bible stand? It's possible to obtain a Doctorate of Theology, and a few brilliant Universalists have done exactly that.

Such advanced knowledge can be a fount of wisdom and guidance. Yet, a high percentage of the world's theologians have managed to become agnostics—even atheists. How does that happen?

Details

You've heard the old saying about, "Can't see the forest for the trees." That is, getting so bogged down in detailed analysis that the big picture is lost.

Evidence is important, and yet, it can be (in different cases) so sketchy, or so vukonamous, that one's focus can become quite selective, and even distorted. Many theologians aren't just missing the forest for the trees; they're getting obsessed with a couple of pine needles!

Philosophers are the same way. Some demand such rigorous proofs, for any translation brings tremendous richness and understanding, and makes for better Sunday sermons, too. Just as Muslims worldwide learn Arabic, many Universalists study Korean.

Off Track

Decades ago, Rev. Moon warned that the Left had infiltrated many Christian churches. This was, and to some extent remains, a deliberate effort to weaken that faith.

By now, a large portion of affected theologians don't even believe in God. Some who do believe look to Marxist-style revolutions to carry out His supposed will on earth. This is called Liberation Theology.

Recently, homosexual activists have won over some major denominations. While officially disavowing that lifestyle, the Catholic church has allowed many of its seminaries (and even monasteries) to be overrun by gay men, to the point they will reject any newcomers who are judged to be 'straight.'

No doubt every church has gays in its ranks. Your author knows a gay Christian who is more humble, and compas-
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