True Parents’ Birthday Celebrated in Korea

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

We began the birthday morning of January 27, 2004 with 7 AM Pledge service at Han Nam Dong in our Holy Robes. It was very beautiful and filled with the sense of purity and love. Rev. Kwak carefully prepared each and every step of the service and then just before True Parents entered he uncovered the traditional meal that is offered to Parents and the Heavenly Father. The care with which Rev. Kwak did this was very moving.

True Parents entered and Father lit the 7 Candles that

We sincerely thank you all for your prayers and sacrifices to make the February 4th event a very historic and central dispensational victory for God’s providence. Many internal and external challenges came to block this historic event. Our mission was to transfer the victory of the Coronation ceremony of December 22nd to the World through the same ceremony being conducted in Washington D.C.

In this ceremony the Jewish Leaders supported by Christians and Moslems gave Jesus a crown as the King of Peace and the
what kind of world would have been realized if Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors, had not fallen? Adam would have become the head of that tribe, and the king of that nation. That world would have begun with the fall of the first human ancestors. Our world was reduced to being under the dominion of Satan, a world that had nothing to do with God. Humankind was originally meant to live in a peaceful kingdom for eternity, with God as their True Parent. But instead, human beings became the head of that nation, the king of that tribe, and the king of that nation. That kind of world would have been Adam’s world, where only the tradition, language, culture, and lifestyle of that tribe, and the king of that nation. That world would have begun with the fall of the first human ancestors. Our world was reduced to being under the dominion of Satan, a world that had nothing to do with God. Humankind was originally meant to live in a peaceful kingdom for eternity, with God as their True Parent. But instead, human beings have become the head of that tribe, and the king of that nation.

This has brought great anguish to God. World ridden with sin and suffering. The barriers of conflict and selfishness rooted in the human body that the individual exist even between societies and nations like an impregnable fortress. Human beings were supposed to live as brothers and sisters, yet the inter-racial strife that we see today still remains as a crucial problem threatening world peace. Religions originally had the mission of reviving human spirituality, whereby accomplishing the will of God by bringing humankind back to Him. But religions have abandoned their original mission and instead are lost in the swamp of prejudice and conflict. This has escalated to the point where, in the context of your own life. Contrary to the will of the Creator, our minds and bodies are in constant struggle and conflict. Has there been anyone who has completely unified his or her mind and body? Among the six billion people of this world today, has there been anyone who has lived according to the original relationship, where the body is in complete submission to the mind? What about the societies and nations of today’s world? The barriers of conflict and selfishness rooted in the mind and body of the individual exist even between societies and nations like an impregnable fortress. Human beings were supposed to live as brothers and sisters, yet the inter-racial strife that we see today still remains as a crucial problem threatening world peace. Religions originally had the mission of reviving human spirituality, whereby accomplishing the will of God by bringing humankind back to Him. But religions have abandoned their original mission and instead are lost in the swamp of prejudice and conflict. This has escalated to the point where, in the context of your own life. Contrary to the will of the Creator, our minds and bodies are in constant struggle and conflict. Has there been anyone who has completely unified his or her mind and body? Among the six billion people of this world today, has there been anyone who has lived according to the original relationship, where the body is in complete submission to the mind? What about the societies and nations of today’s world? The barriers of conflict and selfishness rooted in the mind and body of the individual exist even between societies and nations like an impregnable fortress.

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Perfected Adam and Eve would have communicated directly with God using their five spiritual senses, and at the same time, they would have freely worked with the creation using their five physical senses. They would have lived as true masters, true parents, and true kings representing both the spiritual and physical worlds.

But, with the fall of the first human the position of servant of servants. Because God is a God of principle and law, He would not break the principles by which He created nor violate the ideal of creation that He established. So He has had to wait tens of thousands of years before introducing the Messiah to the course of the providence of salvation. Different religions refer to this person by different names—such as Maitreya, the Man of the True Way, or the Coming Saviour—but the person needed by humankind to open the way.

Ladies and gentlemen, Heaven sent Jesus to the earth 2,000 years as the Messiah. Jesus was none other than the one who came to embrace the children who had lost their parents and to restore them back to the original ideal of Heaven. He was the True Parent. Through the Fall, Adam and Eve lost their positions as True Parents. They failed to receive God’s blessing and so could not form a union as a true husband and wife, and could not produce true children. Their failure meant God could not embrace three generations of His lineage, including His grandchildren. So God tearfully made preparations over a period of thousands of years, establishing the kingdom of Israel as His chosen people. And then He sent Jesus, the Saviour and Messiah, through the lineage of Abraham. Jesus came as the commander-in-chief for the struggle to establish the sovereignty, territory, and people of a single nation of God for the first time in history. In His foundation, He would then restore the whole world from Satan’s false blood lineage to the true blood lineage of God’s goodness.

Truly, though, Jesus was unjustly put to death on the cross, because He was not received by the people of Israel, when God had chosen. The Messiah, Jesus, who should have restored the position of True Parents, then produced true children, and risen to the position of King of Kings, was prevented from ascending the position of a true husband with God’s Marriage Blessing. Because of this, he could not establish the position of True Parents or multiply true children. Instead He died on the cross.

The ‘Marriage of the Lamb’ that the Book of Revelation in the New Testament speaks of is none other than the ceremony by which the Messiah receives a bride and forms a union of true husband and wife. If Judaism had received and attended Jesus at that time, then the world of God’s earnest desire, the world of His original ideal of creation, the peaceful Kingdom of Heaven, would have been realized on the earth at that time through Jesus’ kenosis. As it was, the True Parent providence intended to be fulfilled by Jesus, the second Adam, was therefore the proof of the faithlessness of those who had been chosen. As a result, humankind was forced to wait for the Second Coming of the Messiah. Heaven, though, had

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The Messiah and True Parents

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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This banquet was prepared to celebrate my 86th birth- day and the birthday of my wife, Dr. Hak-Ja Han Moon. Instead of receiving con- gratulations on our birthdays, though, the two of us would prefer to offer this banquet to the saints and sages in the spirit world who are present here now, to the blessed fam- ilies of the spirit world, and to the participants of the World Summit on Leadership and Governance.

I understand that you have been engaged in many discussions and meetings during the past few days on the theme, “Good Governance—A World in Crisis.” I know that your hard work and pas- sion will combine to create the opportunity for new hopes and dreams to be planted in a world that, until now, seems to slide deeper into crisis with each passing day. I would like to express my sincer- est gratitude to each of you again for coming to my home- land, Korea, to join me in opening the fourth year of Chun Il Guk (the King- dom of Peace and Unification). This is a new year of great hope and this evening, in keeping with a tradition I have maintained through- out my life of more than 80 years of only speaking the will of Heaven, I would like to convey to you Heaven’s message.

In the beginning, human beings were created as God’s children. They were to have become the embodied, horizontal True Parents. In such a world, the word “messiah” would never have been the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Human beings would have automatically been registered as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven in ancestors, all humanity descended into a hopeless hell from which they could not escape by their efforts alone. Their five spiritual senses became completely paralyzed. They fell into a state simi- lar to that of a blind man whose eyes only appear to be normal to an observ- er but do not function at all. Forced to live with just their five physical sens- es, they became only half human. They could not see God. They could not hear His voice, or feel His touch. So how could they experience His love as their own Parent or understand His suffer- ing heart?

Satan forced his way into the true- parent position that rightfully belonged to God, falsely pretending to be the par- ent. He placed humanity in complete bondage, making them His slaves. For this reason, the love, life, and lineage that we possess today is false. It is pre- cisely that false love, false life, and false lineage first planted in Adam and Eve that persists in us today.

What great pain God must have felt as He watched humanity, though born to be His direct lineal children, receive Satan’s false lineage and descend to and the person sought by God, is only one person—the Messiah and True Par- ents.

Then who is the Messiah, and what is he like? He is the owner and sub- stantiation of faith, hope, and love not only for the individual but also for the family, tribe, society, nation, world, and cosmos. And only in an age when human- ity attends this person as the Messi- ah, will the faith and hope that still remain, finally bear fruit. The life and breath of human history is contained within this fruit. Our past, present, and future are linked to it. This fruit is linked not only to human beings but to Heaven as well. The Messiah comes for the sake of human beings, who became forlorn orphans after losing their parents through the Fall. He becomes our substantial True Parent, True Owner, True Teacher, and True King. He is the substantiation of God’s true love, true life, and true lineage, coming to restore His lost children, who have been groaning in travail under a false parent, to bring them back to their rightful positions as the true sons and daughters of God.

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and war. Where does our original mind lead us? Does it indicate that we desire to live expressed within the many walls and boundaries that surround us? It does not. The world that we desire is a place without barriers or barriers seen. It is a world of freedom and peace. All people long for that kind of original humanism. It is the fatherland that for thousands of years God has sought to establish. Likewise, it is the fatherland that humankind has longed for throughout history. Of course, when we talk about a “fatherland” it may denote a particular nation, but the original fatherland cannot be compared to any nation of the today’s secular world.

To establish a nation there needs to be sovereignty, people and territory. When we look at history we can see the rise and fall of nations, the countless transitions of sovereignties and a great many lives sacrificed in the process. All martyrs died in the hope that the original fatherland would someday appear. But that does not mean that the United States, Korea, or any other nation can become the fatherland which these people have longed for. It would be a place where there is neither democracy nor communism. Such a fatherland would have no need for any religion. It is a world that does not commit the folly of trying to measure the value of human life by the color of his skin. It is a place that does not allow any form of boundary or national border, including the barriers that divide the mind and body within each individual, bringing pain to them all.

Ladies and gentlemen!

This very planet earth on which we live—the entire globe—is the very fatherland that humanity has longed for. It is the fatherland for which God has longed for thousands of years. Humankind now has the responsibility to establish a nation in line with God’s standards and to remove evil from this earth by rendering judgment upon Satan who has been the arch-enemy in front of heaven until now. In so doing, a heavenly kingdom of peace on earth, with goodness at its center, will be brought about. We must never forget that this has been the desire of God, the desire of Jesus, and the desire of our ancestors who have contributed to the course of God’s providence by going the path of martyrdom. But that kind of ideal world is not created automatically. It is not something that anyone can have by just wishing for it. It is impossible to attain unless we, the offspring of the fall, receive a new blood lineage through the Marriage Blessing and practice a God, who would not engage in creation and destruction at whim in disregard of the very principles of creation that He Himself set up.

Therefore, this is the reason why I have been conducting the Marriage Blessing providence throughout the past several decades. Humankind, who had inherited false life, false love and life of true love. Then what is a life of true love? In a nutshell, it is “living for the sake of others.” It is living for the sake of others before you even wish for the other to do something for you, a life of living for the sake of the others and forgetting that you ever gave. It is not giving in hopes of receiving something in return. It is a life where you give and give, regretting nothing for not having given more. Even as you give, you bow your head in humility. Thus, Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” He also said that “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Even our almighty Creator, false lineage due to the fall of the first human ancestors, had no choice but to live this false kind of life. Thus my wife and I began our God-given mission as the True Parents. Throughout our lives we have walked a lonely path to carry out this heavenly decree to eliminate Satan, the devil, through the Marriage Blessing providence and, as the True Parents, to bequeath true life, true love, and the true lineage to humanity. We knew that God could not do anything about the false blood lineage because it had been planted by the false parents. Upon this victorious foundation of having fulfilled all the necessary indemnity conditions, my wife and I stand as the True Parents. We have been multiplying the true blood lineage by separating humanity from the blood lineage of the false olive tree and engrafting them to the true olive tree. A false olive tree will always remain as a false olive tree, even for thousands of years; only by engrafting to the true olive tree can the lineage be changed.

The bright age of heaven is upon us now. Please accept my message with hope. The marriage blessing history began with just three couples in the 1960s has now reached 400 million couples around the world. Furthermore, there are more than 120 billion blessed couples living in the spirit world. The field of the true olive tree has now overwhelmed the field of the wild olive trees. All these blessed families are united in the life of “Living for the sake of others.” The life of the true olive trees, through the true blood lineage, is now spreading like wild fire throughout the entire world. In this way God’s Fatherland and Peace Kingdom, a nation of joy and happiness, a nation of freedom and hope can become the brave soldiers of heaven and earth. Our goal is already set. The flag of the Peace United Nation is already waving high. The battle cry of victory is rupturing across the world. Victories are won in America, Europe, Jerusalem, Palestine, and all borders will be realized on this earth.

They say, “blessed are those who have faith”. On this meaningful day I would like to ask you all to engrave this message in the deep center of your heart. I pray that you all join in the grace of the Marriage Blessing and create a great revolution of lineage.

I dearly hope that you will all become the brave soldiers of heaven, courageously standing on the front line of God’s providence in order to build God’s fatherland on this earth, so that the Peace Kingdom can prosper for all eternity.

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Mercy yet again on pitiful humankind.

Heaven gave its blessing for the Messiah of the Second Commanding to appear on the foundation of the spiritual restoration Jesus carried out throughout the 2,000 years of Christian history. The returning Messiah comes with the incredible burden of completing the mission of True Parents. To accomplish his mission, he must first, above everything else, achieve victory over the satanic realm. He must then go on to achieve victory in the spiritual realm as well. He must fully engage the satanic and spiritual realms, both of which cannot be sensed through the five physical senses, and be victorious in the life-and-death battle to subjugate the devil, Satan. Additionally, he must win over the many religious and philosophical leaders who are in the spirit world. None of this, however, can be accomplished through forced subjugation. Centering on God’s character of absolute love, he must convince them by revealing the universal principles of religion and the universe and in this way bring them to a natural surrender. Reverend Moon, who stands here before you, is the one who has appeared in this world bearing this incredible mission of the True Parent.

The phrase, “True Parent,” does not appear in any encyclopedia. It is not a phrase that I created, nor is it something that even in the world can attach to my name easily. Instead, it is the destiny and blessing that Heaven has bestowed on my wife and me. The position of True Parent carries with it the vertical mission of Savior, Messiah, and returning Lord, responsibilities that have never been realized before in history or ever seen in the future. For this reason, human beings still affiliated with the fallen realm must fulfill a new kind of task in order to attend the True Parents and accomplish Heaven’s will.

First, they must participate in and complete a revolution of indemnity. See MESSIAH on page 9.
by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The IIPC held a summit conference on January 28, 2004 in Seoul, Korea. The historic Interreligious and International Peace Council is substanti- 03.01.04_103_nal and rapidly growing strong and effective. The growth of the relationships that have developed between many current and former Prime Ministers and Presidents and heads of state together with their top religious leaders is getting very deep and solid centering on True Parents through Rev. Chong Heon Kwak. Dr. Tom Walsh has led the IIFWP team are making us all proud to be a part of this historic conference and the providence that is unfold- ing. Dr. Walsh has led the IIFWP centering on Rev. Kwak to become a global organization of peace that connects the hearts and minds of the worlds leaders centering on the fundamental Universal principles of Peace that Father posed at the UN and through his interreligious and intercultural teachings. These principles such as 1. God is the Parent of Humankind, that is the Heavenly Father. 2. Man is essential a Spiritual Being - a being of mind and heart. The heart must be healed and the mind must be responsible to bring peace on earth. 3. Living for the Sake of Others is the key to peace. 4. Marriage is a SACRED UNION and the Family is the school of love. 5. That Interre- ligious and International Peace Council is essential for peace. The Inter- religious council of cooperative religious and NGO lead- ers centering on commonly shared religious principles can set the stage to support the leadership of the polit- ical leaders. Reconciliation based on Loving one’s enemy is a central prin- ciple to bring forward to the nations here. Also key action principles such as Peace begins with personal trans- formation through a relationship with God. Through seeing God’s point of view we begin to see all as broth- ers and sisters. Interreligious Har- mony and Cooperation is a prereq- usite for Peace. Through the Prac- tice of True Love divisions can be bridged and bar- riers overcome. The World is at a Crit- ical turning point, bold and unsellish leadership is required. This conference displayed a signif- cant advancement on Father’s teach- ing. When pre- sents through our various sessions it provides a rich and comprehensive understanding of how we are to cre- ate a new world. Rev. Kwak’s address is the cornerstone of the Conference and the central point of reference for Father’s teaching. It is so well respect- ed by the participants that it is often quoted and referred to. The depth of True Parents teaching is being con- veyed by the most seasoned and expe- rienced IIFWP leaders and the con- ference and roundtables.

The practical application through the Ambassador for Peace in all con- tinents and the application and pres- entation in each section gave the whole conference an understanding of how the IIPC is already “acting” on many fronts and bringing significant change. From the Dr. Kim and the Speaker of the House of the Philippines, to Africa (Vice President Mumba) to Russia, and Europe to North and South Korea and especially now with the breakthroughs in the Middle East from America to the UN - the IIPC is moving the people of conscience toward the Peace Kingdom. From the grassroots to the Parliaments of the world, IIPC is there and is grow- ing and helping the world’s leaders to understand the essential principles and processes of Good Governance. God’s Fatherland and the Peace King- dom are real. The world is moving. Coming together in Rev. Kwak, the Continental Directors, Dr. Walsh and all of the IIPC !!!! This is the Day of the Lord.

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This means they must cast everything aside and follow the True Parents. They must cast aside their friends and teach- ers, even their parents, and follow the True Parents. It is only when every- thing is cast aside and a standard of “total living offering” is made that Heav- en can bestow blessings and grace upon us. This means that humanity must mercilessly eradicate all bonds and relationships with the satanic world, not showing even the slightest attach- ment, and in this way, return to the zero point and mark the dawning of a new creation.

Second, they must complete a rev- olution of conscience. This means that they must maintain a tradition of true love, true life, and true lineage in accor- dance with the predestination of the original mind and conscience endowed in us by God. They must do this with- out even the smallest variance, regard- less of whatever worldly sovereignty or ideology they may encounter. They must live a life of “noon-time settlement,” where they do not leave any shadow or even a speck of shame in the pres- ence of the spiritual and physical worlds. The revolution of conscience is com- pleted when our lives reach a harmo- nious state of one mind, one body, one thought, and so establish the realm of pure love and pure lineage as an eternal and unchanging tradition in which the age of unity and harmony blos- soms.

The third condition is a revolution of heart. This means that humanity must complete a world of true love in which God will want to come to human beings, consult us on all matters, and will want to reside with us. In other words, the revolution of heart is a rev- olution of true love. “Living for the sake of others” speaks of the practice of unchanging, sacrificial love. Think what it would be like if all of us lived for the sake of others more than for ourselves. God, the root source of true love, would reside within us and would live for our sake. What greater joy and glory could there be for us? Wherever the revolu- tion of heart has been completed, there

should be no such thing as family break- down, racial strife, international bor- der disputes, friction between religions, or any other vestiges of the satanic world. An eternal Peace Kingdom will be established. Respected guests, in 1996 my wife and I declared an end to the Unifica- tion Church and gave it a new begin- ning as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in order to ful- fill the heavenly command to build a world of peace on the earth. The will of Heaven resides in human peace grounded in true families, not in the progress of any particular church or religion. Over the past decades, we have carried out many activities on interre- ligious and international levels. On this foundation, we founded the Interreli- gious and International Peace Coun- cil, that is, “the Peace U.N.,” in New York on October 3, 2003, as a way of making a substantial beginning toward realizing a world of peace. A movement to remove crosses from church buildings in accordance with the declaration is spreading like wild- fire in many areas of the world. Thou- sands of clergy have journeyed to Jerusalem, the epicenter of the strife in the Middle East, to participate in interreligious and international peace rallies. On December 22, 2003, many Jewish, Christian, and Muslim clergy took such a step. They sang the praises of peace, and performed a cer- emony to crown Jesus as the King of Kings. It was a miracle performed in Jerusalem’s Independence Park before a crowd of some 20,000 people. This was a day when Jesus’ grid was resolved and the victory of True Parents could be declared to all of heaven and earth. Ladies and gentlemen, in the same way that the mission of True Parents, to which my wife and I have been called, is a matter of heavenly destiny, your mission and that of heaven is to join hands with us in building a peaceful Kingdom of Heaven on this earth. Now, Heaven’s time has come.

May each of you be able to return to your communities and become pas- sionate workers as messiahs and true servants to Reford to bring about world peace.
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On Good Governance

The principle of “living for the sake of others” is not the teaching of any single religion or moral philosophy. One can find it represented in the sacred writings of virtually all the world’s great religions, not to mention the great moral philosophers. Not only is it a great teaching, but it is a principle of action and a practice. We recognize this principle at work in the lives of Jesus, Moses, Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, Socrates, Gandhi, etc.

Our greatest religious founders under-stood this principle to be as basic as the natural laws of the universe, such as the law of gravity or the laws of mathematics, physics or chemistry. When we violate this law, there are grave consequences. Peace itself has its foundation in the application of this principle.

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Peace, most fundamentally, has to do with the quality of relationships. Peace obtains when relationships are harmonious, even-tempered and cooperative. Harmony is obtained in the natural order as objects follow the laws of the universe. Harmony and peace can be obtained in the human order when we follow the spiritual and moral laws of the universe.

For this reason, without an understanding of God, and God’s principles, peace will never be achieved. As human beings, we are not merely physical beings, for we have been created also as spiritual beings. We are spiritual beings who exist in physical bodies throughout our lifetime on earth. At a certain point in time, each of us will pass out of our physical existence. However, we will continue to exist as spiritual beings, and we will each dwell in the spiritual world for eternity.

The reason the world’s great spiritual teachers have advised us to live according to spiritual principles and to avoid being taken up with material pleasures and com-forts is precisely because our physical life is so temporary. In fact our physical life is little more than a training ground or preparatory school for our eternal life. Just as life in the womb precedes and prepares us for our life on earth, our life on earth precedes and prepares us for our life in the spiritual world.

When we think of peace, we must think on many levels. Too often we associate peace with the administration of political power. That is, we often think that peace can be brought into being by an external force or by some external law. Peace, however, does not begin from the realm of politics or govern-ment. Peace begins with the individual.

Furthermore, peace moves from the most internal dimension to the external, from invisible to visible and from spiritual to physical. Thus, when we speak of the individual as the foundation of peace, we refer most funda-mentally to the internal character and spiritual awareness of the indi-vidual.

The first challenge for peace is my own self. I cannot expect to create a world of peace, regardless of the situation in the external world. Thus the basis of peace is to solve the problem of my individual character. And, solving the individual character problem is primarily a matter of spiritual development.

Our theme for this conference is concerned with good governance. Good governance is not simply related to governments. Good governance refers to the way in which we manage or govern a given area or realm of responsibility. We may therefore talk about global governance, for example when we consider the United Nations, or individual governance, when we think of a particular human being.

Just as peace begins with the individual, good governance also begins with the individual, and has to be primarily with the way in which any given person manages their own desires, interests, appetites, passions, duties and obliga-tions. If a person allows selfish desires to dominate them, or if they become enslaved by physical appetites or passions, we may say that a given person is not capable of good self-govern-ance. Moreover, and this is a very important point, such a person is not likely to be able to practice good governance in other social contexts, for example in a family.

Goverance of a household or family is the responsibility of the husband and wife, the parents. If a husband or wife has not been able to successfully practice self-governance, they are ill-equipped to function well as either a spouse or a parent. Stated a bit dif-ferently, a person who cannot master his or her own desires and who cannot become a person of good charac-ter, is not able to become a good spouse, and cannot in turn become a good parent. A true parent is one who has gained self-master and established a loving, coopera-tious relationship with their spouse.
and ‘governs’ the family in a responsible, loving and productive way. Further, the government that intercedes in the personal and household needs of the members of the household, that is not merely external, is providing an environment of true love, respect, compassion and care. Thus, governance in the family includes physical care, spiritual care, education and the practice of true love. Successful parents are parents who practice the principle of living for the sake of others.

Governance also applies to a wide range of social contexts, including businesses, schools, civic organizations, and religions. Often we associate govern-ance with boards that have the responsibility of overseeing the leadership and work of a given institution, such as a church, a university, an NGO or a business. In such cases, good govern-ance is associated with qualities such as responsibility, accountability, fiscal responsibility, honesty, etc. Directors and trustees take responsibility to assure that the religious institution is performing in accordance with its mission and purpose. A good director or trustee, once again, is one who acts for an unselfish purpose, and who has achieved a level of self-mastery that allows them to live a public life.

We all are aware of institutions that are not governed according to moral prin-ciples. In many cases, for example, the profit motive has caused corporations to function immorally, violating the trust and the investments of shareholders, not to mention custo-mers and other stakeholders. In the realm of politics, we often note individuals who are more concerned with fame, power and privilege than with the public good. Good govern-ance, even in good character. As we lose sight of this principle, and as we entrust the power with people who are not persons of good character, we invite corruption, which in turn destroys trust and leads to disharmony and, ultimately conflict. Although we tend to see religions and non-profit organiza-tions as exempt from corruption and moral failure, the history of bad governance within religious institutions and within nonprofit organizations is also rife with failure. When religious leaders guide their followers according to narrow or self-centered principles, they are not practicing good governance. When non-governmental organizations become special interest groups that only seek the immediate and narrow success of their particular community, we are witnessing a break-down of public trust, making peace so much harder to achieve.

In the era of the Peace Kingdom, boards that have the primary responsibility of each cit-izen. The key to self-governance is the develop-ment of a true moral character which is based on a heart of true love. Moral character emerges as the conscience develops through the governance within God’s love and truth. Moral character also is strengthened by a deep aware-ness of the reality of our spiritual institution is per-forming in accordance with its mission and purpose. A good leader or member, once again, is one who acts for an unselfish purpose, and who has achieved a level of self-mastery that allows them to live a public life.

Thus, good govern-ance is not brought into being by exter-nal forces or power. Rather, as we mature and per-fect ourselves in the true love of God, good govern-ance will emerge naturally and in accordance with this original ideal, without coercion or force.

A peace kingdom is a king-dom of self-governing men and women. It is not a realm ruled by any single dictator or leader, or through any external power or military force. Through the practice of true love, all citizens of the peace kingdom are to be owners and lead-ers of the peace kingdom. Peace pro-ceeds from the individual to the family, to the society, the nation and the politi-cal world. Like-wise good govern-ence proceeds from the individual to the family to the society to the nation and the world. Good governance, like peace, has its foundation in the prin-ciple of living for the sake of others. The Peace Kingdom is established as we each come to inherit the true love of God, applying the prin-ciple of living for the sake of others in our families, our religions, our associations, and in our gov-ernments. We inherit the true love of God on the foundation of harmony, unity and cooperation.

This inheritance has two dimensions. The first refers to the internal tradition and culture of true love that we pass on from one gen-eration to the next through our fami-ly’s lineage. A second dimension refers to the external system of governance that we pass on from one gen-eration to the next to be embraced with a heart of responsibility and ownership that is rooted in true love.

During the course of this Summit, we will have the chance to celebrate and honor the birth-day of the Founders of the IIFWP and IIPC. Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, Rev. Moon, is celebrating his 84th birthday, and Mrs. Moon her 61st. Their entire lives have been devoted to the realization of a universal Peace Kingdom centered on the true love and principle of God. They have worked to establish a world without boundaries, a realm that is beyond race, religion, culture or national boundaries.

As we participate in this World Sum-mit, we will have the opportunity to study and learn from the Founder’s vision and the core principles, values and peace strategies that underlie the work of the IIFWP and the IIPC. This is not an ordinary conference or summit, for truly we are standing on the threshold of the age of universal peace, the age that all humankind has longed for. As we gather here let us reflect deeply on our world, its critical problems, and the ways in which we can work together as a worldwide com-munity of Ambassadors for Peace. Dr. Moon has called the IIPC a “Peace United Nations”. A “Peace United Nations” is one that lives according to the prin-ciple of true love, liv-ing for the sake of oth-ers. Let us work together to build precisely this kind of institution.

In the 21st century we will witness many dramatic changes. In particular, the coming new era will be characterized by three pri-mary developments. First of all, there will be a growing interest among people in the spiri-tual reality which sur-rounds us. Whereas, recent history has been overly mate-rialistic and humanistic in the spirit of even our religious institutions are in the mid- of a spiritual awakening that will trans-form history. Secondly, more and more people will come to realize the sacred and social significance of the family. Once again, in recent decades, and in societies around the world, we have seen a breakdown of the family and the emergence of strange and dys-functional family structures. However, in this centu-ry, as our spiritual senses are attuned, we will come to appre-ciate the value of the family as the school of true love. Finally, the desire for peace will grow stronger as we open our spiritual senses. Peace is not the goal or any single nation or race or religion. Peace is a global issue. Unfortunately, our world suffers from so many conflicts. Still, peace is the hope of all ages, and we are going to witness the dawn of an age in which we learn to overcome the divisions of the past, and where we learn to reconcile with one another and love one another, beyond race, religion, culture or nationality.

Without cul-tivating our spir-itual reality, howev-er, it is impossi-bile to manifest or embody a character of true love. Without de-veloping our spirituality, we can-not hope to establish an ideal family and we cannot properly educate the next generation. Since these trends are interrelated. Through spir-itual development we set the foun-dation for the establishment of families of true love, and on this foundation a true and lasting peace is possible. Our world is about to be turned upside down through a revolu-tion of true love and goodness. The IIPC is an instrument that is to help usher in the Peace Kingdom, bringing not only hope to mil-lions of people all over the world, but bringing concrete solutions to our critical problems.
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Ung of Israel, reconciling the division of an issue, which is the condition that could remove the enmity between Mus- lims/Arabs and the Jews centering on ‘Palestine and Israel. Then Muslims would give the Jews a Menorah for peace, and respect and the Christians would give the Muslim leaders a robe of anointing and respect and the enmity between the Muslims and Jews would be removed. And men and women who have lived up in yourselves, you are overdressed. (applause, laughter) And I think that we have become so wrapped up in ourselves, that we are so over- dressed, that we cannot recognize each other as brothers and sisters. And Father Moon has done that. He has allowed us to see the God in each other. He has allowed us to remove the barriers that have separated and divided us. He has challenged us to love our enemies. He lives for the sake of others, and if any- one walks among us and says to us that we should recognize him and honor him and acknowledge that he bears a mantle— he bears the mantle of the messiah. He bears the mantle of one who will roll up his sleeves and get down on the ground of all of us and show us how to become brothers and sisters one to another. That’s what the mes- siah comes to do. That’s what we ought to look for. (Applause) We ought to start looking for the presence of God in each other. We need to look for the presence of God in each other and stop looking for some imaginary white knight on a white horse to come and save humanity.

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A Vision of Peace

On behalf of my parents and my whole family it is an honor and privilege to stand here before you and receive such an honor. I know that as a son looking at the life of my father, such a distinction is something that I would like to have seen in my lifetime, in his lifetime. Yet, knowing my father, I know that distinctions and honors aren’t what motivate him. In one sense he’s a visionary and he’s true to a vision, and it is that vision that has allowed him to endure whatever difficulties and travails that he has faced in his life.

I would say that that vision is a common vision that humanity has been seeking for ever since the beginning of human history. That is the vision of peace. The question of how that peace begins, however, starts with each and every one of us, does it not? If we cannot find peace within ourselves, how can we pass peace to others? That is the fundamental tenet and truth by which he lives and the principle by which he inspires thousands of others from all nationalities, all walks of life.

I think one of the reasons why his message in his lifetime has touched so many is because it is a truth that resonates in each and every one of our hearts. Regardless of whether you are a Jew or a Christian or a Muslim or Hindu, or whatever faith that you deem to be your own sacred truth, is it not peace that we seek? Is it not love that we seek? Is it not value that we seek? We recognize that that value, that love, that peace comes from some divine source that some call God, that some call Yah-weh, that some might call divine energy or force, whatever the name that source has been called, do we not in our hearts live according to that being as our parent, as a source of our being?

It is that fundamental human principle that my father used in his teaching to give intimacy of God to those of various different backgrounds. If we try to understand God in an intimate way that we can recognize as human beings, such as a parent, does He not become a being that is not distant, not omnipotent, not detached, but is very real and part of our lives?

Once we have that, can we not look at each other—regardless of our background, regardless of our race, regardless of our belief, regardless of our nationality—as a brother or sister? This has been the fundamental truth behind the work that my father has engendered. And that is why it has been so appealing. It has been the unifying vision behind such endeavors as International and Interreligious Federation for World Peace, and countless other organizations.

One God-Centered Family

I want to congratulate each and every one of you who have received the mantle of peace to become Peace Ambassadors. I hope you truly can own that vision that my father has owned ever since he was a young boy, that he has passed to my family and that he has passed to countless others who have rallied to his call.

I want to take this auspicious time and moment. I know that I am not the best ambassador in one sense. It would be a lot better if my parents were here in person, but as you know, my father is 84. We just celebrated his 84th birthday. (Applause) And he spent 60 years of globetrotting all around the world, spreading his message of peace—the message that was rooted in the ideal of one God-centered family, recognizing that humanity is one because of God’s divine energy and force as a supreme father and mother, our parent.

Even though he wanted to be here, the travel from Korea to the United States just for this one event, as my mother recommended, would be a little bit taxing. So since I was in the United States anyway, I could be the relief pitcher—I was called to come down and receive this on their behalf. I know that they are truly thankful for the appreciation that you have shown of their life’s work.

Remarks at Ambassadors for Peace Awards
On January 2, 1987, I was the State leader of a remote western region called Wyoming. I had just graduated from seminary, was actually living in the same city with my wife and had just celebrated the birth of my first male child. Since my Father had never seen his first grandson, my Mother and have just celebrated the birth of my first male child. Since my Father has a tendency to keep us in line the-...
A prayer breakfast honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was held on Saturday, January 24, 2004 at the Washington Family Church. Our theme was “Living Out the Dream through Peace and Reconciliation.” Our hope was to convey the reality that the dream of Dr. King is being realized through the present day victories of our True Parents.

With this heart we gathered over 250 for our prayer breakfast. The sanctuary and cultural hall were filled to the brim with about another 50 people downstairs. Our beloved kitchen staff was forced to perform a “loaves and fishes” miracle in order to feed the multitudes.

With Rev. Jenkins urging us on from Korea, the entire community responded to support the effort and to make sure that the event was a total success. Guest arrived from the major faiths, Jews, Christians, and Moslems. Many came through the interfaith outreach of our sister Angela Selle and brother Mel Haft. We were all brought together in the spirit of ‘The Dream’ and in the hope of the new level of reconciliation sealed in Israel on December 22nd. Everyone felt strongly the significance of the success of our event in preparation for the coming event in February.

Our program began with a heartfelt prayer from long time friend and supporter Dr. Mary Quinn. Breakfast was served while Patso Case no inspired us in song. Our official program began with a special Hon Dol Hae reading of Dr. King’s “I have a dream” speech. Eight readers from varied backgrounds, ages and races were chosen each to read a portion of the speech. While their segment was being read, on the screen behind them, the same words were shown so that everyone could follow along.

As we recited word for word this powerful historical speech, everyone was simultaneously coming to the realization that this speech was about much more than what most people understand. It was about nothing less than realization of the Peace

DC Minister’s Proclaim Father at MLK Event

by Rev. McCarthy

True Parents have stated that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the greatest American of the 20th century. Dr. King, a young university scholar, who had aspired to become a college professor was called by God to lead the Civil Rights movement in the 1960’s.

He was a young man in his thirties throughout most of his public career. Many of our ACLC ministers worked with him when they were very young. Shepherd A.D. Dunlap, led the Civil Rights movement from Atlanta, Georgia and brought several busloads of people to attend Dr. King’s “I have a Dream Speech” in the fall of 1963. Rev. M. E. Sardon, was told to bring $200 with him from Chicago (for bail money) when he went down to Albany, Georgia to work with Dr. King. Rev. James Bevel was Dr. King’s chief strategist, who planned the March on Selma, which was recently re-enacted by Rev. Rawls and our ACLC ministers.

Even Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, Dr. King’s closest ally throughout the movement, became our close friend in the last few years of his life—coming up to Chicago to defend our 4 ministers who were threatened with imprisonment by the Chicago Tribune for protesting the use of the M word, in much the same way they protested the use of the N word earlier. Dr. Gloria Wright from Atlanta who marched with us in Israel had, as a young student, marched with Dr. King in Georgia. And the list could go on and on.

Dr. King was threatened with death and the death of his family. But God was able to give him the strength that he never had himself. God picked him and brought him to the mountain top where he was given a vision of the future. In his last speech, while supporting the striking garbage workers in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. King spoke these words directly: “I have been to the mountain top and I have seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but the day is coming when people will be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin.”

Many of the civil rights veterans who are now working with us have stated that they felt that Dr. King was killed because he attempted to bring all people together. And they feel that after his death, the mantle of breaking down racism passed from Dr. King on to our True Parents.

In this vein, Mayor Richard M. Daley of Chicago has honored Dr. King every year with a magnificent prayer breakfast. This is truly the centerpiece of all of the City of Chicago programs every year. Everybody who is anybody in the fields of religion or politics is a must see at the event. The mayor brings in incredible speakers such as Dr. King’s daughter Yolanda, the best speaker in the family, the best choirs and the leaders in the field of religion from all denominations and all faiths.

This year, Chicago’s own Bishop K. Hoon Kim was invited to offer the Unity Prayer. Bishop Kim was himself amazed, because he was nominated by a Korean businessman who recommended Bishop Kim over his own pastor. And Bishop Kim gave a moving prayer as he stood in the position of our True Parents.

As all others before it, this years program was filled with both prayer and song. The keynote address was delivered by Chicago activist priest Father Michael Pfleger, who had been chosen by Mrs. Coretta Scott King to give the keynote address on this same occasion in Atlanta one year earlier. Father Pfleger challenged the audience to actively live the ideals that Dr. King had died for 36 years earlier.

As has become our tradition, the program ended as all of the ministers and political leaders in the audience were invited on the stage and we all sang “We Shall Overcome” while holding hands as the Rev. Willie Barrow, President Emeritus of Operation Push offered the benediction. And one had to feel that our True Parents and Dr. King would have been happy—for the stage was covered with Christians, Jews, Buddhists, African Americans, Caucasians, Asians, Democrats, Republicans and Unificationists—all holding hands, all singing together and all pledging together to carry our Dr. King’s dream.

Before we departed Bishop Kim was able to gather together our Japanese sisters, David Rendell, our Illinois AFC President and take a group photo with Chicago’s Francis Cardinal George. A good time was had by all and we departed to prepare for our January 31st Rally for Peace in the Middle East in Chicago. You are all more than welcome to attend—and bring a friend!
O n Saturday, January 31st 2004, the FFWPU of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, together with ACLC, and AFC, Alabama, sponsored a MEPI Peace Luncheon in Mobile to create a southern event in preparation for True Parents’ historic event on February 4th. That wind was more like a tornado!

We held the event in our beautiful church building and it was (almost) filled to capacity when we reached our goal of 200 attendees. The program was high spirited, powerful, and though 5 hours long, and it flowed seamlessly from one great presentation to the next.

Terry Yamane was the MC and welcomed everyone at 10:30, with the powerful voices of the 20 member Miracle Faith Healing and Deliverance Choir brought by ACLC minister Rev. Floria Washington of New Orleans. They raised the roof and everyone’s hearts as we joined in a heartfelt prayer led by AOP Rev. Dr. Simmie Harvey.

Opening remarks were given by the Alabama AFC Coordinator, Mr. Brett Dunagan, who set the tone of the event by emphasizing how we all must work and cooperate together by taking responsibility for our communities rather than waiting for someone else to fix them for us. He also informed everyone about the upcoming events of February 4th on Capitol Hill.

Next we showed the 11 min. video Peace Under One God II, which moved many hearts to tears, especially those who were new to the program and were seeing for the first time the depth, sincerity, and sense of mission the participants had who took part in the pilgrimages to the Middle East. It was just the right introduction to the sincere yet powerful testimonies which followed.

Imam Kamal Saleem from the Mobile Masjid of Al Islam eloquently captained the spirit when he shared how he realized in Israel what it really means to be “Christian” (i.e., of course, a Muslim) and how the key is to love one another and not judge each other by our beliefs. He was moved by the tears that were shed and the prayers that were shared together in the Holy Sights, especially at the Al Aqusa Mosque. He truly enlightened many of the Christian participants in the room by his humble heart of sincerity.

Next we heard from one of our 2nd Generation participants to the Pilgrimage, the courageous Irindu Dungan, who shared her experience being there in Israel with Service for Peace. She amazed the crowd by sharing about all the different service projects they were involved with. We organized a prayer for her to have the courage to continue on in such a short period of time joining together with other international students and with local Israeli students as well. Everyone was inspired seeing that the youth were actively interested in and involved in the same vision of our founder.

Pastor Florida Washington gave testimony of how God personally spoke to her heart on the pilgrimage, from when she lost her luggage with all her beautiful suits and shoes in it and had to wear the same simple outfit for several days and focus more internally, how deeply she was moved by Jesus’ Coronation and felt how she saw with her own eyes the Rabbis’ ceremony. She prayed deeply for our True Parents with gratitude.

Finally we heard testimony from the amazing Rev. John Hancock, the pastor of the Calvary Apostolic Baptist Church of McComb, Mississippi. Rev. Hancock, who had traveled to Israel with his wife and with elder Rev. D.C. Corson in December, truly inspired everyone in the room by his stature, his sincerity, and his moving testimony to True Father’s determination to keep focused on the goal for so many years and his “refusal to take no for any answer...” when the whole world, it seemed, came against him. The respect was profound. He also shared, in tears, about his experience in Gaza and seeing first-hand the strife and bloodshed yet the Christian heart still remaining in many of the people, in contrast to our seemingly idyllic life here in the United States. Perhaps we have become too more and more self-centered. We look forward to doing many things together with the Hancocks in the future.

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He also had just returned from Korea, attending True Parents’ Incredible birthday celebration, and drove 4 hours with jet lag not to miss our event.

After a bounteous and beautiful buffet lunch prepared by the loving efforts of our sisters, Mrs. Ruthine Finamore, Kayo Pedersen, and many helping hands, we were treated to the highlight of our day which was the MEPI PowerPoint Presentation by our ACLC Regional Chairman, Rev. Steve Wilson. Rev. Wilson skillfully presented the new expression of love of our family which truly inspired both guests and members alike, bringing us to a better understanding of why it is our ultimate destiny to live in a united world without boundaries. The pictures of the pilgrimage participants marching through Jerusalem and the rally of December 22nd, also brought everyone’s minds to a higher level, which was the perfect preparation for all to part take of the Holy Wine, as our Japanese Missionaries led us in singing, “Let There be Peace on Earth.”

The final session of our day was the presentation of Ambassador of Peace Awards to 5 new, worthy recipients and an overview of the meaning of the award by Mr. Brett Dunagan. Mr. Dunagan again reminded everyone of the event taking place on February 4th and how everyone, er, he shared how he realized in his own eyes the power of this event, we want to offer it all with love and gratitude to heaven, as our first program in 2004, 4th Year of Chen Il GUN. We are grateful to our True Parents, Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins for your strong inspiration, and to our Regional Director, Rev. Wean Geun Kim for all his prayers for us while in Cheong Pyeong.

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Kingdom in the Era of Chun Il Guk. The dream. Dr. King envisioned was a dream rooted in God. It is God’s dream. In the high point of his speech, Dr. King declared, “I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South.”

For this reason, Father proclaimed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the greatest leader of the 20th century. It is because he articulated this deepest vision and hope rooted in the heart of God and revealed in the book of Isaiah, chapter 40. It is also the basic conclusion of the Divine Principle.

After this stirring moment, we honored Dr. King in the way of Heavenly Tradition by having a birthday cake cut-ting ceremony. We all sang “Happy Birthday, Martin” and invited several representatives to help cut the cake. It was such a holy and warm feeling and the whole room was united together in this rich tradition of our True Parents.

On this foundation, we could share openly and strongly the incredible work of our True Parents and the Ambassador of Peace presentation given by AFC leader Peter Brown. Rev. Levy Daugherty testified to the amazing vision of True Parents in the Middle East and that the process of world reconciliation is rooted in the foundational reconciliation between the children of Abraham.

Most important, however, was the powerful testimony of our ACLC ministers who have participated in the pilgrimages to Israel. Ministers such as Dr. Milton Reid, Bishop Steaven Harris, Dr. Lonnie McLeod, visiting from New York, and Bishop C. Phillip Johnson all gave direct, personal affirmation that, truly, Father and Mother Moon are fulfilling the dream in their role as the True Parents of all mankind. It was amazing and inspiring.

In the past, there may have been some question about the sincerity of our mothers or that we could be wrongly accused of only paying lip service to Dr. King’s legacy. Now clergy are proclaiming that Father is the single hope for the fulfillment of that legacy. It is because they recognize that Father, year after year, has been an ongoing, unceasing force committed to the ideal of the Peace Kingdom. Yes, its true, there have been many incantations, var-ied organizations and projects... some endured some did not. But the one thing that never changes, ever, is the sacrifi-cial spirit of the True Parents to petition Congress to place Dr. King on Mt. Rushmore! As much as Washing-ton, Jefferson, and Roosevelt, Dr. King is a founding father of America. With this challenge was launched the “King on the Mountain” project. We want to gather support from around the nation to petition Congress to place Dr. King on Mt. Rushmore. This will help to usher in new day in America and move a step closer toward the recognition of all of America’s people. ✷
**Historic Divine Principle Seminar for Jewish Christian and Muslim Leaders**

By Rev. Michael Jenkins

Immediately after the victory of February 4th the core leading team of the Clergy Leadership Conference conducted a Divine Principle Seminar for the leaders of the Abrahamic Faiths that are leading the way in the Holy Land. Almost 40 attended including key Unificationists, leaders of key World Religions, and political figures. The event was a significant event as a synopsis Divine Principle - the core teaching of Father Moon which was given in the two day (February 5-6) conference at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Va.

The leaders were very inspired by the Ambassadors for Peace program with Congressmen and Senators the night before (Feb. 4). They were particularly inspired by the Coronation and Reconciliation ceremonies.

Rev. LeRoy Daugherty, Executive Director of ACLC led off with the first presentation. It had profound consequences. He provided an introduction of the DP as a 'Principle' like gravity, not just a theology. It also highlighted through pictures the early life of Father Moon. Rev. Philip Schanker lectured the Creation. Rev. Kevin McCarthy lectured on the fall. Our National lecturing team gave the very best in terms of heart and depth of content. Imam Bundakji (LA) , Imam Kiwan Jodeh (Denver) sat with their Koran's and were finding collaborating verses. Imam Ali Birani (of the Druze Religion) who is a real patriot to Israel expressed very strong sentiments about the seriousness of violence toward the Israelis. Earlier Dr. Hassan Amer, a Palestinian leader expressed the concern the same violence repeated over and over again toward Palestinians. Dr. Yang brought harmony to all through the presentations he gave. It wasn't easy but the trust that has been built by Israeli's and Palestinian's toward Father Moon is real and substantial.

The next morning ACLC took another revolutionary step in history. Bishop C. Phillip Johnson, the ACLC executive committee and chairman of the Washington Region ACLC, gave an in-depth presentation on the Dispensation of Jesus. He gave the presentation with total confidence and conviction and could demonstrate through the Bible that if there had been faith, Jesus could have brought life without going the way of the cross. Hence the lack of faith is no way other. Bishop Johnson stimulated all to understand that they must become teachers. He gave a profound representation of the Scriptures.

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stood in front of 12 towers of fruit and representative food from all the cre-
ations. Then True Parents bowed togeth-
er and took their positions behind the offering table. Father is 84 years old today. His heart is excellent and he bowed before God like a man in his 30’s. With such reverence this ceremony port-
ies us and helps us to understand heav-
ens commission.

Then True Family bowed, Hyo Jin
Min, Hyun Jin Min, Kook Jin Min and
Hyeong Jin Min came forward with their
families to offer their love of love and
respect to the Parents of Heaven, Earth and
Humanity.

Then all Blessed Couples did our
Kyung Heh followed by representatives
of providential nations, continents, the
Abel world and the Cain
world, religions and spiri-
t world and the physical world.

Then Rev. Kwak and Mrs. Kwak as the Repre-
sentative of all Blessed
Families prayed with tears.

Upon the completion of ceremony, True Parents
distributed the offering table to all. Then we dis-
missed for the Chamshil
Gymnasium for True Par-
ents Birthday Celebration. (One note side: it was amaz-
ing that over 200 blessed
souls could change their
Holy Robes with men and
women in separate areas,
in an extremely small
amount of room. We should
have no concepts about
what is possible under the
guidance of heaven!)

Ceremony

Later, the Birthday Com-
memorative Ceremony was
held at Jamshil Indoor Gymnasium in Seoul. Rev. Sun Jo Hwang was the
Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Da Haeng
Yoo, the leader of FPFWJ in Japan, gave the opening prayer. On the stage were
many current and former heads of state, includ-
ing His Excellency Tommy
Remengesau of Palau and H.E. Dr. Ne-
ver Josef Hromadka, Vice President,
Republic of Zambia. (The Vice Presi-
dent is a Christian Pastor who is over
a church in Dallas, Texas). H.E. Mary
Note, First Lady of the Marshall Islands
was also recognized. Many
other current and former
heads of state were intro-
duced, including former
President Shusuke
Koizumi (Belarus), Prime Minister
Green (Guyana), Prime
Minister Sandiford (Bar-
bados).

Rev. Chung Heon Kwak, Chairman of the Interre-
ligious and International Peace Council, gave a deep
tribute to both Father and Mother who share this day
jointly as their birthdays. Rev. Kwak covered the prov-
idential history leading up to the Peace Kingdom and
highlighted the Corona-
tion of Jesus in the Mid-
dle East. He showed

into the life of Father and Mother which
gave incredible heart to the event. He
testified deeply to True Father’s love for
humanity and the most persecuted man
in history who responded victoriously
with True love. And to True Mother
who silently went the path of unspeak-
able trials and tribulations against all
the dark forces of history to be pro-
claimed publicly as the True Mother of
all humanity. A True Mother, who with-
out exception upholds the will of heav-
en by centering on True Father while
as the same time embracing all races, people and religions unconditionally.

True Love abounds through True Parents!! That’s why Muslims, Chris-
tians, Jews, Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian - all of God’s
Children come to feel deeply comfort-
able when they understand True Par-
ents heart, teaching and practice. That’s
why peace is sure to come in the Holy
land as both Palestinians and Israelis
feel deep love and understanding from True Parents!!

President Bermengaseu and Vice Pres-
ident Mumba joined together with the
Venerable Woon San Lee of the Tae-
gong Buddhist Order in giving congrat-
ulatory remarks. They each, in their
own way praised True Parents for uni-
fying religions, bringing moral values
into the process of governance and most
importantly how they are blessing and
healing the marriages and the families
of the world.

Gifts were presented from each Con-
tinent of the World by the Continental
directors and leaders of the providen-
tional nations. Most notably the current
President of the Philippines sent a very
special gift in honor of True Parents.

True Parents gave the main address. It
was powerful and captivating. God’s
Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom.
Father proclaimed with absolute con-
fidence that the Dream of God and
Humanity that the Kingdom of God will
come on the earth is now realized. Father
said he couldn’t proclaim this lightly
but only on the basis of spiritual con-
ditions and substantial accomplish-
ments that allow both heaven and earth
to affirm this. Father guided all the
leaders of the world there to understand
that “Power will not bring Peace” Peace
can only come by loving your enemy.

This brings reconciliation and True Love.

We then had a beautiful program of entertainment from all over the world. Many
second generation have devel-
oped professional perform-
ning groups. From Hip Hop
to Classical Opera to Mod-
er Jazz to Modern Franko
dancing groups. From Hip Hop
Entertainment was very rich and
accomplished God’s will. You have to accomplish this
by putting your neck on the line to
accomplish God’s will.

Entertainment was very rich and
culturally diversified musical per-
formances and a beautiful singing
performance by the Los Angeles

Rev. Kwak led
three cheers of Ok
Manseii. The
Con-
coaches and Streamers
were so massive on
the third cheers that
they completely cov-
ered Rev. Kwak. He
was unfazed and
cheered gloriously
- it all made for a feeling of comple-
tion and great joy for
the True Parents of
Heaven, Earth and
Humanity. Now we must sincerely
declare our hearts to
fulfill the three
vows which were
said and substantially build
of world of Good-
ness for all.

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Manseii. The
Blessed Central Families worldwide gave
a profound presentation and introduc-
tion to True Parents. Father then gave his historic address. The Messiah and
True Parents. It was very powerful and
impor-

Father called upon all the leaders to
go through the three revolutions of the
provision. The revolution of indemni-
ty (severing all ties to the fallen world),
the revolution of conscience (coming to
the place and position of casting no
shadow from the light of God at high
noon - if we are perfectly vertical at with
God and pure then there is no angle or
deviation at high noon and there is no
shadow), finally the revolution of heart
(that we have the heart of the Father,
the heart of God and take the respon-
sibility to save our tribe, our nation and
our world). Father said, I am the Mes-
iah, what about you. You must become
the Messiah and True Parents too. One
with God. You have to accomplish this
by putting your neck on the line to
accomplish God’s will.

Land as both Palestinians and Israelis
Standing as we are at an amazing point in history—with the Proclamation of God’s Fatherhood, our true peace era of the Kingdom of God—true peace is immediately coming to the earth. We are truly blessed to be here, participating in True Parents’ birthday celebration together with our beloved True Parents.

Today we are attending a truly glorious ceremony to celebrate the 14th birthday of True Father, who is the Savior, Messiah, and Lord of the Second Coming, and the 1st birthday of True Mother, within the grace of God’s heart felt love, blessings, comfort and praise—and with the respect and adoration of the saints and sages in the spirit world who are centered around Heung Jin Nim, the supreme commander in heaven.

True Father was born amid unusual signs. It is said that as an infant and child he grew in remarkable ways. When he was 16, deep in prayer one morning at Easter, Rev. Moon was called upon by God. Jesus bestowed on him the mission of the Messiah, entrusting him with God’s will to accomplish the mission of the Messiah, our Savior, is a position that will be determined through receiving God’s approval after being recognized by the spirit world, which is the original world of essence. True Father has broken down the walls dividing the spirit world and is now educating the spirit world and bestowing the blessing of true love and true life to all its areas. Even now in his daily life, True Father gives instructions to the spirit world and also receives messages and testimonies from the saints and sages. True Father has taught that without properly understanding God and the spirit world we will be unable to bring fundamental solutions to the problems we face in our world. And we will be unable to fulfill God’s will and the hopes of humankind.

Fortunately, True Father’s teachings have been published in Exposition of the Divine Principle and his collection of sermons now runs to 800 volumes, which has developed into a fact-finding report on the revival and perfection of human spirituality. Including Cheon Seong Gyeong and other compilations of selections from Father’s speeches, there are some 450 volumes in total. These words must be read with care by all people as they contain the guidelines for restoring the original self, building the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, and furthermore, on how to live in heaven.

True Father has educated us, saying that the basis of this truth is the practice of true love in the likeness of God. True Father has pioneered the path of the True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner. He has consistently shown us the path of true love through his example. He has also explained goodness in terms of an altruistic life—of living the greater good and spreading true love.

True Father has always taken the lead in the cause of God and humankind according to the way of heaven, which has sacrificed his life as a living offering, giving everything that he has, even sacrificing the opportunity to spend time with his own children, for the sake of all humanity. And he has educated the Unification Church movement to invest and sacrifice itself for the sake of other-religions and denominations. True Father has also taught that the path of each nation must be one along which each country can invest itself for the sake of the world.

Beginning with the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, which he founded in 1954, True Father has gone on to establish hundreds of international institutions and organizations, educating them so that they would devote their diverse activities toward establishing an environment aligned with the will of God. The number of organizations, both global and national in nature, are truly remarkable in that they strive to accomplish the divine will, transcending race and religion. Barriers between nations, races and religions do not exist within God; it is the same with the True Parents.

Last year in December, a series of international, inter-racial and interreligious peace initiatives were carried out under the guidance of True Parents in the Middle East, a troubled area that represents all human history and the world. They took place in Jerusalem, Ramallah, and the Gaza strip. Drawing attention and praise from around the world, these historic peace initiatives—which included international peace conferences, a peace march and rally and service projects carried out by young people from many nations—were organized to promote repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation and tolerance. These efforts were welcomed by Israeli and Palestinian alike. They transcended the religious divide, notably among the central faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
In August 1996, in Washington D.C., the capitol of the United States of America, True Father inaugurated the Family Federation of World Peace and Unification in the presence of more than 4,000 prominent international leaders, and continues to guide the True Family movement in many 185 nations. For the past ten years or so, she has been busy with many lectures and keynote addresses in international conferences in many nations. Despite her busy schedule she has also co-founded, with True Father, many international peace institutions that will guide the future of this world, such as the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the Interreligious and International Peace Council—the Peace UN. True Mother is thus the number one woman's peace mover, leader, womanreligious leader, and activist for service and relief through the practice of true love!

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In front of us, True Mother is always unchanging. Yet what thorny paths she has had to endure! On behalf of every true life and true lineage that is invaluable to us all. Too great are the wounds and damage inflicted on the True Family by the beliefs and mistakes of Satan which worked through the evil environment when the providential foundations prepared by God had crumbled due to selfishness. How deep is the pain in the heart of our True Mother, who is the source of truth, beauty and the good? She cannot remain as an ordinary wife and mother. Her life has been one of accompanying and working with True Father, who lives only for the sake of God's will, with absolute faith in His divine will, not wasting even a second as he moves the heaven and earth. All her life, True Mother has accompanied True Father who influences the fate of God and humankind as he freely commutes throughout this world and the spirit world, transcending time and space. How great her internal and external difficulties have been!

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Winter in Korea

With a heart of loyalty toward the True Parents of mankind, an opening ceremony for the Cheongshim Graduate School was held on Wednesday January 28, 2004. As a graduate school covering the unification of theologies and the study of the life and work of True Parents, it aims to bring about God’s Ideal on earth by going beyond inter-religious and international boundaries. Executive members and staff members of the graduate school and Cheongpyung workshop participants—a crowd of 500 people—gathered in front of the main building of the graduate school at Cheongpyung for the opening ceremony.

Dr. Hwang Sun-Jo, the president of FFWPU International was the master of ceremonies. He warmly guided all steps of the ceremonies: True Parents entrance, the tape-cutting, sanctification of the building, writing a declaration in calligraphy for the opening of the school, singing the national anthem, the invocation (by Rev. Yu Dae-Heng), a report on the development of the school (by Ha Yong-Ho, vice president of the Cheongpyung Training Center), the Introduction of guests, a congratulatory song by Professor Kim Mi-Ran, presentation of flowers (by Jo Kwang-bong and Hiromi Nakamura), a speech (by True Father) a congratulatory cake cutting, three cheers of manse, announcements, and a closing ceremony. After the tape-cutting, True Parents entered the main lobby and, after the invocation and sanctification, wrote the declaration, which literally means ( prac-ticing, leading and serving the virtue, being blessed and developing eternal-ly.)

The construction of the main building and other buildings started on July 2001 and ended on August 2003. The school is approved by the Korean Ministry of Education. After completing all the preparation, the first forty students will start their courses on March 2, 2004. The courses will be on Theology, True Parents Studies, Study of the Unification of Theologies, and Church Administration.

Sun Hak Choir and the Mayor

Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels hears Sun Hak International Children’s Choir at opening ceremony for new library branch on January 17. Sun Hak was the choir of choice to perform for this gala Seattle Public Library event. Endowed with names, Sun Hak has become well-known in the Seattle area for its mission and repertoire of intercultural harmony, and is frequently called upon by organizations to perform at civic events around the city and state. Sun Hak now accepts children from all walks of life, as well as other states. For more information, contact nancykubo@comcast.net.

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On the religious leaders understanding the Foundation of Faith and the Foundation of Substance. These indemnity conditions are the absolute requirement to establish the Foundation for the Messiah and to “receive the Messiah” — without those conditions we cannot “know who he is.” Because John the Baptist who was in the position of the Elder (Cain / Esau) to his younger brother Jesus (Abel / Jacob) could not set the condition to unite with Jesus, drag his work and follow completely he could not remove the fallen nature and “see the Messiah”. Rev. Jenkins announced that this is why Israel could not see Jesus as the “Messiah”. The key central figures who were chosen to make the foundation of faith and substance leading to the foundation for the Messiah failed to unite with Jesus. John the Baptist and Peter both did not remain faithful to Jesus. Because of this Israel couldn’t see Jesus as the Messiah. One Jewish religious leader cried out, “...not anymore. Last night at the Ceremony of Reconciliation (Feb. 4) we gave Jesus a crown and made the foundation of Substance. Therefore Israel will now be able to see the Messiah!!!” This is exactly what Father has proclaimed through the success of December 22nd and now February 4th. Because the foundation of Substance was established Jews and Israel will be able to receive Jesus and unite with Christians and Muslims forming a global sphere of Godism based on the Abrahamic faiths. The struggle between Good and Evil will not be misled into a struggle between Judeo/ Christianity and Islam but now will be Islam/Judeo / Christianity/ with all believers against the darkness of faithlessness and No God. This has refocused the battle. Father also proclaimed that the December 22nd victory and now its expansion through the Elder son Nation to the world has completely liberated Jesus heart and freed him. Now Father has proclaimed that we will see the walls between Christians come down. The walls between Catholics and Protestants will dissolve. Jesus will have power for the first time to unify all Christians and lead America in a moral direction. Not only Christians but also Jews will become one with us, and also Mohammed is leading the Muslim world to become one with us. The sphere of believers will gain momentum until the ill of immortal-ity in our society will be dissolved by the foundation of Substance being made by the Abrahamic Faiths. This foundation of substance was substantiated through the Coronation of True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace on February 4th. The Foundation for the Messiah is now set for all eternity.
Interfaith Prayer Breakfast in Upstate New York
by Dr. Carlson

Upstate New York, the newest region, under regional director Rev. Ki Yeal Lee, who is currently at the 40-day workshop in Korea, held a very successful MEPI prayer breakfast on Saturday, January 31 at the Unification Theological Seminary, hosted by the ACLC and FPWPU of Upstate New York.

Among an audience of 52 were a nice mixture of eighteen guests, most long-time friends of FPWPU. Mr. Abdou Gaye, the breakfast organizer, emceed an inspiring program for everyone. After opening remarks by Dr. David Carlson, and a prayer of invocation from Dr. Tyler Hendricks, everyone enjoyed breakfast and were then completely transfixed by the “Peace Under One God” video. Dr. Andrew Wilson, perhaps uniquely qualified, presented the PowerPoint talk, introducing the Israel pilgrimages and putting the MEPI into larger perspective and an incredibly beautiful song was offered by Mrs. . This was followed by prayers for peace offered by Imam Asil M. Khan for the Muslim faith, Rev. Gilbert McKenzie for the Christian faith, and Dr. David Carlson for the Unification faith, which brought an appropriate conclusion to the breakfast.

One could hardly ask for a finer quality program, overall. The spirit was high and very warm, and several guests were inspired to enquire further about programs available, to become Ambassadors for Peace, and to attend the next pilgrimage. Dr. Vivian Wortham, a professor of intercultural understanding, shared that she had received a revelation during the program and that she could see how everything and everyone was coming together into one grand harmony, and that this was exactly what God desired.

Among the guests were Rev. and Mrs. John Flowers of Poughkeepsie. He was selected as the Poughkeepsian “man of the year” a few years ago, and he provided beautiful red roses for everyone. Rev. Reginald Joseph, a Baptist, responded on his own initiative to the invitation he received by email. Michael Sliker, a writer interested in education and world peace, and the director of a non-profit project about peaceful exchange, was especially inspired by the points made about Ghandi.

Also attending for the first time were David and Olive Fadda, who operate a spiritual center in Kingston, New York and are interested in interreligious activities. Also from Kingston was Mr. John B. Adolphe, Reinaldo and Naomi Galarza, from the Lutheran Church, stated that they were ready that day to purchase their tickets to Israel. Among the Muslims were Imam Salahuddin from Newburgh and Imam Asil M. Khan and his neighbor, Ummar, an inspired Muslim lady. Imam Khan offered the Muslim prayer. Zana Mallick and Mary Beth Perfes attended one of our programs for the first time. Rev. Gilbert McKenzie of the Presbyterian church of Poughkeepsie, who offered the Christian prayer for peace, is interested in becoming an Ambassador for Peace. Constant Luis and Dr. David SC Kim both expressed their appreciation. Finally, Rev. Hyong Dock Yoon, of the United Methodist church, attended for the first time.

WCSF Peace Song Contest
by David Eaton

The World Cultural and Sports Festival, in association with the New York City Symphony and the Artists Association for World Peace, is launching its first annual “Peace Song” writing contest.

WCSF is seeking original songs based on the universal themes of world peace, living in harmony, removing boundaries, living for the sake of others, solidarity with the human family and true love, as a way to promote the ideals of its annual festival. There will be cash prizes awarded to the top three entries (as judged by a committee of professional producers and musicians) and several “honorable mention” songs will be recorded digitally for a WCSF Commemorative CD and presented to the awardees. Applicants must be between the ages of 15-25 and must submit their entries (on CD, cassette or Mini-disc) prior to May 1, 2004. For contest more information, mailing instructions and application forms on-line, contact www.musicforpeace.net or NYCSYM@aol.com.

FOR KIDS
by Françoise

Find the seven differences between these two drawings of the Snowman Fashion Parade
Help them find the hats

SC Kim both expressed their appreciation.
The Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC) held a five-day international symposium in Gaza and Jerusalem, December 19-23, 2003 as part of the Middle East Peace Initiative series with the theme, "Considering the Root Causes of Conflict and Forging a Path to Lasting Peace." But why hold an international conference in a region at war?

In an article entitled, "Middle East Conflict Continues to Smolder," Voice of America correspondent, Sonja Pace, wrote from Jerusalem on Dec. 19th (the opening day of the symposium), "And so the cycle of violence continued, suicide bombings that killed and maimed Israelis and targeted assassinations of Palestinian militants that often left innocent civilians dead as well."

As the UN is pulling out of Iraq because of the dangers associated with military combat and terrorism, why hold a conference here in the Middle East, invite hundreds of foreign delegates from more than 30 nations plus numerous local guests, then put them and the IIPC staff at risk to holding programs in both Gaza and Jerusalem? Palestinians and Israelis face this danger daily—by just living here. But each also has a vested interest. They are risking their lives for land, sovereignty, freedom and honor. But why would foreigners who have no connection to the Middle East organize a conference under such peril?

During our staff orientation three days before the symposium, our local conference organizer, herself a Jew but not associated with the conference sponsors, told the IIPC staff—many of whom had came to Israel for the first time—that this was a region at war. As she talked about the casualties, she tried to reassure the nervous foreigners, noting that no one in her own family or whom she has known personally was ever killed.

But the risk was real; life insured itself the "Peace UN" seeking "to be a model of good governance grounded in principles of courage, unselfishness, and active voluntarism for peace." Courage, the quality of mind that enables one to face danger and overcome fear, is all the nobler when the risk taken benefits strangers.

Firemen and police men and women are called to risk their lives daily in order to help strangers. In a small way, this symposium also sought the help unknown persons, using its international religious voice to reach out to both sides of the conflict, in order to support the complicated process of peace in the Middle East.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas M. Conneally

November 5 1951 - December 19 2003

Thomas Conneally’s mission, as I believe, was not mainly expressed through external works, even though he was a faithful, hard-working member in the Ocean Church providence and art business. We were biding in 1989 in Korea and participated in the subsequent mobilization for several months. His physical family was prepared in many ways to testify to True Father at the beginning of Father’s early ministry in America in the early 1970s. As a young boy Tom received the revelation that Sun Myung Moon was the Lord of the Second Advent. He was supposed to declare this message on stage while playing the role of a shepherd boy during a Christmas play. However, he started to doubt and as a result did not testify. His mother died a couple of years later.

When Tom was in his 20s, working as a taxi driver in Manhattan, he picked up True Father and Ho Bi Pak as passengers. True Father strongly encour-aged my husband to join the church, telling him that if he didn’t, then seven years later he would certainly become a member. Father also said that Tom’s mother was praying in the spiritual world for him. During the drive, my husband again doubted, even though True Father reminded him of the event that had occurred when he was a child.

In addition, True Father told my husband about his ancestor’s lineage derived from the Roman soldier who had, during the crucifixion, pierced Jesus into the heart. Tom has always felt, and was told by members, that his mission was that of John the Baptist in relation to the Catholic Church.

He struggled to fulfill that responsibility, even though he was not involved in many missionary activities throughout his life of faith. In regard to the Israel Providence, it is perhaps relevant to note that there were certain obvious incidents happening on my way to Jerusalem. At first I did not have a ticket issued and had to wait until the last moment of board the plane. Secondly, when I arrived in Tel Aviv, only my luggage, out of all the 460 others, was missing. Even though these were minor obstacles, I became very desperate, feeling that I had been deprived of my identity and my belongings. While I was crying at the airport, I felt that the Jewish people had been stripped of everything, even their lives. When I was at Gethsemane yesterday, looking at the Gold-en Gate through which the Jews expect the Messiah to enter, I was wondering what it would take for the Jews to receive the Lord of the Second Advent.

I feel that through these experiences God has prepared me to receive this morning the news of the passing of my husband. I am realizing that it is my offering to God and the providence in Israel.

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I nspirational knapsack is a new section written by Akina Toffey for the BC Arts Fest. It’s hard to explain how the BC Arts Fest came into existence. You see, it’s not just a workshop or festival. Although it was started as such, it became so much more, and cannot be defined as such anymore. I believe that Claire Hoover and I came up with the idea for the BC Arts Fest while we were at the St. Peter’s Prep (hence the name: BC Arts Fest).

Over the course of a few months, through much prayer and discussion, we gained a vision involving a workshop devoted to the mission of second generation. In a typical workshop, what do you have? Most of the workshops blessed children have one to revolve around the Divine Principle. While it is important for the second generation to understand the basis of our movement, no one is really sure how to implement it in their lives. For example, should all of us go to STF? If so, what is our mission afterwards? How should we view our careers? As meaningful ways to explore the talents God has offered us, or as ways to pay the bills? How do we incorporate Divine Principle with our so-called outside life?

In the end, Claire and I wanted the BC Arts Fest to address these issues. Furthermore, we wanted to focus in on the arts, which has been largely absent from our movement. What is the meaning of creativity? Should we use the arts or the providence? If so, how?

Of course, there are plenty of difficult questions to try and answer in a weekend, much less in one organized by two 17 and 18 year old girls.

What ended up was a crash course in management. We orchestrated lectures and testimonies by 5 different highly supportive first generation testimonies by second gen, and an ‘entertainment night,’ with more than three hours of music.

For the first BC Arts Fest, held in March 2003 at UTS, almost 150 people showed up. Our lectures were given in Saturday by Rev. Joshua Cotter (Culture of Heart), Jerry Serrvo (Unification Thought - Theory on Art), David Eaton (Music and Spirituality), and some others. Besides several discussions on Saturday afternoon, we had testimonies by Milton Townsend (who has a very successful career as a glass artist), Koko Nakai (frontman for Mr. Sparkle), and myself (as an art student). The testimonies were on Sunday morning, and the entertainment was on Saturday night.

While we were highly successful with the first BC Arts Fest, both Claire and I were burnt out. At the behest of certain leaders, we tried to make a 20-year plan, but it didn’t work out. While it was helpful advice, we realized that the success of the BC Arts Fest lay in our personal experiences and ownership. If we made a long-term plan, it would take away our ownership, and we would only feel empty obligation. Claire and I took a few months off, and had no plans for continuing the BC Arts Fest. She went to STF, and over the summer I helped out with the inspiration to others, working for God’s Providence.

The Second Generation Section

The Unification News is adding a new section for all 2nd Generation youth ministries. It will include a variety of reports, articles and testimonies from regions all over the nation. We hope this section will help in the development of your youth ministry.

For information on how to contribute please contact the US 2nd Generation Department’s Assistant Planning Team Leader, Rachel Johnson at: 4 West 43rd St. New York, NY 10036, tel: 212-997-0050 ext. 123, cell: (914) 882-6338, or email at: BC2ndGen@FamilyFed.org.

The BC Arts Festival and Workshop was created to accomplish three goals. First of all, we want to create a vertical tradition. We need to establish God’s presence on earth. A good model of this was ancient Islamic culture. For example, Muslims invented the first paper mill, but their motivation was from God. They wanted to be able to print religious texts cheaply for the poor. In vertical tradition, God is the inspiration, and we connect everything to Him.

The third aspect of the Culture of Heart is aspirational. Naturally, a perfected individual has the impulse to create more joy. This should be applied to one’s career. We should perfect the kyung-sang, or material knowledge of our chosen career, so we can be in the position to lead everyone in our field. We should be an inspiration to others, working for God’s Providence.

The BC Arts Fest wants to motivate Blessed Children
From January 9th to the 11th, seventy one parents and blessing candidates gathered for a Blessing Workshop at UTS. There were several unique features to this workshop that made it a memorable experience.

First, we had over twenty parents attend this time. They attended from beginning to end and participated in all of the presentations and activities. They added a lot and as one parent said to me, “We need this workshop more than our children.”

Second, Rev. Phillip Schanker from Headquarters came and announced that Dr. Yang has appointed Rev. Schanker to head-up a new Education Department at Headquarters. This means that Rev. Schanker and his department will be working to develop a curriculum and workshops for Blessing preparation and marriage enrichment that can be used nationwide. We all are grateful for this new level of commitment by Dr. Yang to invest in the Blessed Families.

Rev. Schanker also helped to lead the entire workshop and gave presentations on Change of Blood Lineage and internal guidance on preparing for matching and Blessing. He also personally met and counseled with several participants and parents.

Third, a college-aged Second Generation “Revitalization Retreat” was underway at UTS at the same time as our workshop. They attended our afternoon presentation on “How to Be a Good Marriage Partner,” by marriage expert and counselor, John Williams. Thus, we had over 150 parents and students packed into the lecture hall for that and the atmosphere was great. John Williams also did a great job of combining his presentation with group discussion and video clips. Both workshops also combined on the evening entertainment and we all enjoyed some great performances. Special thanks to all the Blessing Workshops participants for pulling together your group-entertainment pieces in record time.

Dr. Tyler Hendricks and Rev. Schanker addressed issues related to the Meaning of the Blessing. John Williams addressed insights relating to preparing for the Blessing. Betsy Jones then gave a presentation on developing the right skills and attitudes we need to have a happy marriage.

Fourth, we had a special session for just the parents and children in attendance together (while everyone else played sports.) We took a page out of the Marriage Encounter seminars and had the parents and children write letters to each other and then read them to one another. Many said they had a great experience with this, especially because it is often difficult to find the time and place to have deeper discussions with their children at home regarding the matching and Blessing.

On the last day, Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins came and spent some time with the workshop. Although both are very busy, they see Second Generation Matching and Blessing as one of the most important parts of our movement activities and thus are committed to helping in any way they can. We thank them for coming and sharing their hearts with us.

UTS had some water problems such that for all of Saturday morning and afternoon there was no running water. Thus, showers or flushing toilets were not allowed. But not even this could dampen the wonderful atmosphere that was created by the wonderful hearts and attitudes that everyone brought to this weekend. Thank you all for making it a wonderful workshop together.

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This past December 27th to December 30th, the Texas Regional Youth Winter Workshop took place with 56 attendants and gathered for the “Faith under God and Uniting Brothers and Sisters” program. The workshop, four lectures on the Divine Principles were given by Reverend Kille. Other special speeches were given by Mr. Ken Morgan and DJ Brewer (Texas Sunhwa Academy Director). As for activities, sports, team-discussions, yut-nori and a candle ceremony took place at the workshop.

This workshop was the first ever to join all Texas Regions in one event. The attendants consisted mainly of students from junior high school to college. Additional people such as staff members and chaperones also attended.

The college students from Austin, Dallas and Houston joined and established the CARP of the Texas Region. Topics about additional future meetings were the primary highlights of the CARP discussions. After the winter workshop took place, I promised myself to make more and improved programs to develop an enhanced understanding of God and True Parents for the second generation.
This is the thirteenth in a series of excerpts from the book 40 Years in America: An Intimate History of the Unification Movement 1959-1999. The editor is Michael Ingram, the historical text by Michael Mickler. The book is available from HSA Publications for $70 + $8 s/h. Contact them at: 4 West 43rd Street, NY NY 10075; tel: (212) 997-0050 x250 or at their web-site: www.hsabooks.com.

particularly during the Reagan years. Still, it was eight years from being a dominant major-

ity. Earlier than that, the "Moonies" were published uni-

versally vilified and consid-

ered to be a threat to the Amer-

ican way of life. Rev. Moon maintained that public animosity was better 

than anonymity or disinterest and that this could easily turn to favor once the truth were known.

In reality, the movement’s negative public image had not turned by the end of the century. The Unification Church had gained acceptance as a bona fide religion, various of its organizational components operated as legal entities, and it was able to extend constitutional protections to its members. The movement also made a grow-

ning number of friends. Still. Rev. Moon and the 

Unification Movement were often considered sus-

cpect. Far from being a dominant majority, the 

experience of many members was that they had only recently risen to the status of being an accept-

ed minority.

Under these circumstances, the movement did not back away from its program of world peace and uni-

fication but began to articulate alternative means of achieving its ends. Some members argued that the movement needed to develop a stronger sense of con-

tinuity with conventional American religious culture. Many of them concluded that the movement was too 

deviant, too Korean or too Japanese. Alien standards, 

in their estimation, had contributed to a loss or stag-

nation in membership, financial problems and an 

erosion of moral authority. Others turned inward. 

They argued, with the Apostle Paul, that the move-

ment’s real struggle was "not against flesh and blood 

but "against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly 

places." This group did not adopt a rhetoric that de-

 emphasized growth and conversion. In fact, the 

removal of angry and resentful spirits, thousands of 

whom were understood to have attached themselves 

to Blessed couples, was considered to be a precon-

dition for witnessing success. However, for them, the 

real key to achieving world peace and unification lay in 

obtaining Lucifer’s unconditional surrender.

A third alternative approach was to re-create not only a new heaven but also a new earth. Communi-

tarianism had always been an important element within 

Unificationism. Church center life, interna-

tionalism and world family and culture all bore an unmistakable 

communal stamp. During the late 1960s and 1970s, the 

movement’s San Francisco Bay Area branch chopped a bumper crop of converts through its International 

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A fourth alternative means of achieving its goals had affinities with the position of those who argued that the movement needed to develop a stronger sense of continuity with American religious culture. However, rather than mainly criticizing previous move-

ment efforts as alien, those holding this perspective, including Rev. Moon, made the case for cementing stronger bonds of heart. In 1998, Rev. Moon designated the United States as "elder son" nation to the "parent" nations of Korea and Japan. On one level, this may have represented a neo-Confucian order-

ing of internal movement polity. On another level, it signified the designation of a successor nation. If Korea was the first stage rocket booster that got the movement off the ground and Japan was the second stage that powered the movement into orbit, the U.S. was the third stage vehicle that would deliver the movement to its destination. It was up to the Amer-

ican movement to consolidate the Unification tradi-

tion, to develop a form of piety that could empower members worldwide, to build on its favorable age and sex composition, and to effective-

ly socialize those born into it. All of these were crucial to achieving the movement’s goals. 

Again, it would be a mistake to conclude that all members of the movement worked in these groupings. There was considerable overlap and nec-

essarily so, as no single approach was sufficient to bring success. There were many creative syner-

gies among different approaches to propel the move-

ment forward. At the same time, how the movement managed its increasingly complex inner work-

ings would be a key factor in its long-term accomplishments.

Perils Facing the Unification Community

In February 1996, the Unifica-

tion Church had three articles under the heading of "Perils Facing the Unification Community." In the first, Peter Ross, the Church’s Direc-

tor of Public Relations, issued a 

stinging rebuke to the English Home Secretary who had denied Rev. Moon entry to Britain on the grounds that it was not in the public good. In the second, Dr. Tyler Henricks, President of HSA-

UW Missionary Research, published the text of an "open letter" to the Presi-

dent of the Philippines in which he "recounted the Church’s Blessing ceremony was a front to export Filipino women to 

Korea. Where they would be "forced to become housemaids and prostitutes." He espe-


cially criticized the government’s decision to assign several Filipino women as government spies to infil-

trate the Blessing as participants. The third article, an except of a press release from the President of the Church in France, responded to a bombing of the national headquarters building which destroyed its front structure.

None of these incidents occurred in the United States. Nevertheless, they were a reminder of the am-

iety that still lingered in the public face and which with even the most vacuous inflamm-

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ancient Christian author Tertullian who wrote, "If the River Tiber reaches the walls, if the river Nile does not rise to the fields, if the sky does not move or the earth does, if there is a famine, if there is a plague, the cry is at once: 'The Christians to the lions!'"

As Ross noted, "the lion still roars." These incidents occurred after Blessing '95, the first of the movement's large-scale International Wedding Ceremonies, and during or shortly after Rev. and Mrs. Moon's worldwide speaking tour that followed. This was ironic, since Rev. Moon proclaimed in his tour speech, "The Family and I," that "the entire world did everything it could to put an end to me. I yet did not die, and today I firmly stand on top of the world." During the worldwide speaking tour, Rev. Moon endured cancelled entry visas, hostile encounters with immigration authorities, and missed connecting flights, especially during the European portion of the tour. There were important breakthroughs and victories elsewhere, but Rev. Kwak noted, "Satan attacked this tour in many ways.

The Philippine allegations were dropped when it became obvious that Philippine women were not being waylaid as housekeepers or prostitutes through the process. However, European opposition proved more intractable. Part of this was the result of the 1990s sect hysteria over deaths associated with the Solar Temple. Heaven's Gate and Aum Shinrikyo tragedies. Part was due to the organized lobbying of "anti-cult" activists and part was "rooted in old patterns of intolerance of things new, foreign or different." Regardless of the reasons, Rev. and Mrs. Moon were blacklisted under provisions of the Schengen Treaty and effectively banned from Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. The Netherlands took the unprecedented step of cancelling Rev. and Mrs. Moon's mission to visit despite the ban, but then upheld other requests that had not reversed themselves by the end of the 1990s. As noted, England took action on its own, banning Rev. Moon (though not Mrs. Moon) as did Japan. Finally, in Russia and Eastern Europe, an alliance of former fanatics, dissidents and Orthodox authorities reputedly authored legislation making it difficult, if not impossible for new groups to spread their message. This great exception to this trend, at least in the developed world, was the United States. While there still was suspicion and even negativity expressed toward Rev. Moon, attempts to restrict the movement's activities or to treat it in any way differently than other religious groups were met by broad-based public outcry. During the late 1990s, this was evident in highly publicized opposition to an attempt by the Maryland State Legislature to study the effects of "cults" on college campuses. There were no restrictions on Rev. or Mrs. Moon's speaking and, in some instances, members and representatives apologized for use of the term "moonic." Anti-movement demonstrations at Blessings '97 and '98 were tepid, mobilizing less than a dozen or so lonely protesters at each, and former Cult Awareness Network (CAN) head Claudia Rasier acknowledged that the movement was "becoming entrenched, politically and socially

As a consequence, the peril facing the Unification community in the U.S. were mainly internal. Those could be grouped under the categories of membership, money and moral authority. In terms of new membership, the movement in America had not experienced substantial growth since the 1970s. The downturn in the U.S. was balanced by growth spurs elsewhere and the movement as a whole possessed a favorable age and sex ratio. This essentially meant the movement could more than sustain itself through fertility alone, assuming it retained the loyalty of succeeding generations. However, it was a matter of some concern that conversions in the U.S. had declined so dramatically. During the 1990s, as noted, HSA-UWC recreated itself as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FPFWU). Rev. Moon, in fact, directed that the Unification Church sign be taken down. The FPFWU was conceived as "a religious but non-sectarian membership organization for people of all faiths and good conscience" and it was hoped that non-Unification Blessing participants, Blessed Unificationists at Belvedere in the 1970s

witnessing method still was a key factor, and there were still providential tasks that took precedence over other local developments. As some members who experienced acute tensions, problems in the West were putting their leaders primarily to deal with the East-West cultural gap. If anything, Rev. Moon's criticism of American culture escalated during the 1990s, but it also spilled over into public accounts of movement activities. The New York Times International, in reporting on the movement's investments in South America, noted in late November 1999 that Rev. Moon had become "disenchanted" with the U.S. and cited him as saying, "The country that represents Satan's harvest is America, the kingdom of extreme individuality, of free sex." Some of this seemed to go beyond prophetic criticism. Rev. Moon stated that real faith was in Africa or Asia, that he valued Korea most, and that the future of the West was best left to those who were away. At the very least, these sentiments were not calculated to ingratiate the movement with broad sectors of the American public.

Most members were prepared to accept criticism and even denunciations from Rev. Moon. They were less willing to absorb it from Korean leaders, many of whom had been placed in authority over the American movement. American HSA President James Baughman, who led the movement during this period, attempted to initiate several outreach crusades but was entirely rebuffed and spent much of his tenure evangelizing in Russia. The effect of this was to produce genuine some members what could only be described as American "han." Han was a Korean term which connoted the resentment of the oppressed. God was understood to have experienced such in relation to fallen humanity. The Korean people were understood to have experienced han in relation to a series of oppressors. Now, American members whom most Asian adherents regarded as being proud and having a hasty, careless, flippant outlook on life would have their time of trial. The problem was that American han did not translate into witnessing results.

For members who believed that the movement lacked sufficient cultural continuity, tribulization was the chief internal peril facing the Unification community. Part of this was a consequence of what some viewed as excessive institutionalization of Korean cultural norms. Though conventional culture under the leadership had made numerous concessions to the rest of the world's cultures. Thus, despite assertions in the Korean editions of Discover the Game (the original English version) that Korean would be the future universal language, the movement arranged to have the text translated into numerous languages from the original Korean. It also relied heavily on Western members to interface with VIPs. Leadership of its major cultural affiliates was largely vested in Western intellectuals or professionals, and the language of choice in its international gatherings was English. However, these were strategic concessions which the movement's leadership was convinced they would not have to make once the center of global civilization had shifted to the Korean peninsula. During the 1990s, Rev. Moon became increasingly insistent that the membership learn Korean and correspondingly critical of English. A newly authorized re-translation of the Post-Intelligencer in 1996 retained the Korean text's concluding paragraph which stated that "the Korean language... will... become the mother tongue for all humanity" and "Eventually, all people should speak the True Parents' language." Still, even among members, receptivity to these sentiments was mixed.
A special plan for each Second Generation. True Father says, “Everybody has his inherent talent.” We can develop these personal strengths, specialize, and become leaders of different fields. If at an early age we understand the direction Heavenly Father wants for us, we can accomplish a lot through our lifetime.

True Father has given us much guidance in choosing a direction in life. You have to confer with your deep original mind after discussion with Heaven in deciding your special field in life. You yourself know well what kind of talent you have. Then, you have to listen carefully to where your mind tries to pull you. You have to listen to that…you should decide by yourself, harmonizing with God’s guidance, the essence of your original self deep within your heart towards your future purpose.

We need to develop our talents and work to create the Culture of Heart. However, that is only half of it. We need to utilize our knowledge and talents and push ourselves to become the respected leaders of society. This is what True Father means when he tells “you have to study for the sake of human kind and God.” We can’t keep focusing only on a grass-roots movement. We can help the world so much faster by becoming respected figures in society. To do this, we must strive to become the best we can be.

Both Jesus and True Father went to the leaders of society first, looking for help in their mission. John the Baptist and other religious leaders were supposed to be a conduit to reach the people. How- ever, due to our parents’ sacrifices, the Second Generation can use the time of their youth to plan for the future. During this time, we can realize our true purpose through prayer and intuition. If we start from this age, we can create a strong foundation and career path. Then we can be really successful.

The most important time is from age 18 to 24. By the age of 24, you have to have established your life goals. You can know the direction of your life if you cultivate and dedicate yourselves.

You have to decide what kind of person you will be in the future around the age of 18 to 20 years. You must know about this yourself through your prayer and meditation.

If the Second Generation can accomplish this mission, they will be creating the Culture of Heart. The Culture of Heart has three aspects: vertical (connecting everything to God’s tradition), social (expressing God’s joy and love through all ways possible, in all aspects of culture), and aspirational (having the impulse to create more joy and to accomplish God’s will to the highest extent). Therefore, by choosing a path, connecting it to God’s will, and desiring to become the best in your chosen field, you will be creating the Culture of Heart.

The problem is known as the Culture of Heart. Indirectly, the Divine Principle introduces the concept of art as a witness tool. The Principle of Creation states that “if a work of art is a visible manifestation of an artist’s invisible nature, [for example] we can sense an author’s character through his works.” Likewise, many great artists believe that a work of art must have a sense of spirituality. The artist Robert Motherwell asserted that “without ethical consciousness, a painter is only a decorator.” A work of art must possess ethical consciousness, a painter is only a decorator. The Second Generation can utilize the arts both preclude and enable them to grow. It will be to our advantage to cultivate our Second Generation to utilize the arts to their fullest extent. If we have Blessed Children in various art fields, our movement will be able to witness to millions.

A weekend devoted to the arts is crucial. A forum is needed to discuss and collaborate. Every art movement has had its café. Dada had the Cabaret Voltaire, and Picasso talked at the Lapin Agile. For the Impressionists, it was the Café Guerbois, and later Abstract Expressionists congregated at the Cedar Bar. While email can be used to preserve a movement, only face-to-face discussion will serve as the needed catalyst to start it. We need to create an environment that allows such an art movement to develop.

By creating the BC Arts Festival, we want to support the Second Generation in their artistic endeavors. In encouraging their pursuits, we will remind them that people are created in Heavenly Father’s own image. This means that He wanted to create us. He created us, for His joy. We, in turn, are naturally inclined to create. Blessed Children already have the spiritual background needed to produce inspiring, yet honest, works of art. They only need to develop the hyungsang part-knowledge of physical materials.

Moreover, the Arts Festival wants to provide Second Generation with a fresh view of art in our movement. We want to appreciate and encourage the talents of Blessed Children for the sake of the providence.

More information about the BC arts fest can be found at: http://www.toastedpixel.com/heartsfest

UTS Winter Workshop

by Cliff Yasutake

At UTS, Barrytown, New York, we had 2 workshops, one for high school age students, and one for Second Generation from December 26th to 29th and the other from December 29 - 31, 2003 for middle school ages.

For both age groups, the lecturers were Rev. John Jackson and Robert Kitek. The theme of both workshops was Chapter two and astuteness education. Also, Mrs. Betsy Jones, Liz Stewart and Clint Woods participated by giving educational and inspiring talks with a helpful and short talk by Rev. Soo Kim. The students in both workshops listened attentively and also had free time to explore the 250 acres of Barrytown property, play sports, board games were popular and practiced their skills which were given on entertainment night.

There were 80 participants for the high school w/s and 40 for the Middle school workshop. There was also a small workshop of Youth Ministers from the New York region going on simultaneously. Rev. Kim was inspired by the workshops and told us to continue our outreach to the 2nd Generation.

The second society must guide evolution, we must be a conduit to reach the people. How- ever, due to our parents’ sacrifices, the Second Generation can use the time of their youth to plan for the future. During this time, we can realize our true purpose through prayer and intuition. If we start from this age, we can create a strong foundation and career path. Then we can be really successful.

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recently the state of California has experienced a political uprising. Its Governor was recalled, and a new one chosen from a field of 135 contenders. Much of the world snickered, but behind closed doors, politicians trembled. This article grew from a series of essays you’ll need to write to distract friends. Legal note: this column promotes no candidate or policy.

What prompted the recall? Mainly, the state budget deficit. California was short by an amount greater than the entire budget of any state except New York. Official warnings, tied to the ‘dot com bust,’ were ignored. Spending far outpaced income, population, and inflation.

Right after Governor Davis’s 2002 reelection the budget decimated. I personally know teachers who got laid off. Davis was widely regarded as the ultimate insider, surrounded by ‘yes men,’ and only dealing with callers who brought along a stack of money. The call we tolerate and (unlike paycheck withholding) it’s one that people must pay double.

Nasty details emerged about the power crisis and rolling blackouts. Utility rates remained sky-high. A handful of states have popular recall laws. Oregon, North Dakota had used theirs successfully, almost a century ago. The recall began with Melanie Morgan of KSFO in San Francisco. She was first to suggest it, in a conversation with Shawn Steel. Her passing remark was an idea whose time had come.

Other radio hosts soon got on board. Activist lawyer Ted Costa wrote the official recall petition. Before long, three separate groups were distributing them, mostly via the Internet. About a month into the effort, Congressman Darrell Issa provided major funds. No political party helped, or opposed, the recall effort until late.

Davis’s support came mainly from unions and the public sector. No surprise, as the state budget affects the amount of union dues available. His pro-rallies often closed up right on the highway.

The petition drive succeeded, and with prompting from the courts, the Secretary of State announced a recall election. The California Supreme Court fielded a buzzard of lawsuits. In a single day they denied five challenges to the recall.

Unlike Florida in 2000, the Federal courts agreed. The Ninth Circuit televised an appeals hearing full of case references and dense legalese. Judge Kooszki kept it real, and even got folks laughing.

Candidates

The bar for candidacy was set way too low (in money and signatures). Over 400 people declared, but as the dead-line passed, only 133 qualified. The world media had a field day interviewing oddball candidates. Many of them ‘third parties,’ so every ballot is a vote. Arnold Schwarzenegger got hit for admitted woman-groping. He had star power, and appeared sincere and forthright. He’d run a successful ballot initiative in the previous election. (His Kennedy connection helped, too.) Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamente got mixed for proposing the same and more of it as a cure for the state’s ills, and for following Davis in taking special interest money. He had a solid voter base, and every Hispanic endorsement. (But those Hispanic leaders didn’t have much clout.) Arianna Huffington got obliterated for flying private jets to and from her mansion, even while burning millions of gallons for driving SUV’s. Her other positions changed with time. She was unparalleled as a debater.

State Senator Tom McClintock was—well known. He got bashed as ‘too right wing’ in his social views. He understood the state budget, and made actual proposals on how to run it. He was favored by the activists who started the recall.

Peter Camejo was popular among students, and furthest to the left. He got criticized as having no clue about economics, and claiming that the state’s Big Corporations could be taxed more, with no downside. He was respected as sincere, and for caring about the environment.

Several pundits reached the same conclusion: what California really needed was a Lego candidate. Someone with Arnold’s mass appeal, Bustamente’s political heft, Arianna’s sharp wit, McClintock’s business sense, and Camejo’s sincere concern—rolled into one.

Campaign

The campaign was short. The opinion polls rode a roller coaster. Failing pollsters.

his opponent, rather than former SF Mayor George Christopher. At first there were two major Democratic candidates. Insurance Commissioner Garretson voted to fight to the end, then quit within 48 hours. Repub- lican Peter Ueberroth bowed out, but McCintock resisted all such pressure. A vigorous debate was held between the top five challengers. Huge policy differences emerged, and contradicto- ry claims were made. Californians knew they had a serious choice, yet the high- light was an exchange between Arnold and Arianna, referencing his treatment of a female movie robot.

Many of the other 130 candidates gathered outside the debate forum. All of their support put together hardly equaled that of any one debater.

In the midst of the campaign Davis made a keynote speech. His hand-picked audience cheered and booted with triple the passion of a rock concert. It was surreal.

Everyone had a web site. Geor- ge Russell’s was most widely report- ed. I disagreed with her policies, but admired her energy and good cheer. I dubbed her ‘a Silicon Val- ley update on the Girl Next Door.’

While making a delivery on the Stanford campus, I met and talked with Georgy. Her campaign button is now on display in my office. Defending champ Gov. Davis appeared throughout the race. His approval rating was lower than Nixon’s after Watergate! Every candidate committed to Nixon standards.

Many conservatives, finding even one ‘hot button’ issue to disagree on, said they’d vote for McClintock, not the moderate Arnold. Hop- ing Arnold won anyhow, since McClintock could never take this liberal state.
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