In Korea, True Parents continue to offer their sincere devotion for the complete settlement of God’s fatherland and the Peace Kingdom. In particular, they are devoting themselves to building up a new tradition of the Ahn Shi Il Day of the Attendance of Side Settlemen, which will come every 8 days after May 5. On May 5, 2004, “father proclaimed the ‘Ssang Hap Sip Seung Il’ which was the first Ahn Shi Il. On the second Ahn Shi Il, Father held the ‘Rally for the Harmony and Unification of Yeongnam and Ho-nam Regions’ at the Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu, where 300 people gathered. On the third Ahn Shi Il, Father held the ‘Declaration Rally for Absolute Value for the Sake of Harmony and Unification’ at the Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu. Then, 15,000 people attended this rally. A brief summary of these vents follows.

Day 5

Father proclaimed the “Ssang Hap Sip Seung Il” on he first Ahn Shi Il at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu. The meaning of this day is that “The vertical 5 for the May 5 events follows. A brief summary of these Ahn Shi Il, Father held the “Rally for the Harmony and Unification of Yeongnam and Ho-nam Regions on May 13, the second Ahn Shi Il. Yeongnam is another name of Cheol-Do and Ho-nam is another name of Cheol-ra-Do. Historically, the relationship between Cheol-sang-do and Cheol-ra-do has not been good. People of each region have hated each other. The rally started with 4,300 members from Yeongnam and Ho-nam regions. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwa read messages from the spirit world and then gave a lecture about the way of unification of Yeongnam and Ho-nam regions and the unification of North and South Korea. Father gave a speech titled “What is the Origin of Unification and Harmony?” saying, ‘The origin (God) is the treasure which never changes for tens of thousands of years. If it is visible, people will struggle with each other in order to get it. If Yeongnam and Ho-nam try to unite with each other by themselves, it is difficult; but True Parents, the savior, the Messiah, can help make them unite with each other; it is possible. Everything will be solved in this way.’

May 13

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sions in June can be summarized as follows: First, the spiritual organ is the palace of love. Second, the mind precedes the body and is eternal. Third, he emphasized the importance of the blood lineage.

On each Ahn Shi Il pledge service was held with all the Korean leaders from providential organizations. On July 6th, Father explained the purpose of his stay and conditions in Yeosu. He said that the eighty-day period until July 16th is the time for writing the introduction to the great transition, which is connected to the establishment of Ahn Shi Il, which goes beyond the number eight. Father stated that by fulfilling and eighty-five-day period (symbolizing Father's age of 85 years) until July 21st, he was offering a condition to dissolve everything that may obstruct the start of the new era.

From June 7th, a three-day special gathering for Korean leaders was held at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu. In a speech that he gave, Rev. Sun Jo Hwang stated, “2004 is proceeding through providential situations that are different from the previous ones.” He went on to explain four major changes that True Parents had initiated—description of Cheon Seong Gyeong (Holy Scriptures of Heaven), the establishment of the laws of Ahn Shi Il, the establishment of the Family Pledge, and the declaration of the era of being completely free.

During the hoondokhae on June 17th, Father spoke anew about the returning number (10) saying, “Since the number 1 is the number of a new start and the number 10 is the number of return for a new start centering on the number 10 of Ssang Hab Sib Seung Il, if we failed at this moment before Yeosu (the original point) at the number 10; if we failed at the number 10 we can return at the number 100 through ten-fold efforts.”

On June 7th, a special service for the 42nd Day of All True Things was held in Yeosu. In a speech to the leaders, Father said, “We have inherited the kingdom of heaven on earth, and the spirit world can have absolute faith and absolute obedience which the archangel can have in spirit world.” He emphasized the importance of the blood lineage.

June 9

Some 400 leaders from around Korea gathered at the hall of the training center by Blue Sea Garden for morning hoondokhae. True Parents entered the hall at 4:52 and sat down in the chairs prepared on the platform. After participants offered their bow to True Parents, Wonyi McDevitt began to read from the book “Heung-jin Moon: Commander in Chief of Heaven”. 40 minutes into the hoondokhae Father began to speak to the audience:

“You must understand these things. Spirit world was turned upside down and now must be turned right-side up and over-hauled. Your responsibility is to overthrow that which was turned upside down. Heung-jin straightened out the things that were reversed in spirit world. You who are on earth must accomplish everything that was upside down back to the position of the parent centered on man with absolute faith. True Parents, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Mankind.

The incorporeal God was the center of the cosmos. He was to settle down centering on the substantial family of love in a substantial body. So the family stands on the foundation of the position representing man who possesses intellect, emotion and will, and also around the values of truth, goodness and beauty. The fruit of truth, goodness and beauty, and the fruit of intellect, emotion and will make up the family. But spirit world and physical world did not pass above the foundation of the family, so through you, the elder brother, the elder brother can come down to the earth, and the archangel can reverse the position of the elder brother, and the position of Cain. By serving in the position of the father or the elder brother and the position of Cain, the kingdom of heaven on earth has already come. If you understand this, you must be absolutely obedient. The archangel can gain absolute love and absolute obedience which the archangel in spirit world can make itself right.

The fact that you who are on this earth did not receive the blessing within the satanic world means that the position of Cain has found itself in the position of the younger brother of the blessed family of Abel. With this the realm of Adam’s family is turned upside down. No longer are they in opposition to Father and or the first parents—God and or the first parents. Thus, they can remove themselves from the position of Cain which opressed the son and God and or the first time our ancestors can receive the blessing. No longer are they in the position of the archangel. The archangel can gain the right of ownership which he did not possess before, and can be connected to the spirit world through the family of the Abel-type True Parents on earth.

Finally the realm of the archangel in spirit world can have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience which the archangel did not have before. Thus the archangel can come down and in the position of the younger sibling he can engraft to the spirit and body of the parents and the children of the parents and stand atop the foundation of the kingship on earth. This time of overcoming this standard, this time of struggle is the time of the construction of the Peace UN and time of going into God’s fatherland and the era of the peace kingdom. You must know that the kingdom of heaven on earth has already begun. Do you understand? Please do not obey evil and be vague to you. If you go to spirit world without knowing these things you will not be in alignment with the Peace Father and or the first parents.

True Father then explained that all members must bring their brothers and tribe to the blessing, even if they have to use force. Father said that we must transfer our ownership to the church, and that tongbang hyokpa must be completed without fail.

In the morning Father went out to sea with Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, Kim Boo-tae, and Kwak Hee-gu. Father left even before those leaders who were supposed to join him. That day Father caught a 65-cm mullet and returned before noon. In the afternoon he told the other leaders to go out and fish. Father then spent time with Ye-je n-nam who had come down from Seoul.

The leaders who went out to rock-fish in the day returned in the evening for a meeting where they shared best practices in the hoondok church activities in the town, rural district and block.

June 30

On June 30, the eighth Ahn Shi Il pledge service and hoondokhae was held at the assembly hall in the training center at Blue Sea Garden with some 2,000 members—who included 430 FFWPU leaders, elder church members, leaders of providential organizations, and core members from Japan.

After entering the hall, True Parents, Hyung-jin nim, Yeon-ah nim and the True Grandchildren (Shim-mee Shin and Shim-je Shin) sang, see PARENTS on page 4
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Shin-wol nim, and Shin-jeon nim lined up in front of the stage to pray. After their prayer True Parents offered a bow together. Father and Mother then went on stage and sat before the members gathered in the hall. Hyung-jin nim, Yeon-ah nim and the grandchild offered a bow together and then the members offered bows. Before the recital of the Family Pledge, Father made the proclamation for "Cheon yo-il" (a day of the eye, which in English could be translated as 'Heavenly day') saying, "The Sabbath day has been a central point of people's selves in history up until this month of June; now the eighth day after the other days will be Cheon yo-il (????). Repeat after me. [Cheon yo-il] Mon- day, Tuesday, Wednesday, all the way to Saturday, Sunday, Cheon yo-il (Heavenly day)." This gathering is to commemorate the implementation of this day, which will begin from tomorrow.  

July 9

Morning hoondokhae at Blue Sea Garden Training Center with 500 members from North and South Jeolla Province and Suyeonggang Province. Rev. Moon Pyong-ae (former region director) leads all members in offering a bow to True Parents. Father asks where the members are from. Rev. Moon Pyong-ae responds that they are from North and South Jeolla Province and Suyeonggang Province. Father asks what districts of the provinces the members are from. Rev. Moon replies that he got the information. Members then proceed from each county. You have to give the Blessing to your tribe even if you have to do it by force. Those who haven't become tribal messiahs to their tribe must be driven out. In the future you will hear people say that Korea has the most elegant grave sites. I instructed you not to use cremation [for Seung-hwa cere- monies].

After the prayer, Father came down from the stage and walked amongst the members as he spoke to them, at times in Japanese. Father asked Rev. Oya- mada to sing and Rev. Sudo and some of the women sang. The eighth Ahn Shi Il pledge service and hoondokhae lasted for about three hours.

After breakfast, True Par- ents and Hyung-jin nim took off to offer devotions on the sea. True Mother and Hyung-jin nim returned first to Blue Sea Garden a little past noon. Father returned from fishing at 5 pm. In the evening True Par- ents spent time with the lead- ers in the living room of the guest house, and gave guidance on the schedule for July. Father had Dr. Seok Jeon-ho give a report on the activities in Chu- na.

July 10

Morning hoondokhae at Blue Sea Garden Training Center with 600 members from Guri (Gyeonggi Province), Cheongju (North Chungcheong Province) and Chuncheon (Gangwon Province). Rev. Kwon leads all members in a bow to True Parents. Father's Words: "I exercise on the horizontal bar. Even this morn- ing, I did some exercise before coming here. I walk with my back straight so the soles of my shoes are worn down evenly. I had to walk 20 ri (approxim- ately 5 miles, 8 km) to get to my elementary school. I developed a new method for catching mullet. The biggest one I caught so far is 77 cm (30 inch). I need to catch one that is 81 cm but I haven't yet. My con- clusion: there are no fish longer than 80 cm here (laughter)"

In the past when I told the Unification Church members that they had to engrave to me they didn't understand. Jesus was the brickgrom. He came to find a woman. There are many ways they do it here today. Rev. Moon's job is to save the women, so they must say thank you to me. We need to educate people in purity, pure lineage and pure sexual relations so they do not stain their lin- eage. Unification women all received education on purity. Now I publicly announce that I am the Savior, Messiah, Second Coming [of Christ] and the True Parent. It is because God told me to do so.

For hoondokhae Mrs. McDevitt read from the Holy Scriptures of Heaven (Cheon Seong Gyeong): para- graph 1, chapter 2 from the section "The Life of an Unification Church member", paragraph 1 from the section "The Life of an Owner of Cheon Il-Guk", paragraph 1 from the section "The Life of an Owner of Cheon Il-Guk". Rev. Kwak introduced the depth of Hyung-jin nim's heart that he found through this book and informed the members that the book will soon be published. Rev. Kwak then went on to explain about his visit to his alma mater. Gyeongbuk High School and gave a report on education on purity. Father then asked Professor Moon Sung-jae of Sun Moon University to witness to the other professors at the school. Rev. Peter Kim then sang a song that he said he sang to his wife in bed to teach her to sleep at 17:00. "True Parents returned from their fishing..."
Even now True Parents are offering sincere devotion through fishing. Members in charge of fishing at the Okjeok reservoir are also participating in this condition. President Moon Yong-hyun, President Moon An-seok and his wife, Kim Yong-woo (reporter) and Peace Ambassador Moon Do-eyng are offering devotions day and night by the fishing site. Hearing that Moon An-seok’s wife had begun a seven day fast, True Moth-
er sent Mrs. McDavitt and Lee Sang-su to dissuade her from the fast. At night, those people who work closely with True Mother visited Okjeok reservoir to convey Mother’s encouragement to the members there.

July 11

Morning hoondokhae began with the same mem-
ers as the previous day. Mrs. McDavitt read from the Holy Scriptures of Heav-
en (Chren Seong Gyeong) paragraph 2, chapter 2 from the section “The Life of an Owner of Cheon Il Guk.”

Thirty minutes into the reading True Father began to speak to the mem-
ers:

“The Fall! The Fall means falling away from one’s original position. The Fall overturned the blood lineage. Instead of receiving God’s lineage fall-
en man received the satanic lineage. A person cen-
tering on God cannot have a struggle between his mind and body. You must know that the blood line-
age of the enemy is planted within you through the union of the love and life of the enemy. This is what Father discovered. I fought with this and resolved it. Unless you know this and unless you pass that gate you cannot go before God. The path where the body and mind are one for eternity is the path of heaven. That is why Rev. Moon has proclaimed that before you and I come to the presence of God there must be the same personal exper-
en from the family to the tribe and nation (people).”

Rain began to fall in Yeosu as the season of the rainy season began in China. Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, who arrived a little late to the meeting, gave a report on his trip to Nambae that day, where he conveyed Father’s philosophies of Peace to the people. Kim Jung-su, Nation-
al Messiah to Costa Rica, presented a turtle gift to the people of Costa Rica. Kim Jung-su, Nation-
al Messiah to Costa Rica, presented a turtle gift made from a 1,000 year old yew tree to True Parents. Father spoke until 11:40 pm.

UTS Holds Twenty-eighth Commencement

The Unification Theological Seminary held its 28th com-
menement exercises on Saturday, June 26, at 11:00 a.m. on its Barrytown cam-
pus. Sixty-five people comprised Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.) degrees, thirteen students received Mas-
ter of Divinity (M.Div.) degrees and one stu-
dent received a certifi-
cate in Unification Lead-
ership. The 76 gradu-
ating students comprise the largest graduation class in the Seminary’s 30-year history.

A highlight of the cer-
emony was the gradu-
ation of Mrs. Yeonah Choe Moon, eldest son of the Seminary founder. Another high-
light was the conferring of four honorary mas-
ter degrees in pedagogy to Revs. Young Suk Song, Heung Tae Kim, Pyung Rae Moon, and Bong Tae Kim. These are the first honorary masters degrees ever bestowed by the Seminary. In addition, UTS offered its first “Trustees Award” to Rev. Tae Haen Yoo, leader of the Unification movement in Japan, for his commitment to glob-
al religious education. Included among this year’s gradu-
ees are seminarians from Korea, Japan, the United States, Peru, Nigeria, Greece, Cameroon, Canada, Zambia, Rwanda, Trinidad, Pakistan and India. In the words of Seminary President Dr. Tyler O. Hendricks, “I see God’s love in them, love that can bridge boundaries and bring enemies together.”

Ten of the graduating students com-
pleted the majority of their work at the UTS Extension Center in Manhattan. Established by Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon in 1975, UTS educates sub-
stantial portions of the Unification movement’s international leadership. Through its Extension Cen-
ter, the Seminary opens its doors to students from all faiths. Eight seminar-
ians participating in this year’s graduation hail from denomina-
tions other than the Unification Church. The Seminary’s degree pro-
grams are chartered by the New York State Edu-
cation Department and accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.
Interfaith Leaders Address ‘Crown’ Controversy

by Rev. Mike Leone

C
ome 20 Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Native American leaders joined in a statement of support for Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon’s global work for peace, speaking out in a June 30, 2004 Press Conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The group praised the “Crown of Peace” Awards Ceremony held on March 23, 2004 at the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in which the 84-year-old religious leader and his wife were honored as the “King and Queen of Peace,” for their lifelong efforts for interreligious reconciliation. Some media reports have criticized the Capitol Hill event, because ceremonial robes and crowns were awarded to Rev. and Mrs. Moon. A video of the event, shown on the internet, led some critics to dub the event a “coronation” of Reverend and Mrs. Moon.

Among those who disagreed with that assessment, and spoke out at the Wednesday press conference were Aptop George Augustus Stallings, an event organizer, Rabbi Mordechai Waldmann from Detroit, Mich., who blew the “shefar” or ram’s horn at the awards ceremony, and Imam Fasha Salahuddin, an American Muslim leader from Paterson, NJ who also attended the Capitol Hill ceremony. Joining the Christian, Jewish and Muslim clergy at the event was Native American leader Jayokla Nichi Ayala from Los Angeles.

Testifying to the preeminent character of Reverend Moon’s interfaith and reconciliation work in the Middle East were 2 representatives from the Holy Land: Father Abuos Eftoum, an Orthodox Christian Priest from Nazareth, and Dr. Ben-Ami from Jerusalem.

Intense media and public interest was generated by the press conference of the Interreligious group of Jews, Muslims and Christians to address the March 23rd awards ceremony. Some critics, such as Ron Gunzburg’s “Politics” website, even contacted the political opponents of congressmen who attended, encouraging them to use their opponents’ participation as a campaign issue. Some organizers of the “Crown of Peace” awards assert that the motives of Gorenfeld and others are pure politics, taking aim at Reverend Moon’s pro-family, conservative positions.

Gorenfeld claims that Reverend Moon seeks the “extermination” of homosexuals, the “conversion” of Jews whom he blames for the holocaust, and seeks to take over America and the world. Participants in the June 30th Press Conference, nearly all of whom attended the March 23rd interfaith event, and said that nothing could be further from the truth. They pointed out that Gorenfeld had never even tried to get their side of the story.

“I experienced a miracle on March 23rd,” said Rabbi Waldmann. “I have never experienced Jews, Christians, and Muslims united in such a strong commitment to unity and peace. These people are simply coming together as brothers and sisters, breaking down the hatred and separation that is causing so much bloodshed. Rev. Moon is teaching about the one true God, the God of our common father Abraham, and causing his children to come together,” said Rabbi Waldmann.

Those who came from Israel agreed: “Interfaith work is common in the US,” said Dr. Ben-Ami, director of the Emil Levant Institute. “But Rev. Moon has brought thousands of Jews, Muslims and Christians to the Holy Land as Ambassadors for Peace. These delegations have been to Gaza many times, and are the only interreligious group allowed to enter the Al Aqsa Mosque in these difficult days. Father Hatoum added, “Rev. Moon has given us strength, hope and support for peace in the Holy Land. They have moved the hearts of so many. This kind of work changes the spirit, the atmosphere. We need it badly. We have centuries of bitterness and pain to overcome.”

One-by-one, speakers denied the various claims made by critics of the event. The original invitation letters were proof that Gorenfeld had any religious affiliation with Rev. Moon. He was an anointed one. Rev. Moon is not Jesus, nor does he claim to be. But he is anointed by Rev. Jesus, and is calling us all to be “messiahs.”

The event was Native American leader Jayokla Nichi Ayala from Los Angeles, “Messiah means “anointed one.” Rev. Moon is not Jesus, nor does he claim to be. But he is anointed by Rev. Jesus, and is calling us all to be “messiahs.”

Leonie pointed out that every one of the 100 awards given that night were emblazoned with a crown. “It wasn’t only Rev. and Mrs. Moon,” he said. “Everyone received a crown of peace.”

Dr. Chang Shik Yang, representative of Reverend and Mrs. Moon in North America, read a brief statement from the founder, expressing gratitude and love for America and its people. Rev. Moon thanked the religious leaders who were standing with him, and expressed confidence that their solidarity would allow God to work to heal the nation and realize peace. Rev. Michael Jenkins, Co-Chairman of IFWP, USA addressed the church-state issue, noting that America was founded upon the “self-evident” truth that its rights are “endowed by the Creator.” From the abolitionists of the 19th century to Dr. King and the civil rights movement, religious leaders have often served as the conscience of the nation,” Jenkins expressed, “calling us to return to those self-evident truths. That is why Rev. Moon comes to Capitol Hill. To call the nation to its founding principles.”

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Statement on the ‘Crown of Peace’ Program

Intense media and public interest has arisen concerning an event held on March 23rd, 2004 at the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC. The event’s main sponsors were the Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC), a project of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) founded by Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. IIFWP has a global network of some 50,000 Ambassadors for Peace in more than 160 nations, who are leaders from diverse professional and faith backgrounds dedicated to overcoming barriers of religion, race, and ethnicity.

Among the nearly 100 “Crown of Peace” awards presented to civic, religious, and diplomatic leaders recognizing their significant contributions to peacemaking, Rev. and Mrs. Moon were honored for their lifetime work with an international “Crown of Peace” recognition. This was presented in the context of a “Ceremony of Reconciliation” among Jewish, Christian, and Muslim leaders and included the presentation of ceremonial robes and crowns, with the affectionate honor “king and queen of peace.” In heartfelt remarks following the presentation, Rev. Moon passionately described the global significance of his mission, and challenged all present to take up the work for peace and reconciliation with equal sincerity and commitment. Many experienced it as a sentimental and urgent farewell after 30 years of investment in America.

Some media reports of this event were filled with misrepresentations, distortions, and untruths. Rev. Moon is a controversial leader of a young, minority religious movement, an easy target. But claims that the event was about one person, that legislators were “duped” into participating, or that their involvement signifies any religious commitment or affiliation with Rev. Moon, may feed the frenzy that critics seek to create, but they are patently false. A simple review of the documentable facts makes this clear.

Purpose Of The Event

The March 23rd evening celebration was the culmination of an international conference on the theme: “Forging a Path to Peace and Reconciliation at a Time of Global Crisis” held at the Washington Plaza Hotel, at which distinguished participants addressed substantive issues crucial to the search for peace. It was one of a series of IIFWP events that have included six interreligious pilgrimages to the Holy Land in 2003-04 involving 4000 representatives from nearly 70 nations, interdisciplinary conferences in Jerusalem, Gaza, and worldwide, and a women’s peace initiative.

The banquet included a special presentation of reconciliation to a Native American leader, plus a “Ceremony of Reconciliation” among Jewish, Christian and Muslim clergy, including religious leaders from war-torn Israel and Palestine. More than 56 activists and leaders from virtually every state were presented with “Crown of Peace” First State Level awards for their work. National awards were presented to Christian, Jewish, and Muslim leaders, as well as to a Native American. While the IIFWP founders were honored for initiating and supporting these efforts, this was not at all an event to recognize one individual or couple alone.

Invitations To The Event

A number of media reports, including the Washington Post and New York Times, have correctly reported that an invitation letter sent initially to every Congressional office clearly identified Rev. and Mrs. Moon as the founders of the IIFWP, and stated that they would participate and be honored at this event. The organizers are proud to honor Rev. and Mrs. Moon for their lifetime achievements and sacrificial efforts to promote world peace, and no effort was made to hide their involvement.

IIFWP has sponsored multiple events on Capitol Hill in the last year, all of which emphasized the “Ambassadors for Peace” initiative. All follow-up notices and reminders for the March 23rd event mentioned Ambassadors for Peace. It is simply untrue that the organizers misrepresented the sponsorship; on the contrary, significant effort has been made to foster name recognition.

It should be noted that many congressional leaders participated in the event for a variety of reasons. Some were invited to address the conference or banquet as experts on international relations or past peace efforts. Some are longtime friends more familiar with the goals and initiatives of the IIFWP, while others stopped by for a few minutes simply to honor a constituent being recognized for their contributions to the community.

Some critics of Rev. Moon’s work wish to exaggerate and malign these leaders’ association with the event. These attacks call to mind those leveled at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was mutually feared, maligned, and labeled. Dr. King’s detractors, some out of ignorance, and others driven by pure racial prejudice, feared his message of integration and its consequences. He was misrepresented in the media, indicted for tax fraud, and arrested time and again. And many who associated themselves with his work were attacked for refusing to separate from him.

Likewise, many prominent citizens have appeared at events with Rev. Moon in the past, including former presidents, vice presidents, members of Congress, and religious leaders. Why? Because the work is viable, inclusive, and relevant to reconciliation, peace and the building of faithful families. There never was any suggestion that their participation reflects endorsement of Rev. Moon’s theology. We are saddened that the very religious intolerance and bigotry that divide us. Nearly 100 representatives of religion, race and ethnicity. Why? Because the IIFWP works to overcome, has once again reared its ugly head. We urge the civic and religious leaders who participated to be clear and forthright about why they participated, and not to shrink from vicious attacks from scurrilous individuals who misrepresent the work of Rev. Moon.

Biased Sources

In contrast to the efforts and integrity of much of the mainstream media, the momentum for this “story” was provided by independent “journalists” and “blog” writers who have made no effort to contact the event organizers for a balanced presentation of both sides of the story. They ignore or ridicule any genuine religious motivation, discount the broad-based interreligious participation and distort the aims of Rev. Moon as purely political, with no appreciation of his many achievements. Their sites are a volatile mix of selective information, subjective opinions and distortions, fraught with factual error and having no accountability to standards of journalistic integrity. They have targeted event participants, confiscating their “courageous testimonies and misinformation, distorting Rev. Moon’s ideals and teachings. They seek to multiply their own bigoted and paranoid views by creating public reaction, attacking the credibility of all who associate with the ideals and work of the IIFWP, and besmirching the good people who were honored for their hard work and commitment to the ideals of peace.

In the process, the purpose of the “Crown of Peace” ceremony and the life and work of Rev. and Mrs. Moon, have been seriously misrepresented. These deserve clarification.

The Awards

The crown is used in our society not as a symbol of political power or authority, but rather as the symbol of victory and sacrifice. The “crowning moment” of one’s career. Thus the “Crown of Peace” award was designed with the meaning of “champion” of peace, given to those who have demonstrated success in overcoming the racial, religious and cultural barriers that so often divide us. The gold crowns and rosettes from across the US and around the world were honored with this award on March 23rd, and each one received a crown emblazoned on the award given by Rev. Moon. Rev. and Mrs. Moon received the international “Crown of Peace” for their lifetime achievements in promoting peace and reconciliation.

The spirit of this award is beautifully conveyed in the poem “Crown of Glory,” written by Rev. Moon at age 16 and printed in the program. It makes clear that those who can love their enemies, even when betrayed, will gain the crown of “glory.” Given Rev. Moon’s legacy of respect for all faiths and support for interreligious and interracial harmony, his personal example of love toward those who have maligned him, and the global work these efforts have inspired, such recognition is quite understated. Thus at this event, reconciliation ceremonies featured Jewish, Christian and Muslim clerics in ceremonial robes. Earlier ceremonies, robes and crowns were presented to honor Moses and Judiasm.
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Jesus and Christianity, and Mohammad and Islam in similar fashion.

**Church And State**

The “Crown of Peace” awards were held at the US Capitol both to inform legislators about the important work being done by peacemakers all over the nation, and to encourage these heroes through their recognition by our nation’s leaders. Like the Pope or the Dalai Lama, Rev. Moon is concerned about the prevalence of conflict, violence, injustice and moral breakdown in our world, and wants to convey those concerns to leaders everywhere. The IFPW events on Capitol Hill were designed to address those concerns and inspire participants to pursue peace through interreligious reconciliation, not to seek any temporary power. While the framers of our Constitution sought to prevent the tyranny of a state-sponsored religion, and protect minority religions from government intrusion, they never sought to remove religious ideals from the public square.

Some media, echoing the bloggers’ themes, have referred to Rev. Moon’s religion as “bizarre.” In fact, virtually every established religion has sacra-
ments and ceremonies that seem “bizarre” when viewed by non-believers, as well as expectations and beliefs based upon faith alone. Non-believers are not expected to secu-
rate as the sacrament of communion, which symbolizes taking in and consuming the body and blood of Christ. The expectation is that God’s presence in burning bushes or the resurrection of the dead to the ascension to heaven is not for everyone to understand the meaning of these events. To understand the bold asser-
tions made by the Rev. Moon, they must be considered in a religious context.

**The SPIRIT WORLD**

The claim that passed-away saints and religious leaders are coming together in the spiritual realm, or historical rogues such as Marx, Lenin, Hitler and Stalin have “been reborn as new persons” through Rev. Moon’s teaching seems hard to swallow for some. It is based upon some fundamen-
tual precepts familiar to people of diverse faiths: that the heart, consciousness and character of a person survives the death of the physical body; that the original goodness in each person is ultimately redeemable; and that whether or not we are aware, our lives and efforts on earth are intertwined with the realm of spirit. It is true, as the Bible says, that to consume the whole world through selective and out-of-
context quotations, mis-translating or taking out falsehoods, Rev. Moon’s critics have portrayed serious distor-
tions to the mainstream media, which is not always to be addressed. A fair, objective, and honest look at these facts is that he is anti-semitism, or seeks the conversion of Jews are false, and calculated to antagonize. A lifetime of interreligious work: starting investment for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East, volumes of his speak-
ing to the throne of God to ask “Is it now time for God to finally after thousands of years, to consider the forgiveness of those who have violated your will? Is it time that we turn from our wars, our violence, our destruction of the earth?”

This principle is not being taught in our seminaries today. The time has come for a new and bolder leadership that is not restricted by religious and denom-
inational traditions.

**Minister Steve Muhammad**

As a Muslim and believer in Allah (God) the Supreme Being, Creator of the Heavens and Earth, I feel that Rev. Moon’s effort to break down barriers among the three faiths of Abraham and bring together Christians, Jews and Muslims is very important to world peace. At a time when the world is polarized on issues of faith and religion, it is heartwarming to see a man of God teach unity and love when the world is teaching division and hate.

**Rev. Carl V. Rawls - Selma, Alabama**

I was honored to attend the March 23 ceremony. It was a warm and loving feeling to see all people, the three faiths (Christian, Muslim, and Jewish) come together for one cause. That was peace and reconciliation. Before I attended the event, I was a part of a team that delivered the letter of invitation to con-
gressional members and expressed a personal desire for them to attend. Some congressional members were unavailable and invitations were left with their staff. So this letter was not only faxed but also hand delivered.

I joined the ACLC a year ago. I have never seen anyone speak the message of peace like Rev. Sun Myung Moon. He is the only religious leader that I know that has brought together the Abrahamic faiths. I have been a part of all five “Peace” pilgrimages to the Holy Land. It’s nothing that I’ve told or heard about, but I’m a part of a great divine movement of peace and reconciliation not under Rev. Moon, but as he states, under one God. I’ve been richly blessed since I’ve become a part of this spiritual movement. No one has a gun to my head and made me denounce Jesus or that he’s the Son of God. No one has told me that I must denounce Missionary Baptists. And certainly no one has “brain-washed” me. I thank God for choosing me to be a part of this movement: a movement of knocking down barriers and架桥,架设桥梁. How beauti-
ting it was on March 23 to acknowledge the man and woman who are leading this wonderful movement: the Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon.
The Religious Underpinnings of Our Great Society

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

One of our nation’s founders, John Adams, said, “Statesmen may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is reli-
gion and morality alone, which can establish a firm national future. This freedom can securely stand. The
only foundation of a free Constitution is pure virtue. Our Constitution was made only for a religious and
moral people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other.”

The religious underpinnings of our great society are essential to the health and well-being of our nation and all
humanity. The Declaration of Independence’s self-evident truths that “all men are created equal” and are endowed
with unalienable rights by our Creator, indicate that the very founding of this nation and the rights we share are
dependent on our faith in God. Religious leaders and people of faith have served as the conscience of society,
often reminding our nation’s leaders that it is a religious and moral task to preserve the freedoms of liberty we
must remain true to these principles.

Abraham Lincoln, religious leaders and the advice from Frederick Douglass gave
Abraham Lincoln the strength to do his “self evident truths” and stand
with faith in God to challenge slavery.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. could rise above the hatred between races and move the hearts of the American people and the con-
sciences of elected leaders.

Dr. King not only taught the president of this nation, but moved the leaders of the world. His
teaching created a revolution in racial reconciliation that continues throughout
out the world today. In this spirit, Dr. King taught love and peace. He showed us how
the love of God flowing through him changed history; a black Baptist preacher broke down the barriers of
race and religion, inspiring white stu-
dents and Jewish rabbis to stream down
the South, risking their lives to stand
along with black Americans and the
movement as Christians and Jews. Rabbi David Ben Ami, who stood with
Dr. King in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, stands with Rev. Moon here today.

When religious leaders join hands together across traditional boundaries to
walk for peace and justice, America says, “I have a Dream.” It was there that the
soul of the American people was inspired and the direction of the nation turned
because this was achieved in Ameri-
can society, we could begin to respond
throughout the world.

It is in this same spirit that the Rev.
Sun Myung Moon has repeatedly
addressed our nation’s leaders on Capi-

tol Hill concerning the core values of
this nation’s founding spirit. Many of
these events over the last 30 years not
only lifted up the Godly principles that
are the foundation of this nation, but also honored the sacrificial peo-
ple from all 50 states who have best embodied them.

That’s why the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace joined with
many Senators and Congressmen on March 23rd to honor 100 people of all races and
faiths with the Crown of Peace Awards. For braving according to the fundamental values
essential to people of faith. What are those core values? That God is the Parent of the
entire human family; that the family is the school of love; marriage between a man and
a woman is the biblical model for God’s image of an ideal family; that fidelity and faithfulness in marriage are
essential to preserving that ideal; and that the free expression of faith is essen-
tial to strengthen the moral founda-
tions of the family and the nation. Reli-
gious leaders are commissioned by God
joined in recognizing Rev. Moon for his work for world peace, and he made no
apology for that. He said that for many, the event honored Rev. Moon as a True
Parent. That is a statesman standing on faith and principle. Others too eas-
ily say, “I never knew.”

At the Crown of Peace Ceremony on Capitol Hill, an atmosphere of peace was
created through the reconciliation of religious leaders. The Congressman who honored their constituents and
an atmosphere of respect for all reli-
gious and peoples crystallized. The-
ere the message that IFPW USA brought to America was not only one of faith but also one of action. Rabbi Mordecai
Waldmann said that when he saw the
love and unity of Jews, Christians and Muslims from all 50 states, he felt it
was a miracle, and for that reason he
blew the Shofar. Because of the IFPW work in the Middle East, these inter-
religious leaders came not only from America but also from the Holy Land for March 23rd. For this consistent
work, and a lifetime of dedication and
commitment to the principle of living for the sake of others, Rev. Moon was
honored as the King of Peace.

These leaders respect Rev. Moon as
a great man of God and a man of peace. Some of them (including some of those here today) honor him as the Messiah.

The question is, “Is Rev. Moon the Mes-
siah?” As for me, I affirm that he is the Messiah, Savior and returning Lord who was anointed by Jesus to fulfill
that mission. The term “Messiah” is used here in the Hebrew context and means the one “anointed,” and it is an
anointing that comes from Heaven. Therefore, Rev. Moon is not God and he is not Jesus. Instead, he is a man
anointed by God to stand as the True
Parent.

As “Messiah,” Rev. and Mrs. Moon stand as True Teachers, True Par-
ents and True King and Queen. Their stand as religious leaders. There is no secular or political power for their role.
If he is “Messiah,” why the con-

troversy? Historically, all great
men and women anointed by God
have endured hardship and suf-
fering to bring God’s message to this world. Their words are not always easy to receive. Jesus said,
“If your right eye causes you to sin, cut it out.” And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off.”
(Matthew 5:29–30). Jesus also said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of
man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Unless you eat the shocking words cannot be understood literally, but rather only in the spirit.
And so it is with Rev. Moon’s words. Religious leaders speak in hyperbole and can only truly be understood in the
heart and by the spirit. Especially
the role of the “Messiah” must be under-
ned in spirit.

Some may say, “how can the ‘Mes-
siah’ have been convicted of a ‘crime’?” Yet again we see the King, Gandhi, and Jesus, each of whom faced
imprisonment and even death. Jesus was accused of coming only to destroy the law. Unfortunately at the time of
Jesus, there were no religious leaders to defend his innocence. America did not repeat the same history when
Rev. Moon was being persecuted; religious leaders stood by him. What the world should know is that
the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., the
American Baptists, the Catholic League, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Southern Christian Leadership
Conference, the NAACP and the Honorable Senator Orrin Hatch proclaimed in their Annuus briefs that Rev. Moon was inno-
cent. In addition, “I, John Dean Kelly, representing the National Council of Churches wrote, ‘...the whole appalling story of how Sun Myung Moon and his accountant were framed by the gov-
ernment’s agents...should be read by every American who values religious liberty and wants this cause of jus-
tice never to be repeated.’ Reli-
gious and civic leaders are here today standing strong for the work of Rev. Moon. They
know the man and his work and know that it is the work of God.

Rev. Moon affirms that America is called by God to set the example of coopera-
tion between the sacred and the secular, and to be the leader of a world in which all of God’s children can
reach the banquet table of freedom, peace and happiness.

COMMUNICATE WITH THE UNIFICATION COMMUNITY THROUGH THE UNIFICATION NEWS
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t had the blessing of going to my hometown, Chicago, by Bishop Kim and the ACLC monthly breakfast meeting. 200 clergy gathered at the ACLC monthly meeting in Chicago has become self-sufficient and provided with the same respect from the white politicians alike as that commanded by the major Municipal associations. In fact many believe that it has become the central religious center of influence as the Mayor. Congress man, U.S. Senators and the Alderman of Illinois have grown to respect and love Father Moon for the amazing vision that launched ACLC.

In Chicago the dream of Father Moon has taken on a permanence and influence that is not something that comes because there are directions to work with clergy but rather an embodiment of the reality that a unified group of religious leaders, especially when crossing racial and religious lines has tremendous impact and stability in this modern era. The old alliances that were once or religio ethnic have lost their power as the diversity and need for understanding far and wide is the Dream that Dr. King saw for America and it is the mandate that he demands. ACLC Chicago fulfills all this.

Results? What is the meaning of such influential leaders? The attraction that brought True Parents directly to Chicago of three occasions every single day throughout the year at any time or in any other city or country in the world. Chicago has the history of the first Chicago in the United States and our True Parents on a public speaking tour. Breaking through the religious and political lines, they have grown to respect and understand the will of the National and Islam opening the door not only to the Million Family March but to Al Asqa Mosque. Detroit (part of Chicago Region under Bishop Kim) has brought very central and important religious leaders who stand on the stage with True Parents to have the opportunity to share their concern and thankfulness.

Today the A.I. Dunlap that I saw there in the Chicago Prayer breakfast on Tuesday morning God sent me there so that I might gain strength as we go to Gaza. This is the Dunlap that when the Chicago Tribune smeared our work on the front page in 1987 saying "DuPage Officials Linked to Moonsies." The devastating headline caused the Superintendent (state super-intendent) who had been to 4 CAUSA conferences to immediately claim that "they lied to me" "I didn't know Moon was in it." A football star, a hero, a greatampion, a super politician, a man of great stature. Stunned in disbelief as Dunlap began walking directly through the central man they visibly shook and miraculously parted allowing the humble marches to walk right through silently. God made a way out of no way.

Like Peter, just one week earlier at Danville, Virginia that Rev. A.I. Dunlap stated the following:

I preached about the reality that we need to pick up our cross and carry it. There is no way. But Not My Soul. I didn't believe it until I saw Dunlap do it as he was emblazoned in a small circle on their foot to be moved: he is forgiven. Lord let him be blessed by the Peace Kingdom. Looking at A.I. my heart went back to where I came from and how God had brought me through the streets of this very tough city only to one day find myself walking side by side with all of the Daugherty, Rev. Leroy Eliot and Rev. Jesse Edwards and Bishop Stallings and women like Bishop Margie Dela Rosa—side by side in Gaza. Chicago was the training ground, just as God put each and every one of us in the training ground that he knew would best prepare us for the future. Looking at A.I. and Bishop Kim my soul was comforted and strengthened, then I saw that the "Moonic" headline when read by Rev. A.I. Dunlap that caused him to say on his porch that August evening in 1987. "Mike, you want to picket the Trib?" I was stunned. When I asked others what they thought, they thought like me this idea was crazy.

When I looked out into the audience all those memories came back to me as I thought about the reality that we must build families in the image of God. That we must realize that Father Moon was like my husband. He is free. He is blessed.

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ince last December in conjunction with the age of the Cheon IL Gook, my husband Johnny and I wanted to have a meeting for our neighbors in our house. Finally, on March 30th I became a reality. It was for Spanish people. We had support from my sisters group that even though without speaking any Spanish the following persons came: Mrs. Iise Sutsch, Mrs. Barbara Vinatier, Mr. A.I. Dunlap, Mr. Maria Quintanilla with her Japanese husband and my brother and sister in law (Ian and Gwin Porter). We had 3 guests at the first meeting. We invited Rev Jon acevedo and Mrs. Patricia Mama to be our speakers. They are responsible for our Hispanic community in Chicago and they have quite a bit of success and experience. We sang holy songs, prayed together and enjoyed each other's company. This is a new experience for our neighborhood but Rev. Acevedo asked if we could meet the following week and promptly a guest offered her house for the next meeting. Since that time, we are meeting at different houses each week. Our guests have the opportunity to know their families involved. When we have new guests we toast with holy wine. Each time we have a new guest.

Some times not so many people can come, but we keep going. Our last meeting was most amazing experience. We had a total of 16 new guests. The host prepared delicious food. We sang together from different countries. We had people from Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Philippines, Austria and Guyana. We could see our differences in traditions, customs and beliefs. But in spite of those differences we could feel one thing in common: to love our families.

We concluded that this is the meaning of our meeting, to bring people together as one family. Each person had the opportunity to pray. We felt repentance, gratitude and love in each prayer. We prayed for each other, for unity, love and peace. We embraced each other and celebrated our families with cheers and holy wine. Certainly each individual went back home a different person.

Chicago Sisters Respond to Cheon IL Gook

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Chicago Leadership Summit on Witnessing & Education

Empowering Tribal Messiahs, Growing our Church

by Mary Anglin

This is how the Midwest block summit began, June 21–23, 2004 - Chicago, IL, as we were greeted by Rev. Michael Jenkins: This is a very special time in history. We’re living in the time when we’re directly serving True Parents and installing the Peace Kingdom. Our task is to address the fundamental providence of God, so that the 2nd Israel and Elder Son Nation can fulfill its mission. From that point on, you’re very special people. God chose this nation to be the Elder Son in relation to the Mother & Father nation. Our identity as Blessed Central Families is crucial. You cannot analyze your status without knowing your identity. We’re the Levitical group within the chosen people. We should be more holy, true, and sacrificial than anyone on earth.

The National Level Leadership Summit was held in Ocean City, Maryland immediately following the Capital Hill event of March 23rd. That Summit was a standing-room only event, with members crowding in from all over the nation. It was decided then that every block would hold a similar event, allowing many more members to take part.

The Midwest Block convened June 21st through the 23rd in Chicago. Participating states included: Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Wisconsin. These days were definitely not enough to properly examine and digest the incredible presentations given.

The Midwest Block gathering was a time of honest sharing, in which we didn’t worry about how good or bad we looked. It was very clear that this summit was not a time for ‘look-good’ reports, but a time to truly empower the Tribal Messiahs.

Rev. Jenkins gave a very deep explanation of the course in America through the past 21 years. “We have not touched the witnessing providence with the full providential force since 1983. At that time we began the course to unite with the Fatherland, Motherland and Elder Son Nations. We had to make a foundation of substance with Christianity at that time as well. There was no ministerial outreach before 1983. We’ve been in that course for 21 years. We’re going according to Heaven’s mandate & providence.” Many members feel we’ve been in a barren desert the past 21 years, so miserable that no one could join. To hear Rev. Jenkins explain that we actually brought victory on the a.s.s.i.g.n.e.d course (uniting with the Father & Mother nations) was an incredible liberation. Now we can pick up the witnessing mantle again and see incredible growth, incredible new life.

Rev. Kashow from Michigan reported that though he decided to hold events for those from the secular field, his events kept getting filled with their Religious-Leader contacts. Rev. Hernandez from Texas compassionately reported how much he is pulled to do ‘inreach’ before outreach. Rev. Anghin from Kansas reported about instituting daily inspirational e-mails as a way to be in constant communication with his tribe. Giving them spiritual food daily. Rev. Sakai from Wisconsin reported humorously how they finally have been able to move into the realm of ‘guest-friendly’ Sunday Service. Rev. Triggo from Indiana reported about setting up groups of sisters under her tutelage who can take care of the families, even when the leader is away. Rev. Ngoro ran from Oklahoma testified about moving to his wife’s hometown and the great assistance of the spiritual world there. Rev. Baird from Minnesota shared about how his Regional Director has been teaching intensive 30-hour one-on-one workshops, having a success ratio of over 90%. Mrs. Muria Kartel from Iowa shared the realities of working in a state where the Blessed Families live so far from each other, each needing to discover and implement the most effective ways they can work alone. Rev. Swearson from Missouri gave moving insight about how we must be as Father described himself when he first came to America, as a firefighter or doctor, to save the broken people. Rev. Vincenz reported how, even though his mission is business, spirit world is guiding him to good contacts to whom he’s able to teach Divine Principle. Mrs. Jeanette Tamaka gave a report on the very well-organized sisters groups in Chicago, and how they’ve been able to outreach within their neighborhoods. Rev. Lester Reese reported how much of a rebirth experience the Ocean City Summit had been for him, and that he’s been working to incorporate the ‘gifts-based ministry’ concept in Ohio. Rev. Ortkasa in Oklahoma has just begun using Rev. Seo’s one-one-one teaching method which he feels makes a very strong emotional-connection between student and teacher.

The final presentation of the summit was from Dr. Yang, who immediately flew to Chicago after arriving in America from Korea. He reported on Father’s current activities in Korea. Dr. Yang gave great support to Rev. Seo’s method of one-one-one teaching. He asked us how we can keep our mouths shut when we know the truth, and he told us that, “by practicing the truth we will be resurrected. People are completely changed by the truth. Let us start in this room. Each of us, if we change and show a new standard of faith and confidence the membership will change. We should show standard and then people will follow us. The 3,000 Blessed Families in America are really Chosen People.”

Rev. Sung Jong Seo gave a presentation on his teaching method of intensive one-on-one three day workshops, his tools being the color-coded Divine Principle book, and a lecture on Father’s Life Course. This has brought incredible result. Rev. Jae Suk Kim focused on how necessary it is to take care of our brother and sisters. He had many points of insight on how we could become more profession-
After crossing the desert from Reno, Nevada, Mr. Matsuo Machida arrived in Heber City, Utah, late on Saturday evening, June 25. This leg of his cross-country walk for “Reconciliation and Peace,” which began June 1 in San Francisco, brought him close to the 800-mile mark. After walking through the dessert for days, Mr. Machida was understandably very happy to walk through mountains, past rivers and waterfalls. On his way he met up with his young traveling companion, Jesse Bertrand, then drove to Salt Lake City, where they were hosted at the Japanese Community Center and Wendy Stovall and treated to a Japanese meal at the Sakura Sushi Restaurant.

Mr. Machida, who lived in the United States for 14 years, made his determination to undertake his cross-country walk on September 11, 2001. He said, “I had visited the World Trade Center many times. When I saw the victims and the collapsed buildings that were full of memories, I asked God desperately. Why has this happened? What should America do?” God answered me, “America, love your enemy.” He is praying that America will turn to God at this time and find the way to peace.

On that morning, more than forty guests gathered in the Stovall’s garden for breakfast to welcome Mr. Machida and to meet Mrs. Stovall, Utah Coordinator for the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and Freedom, who had welcomed him, and Rev. Sung Jo Hwang of the Utah Family Church gave an invocation. Then guests mingled and had breakfast and took photos with Mr. Machida. The children present were especially inspired by Mr. Machida’s marathon effort and that he took the time to speak to them personally.

Mrs. Stovall presented Mr. Machida with a commemorative gift and two proclamations. Mr. Machida was also flying into Salt Lake City late that night to see him, invoked Mr. Machida to decide to rest his leg.

The following morning, after the doctor confirmed that his leg was improved from the rest and medication, we went to the Utah Family Church where Mrs. Hwang gave a welcome service and introduced Mr. Machida, who gave a short talk about how he first met Rev. Moon years ago at an event in New York State. At that meeting, Rev. Moon talked to him for a long time in Japanese. “Father and Mother Moon have taught me the way of repentance and how to live beyond national boundaries,” he explained. “It was because of that I came to America and grew to love this great country.”

“Both in Japan and in America, we are worried about our youth and the breakdown of our families. We need God. … Father Moon is asking America to turn to God at a time when this country is so challenged from within and from without.”

After lunch at the church, we finally bade farewell to Mr. Machida and Jesse. Mrs. Eriyoka and Rev. Hwang accompanied them back to Heber City, Utah. Mr. Machida re-committed to walk along Route 40 to Vernon, Utah, and then headed into the mountains on his way to Denver, Colorado.

Denver

Mr. Matsuo Machida arrived in the Denver area late on Sunday, July 11th. He stayed just west of Denver in Golden, Colorado and then continued his cross-country trek at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. By 7:00 am he had reached the Denver Family Church where he stopped for a quick breakfast. From there, he was accompanied by Rev. Shang Seon Park and several second generation youth. They walked all day across Denver, into Aurora and almost to the outskirts of the city.

In the evening, after finishing his walking, Mr. Machida was brought back to Denver Family Church for a reception in his honor. Dr. Chong Shik Yang and Mrs. Yassei Eriyoka had flown out from Korea to greet him and to encourage him in his goal to walk across the United States, promoting peace and reconciliation.

After dinner the Denver church members and local Ambassadors for Peace gathered in the sanctuary to hear Mr. Machida’s moving testimony. He was introduced by the Rev. Yang, who shared with us that True Parents had been deeply moved by Mr. Machida’s determination and had asked that American members also support his trip and walk together with him. Mrs. Eriyoka shared something of the background and history of the Machida family. She told us that God’s spirit is with Mr. Machida and the plenitues of angels were following him on his way.

Then Mr. Machida shared with us. He told us that his trip was a way of giving his deep gratitude to True Parents for the love they have shared with him. He told us that his trip was a way of carrying with Rev. Moon at Jacob House in the early 70’s. He also explained that he was present at the final sermon of Rev. Moon before he was incarcerated in Danbury prison. At the time he felt such anguish to see this great man, who had sacrificed so much being unjustly imprisoned. He determined that some day he would do something to try to demonstrate Rev. Moon’s genuine heart for reconciliation and peace, and to work to clear up the misconceptions. Now he feels that he finally has the opportunity to do just that through his cross-country mission of peace. His walk is an act of prayer that all people can understand the heart of God at this time, calling us all to reconcile. He is advocating that we are one family under the heaven. He determined to carry out this cross-country walk no matter how difficult.

Mr. Machida wears True Parents’ picture on his chest and also carries a sign which proclaims his support for The International Federation for World Peace and Reconciliation. His message of reconciliation and peace is not just for America; he is always present with Rev. Moon and wants the world to know. Beyond the language and cultural barriers, he is bringing this message to America.

Today Machida recommenced his arduous journey at the eastern edge of Denver and out onto the Great Plains, heading toward Kansas City. Mrs. Eriyoka, Rev. Park and many of the Denver church members joined him this morning for today’s walk in almost the 100 degree heat under a blazing sun. We will all be praying for his success in his noble journey. Thank you Mr. Machida.

Chicago

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Rev. Bruce Sutchar, true blue, always here, always brilliant with great wisdom about the city, the history, the Lord. Just a great guy. Looking further at the Prayer breakfast was Rev. M.E. Sardon. The first day I arrived in Chicago in 1983 on IOWC I was taken by David Erikawa, Rev. Shang Seon Park and many of the Denver church members into the first day of IOWC I was taken by David Erikawa, Rev. Shang Seon Park and many of the Denver church members into the...
The day and the heart of America was turned. Jim also strategized and led the March on the Trib to clarify that the word “Moonie” was a label that was designed by haters to destroy the work of the man of God. Some Unificationists protested and said, we like this name, and Rev. Bevel would teach, “Who came up with it?” We answered that it first appeared in Time Magazine. He said, you don’t realize do you that these terms are designed to isolate, ostracize and portray you as a man who was evil? Why not take the opposite? Because that is what we are here for. We will not disassociate or run away. No one wanted to be called a “Nigger Lover.” These hate terms can kill and destroy. Rev. Bevel said, “No, No, No he said. We have to do a movement to educate the Publisher and the people of Chicago.”

Thus the march on the Trib began. With these Civil Rights leaders that were convinced to their life’s blood that another King was on the planet. Another “Martin” had been sent by God. Only this time God was being even more clever, he sent this preacher from Korea and gave him a name that has the Sun and the Moon. With this kind of preaching in New Macedonia Baptist Church our hearts became light. About 40 gathered that first day of our rally and march on the Trib. We were encouraged. Then a new experience came about for Bruce and I that day... Everyone was excited. everyone was ready... We preached and worked all day and clarified the violation of the Trib and the hate behind the word. We wrote our statement and Rev. Bevel gave it a title... Are the “Moonies” our new “Niggers” Wake Up Your Hearts. We all protested the title: “Jim”, I said, “this is too strong”. He said, it doesn’t matter if its strong or not, it is true. We went down to the Trib, leaving in march to the Trib in the 40 pressers. When we go to the Trib, No One Showed Up! Just Bevel, Sardron, Rev. Jake Robert, Ted Dunlap, Bruce, Rev. Watson and I. “Man”, I thought to myself, “we’re going to get screamed by the Trib!!” Rev. Watson, Bruce and I stayed outside with the picket signs (as Rev. Bevel requested). Sardron, Bevel and Jake went in to see Squires the managing editor of the Chicago Tribune. They disputed all the whole term and Squires was unconvinced claiming, “I can write whatever I want to.” Rev. Bevel said no, your term doesn’t describe our rights in America. You cannot violate other people and get away with it. It’s just not right. They were discriminating against people of faith you eventually will make our community angry. You don’t want our community to get angry. We want to get the word out. We want to get the word out.

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Rev. Earle Wrice, ALCM- Missouri Executive Director, did an impressive job as a host. He encouraged the audience, including several new attendees, to continue working for strong families and effective parenting.

Missouri ALCM

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HUNDREDS IN D.C. CATCH THE OUTREACH FIRE AT THE FIRST-EVER QUARTERLY COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Rev. McCarthy

O ver the past year, the Washington Family Church has been undergoing a quiet revolution. While it’s not quite as dramatic as it seems it has started to get downright noisy. Witnessing is about to catch on.

The beginning of the quiet revolution was the gradual process of extending responsibility o the local community through establishing local elder’s boards. This process began under Dr. Chang Shik Yang’s and Rev. Phillip Schanker’s leadership. In 1998 they challenged the local communities to take responsibility for a local Sunday service once a month.

Under Rev. In Hoi Lee the process continued and on July 2, 2000, two days prior to Independence Day, Rev. Lee proclaimed “Interdependence Day.” This extended more responsibility to the community with three local services and one main service at Columbia Rd. each month.

July 4, 2004, Rev. Jeong Phyoo Hong has moved the bar even higher. Each community church will develop outreach efforts around a consistent local Sunday Service schedule. Rather than leaving the local church each month to participate in a main service at Columbia Rd, local services will be held every week. In addition to that, every three months, a community-wide celebration service will be held, hosted by a local community on a rotating basis.

Our first quarterly community-wide service was held July 4th. at W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax, Virginia. Our service was hosted by our local Northern Virginia Fam-ily Church community pastored by Rev. Hiroshi Goto. Over 600 members and guests from around the Washington Metro area were in attendance.

This was our oppor-tunity to provide a cele-bratory, uplifting, exult-ion service that would touch the hearts of new guests and, at the same time, display our won-derful heavenly tradition in a manner that expressed a quiet confidence in what we believe.

The service was a collage of sounds, images, uplifting music, multi-media, choirs, beach balls flying into the crowd, candy mints projected dangerously hurled at people’s heads nearly putting out everyone’s eye. It was heavenly... and the kid’s had a great time, too! (spectacularly throwing mints at old heads!)

Most inspiring were the compelling testimonies from new members, and a touching new video produce by Columbia Rd. Productions.

The video presentation, “Crown of Glory,” beautifully blended his-torical photos of True Parents with the lyrics of Father’s poem, “Crown of Glory” written when Father was just 16 years old. The video set to a moving musical piece that created such a holy and touching atmosphere. Many were moved to tears, including guests.

The high point of the service, however, was the video presenta-tion, “What Brought Us Here.” This was a fifteen minute video presentation of the testimonies of six people who recently decided to join our family. They told the story of what it was that led them to our movement and what caused them to join.

Those involved in outreach couldn’t get enough of those precious fifteen minutes and those not yet involved in outreach found new inspiration to try again. Most importantly, those new guests in attendance could hear a most significant message and could begin to recognize the same voice calling from within.

It is clear that God is leading a new generation of Americans to our True Parents. We must value them and thank God for each person who responds to the Principle, many of whom are now reporting visions and dreams of True Parents. If we don’t reach out and embrace the people God is sending how can we have hope to evangelize those that are still laboring under the popular misconceptions of our move-ment?

There is a growing con-fidence spreading in the Washington region. It is being fueled by two ele-ments. The first is a grow-ing awareness that God is leading people to our movement and, second, that regionally and locally we are invest-ing in quality pro-grams that can bring those peo-ple to a full com-mitt-ment to our True Par-ents.

In a pre-pared mes-sage deliv-ered by Rev. Phillip Schanker, Dr. Chang Shik Yang challenged all present with the following words:

“Let us prepare for company! As more and more people realize the beauty of God’s ideal, the reality of the fall and the hope of restoration, America can rise to fulfill its original purpose and destiny in God’s providence.”

We have to be ready to turn Ameri-ca around one person at a time.

Our next community-wide celebra-tion service will be in October. One pro-posed change: no more flying hard candy items... next time, try gummy bears! ✿

NEW DIRECTORS OF BFS

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification of the Unit-ed States is happy to announce the appointment of Jim and Hiromi Stephens as directors of the Blessed Family Department, as of June, 2004. They will work under the authority and guidance of our Continental Direc-tor, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, and Nation-al President, Rev. Michael Jenkins, and with the support of the Educa-tion Department, overseen by Rev. Phillip Schanker.

Among the first objectives are: organ-izing and supporting the preparations for US participation in the July 26th Blessing in Chonan, Korea; assisting the Continental Director in appoin-ting a Blessing Committee to advise and support the department’s work; providing guidance and support for parents in the matching of their chil-dren; development of ongoing educa-tion, counseling and family enrich-ment for spouses, parents, and young people; and identifying representatives to coordinate the ministry in each region. Future plans include publica-tions, educational videos, web-based support services, and special min-istries to support the variety of needs within the growing community of Blessing families.

Your suggestions and participation are welcome. Jim and Hiromi can be reached personally by email at jstephens5@comcast.net or omnamiromi@hotmail.com, or by phone at (410) 997-6450. To reach the Blessed Family Department, contact bless-ing@FamilyU.org, or call Mrs. Rachel Carter at (202)3345-4888.
Los Angeles ACLC Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Henning

Saturday, June 19, 2004, at the McCarty Memorial Christian Church in Los Angeles, California.

The prayer breakfast celebrated the victory of the Women for Peace activities in Jerusalem and introduced new contacts to the Unification Worldview Seminar through a sample presentation by Rev. T. L. Henning entitled “The Restoration of True Lineage.” The event turned out to be a musical extravaganza.

Origin, the choir, opened the meeting with a medley of songs, followed by a special memorial rendition of “America” in the style of Ray Charles, performed by Rick Jowick. (The funeral for the Ray Charles had been held just the day before in South Los Angeles.) Several were astonished at the voice and keyboard style of the famous singer coming from our brother. Next, Rev. Nathan Nolen, President of the MBC congregation where Dr. E. V. Hill had pastored, gave the invocation. His wife, recovered from cancer, attended this event to the great joy and relief of all who know her.

Readings, representing the sons of Abraham and emphasizing God’s desire for true peace, were read from the Psalms by Rev. Millsap, from the Qua’ran by Dr. Taj and a Founder’s Message from the 50th Anniversary of the Family Federation. An excerpt from the recent State Supreme Court decision to reject the lawsuit against schools rectifying the “one nation under God” clause, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the food was blessed by Rev. Wright.

A wonderful breakfast featured ham and eggs, hash browns, plenty of fresh fruit salad and assorted pastries. Brothers and sisters served their guests hot and cold drinks. Volunteers had prepared the kitchen from 6:30 that morning and Mrs. Henning headed up the kitchen staff. The food may seem like a incidental point, but when there’s plenty, it’s delicious, and presented beautifully, the atmosphere of the meeting becomes joyful and celebrative. This event was another very happy occasion and everyone seemed very pleased. Magdelene Millsap’s voice added so much to the atmosphere as she sang “Amazing Grace” and “Walking in Jerusalem” backed up by the Sadoc Christian Singers. After the “Path to Peace” video presentation, Rev. Sheri Brown gave the keynote speaker. Her report was titled “Women for Peace: An Introduction to the Unification Worldview Seminar.”

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We are grateful to God and True Parents for the opportunity to participate in the Women of Peace program in Israel. We pray that our involvement could help to heal and bring resolution to the sons and daughters of Abraham.

The Prayer Breakfast inspired several ministers to offer gospel bands and choirs to support our future events and several are busy inviting their colleagues to our upcoming events. The Spirit is moving, the excitement is spreading. Let’s proclaim the Sovereignty of God and the Era of the Peace Kingdom.

A ‘Thank You’ from WFWP

by Alexa Ward

Thank you for your generous support of the Women of Peace program in Israel, May 22-28, 2004. American sisters responded to the call and we were easily able to make our goal of 120 participants. Many of you helped others with airfare and program fees. Many of you contributed to the expenses of the eighteen Task Force sisters. Some of you even sponsored other sisters. More than one hundred and fifty sisters sent $50 to WFWP to help with expenses.

As we bring closure to this program and move forward with other activities, WFWP is still in need of an additional $13,530 to cover expenses incurred during the Women of Peace program. I have prepared a brief income and expense report so you can see what our needs are at this time. I would like to encourage you to help WFWP by sending in $50 at this time.

What made the Women of Peace program special and unique? From the beginning of the planning stage, we felt that the mother’s heart was key to the success of this program. The mother’s heart is above all things. The mother’s heart brings deep parental love, compassion, empathy, and healing.

True Father gave the direction for the sisters to go door to door, to find those who have been victimized by the ongoing violence in Israel and to comfort them. This is the essence of the mother’s heart. Many deep experiences resulted from that direction.

There were many aspects of the Women of Peace program that were uniquely suited to women. Caroline Betancourt and Donna Selig organized a moving special prayer at the Sea of Galilee. Angelika Selle, Debbie Taylor, Claire DuBouky, and Juanita Pierre Louis guided a session on reconciliation one evening. Visits to Hadassah Hospital and Yad be Yad Bi-Lingual School, organized by Norma Foster, gave us an opportunity to share our mother’s hearts where they were most needed. Several hundred sisters participated in a Bridge of Peace ceremony that, through the Israeli and Palestinian pairs, gave new depth to the realm of sisterhood. Five hundred sisters from thirty three nations went door to door in and around Jerusalem with a heart to comfort.

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A great church, business or organization is a team. It is not one person doing a hundred things. That leads to burnout. It is a hundred people doing one thing each. The thing they have been gifted to do.

He gave gifts to men. And he gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.

Eph 4:11-12

The Purpose of the Church
The church is a spiritual community that supports the missions of Tribal Messiahs. Tribal Messiahs extend true parental love to all corners of society in many ways. We engage in various styles of “witnessing” confrontational, institutional, service-oriented, personal and testimonial. The essence is to give what God has given us, our gift, to others. The goal is to develop an authentic relationship of trust with a new person in order to open them up to our church, our fellowship, our community—i.e., to bring spiritual children. The leadership facilitates: The leadership wires together the members’ gift ministries. For what purpose? To express God’s love to others? That’s how church grows!

Each person preaches the gospel through their gift. No one is unimportant. Each piece is necessary in the puzzle. Each is key to fulfilling God’s plan. Each piece is necessary in the puzzle. Each family develops a strategy that fits their resources, vision and abilities. This is their “gate ministry” or “gift ministry.” We express God’s love to others through our passion, our God-inspired hobby. It is a family-based strategy. The church supports members’ ministries, and strategies with each to link it with the core church community—i.e., to bring spiritual children.

Ours is a Multi-track Ministry. One track is from national or world HQ in line with True Parents’ leading agenda. The second is our local gift ministries: community-based and geared to serve as gates for new people. These are mutually supportive and of equal value. New people connect to either or both. National agendas do not lead to increased membership, but local work leads to Tribal Messiah success. This is our Community and neighborhood outreach: “Tong ban kyok pah,” with the underlying effort to bring new members. It includes implementing such as creating dialog and fellowship among Christians, Jews and Muslims locally.

This approach should maximize all members’ gifts. With this expanded understanding of ministry, we maximize our church’s impact and allow more members to give from their gifts for True Parents.

As Rev. Cordeiro puts it, “The Fastest Way to the Throne is through the servant’s entrance.” He quotes Mother Teresa, who said, “What we do is something small, but we do it with big hearts. At death, we will not be judged by the amount of work we did, but by the amount of love we put into it... We do not strive for spectacular actions. What counts is the gift of yourself, the degree of love you put into each of your deeds. Do you want to be great? Pick up a broom and sweep the floor.”

“When you serve, serve with your heart. Whether you teach, sing, pass out bulletins, play an instrument, set up chairs or clean tables, always remember: It is not the size of the task but the size of the heart that makes what you do something beautiful for God.”

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks

This sermon was given at Red Hook Family Church on April 11, 2004

Our Gift is For Giving

by Mereth Huemer

One hundred and ten elementary school Blessed Children from around the northeast attended a one-week camp program July 2 to 9 at Camp Sunrise in Upstate New York. The children were mostly from the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut area, but some came as far away as Kentucky and Texas to attend the camp program.

Mr. Erkan Subourin, Youth Pastor from the New Jersey Region directed the program. He called in older Blessed Children from all over the country to act as Counselors and CITs (Counselors in Training) The younger children learned the basics of Divine Principle, about how to serve one another in practical ways, and how to live for the sake of team unity among other things. The older ones learned leadership skills, coping skills, how to dominate one’s body when overcome with tiredness and one of your campers gets sick in the night or has a bad dream. This provided wonderful training for the older Blessed Children in leadership and practice for their future role as parents. They learned a lot about loving smaller children and skills to deal with the occasional behavior problem. It was inspiring to see the counselors carrying campers piggyback, taking a group of boys fishing in the morning after Fledge, and deeply talking one on one at different times.

As a parent of one of the campers, I was inspired to hear the reflections of the counselors and CITs during the evening staff meetings, both the good experiences and the challenging ones. It was interesting to hear some of the strategies they came up with to handle difficult situations.

One whole day was dedicated to celebrating God and True Parents’ victories and the campers and staff spent the whole day playing competitive games including Matinage, a dodge ball type game, and ending with the traditional Camp Sunrise carpet race. During the rest of the week, the children played games, swam, did arts and crafts, heard lectures, went on their personal service activities, hiked, ate ‘S’mores at the campfire one evening, sang, wrote and performed skits, and at the closing ceremonies on Thursday evening, many

Camp Sunrise Elementary Camp

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administration and delegation, etc.) Resulting that proper training requires a clear job description, the group recognized the need for a clear organizational identity and mission statement for FFWPU job descriptions for RD, VD, etc. HQ was urged to lead this process, and support with materials development and leadership training. Because of the large membership in this bloc, regional summits were suggested, rather than a block-level gathering. The first 1-day leadership training was organized for June 5 in Region 2, with cooperation from HQ.

All regions and Tribal Messiahs are encouraged to consider the resources available from these regions, such as a clear strategic planning process from Region 4, ideas for manuals and how-tos from Region 3, leadership training ideas from Region 2, and ideas for witnessing through movie nights, bible studies, video centers, and community-interest programs like language education. Dr. Hendricks and UIS are a valuable resource for leadership education, and Dr. Jung Chang Cho, director of the Research Institute for the Integration of World Thought at UB, is highly regarded for his seminars on preaching and leadership development, already scheduled throughout the northeast.

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by Mereth Huemer

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Northeast Block Leaders
Summit on Witnessing

Parents’ Association (to support Sec- ond Generation), Strengthening these through empowering strong commit- tees and encouraging broader partic- ipation is stage one. Through the out- reach of these committees, counselors, etc., families feel the support and investment of the community. Stage two is the encouragement of local “Tri- bal Messiah Groups,” building heartis- tic bonds in the community. These are encouraged for any purpose: sports, study, cooking, etc., provided that the ultimate goal is outreach to new guests.

The church provides strategies, materials, and education for lead- ers. A 21-segment course of introduction to the DP is being devel- oped, and manuals for community leaders, how to run a Sunday Service, etc. are in near- ly complete. E-news is distributed 3 times a week, highlighting both outreach and in-reach activities.

Region 4—Boston’s strong contribution to witnessing develop- ment is their embrace of a detailed strategic planning process. Rev. Kil Hwan Kim took the directions and sug- gestions of the Ocean City Summit very seriously, and immediately established a planning team, guided by long-time member Jim Edgerly, who is a profes- sional business consultant and strate- gic planner. The committee began meet- ing each Sunday after church, and iden- tified 4 main areas to focus upon for development, based on the HQ’s guidelines: Sunday Ser- vice, Witnessing, Education Program, and Tribal Mess-iah Community Outreach. Beginning with the first cat- egory, they followed 4 steps: (1) Situation Analysis (using S.W.O.T.), (2) Establish Task Force, (3) Appoint a Manag- er, (4) Develop and implement an Action Plan. The Sunday meetings often lasted 6 hours or more, but members were eager to participate and con- tribute to church develop- ment and were inspired to see Rev. Kim participate in every meeting and support the process. While planning continues for the latter categories, the Sunday Service action plan is focus- ing on improving 4 areas: sermon, music, management and spiritual prepa- ration. The witnessing plan includes a regular bible study, conveying the DP through a familiar medium, and movie night, utilizing films to highlight key points of the Principle.

The smaller regions are also develop- ing their strategic plans and priorities. Region 6, Northeast Block, established a steering committee, which prioritized 2 areas: Sun- day Worship and youth education, which is logical in the Bridgeport area. A Sunday Service Committee is work- ing on developing a guest-friendly, but clearly CTA, Unificationist service. Elder 2nd generation are being raised and trained as leaders to work...
North Dakota Crown of Peace Awards

by Cindy Pfeiffer, John Foss

On Sunday, May 16, North Dakota hosted The Crown of Peace Mini-conference at the Holiday Inn Fargo. Although, our group was small in number (17), it was large in quality of heart and spirit. Dedicated participants traveled as long as 6 hours from the farthest points of North Dakota and the Lake Region of Minnesota. Wayne White Eagle, representing the Three Affiliated Tribes, traveled 6 hours from New Town, ND. Jim & Bernadette Ehlers and Randy Mertz traveled six hours from Minot, ND. Joan McCaslin came from Calumet, MN and Rev. Terry Tilton from Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Masters of Ceremony Cindy Pfeiffer (AFC director) coordinated the program low. Rev. Terry Tilton from Breckenridge Methodist Church opened with a prayer for peace makers to come forth. Then Rev. Byung Seok Cho, Region 15, Regional Director of FPWPU and ALCCC Co-Chairman set the stage and equipment. Judy Pfeiffer, Jenny Wiebesick and Rygo Foss. Judy and Jenny provided beautiful flute music before the program and during lunch. Rygo set the stage and equipment.

Thanks to Keiko Foss and Joan McCaslin for Hospitality and for Registration. Larry Olson and Bernadette Ehlers were given special honors for their participation in events in Korea and the Holy Land. Larry, Wayne White Eagle and Bernadette embraced in a Bridge of Peace. Our own “Reconciliation Ceremony” became the center point of our event. After lunch and a celebration cake, all witnessed the wonderful video of the March 23 event. Some in attendance were wiping tears. Bernadette lead us all in three “O Mansei’s”.

Special thanks to Judy Pfeiffer, Jenny Wiebesick and Rygo Foss. Judy and Jenny provided beautiful flute music before the program and during lunch. Rygo set the stage and equipment. Thanks to Keiko Foss and Joan McCaslin for Hospitality and for Registration. We give thanks to God and our True Parents for their constant love and effort made to complete our lives.

North Carolina Crown of Peace Event

by Rev. Burgh Hutcherson

On Monday May 24th in the evening, we held our NC Crown of Peace Event at the Hawthorn Inn Conference Center in Winston-Salem. The event was a wonderful success on the foundation and support of our ALCCL Ministers. We had over 100 people (about 74 guests and 26 FPWPU members) attending. There were at least 12 different churches and mosques participating. People came from Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro and Winston-Salem and vicinity.

Mr. John Pace, representative of the AFC of NC was the MC of the program. He did a nice job guiding us through the program.

Bishop Willie Davis, Jr., Pastor of the Christ Rescue Temple Apostolic Church and ALCCL Co-Chairman gave the “Welcome and Invocation”, followed by Rev. Byung Seok Cho, Regional Director of FPWPU and ALCCL Co-Chairman giving the Congratulatory Remarks. He read excerpts of Father’s Words from the 50th Anniversary Celebration of HSA-UCW.

While a delicious dinner was served Mrs. Yasuyo Hattori Cho, wife of the Rev. Byung Seok Cho, joined us with some songs played on her keyboard. Then Vocalist Cyntia Hill sang from her heart the song: “In All the Glories of His Glory”. Next the Youth Choir of the Christ Rescue Temple treated us to two songs. The 16 committed singers and players poured their heart out to a filled room.

Then the Mayor of Pro Tempore of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Vivian Burke took the podium and brought “Greetings from the City”. She spoke embracing and appreciative about the work of bringing unity and harmony amongst all faith and the building of Godly families. I was happy that she had accepted our invitation despite some conflict in her schedule. She also received proudly and gratefully the Ambassador of Peace Award.

Minister Willie Muhammad, Assistant Regional Minister of the Nation of Islam and local Minister of Greensboro Mosque # 92, shared a testimony about Father Moon and his work. He is a committed to the pathway Father is teaching and recognizes and accepts that pathway as the only pathway for all humanity to go.

He was well received and understood. Now we had arrived at the very special moment when we could show the video “True Parents’ Crown of Peace Ceremony”. Everyone was really attentive to the overwhelming pictures shown on the video. How could anyone watching that video deny the magnitude of True Parents work in the world? I felt so proud about True Parents.

Then Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr. – a native of NC – took the microphone and gave the keynote address. He could touch the heart of the people. “He is so real” Cyntia Hill commented. “He is at his absolute best!” others agreed excitedly. He could break down walls and bring all people into one accord. He was doing an extraordinary job embracing the people present. Most of them were either of Christian or Moslem faith.

In celebrating the reconciliation and peace of all people Bishop guided us in a “Celebration Toast.” The Holy Spirit filled the room. There was peace and joy present. Then we recognized six more new Ambassador of Peace, leaders in religion and business.

The event concluded with the song “Let there be peace on earth” lead strongly by Archbishop Stallings, a closing prayer given by Bishop Willie Davis, Jr. and “Three Cheers of Mansei” by Mr. John Pace.

I appreciate the prayers and support of the FPWPU families centering on our Regional Leader Rev. Byung Seok Cho, the overwhelming support of the ALCCL Ministers, especially Bishop Willie Davis and his youth choir and staff members. Minister Willie Muhammad from Greensboro and Minister Mikal Muhammad from Winston-Salem for coming and bringing a great delegation from their mosques. I am deeply thankful the support of the Mayor Pro Tempore, my parents-in-law, other relatives, friends and nighbors.
The concept of music as avehicle for promoting moral and ethical change has been with humankind since the ancient cultures of China and Greece. It is in the spirit of the ancient’sattitudes regarding art and music that the International and Interreligious Federation (IIWPF) for World Peace sponsored its First Annual Peace Song Writing Contest in 2004. The songs on the recently released CD represent efforts by a variety of international singers and songwriters to utilize their talents to promote a vision of a world free from conflict and hostilities, a world where God’s love and wisdom are forever realized.

The CD was premiered at the World Culture and Sports Festival in July, 2004 and it is the hope of the executive producers that the WCSP Peace Song Contest will be a fitting tribute to the vision of the Festival.

The opening track, The Cup of Peace was produced to commemorate the inaugural Sun Moon Peace Cup Soccer Tournament in 2003. The Cup of Peace in Our Hands, included songs composed and produced by altruistic musicians from around the world whose music echoes the ideals of the WCSP and IIWPF.

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Peace in Our Hands
The Los Angeles Peace Family Church held its Spring Picnic service last Sunday May 16th, 2004 at the Whittier Narrows Park. We hold a picnic service twice year. Once in the Spring and the other in Autumn.

It was a beautiful day and the message Rev. Henning gave was appropriate. Rev. Henning spoke on Psalms 19 and he added that we strive to be a living testimony to T.P., by realizing the goodness of God in the creation.

Several guests also came to be part of this joyous occasion.

The park and its surroundings itself reminds us of the goodness of God and the beauty of creation. At the end of the service, all those who were born in May, were asked to come up and cut a huge birthday cake. It was also Mrs. Elizabeth Henning’s actual birthday.

After the service, we had an entertainment contest. Families and impersonated assistant that was present to help care for the team and initiate discussions.

The directors wanted to help create a bond between the 1st generation and the members, but also knew that these parents had great experiential knowledge and an understanding of the lectures.

During the camp, we received lectures and testimonies about Unification tradition and also the history of our church from the early years in Korea to the beginnings of the American movement and the Mobile Fundraising Teams. It was imperative that we learn the way of the early members and True Parents not because they wanted to be honored or glorified, but so that the 2nd generation could understand how precious our lives are and how much was sacrificed and prepared for us.

Through out the camp, we had many opportunities to practice team work and living for each other. For a few days, there was strong thundering and rain that prevented us from having activities on the lake. Instead, there was a junk- art competition between each team and every one worked together to bring out their best skills. After some participants were encouraged by the rain and challenged themselves to continue sports outside with either a boxing competition or ‘matsunage.’

Team spirit was strengthened by a pedal-boat relay race across the lake. Each team was separated into two groups and placed on opposite sides of the lake and cheered their members on and encouraged them to not give up. Though the rain had stopped, the wind and waves were strong and made pedaling quite a challenge. Some boats filled with water and began to sink, but team members were able to work together and found a way to finish the race. Those who have padded know that it’s very tiring and one must be able to push their minds to push their bodies to continue padding the boat even though there seems to be no strength left. Members had to think of their teams before themselves and did not give up.

The race was over, we ended the activity time with an exciting ride on the jet ski.

Each night there was a special video presentation that concentrated on True Parents’ and True Family’s lives. Some of the most moving parts of the video came from a scene when True Father returned to His home in North Korea. Father Himself spoke in the video and shared His heart of longing to see His family. Participants couldn’t help be reminded of how much True Parents have been working for the sake of all people at the sacrifice of Their own family and were moved to tears.

Our camp was also blessed to receive the Father’s Course activity that was held from about 10 P.M. to 3 in the morning on June 11. The directors of the camp, including the leaders from the 2nd generation department, organized an activity for team members to come closer in heart to True Parents by going through a physically challenging experience. Though one can never completely understand the anguish and trials of True Father and Mother, it was an opportunity to at least try and connect heartistically with them.

There were four posts spread across the park and members were blindfolded and were moving forward to the next one in Autumn.

A s members of this church, as 2nd generation blessed (and Jacob’s children), the most challenging first step in our path of faith has been a just understanding our identity and our purpose. The fact that many of us never knew or understood ourselves has been a major reason that we wandered away from the right path. We did not know who we were or who our True Parents nor the 1st generation who paved the way before us and for us. Many times, the task of finding out who we are has been so great that we forget the even greater mission in our lives of faith has been to just understand our identity and to come closer together.

The teams were led by the 2nd generation, but had a parent-teacher in it and would not stop. Everyone enjoyed the picnic and are looking forward to the next one in Autumn.

**Texas Region’s Summer Camp**

by Shinchun Lee

At Cove Park from June 7 to the 13th, Our Builder of the Peace Kingdom.” We gathered from all over the region and came together in heartistically with them.

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Several guests also came to be part of this joyous occasion.

The park and its surroundings itself reminds us of the goodness of God and the beauty of creation. At the end of the service, all those who were born in May, were asked to come up and cut a huge birthday cake. It was also Mrs. Elizabeth Henning’s actual birthday.

After the service, we had an entertainment contest. Families and impersonated assistant that was present to help care for the team and initiate discussions.

The directors wanted to help create a bond between the 1st generation and the members, but also knew that these parents had great experiential knowledge and an understanding of the lectures.

During the camp, we received lectures and testimonies about Unification tradition and also the history of our church from the early years in Korea to the beginnings of the American movement and the Mobile Fundraising Teams. It was imperative that we learn the way of the early members and True Parents not because they wanted to be honored or glorified, but so that the 2nd generation could understand how precious our lives are and how much was sacrificed and prepared for us.

Through out the camp, we had many opportunities to practice team work and living for each other. For a few days, there was strong thundering and rain that prevented us from having activities on the lake. Instead, there was a junk-art competition between each team and every one worked together to bring out their best skills. After some participants were encouraged by the rain and challenged themselves to continue sports outside with either a boxing competition or ‘matsunage.’

Team spirit was strengthened by a pedal-boat relay race across the lake. Each team was separated into two groups and placed on opposite sides of the lake and cheered their members on and encouraged them to not give up. Though the rain had stopped, the wind and waves were strong and made pedaling quite a challenge. Some boats filled with water and began to sink, but team members were able to work together and found a way to finish the race. Those who have padded know that it’s very tiring and one must be able to push their minds to push their bodies to continue padding the boat even though there seems to be no strength left. Members had to think of their teams before themselves and did not give up. After
TOOLS AND IDEAS FOR WITNESSING

by Rev. Phillip Shanker

As we work to renew our commitment and connection to witnessing, outreach and sharing our faith, some successful models are already emerging. One of those is in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Here is a good example of Tribal Messiahs who did not wait for videos, new lecturing materials, or Power Point. They simply began with personal relationships, DP, investment, and sincerity.

Under the guidance of Regional Director Rev. Seo, TM groups began meeting friends, neighbors and new contacts to attend and expedite a personal, 1-on-3-3-day seminar of the Principle. Inexpensively, out of 10 guests who have completed this course, 9 have become members of our church!!! Let’s look at the process more deeply.

1) The 10 guests have included 1 Jewish man, 1 strong Christian, 1 professional model, 3 international students, 2 other friends of members, and 2 encountered on the street (at least 1 a new contact).

2) The seminar has so far been taught by Rev. Seo. The entire Principle is covered in 3 days, using the color-coded Divine Principle book. Guests read the red and blue sections, followed by explanation & amplification from the “teacher,” using the yellow or remaining text, diagrams or scriptural references. Questions are entertained whenever they arise. Each day includes 10 hours of study, plus meals, discussion, breaks, etc.

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Ocean Providence at Master Marine-Alabama

by Steven Roppoli

Ocean Providence activities continues at Master Marine of 3 full days to each person, when there is so much other work to do, I asked why he didn’t have others teach, or combine the guests into a group. He explained that he is simply establishing a successful pattern, even with his broken English, and will encourage others to follow. About his insistence on a 1-on-1 process, he explained that it was better.

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Our beloved blessed Brother Ipolito Zapata was called to heaven. He and his brother Francisco died in a car accident about three hours from Denver.

He and his blessed wife have one child that has just turned one. His wife Yvonne is pregnant with their second child. They are an outstanding blessed Central Family of the Denver Region. We give our deep condolences for their family and friends of Ipolito and his brother.

We are grateful that he and his wife established the Blessed Family securely through the Blessing. Their eternal bond will be the foundation of eternal happiness for their family and lineage.

We give our comfort to Yvonne at this time. We encourage all to help support her at this time of loss and also encourage everyone to offer support for her family and children. We also are confident in the absolute faith, absolute love and absolute authority that established this family and led them to the Blessing and gave them blessed children. Ipolito will have a great mission in heaven.

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In commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, UTS students gathered with seminary president Dr. Tyler Hendricks and the first president of UTS, Dr. David S. C. Kim, who arrived from Poughkeepsie with his wife to rededicate a granite bench to the Cosmic Parents of Heaven and Earth. Also present were Mrs. Hendricks, UTS Vice President Dr. Michael Mieckler and Dean of Students Jang Hooe Kim.

The gathering began with a reading of a moving letter from Heavenly Father to True Parents in 2001, expressing gratitude to True Parents for their endurance and dedication to God. As the only living member of the original five who signed the charter bringing into existence the HSA, Dr. Kim prayed with deep reverence toward the Cosmic Parents, reflecting the close relationship he shared through his many years. In prayer, Dr. Kim shared that the original bench, made of wood, had been presented to the Cosmic Parents by the UTS graduating class of 1979. The bench had disintegrated but a granite chair was being placed on UTS grounds to give eternal honor to the Cosmic Parents in honor of the Golden Anniversary of the HSA.

Dr. Hendricks presented Dr. Kim with the book The Moment, given on behalf of the seminary for the 50 years of "blood, sweat and tears." Dr. Kim shed during his life dedicated to the Cosmic Parents. A UTS hat was also presented. Dr. Kim quickly retorted, "I have so many hats." After a round of manseis, Dr. Kim bade all gathered to sit on the ground. He also sat down and gave some words of guidance: Unificationists are not immune to temptations. That's why you have to work hard. Even if I look at a Christian magazine they do well and say never talk about sex. But Father talks of the perfection of sex. Holy Sex. Long way to go. Please keep in mind we have to go through perfection though struggling and with the relationship between husband and wife.

All gathered enjoyed Dr. Kim’s quick wit and jokes as he warned against sitting on the bench: "Don’t sit there. You get in trouble. Sit here (pointing at ground); that’s fine."

Despite his 90 years Dr. Kim was energetic, joking while taking a group picture, and warmly speaking to Dr. Mieckler and other UTS students. Dr. Hendricks thanked Dr. and Mrs. Kim for making the trip to UTS to spend the 50th Anniversary with seminary staff and students.
Women of Peace Together in Washington

by Angelika Selle

This is the headline of an old playbook of the WFPW: "If the women of the world can become sisters, the men can’t figure out what to do with them any more!" Dr. Betancourt had up this precious piece of literature, which she had found by an article of the same title in a Prudential newspaper for Women’s Liberation in the early 70’s of our era. There was no particular sequence as the program was "dashed" with the talks of Mrs. Betancourt and Rev. Taylor embraced, representing the two newly established elements, one of a more internal and spiritual nature (religion) and the other more horizontally established and broad (polities); they also embraced as women of the black and white races bridging in heart and spirit the gap that still needs healing. Everyone read new "sister" and joyful chatter filled the room.

After that we showed "The Path to Peace" film as an introduction for the ongoing ALCCLC efforts in the Middle East which brought many women to tears. Minister Angelika Selle was the first to travel to Jerusalem and the internal nature thereof. "Even though we are going there as women separate, we are part of one body, this trip, too, has a deep internal meaning to it." She pointed out that the firmness of purpose to move the barrier in the Middle East to forgive one another and to bring reconciliation between Sarah and Hagar, when we are here in this room need to put aside all our differences and unite together in love. Prayer, tears and repentance was the foundation for the very first trip to the Holy Land, and as we open up a new level of God’s presence as women we need to begin again from this very humble position. Prayer and our unity will be the key to overcome the seemingly impossible obstacles. As one of our women clergy told me, "The heart of the matter is in the king’s hand, but the heart of the king is in God’s hand." Dr. Atifa Haupt then took the women to another level, explaining about why women are being called at this time in history to bring healing. Women, representing the divine feminine aspect of God of the Elohim, meaning ‘He and She are We’ which is the Hebrew term for the divine thus, "let us make man in our image and likeness thus, the Father Mother God", are now being recognized in their feminine essence as healers ad nurturers to help facilitate the process of healing bringing a mother’s heart into every situation that will dissipate, melt and balance the aggressiveness that has spread, Dr. Atifa confirmed that indeed this trip is of a very internal nature in its mission, and each woman, each daughter of God, needs to be a portal, an instrument, for the Most High and be willing to be “used” in a divine way. She also highlighted the significance of the place of our activities, the city of Jerusalem, by explaining the deeper meaning of the energy sound of each syllable of the word: ‘Jeru-salem’. Jerusalem stands for the place where God’s heart is to be. Ru means I am open and receptive, and Salem means the heart and womb of humanity, all together meaning a new recognition of the heart of God, the divine feminine and the divine masculine balanced and integrated, whole as one. Very inspired by her message, all women collectively joined the processively produced “Women of Peace” Declaration and signed it.

Mrs. Claire Daughtrey, wife of the national executive director of the ALCCLC, Haggar, "we women present in this parallel of history between, on the one hand, the Jew-ish people and the Palest- inians in Israel and, on the other, here in Unit- ed States between the Native Americans and whites as well as between the black and whites. ‘Christians from Europe were called to these shores to bring Christ to this land’, she said. ‘The Canadian French and the Native Americans in many cases intermarried and created a harmonious blend. The Eng- lish, however, brought violence, imposing their culture on the native peo- ple. They didn’t receive and inte- grate the deep spiritua- lity of the Native Ameri- cans. Pocahontas was one Native American woman who is remembered in his- tory who did cross the barriers of race and established an exchange marriage.’ The Africans who came to these shores were sold off into servitude at first with the promise that after 7 years, just like the whites, they would receive and own their own land. If that promise would have been kept and that plan followed, all African-Americans today would be prosperous. We Chris- tians got in the way and we need to repent to them for that."

In conclusion, the leadership of the Native Americans and African-Americans strike us as a deep shock in the hearts of the Palest- inians and Jewish people because of their common course of suffering. Mrs. Daughtrey also highlighted the spiritual leadership of Harriet Tubman, who was called the Moses of her peo- ple and brought many slaves into free- dom through the Underground Rail- road. Harriet, a women of great faith, relied totally on God’s guidance and protection as she went countless times, facing great danger, straight into the lion’s den (South), but stayed alive and unharmed. Mrs. Daughtrey called on the women who are about to go on this trip to take Mrs. Tubman as an exam- ple of a woman who risked her life in order to save her people.

Finally, Mrs. Reiko Jenkins, wife of the president of the FPFWU and co- chairman of the ALCCLC, who had just come back from a 6-week sabbatical in Korea, graciously thanked all women, saying that what was most important, that we women become pure in heart and mind in order to be better vessels for God. Even though women are called to play a historic role at this time, God cannot use us based on our own opinion, positions, titles, etc. but based upon our sincere heart, sacrifice and pure motivation. 

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The stake-setting experience of making a pilgrim journey to the Holy Land was no idle exercise as Rev. Moon began buying up properties along the Paraguay River. He was especially fascinated by the Pantanal, which was regarded as the world’s largest wetland, and Professor of Church History, Dr. Mickler is Vice-president and Executive Director of the Unification Theological Seminary.

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A third group of institutions, organizations, programs and activities dealt much more directly with the religious edu-
cation and mobilization of the movement's first and second generations. Among the movement's educational institu-
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Acts of a Tribal Messiah: Mark Denni

Mark Denni decided at some point that he should challenge himself—by going out and being involved in inter-faith activities. This was clearly what Father was calling, but doing so and to be involved was frustrating and sad. He started to go to churches and mosques. At first it was a chore, something that he had to do but he kept at it because he began to enjoy the dialogue and the connections that he made. He was involving himself in a bible study and he was introduced to a local inter faith group by our sister Bruna Allen which included Bahai and Muslims as well as Christians.

Despite his busy job schedule and the raising of four children, he made the time to put this inter-faith outreach into his weekly schedule. It often means sacrificing, having to attend meetings when he would rather do something else, sit through long meetings that sometimes aren’t always enjoyable or even agreeable to them about the value of the content. However Mark kept at it. He has been an inspiration to me and others to see a generally mild mannered faithful brother step out in faith and effectively witness to God and True Parents.

Mark. His wife Kimuyo and their two boys Nathan and Jonathan took on the inter faith ministry as a family affair and have been making friends and relating with people ever since while experiencing God’s blessings during the summer season at a Jewish resort. On June 20th Mark and his family hosted an event at the Bay Area Family Church entitled the “Prayers And Blessings Of Abraham”. Together with Dr. Hanil Koya of Ahmadnaya Movement, President of HSA-UWC and now the Chairman of the Board of Principled Academy gave very wonderful remarks about the Jewish faith in which what you do is more important than what you believe.

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by Bruce Setchar

Over the years, I have found it harder and harder to find a good movie on a Saturday night. When we were on MFT, we would usually go at least once a year—usually to some blockbuster like Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back, Gandhi or On Golden Pond.

There were so few that I probably remember every one. When my wife and I first started having children, movies were about the only entertainment we could physically afford to go to. We would leave the children with the baby sitter, zoom right to the local theater and then zoom home immediately upon the conclusion—all the while hoping that the little sweeties and the baby-sitter were all still in tact.

When they get a little older, we asked everything even the embarrassment of letting the children know that we were actually going out. To a Church barquet or True Parents Speech, but to merely entertain and enjoy ourselves (Oh my God, forget it). One point is important to mention and that is that during the time that my wife was pregnant (basically from 1985-1985 with each of our 5 children) she was very spiritually sensitive. Therefore, we had to tone our cinema choices down…from the very few good movies out there, to the fewer that had no violence, no sex, no scary parts and really no intense action. That left films like Sweet Lorraine (about a girl who goes up to the Catskills to work with her aunt during the summer season at a Jewish resort). I would last about 5 minutes frantically, I did not snore much in those days). However, I must admit that Sweet Lorraine has remained as part of our current vocabulary, as a way to describe the value of a current movie.

So the other night, my sweet heart and I tried to see a movie, but the one that I most wanted to see, The Legend of Daddy Anys, actually received zero stars (I never really heard of that—a few nice golf shots.

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er, and thoughts of walking along the local golf course on a beautiful spring or summer day come to mind after a long, long winter, that maybe we would have been better off if we had gone to see, the Heat of the Day, the Bridges of Madison, even with its rating of zero stars.

At least maybe there would have been a few nice golf shots.
Finally some persecution!!! This meant Satan was scared recruiting Christians from his group. I was so happy... to persecute the Moonies and said he didn’t want us the petition for CARP, one of the Campus Ministers started to persecute the Moonies and told him my proposal for a youth group. He was so happy! He said he was waiting for one of the older second generation to take some initiative. We decided to model our youth group after the youth groups on the east and west coasts.

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Texas Fundraising

By ShinChun Lee

Through several weeks, Dallas BC volunteered to do fundraising while earning some money themselves. We helped work at a local minor league football game. We meet around 4:00 pm at Clark Football Stadium in Plano, TX and worked until 9:00 pm. We did all types of jobs such as selling tickets, selling t-shirts, monitoring the field, and even went on the field to be water girls (boys) and down marker holder. It was a lot of fun even though one day some of us got wet because it rained. We had already volunteered four times and we will have at least 3 more games to go to. Each person earns $8.00 per hour but half of what they earn go into our youth fund. We have at least ten people to go to each game and work five hours. If we go to the final four games, our youth group will raise at least $1,200.

We know this is not a typical fundraiser but we were fortunate to run into something like this that did not require us to invest money or a lot of time. And we are also planning another fundraising event for this summer activity such as regional camp, SPF, and a Junior SPF.

NY Three-Day Workshops

By Res. Ghek Lawrence Fong

New York regional headquarters so far has sponsored 2 three-day Divine Principle workshops for beginning leaders in Plano, TX and worked until 9:00 pm. We did all types of jobs such as selling tickets, selling t-shirts, monitoring the field, and even went on the field to be water girls (boys) and down marker holder. It was a lot of fun even

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 Departments Assistant Planning Team Leader, Rachel Johnson at: 4 West 43rd St. New York, NY 10036, tel: 212-997-0050 ex. 123, cell: (914) 882-6338, or email at BC2ndGen@FamilyFed.org.

by Tomeo Wise

I just wanted to give everyone a run down on the what’s happening in Colorado. So here’s the scoop. Yongil and I have been working feverishly to try to establish CARP, a solid BC youth group and juggle around school. Between the two of us we are taking 44 credit hours this semester. So yeah kind of crazy...

Growing up in Colorado I didn’t have any older BC’s to look up to. I always promised myself that when I was older, I would be the older brother I never had. So I talked to the church leader and told him my proposal for a youth group. He was so happy! He said he was waiting for one of the older second generation to take some initiative. We decided to model our youth group after the youth groups on the east and west coasts.

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Colorado Youth

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On April 23, Service for Peace volunteers from across the state of Texas gathered for a three-day training in Dallas, TX and worked until 9:00 pm. We did all types of jobs such as selling tickets, selling t-shirts, monitoring the field, and even went on the field to be water girls (boys) and down marker holder. It was a lot of fun even though one day some of us got wet because it rained. We had already volunteered four times and we will...
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Everyone old enough to read this article can recall the lightning-fast spread of news wherever they go. New inventions like the electric telegraph, radio, and television have revolutionized the way we communicate and make daily life more convenient. The first telegraph lines, laid as early as the 1830s, allowed people to send messages instantly, bringing about the age of telecommunications. As technology advanced, communication became faster and more efficient, allowing people to stay connected with loved ones and stay informed about the world around them.

In almost every case, small telegraphed words, "What hath God wrought?" have been replaced with modern technology. The first telegraph lines were laid in 1843, and by 1858, the Transcontinental Telegraph had spanned the United States. Entire regions now rely on cellular links, sidestepping the copper wire phase of communications entire continents.

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With the advent of the Internet and the World Wide Web, the pace of life has accelerated at an unprecedented pace. People can communicate with each other instantly, sharing news and information remotely, compelling them to standardize across wide regions. Friendship, and passionate romance, flourishes between unseen chatters. Undersea cables are now a common sight, allowing businesses to exchange news and information between distant war fronts and home front.

Wired World

Smart corporations are learning to do business in the world’s poorest areas. Avon ladies sell deodorants to Amazon jungle tribes, and British companies market tiny sultan lotion packets to Calcutta’s hard-working women. Also, business microloans are helping them become financially independent.

Communications are at the center of this new type of business. Affordable, prepaid cellular phones are sold nearly everywhere in the world, and their growth rate in Africa far outpaces that of the United States. Entire regions now rely on cellular links, sidestepping the copper wire phase of communications entire continents.

These aren’t shoddy phones, either. In some remote, semiliterate villages don’t like to use text email, so providers are jump- ing directly to video-capable cellular sys- tems. Cybercriminals are finding ways to rip people off, and most of it remains as dumb (yet effective) as that online bank account money transfer scheme. The smarter crooks are exactly duplicating bank and credit card company web sites, and tricking people into disclo- sing their financial information.

Even so, brilliant evil hacker are more common in movies than in real life. In a stranger-than-fiction twist, it’s been reported that the most successful thriller movie of the year is one of the Federal agents.

A few years ago, in San Francisco, radio station KGO helped catch a rusty car- farmer in a scenario that’s destined to be repeated many more times. A mother runs into a convenience store, "just for a minute," leaving her minivan running and a baby inside. A carjacker in and drove away. The terrified mother called the police, who sent a bul- letin to their officers.

KGO heard the bulletin on its police radio scanners, and decided to pass along the news. Several miles away, a utility company worker heard the breaking story and looked around. The minivan pulled behind him, and the driver went into a nearby house. The worker checked, and the baby was still inside the vehicle.

He radioed his company dispatcher and the police converged. Within min- utes the carjackers was in handcuffs, and the baby reunited with its mother.

The national Amber Alert program has streamlined and expanded this process, and stopped thousands kidnappers cold.

Perhaps they can’t say exactly why, but today’s parents worry that excessive video game playing is harmful to their children. Researchers say the story is mixed. The military allows its people to play video games, on a limited basis, to train its marines and pilots to play- ing skills. Surgeons can also benefit, with something called dexter.

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China does block communication, hand- biedly, and for blau- ting events. This also hinders immoral material, yet in the case of suppres- sion is widely evaded. North Korea, in the process of going back- wards as fast as they can, simply bans all pri- vate communication... For good or ill, and whether we like it or not, the wired future is upon us. How would Heaven- ly Nation handle these new little startups. Many failed, and some- how high tech, too quickly, does not affect our character and rela- tionships. It seems that our rational brains can keep up, but our emotional selves only develop gradually. This important personal aspect can be kept in the dust, so that people become colder and less empathic. Away from those glowing screens, this new type of ‘wired’ individual doesn’t get along very well.

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