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August 4, 2004 - East Garden—True Parents entered to a warm welcome from all key leaders, clergy and representatives of America, including STF members from Korea, Japan, America, Latin America and Europe. Father and Mother lit the candles and cut the cake. The most important thing is blood lineage. We must now be concerned about building God's Kingdom. We must live with absolute faith. Absolute love and absolute obedience. Blessed central families, you must understand that you must fulfill your responsibilities or your descendants will accuse you. Even if we die we shall live on. What good is it to live and not fulfill our responsibilities? Do you Christian leaders here (Bishop Stallings, Rev. Edwards, Rev. McGhee, Archbishop and Bishop Delarosa) understand?

We have to think about fulfilling our own mission. America opposed me in the past. At some point in time I had to walk that path. I had to overcome obstacles one by one. That is the only way I could make progress. I told God that everyone is falling into hell and I would like to save them. For the first time in human history, God met someone like me. Now you have True Parents who can follow God total-
ly. How can things be resolved? The number of people that follow God is small. Homosexuality is not the way of heaven. You must understand the ideal of absolute sex, in which one man and one woman bind together forever in fidelity and true love.

[Father spoke in English with profound heart to the young STF people. He spoke about absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. He also spoke about filial piety toward their parents.]

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Welcome True Parents

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I am inspired to let you know how beautiful the day of Blessing was. At the stadium not far from Sun Moon University in Asan City near Cheonan, about an hour’s drive south of Seoul, the Blessing of marriage was held on July 26 for thousands of couples. This represents the peak phase of the 400 million couple Blessing. The stadium was literally filled with blessed couples of both first and second generation. The brides looked stunning and beautiful in their white bridal gowns, and the men also looked great in stature and dignity, as these families pledged they would not only hold true families with no divorce and no adultery, but also that they would seek to build a new world through linking their family together beyond race and religion, to build the Kingdom of God.

Prominent religious leaders representing various faiths of the world came forward to bless the couples. Standing in the stage in a line, each one offered a prayer from their own religious tradition asking God’s blessing upon the couples. Archbishop George Augustus Stallings represented Christianity. Imam Muhammad Elahi represented the Shia Muslim faith. They were joined by Dr. Hamdi Mohammad Murad, professor at Al-Baaraa University, a leader of the Syrian Orthodox Church, a Hindu leader, a Shinto leader, and a Buddhist leader. The invocations of blessing from these religious leaders affirm that there is one God and that all the faiths are coming together now to invoke the collective power of their foundations in strengthening and uplifting marriage and family. These two principles were emphasized in Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak’s keynote address – first, faith in God, and second, that the family is the most essential component for bringing love, happiness, and peace into the world.

The gathering included over 300 prestigious participants of the Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace (IIWP) Assembly 2004 conference, representing 120 nations. Several former presidents, prime ministers and current heads of state joined with top religious leaders not only to observe this blessing of marriage, but also to support the effort to strengthen families through all the religions. Throughout the conference many were interviewed as to their understanding of Father Moon’s work and mission. In many different ways the leaders of many of the countries in the world are seeing that Father Moon truly is a leading figure for world peace and the development of strong families, with respect for all races and religions.

Through the increased media attention to the work of Father and Mother Moon, the key leaders of the world are now looking more deeply into the teaching and the practice of this world peace movement. Also, through the many conferences throughout the world, bonds of friendship are being established that go deeper than just working relations. Truly a global family is emerging of people who have influence in their nations and within their religions to lead the world into a culture of heart and peace.

True Parents opened the WCSP on July 23 in Cheonan with tremendous encouragement to the leaders, saying that they are being called by God to take responsibility to lead this world away from the scourge of war into an era of reconciliation and dialogue through mutual respect and understanding for all people.

The opening session of the week-long International Peace Sports Festival was held in Asan City in a beautiful ceremony that was likened to a religious Olympics. The athletes paraded into the stadium with the flags of their countries, representing their pride and the best of the religious cultures in their nations. Our American teams have done very well at the games, and I understand we have some gold medals. I’ll confirm and let you know, but I know our Washington, DC, basketball team was in the lead the last I checked. The athletes have the broadening experience of competing beyond race and religion on an international basis. Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, and other world religious bodies are represented in peaceful but spirited competition. Whether they receive medals or not, participants go home with determination to come back next year to advance their teams’ efforts. At the opening ceremony Father Moon’s major address called for peace through ideal families. In this process he encouraged the athletes, as well as all the dignitaries, to understand that peace is linked essentially to the family. Without families that are stable and loving, there can be no peace.

At the same time the sports fest is going on, the Mr. and Miss Universe pageant is in progress, where students who represent their nations and their universities have come for a pageant that emphasizes morality and abstinence before marriage and fidelity within marriage. It is a great encouragement to see men and women competing not only based on talent and the gift of good appearance, but also based on moral character and commitment to build a better world.

The Youth Federation for World Peace, led by Rev. Bong Tae Kim, had a beautiful opening session in Seoul on July 24. Many young couples or pitcher or any position. I spent 100 days in Korea, and 5 days in Koidzak. I was gone for 105 days. I want you to take a special leap in your faith at this time. This is the time to give a special Blessing to your relatives and to all of your people. All people of the world should be able to participate. Now you should be able to restore your neighbors on the myun and gun level (these are the government units in Korea below the city level). This probably corresponds to precincts and townships in America. Three thousand three hundred myuns and guns should be involved. This will cover a certain amount of people. We should involve all Ambassadors for Peace: they should all be informed and connected. Everyone should be blessed, no one should be left behind. All people should be registered. Chris- terns should be involved with the Blessing. This is a powerful mission that you should be involved in. You young people must take Hoon Dok Hae seriously. You should find the way to cover the whole nation with the Blessing. Ambassadors for Peace should be active for this responsibility.

From now on, our prayer should be only reporting results. If we have no results we should not speak. Then with whatever results we offer, God can receive them and guide us regarding the next day. If we have no external results we must offer internal results and offer them to God. This way we can progress each day. Wherever you go you should bless everyone. Everyone in each nation must be blessed. UC members should not rest. Continuously bless people. You should become the owners of Cheon Il Guk. That’s the kind of children you should become. For this cause I have shed tears, sweat and blood. With this is in mind, you must fulfill your mission.
gressmen from the Korean National Assembly participated in it and gave speeches. At the same time, World CARP held its international conference from July 22-24 at Sun Moon University, in which Hyun Jin Nim inspired thousands of young leaders to live for the sake of others.

The academic core of this WCSF is the IIFWP Assembly 2004 conference. Rev. Kwak in his opening address on July 23 in Seoul noted that the fall of man set humanity on a course that would not be able to achieve the order and structure of true love. He said, "Among Rev. Moon’s most profound spiritual discoveries about God is the realization that God’s heart is one that aches with disappointment and loneliness over the loss of His children, and the core and essence of His creation, true love, which was lost by the fall."

"Human society was built on the foundation of impure love within the family of our ancestors. Selfishness became dominant in human relationships. As such, family love was not easily corrupted by infidelity and abuse, but often contributed to ethnocentrism, racism and nationalism. As families multiplied into tribes, nations, and core of religion and the need for mutual respect and cooperation among religions. Religions are the schools of repair and restoration. They are instruments to lead us to a full, clear relationship with God, untainted by sin, selfishness or impurity, to a state where we would exist without any shadow and with nothing to hate before God, humanity, and the entire spiritual world."

Rev. Kwak went on to say that the family is the primary building block and instrument of peace, and yet also the family is the school of true love, a micro-city or micro-government, a micro-religion, a micro-school and a micro-economic system. Father Moon looked through the family ideal to a vision of universal peace and a realization of the Kingdom of God. That is why he founded IIFWP. Building on the foundation of religion and family, its goal is a world of universal harmony among all people who would dwell together as citizens of a unified and prosperous world under God. This is the ideal of the peace kingdom.

Rev. Kwak emphasized Father Moon’s respect for the UN and also his understanding that it’s not easy to change traditions and practices that would allow for a new paradigm to emerge. He understands it will take time for the UN to further expand and fully utilize the opportunity that religion provides in the path to peace. For this reason, Father Moon founded the IIPC to be a “peace UN” as an institution of global guidance rooted in true love and a world culture of heart. He concluded by congratulating the leaders on their consistent efforts to try to take the vision of a world culture of heart and make it into reality.

For me, this WCSF is very special. We had the opportunity to have Middle East panels and discussions, as well as very well informed, sophisticated discussions on the reunification of North and South Korea from experts from America, Asia, Europe, and all the continents. What’s most encouraging is that many who represent the divergent traditions that are in conflict in the world actually show that with the proper atmosphere and commitment, those representatives can come together and create a path to peace that is universal and solid. Now those same leaders are being called from every country of the world to participate in the World Peace Pilgrimage. At a very exciting luncheon program set up by Dr. Thomas Walsh, the Middle East Peace Initiative committee was highlighted and represented by Dr. Antonio Betancourt, who has been appointed as Secretary General of the World Peace Pilgrimage in the Holy Land and is coordinating not only the visitation of 191 nations to the Holy Land but also the highest possible meetings in the religious and civic areas to forge bonds of peace that will link the world with the Holy Land and support the peace process.

I was given the opportunity to speak, and I could feel the overwhelming response of the participants. Many came up to me afterwards from Belarus, Nigeria, Malaysia, Indonesia, Canada, France, England, Germany, Turkey, and all over the Middle East, saying that they never have seen such hope. They marvel that the whole world is engaging voluntarily in the development of a peace process that respects all religions and races and brings a new understanding of the Kingdom of God.

Rev. Park and Dr. Walsh once again have led this conference on behalf of our True Parents with great success. We congratulate them and we are grateful that such a world movement of Ambassadors for Peace is growing in depth and stature.
Dear guests, what was God's purpose in creating humankind? The desire of the omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent God was to create an ideal society. The title of this speech is, "The Absolute Value System of the True Ideal Family." It introduces only a part of the truth that heaven has given to mankind.

An individual may be sacrificed for the sake of his family, or the family for the nation, or the nation for the world as struggle? Satan planted this poisoned mushroom in the hearts of people. Although embracing self-centeredness may result in a person appearing beautiful and gaining worldly fame and earthly comforts, it is a trap that once entered will lead to addiction and a life of suffering that is difficult to escape.

We should not perceive this as struggle. It remains, but God's principle of creating is not that of existence and development through struggle. Rather, He seeks harmony and unity leading to development through struggle. Thus, the realm of absolute values exists for the sake of mutual development.

In the same theory, male denotes the prior existence of female. In other words, men were born for the sake of women, and women were born for the sake of men. Without men, there is no need for women, and without women, there is no need for men. In the same way, without women, men cannot retain the value of their existence.

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In the end, nothing is born for the sake of itself. All beings exist and act for the sake of their partners. This means that we were created to live in an ideal homeland.

Thus, we must remove from our lives the roots of a self-centered and individualistic mind-set and to make sure that love flows from that. This is the root of fallen nature and the cause of all evil. This can be seen as an investment for the sake of mutual development.

In this way, the realm of absolute values exists for the sake of bringing about the full realization of true love, where each strives to first set up the other in a position of an owner of true love.

The theory of true love which invests and compassions, academics, politics, civil organizations, youth participants from the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival, participants of the International Mother Blessing Ceremony, students and youth leaders, ladies and gentlemen. The theme and goal of the World Culture and Sports Festival, which I proposed in 1988, is to establish a world culture of heart. All mankind should come together harmoniously and unity centering on God and true love, to create a world of harmonious interdependence, mutual property and universally shared values. Consequently, events of this festival strive to break down man-made walls. This is a cultural festival that aims for a unity transcending nations, races, and religions.

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Family Determines the Owner of True Love

It is the force that aims to perfect the values of true love. Therefore, our five sensory organs are simply tools that came into existence for the sake of practicing true love.

In this way, nothing exists for its own sake. A life of living for the sake of others, giving and sacrificing through love, and performing the owner of love through obedience, is a life that satisfies God’s ideal of creation. You were created for the sake of your partner, therefore the law of nature calls you to live for others more than yourself. This is where the absolute values of true love are created.

Dear guest, do you know where the dividing line between heaven and hell is? Is it in the air? Is it in a national boundary? No, the dividing line between heaven and hell can be found in one’s sexual organ. The selfish use of human sexuality is where the greatest tragedy in human history occurred; it is a tragedy which turned heaven and earth upside down.

If you recklessly use your sexual organ, like a blind man, you will surely go to hell. On the other hand, if you use it in accordance with the standard of God’s absolute love, you will go to heaven. Who can deny this fact? If you doubt this, I ask you to carefully read the Divine Principle, which contains the laws of heaven that I revealed. If you are still in doubt, I sincerely ask that you pray to heaven. I’m sure that your prayer will be answered.

Ten of thousands of young people in the world who have accepted the teachings of the Rev. Moon have ceased engaging in free sex. The message of the pure love movement, which advocates “absolutely pure sex,” or “absolute love,” is now spreading like wild fire.

If free sex is false love centered on selfish desires and Satan, then absolute sex is absolute love centered on God. Many literary works and stories in the world have the tendency to fan the fires of free sex. Many philosophers and journalists, religious leaders, and writers will stand together denouncing free sex, a disease that cripples people and nations.

The cornerstone of world peace was supposed to be within Adam’s family, which was to create the absolute values of true love. It was also Adam’s family that could destroy the path to world peace. But, I want you to bear in mind the importance of Adam’s family, the ancestral family of humanity.

Let us turn to the original family, and then extend our “church” and established the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification because the time had come to focus on the family.

How can we transform this world, which has become hell-like? The practice of true love is the only way of finding the absolute values. Since the attributes of God, the owner of true love, are based on eternal, unchanging, unique, and absolute standards, we must also inherit them and live according to those standards.

Dear guests, why is the family a good thing? It is because the family becomes the basis for our activities based on our original freedom, centered on the love of parents. Even though they may be shabbily in appearance, when a family becomes an original family, consisting of people bonded in heart with true love at the core, humankind and even God will feel liberated. Freedom without love is not true freedom.

If you feel restrained when you go to someone’s house as a guest, it means you still lack a deep bond of love with that household. In other words, because your love does not spread out in all directions you feel awkward and restrained.

Then what is the highest and greatest value in the original family? It is the original parent. Why is the original parent good? Because the original parent is the subject of eternal love. The original parents are the ones who stand closest to us in creating a relationship that lasts throughout our lives and beyond.

After birth, the first partner to whom we relate our joy is to our original parent. Thus the original parent is both the subject and object of our joy. The original parents are such that when we are happy, they are the first to be happy for us. When we are sad, they are the first to shed tears of sorrow. Thus, children without parents are called orphans, and orphans are treated with pity.

Next, one’s beloved husband or wife is the second most valuable being in the family. Husbands and wives must be couples that can give and receive original love that is unconditional in nature.

Although this love may not have started within the relationship of love that is absolute and eternal in nature. If it becomes an original love created within the husband-wife partnership, based on the absolute bond between a couple, then that love will become the basis upon which the eternal happiness is established within the husband-wife partnership.

But if this ideal, original relationship between husband and wife exists, it is the original relationship among parents. If a couple decides not to have children, thinking they will live in happiness as a childless couple, you will see the result. Humankind would die out before the second generation. Only when a couple receives the love that the original children return, can they rise up to the position of the original parents as true couples.

Therefore, the next most valuable and important thing is the love of the children toward their original parent. If the children can sacrifice and love the original parent with a bright and positive mind-set, while longing for the ideal environment, not despairing, but hoping for the future, then that love has a pure and genuine value because it exists for the sake of the family’s happiness. In this way, an original family extending over three generations, completely endowed with the sacrificial, original love of original parents toward their children, the true love between the original couple, and the true love of the original children toward their parents will become the most ideal true family in the world.

What kind of person is called a happy person? In other words, what standard is used to measure happiness? Can a person be called happy due to the fact that he has a great fortune or authority that no other person possesses? Can a person be called happy because he has tremendous wealth that draws the envy of all? Is happiness obtained by becoming a world-renowned scholar and rising to a position which no one can surpass? That is absolutely not the case.

No external condition alone can guarantee a man’s happiness for eternity. It may be a reason for searching for happiness, but it cannot become happiness itself. In the end, genuine happiness comes from a family that has loving parents, a couple bonded in true love, and children that are devoted and faithful to their parents. Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, humanity will now witness a great revolution of true love that is taking place on the Korean peninsula. Humanity, which has struggled under the false love of Satan for thousands of years, will now hear a cry of joy upon establishing the absolute values of the true family and ridding this land of all sorts of false values.

Two hands must come together in order to make a clapping sound. Heaven has already opened the gates of the “era after the coming of heaven” on the foundation of the victories of Rev. and Mrs. Moon, the True Parents. Our responsibility is to become the absolute object partner before Heaven, the subject partner, and open the way for the age of the creation of a new heaven and earth. This is an historical age where spirit world and physical world are united as one and when Cheon Il Guk (Cosmic Kingdom of Peace and Unification), the peace kingdom that God had envisioned from the beginning of time, is being established on this earth and in heaven. The time has come for intellectuals the world over to receive the teachings of Rev. Moon, who has served God as the vertical axis of humanity and upheld his mission as the “Second Adam—The Fulfiller.” This has been done throughout his eighty-five years of life, constantly sacrificing and making efforts to discover and to establish a true person, true couple, true parent, true family, and true world. Mrs. Moon asks all of you to please join me in completing this historical task for the sake of heaven! 

August 2004
Sunday evening, July 26, 2004 we here in Chicago joined with the WCSF 2004 in Korea via satellite, and the program was a great success. Fifteen couples received all aspects of the Blessing Ceremony. Altogether there were 100 guests in attendance to view the beauty of the couples’ ceremonies and to support their venture towards a new beginning. Everyone was very pleased with the Chicago event and were grateful to all Chicago members for making this an unforgettable experience.

One Chicago couple, Marcial and Pops, shared about how much they felt the parental love of Bishop and Mrs. Kim through both the preparation and during the Blessing ceremony. Another couple that came to Chicago from North Dakota shared how much their heart was touched by the ceremony and that they really felt it was a precious unforgettable moment. Other people blessed their ancestors in the spirit world and they also had a deep moving experience of joyful tears for them.

We would really like to thank everybody who helped make this WCSF Blessing 2004 another historical occasion. This gives us new hope, new commitment, and new determination to go forward and accomplish our goals as blessed families.

The Los Angeles Blessing Ceremony on July 26, 2004 had 13 couples participating, including one “heaven and earth” blessing of an 80-year old member whose husband applied for an earlier blessing but passed away before being able to attend it. The ceremony was beautiful, with a holy atmosphere that truly inspired all present.

Blessing Ceremony in Los Angeles

by Rev. Timothy L. Henning
On the evening of Sunday, July 25, at 10:00 pm, couples gathered at Belvedere to join in the Blessing 2004 ceremony. This event was linked by the internet to Korea where the main ceremony was taking place with True Parents, at the same time (but on the next day), Monday, July 26. Prior to the Blessing ceremony the blessed couples took the holy wine at the main house (True Parents old house) based on 3 hours of education by Rev. Lawrence Fong and Rev. Tom Corley.

In his congratulatory remarks to the 50 participants, Rev. In Hoi Lee, the director for the New York Region, commented on how privileged the couples were to receive the holy blessing in such an historic holy place, where True Parents had invested so much for God’s providence.

Those who were participating included 15 newly matched couples, 10 brides and groomsmen who held pictures of spouses who were in other countries, and 5 previously married couples (including one couple that had just begun to learn about the blessing). The emcees for the event were Rev. Bruce Grodner, the vice regional director, and the coordinator for the event was Rev. Hirofumi Sakamoto. Dr. and Mrs. H.G. McGhee started us off locally with prayer. Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Compton represented the officiating tors and 10 elder couples participated as attendees.

The Blessing was held in the training center that was decorated with flowers on the walls, ribbons, and white and pink balloons. In addition to the brides and grooms the room was overflowing with members and friends who had come to support and honor the newlyweds.

Even though the internet connection was sometimes delayed and at times there were protracted moments of awkward silence, the opportunity to actually participate in the event that True Parents (dressed in white tuxedo and wedding dress) were officiating was priceless.

After the ceremony concluded, Rev. In Hoi Lee gave a brief message encouraging the couples and all members to reach out to others. He challenged everyone to bring 500 or even a 1000 participants for the next blessing. Archbishop de la Rosa and Jim Stephens (National Director, BFD) offered words of wisdom to the couples – letting them know that they were going to face serious challenges in today’s permissive society.

Finally everything was concluded with a closing prayer offered by the Bronx district leader, Rev. Esteban Galvan. 

Blessing Ceremony in New York
A lecture in “Building Alignment to the Vertical Axial Line” was presented by Young-Jun Kim, the Vice President of Human Resource Development in WCARP, at 1:30 in the morning of July 22, 2004. The purpose of the lecture is to grasp an overall picture of Hyun Jin Nim’s core teachings of the last five years and to recognize our responsibility in this time of age and determine to fulfill it. The Flow of the presentation was centered on the key words, “Vertical Axial Line” and “Alignment.”

The first half of the lecture focused on presenting “Vertical Axial Line.” He presented the meaning and significance of the Vertical Axial Line, and its relationship to the commencement of the settlement age. In this presentation, the Vertical Axial Line, having the characteristics of oneness and uniqueness, was defined as the Three generations of God’s original family: God, True Parents, and True Family. The Vertical Axial Line is very significant because it is the center of God’s providence. Establishing it is God’s original dream and the purpose of creation.

The second half of the lecture focused on “Alignment.” He discussed the member’s prerequisite for Alignment of the Vertical Axial Line was the changing of blood lineage through the “Blessing.” There were two necessary components for alignment. “Cultural Alignment” and “Strategic Alignment.” Cultural Alignment is having the same vision and mission, goals and strategy of the Vertical Axial Line. In order to build Cultural Alignment, we must embody the Core Values, and to build Strategic Alignment, we must own the Vision and mission, goals and strategy of WCARP. Thus, building Cultural Alignment and Strategic Alignment to the Vertical Axial Line is through embodying the Core Values and Owning the Vision and Mission, Goals, and Strategy of WCARP.

Plenary Session II

Hirokazu Tosaoka, the Vice President of Leader Development in WCARP, presented the lecture “Transforming the Culture in CARP centers” at 2:00 o’clock in the afternoon in July 22, 2004. The presentation was the main theme of The International Education Conference. In Transforming the Culture in the CARP center, we must have a new mindset centered upon core values. In building a new mindset it must be mission driven. Frontline Oriented, Quality focused, and Excellence minded centered upon the culture of heart. An essential mindset for cultural alignment must have a long term and short term mission driven goals. The long term goal must be focused in the fundamental mission in the restoration of True Family as central blessed couples, and should always live for the sake of others. While, a short term goal must develop witnessing for core members, develop outreach programs for mass foundation, and secure financial foundation.

In long term goals, center leaders should focus on internal education. We should guide our members in “how” to substantiate the internal education in their daily life. We should also help them understand the Divine Principle with a core values perspective. And more importantly, set an example as a True Abel.

In short term goals, center leaders should keep their focus on transforming the Campus Culture. We should do “witnessing” 1 to 1 outreach to mass. To accomplish short term goals the transformation of oneself is essential, so as to build the consistency from vision to mission to every member.

World CARP at WCSF

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The lecture “Core Values-Based witnessing and Outreach” was presented by Kazushi Mito, the Vice President of witnessing and outreach WCARP. In his lecture, he states that Hyun Jin Moon’s expectations of witnessing and outreach are Core-Values Based, Market Oriented, Leadership training, and Value-Creating organization.

Witnessing must be core values-based since Core Values are our organization’s competitive advantage. Culture is our first battlefield as our 2004 Motto states that to substantiate the culture of heart it must be done through embodying core values. World CARP’s “brand” is “World CARP will teach people how to live Core Values.” Witnessing must also be market-oriented. It must aim for high quality students. The leaders must develop modular education and utilize new membership education. There should be different methods of education such as the best practice education. There should be a beginning level should be Core Values and at later stages introduce Divine principle and Completed Testament Age.

Leadership Training is also expected in witnessing. The leader should develop a leadership pipeline. A center leader should establish Leadership training based on W-CARP educational epistemology. Experience Based supported by cognitive education and must be transformative, challenging, and aim for excellence.

A value-creating organization is also expected. Leaders should create both core base and mass movement. Reposition our organization through doing things that bring value to the community. World CARP should be an exciting place with lots of activities.

All these expectations with the vision and mission of WCARP, Core-Values Based witnessing should bring substantial progress to WCARP as an organization.

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Opening Day of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival at the WCSF 2004

The opening ceremony of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival began with a big bang with a procession by 100 flag bearers. The athletes looked excited as they marched into the stadium in groups sorted by their faiths that include Unification, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism and Shintoism.

After receiving a grand welcome and an inspirational speech by Reverend Sun Myung Moon himself, VIPs, athletes and the 4000 locals of Asan were presented with several warm-hearted musical and dance selections by young Korean performers. There was also an exhilarating instrumental performance by the Korean band “Two Ji.” Audience members and athletes alike were awed as the ceremony ended with a beautiful display of fireworks.

The fun did not end with the opening ceremony. During the day, many sports events took place, including table tennis, basketball and soccer. For the Muslim-Singaporean soccer team, losing the first round at the game was not a big deal. The manager of the team, Mr. Omar Ibrahim from the Association Of Singapore Muslim Professionals, said: “It’s ok to lose, you know. The most important thing is that these kids are having fun and getting to know so many athletes around the world. I was so surprised to see how such an exposure could give so much confidence to my boys when I saw the way they mingle with the other group. Back home, they were so timid!”

Tumid is not the word for the Miami soccer team. The team was the runner-up for last year’s IPSF soccer game and is already promoting IPSF in America through “live” radio interviews held at the press office.

The day ended with the colorful performances of athletes from various nations during the cultural night. Everyone’s eyes were glued to the stage as the Mongolian delegation explained a bit about their culture in their traditional clothing. Their presentation was followed by cultural dance performances by the North Indian and Thai athletes. They were really amazing to watch. The highlight of that event was the martial arts performance by the students of Sun Moon University.

IPSF Works at the De-Militarized Zone Between North and South Korea

by Khorrum Omar

Part of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival educational program was a service project at the De-Militarized Zone (DMZ) between North and South Korea. Untouched for over 50 years after the war, the DMZ has become a symbol of harmony because it is home to hundreds of species of plants and animals that have been living together in peace.

Sixty fortunate athletes, including myself, were chosen to participate in the one-day educational tour/service project on July 27, 2004. After a four-hour bus ride and a short stop at the ticket office, we entered the DMZ. Our first stop was the train station, which had photos and artistic impressions of the aftermath of the war in the area, with some breathtaking scenery behind them. Everyone was snapping photos of everything. Even the soldier on duty was not spared.

We were later taken to the underground tunnels that the North Korean army had dug during the war. The passageways were only discovered by accident during restoration of the area after the war. All of us got the opportunity to walk through one of the tunnels. Four hundred meters deep and more than 2km long, it became colder the deeper we went. As we walked through the tunnel, there were signboards that explained how coal was painted onto the walls of the passageways so as to disguise it as an ordinary coal mine. There were yellow paint marks indicating holes that the diggers made in walls for inserting dynamite and blasting the wall away. For thirsty travelers, natural spring water was available through a tap that was connected to bowls that collected the natural water dripping from the tunnel ceilings. Going back up was not easy, as everyone had to stop and catch their breath at places where seats were located.

It was not until we got to one of the observation towers that we had a better view of the DMZ area. A South Korean Army sergeant explained to us the various places of interest as we looked through the huge glass windows that gave us an almost bird’s eye view of the beautiful area. After the short briefing, participants got to look through telescopes to see the places that we were told about. However, no one was allowed to take pictures beyond the observation tower. A short distance away, we were driven to a home-like restaurant where we had lunch. The food tasted so delicious that everyone was surprised to see how such an exposure could give so much confidence to my boys when I saw the way they mingle with the other group. Back home, they were so timid!”

The last part of the program was the service project. We were given gloves and sickles. Our task was to clear the overgrown land of weeds that had grown high and spread wide. One of the participants, Mr. Kenny Holiday, started humming a tune, and one by one we started humming our own tunes. The hot sun took a lot out of everyone, but by the end of the work, we were treated to a refreshing drink and ice cream. Some of the athletes from Singapore went to the nearby river to refresh themselves. The cool and fresh river water was re-energizing. Although it was not what most of us expected, the trip to the DMZ was fun and educational. Everyone, especially those who have never experienced anything like this, will remember this for many years to come.
The Tenth World Culture

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

This address was given in Seoul, Korea, on July 24, 2004

Distinguished delegates from 120 nations. Leaders from the nations, civil society, academia, the arts and sports. Ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of the Founders of the World Culture and Sports Festival, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, welcome to Assembly 2004, sponsored by the International and International Federation for World Peace and the recently launched Interreligious and International Peace Council.

The 10th World Culture and Sports Festival marks a significant milestone in the history of this global festival dedicated to peace. The WCSF was founded in 1988 at the time of the Seoul Summer Olympics, and was first convened four years later in 1992. The core purpose of WCSF is the establishment of a “world culture of heart.” That is, its purpose is to contribute to a global transformation of the minds, hearts and behaviors of people of all races, religions and nationalities, and to create a world in which human relationships are characterized by true love, harmony, and co-prosperity.

When the Olympics came to Korea in 1988, Rev. Moon affirmed the Olympic ideal of promoting world peace through athletic competition among people of diverse nations. As people of diverse backgrounds interact centering on sports, they can draw closer together and overcome barriers.

However, Rev. Moon wanted to expand this ideal in several important ways. First of all, he identified God as the center point of the human family. By centering on God, all people are better able to transcend or go beyond their own limited perspectives, and see others as their brothers and sisters under God. By humbling ourselves before God’s infinite goodness, knowledge and power, each one of us is also better able to recognize the limitations in our own character, perspective, and worldly attachments.

Secondly, he understood that true global peace has its foundation in the family. Peace in the family has its foundation in a God-centered marriage. A man and woman in marriage represent the coming together in love of the masculine and feminine dimensions of the cosmos. In turn, the loving, creative harmony between husband and wife naturally gives rise to parenthood and parental love. Knowing the central and sacred value of marriage and family, he integrated into the WCSF a public marriage blessing ceremony: the World Peace Blessing.

Thirdly, he brought together leaders from all fields, including religion, government, civil society, academia, and the arts to meet and collaborate in seeking constructive solutions to critical global problems. This component of the WCSF has come to be carried out through the IPWP Assemblies.

This Assembly for world peace is the 6th in a series that began with the Inaugural Assembly in 1999. In six short years, the IPWP Assembly series has become a premier international and interreligious gathering dedicated to peace. At this year’s Assembly we will consider the theme, “Establishing a World Culture of Heart: Innovative Approaches to Peace in a Changing World.”

The best way to understand this theme is to consider and reflect on the spiritual and historical foundations of the IPWP. As humans who live in this historical world, we each know that we always are standing at some specific and limited point in time and place. And so, it is helpful for us to have a map that helps identify our location. You may think of these words that follow as a kind of providential map that will allow us to locate our position in the cosmic order.

The ultimate standard and point of orientation of our being in this world, like a north star, is God. The context for our existence is the cosmos and world He has created. God is the source and foundation for all that exists. Our concept of God is of profound significance for our entire worldview, including the way we view all people and all materials things in the world around us. A narrow, partial or limited view of God, leads to a narrow, partial or limited worldview. The important point is not only THAT we believe in God, but rather HOW we believe in God. Our understanding of God is absolutely essential.

In light of this point, our understanding of the primary characteristics or attributes of God is also of great significance. It makes all the difference if we associate God primarily with such attributes as power, control, and judgment, as distinct from attributes of love, parental care, and compassion. It makes all the difference if we view God as satisfied, remote and distant, or as near, seeking love and relationships, and therefore deeply affected by the selfishness, suffering and evil in our world. Also, it makes all the difference whether we understand God primarily as a being who wants to receive or a being who wants to give.

Rev. Moon has always taught that God’s essence is true love. As he puts it, “God always gives and forgives, gives and forgets.” In creating the world, God had infinite hope for the successful growth and development of Adam and Eve. Through them, He longed to multiply His true love and the joy it could produce. The chief characteristic of true love is selflessness and living for the sake of others. This is God’s essence: true love, however, is not random and unstructured. It has a precise order and structure to it, just as the universe has order and structure underlying its beauty and function. The order of true love is linked to the harmony of man and woman in marriage, and parents and children in the family. God envisioned the family as the repository of the most precious gift he could offer, namely, true love. This was God’s gift to Adam and Eve. It is precisely this gift of true love that Adam and Eve were to have inherited by fulfilling their own portion of responsibility. That is, they would have inherited true love if they had each followed their conscience and practiced faithful obedience to God’s guidance as they grew to maturity.

The tragedy of the Fall was brought about by the failure of Adam and Eve to observe the laws of love. In this way they undermined the order and structure of true love.

Among Rev. Moon’s most profound, spiritual discoveries about God, is the realization that God’s heart is one that aches with disappointment and loneliness over the loss of His children, and the core and essence of His creation, true love, which we have surrendered and lost by the Fall.

Human society was built on the foundation of impure love within the family of our ancestors. Selfishness became dominant in human relationships. As such, family
love was not only easily corrupted by indolence and abuse, but family love overtook the society with racism, ethnic cen-trism, and nationalism. As various families multiplied into tribes, nations and civilizations, selfishness mani-fested itself in injustice, inequality, preferential love, and imbalances of power and wealth on a global scale.

For this reason, the purpose of God's providence is to restore the family. This process begins with religion. Religion came into being as a need-ed tool to repair the corrupted heart of human beings. Imperfect love within the family reproduces itself, and cre-ates a culture of selfishness that mul-tiples and expands from the family, to the tribe, the society, the nation and the world. Religions exist to guide each of us to follow our original mind and to learn the way of true love. Religions are there to lead us to God, our true center, so that we may eventually restore our true character of goodness.

Rev. Moon has always emphasized the central importance of religion and the need for mutual respect and cooperation among religions. Reli-gion is a school of repair and restora-tion. Religions are not our ultimate destiny. They are not eternal institu-tions. Rather, they are instruments to lead us to a full, clear relationship with God, untainted by sin, selfishness or impurity; to a state where we would exist without any shadow and with nothing to hide before God, humani-ty, and the entire spiritual world.

According to God's ideal, human beings would graduate from religion in much the same way as we gradu-ate from a university. That is, we will dedicate ourselves to our courses and pass our exams and receive our diplomas on to a full, loving, interac-tivating relationship with God, our Father.

This graduation from religion occurs not through perfection of knowledge or ritual, but as we perfect our char-acter. In the eternal spiritual world we are not appreciated for our religious background or knowledge of doctrine, but for the quality of our character, and especially our heart.

This graduation then provides the basis for our entering into marriage, where we practice living for the sake of others on the most personal and intimate level of love, in the relationship of a husband and wife. Through con-jugal love a deep and permanent union is formed, and, as we know, children are born. The family is none other than the school of love, the place where we are experienced and learned by spous-es, children, parents and siblings. More than others, according to God's original purpose of creation, it is a higher expression of God's ideal than religion itself. It is closer to God's original ideal. For God did not origi-nally prescribe a series of rituals, scrip-tures or houses of worship. He origi-nally created a man and woman in the beauty of creation. He created a cou-ple that was to embody God's ideal of love and produce children and multiply true love.

As he expressed it in his speech at the United Nations in August of 2000, one of the core objectives of the IIPW mis-sion has been to promote the establis-hment of an interreligious council within the United Nations. He also strongly urged the United Nations to appreciate more fully the significance service that seeks to integrate dimen-sions of the human social order that have been historically divided: for exam-ple, the spiritual and the secular, the governmental and non-governmental, international business and humanitari-an idealism, left-wing ideals of jus-tice and right wing ideals of freedom, traditional values and modern tech-nology, scientific rationalism, spiri-tual wisdom, private morality and public ethics.

One of the ways to approach the ideal of love, and most importantly the logic of love, is to find the way from which we can find the way for reconciliation. This is both the logic of love, and most importantly the logic of peace. By the end of this conference you will come to bet-ter appreciate the genius of Father Moon and his pro-found contribution to peace. He is no ordinary man, and the movement he has been involved in and raised up over the past 85 years is no "flash in the pan." Historical changes often emerge in surprising ways. Some of the world's greatest changes have occurred through the invention of a new tool or break- ing in a lab, or a searcher alone in the desert seeking truth. It has not been easy for the world to recognize Rev. Moon's contribution to history. But, as I said earlier, what he has taught and accomplished represents an inno-vation and a contribution that is what the world needs at this time. We are fortunate to be among those who have met him and have heard so directly what he teaches. If we apply these teachings and create institutions that give full expression to them, we will indeed transform the world. We can create a world culture of heart. We can change this world. It begins with each of us. It expands to each of our fami-lies, to our places of work, of worship and citizenship.

Please take the opportunity that lies before us with utmost seriousness and hope. Let us create a place here where God's love, wisdom and heart can fuse with His sons and daughters, as we seek Him and seek humble to express all the goodness and creativity that He longs for us to inherit and enjoy.

I hope that we will each help one an-other become new as true people of goodness and true love.

The hope of all ages is a Unified World of Peace.

This helps us understand Rev. Moon's own methodology as he works to estab-lish a world culture of heart. For, he initially created a religious organiza-tion, one which affirmed the value of the mission and purpose of all religions and which aimed at bringing religions into cooperative and respectful rela-tionship with one another. He under-stood that not only faithful adherence to truth, but also interreligious respect and coope-ration are neces-sary if each religion, no matter how small, and each one of us, is to effectively ful-fill our mission. For this reason, he ini-tiated the Holy Spir-it Association for the Unification of World Christianity in 1954. In fact, in a little over two months ago, on May 1, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding.

However, in 1996, Rev. Moon officially closed the HSALCW and replaced it with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, with a mis-sion centered on God's ideal of the family as the core institution for the realization of true love. The Family Fed-eration era represented a shift in prov-iden-tial focus from religion to family, underscores the truth that the God-centered family is the essence, mis-sion and end toward which religion moves.

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Rev. Moon understands that it is not easy for either the United Nations or many of its member states to change traditions and practices that have prevailed for decades and centuries. He realizes that it will take time for the UN to implement innovative proposals.

For this reason, and because the world is in such urgent need for an institution that provides leadership, vision and sacrificial commitment, he launched the Interreligious and International Peace Council on October 3, 2003. As he put it, the IPC is to be a "Peace UN," an institution of global governance based on true love and rooted in a world culture of heart.

Our theme at this Assembly not only considers the "world culture of heart," but also "innovative approaches to peace in a changing world." "Innova-tion, we all know, is both necessary and inevitable. We are living at a time of transformation, most visibly in the realms of technology, communications and business. Globalization, for exam-ple, is a dramatic innovation, as is the rise of NGOs, as well as new expres-sions of spirituality. This trend will not subside, but will only intensify. Old structures and systems will be chal-lenged relentlessly.

The IPC has launched the IIPW as an innovative approach to peace, a council of responsible governance and
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leaders in a World Peace Symposium, in which many of our Ambassadors for Peace were chosen. You will bring gifts and symbols of your nation and culture as you visit the hospitals of Jerusalem and Ramallah, with particular focus on the children. It is almost certain that you will change some Jewish or Muslim young person’s life as they experience love from your nation and culture, which they never believed they would ever see or experience.

You will experience the high desert climate and the cool evenings that come with such terrain. You will feel the healthful atmosphere that is created by the hot desert sun as you go to the world-famous Dead Sea. You will have the opportunity to be in the mud that is found there. It is world-renowned for its healing and medicinal powers promoting the rejuvenation of your body and spirit. You will see the Sea of Galilee and you will touch its sparkling clear waters, realizing that this was the place where Jesus created a teaching and a tradition that changed the world. You will sit on the gentle slopes where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount.

You will serve the nation as an emissary of friendship, not only in word but also in deed. With love you will plant a tree representing your family, your lineage, and your nation. Joining with other Ambassadors for Peace, you will leave behind a peace forest that will one day bear fruit that will teach future generations about your sacrifice to heal this historic land.

Beautiful to people, Jesus is beautiful to the heart, you will have the opportunity to visit people one-on-one in a meaningful and personal way to the area, and you will make a bond with your brothers and sisters in the Holy Land that will last forever. You will carry your wisdom and your understanding that you gained from your great nation and culture to the Knesset and the lawmakers of Israel. On our past journey with the group from Latin America, the former prime minister of Barbados gave hope to the whole parliament as he received a standing ovation, to the surprise of the various factions and parties of the Knesset. He said, “I came from my country to help you in the pursuit of peace. I am an Ambassador for Peace.”

Never before have emissaries come from all over the world with a message of love and support that was principled, not partisan. This is the message that there is one God of all the Abrahamic peoples and faiths and we are His ambassadors from every faith and religion.

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Through the process of raising, sacrificing and caring for others your heart expands and grows. It is ultimately for the perfection of the Love of God expressed through our own individual hearts. We go through this with our blessed Marriages and Families. Through the course of digesting and overcoming difficulties and Jewish. We also engage in dialogue and relations with Jewish rabbis, who themselves have become Ambassadors for Peace, thus transcending many of the traditional barriers that block us from good relations beyond our denominations or religions. You will visit and experience a deep spirituality at one of the three most holy sites of Islam – Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. You will be given a special presentation by one of Israel’s most prominent rabbis on the depth and spirituality of the great faith of Judaism. This experience does not take place in a hotel but right inside one of Israel’s prominent synagogues.

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Rev. Michael Jenkins

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Cries that were given thousands of years of history as you work to fulfill the prophecies of the Scriptures, predicted that one day the ability to dissolve those barriers and to take this journey. Now you are no longer believers from all over the world would become one with Father Moon’s ACLC spirit, for he himself has no fear. He lived and had no fear. They were the ones most protected.

This resonated with Pastor Hayes’s spirit, for he himself has no fear. He became one with Father Moon’s ACLC movement. He knew this is the one movement that can challenge the divisions of the people of God and bring unity or brokenness.

At the conclusion, many will weep as the bridge of Peace realizes that their step was never taken. These cries of division in the Holy Land have a real power to dissolve those barriers and to bring unity.

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When the service began, the Cathedral Choir of Gloryland did a special procession into the sanctuary. Forty voices lifted our hearts with tradition and powerful Gospel hymns. The atmosphere was filled with joy.

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The crown of glory has now been lifted to the Palestinian people to the Israeli people, IIPC is accepted and known as a friend to all. The people of this land descended from two brothers, Ishmael and Isaac. Your mission will be to give these brothers hope that the divisions of the family will be healed through our cooperative efforts. You will experience an academic seminar of the highest quality with experts on the political situation and the current state of affairs. With this knowledge and understanding, you will gain special qualities to come back to your nation to be a source of conflict resolution between the “brothers” of your own culture.

All in all, you will have an experience of joy as you will find that there is no other place like here. Somehow, we instinctively feel that the resolution of the conflicts in the Middle East is connected to the resolution of the world conflicts that now have so many on edge. Your work and pilgrimage will reduce tensions among Muslims, Christians, and Jews, and with each step you will gain understanding and insight into the value of the various faiths of humanity.

“Heart to heart, you will find your “brother” or “sister” as you cross the bridge of Peace with your countryman to Palestine and Israel. Crossing with someone of a similar profession or interest, you will contribute to the resolution of tribal divisions that have existed for thousands of years. The Ambassadors for Peace are bringing the day of hope.

Gloryland Baptist Church

History is unfolding before our eyes. I recently had the privilege of visiting our American Clergy Leadership Conference (AICC) leaders in Iraq.

The Rev. Dr. Bennit Hayes met the movement in an unusual way. Rev. Charles Keyes, an ACLC pastor, was accompanying another pastor to a revival two years ago at the Gloryland Baptist Church in Houston. When Rev. Keyes walked in, Rev. Hayes called to him from the pulpit from which he was speaking. He said, “Why don’t you, Pastor Keyes, not aware of knowing Pastor Hayes, said, “No, I don’t believe so.” Then Rev. Hayes said, “What’s your name?” Pastor Keyes replied, “Rev. Charles Keyes.” Pastor Hayes said, “Charles Keyes—helicopter pilot, Vietnam, Dan, Na Dan.”

Then Pastor Keyes remembered. He flew the mission that saved Rev. Hayes’ life. Rev. Hayes was in a special unit that would go out to find what happened to lost patrols. It was a very dangerous mission. He was a dangerous man; he had no fear and believed that America was worth fighting for. This time he got stuck in the bush, and the mission was deemed too dangerous for any pilot to go in. Captain Keyes volunteered and against all odds saved Dr. Hayes’ life.

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At Ocean City, he learned of Rev. Moon’s teaching that John the Baptist failed his mission. Quietly, Pastor Hayes was disturbed by this and determined that he would leave Ocean City the next day. However, that night he awoke from sleep with the words in his heart, “Read It! He understood that the words that he felt meant he should read about John the Baptist. There, late at night, he read Matthew 11:12: Verily I say unto you, Among them are that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwith standing he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

The lights went on. This is the truth and Jesus made it plain in the scriptures! Pastor Hayes felt a strong sense of knowing Pas-
The residents of Gaza were quite shocked to see black, white, Hispanic and Asian pastors joining hand to hand with Muslim clerics walking to the seashore to pray. It is a new day in Gaza, it is a new time for humanity.

The Texas contingent of the ACLC is very strong. Rev. Willis is on the National Executive Committee of the ACLC. Rev. and Mrs. Hayes, Rev. Keyes, Rev. Willis, and Rev. Jimmie Clarke are absolutely clear that Father Moon is the one whom God has called to bring in the kingdom. They know that Jesus is with him. Nothing can change it, and from what I saw in Gloryland rapid growth through the churches is now beginning to occur.

Rev. Willis brought sister and Mrs. Powell with her. Sister Powell has been a key organizer for the Women's Federation for World Peace for many years. She was excited to see her husband inspired about the ACLC spirit. Just before I got up to speak, Minister Ethel Hayes asked everyone to stand. "I have an inspiration," she announced. Her husband smiled. "All hands and wives join hands," she asked. "This is a serious moment. The ministry has now taken the central focus of bringing the grace of Jesus to the family through the blessing of marriage. The power and the protection of the Holy Spirit in now covering the marriage. Divorce will be no more." She wrapped a white cloth around the joined hands of herself and her husband. She called for Rev. Hernandez to pray for the families.

She spoke so sincerely: "My husband and I are joined together in the Lord, and we are bound together in the love of Jesus. True Parents have brought anointing of our family. We will never be broken apart. God is with us."

Rev. Hayes and Rev. Mark Hernandez introduced me. I have such love and respect for the work that God is doing there. It was unusual for me to preach before a congregation that is so well prepared and has studied so deeply. The ministers and the congregation have crossed the Jordan River in trust for the pastor. They know without question that Jesus sent Father and Mother Moon.

I know now that many important Christian leaders are reading my testimonies in private and asking God sincerely, "Is this the hour of the coming of the Lord?"

Minister Hayes shared with me an interesting story. She and Rev. Maggie went to witness to an important pastor in Dallas, whose name is a household word. He is very open to ACLC and Minister Hayes. A group of ACLC women pastors are praying for him. They shared with me that he always welcomes them, knowing that they are with Father Moon. Many Christian leaders are receiving revelations about Father Moon. Those who are truly praying and sincerely seeking are hearing the tender voice of Jesus leading them to Father Moon. Those who are really sincere are deeply troubled by the culture of sin and selfishness that is ravaging the very essence of faith and marriage. They don't feel the same power they once felt. They know that God is doing a new thing before history.

That's why this famous pastor said to the ACLC clergymen: "I'm interested because deep in my spirit I feel that Christianity has to wake up and catch up because God is moving on and His dispensation is not static and remaining where the majority of Christians are. God is moving beyond the walls of denomination and faith now. The traditional boundaries are gone. Yet many Christians want to keep the boundaries up because they are not confident that their faith can do anything more than save the individual."

This pastor believes that true Christianity created America, and true Christianity initiated the reconciliation between whites and blacks in America. True Christianity is based on faith in Jesus and the practice of his love. Faith without practice has caused Christianity to lose. This false Christianity is the one that condemns division, hatred and even [in the past] slavery.

This important pastor in Dallas is looking closely at ACLC. I was quite surprised to hear this discovery. Thousands of pastors are looking very closely by.

The time has come. When the body of Christ unites together, a new America will emerge, one that is true to its founding spirit.

The sermon was well received. Pastor and Minister Hayes and Rev. and Mrs. Keyes received the Blessing with Holy Wine that opens the door for a new covenant between the believers and God. This covenant allows us to enter into the Fourth Israel.

Now the Blessing of 12 couples is being planned at Gloryland. Pastor and Sister Hayes will officiate. Pastor Hayes is bringing pastors to the light of the Gospel that God has revealed.

Gloryland is on the cutting edge of the Kingdom. Thank you, Pastor Hayes and Minister Hayes. Gloryland has the power to transform the nation. Pastor Hayes, you have called us to pray, your wife, your beautiful ministerial staff, and the beloved congregation of Gloryland to lead the revival and renewal of America, so America will be able to lead the world into the Peace Kingdom.

Thanks to our beloved Texas family. After Gloryland, I had a most inspiring chance to visit our Texas Family church in Houston, and members drove from all over the state to be with Rev. Shin, Rev. Hernandez, Rev. Lee and all of our beautiful brothers and sisters. One of our beautiful sisters, Helen, drove us around. Also, Ann Moore had just returned home after months of working as an Ambassador of Peace in Korea. The Texas Family is harvesting the fruits of unity and enormous sacrifice. They have given so much, and their sacrifices are allowing such great spiritual leaders to rise up.

Be proud to be Gloryland. Rev. and Minister Hayes, Rev. and Mrs. Keyes and all the Texas family.
that the most effective way to learn
the Divine Principle is to teach it. Through that effort, God can inspire us as we explain the Principle to others. We experienced that as well on Thursday morning when Bishop C. Philip Johnson was our guest DP teacher for the session on the Purpose of the Messiah. What has always been an especially valuable aspect of our ACLC seminars has been our morning and evening fellowship. The same was true at this conference. Each morning, our guest sister (Rev. Dr. Lonnie McLeod, Rev. Carl V. Ruells, Rev. Dr. H.G. McGhee and Rev. Tessie Williams) led our Hoon Dook Hae. Each evening was filled with music, song and the Word of God. Our dear brothers, the Revs. McGhee and Edwards were responsible for much of this and lifted the spirit higher and higher. Rev. McGee has such an amazing relationship to God through music, and Rev. Jesse Edwards is one of a kind preacher. As many times as I have heard Rev. Edwards, I left the session on Wednesday night feeling deeply repentful that I had not encouraged more people to join the festivities and be nourished by the word of God.

The participation of some key ministers was especially meaningful to me. The Rev. M. Earle Sanders recently celebrated his 60th birthday and has been working with our movement for over 40 years. He, Rev. Patricia Jones prophesied the birth of our first daughter (after 3 sons) and became her God-mother. Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Strong also attended; Rev. Strong gave me my first opportunity to preach in 1984. These 3 ministers have worked with our movement for over 20 years each. They have participated in CAUSA GCC trips to Korea, Community Presented Values (CPPV), True Parent Values, WFWP, True Parents’ speeches and many other conferences. These ministers have stood up in the freezing cold to defend the right to have a nattive scene in the public square and have been staunch supporters of our True Parents. Rev. Sardon, who 22 years ago, admitted to being “very skeptical” of our ICUSA program (because of the negativity that he had read in the media) would later go to jail to stand up against the religious discrimination against our True Parents and our movement, just as he had done with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Albany, Georgia in 1962. Then, last year, when True Parents came to Chica-go, Rev. Sardon sat at a table directly in front of True Parents and personally responded when True Father asked if anyone in the room was older than he. After that response, True Father dialogued with his “elder brother” for about 10 min-utes in front of 1,000 guests. The amazing thing is that Rev. Sardon was not supposed to be at the event. Nevertheless, through his faith, he canceled urgent plans and showed up because of his experience of a lifetime with True Parents.

Then there is Rev. Randall, all 5 feet of him. Rev. Randall is the pastor for our dear sister Rev. Bennie Owens. As you know, the hardest people to get to attend an entire conference are always the ones in their home city—because they are constantly getting urgent calls that take them away from the seminar. But Rev. Randall attended every session and seemed 100% focused on every word being uttered from the mouths of the lecturers. When I complimented him on his faithful attendance, he just said to me, “thank you so much, I needed this.”

My conclusion is this. Even True Father listens to the word of God every day. I think that he would be the first to admit that these are not his words, but the word of God being expressed through him. Therefore, as we all would agree, no one can get too much of a good thing—too much of the word of God. For our minister friends and ourselves as well—we can not get too much of the word of God.

All of us in Chica-go want to thank our national staff: Dr. Yang, Rev. Jenkins (who led the seminar so powerfully). Rev. Daugh-erty, Rev. Schanker (who taught our brand new True Fam-ily Values lecture). Rev. Reed and the staff that planned the seminar. Thank you to David Rendel and Noriko Ogden who made all the hotel arrangements and thank you to our Bishop Ki Hoon Kim whose continuous insight inspires and creatively leads our Chicago community.

At this seminar, he included our more than 5-year on-going monthly prayer breakfast to take place right in the middle of the convoca-tion. Likewise, Mrs. Reiko Jenk-ins, Mrs. Debbie Taylor and oth-ers co-hosted the first national True Parents’ pilgrimage dur-ing the convolution.

So, brothers and sisters, it’s time to march on. Our summer camps, educating and bonding together our beloved second generation children are in full swing. The 2004 Blessing is upon us. More and more provid-
tual events are coming up faster than we can count. And we are getting stronger and stronger.

So let us all put on the armor of God and go forth, in the shoes of the ser-vant and the heart of the Father and bring peace to our world and love to our families. ✦
Religious leaders, including members of the Parliament participated. Among the attendees were the President of Pakistan, Mr. Pervez Musharraf, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Shaukat Aziz, and members of the Parliament who provided a platform for the discussion. The event was attended by representatives from various sectors, including religious leaders, government officials, civil society leaders, and members of the media.

The event began with an invocation by the leader of the Union of Churches, who stressed the importance of unity and peace among different religious communities. The leader emphasized the need for dialogue and understanding among people of different faiths.

Following the invocation, the event was opened by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Kazmi, who welcomed the audience and highlighted the significance of the day. He stressed the importance of peace and unity among people of different faiths and called upon all to work towards a better future for Pakistan.

The event was a reaffirmation of the commitment of the leaders of the country to work towards a peaceful and prosperous Pakistan. The event was a step towards building a bridge between people of different faiths and promoting understanding and cooperation among them.
Walk Across America

by Adamson Mwenda & Nicholas Chishka

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as the Steve & Mary Anglin family headed west across the state of Kansas on July 23rd to visit out-of-state family, they met Mr. Machida walking along highway 24. They stopped and shared a meal at a steakhouse in the small college town of Manhattan. Rev. Akeen gave a special blessing prayer for Mr. Machida. Mr. Machida and Jesse then spent the night at the Thompson home in the country-side, before going on their way again early the next morning.

Mr. Machida arrived at the western edge of Kansas City, KS on the evening of July 27th, and was taken by Jesse Bernett to the home of Bill & Dawn Dillinger in Kansas City Missouri. There was a reception there and intimate sharing with Mr. Machida among Blessed couples and Ambassadors for Peace. Representatives from the three Abrahamic faiths were present, as well as black, white and yellow races and people from both Kansas and Missouri. A letter of welcome from Mayor Kay Barnes of Kansas City, MO was read and presented to Mr. Machida. Mr. Machida was in very high spirits and was most gracious to meet Family Federation members and Ambassadors for Peace.

Early the next morning Mrs. Dawn Dillinger walked several miles with Mr. Machida upon his start in Kansas City, KS. Later that day, several Ambassadors for Peace along with Rev. Juan Acosta joined in walking with Mr. Machida for several miles in Kansas City, MO. Mr. Don Marsolek, the AFC Leader walked several miles with them. A Proclamation of a "Day of Reconciliation and Peace" from Mayor Kay Barnes was also presented to Mr. Machida in Kansas City.

IIFWP: Character Education and AIDS Prevention in Zambia

by Adamson Mwenda & Nicholas Chishka

A
t the first seminar in Zambia—Lusaka, May 19, 2004—on "HIV/AIDS Prevention and Character Education," three themes as many people showed up as invited. The 110 participants came from 18 NGOs, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Education. There were four primary and secondary school teachers and two members of the press. Former Prime Minister, H.E. Gen. Malimba Masheke, attended the seminar. The Peace Embassy in Lusaka hosted the April 24, 2004 event. The presenter, Mr. Alan Saunders, gave an Introduction to Character Education and outlined the Best Practices in the field. He emphasized moral rearmament and good character development, especially among children. Then he moved to specific information about HIV/AIDS prevention, followed by guidance about Relationship and Communication Skills. His presentation was excellent and professional.

To meet the challenge of catering for unbudgeted participants, we had to look for more chairs, food, cooking utensils and kitchen staff. We extorted our gratitude to Mr. Saunders, who donated a substantial amount to cover most of the expenses. The participants reported that it was the first time they received such profound education. They responded to all the presentations with eagerness and enthusiasm, although in some cases the interactive presentation style was very challenging.

Immediately after the seminar, Mr. Mambwe, Executive Director of ARGAZ, sought a private meeting to express his organization’s willingness to network with us. Former Prime Minister Masheke expressed his appreciation and encouraged Mr. Saunders to help Zambia and Africa as a whole to rebuild the declining moral standards and good character among the young people, who are the future leaders. One of the media participants from the government newspaper was impressed by Mr. Machida and presented to Mr. Machida.

National IIFWP Conference in Guatemala

by Chung Hee Beswell

A new era has dawned. On the May 5th 2004, the founders of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dra. Hak Ja Han Moon, declared the "Era of the new Millennium." According to this new era is a time of great changes and development for the entire world. A time in which peace will be established as the whole world unites as one global family.

With the purpose of declaring this new era on a national level, the VI National Conference of the IIFWP was held on the 11th of June in the Peace Embassy of Guatemala. The event was the result of a united effort of the IIFWP and the weekly Newspaper Tiempos del Mundo (TDM) sponsors. More than 40 representatives of several Embassies, the Guatemalan Congress, the Media and diverse NGO’s, as well as numerous community, religious and political leaders came together to participate in and contribute to this historic event.

Mrs. Catalina Soberanis Reyes, president of IIFWP Guatemala and former President of the Guatemalan Congress, and Mr. Katsumi Kamibashi, General Manager of TDM in Guatemala, welcomed the participants and gave an introduction to the event. The program continued through several sessions, dealing with diverse subjects. Such as: "Access to Information as a Tool for Transparency and for Strengthening Democracy“, "Adjusting Taxes and the responsible role of Rulers and the People" and "The Geo-political Constellation of the World and the Process of Change", by Lic. Roberto E. Landaverdy, Lic. Joe/Guillermo Garcia Fuentes and Rev. Gerhard Beswell as experts in the respective fields. The speech "God’s Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom", given by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the IIFWP, on the first Conference of the First May this year, was read as highlight of the event.

The participants could also participate actively in the different sessions through Questions and Answers by the presenters. There were also talks by special guests, such as a representative of the Embassy of Venezuela and the national representative of WANGO (World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations).

At the conclusion of the event four new Peace Ambassadors were recognized. Peace Ambassadors are leaders who understand the Vision of the IIFWP and its founders and who, through their lifestyle, are examples of living for the sake of others and establishing strong families. Ambassadors for peace thereby are an integral part of overcoming religious, national, and racial conflict.

Adjusting our nation starts with ourselves and therefore comes from every single one of us. This conference has been a valuable step to bringing about a "Peaceful United States of America."
by Rev. Jenkins

Recently, my wife and I had the opportunity to share dinner at the home of Rev. Zajary and Fumi Oliver. Also joining us were Rev. Constantin David (Originally from Benin) and Rev. Henry Muniga (originally from Kenya). Also Minister Angelica Selle joined the dinner.

The main purpose of our sharing was to understand a new movement that has been started by Unificationist and other Christians called “JAMII AFRICA”. They have a beautiful website which is Jamiim.org.

My wife and I were deeply moved by what was shared that evening. This is a profound manifestation of the fact that the curtain has been opened between heaven and earth and all of our ancestors are coming down to participate with us in realizing God’s Kingdom. However, as they come down a lot also has to be resolved for all the restoration of history.

Part of that restoration is unfolding in a way that is most needed. The leaders from Africa are seeking to reconcile with the African American brothers and sisters as historically there was betrayal and brothers were sold into slavery by their own brothers. The white man took advantage of this division and exploited the people. All of this must be resolved and restored. Noting the difference and the division between the brothers and sisters of Africa and the brothers and sisters of African descent in America the President of Benin, which was noted for slave trade, felt that repentance and reconciliation had to be initiated from Africa. While this was occurring our Unification leaders were receiving the same inspiration and JAMII AFRICA was formed. JAMII is Zvahili for “Family”. The reconciliation of the family is now being initiated. This in turn can open the door for the white brothers and sisters to repent and be forgiven.

Starting with President of Benin who was moved several years ago to host American clergy and political leaders—a ceremony was held to begin the process. Rev. Oliver shared along with Rev. Muniga many of the testimonies of this effort. Rev. Oliver showed a powerful video (BBC or similar in quality) of a documentary done on the conference held in Benin. It has very important implications. Featured in the video was the President and others from Benin repenting for this sad history and African American clergy like Rev. Perrin from Washington D.C. were receiving the apology and saying that if we don’t “get it” let’s move on from here.

The work of Jamii first came to my attention in an “End of the Era of the Cross” seminar put on by the ACLC of Baltimor with Rev. St. George Crosse and our Washington/ Delmarmore ACLC Community led by Bishop C. Phillip Johnson, Rev. McCarthy. It was a beautiful program. I had no idea that the ending would have a special part in the program that would call for African Christian leaders to come forward and repent to their brothers and sisters who were Americans of African descent.

Brothers and sisters, this was a very meaningful and profound moment. It was very moving and powerful. Then in Rev. Oliver’s home in an incredible discussion and spirit that followed I was awakened anew to the aspect of God’s work of restoration. (Also Fumi, Rev. Oliver’s wife, prepared a 7 course meal that was world class immensely delicious—it gave confirmation of the love in their family).

This work can open the door for African Americans and white brothers and sisters to repent and be healed. It is a process. Our history is profoundly sad and we have not restored it yet. I thank God for the leaders of JAMII and the heart with which they are seeking to allow the ancestors which we are now seeking to bless to be comforted and liberated. This is the work and of God. For all of us to fulfill our role as Tribal Messiah’s we must also establish our tribal history and through reconciliation on earth. The spirit of love, the presence of True Parents have been God’s effort at Rev. Oliver. I am moved to repent again and again. There is nothing more to say but that I am grateful to God to allow me to be part of this family and to experience the heart of the ancestors seeking to overcome the pain and come together as God desires.

Rev. Muniga brought it to another level. He said, to be liberated we must be filled with love and liberated from our resentment. He then shared his testimony of the fact that his grandfather had been brutally murdered by evil people. He then shared how he had to overcome his anger and resentment toward these people. It is real and it is not simple. God is working through this movement.

Brothers and Sisters—please support this effort—they will have a program on June 27th to raise funds. On July 29—August 7 they have been invited by the President of Benin as special guests along with many key ACLC leaders like Rev. Daugherty and many others. The President invited them to be a special part of the annual program he holds to heal the division of the “family”.

I am grateful for my brothers and their wives for responding to God’s call. Isn’t it time that we set all things straight? True Parents are manifesting the Peace Kingdom and this is healing the hearts of all humanity.

I pray that the journey to Benin will be fruitful and bring healing to all of God’s children.

Thanks be to God and to all people of faith. Thanks to our African and African American brothers and sisters, leaders and ACLC clergy who respond to True Parents call and have protected Father every step of the way. There is no question that this particular family suffered more than any other and continues to do so, however in that suffering Jesus love was manifested for all enemies and therefore those who suffered the most became the source of healing to the world.

and symposiums around the globe to create harmony among all nationalities and religions. He informed the followers of Hazrat Data Gunj Baksh that after the 9/11 tragedy Grand Imam Allama Qadri was invited by the Chair-
A few days before our main workshop program—Youth Leadership Workshop, June 23 – 27, 2004 in Los Angeles—over 60 young 2nd Generation gathered at Pasadena House, the West Block Regional HQ to participate in a leadership program. The Leadership Program was headed by Grace Jorgensen. The purpose of the leadership program was to train the 63 young people on how to be effective leaders for the 2 week summer youth workshop which was to be held following the leadership training.

The training was quite vigorous. Sometimes, the participants were woken up at 2 am to begin running around the Rose Bowl. This was done to instill leadership qualities - i.e. be prepared for anything. Grace and Renfrota did a fantastic job of training the participants.

Because of their training, we had a fantastic workshop the following two weeks.

At the Leadership, we had internal guidance from Rev. Baek Joong Koo, West Block Regional Director and Mrs. Sheri Rueter (co-pastor of LA Family Church).

After the leadership workshop, we held our 2 week workshop from June 27 through July 10, 2004. The camp was held at a wonderful and beautiful location called Camp Seeley. Camp Seeley is located in the San Bernardino mountains, about 80 miles east of Los Angeles. Over 185 young people attended the first week, which was the High School Workshop. Together with 1st Generation Leaders and staff the total number we had at the workshop was 224. The second week was for Middle School Workshop and there we had about 85 participants and with staff we had about 120 people.

The amenities of the camp included a heated swimming pool. All participants received a T-Shirt, which had an imprint of True Father’s face when he was 16 years old.

Working on the theme “Finding Myself”, we had a lot of help putting this workshop together, especially from Northern California. Northern California had originally started this workshop consisting of Blessed 2nd Generation and 1st Generation were offered. Every day started with Hoon Dok Hae and morning service.

We also had a visit from our esteemed brother In Suk Kim (Director of 2nd Gen. Dept. in USA. He spoke about Core Values. Since July 1st was a special Holy Day, we celebrated it with an offering table with a special morning service.

In the first week, we had a fantastic closing night on Saturday. We had a beautiful closing program, and there we had about 85 participants. Many presentations like panels about 18 years ago under the able leadership of pioneers like Mary Gowey. Without their help we could not have had the level of success we had this year.

The schedule was busy with many activities planned for the participants. Lectures given by Kevin Thompson covered Divine Principle plus Father’s life. The Middle School workshop program was to be held in conjunction with the National Office of the IIFWP. The Middle School workshop program—Youth Unification News—originally started this workshop.

Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Brian Chiwemo, promised to extend the character education training to the teaching profession. He made his full support to this initiative.

All in all the youth summer camp was successful and we hope to have an even better one next year. A Special Thank You to all our volunteer staff especially Elizabeth Manaka, Mike Lograsso, Sheri Rueter, Robert Brown, Dave Roberts, and Mary Gowey. Annie Steinbronn and Bill Bectel.

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per with the largest circulation, Times of Zambia, interviewed Mr. Saunders and the local IIFWP representatives, Mr. Adamson Musonza and Mr. Nicholas Chishia. The next day, the Times of Zambia carried an article about the good work of IIFWP in Zambia.

Participants asked that the presentation materials be reproduced and distributed to other NGOs and that more presentations of such a nature take place. It was an amazing experience for everyone involved. The content highlighted the missing values in our corrupt society. We deeply appreciate the efforts and time dedicated to this program by the IIFWP International body.

The previous day, we met with the Vice President of the Republic of Zambia, Dr. Nev- ers Mumba, at his office. It was a rich and moving experience. The Vice President assured Mr. Saunders of the government’s support in all of IIFWP’s endeavors, especially towards the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Mr. Saunders explained IIFWP’s program in detail and highlighted the organization’s commitment to work with the Zambian government. The Vice President explained that IIFWP has come at the right time when the government is looking for good working partners such as IIFWP in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Shortly after meeting the Vice President, we met with the Minister of Education, Hon. Andrew Mulenga, who expressed similar sentiments. He further promised that he would encourage character education into the school curriculum. He requested Mr. Saunders to extend the character education training to the teachers.

On the same day, a meeting with the Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Brian Chiwemo, was held at his office. The Minister noted that the content of the program was the missing ingredient in the fight against HIV/AIDS. He, too, promised to render his full support to this initiative.

Our workshop was well received, and we expect that the next year will be even better.
I joined the Unification movement in San Francisco in 1976, but my first experience in my hometown wasn’t until about 8 years later when I was doing my summer of service from UTSA, and my surgeon was the regional leader, Mr. Reiner Ven- cerz was the State leader and Mrs. Sherry Becarda was the city leader. Suddenly and without warning at the leaders meeting in the grand ball room after the celebration on the day of the Victory of Love, 1987, Father assigned 75 American leaders to work with the ACC mission and I returned to my home town (after much prayer, asking God where he wanted me to go). At that time we were beginning to work with a city councilman, a state representative and a state senator. Through these next 17 years, these three leaders have become a Congressman, the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer. True Parents actually advised us that it would be better to work with retired, rather than current elected officials, because of the flack that they might receive by being identified as having worked with our movement. We all know the stories about ministers who were persecuted because of their involvement with the uni- fication church. But somehow our work with these three elected officials just con- tinued to grow and blossom.

The city councilman was elected to the county board, the state representative was elected to a county office and the state senator began to rise in the leadership ranks in his party. The first time I met the state representative, he took me along to a service project with senior citizens. But rather than listen to a speech, he hand- ed me a fork and a spatula and pointed me around the room with his microphone. He came to speak at one of our national conferences and I was duly impressed. She really tried to go on one of our fact finding tours of the Soviet Union (she has her college degree in journalism) but the timing was not quite right. Since becoming our state’s first elected female official she has sent many beautiful proclama- tions and letters honoring our True Parents and she has no reservations what- soever about the direct language that she used in honoring our True Parents. In the twenty something years since he was a city councilman has also been a member of the True Parents speech programs. He is known and loved by many of our ministers and I must say that his support for him and his support for us has a powerful mutual benefit. I remember how he would speak at one of our national WWFP programs. He drove out to the hotel by himself (no aids or assistants) and he gave a heartistic and beauti- ful speech. He has participated in many of our programs in Washing- ton DC and we have developed a deep relationship with his key staff people both in DC and in his home district.

Throughout the years I have attend- ed many of his local functions (most often with one or more of my own children). I have gone to a new Post Office dedication, summer back to school fairs and fests, Town meetings and along with CARP/STF we have helped him in each of the past 3 years, as he serves over 600 senior citi- zens a beautiful Christmas dinner. Last night he held a thank you reception for all of his friends to celebrate his recent re-election to the US Congress. He walked around the room with his microphone thanking various people.

When he came to our table, he pub- licly thanked our True Parents for the opportunity to meet with world leaders, ambassadors, princes and presidents, and for the opportunity to speak before the United Nations. For many years, he has never even accept the smallest honorarium until finally, almost through force we offered that our directing offices be directed to a local community charity.

These are three of our most long term political contacts. But there are many more. We have had US Congress- men come to visit our local busi- ness on our holidays and I am sure that our True Parents at their 80th birthday cele- bration in the US Capitol. He has also written several very personal and beauti- ful letters of greetings to our True Parents honoring their work with family issues in America.

On the most local level we have made a long lasting relationship with our church’s own city councilman. He has responded by getting several city proclamations to honor our events over the years and he has visited our church, attended our monthly prayer breakfast and he even delivered an “evangelical” proclamation reading at one of True Parents speeches in our city. We have helped him distrib- ute athletic shoes, served at his annual Labor Day picnics and volunteered in other arenas. Then one day we walked out our front door and discovered that someone had put in a new sidewalk right in front of our church center. In order to get a proclamation passed in the city coun- cilman must read the entire proclamation before the entire body at their monthly meeting. Therefore every proclamation that he has proposed to honor our True Parents was read publicly.

Likewise, we have pursued a relation- ship with our Jewish Congresswoman. She represents a strongly Jewish section of our city which is where our church cen- ter is located. She attended the reception on capitol hill for our True Parents 80th birthday. Then this past summer, after a long time of negotiating schedule with her district director, she actually came and spoke at our Sunday Service. The fact that my mother and her mother had taught Sunday school together made the event even more special. She gave us a briefing on the sit- uation in Iran and I am proud to say that my parents were in the congregation.

So what am I really saying? I remem- ber several years ago when we were sup- poring a project in another state. Rec- tually, we had to bring in our own minis- ters to witness to certain public officials. This was because we had not been taken care of. I even heard that during True Parents 50 city tour our members contacted a very prominent min-ister.
O n Saturday, July 31, the 2004 Chung Il Guk Horsemanship Seminar celebrated its first graduating class. It was an intense and rewarding two weeks, with the Second Generation students riding and touring the many facilities, listening to lectures given by qualified professionals in the equestrian world.

The schedule was rigorous; the average day was around 6 hours. Everyone woke at 4:30AM for morning Hoon Dok Hye and Ahn Shi Il, worked hard, rode their assigned horses, and studied in order to pass their written exams. Hearing from Olympic and other world-class trainers, a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a visit to a foxhunt kennel and stable, a tour of the Military Academy at West Point was augmented by Divine Principle lectures, Linda Feher for their marvelous meals. Gale Alves for shopping, cooking, and collaborating with materials for the students, and Lowell Ellanson for waking us up and conducting morning Hoon Dok Hye.

Finally, on behalf of the Second Generation Equestrians and the New Hope Farms Staff, we wish to extend our gratitude to the horses; for their gentility, trust, their ever-enduring patience and forgiveness for our shortcomings. They helped give us a glimpse of the world that is meant to be; it is an ideal kingdom where no separation exists between Almighty God, His creation and us. Our children, who are blessed to love it all. Thank you, too, True Parents for your vision of that ideal.

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by Dr. Michael Mickler

Dr. Mickler is Vice-president and Professor of Church History at the Unification Theological Seminary.

The 1997 summer tour, the number of participants had swelled to 500, and members were welcomed by Mayor Marion Berry who recited the Pure Love Pledge with them. The tour itself generated three hours of television coverage and dozens of newspaper articles. It also contributed to the education and maturation of the movement's second generation. In Boston, near the end of the tour, PLA held its second Absolute Sex speech competition. The first such competition had been held at the Boulder, Colorado workshop halfway through the fifty-day tour.

According to one account, "Brothers and sisters who had been timid and awkward in Boulder now exploded into Heaven's impressed firebreathers. They all had matured greatly in their logical and heart-tie expressions not only of the pain and misery of broken families and false love but also of their longing for themselves and the world."

One Unification parent expressed pride and gratitude upon receiving the fax of a newspaper article in which his daughter was quoted. The first such competition was built wholly around U.S. federal government guidelines for abstinence education. Previously, a "false love but also of their longing and misery of broken families and difficult time fathoming the American concept of equality. For them, it was perfectly obvious that there was no equality. Rather, everyone knew their position in a secure familial-based social order resembling what in the medieval West was known as "the great chain of being." Thus clearly was an oversimplification as well as currents within American Christianity in its earlier victory over communism struggled to relate across cultural divides on the basis of broad-ranging cultural stereotypes.

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little to conceal his distaste for the "ladies-first" tradition in American culture. This, in turn, pushed him into positions he might not otherwise have taken regarding women’s access to careers or even checking accounts. In fact, it was something of a badge of honor among the movement’s top Asian leadership not to have become Americanized.

To Rev. Moon’s credit, he overcame these cultural predispositions in designating the U.S. the elder son nation. However, it wasn’t clear that this designation had any immediate practical effect other than being a signal to U.S. budget holders that they should not expect the funding they once received. Perhaps, the clearest indication that the American movement had been well trained was in the lack of any serious expectation among members that they were about to assume any significant leadership of the movement’s worldwide activities. Rev. Moon remarked that Americans should “[r]ecieve a servant’s certificate from Japan—get their blessing and offer it to me.” He stated, “the elder son inherits the mother’s spirit and attends his father through the mother’s education.” In this respect, the designation of the U.S. as elder son nation did not appear to be a dramatic departure from what was already in effect. A November 20-28, 1999 workshop convened by Rev. and Mrs. Moon in Kodiak, Alaska for some fifty Japanese, thirty Korean and four American leaders who stayed for the full session was fairly typical of such gatherings and lectures with scanty or non-existent translations.

There were some efforts to define the identity and mission of elder sonship more proactively. Significantly, none of those who did so, at least in print, were American leaders or members. Rev. Joong Hyun Pak was Continental Director of the Unification Church in North America at the time Rev. Moon designated the U.S. elder son nation. In an article, “Elder Son Nation and Blessing ‘98,” he took a conservative line, indebted to neo-Confucian presuppositions, in speaking of the position and duties of the elder son designation. The elder son was “always expected to be the role model for the others to follow” even “to spank the younger siblings when they needed discipline.” It was “also the duty of the elder son to take care of the parents.”

As applied to an Elder Son nation, “This nation is responsible...to bear the burdens of the other nations...representing brothers and sisters throughout the world. Never complaining; just accepting the responsibility. Always working hard, setting the best example.”

On the positive side, “Parents invest everything into the elder son,” and as Rev. Pak noted, “True Parents always brought help from other nations to America, raising and nurturing America.” However, now that “the training period is over, America must be ready to take care of other nations in the same way it has been helped.” Rev. Pak did not limit his remarks entirely to an exposition of duties and position. “While fulfilling this role,” he suggested, “America will naturally start to become the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, expanding out to the world.”

For a choice, many Americans may have preferred being knee-deep in the Pantanal without insect repellant to sitting through all-day Hoon Dok Hae readings and lectures with scanty or non-existent translations.
O
n Saturday, May 22, 2004 we held a First Ladies meet-
ing in Clifton, New Jersey. The topic of the event was World Peace and the role of Clergy wives. The house was packed with Clergy wives and a few Ministers who couldn’t be persuaded to stay home when they heard Archbishop Stallings was speaking. The evening was filled with laughter, excitement and embraced with the warmth and love the Holy Spirit. It just got better and better as the evening rolled on. Beginning with de-
tious dinner, specially catered by Rev. James P. Paige, member of the ACLC Steering Committee, followed by the New Jerusalem choir, which sang in
beautiful harmonies, making our spir-
too sarcastic.
Lady Gertrude Paige, a key member of the First Ladies Steering Commit-
ee, gave a short testimony. She expressed such a sincere heart of commitment as a First Lady to her own husband, but also to the ideals of The First Ladies Association.
We were ready for the second course (spiritual food) when Archbishop Stallings stepped up to the stage. God’s love and comfort poured out to the First Ladies as Archbishops Stallings spoke. He emphasized their crucial role in min-
istry as mothers and wives. Clergy Wives are peacemaker in the home, the church community and in the world. He encouraged them to attend and support ACLC activities with their husbands. At the conclusion of Archbishop Stallings’ powerful and uplift-
ing message, Mrs. Doris Abebe, wife of an ACLC steering Committee member, pre-
sented him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.
It was a victorious event, setting the stage for the partnership of ACLC and The First Ladies Association, working hand in hand as hus-
band and wife, supporting God’s prov-
dence for world peace and religious reconciliation. Everyone went home inspired by a greater understanding of how First Ladies can support the ministry of ACLC and work together.

The internal victory and beauty of the event was the support behind the scenes from Rev. Dong Woo Kim, the Regional Director, who empowers members to take ownership and responsi-
bility. The teamwork of Rev. Ferrahol-
li, the Regional Coordinator for ACLC; Rev. Barry Geller Vice Regional Direc-
tor of FPWP; Mrs. Igarashi, Regional Coordinator; as well all the headquarters staff, the missionaries and out-
reach members who invested their hearts and effort into the event.

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Poetry Request

by Halvard K. Iversen

We have here in Ireland an Ambassador for Peace, a Muslim Sheikh who has come to sincerely love and admire True Parents. He is a drive-
ing force in the work of the IIPC and works to share True Parents’ message of peace with the growing inter-religious
community here. Among many talents, he is a poet and a writer, and he has already founded the “International Society Of Poets Of Peace” (ISOPOP). His determination is to publish a book of poetry about True Parents’ life and teaching before their next birthday, and he is asking anybody who already knows them and who have writing abilities to send in poetry to be published in this book. He promises all submitted poems will be judged by a group of
qualified people.
Deadline is set to November 30th 2004. Could you please pass this on?
Poetry will be accepted in different languages if there follows a transla-
tion in English. Requests for further information or submission of poetry can be sent to
isopop@iol.ie c/o Sheikh Dr. Satarudin

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THE FIRST LADIES ASSOCIATION EVENT

World Peace and the Role of Clergy Wives

by Rev. Kathy Sato

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Found in the Files at 43rd Floor
Dr. Frank Kaufmann
This two-part article is about mar-
riage. It’s something we Unificationists
are fond of because the success rate is high, and my own 1962
mass wedding was covered on the front
page of the New York Times. Please note
that my discussion becomes rather
gritty. We’ll get into further detail next
month, in part two.

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peeple marry for all sorts of rea-
sons, personal and oth-
erwise. Marrying for love
is a fine tradition, and so
many claim it’s a newer one, stem-
ming from the Romantic period of en-
themisation in France. I’d say it’s as
ancient as humanity itself. No one can
read the Bible’s Song of Solomon and
imagine it describes some dry, arranged-
for convenience match-up.

Marrriage is performa
of a lot of arranged mar-
rriages, but we don’t base
them upon selfish economic or politi-
cal concerns. It’s really about heart,
for this and future generations.

Getting hitched ain’t easy. Building seri-
ous, lasting relationships is a ter-
rible challenge. As the old timers say:
‘Women! Can’t live with ’em, can’t live
without ’em.’

These days, selfish gays can easily
‘get the milk for free,’ so they don’t even
bother with marriage. Sure, they’ll
say enough to keep her hopeful, but
never quite get around to real com-
immitment. And yet, gays do recognize
marriage as a better, more ideal, pos-
tibility. So does society at large. Every-
thing is down, while the first
gays divorce have already been
sanctioned. Can an afternoon TV show
called Gay Divorce Court be far behind?

Medical science, with
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Next month, we’ll talk about the biol-
ogy and psychology of couples. Also
illustrate the ideal in several ways.

Difficulties

So it is ‘equally yoked,’ as the Bible says,
or the feminist’s ‘chained by
the HSA personnel office. Enjoy,
ancient Membership Forms in
series of pictures from the
previous page for

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GETTING HITCHED

Mr. Carlson is involved with
marriage-related aspects of
Providence in the Bay Area.

This isn’t a ‘homophobic attack’ (as
the knee-jerk reaction would have it)
but, sorry to say, a plain recitation of
fact. On the whole, gays live twenty
years less than average. This was true
before the AIDS epidemic, and remains
so in places like San Francisco, where
discrimination can hardly be blamed.

By now, most conservatives are will-
ing to compromise, with
laws for domestic partner-
ships and such. This ‘live
and let live’ attitude is a
fine American tradition.

Too bad it’s not recipro-
cal. In The Nation magazine, activist gays (and
their radical allies) have
already promised a ‘long,
church by church fight’ to
force gay clergy and wed-
ings upon everyone.

Activists have been
careful to label ‘domino theo-
ry objections’ a ‘right wing
continuum,’ and keep the dis-
cussion focused on gays
alone. Yet, they also pro-
mote ideas like ‘polyamory.’

As we speak, incestuous
and polyamorous adults are
easier to get on the mar-
rage bandwagon.

On their heels is the
BSDM crowd, with their
masochistic ‘dominants’ and
submissive’ couples. (This was to stay political-
ly correct, as it used to be ‘master and slave’) Imag-
ning this is a relationship in which
degradation and painful abuse are not
only acceptable, but expected. Its advo-
cates love to hint at the number of clo-
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To a non-lawyer like me. San Fran-
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you possibly exclude anyone.

In the end, marriage could become
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