51st Anniversary of the Founding of HSA-UWC

by FFWPU International

On May 1, 2005, at Blue Sea Garden, Yeosu, around thirty-four thousand people, which includes Mongolian Federation leaders from around the world, representatives of the nations of the world, participated in a commemorative service for the 51st anniversary of the founding of HSA-UWC, which was held at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu.

Rev. Song Yeong-seok, the master of ceremonies, prepared all the participants with holy songs which was followed by True Parents. True Family and the VIPs entering the stage. Rev. Hwang Sun-jo offered the prayer and after that the MC introduced all the VIPs on the stage. After this there was a medal ceremony lead by Rev. Kwak.

The ceremony was lead by Director Kim Young-jun of the Family Department who was the emcee for the day. A simple tape-cutting ceremony was held on the 1st floor lobby in which True Parents sanctified the building and wrote calligraphy to dedicate the new building. The main ceremony took place on the 8th floor. Rev. Song Yeong-seok opened the ceremony with a prayer followed by Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan's report on the details of the building. DR. Kim Minha, president of the central association for Peace Ambassadors in Korea gave the congratulatory address. Kim Mi-ran (soprano) offered a song in congratulation; Lee Kwang-soo, Lim Jeong-im presented flower bouquets to True Parents. True Father then took the podium and spoke on this occasion of the dedication ceremony. The ceremony ended with a prayer by Rev. Kwak and three cheers of mansei lead by President Kim Bong-tae.

Earlier at the lobby, Father gave a simple prayer before cutting the tape. True Parents presided over the sprinkling of holy salt to sanctify the new building. True Father wrote calligraphy for the new building: “Mansei, for the Kingship of Peace throughout Heaven and Earth.” (unofficial translation) and then went up to the 8th floor to participate in the main ceremony.

In his report, Rev. Kwak spoke about the meaning of this day saying, “Today, May 5, the 5th year in Cheon Il Guk, is truly a significant day; it has been four days since we celebrated the 51st anniversary of the founding of our church and it is also the first anniversary of the founding of our church and it is also the first anniversary of the founding of our church and it is also the first anniversary of the founding of our church and it is also the first anniversary of the founding of our church and it is also the first anniversary of the founding of our church...”
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2. Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
3. Jin Hun Nim's Birthday (3/25/63)
4. Shin Il Nim's Birthday (6/15/81)
5. Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
6. Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
7. Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
8. Isshu Hanhaj Shik, Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
10. 36 Couples' Blessing (1969)
11. 43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
12. 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
15. Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)

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10. 2075 Couples' Blessing (1982)
12. Shin Kwang Nim's Birthday (5/28/01)
17. Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim's Blessing (1973)
18. Kook Jin Nim's Birthday (6/14/70)
19. Sun Jin Nim's Birthday (6/15/76)
21. 124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
23. 5th Phase of the 400 Million Couple Blessing (2004)
25. Hye Jin Nim's Birthday (1964)

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how about black people? Both have per-secuted me. Many are against me, but some understand me. Yesterday, I shared with Mother. Only Mother really understands what I am doing. Mother knows much how I suf-fered and that I speak all through the night with heaven without sleep. Dr. Hendricks, do you believe in the spirit world? (Yes, Sir.) Is it a concept, or do you understand and believe? (Under-stand and believe.)

Dr. Yang, how will we fish today? If you receive the prize today, it will be because of your ancestors and history, not your own effort. Our offering on True Parents Day was not so great. If we always make offerings like that, our church will die. After the crowning cer-eemony, you must offer everything.

America is based on democracy and has the philosophy of brotherhood. There-fore Americans have a hard time understand- ing the concepts of God as king, and the importance of the nation of il-legitimate children.

Michael Jenkins, do you under-stand my teaching? (Algon McJin.) Do you understand that I am right about this? (Yes). If there is no clear formula, all will be lost and separ-ated. You must connect the relation-ship of everything at every level with God and your family.

True love is the realm and standard through which we can relate to God. I am the person who stands between Dr. God and all humanity. You represent all the world’s 6 billion people. You have authority to challenge them. If you do, you will win every time. Do you understand? (Yes). I am not fol-low ing behind you. You must go for-ward yourselves.

I have asked you to return to your homeland. You asked you to bless everyone at this time. That is the respon-sibility. When you come back, we will save a little more, many secrets would come out. True love is more effective against your enemy than any weapons such as rilles, guns, or rockets. I had to overcome death many times. It has been a historic journey.

When I look at your faces, I can see that 80% of you don’t understand what I am saying. And you are humble peo-ple. I am so lonely because I know God, and He hasn’t spoken anything about His suffering. I know the history of the struggle between God and Satan. I fully understand this history and God’s agony. My role has been to reconcile this sad history. Satan should surrender and reconcile with God. Who should be in front? God or Satan? Satan has always been in front. But I reversed the order, bringing Satan to surrender and then putting God in front. In his proper place.

When a grandfather has his 60th birthday party, his children should not be ready to inherit their father’s role. When someone walks into the room, I can see everything unified. I don’t cry. I just keep it because I want to open a way for them to make an offering.

When I was baptized with Jesus in 1970. Mrs. Chung, you must also call all the Chung family to unite with Heav-en. If you don’t understand this, it would have helped the restora-tion move incredibly rapidly. Mrs. Chung came from a very famous family. Dr. Yang, Michael Jenkins, and all Ameri-ca must understand who you are and support you.


Lucifer felt that he was the owner and that he should kill God. This must be all washed away. Satan’s desire was to destroy and obliterate God totally. God, however, does not desire the death or the destruction of the enemy, but rather his uplift- and restoration.

You should understand that you must love your enemy. This is the most fundamental princi-ple. You may think that the Arab case and the enemy are different, however, you must not go down that path. You must love your enemy. Even though Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, General MacArthur did a good job of restoring and respecting Japan’s dignity.

There is a statue of MacArthur in Japan. He is standing there to pro- tect Korea and is longing for the day of reuni-fication. I allowed MacArthur’s suggestions, everything would have been changed in just three months. America didn’t have the guts at that time to take on China. America suffered under the attacks of commu-nism because of this failure.

(To Dr. McGhee) - What is your name? (Hildreth Glennel McGhee) I can’t remember all of that. I just remember McGhee. You represent all of the black community. I want all to know I welcome you with all of my heart.

Black, white and yellow are coming to love and respect me to the degree that they under- stand. However, must don’t understand.

Now Israel is building a security wall. Dr. Yang is becoming famous there, as well as Michael Jenkins. Dr. Yang’s name means ‘cleaning up the dirty water.’ Michael-Jenkins. Michael means destroy-ing. You must destroy that wall. How old are you? (52). I feel that you are 32.

(To Rev. Eul) Japan has been raising financial support for the world provi-dence. This was to restore Japan’s his-tory. Satan focused on wedning. From now on, you may focus on this teaching all the world’s people. Japan is in the Mother’s role, and I stand as Father of the world.

The branch king is more than a heav-enly ambassador. These people were chosen as the ones who can bring peace to those countries. Michael-Jen-kins, you are a branch king, right? (Yes.) Do you understand that your role is to bring peace?

Japanese members, please stand up. Japan should witness; you should not rest. You must bring many mem- bers. Your mission is still not fulfilled. You should make a new determina-tion and then start. You should give yourselves totally for the salvation of the world. Japan committed many crimes of historical proportion against Korea and the world. You are still imdemnifying this history; you must not fail. Within eight months you must wit- ness. The spiritual world will help you. You must still continue your donations. And you should donate with a thank-ful heart. That’s what I’ve taught you. From April to December, you must find many new members and prepare them to go out to the world. Just have one mind. Through this you can be forgiv-en for your past, and heavenly bless-ing to Israel.

Now the communist countries produce all kinds of consumer goods for a cheap price. America cannot go back to the days of super cheap mass labor. America may no longer compete on the face of China’s challenge. You must under-stand China. China is like a snake – one day it will sleep, and another day it will wake. You may lose everything you invest in China. America is capable of support for China to create a market for market tools and such. This will help America.

If you seek to die, you will live. If you seek to live, you will die! Martin Luther King had the guts to stand up and fight. He was a great leader for Heaven to embrace the black commu-nity, which is why I went to Hartford to make a speech at Dr. Wyatt Tee Walk’s church on the black community. You represent all of the black community for supporting me.

There are female and male insects, animals and birds. Nobody can deny that female aspect of the world is absolute-ly essential. The two aspects of female and female are always present. Why? The pair system of the world is a uni-ver sal law. The flowers all have plus and minus, male and the female. It is only through this that the female and the male can come together and mul-tiply. God created all things with all of His heart and mind. God wanted to keep all of His flowers and His branches. The pair system is a universal law. That’s why the same-sex pairing doesn’t work. With-out lineage, they will be gone within one generation.

Would you discard your partner because you don’t like each other? What about the children? Would they wel-come a new mother?

What about America? Is it an origi-nal nation of the Kingdom or a stepchild nation? It can’t be an original nation while supporting immoral behavior. America used to belong to the Native American. Is it a step child na-tional nation? Do you think Columbus discovered America? That is nonsense. All the original nations were lost. But they were slaughtered by the Span-ish and later European settlers.

America is like a stepchild. Michael Jenkins, where are you from? (Cheon Il Guk.) Where are your ancestors from? (Eng-land, Ireland, Wales and Ger-many.) This is correct. It shows that America doesn’t have one ancestral line but is very mixed.

God wants women not only for men but first for children. Therefore the entire purpose of creation is for the female. Do you think God creates all things for His partner or His children? The most important thing is for the child. The man’s shape is convex and the woman’s shape is concave, this is for the child. Even if a woman has a doctorate the most im-portant thing is to have children. Do you think that you can have your baby with an artificial insemination? This is most essential. The most precious experience of all is to nurse your baby and hold your baby in your arms. You can nourish three genera-tions: Your sons and daughters, your grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. You can see WEDDING page 4
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With the present heavenly bonds, that family cannot be broken. Only as a family can you enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

I fought and survived to keep the heavenly lineage. You must keep the heavenly lineage. Your children should be God’s children. If they are taken to hell, they should be restored back to heaven again. Your children have to be ready to be intermarried with my family. You should prepare for this. God is hoping that you will understand. It is easy to marry a person that you like. When I was visiting Japan, many women wanted to propose to me. I didn’t fall to this temptation. If I were to record all such things, it would fill a book. Even in America women wanted to marry me at the price of their lives. Did I do anything wrong in history? The whole world wanted to take my life; they couldn’t. Why? Because I did nothing wrong according to the principle, so there was no condition for Satan to accuse me. I had to love my enemy. I have to love even the Japanese government, who sought to destroy me.

On True Parents Day we had to create a foundation centering on the unbreakable eternal establishment of True Parents. Based on this, all families could be blessed. This could only occur based on True Parents Day. Without this, none of you could stand.

I am willing to push America to sacrifice for the sake of Africa. We must understand that this is the world of the messiah. We must make that kind of tradition in the world. Dr. Yang, we must be ready to sacrifice everything to save Israel and the Arab countries. I may ask Michael Jenkins to go to some country and then on that basis America can be protected and understood. Our people stood in front of the tanks in Russia and supported the course of freedom that President Gorbachev took. You have to become the owner of this country by going back to your hometown. I will go in front of you; although you may be ridiculed by the people in your hometown, you must go. You are an ambassador from Heaven. You must assume responsibility at this time. You must become ambassadors from Heaven. I am determined to do all these things. I am 86 years old. I have had a long life. Now a window has been prepared for America to rise to the next level.

This is the final conclusion. Satan wanted to kick God out. But this was corrected by True Parents. This country became a stepchild country. Satan must apologize to God. Then you must be the owners and the patriots of that nation. Then you can become the offspring of God. All of Satan’s traditions and evil history must be buried. Then you should become the family of the sams in the world. You must receive all that is important for this moment from me. You are supposed to go to the Garden of Eden directly. You must bury Satan at this time. With one family, you can’t do it. We cannot all go over; all blessed couples must go over together. All together, then, we can bring victory. Then Satan will surrender to you. All the Mongolian people are united. Even if I go to the spirit world today, because of the Coronation Ceremony for the King and Queen of Cosmic Unity and Peace in February, everything has been perfectly completed by True Parents from the perspective of the Principle.
True Parents returned to Korea on April 25, 2005, to hold a very important rally as they are offering their lives in leading the providence at this very time. During their stay in America, they celebrated the 46th True Parents’ Day at Belvedere and the 45th True Parents’ HolyWedding Anniversary as they had daily hoondolhae at East Garden.

According to True Parents’ direction in this very important providential time period, all the Mongolian Federation leaders around the world, leaders and representatives of the nations of the world and all blessed families around Korea were called to participate in a rally and a 4-day education session to attend and protect the root ancestor, the King of Peace. The rally began at 2:00 p.m. on April 27, 2005 at the Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu.

Even though the time for the preparation was very short, everything has been done properly with out any problem. Blessed families arrived from all around Korea on a beautiful sunny day to be with True Parents, the King of Peace and our Root Ancestors.

After some performances by some Korean singers, Rev. Hwang Sun-joo as the master of ceremonies began to prepare everyone with holy songs, which was followed by a prayer from Rev. Song Yoeng-sook, welcoming address by Rev. Kwak Chang hwan, a congratulatory address by Lee Chul-seung, the president of Seoul Peace Prize, offering of flowers by Moon Jeong-suk and Kim Myoung-shin, the previous mayor of Busan city, the main address by True Father and three cheers of manseul lead by Rev. Yu Jeong-ok, the president of FFWPU-Japan.

Father said in his speech: “...A false olive tree should be completely cut off at the stump. Even if on branch were remain, it would lose its qualification to be reborn as a true olive tree. In other words, the sprout of the true olive tree must be engrafted only onto a clean base not having a trace of false olive tree. In this way, the fruit of the true olive tree can be harvested.”

“A accordingly, the circumstances for you, who have had no choice but to live as false olive trees, are as plain as can be. Above all, you should first seek the true root. If that is true, where can this root be found? Can it be found through modern science that today continues to develop at a speed beyond our imagination? Or can it be found through extensive readings of philosophy, which is proud of its several thousands of years of tradition and which has developed its ideal until the present? If not, then can it be mastered through the doctrines of the great religions of the world recognized by everyone today? To state simply, the true root can only be found on a level that transcends science, philosophy, religion and the cosmos...”

After Father’s speech there were some performances by CARP members, which were followed by hoondolhae (reading of the messages from the spirit world) by Rev. Yang Chang-shik, the continental director of the North America.

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sary of the proclamation of Ssang Hab Shih Seung Il. Rev. Kwak emphasized that “the dedication ceremony for the new FFWPU Headquarters building is a proud accomplishment of our True Parents’ endeavors throughout numerous tribulations and adversities they had faced to this day.”

Dr. Kim Min-ha who gave the congratulatory address this day stated, “I am grateful for this opportunity to say a few words in congratulations to the dedication ceremony of the FFWPU Headquarters building.” “I truly hope that this building can position itself at a strong voice the importance of hoondolhae (reading of the messages from the spirit world) by Rev. Yang Chang-shik, the continental director of the North America.

In his speech True Father reflected on the past presidential history and how he had dedicated his entire life for the sake of liberating God and bringing salvation to humanity through the word. He re-emphasized the importance of Cheon Il Guk, the hoondolkae organization, and Cheon Seong Gyeong. His speech lasted for about 2 hours and 30 minutes.

The new FFWPU building consists of four floors under ground level and nine floors above ground level. Construction began from June 2003 and took a little over two years.
Because the blood lineage we inherited at the fall, we have been cut off from the spirit world. This has been a crucial situation. There are six billion people in the world. The most fearful thing we must help them by restoring the blood lineage back to the lineage of heaven. The establishment of the blessed families are to be secured through the third generation, or third grandson. The central system of God is the family system. This can be set up properly with the establishment of heaven's lineage and the restoration of the blood lineage. Through this family establishment, we must help them by restoring the central point for the lineage restored back to God's side. Then the vertical line from God and the horizontal line through the family will perfectly balanced and in order. Lineage is the most important thing of all.

All through three generations, generations, God's love. God's love and God's lineage can be realized. We have to bring it through the third generation, or the grandson's position. How can Christian leaders understand such a providence? Only through the Divine Principle.

Through the Divine Principle we can understand the significance or establishment of Cain and Abel. After the fall the lineage changed, and Satan could control everything. How could God reverse this control? Through the restoration of Cain and Abel. God's love had to be reestablished in a central point for God to be able to restore the family. The restoration course was to set up the conditions to restore Adam's position, restore the bride (Eve), and reestablish the central point for God's love. On the foundation of God's love, reestablished through the restored Adam and Eve, then this can be extended and secured through three generations.

This process must go through eight stages of perfection: individual, family, tribe, society, nation, world, cosmos, and finally oneness with God.

This must be connected with the one blood lineage of heaven. The most fearful enemy is the problem of love, which can lead to the destruction of the blood lineage. Therefore the most important thing for God is the establishment of a true family that is secure and beyond the power of Satan. The essential condition to establish such a family is the blessing of marriage. Marriage is a society through free sex and heterosexuality. This must be addressed with love and restored back to the original standard. The American Christian leaders didn't clearly understand that and therefore they could not understand this. Adam's children couldn't be considered as God's children or of His lineage. His grandchildren of the third generation couldn't be considered God's lineage. Therefore the most serious thing to be accomplished is the establishment of Heaven's lineage and the restoration of the fall through three generations, through the grandson of the third generation. Ultimately this must be expanded through the eight stages. The basis of this is the individual, family, tribe, society, nation, world, cosmos and God. We must go beyond the fifth realm to become holy sons and daughters who are one with God. At least we must go through a minimum of five levels in our own course. If we go through eight levels, we reach the completion of perfection and restoration. There is no one who would be qualified to go to the Kingdom of Heaven without going through these levels.

After we go through these levels, we can truly celebrate the Kingdom of Heaven. You are the clergy, and you should be leading your church members correctly. When you humble yourselves and connect with God's son through true love, true life and true lineage, then finally we can establish the ideal world; the old world will fade away. This is the realm in which there is no relationship with Satan. There will be God's nation, which will have nothing to do with Satan. Without God's complete restoration course, there would be no way for His kingdom to be built. We have been very proud of ourselves and have been very human-centered. Are you clergy serious about this?

For thousands of years God has suffered in immense pain. Some of you think that the missionaries should be standing in the back and I should be standing in the front. In heaven the situation is different. The missionaries and those on the front line are in the front and standing with God. We must make the preparation to go to the Kingdom of Heaven and really go into the realm of God's heart. You cannot be comfortable and save this nation. You must not only sacrifice your church, but you must also participate in the sacrifice of this nation. Dr. Yang, you must be serious every day to go one step forward. Some are just interested in reporting, but we must go one step forward every day. Now is the time for me to focus on the Fatherland. If you look at Korea, Japan, and America, there are no true owners of these nations.

What language should I speak? English or Korean? You must understand how much I went through with language. (Dr. McGhee: Father, we love you no matter what language you speak.) Within three to five years there can be the world of peace. You must really understand me and help me to do the things that God wants us to do for America and the world to bring the Peace Kingdom. To bring this world into the Peace Kingdom, we must really follow God and the people God has chosen to be in the center. Is it 'Hudson' River or 'Hard Son' River? People here are somewhat challenging, so maybe it should be called the Hard Son River. No matter there is rain or snow, we must get out. Let's see if anyone here is working harder than me. I always want to be on the front line. However now is the time when you should be taking the front line and making me follow you. Who will go fishing today? The fishing industry is being dependent on the front line. We must not be thinking about a comfortable life. You must really sacrifice. What do you think would happen if I gave up on you? You say you are proud of your children, but you should be thinking only of how to give the blessing to three generations. All of us must establish this foundation up to three generations.

Who made the boundaries of this world? Satan made these boundaries far away from the ideal standard. That is the phenomenon you see in America right now. These are boundaries and boundaries. You must be true owners of these boundaries. True Owners. You cannot think about owning land or just owning people. You must think about owning land and people. We have to make the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. We cannot think about owning land and people. We must be thinking about how to build a world that is completely without divisions and boundaries.

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God doesn't want to see racial boundaries and fighting along racial lines. God wants us all to be together. God hates boundaries. No boundaries! There should be no more boundaries and trying to keep the people separated. God is now revealing this kind of truth, something that has never been said before. Boundary is creating families to which God can come and be pleased. Unification News

Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan, chairman of the UPWP. The ence then introduced the dignitaries to the participants who had followed by a welcoming remark by Kim Youn-deok, former minister of Korea. South Korean Father had finally revealed the fundamental truth which was “God and humankind are in a parent-child relationship.” Consecutive interpretation was given by Rev. Kwak.

During the singing session participants were inspired and began to stand up, clapping their hands to the beat.

With the end of the first part of the program, participants went out to the garden for a party, which concluded with a toast by Chairman Lee Cheol-seung.

If Rev. Jenkins spoke fluent Korean and prayed like that in Korea, Korea would change upside down.

We have to live that kind of life on earth. Do you love your wife? My push for exchange marriage is the greatest revolution in human history, the crossing of boundaries.

You can change the speed through the use of gears. Bishop Stalings - Father is the only one that proclaims the unity and oneness of all races with exchange marriage. No one, not even, ever proclaimed this to humanity and lived.

I have asked top Ambassadors for Peace from seven nations to come to America to hear six days of the Divine Principle. This is crucial for the providence. I have done this in Japan and Korea. After they were educated, I had them come home through a sisterhood type ceremony. I am pushing this kind of wind so that it will blow throughout the world until it becomes strong enough to change the United Nations. Think what can happen! I will speak to these guests on April 13.

Because many immigrants came to America with many sad, conflicting histories, it is not easy for them to unite here in America. They remember all the bad ways they have done in their own countries, they feel fear, jealousy, resentment and all kinds of things. Satan uses all this to divide races and divide America. We are the ones that must remove the fear and melt down these barriers with the blessing and this kind of love. Do you understand?

This is the crucial thing, that you must establish as an exemplary family. You must become a model of love for all races, and this must be taken responsibility. You must be responsible for America.

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This is the crucial thing, that you must establish as an exemplary family. You must become a model of love for all races, and this must be taken responsibility. You must be responsible for America.
Conferment of Cheon Seong Gyeong and Hoondokhae Launch Ceremony

Rev. Kwak said: "The conferment of Cheon Seong Gyeong is in effect conveying True Parents' heart; we are receiving this gift so that anybody, without discrimination, can partake in Hoondokhae. This was a condition stating that we will carry out True Parents' will. It gave me a sense of mission in maintaining our practices in our daily lives and in sharing true love and happiness."

Rev. Kwak's special lecture ended at 11:15. Following this there was a report by Yoon Jeong-ro (President, IFWPU Korea) on the International Leaders Workshop in USA and Japan. After lunch, activity reports were given from 1:35 by Jeong Dong-won (President, Incheon Gyeong-gu branch) and Han Seok-so (President, Gyeong and Hoondokhae Launch Ceremony).

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Teaching and Learning in Jerusalem

by Kate Yoshida

Home-schoolers from Maryland, Virginia, California, Ohio and North Carolina were part of an educational and humanitarian exchange program with the municipality of Jerusalem in February.

The Jerusalem-United States Multicultural Project, or JUMP, was a joint project between WAIT (Washington AIDS Teaching and Learning in Jerusalem) and Jerusalem's youth division, including its Multicultural Dance Troupe. Of the 21 youth participants, more than half were home-schooled. The trip was both a working trip and an educational one. The group was trained before leaving in the HIV/AIDS information. This performing-arts technique of the WAIT team in order to perform throughout Israel. Also, participants studied Israel itself: the people, the history and the nation's situation.

Because the U.S. group was partnering with the Multicultural Dance Troupe, languages became important for us to learn. Hebrew, Arabic and English are official languages in Israel, and there are 1 million recent Russian immigrants and more than 200,000 Ethiopian immigrants. In addition, there are several hundred thousand immigrants from Ethiopia, Morocco and other nations around the globe. The children picked up key phrases in Hebrew and Arabic and learned about the faiths of the world. The children worked with leaders in medicine, education and community outreach. They were welcomed to a Bedouin community, a settlement of the formerly nomadic peoples, and shared a traditional meal, even learning to eat with our hands.

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A trip like this teaches much more than the geography and history of a country. It also immerses students with a sense of the traditions, daily life and family structures. Also, to have an opportunity to teach and to serve in the other nation is extremely valuable because much more is learned when we teach.

Educating youth to be citizens of the world helps create different futures for our nations. Projects like this are valuable not only for the people who participate, but also for their families and for the process of international communication.

Textbook learning can’t begin to rival the experiences a student can learn from traveling with a group like ours.
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

We arrived on March 30th in Amman, Jordan. We were welcomed by Jordanian Senators and key religious leaders. Our conference, The Role of Jordan: Realizing Enduring Peace in the Middle East was covered by Jordanian TV and Newspaper. It was beautiful. Our IIFWP representative Fosayo and the Middle East Office under Rev. Ji did an outstanding job. Our speakers were key figures from America and Jordan who have been working on Peace. The Prince of Jordan came. It was a beautiful experience. Jordan is unique as a Muslim country and strong ally of the U.S. There was great interest generated by our visit. Imam Hatimi Bundajli played a key role. He shares with his brother, the President of a major Arab Bank a home in Jordan. He was able to invite many key Jordanian figures. We had a testimonial night at his home - which was very moving.

The delegation of 72 Ambassadors for Peace then went to Mt. Nebo on the third day. We stood where Moses stood when he looked over the promised land but could not go in. A moving service was held in which Bishop Stallings read the scriptures from Deuteronomy and Numbers that explained that because Moses struck the rock twice he could not enter the promised land. We believe that in the era of the Peace Kingdom that all is being forgiven and restored. Dr. Yang, Rev. Ji, Fosayo and I could go to the Holy Ground in Jordan near Mt. Nebo that Father Moon created 40 years ago. Moses went with us across the Jordan this time. We sang Joshua fought the Battle of Jericho after we crossed the border. Then we entered the City of Peace - Jerusalem. Our first stop was to pray at the Garden of Gethsemane. At the tree in the middle of the Garden is our holy ground in which 40 years ago Father Moon drew three nails into the tree - one for Judaism, one for Islam and one for Christianity. He prayed that the three Abrahamic faiths would become one. We prayed that the tree in the Garden, remembering Jesus' agony and yet rejoicing that having received his Crown in Jerusalem he is now exalted and liberated.

The next day we had an all day conference with Sheikh Tamimi. Conference for Interreligious Dialogue. It was officially endorsed by his excellence President Mahmoud Abbas. 50 Sheikhs attended. All the key Islamic Sheiks from each district of the West Bank came. We shared presentations from our delegates and the delegates under Sheikh Tamimi. We promoted non violent understanding of resolving the conflict in the Holy Land and the importance of the religious leaders taking a central role in peace making.

Rev. Walter Fauntroy, noted Civil Rights leader and former member of the U.S. Congress for 20 years did an excellent presentation on Non violence and the way that it was applied to break the yoke of discrimination in America. The Sheikhs were very uplifted. It was an historic moment. We then marched together to the separation wall. Our message is that we are in the era in which we must eliminate boundaries. Therefore our position is that the wall will not support the path to peace. We call for the removal of the wall through dialogue, understanding and mutual agreement. We fully realize that we must dissolve the hatred in the hearts of the people and get to the root causes for the conflict. Only when the enemies are reconciled through love and real relationship, we are witnessing tremendous response from Jewish people of faith and principle and Muslim and Christian people of faith and principle. Based on their efforts eventually the walls will be eliminated.

Only through love and absolute commitment to non violent servant, loving and sacrificing for our brothers and sisters can the pains of history be wiped away. There is hope in the Holy Land.

MEPI Conference

As always the spirit of the Holy Land is deeply moving. Participants of our IIFWP / Middle East Peace Initiative Conference entitled, “Innovative Approaches to Lasting Peace and Stability in the Middle East,” composed of delegates from Korea, and China and the former WWII enemies America, Germany, Italy, France, England and Japan. It is amazing to see the level of the Ambassadors for Peace that have come from these and a number of other European nations. Many members of Parliament, journalists and key decision makers have joined us for this journey for peace.

Mr. Hod Ben Zvi, the secretary general of EPWP in Israel welcomed us on the first evening. Father Hatoam offered prayer and Sheikh Ali Birani and Sheikh Samkih Natour offered words of encouragement praising the consistency of the delegations coming to the Holy Land. Mrs. Glashab offered a special candlelighting and moment of silence for all that lost their lives for this memorial day in Israel. She expanded it to all those from all faiths that lost their lives in conflict. It was beautiful. We all stood for a moment of prayer and remembering.

Father Moon’s vision is real. Dr. Walsh as Secretary general is chairing this historic conference. Rev. Song from Europe gave the welcome address. He encouraged us all to truly find the path to peace by understanding God and loving each other.

The next morning began with Dr. Glashab giving a briefing on the situation in the Middle East as well as the impact of the different journeys to the Holy Land. His testimony was quite deep. I have lived in Jerusalem for 45 years and still the city fascinates me, you can never discover all its secrets. Just think you are standing on the ground upon which Jesus walked, Abraham came and Isaiah prophesied. This is the most historic place and all the Abrahamic faiths are spiritually tied here.” He went on, “I want to tell you sincerely as a dedicated and loyal Jew, I am so moved in my heart that Rev. Moon would ask us to remember this time of Memorial and the founding of Israel. A prescient, thoughtful act. Only through love and the realization of the divinity of the human being can we fully understand. He is the one that is doing it. He is achieving outcomes that changes history in this Holy Land. You may not see it but one who has observed these religious leaders and international delegations coming to Israel over and over. This is the 14th time. It is amazing. I see it clearly that each journey and group brings a change. It is changing the way people think about the impact of the Holy Land.”
the atmosphere, slowly but surely, its the continuous effort of the people. It is the spirit of this effort. There has been a long history of movements that have come to Jerusalem and changed history, but this is the movement that is really working to change Jerusalem for Peace. Rev. Moon is the True Parent!

MEPI has conducted 30 events, conferences and special events and briefings since February 2003. It has been a continuous development. Since the first Pilgrimage of America through the MEPI Fact Finding tours 14 ‘Journeys’ to the Holy Land have been conducted. Always the participants are religiously diverse. Some of the key Imams from Europe and the United States on this journey.

Interestingly about 40 journalists have joined this effort. Articles are going forth across the world. The foundation of Ambassadors for Peace from Israel, Palestine and the nations of the world come together and a feeling of hope and change permeates the atmosphere.

Next Day, we conducted our opening plenary. Dr. Walsh gave a clear and deeply insightful briefing on our core philosophy which has two main pillars of our philosophy, they are 1) Loving for the sake of others. Loving your enemies and sacrificing for others. 2) Reconciliation is the key to achieving peace. We must reconcile and resolve our differences and live together with love and respect for one another.

Dr. Yang’s Keynote address was a key foundational message. It laid out the fundamental work of MEPI and that that center works on bringing the people of faith together. Archbishop Stallings commented, “This is profoundly deep message. It gives the foundation for everything we are doing.” Commenting on the presentation was Dr. Mohsen Mouelhi, the Multi of the Conference of Churches. Mouelhi’s message was strong and clear, what we have heard from the conflict in the Middle East, is the expression of what religion is about. Islam is a religion founded in the Quran and guided by the Words of Allah. It is a religion of profound depth and spiritual significance. The Quran guides all to truly love and serve God. What we are doing here gives a correct understanding of the role and value of religion. Religion when properly practiced will bring peace. Islam, Christianity and Judaism are all founded on God’s Word and when practiced correctly causes us to live in harmony together. Mr. Larry Mott, Executive Director of the World Media Association gave very clear insight and encouraged all the participants to see that they were on the cutting edge of a most powerful breakthrough and that religious leaders will make the way for peace in Jerusalem. It is happening right before our eyes.

The next session was an overview of IFWP Vision and the work of MEPI. A key witness member came and addressed the body. He is an aramab member of the Knesset and quite capable and clear in his leadership. He is a person that sees the value of the IFWP and really encouraged us to continue. He shared that he has spoken on the Knesset floor many times that weapons, force and walls will not bring the atmosphere of trust and understanding. Only through mutual respect and dialogue can this be achieved. More reports will follow. We are seeing the way of Peace continue to develop on every level. A delegation went to Al Aqsa Mosque today and were well received. It is quite something to see Imam Bündakli, Imam Jodeh and other Muslim Ambassadors for Peace so diligently pursuing the work of peace. They have understood the vision of Father Moon that the one God of all mankind is calling us to come together as people of concience and work to bring harmony and cooperation among the religious people and people of concience who have strong moral principles. This is the real battle we are fighting, not against enemies or powers but rather fighting to bring God’s people together. When Joshua did this at Jericho - we know what happened - the wall came tumbling down. That is why Dr. Glaubach and so many other Ambassadors for Peace from the Holy Land and from around the world get an overwhelming sense of confidence that as the people of faith come together the things that are not of God will diminish and yield to a New Jerusalem. A holy city that is prophesied in scripture. The one that Rabbi Brodman always talks about in which the day will come when many nations will come to Jerusalem and all will be called God’s people. The day that is realized upon the return of the Messiah.

At the session on IFWP and Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), Mrs. Karen Smith, director of the UN office for IFWP, gave a significant overview presentation on the IFWP and the underlying values and principles behind IFWP, presenting aspects with special emphasis on the centrality of the family in a fresh and creative way. Showing how our value systems must be strengthened in the family, she explained that those values must extend to bringing good governance to our communities, nations, and the United Nations. She presented realistic and concrete steps that have been taken in that direction by the IFWP, as well as the significance of the vision and contributions of Rev. Mrs. Moon. The professors, scholars, and religious leaders in the audience are looking for a more in-depth understanding at this time. Many of them have become Ambassadors for Peace (APF) over the last couple of years; through Karen’s presentation they could see the vision of IFWP to truly create a culture of peace simply in theory but in reality. Now they can realize that the APF that have been participating with IFWP around the world are the very ambassadors who will make this vision real. Her presentation helped the APF deepen their confidence in the ongoing worldwide development of peace councils composed of all nations, races, and religions of people who are practicing reconciliation and building a culture of peace.

In an overview presented of the MEPI, I described a pattern of growth and development through the 30 IFWP events, conferences and pilgrimages. Starting in May 2003 the first group of religious leaders came to the Holy Land with a heart of reconciliation under Father Moon’s guidance. They were asked to repent as Christians for the history of anti-Semitism and to end the era of the cross, proclaiming the true time has come to embrace another. One of the participants, Dr. Zamora, head of the Robert Schumann Center for Dialogue in Luxembourg, said that this trend of repentance is a fundamental pattern that is now being seen throughout the world. We received by Jewish and Muslim leaders, this very first journey opened the door for the Jerusalem Declaration, which was an incredible step forward.

The most interesting thing about the MEPI is that it is simply based on various journeys by approximately 10,000 religious leaders, members of Parliament, NGO leaders and professionals who have come together over the last two years. We have heard many from Israel testify that those continuous journeys to the Holy Land are truly bringing an atmosphere of change in people’s feelings. What was deemed impossible before is now being seen as possible.

He said, “Without this stimulus from outside we would never be able to truly achieve peace, but now I can see peace like a light that is coming over the hill. Peace is coming to the Middle East and we can see it because Father Moon has been guided by God to push us to seek peace, not to allow us to rest or hesitate. All parties – Jewish, Muslim and Christian – are feeling the desire to seek peace actively. The key to Father Moon’s teaching is very simple – we don’t talk about peace; we do the peace.”

At the Seven Arches hotel we could enjoy a beautiful breakfast with our participants. From this vantage point on the Mount of Olives you can see the old city of Jerusalem, gazing at the Eastern Wall and the Golden Gate that one day is to open when the messianic reigns. The Dome of the Rock shines almost like a golden diamond in the center of the Old City.

Several people asked to give testimony. Mr. Rory Waull Smolar has been a person that has participated in PEPI; he has covered the Middle East quite extensively. In the work of IFWP he saw one of the components that was most needed – that is, the kind of supportive encouragement needed from beyond the Israelis and Palestinians. “Encouragement and enlightened support is now coming and therefore I can see the peace process moving forward. I am deeply happy to see this.”

Mrs. Neilson, wife of Cong. Neilson, shared about how she had lived on kibbutzes many years ago and saw with her own eyes that there was no problem for the Jews and Arabs to live together, heart to heart, people to people. She said, I saw Arabs freely come work and together with us, and we would freely go and help them in their village. My former husband was a dentist and we were welcomed everywhere – they were so kind, so many were poor, Jews and Arabs had something to share. It was so sad to see this family become divided by fear and conflict. They already had common culture and common values. It seems that politics has not been able to allow for that kind of relationship. Therefore, she said, I see now through this movement that those doors are opening once again to create the structure and environment, or culture that will allow what I saw on the kibbutzes you know – people would constantly help people.

Our next stop was at the separation wall. This time we encountered every body to simply gather in silence. We heard views on both sides about the wall.
The reason why man and woman have not reached their fullest potential, and become everything that God desired for them from the beginning, is that they have failed to know who God is. And they have failed, as I heard someone say, to develop that relationship to God and with God; because that’s what it’s all about, a relationship. That is why most church folk have yet to come to the discovery of who God is. Because they just simply want to worship God, but not love God, not know God. They don’t know God. They worship God without knowing God. They have no relationship to God. They just see God as a figment of divinity, not God as parent, not God as father. So when we look at God from that particular vantage point, we’re going to look at it from an entirely different perspective. Then we will understand why it is important to grow in this daily relationship, this constant, consistent relationship with Daddy, with Father, with Appa, by whatever name we call our father, we’ve got to have that same relationship with God, because God is our True Parent. Help me somebody. God is our first parent. Work with me now. Work with me? Turn to somebody and say “We will work with him.”

Understand the correlation, the parallels here. God desired that man and woman would not only be the very visible, the tangible representation of Himself on earth, but he desired for man and woman, Adam and Eve, to rule over the earth as He rules over Heaven. So that he made Adam and Eve the Lords of creation. Is that not the Word? He made them the trustees. He made them the stewards of creation, as I rule the Heaven, you rule the earth. As I have control over Heaven, you control the earth. As I have all power over Heaven, you have all power over earth. That is the way God had designed it from the beginning. That was in God’s heart. That was His love. Of love he creates Adam and Eve. He passed on to them true life, and His true lineage.

What God wanted in Adam and Eve was to reach that level of completion, to grow in their maturity; in their spiritual maturity, reaching the level of perfection, so they could inherit everything. Adam and Eve had not yet reached that level of perfection that completed stage, when they fell in the Garden. They were children. They were still children. They were adolescents if you will. God was their parent and they hadn’t yet reached that level of the completed stage in their growth, in their maturation stage, where they could handle the responsibilities that God was placing upon them. From that day on, it’s been messed up. There is all this confusion. All conflict is a direct consequence of the fall...the human fall: you can trace it back. That is when our problems began...with the human fall, not when God created the earth, because God’s original ideal of creation was man and woman ruling over the earth. That is why he gave them a triple blessing. Be fruitful. That doesn’t mean have a whole lot of children. A man may say “Oh, I’m fruitful. I have 12 kids. My seed is fruitful.” You know testosterone and flexing muscles. No that is not what that means. To be fruitful means to reach a level of individual maturity and perfection where one can then multiply. Folks out here are multiplying and are not fruitful. That’s the problem right there. Got a whole lot of folks who are making babies, multiplying, but they haven’t become fruitful. And the third blessing was to have dominion over the earth. That is what you and I are called to do, to have dominion. Adam and Eve were called to have dominion. But because they did not reach that completion stage, in their spiritual development, they could not take on their portion of responsibility—to be able to pass on God’s pure seed to their progeny.

If they had obeyed God, they would have passed on spiritual DNA, the fullness of spiritual DNA to their children, and their children’s children. They would have had God’s lineage, but because they compromised themselves in the Garden with Satan, they had what one might call cross-pollination. They were hybrids. They had the lineage of God and the lineage of Satan in them and passed it on to their children’s children. So are you surprised that Cain killed Abel? Because the blood had become polluted, the lineage had become contaminated. Adam and Eve did not pass on God’s pure lineage to their children, to Cain, Abel, and Seth. They passed on a polluted lineage. We have had problems in the world ever since, because we can not figure out how to make God’s love pure again. That’s why we have the problems with the races and the cultures and the ethnicities, because we are dealing with polluted blood, contaminated blood. We have to purify the blood, in order to purify the lineage. That is the challenge that we face.

That is why we have to go beyond religion, and go back to spirituality, so that we can be the people God has called us to be. God has called us to be more than children of God. I know it says in 1 John 4 that we are called children of God. It says that in 1 John 4, but there is something before the New Testament, in the Old Testament, in the Psalms, in the 82nd Psalm, the 82nd division of the 150 Psalms: in the 82nd Psalm, verse 6. God said, “I have said, Ye are gods, and all of you are children of the most high.” That is what the word says. Some people may want to translate that as judges and magistrates, but if you know Hebrew, the Hebrew for God or Lord that is used is Elohim. And when this Elohim says “I have said ye are gods” the word for gods is also Elohim. Which in my understanding of the Hebrew means God, or gods, or lords. You are the lords of all creation. How in the world can you and I rule...the only one, listen to this, the only one who can rule over the earth would be God, the only one who can rule over the earth are God or the ones to whom God has entrusted the responsibility of ruling over the earth. You have to be a god to rule over anything. And if you don’t come into that realization, that see UNLEASH on page 18.
but it is most powerful when you see it. As Dr. Yang said in his keynote address, it underscores the urgency of the need for our effort to bring reconciliation between hearts because the wall certainly is an effort of last resort by people who have no hope for dialogue. Archbishop Stallings led us in prayer at the wall and people were encouraged to be open and draw their own conclusions. Our hope is that we can bring such reconciliation and peace that the walls – physical and between peoples hearts – will be dissolved.

Next we went on to Yad Vashem, very significant for me in that a new museum has just opened we had never been to before. Always this has been a key stop because it sends a message that our work for peace is seeking to understand the tragedies of the past and the underpinnings of much of the spirit of the kind of anger, hatred, sadness and hopelessness that the Jewish people have always felt in relation to the Holocaust. There are no words that can describe the immense suffering that is captured in that museum. We are also there to comfort survivors and those who lost their lives and those who descended from them, that we might be able to bring hope at last that there is a deeper understanding in humanity that this can never be allowed to occur again.

The museum gives an historical perspective on how a climate of anti-Semitism over the centuries and how this all came to a pinnacle through the rise of the Third Reich with its racist philosophy of the supreme Aryan race. Going through the museum with Mr. Baruch Shalev was a profound experience. My last trip through the museum was with Dr. Glausbach, who is a Holocaust survivor. It is truly overwhelming. This time Baruch shared the incredible despair that came over the people who thought they had made it in Germany society as doctors, lawyers. Many of the Jewish community had become very prominent and mingled socially with their German counterparts, feeling that more than anywhere else in the world they finally had been accepted and understood and had their place in society. Baruch explained, you can't imagine the horror of the people who thought that they had truly become integral to German society when those very colleagues and friends watched the Jews being pushed from their homes into ghettos and finally, under the guise of "relocation," sent off to death camps.

On one wall is inscribed a quote by German theologian Richard Nienzeller: "First they came for the Communists, but I was not a Communist so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Socialists and the Trade Unionists, but I was neither, so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Jews, but I was not a Jew so I did not speak out. And when they came for me, there was no one left to speak out for me."

Therefore, part of IIFWP MEPI experience is to bond with the heart of the suffering that has occurred through religious intolerance and racial hatred, and to bring all of God's people together so that we will never stand by silently. If any member of our family is mistreated, we also can now affirm, never again.

Testimony

Here is a testimony from a very important Jewish Scholar:

Dear Mr. Rev. Jenkins,

Paying myself away from this useful but also trying invention called the "Computer", I came along with my husband to the event of Mr. Ali Birani, Carmel, Israel, last Sunday (April 3), not knowing that it would turn out to be such an uplifting evening! Why do I say this? We all go our way in life, wishing the world would be a better place for fulfillment of life. We do not really find the chance to change matters to the better, but we talk about it. We see people, yes even nations hating, fighting but still hoping for deliverance.

Here I came and saw, and felt the genuine ("childlike") pure aspiration of good people from all walks of life, from all approaches to our Creator, from all the different continental backgrounds not just talking but doing: joining hands and proclaiming love to life, love to our Creator, love to our fellow man. How it gave me hope. I cannot tell you! But why do I say "childlike"? Well, if we approach everything by our intellectual discernment, we destroy the beauty of life, the hope, eventually life itself. That's why we do need to preserve our childlike nature to counteract the bitting and sometimes even destructive intellectual capacity we have.

We Jews, that is to say, if you do not have the "understanding heart", you cannot serve God properly. Well, this is a higher truth, that the heart gives lives reasons for happiness, joy and also sadness and desperation, but if we do not combine this aspect of emotional existence with the intellectual understanding of creation, we are lost. Therefore, the childlike (pure and genuine) approach is the healthy and healing approach to life.

May you never lose your spirit, which inspired me in the sense that I found a very unique person in front of me, filled with good will for mankind and a loving radiance to his fellow man.

IIFWP Conference in Gaza

Participants at the conference on world peace and dialogue in Gaza, April 5, asserted today that the Apartheid Wall Israel’s building in the Palestinian territories should be torn down and the Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem must be protected.

The conference, which was organized by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), included a foreign delegation of 50 religious figures from different religions around the world and was entitled “international dialogue and cooperation for progress, prosperity and peace.” US Congressmen and women as well as former American ambassadors in Arab countries were among the participants. Several Jewish rabbis were planned to attend, but Israeli authorities refused to allow them to enter Gaza for security reasons.

In the beginning of the conference, Fateh movement’s Central Committee member and the leader of the Palestinian UN delegation, Mr. Hala Abu Zayed welcomed the guests on behalf of the President Mahmoud Abbas. "We welcome you in the 600-year old ancient city on this holy land, and we haven’t yet obtained peace or freedom. Fateh also pointed out the dangers posed by the Apartheid Wall in West Bank and Jerusalem, saying it tears Palestinian lands. He called for an international cooperation to tear it down. Meanwhile, the Federation’s Chairman in North America, Chang Shik Yang, stressed the need to remove the wall and make peace in the region, saying that “we are unhappy with the presence of the separation (Apartheid) wall, and it should be torn down sooner or later.”

Also, IIFWP’s Deputy Chairman, Reverend Michael Jenkins, prayed that God would give the world strength to tear down the wall, praising the Muslim Sheikhs in Jerusalem for their keenness on peace and justice.

“We [IIFWP delegation] have come to Palestine to support the Palestinians and protect Al Aqsa Mosque and the Islamic holy sites. I love Palestine, I love the Palestinian people and I love Gaza,” Rev. Jenkins said.

Israeli authorities have prevented 24 of the 74 members of IIFWP delegation to enter Gaza Strip, all of them Americans from Arab origins.

IIFWP Secretary in Gaza, Kamal Thabet, noted that no Jewish figures were able to participate in the conference at Gaza due to being banned by Israel.

On his side, the member of Gaza’s Shariah Court, Sheikh Saber Hassan, called on the members of the delegation to convey the true image of Gaza and the Palestinian people to the world. “You have seen how Palestinian children love peace, the peace that restores rights to their rightful owners.”
Clergy From 27 Countries Confer on Interfaith Peace in Jerusalem

DURING a week marked by celebration of the founding of the Jewish state and remembrance of the past, delegates from 27 countries met in Jerusalem for the 14th in-country meeting of the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI).

As in past gatherings, MEPI, a project of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), has had meetings with religious and political leaders on all sides of the equation. According to Chair Taha Jarjoui, a member of the MEPI Steering Committee Dr. Chang Shik Yang, “Though the struggle in the Middle East is not caused by religion, the solution to the problems of the region require not only cooperation and compromise among governments, but also the involvement of all religions.

 Yesterday afternoon was spent with a visit to the separation wall between Israel and the Palestinian lands, followed by a tour of the Holocaust memorial at Yad Vashem. “Arabs and Jews are brothers at the root level, with a multilayered, multidimensional complex history. Just to observe the cycle of violence and payback is not enough. You have to look at the pasts of both sides, all the way back to Isaac and Ishmael,” said Dr. Michael Jenkins, co-chairman of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace-USA (IIFWP-USA).

Following rounds of meetings in Jerusalem, including an assembly at the Notre Dame Pontifical Institute, the group will meet with religious and political leaders in Gaza and Ramallah in the West Bank.

IIFWP is in the process of becoming Arab leaders in the region.

Rev. Darryl Gray, pastor of the Union United Church in Montreal, and one of the MEPI delegates, said, “As black person, I understand the very real historical fears of the Jewish people. However, that fear should not cause a race of people, who have been victims, to now become oppressors. I am convinced that neither side will have the courage and the will to reach consensus with one another unless both undergo a spiritual change. The challenge of peace for Palestine and Israel is not yours alone. You must lead in peace, and we [MEPI] will follow you. Our challenge is to work with you to secure peace. And lastly, the wall must come down – not just the physical wall, but the walls in our hearts. As long as there are walls, there will not be peace.”

The previous day, a portion of the MEPI delegation met in Gaza with Palestinian officials and NGO leaders at the headquarters of PLO’s National Authority. As a result of the visit, the Palestinian leadership indicated its commitment to the MEPI values of peace, coexistence, and the restoration of human dignity.

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It is important to point out that knowl-
edge of God and, more importantly, rela-
tionship with God, are not merely philo-
sophical or academic concepts. God is a
living reality, and our understanding of
God has a very practical impact on
the way we understand and act in our
world.

God created human beings with the
ideal of True Love in mind. First of all,
God wants each individual human being
to be a unique, complete and perfect-
expression of His heart and charac-
ter. That is, God wills that each human
being develop his heart, conscience,
character and creativity in such a way as
to be a manifestation of God’s ideal.

However, God did not create human
beings as fully developed spiritual and
psychological beings. Human beings grow
to maturity over time, and the comple-
tion of that growth process only occurs if
human beings fulfill their own portrait of
responsibility. Just as we grow physical-
ly by means of sunlight, air, water and
food, we also develop morally and spiri-
tually as we relate to God’s words of
truth, follow our conscience, and as
we live for the sake of others. In this way
we strengthen our mind and conscience.
On the other hand, if we disobey our con-
science and fail to develop spiritually
and morally, our body dominates our
mind and we fail to fulfill God’s ideal for
the individual. When this happens, we
cannot become God’s child, and we lose the
care of God.

A fully developed individual is one
whose heart is close to God’s and who
practices true love. In such an individ-
ual, the God-centered mind and con-
science guide or direct the actions car-
ried out by the body. A son or daughter
of God is centered on God’s true love.

God’s ideal of creation, however, is not
for individuals alone. God’s ideal for
human beings has its highest expression
in the ideal of marriage and family. This
is the second aspect of God’s purpose
of creation for human beings.

God created human beings with the
dual characteristics of mind and body.
In addition, He created them according
to a pair system, as man and woman.
Individual human beings, whether a man
or a woman, do not, by themselves, fully
express God’s ideals. To fulfill the
task of a man and a woman in an eternal mar-
rriage of true love is the fuller expression
of God’s will.

On the foundation of the individual
development and maturity of an individ-
ual man and an individual woman, God’s
principle of creation calls for the Illus-
ion of God. Who is the Illusion of God?

We are the participants in the International Leadership Convocation, sponsored
by the Interreligious and International
Federation for World Peace, along with
the Mongolian Peoples’ Federation for
World Peace, the United Press Interna-
tional Foundation, and the World Associ-
aton of Non-Governmental Organizations, held in Washington, DC, from April 10 to 15, 2005, on the theme: “Leadership for Global Transfor-
amation: Exploring the Vision,
Methodology, and Best Practices Necessary for Lasting Peace.”

Whereas we believe this International Leadership Convocation can lead to making a difference in
our world, and in light of current trends and challenges to global governance, we
resolve to:

Take action in order to promote a vision and methodology for peace that embraces spiritual
values, addresses the root causes of conflicts, and practices unselfishness to address the critical
problems facing our contemporary world.

Promote increased understanding, cooperation and peace among the participating nations: China,
India, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Russia, and the USA, in addition to other nations.

Advance the Peace Council initiative as a new civil society mechanism that enables interreligious,
as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations to collaborate more effectively in
addressing critical global problems.

Encourage the private sector to support the on-going efforts for peace and constructive collabora-
tion between countries and continents through non-governmental bodies around the world.

Direct Ambassadors for Peace and members of the emerging IFWP Peace Councils, as a civil
society initiative, to supplement, enhance and improve upon existing approaches to solving our
world’s problems.

Increase awareness of the significance of the family, including marriages that cross boundaries of
race, religion and nationality, and the “four great realities of heart” and to recognize the family as the
school of true love, with profound relevance and strategic significance to the critical issues facing the
contemporary world.

Apply the principles of living for the sake of others and unselfish cooperation in order to
contribute to peace and prosperity in areas of conflict, such as Middle East, South Asia, and
North East Asia.
transforming a world of conflict into a world of peace is an ambitious but necessary task. Today’s culture of conflict is evident in rising divorce rates, domestic violence, racial and ethnic tensions, and regional or international wars that perpetuate grievances and sow bitterness for future generations.

Many factors will contribute to establishing lasting peace, but none is more critical than effective leadership. Accordingly, an international leadership convocation, "Leaves for Global Transformation: Exploring the Vision, Methodology, and Best Practices Necessary for a New Era of Lasting Peace," was convened in Washington DC on April 10-14, by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace to address the crucial role of leadership in establishing a culture of peace.

Unlike recent IFWP international convocations, this assembly brought together leaders from seven key nations—Korea, Japan, China, the United States, Russia, India, and Mongolia—and held sessions that looked more specifically at the principles of leadership advanced by the IFWP and taught by its founder, the Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon. An eighth group consisted of representatives from Europe.

IFWP Chairman Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak greeted the three hundred government, business, academic, and religious leaders in his opening address on Sunday evening and emphasized two core principles of peace that would be elaborated upon in the coming days: a principle of living for the sake of others in one’s daily life and, secondly, a willingness to seek harmony and unity, even at the sacrifice of oneself to establish lasting peace, as the cause of the tragic dilemma confronting humanity, implanting selfishness, corruption of love itself, crippling humanity, implanting selfishness, and alienating the human heart from the pure love of God.

Dr. Kwak emphasized that human life is governed by principles that derive from the loving heart of God and that our maturity in love, culminating in marriage and family life, leads us into a harmonious state in which human beings come to reflect God’s essential nature.

Jack Corley, the Secretary General of IFWP, Eurasia, began the day by presenting a methodological analysis of the root causes of conflict. Underscoring the importance of correctly understanding the significance of our limited physical life, Mr. Corley clarified that the development of character and the maturing of love are the essential tasks of life, that the physical body is merely a transitional stage, like the period in the womb, requiring healthy, responsible practices to enable a successful transition to a higher sphere of life in the eternal spiritual world.

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waves from around the world in 2004. Peace concerns in North-East Asia, have long occupied Rev. Moon's attention. Its views on how to proceed are comprehensive for the region. immediate initiative actions include Pyeong Hwa in North Korea, construction of a peace center in Pyongyang, and programs promoting reconciliation in Japan of Koreans from groups connected respectively with South and North Korea. Session VII continued an examination of principles in action with perspectives on character education and HIV prevention, the significance of the family as an institution that can engender peace, the role of sports in fostering peace, and an essay by an editor-recognized as an instrument for the betterment of human life.

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ing of marriage. The Blessing of God brings together a husband and wife for the sake of their relationship with God. God created not only the character, but also the sexual organs of man and woman with great care, as complementary, each seeking the other for the fulfillment of the love of a man and a woman, consummated in a sexual union, establishes an eternal oneness of life and lineage. When children are born from such a love, we experience the blossoming of parental love, children’s love and sibling love between brothers and sisters. The family allows for the fullest expression of God’s heart of true love in relationships of husband and wife, parents and children, and brothers and sisters. Furthermore, as the family and world of true love expands, we establish the extended family or tribe, the wider community of family sovereignty, and eventually the nation and world.

God’s original ideal is to establish an ideal family, where the world will share in God’s heart of true love. This ideal world is simply the extension of such an ideal family. The family is the paradigm and model for all human relationships in the wider society and the world.

Finally, included in God’s purpose of creation is an ideal of the relationship between the human family and the entire created world; that is, the environment. God intended for human beings to inherit His heart and, in turn, to care for and respect the entire created world. While God has blessed human beings with the power to change the environment, that capacity is to be guided by the same wisdom and love which God has toward all that He created.

Of course, the world of God’s original ideal is not the world we experience and observe. We inhabit a world of selfishness, in which a true love that is practiced is often lost and yet to be found. A True Parent understands that true solutions to our most critical problems must begin in the realm of the heart. While the use of violent means to achieve ends may be necessary in certain extreme cases, generally speaking a True Parent works to achieve ends non-violently, through service and consistent unselfish love.

What is a True Teacher? A True Teacher is one who is a being of true moral character, one who lives according to the truthfulness and, who understands and practices the norms of true love, living for the sake of others. Most importantly, a True Teacher affirms and applies the principles of purity and fidelity in relation to the order of true love. A True Teacher testifies to God’s truth and aims for norm and order of true love.

As we see a convergence of the ethics and a code of procedure, the rules of conduct, the rules of organizational power of the Peace Council, we will witness the emergence of a new day, that takes us beyond the historical division and barriers that have blocked the way to universal harmony. A new day has dawned, and an era of peace has begun. True Parents are one who relate unselfishly, responsibly and compassionately to all things. A True Owner understands that education must not be concerned with career development, but more essentially with moral development.

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The True Parent must understand the core of true love in the world. When a True Parent understands the core of true love in the world, he will understand that true love is something that is not for personal use that is far in excess of what is needed; rather, any excessive wealth is required is allocated to the benefit of others.

The essential point is that God’s original ideal is for human beings to be His sons and daughters, and to be God-like. To be a True Parent, True Owner and True Teacher is to resemble God. As we resemble God the world can come to resemble God.

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Finally, we are to develop a capacity to become a True Parent in the family, living for the sake of our spouse and our children, and then applying that same heart of true love to all people. We are also to become a True Teacher, living according to God’s words of truth, becoming an embodiment of God’s truth, and teaching and spreading the teachings of God by our words and deeds. Finally, in relation to all the physical world, we are called to be True Owners.

As a True Parent we are to manifest a heart of true love, beginning with our own children. We are to manifest a heart of true love, beginning with our own children. We are to manifest a heart of true love, beginning with our own children.

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**Dae Mo Nim Visits UK**

By Rosemarie Hoyte

M y heart is overflowing with joy and gratitude for the incredible grace extended to us from our Heavenly Father, through Heung Jin Nim, Dae Mo Nim, and the Heavenly Spiritual World. With deep gratitude, I would like to share my experiences of this event.

As we entered the room, everything was set in place. However, as we started to recite the Pledge of the Families, I noticed that blessed couples from the Spiritual world were entering. All Spiritual World Blessed Couples wore holy robes throughout.

They joined us, kneeling along the stage and along all the aisles. Every space representing Father, therefore, I noticed the scene in the room had changed. From the spirit world, I saw rows of flowers strewn along all the aisles. Where Dae Mo Nim would enter, there were purple/white flowers. They created a very beautiful heavenly fragrance. The other aisles were covered with yellow, white or pink flowers.

The stage appeared thus: The two double doors left and right of the stage and behind True Parents’ picture appeared now as gold on the right and silver with some gold, on the left. In each doorway stood two figures either side - each carrying a large bouquet of flowers. The people on the right, at the gold door, carried a silver bouquet and one green. The couple on the left carried, one a white bouquet and the other a pink one. Furthermore, the handles of the doors were decorated with a bright yellow ribbon - tied into a bow across both handles.

Looking above I noticed angels in blue. Then along the balconies, by each open window I saw large, gold spheres, which remained throughout.

After we sang “The Lord is with His Garden Comes” and more blessed Couples entered I could see the true children. Heung Jin Nim and Young Jin Nim, and later, Hae Jin Nim. They were giving direction and also observing. Their spirit and attitude was, I felt, one of natural harmony and co-operation as well as one of taking responsibility.

As Dae Mo Nim took her place on stage, I was surprised at how clearly I could see her and the beautiful Korean dress she wore. Someone entered with a silver container and sprinkled pink petals on the floor of the stage. I saw Hae Jin Nim, wearing a pink Korean dress.

While Dae Mo Nim spoke, there appeared behind her two gold crowns on a chair behind her.

The wish papers were presented to Dae Mo Nim. At the same time Heung Jin Nim stood next to her and together received the wish papers. His heart moved me very much! As Dae Mo Nim received each member, Heung Jin Nim leaned forward, as if to embrace him. He then looked directly into the member’s eyes and without words expressed his sincere heart and love for all of us and support us through the fulfillment of Wish Papers on behalf of True Parents. He presented this heart to each member who presented the boxes of papers. I was deeply moved to witness this expression of unconditional love to us and incredible heart of filial piety towards True Parents.

I have already witnessed the spirit world moving to answer several wishes.

Shortly before the start of the Ahn Soo session, I became aware of two angels standing beside me. They were tall and very white, as though they pulled spirits off our body. The spirits were like a sad cow, black with sharp uneven edges, like dark ghosts. They did not struggle. The spiritual activity during the Ancestor Liberation and Ahn Soo session was very busy, spirits moving very quickly, like lightning. So all I saw were silver/white flashes everywhere. After a brief moment I saw an opening along the middle of the room leading towards Dae Mo Nim. After some time the activity in the room calmed and soon afterwards in the balcony also.

Observing the Ancestor Blessing Ceremony from the balcony was a profound experience. The decoration of the room at that time became more beautiful. With long white curtains, two white doves, two silver bells joined. Between each chair of the descendants seated there was placed either a large pink, white or lilac carnation. There was also gold running along each row of seats and a single gold band around 8cm diameter around the whole front of the balcony.

Before the ceremony I noticed a huge white cloud of ancestors above the descendents. This later disappeared.

The atmosphere was very similar to our early days. Very human and familiar, especially during the Holy Wine Ceremony. In the room there were two groups as couples in front of their descendant. There was a queue in front of each descendant. After the ceremony, the Holy Wine went behind the descendant and formed an orderly line to the right. They were all very different in their movement. They were very still during the sprinkling of Holy Water.

They faced each other for a long time. A blessing ring appeared on the finger of the ancestors. At the same time I became aware of two angels who had suddenly manifested in the room. The ancestors proceed calmly. However one female ancestor gave her obvious encouragement as it was her Wedding Day. She was very happy!

Kelly Chris Davies offered a song about angels and ancestors. During his performance a huge cake from the spirit world appeared. It was similar to a cloud, but approximately three times bigger with candles on top.

As the ceremony drew to a close, our officiators prepared to present a bouquet of flowers to Dae Mo Nim. At the same time Heung Jin Nim and all the other True Children stood in a row, side by side, next to Dae Mo Nim. She received the bouquet with a big smile. Finally, as we closed, I could sense the joy and gratitude of all the newly blessed ancestors. They seemed overwhelmed by our efforts. As they couldn’t believe that we had gone through all this preparation, and paid such attention to detail, just for them. They were deeply and gracefully grateful.

By Betty Jones

On Easter Sunday, April 3, thirty senior American couples attended Hoon Dok Hae at East Garden. Dr. Oh, nostro, and Rosemarie Hoyte had invited Hugh Spurgin, Edwin Ang and Fairley-Jones to sit at the table with our True Father. It was a special day of resurrection for each of our spirits and hearts.

Father began to speak to Dr. and Mrs. Spurgin about his vision for Bridgeport International Academy (BIA). He asked Nora whether she had ever felt, during the time she had worked for him, that she could have done a better job as the principal than her husband had done. Nora was thoughtful and said she had watched her husband work very long hours. Come night, giving him all to create a good foundation for our True Parents’ high school. Nora observed that she was often asked by her boss to take on more tasks and responsibilities than she could bear. Father smiled, then he asked Nora to become the principal of the BIA and Marie Ang to assist her. She said that he wanted middle and high schools located in Loudoun County, Virginia.

Father commented that He is calling on us as ‘the mothers of the American church’ to work together to nurture, educate, and lead the second generation by making Bridgeport International Academy a model school.

The Academy is founded on our True Parents’ vision of academic excellence, mastery of technological skills, and development of personal character and moral integrity. Upon this foundation, a fully educated person would develop the wisdom to utilize knowledge and skills for the benefit of all others.

Frequently, our Father spoke to Nora, asking her questions and guiding her regarding the education of the next generation of leaders. One could feel Father’s heart of deep appreciation for the pioneering work of the Spurgins, as a couple, in investing in the second generation and in establishing the foundation in Bridgeport for a model high school. Happy to see ‘the America elders’, Father began reminiscing about His personal experiences with each of our couples during the early years of the American movement.

Father proceeded to make personal comments to each of us. Nora was deeply touched by His warmth and His recollection of such common experiences. For it was a powerful opportunity for each of us to feel Father’s love for all of our American families. Then He asked about Hille and George Edwards, a 777 couple. Anne Hillard or “Hillie” is currently Director of the Agency on Aging of Loudoun County, Virginia. Nora later spoke with her about helping to write grant proposals for the BIA.

The next day, Monday, Father invited us to go fishing with Him – in His boat. Nora, Yoko, and I ran to catch Father’s boat, and we just made it. Although it was pouring rain, our hearts were warm and full as we saw Father smiling at us as we climbed onto his boat. After fishing on the Hudson River, Father invited us to have breakfast with True Father. It was a special time.

We went shopping and felt very loved and cared for as one of our families. As couples in front of their descendant. This later disappeared. Our efforts, as if they had gone through all this preparation, and paid such attention to detail, just for them. They were deeply and gracefully grateful.

by Rosemarie Hoyte

**Bridgeport International Academy receives a Blessing from True Parents**

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**New BFA Website**

By Jim Stephens

Since we’ve begun to revive the Blessed Family Association, a lot has happened. Last October, we held our first BFA Convocation at UTS as part of the Educator’s Conference. We elected our first Board of Directors and are beginning to sponsor family-related programs and communication that can now be seen on the new BFA Website.

You’ll notice right away that this Website is designed as a communications forum for Blessed Families everywhere. You can find out what’s happening elsewhere in the country and post information about the good things you’ve been doing. You can get help or give help with Matching, Marriage Enrichment, Counseling, Education, Ascended Spouses, Special Needs, Adoption, Recreation or any other area. You can share valuable resources with others and see what colleges BFS is working to sponsor.

You can even sign up for an Anniversary Cruise in 2007!

Please take the time to register your family on the Web Site. Click on the “New to BFA?” button. It will take a few minutes – we need your family information to make everything work. Once your registration is complete, you’ll have access to the whole site and you can add information to it. Your contributions will help many other families.

If you get stuck, email us at: info@blessedfamilies.org and we’ll help you out! Your comments and feedback are welcome, too. You can go to http://www.blessedfamilies.org. Select “New to BFW?” to get started. After the first time, use your new username and password to log in. (If you check “Remember Login” you’ll log on automatically in the future.)
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cert truly is bringing rebirth to many: it included music and testimonies from young people. Father praised Hyo Jin Nim and was moved by the fact that he

Adoption Ministry Meetings

On April 30 and May 1, 2005 the Adoption Ministry of the Blessed Family Department held kick-off seminars, first in the DC area, at the home of Dr. Hong, the regional director, and then in New Jersey, at the home of Mrs. Masako Fedlera the director of BFD in NJ. Guests included couples hoping to adopt, couples who had already offered children, couples who had adopted children, and brothers and sisters who simply felt compelled for childless couples and want to help in any way they can, including prayer.

At both meetings we discussed the many issues that are important to think and pray about if you are considering being an offering parent and also the issues fac-
ing couples hoping to adopt, couples who had already offered children, and couples who feel pressured to either adopt or give a child.

The Adoption Ministry will be preparing a list of these issues for further discussion and thought. We encourage all regional and local churches to become aware of the many second generation of various religious faiths world-wide. Finally, He declared that Dr. Yang would be the new leader for the middle

Father gave his vision for the Academy to be a truly international school for students from every continent of the world. He wants the graduates of BIA to become leaders who have experi-
enced in high school a mini-global community consisting of a diversity of stu-
dents and teachers. Studying in such a diverse community is a unique expe-
rience, which will help shape the adult life of each student. Even officials from NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges), the regional accrediting body, have taken note of the incredible diversity at Bridgeport International Academy, which has teach-
eration teachers who either have a degree in education or who want to study for a graduate degree in education, while others will go to college, and one student who is interested in nursing plans to go to Africa with a medical team.

BIA Update

On April 19, Bridgport International Academy began a Summer Intensive English Program for a group of inter-
national students from Japan, Korea, Costa Rica, and Taiwan. Hopefully, they will have gained the English skills that they will need to join other BIA students when the Academy begins its ninth school year on August 22. On June 3, the Acad-
emy will hold its sixth graduation cer-
emony. Some graduates will go to STF, others will go to college, and one stu-
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Double Degree Program

BIA Handbooks

BIA Update

Adoption Ministry Meetings

by Claire Bowles

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This is the information on the regional-level work of the Second Generation Department. We ask for your sup-
port and communication so we may provide inspira-
tional and educational programs, centered on True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim, for our Second Genera-
tion brothers and sisters.

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I n March of 1972, Susan Finnegan (Fefferman) became the pioneer missionary for our movement in Ohio. She came alone, but with the grace of God and the vision of True Parents, her heartiest investment and pioneer spirit established a firm foundation, which has lasted through the years. Since that time, Ohio has seen countless leadership changes, numerous shifts and transitions in focus, the providence and even our name. To this day, however, it is not uncommon to hear it said by those who visit the “Ohio Family” that there is “something special here” or “there is so much potential here.”

On March 26, 2005 Kaeleigh Fefferman, the sixteen year old daughter of Dan and Susan Fefferman came to Ohio with three older BCs. Jasun Fedema, Christa Sedinowski and Solomon Pobanz to serve as the core staff for a workshop of 2nd generation teens. The inspiration and driving force for this particular workshop developed after Kaeleigh had the opportunity to visit Ohio with the WAT team last year. Friendships quickly emerged from this visit and it wasn’t long after that plans for this workshop began to surface. She commented at the beginning of the workshop that she really wanted to offer something to the 2nd generation in Ohio that would help them in their life of faith and form life-long bonds and have a positive impact on their lives.

B. Schrattenneck, the sixteen year old son of Josef and Tomoyo Schrattenneck took the lead among the teens in Ohio in organizing and coordinating together with Kaeleigh, Through Heavenly Father’s guidance a workshop site was found in Rogers, Ohio, near Youngstown. Several days prior to the workshop this site was confirmed. An invitation was then sent to the teens from all over Ohio and other areas. This workshop was a three day event, where the teens and leaders had the opportunity to come together and discuss the purpose and goal of the workshop. The focus of the workshop was on the Crown of Peace ceremony, which would bring healing and keying the teens to the spirit world: “what do we do?” I immediately felt inspired to lend my support and involvement and decided to take off work in order to serve as the chaperone for the workshop. I will forever be grateful for having made this decision as it turned out to be a very enriching experience. The core staff did such an amazing job of planning and organizing. They are to be congratulated for their example of heart and dedication to the teens that had gathered from all over Ohio. From the moment that we arrived at camp Frederick, it was non stop action of building lasting relationships of heart with each other. Each day began with 5:00 AM Hoon Dok Hae and consisted of various activities aimed at team building as well as developing personal and community level goals. Several times I was overcome with emotion seeing the bonding and feeling the spirit as these precious sons and daughters of True Parents blossomed and grew.

Just as Jesus resurrected after 33 years of life on earth, I truly believe this workshop was a resurrection of our 2nd generation 33 years after Susan Fefferman first came to Ohio. Once again I want to say “Thank you to Kaeleigh, Christa, Jasun and “Sol” for a job well done. Also, Thanks to Craig Smith who was able to be with us the entire time and “wowed” the group with an inspiring, updated version of the Parallels of Human History lecture. These other parents were able to be with us for one night each, Marilyn Moms, Gwen Bair and Megumi Linstrum.

TRIBAL CROWN OF PEACE FOR ANGLINS & OLSONS

by Steve & Mary Anglin / Jerry & Rossie Olson

E ater Sunday, the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a great day. We thought for the resurrection of our own lineage through the Crown of Peace Ceremony. What was especially important is that my older sister, who is a faithful practicing Catholic, requested to be able to host this ceremony at her own home, rather than at a hotel.

My husband and I moved to my home state 12 years ago. At first we concentrated on rebuilding relationships which had been strained over my 18 year absence. Over the past 5 years we became very busy with church work and invested less and less in our family. We’ve often felt guilty and burdened by this. After having a little time to digest Father’s direction to hold the Coronation Ceremonies for our own clans, we realized this is perfect. For all those things we didn’t do for our family, at least we could do this.

Both my parents, as well as all my aunts and uncles, passed into the spiritual world in the past few years. So twenty-five of my siblings, nieces and nephews gathered together. My brother and his wife drove 500 miles from Dallas, Texas to Topeka, Kansas to take part.

When the day and the crowd arrived, we opened by explaining that we were holding a Crown of Peace ceremony, which would bring great benefit to our lineage by connecting us to the global peace movement and the cosmic peace kingdom. We then showed the video “The Path to Peace”, which was a great inspiration and perfect lead-in to the crown presentation.

My brother Jerry and his wife Rossie (30,000 couple) offered the crowns to my husband Steve and I (2075 couple). After this we sealed the offering by everyone partaking of Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine. We then distributed gifts to all attendees, and concluded with prayer.

In preparing for the ceremony, we tried desperately to find suitable mementoes for every place. The crown was designed mini-posters with this scripture “Shall be called the children of God. This is a Crown of PEACE, focus on that.” So my husband and I decided to find anything suitable, I finally put the question to Steve & Mary Anglin / Jerry & Rossie Olson.

summer Healing seminar

by Jarish Cohen

ike many of our Second Generation, much of my life has been filled with painful experiences of sacrifice and relationships that were less than ideal. I struggled so much to find out who I was, where I fit in. I didn’t feel loved, I felt worthless, and I felt empty inside. This led to a lot of unhealthy behavior and trying to find love in all the wrong places. A year and a half ago, God intervened in my life and I have experienced amazing healing and love ever since, primarily from my family.

When I ‘came back’ to the movement, I realized I was not alone. I saw then and still see today, so many of our Second Generation struggling to find their identity and feel loved. Lack of love is the deepest pain one can experience and it breaks my heart to see so many of those around me with pain in their hearts and souls. I want healing to occur in their lives and thus I am putting together a healing seminar to do just that. This will not be just another seminar or workshop. This is a great opportunity to heal one’s heart and grow as a person and as a child of God.

My father, who has invested many years of education, training and experience, becoming a nationally-famous author and counselor in the area of healing emotional wounds and achieving intimacy in relationships.

This seminar is for Second Generation and their parents who want to experience personal transformation. It will teach new ways to intimacy with oneself, others and God. This is an opportunity to access personal thoughts/feelings that may be blocking personal growth and achieving healthy relationships. It will be a two-day experiential seminar combining cognitive understandings with emotional processes, where vital life skills will be enhanced, and hope rekindled.

In a safe, non-judgmental environment, hearts will be healed, minds will be mended, and spirits set free! The topics include; discovering your inner child, reconciling relationships, experiencing the healing power of healthy touch, and fulfilling unmet love needs in healthy relationships.

Experience a new way of being and the power of love in action. All participants are welcome to open up, share their deepest concerns, and allow remarkable healing to occur.

Date: June 11-12, 2005 • Time: 9am-5pm each day

Location: BWI airport in Baltimore, Maryland • Cost: $150

Contact Organizer: Jarish Cohen (jarish@seas.upenn.edu, cell: 215-880-7146)
A Trip to East Garden

by Bruce Sutchar

This past weekend my wife and I were blessed with the opportunity to attend our True Parents for Hoon Dok Hae at East Garden on Friday, April 22nd. Father had quietly invited all western members since he would be leaving for Korea (probably for the duration of the summer) 2 days later. It was quite a journey. With no notice we decided to fly into Philadelphia, rent a car and drive up to East Garden, in order to save about $500 (my Jewish-ness is an offered service). We had driven up from Ocean City (in Father’s car) and arrived at 4:30 am, but many of the guests already at 90% capacity.

We were then able to have breakfast with several of the ministers who had attended the morning session (several were from the Detroit contingent who had driven up from Ocean City) in Father’s dining room.

Finally, my wife and I went outside and drank up the beautiful spring spir it of the Hudson River Valley outside of East Garden. We then journeyed over to Belvidere to share a few moments with Brian Grannstrom of Great River Productions who provided the audio/visual support, Doug and Eileen Williams who did everything from bridge construction to hospital ity and registration.

WFWP Bridge in Washington State

by Patricia Couweleers

A n intercultural and inter religious Women’s Friend ship Gathering and Bridge of Peace ceremony was held on Sunday March 20th at the Garden Street Family Center in Bellingham, Washington. Many different races, nationalities, faiths and organizations were represented. This was the first WFWP event held in Bellingham, a city of 70,000, an hour and a half north of Seattle and 20 minutes from the Canadian border.

The room was filled to capacity with 65 people in all. There were 37 guests, many of them from Vancouver, British Columbia area who were accompanied by WFWP members.

The program began with introductions by Bonnie Berry as MC. The format of this event had a truly community essence as it was also a potluck. After Bonnie opened the program everyone was directed to enjoy and serve themselves at the delicious buffet created by everyone’s contributions.

Patricia Couweleers, the local WFWP coordinator, gave the welcoming address and introduced the video of the WFWP Peace Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine 2004. Everyone’s hearts were truly moved by the content and this set the stage to begin the bridge ceremony.

Many of the visitors were curious and probably just a little cautious of this new ceremony which they had never heard of before, but once the participants were called out by name, the magic began. The first few couples who crossed had been organized beforehand, but, as is often the case, until the actual guests turn up at the event it can be difficult to plan matches ahead of time. Also there were guests who came with a friend who we did not expect to attend in advance. Thus, the ceremony took on a spontaneous nature as Bonnie invited those to come forward willing to extend the hand of friendship to a sister of peace. In all, there were 18 couples who crossed the bridge of Peace together in warm embraces and smiles. Thirty of the 37 guests received a sister of peace.

After the bridge ceremony the room seemed to glow as the new sisters of peace sat together and shared a meal. Many women commented afterward to Patricia how happy they were and amazed that their match was a person after their own heart! Everyone toasted the new sisters of peace with sparkling apple juice to the creation of families, communities, and a world of absolute true love.

The event ended with entertainment by a trio of local women named Mockingbird who entertained everyone with their lovely a capella presentations (some original) of songs of peace. Mockingbird have performed all over the US, Canada and Europe, coming out here—Jewish and non Jewish. The event was a community effort of our small but close group of families here in Bellingham representing WFPW and FPWU. Also, WFWP members in British Columbia brought 8 guests in addition to themselves. Special thanks to Scott Dolfay and W Couweleers who transported the original bridge of peace from Seattle and back, Brian Grannstrom of Great River Productions who provided the audio/visual support, Doug and Eileen Williams who did everything from bridge construction to hospital ity and registration.

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**WFWP Supports the Secretary General’s Plan**

_by Bonnie Barry_

In behalf of the Women’s Federation for World Peace International, I commend Dr. B. R. B. E. A. Annan for his efforts to focus the UN on the accomplishment of the Millennium Development Goals, to plan to reorganize and reform the UN, to pursue the search for structuring and making it more effective in its work of development, and implementation of security and human rights for all, as well as peacekeeping and peace building. The Secretary General has done an excellent job of reaffirming that although the UN is an organization of sovereign states, ultimately those states exist to serve the needs and hopes of the individual citizens within them and the larger world. He has reinforced the notion that functional framers of the UN Charter intended to create an organization to ensure us of a future of peace, where human rights are respected, justice and the rule of law are practiced and where every human being clearly understands that the failure to build a true and authentic system is the public about the importance of this issue. Perhaps more importantly, WFWPI volunteers have instigated numerous projects in developing nations, particularly in Africa. Embassies of International, I commend His Excellency Eradication, held at the CSW in New York, 2005. The Workshop was held at the beautiful John Lyman Center, the Second Generation centering Mrs. Kasongo coordinated the workshop; the Second Generation twenty-six loving brothers and sisters. The workshop was staffed and attended by ten guests, but we were blessed with twenty-one guests, and our Vice-President for Development, and even the meals. The lectures only confirmed what we wanted each participant to have a sense of partnership between the UN and NGO representatives of Member States, or partners in the UN system. The Third Generation, particularly in Africa. Emphasis on the UN, the CSW and International, I commend Federation for World Peace International, I commend

**Two-Day Workshop in Atlanta**

_by Min. Charles Deline_

On May 26, the 2005 UNDP Conference on HIV/AIDS. This example of integration demonstrates the importance of Civil Society’s role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and thereby advancing the cause of freedom, security and human rights for all.

One WFWP project that demonstrates the effectiveness of UN and NGO partnership for a holistic approach to sustainable development is the UNDP, WFWP, and Integrated Family Development project implemented in Bufumbiro Sub-county of Mbarara district in Uganda. UNDP-award WFWP volunteers have witnessed something more from their church experience can be shared with decision makers and other actors to enhance their planning and implementation capacity. WFWP volunteers have witnessed first hand, the trauma to children that violent conflict brings and have worked to invest care and opportunities for healing for the children they have come in contact with. It is common sense that it would be far better to strengthen systems of prevention and efforts at peace building rather than having to face the aftermath and the devastating affects of violence on the soul and psyche of children especially, but every innocent in the path of violent conflict. Violence and other threats to peace and security. We agree with the Secretary General that “empowered women and men, by arming them with knowledge and skills. We agree with the Secretary General that “empowered women and men, by arming them with knowledge and skills. We agree with the Sec-
Interview with CARS student Laurel Sayre. Laurel is a student at Temple University in Philadelphia majoring in English. During her 4 years in college, she has initiated a couple of interfaith Dialogues on her campus.

Lorea is also an inspirational singer-songwriter. Her song “Peace is in Our Hands” received an award and it was released on a compilation CD that was named after her song and featured 12 other songs about World Peace.

What or who has inspired you the most in your songwriting?

God really works through me in my songs. A lot of my songs are prayers and that’s a big part of my life as well as my songwriting. Also, just life in general; the experiences that I’ve had with my friends and family.

What do you hope to accomplish through your music?

I think music has a way to touch people’s hearts in a way that nothing else can. I want to inspire and uplift people. There are a lot of really great artists out there, but many times people aren’t uplifted by their work and some music can be pretty depressing.

Life should be enjoyed and I really want to impact the culture by giving people life when they hear my songs.

What do you find most challenging when writing a song?

When you’re writing, it’s really an expression of yourself and your emotions, which are all intangible things. What has always been the biggest challenge for me is taking those feelings and putting it into a form that everyone can relate to, at the same time making it unique and interesting so that lyrics aren’t too cliche.

As a musician what are some obstacles that you’ve encountered and what keeps you going?

There is always the occasional writer’s block but even more so it’s getting up enough determination to get you out there. Music is a real calling for me and it’s something that I love. I love being in front of audiences and seeing that they are enjoying my music is what keeps me going.

When you leave this world, how would you like to be remembered?

I want to be remembered as someone who really had a drive and passion to do something. Even if I don’t end up with my name in the history books I just want to be known as someone who put my heart into everything I did. (Laughing) I hope there will be a lot of people who miss me when I’m gone.

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If anyone in the world could encourage us to rise to the situation and do what is right, rich and poor, north and south, east and west, would it not be the leaders of the religions and spiritual traditions of the world? Such a group could be a fantastic resource of knowledge of the intricacies of cultures and societies, as well as wisdom of human experience striving to fulfill spiritual and religious practice, in effecting problem solving, conflict resolution and fostering a transcendent mentality and determination to find solutions in the face of difficult and persistent problems. Certainly, such a body would be an indispensable presence in the organization of the UN, now facing the reality that threats to security are no longer state to state conflicts, but conflicts within states and other problems and issues such as disease and persistent poverty. This idea may seem far fetched. If so, a less ambitious plan might be to add an advisory council of religious/spiritual leaders to the Secretary General along with the advisory council of scientific experts that the Secretary General suggests in his report. In conclusion, we admit that as people, we long for a peaceful and safe world where we are one human family. This implies that the fates of all of us are intertwined, that in order for any to be at peace and truly fulfilled, everyone must have access to freedom, security and human rights. We support the Secretary General’s efforts to increase transparency, efficiency and effectiveness within the UN system. We encourage the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to cooperate with the Secretary General in increasing and strengthening partnerships and coordination and sharing of knowledge and experience with and among civil society actors. We sincerely thank the Secretary General for his understanding of the value and importance of the work and knowledge of the nongovernmental organizations and civil society in striving to meet the Millennium Development Goals. Women’s Federation for World Peace International determines to continue its efforts worldwide to eradicate poverty, empower women, and foster peace and reconciliation as well as share knowledge and experiences of best practices as a partner with the United Nations.
Religious Leaders gather in Toronto for IIFWP Forum

by Rev. Mitch Dixon

B y the invitation of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chae Hee Lee, more than thirty religious leaders from over 12 different faith groups, among them Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, and Scientology, gathered at the Lees’ home in Toronto on Friday night, April 29, for a mini forum and dinner. The international dinner was plentiful, with vegetarian, fish, sushi, and beef entrees prepared by Mrs. Lee and 4 Japanese missionaries, two of whom flew into Toronto just for this event. The mood of the evening was very pleasant with many feeling good about what they were experiencing.

Rev. Mitch Dixon was the MC for the program. Dr. Hoosein Auckbaraullee spoke about the peacekeeping efforts of the IFWP in the Middle East and the upcoming schedule to continue these gatherings in Toronto. A video was shown regarding the Middle East Peace Initiative. This was an eye opener to many while moving their hearts. Several participants shared their insights with the group. Three of these caught my attention as I regarded them as an unexpected testimony to the Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s efforts for world peace.

Imam Abdul Hai Patel said he works with many groups, many of whom just talk, but he sees in this group an effort towards peace that goes farther than the others by bringing so many diversities together into the heart of where the conflict lies. Dr. Moharak Ali, Imam and Director of the Etobicoke Muslim Community Organization, said that he first encountered Rev. Moon through the work of CAUSA in the early 1980s. He felt that the Afghan people’s resistance of the Soviet invasion there and the persistent work of Rev. Moon through CAUSA were destructive blows to atheistic Communism. He now sees a parallel effort behind Rev. Moon’s persistent peace initiative that he feels may very well establish the peace we are seeking.

Rev. Maria Luzia F. Yahun, President of the Bird of Peace Kingdom, said she has been studying parts of the Divine Principle. She said it spoke to her spirit and greatly uplifted her. She testified to others about it. She was warned by other Christians not to go near us as she would lose her soul. In dilemma, she prayed to God, asking him what to do. He told her that Rev. Moon is the messiah. She said she was not imagining this, but it was a real experience with God. She said she felt good to be at this meeting.

The forum concluded with the reading of the recent Jordan Declaration. Participants were asked to sign if they agreed with the statement. The spirit I felt at this gathering gives me more than hope but real belief that the Peace Kingdom is at hand.
Crowning Ceremony for the Iseda Tribe

by Kiyohito and Heidi Iseda

March 18th, our family held a Crowning Ceremony for our King and Queen of Peace and Cheon Il Guk Registration Blessing. This is basically for my tribe, most of whom live in the state of California. My husband, Kiyohito, is originally from Japan, but we’ve been living here in this city which I consider my hometown in America because most of my relatives live here. (I originally came from the Philippines.)

We’ve been living in this city of Rosemead since 1991, when True Parents gave direction to move to our hometown and witness to our relatives. They have attended many of the public speeches whenever the True Family come here to speak, and throughout the years have turned positive (from being negative) towards True Parents. They have all received the blessing as previously married couples or as singles. None have joined or studied the Principle directly, but they have received True Father’s teachings. They have all interest in hearing and understanding True Parents’ teachings.

It came to me one day while watching a slide show of True Parents’ recent activities at church, that our family should offer a crown to True Parents while they are physically alive on the earth. I felt a strong push from my ancestors to do it, while at the same time inspired by Rev. Dr. Jenkins and Rev. Antonio Betancourt’s testimony about the Crowning Ceremony they did with their clans. I really couldn’t see why we can’t do it. Also felt this was a good time as our youngest daughter’s birthday is coming up this month, and we usually gather together as a tribe to celebrate each other’s birthday. I thought this would be a perfect time to do both the crowning ceremony and the birthday party.

To make a long story short, with the support of my community leader and members’ families, I began the preparation for the ceremony both internally (through a prayer condition) and externally (researching where to get the crown, place to hold it, etc.). Ten days before the event I sent invitations and made phone calls to all my relatives in town.

The day of the ceremony came, and the rain started to fall (as was forecasted, rain came back to Southern California on that day), so those who live farther away couldn’t make it. Fortunately, my eldest relative and his wife were able to come. (Both my parents and all grandparents are in the spiritual world, so I wanted my eldest relative to do the crowning.) But the rain and some missing relatives didn’t dampen our spirits. The ceremony was held after a short explanation on the history of the crowning ceremonies beginning from God, Jesus, then True Father and True Mother, and an excerpt of True Father’s speech, “The Perfect Restoration of Cain and Abel Brotherhood and the Ideal World of Creation” given at Cheongpyong on True Parents’ Birthday and King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity. After my uncle and his wife offered the crown, our spiritual children, a Chinese couple, who are leaders of a group called “World Headquarters for Mankind’s Greatest Knowledge and Potentialities” based in Taiwan, offered the flowers to True Parents. About four other blessed families were in attendance to support the event. After taking some pictures, we proceeded to celebrate our daughter’s ninth birthday. She also has a little crown on, and she looked like a beautiful heavenly princess.

I felt my ancestors were very proud and happy about the ceremony. It was not easy to prepare for it. Many things happened internally and externally that still tried to prevent it from happening, but in the end we were victorious. Now, my husband and I feel that our mission as tribal messiahs and representatives of True Parents are much more real. There’s no more shying from it. We carry the heart of True Parents wherever we go, express it to whoever we meet, it’s no longer just us who meet them, but God is meeting them and giving them love through us.

We’re so grateful to have such a blessed event. Truly, this is the “era after the coming of Heaven”, and nothing is going to stop the Kingdom of Heaven from being built. Thank you Heavenly Father and True Parents and the spiritual world.

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2nd Generation Couple Mentoring Seminar

by Joni Choi

In February, Jim Stephens received an email from a concerned parent of one of the newly blessed couples (Dec. 26, 2004) inquiring about any initiatives to support the newly blessed couples. He forwarded this email to Alan Saunders and Joni Choi asking us to explore the idea of couple mentoring, which had been previously talked about on numerous occasions.

Joni Choi spoke with the Insoo Kim and InGuk Seo at the 2nd Generation Department and received permission to go ahead with a program in March. Joni Choi, Alan and June Saunders, and John Williams met to discuss the program and related topics.

Both Rev. Kim (NJ) and Rev. Lee (WestRock) were contacted by InGuk and Seo and Joni Choi and informed of the intended program. Rev. Lee requested that we work in conjunction with the WestRock Marriage and Family Committee (Rev. Andrew Compton, Phyllis Kim, Lynn Walsh, Debby Gullery, Cynthia Shihyun). (Initial communication was with Rev. Andrew Compton, as Phyllis Kim, WestRock Family Minister was out of the country.) Naokmi Ushiroda volunteered to handle logistics.

The target audience was primarily newly blessed couples, elder 2nd generation couples, and interested 1st generation couples. Potential participants were contacted via email, flyers, and announcements at local services. The program was held March 12, 2005. Approximately 50 people attended on March 12, 2005, (including staff and observers). The audience was comprised of one-third 1st generation, two-thirds 2nd generation (of which approx. 10 were newly blessed).

In the past, the Blessing has been seen as the final “leap” of faith for Second Generation. There have been very few programs and little done to support newly blessed couples. The couple mentoring program is an informal program designed to match up “elder” 2nd gen. and 1st gen. couples with new and recently blessed couples. These elder couples would act as older brothers, sisters, aunts, and uncles to the new couples, offering them support and guidance. The goal of this seminar was to introduce the concept of couple mentoring as a means of support and community building among older and younger couples, and to get feedback regarding concerns and questions.

The theme of this seminar was "Mentoring: Introducing the Couple to Community Building Through Couple Mentoring." Introducing the Couple Mentoring Concept.

The program was advertised as a broad introduction to a previously unknown concept as well as an opportunity for couples to meet each other. The overall spirit and enthusiasm about the mentoring idea was extremely positive. Because the seminar was only advertised widely 2 weeks in advance, we were pleased by the turnout. We were able to gather a well-rounded group of 1st and 2nd new, recent, and elder blessed couples. Participants enjoyed the warm atmosphere, clear and practical presentations, and meeting other blessed couples. I believe for introducing the mentor program, this was a very good start.
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**Christian Songwriters Open Mic Night**

**by Bob Huneycutt**

In order to bring together my love for music and the current emphasis on community outreach, I organized an open mic night for Christian songwriters at a local coffee shop. At the first Open Mic night, 3 performers entertained about 20 customers. Naturally I hope that we can attract more performers, but this was a good start. Bill Ormond, one of the musicians, is an accomplished guitarist who recently finished recording with Grammy-winning artist Shirley Caesar.

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