

First World Rally of the Universal Peace Federation

On February 2, 2006, around 70,000 people, including 300 leaders from around the world, gathered at the KINTEX, the Korean exhibition center in Ilsan city in Korea, to join True Parents for the First World Rally for the Universal Peace Federation. The rally was sponsored by UPF/IIFWP/FFWPU.

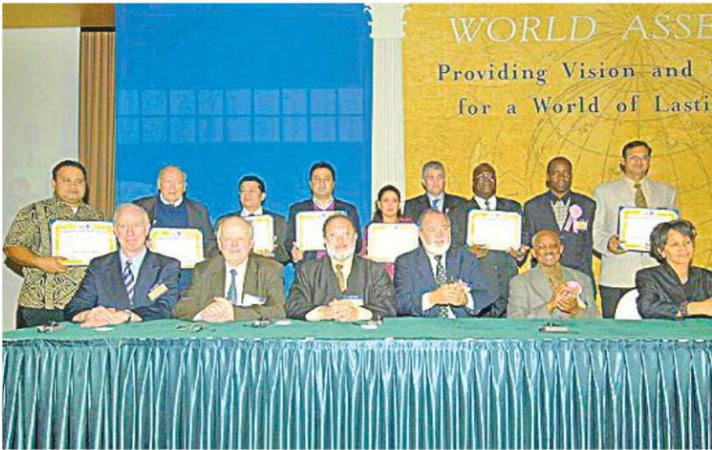
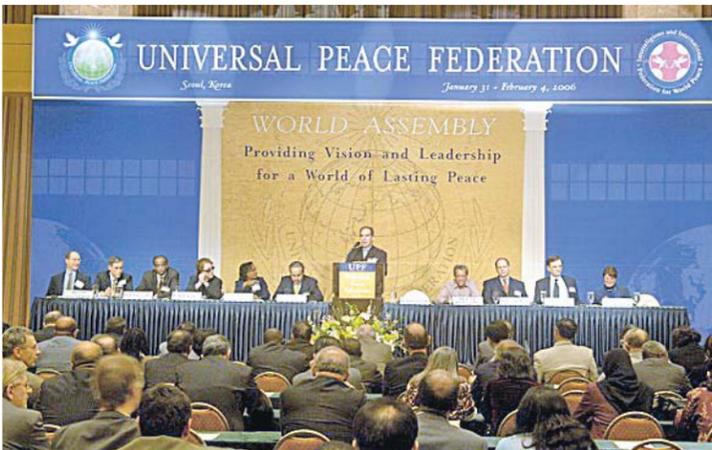
Dr. Hwang Sun-jo, the President of FFWPU Korea, and Mrs. Kim Lynn as the translator, began as the master of the ceremonies. After introduction of the guests from around the world, a holy wine ceremony was conducted for all the participants, who came to mark the first world rally for UPF.

Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan, International President, IIFWP, FFWP, gave the main address. He said:

"Looking at this matter further, in the fifty odd years since Rev. Moon became engaged in his public calling as the True Parent of humanity, not one of the many projects he has carried out in fields such as religion, education, culture, the economy or the media has not extended across barriers of nationality, race, religion or culture. The Universal Peace Federation is the culmination of the internal and external foundations that Rev. Moon has devoted his life to laying.

"The Universal Peace Federation brings to fruition an ideal of mutual living, prosperity, and interests, which encompasses all regions, extends over all races and national boundaries, breaks down all barriers of religion, and transcends all cultures. In relation to existing international organizations, it is the Abel UN that will transform the United Nations, which is the Cain UN, into the Peace UN. In terms of the common hope of humanity, it presages an ideal world of peace. The Universal Peace Federation is the actualized ideal of the peace kingdom desired by God, the true parent of humanity, and prelapsarian humankind...

"How valuable is this event
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FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

Centering on Original Conscience

by Reverend Moon

This address was given at True Parents' Hoon Dok Hae at Han Nam Dong, February 14, 2006. Translated by Im Joong Kim, edited by Joy Pople and Louise Strait.

The conscience takes precedence before God, teacher and parents. God raised the human body centering on original conscience. The conscience existed before birth, your teacher and before learning things. You have to do as your conscience tells you to do. We have disunity and struggle between our conscience and our body and because of this we are unable to be God's children.

Before you wish to control the universe you should be able to control yourself. Your body is the enemy of the cosmos. You should be opposite of your body; if a beautiful woman embraces you and tries to kiss you what should you do? The fallen body will react to that every time. When you dress up and leave your house to go to work, you see a beautiful woman and your head and your eyes turn toward her,

right? You should not have that.

When you are fighting with your body, God cannot appear in that place. God is the parent above all parents, the teacher above all teachers, and the owner above all owners. God has implanted in us a string of love. Nobody would need to teach Adam and Eve after they reached oneness of mind and body. They automatically know that their relationship will be subject and object.

What is the origin of mind and body? People have searched for this answer from time immemorial. The mind and body are struggling, and people didn't know about the human fall.

There is a natural enemy to our body. If there are 1,000 goldfish and one bac-

terium that is the natural enemy to the goldfish, the disease can spread and the natural enemy can eventually kill all the goldfish.

You need to know this. You need to find your conscience. Conscience of father, conscience of mother, conscience, conscience, conscience. Who is the king of conscience?

God is the king of conscience.

Adam and Eve couldn't become the king of conscience; they weren't able to unite with God. It is a simple thing. (This idea, not being one with God) One thing that broke the conscience the most is the sexual organ. You have to use the sexual organ in a right way through out your lifetime. If you misuse it, you cannot go to heaven.

The Unification Church teaches that the first thing you need to unify is your mind and body centering on your conscience. You have to absolutely abolish your body's control over your conscience. You need to change 180 degrees.

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A P R I L 2 0 0 6

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)
57 Single Blessing (1989)
- 8 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)
Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)
Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Established (1996)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 13 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
Proclamation of Liberation and Release (2004)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)
Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 17 Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
- 19 Shin Joon Nim's Birthday (3/22/2004)
- 22 Jin Hun Nim's Birthday (3/25/63)
Noticias del Mundo Established (1980)
- 27 60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
Interreligious (144,000) Clergy Blessing (2002)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Ascension (2001)
- 30 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)

M A Y 2 0 0 6

Ahn Shi Il • 3rd, 11th, 19th, 27th

- 1 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
HSA-UWC Established (1954)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 7 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)

- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 14 Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
National (American) Won Jeon Shrine Dedicated (2002)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
- 16 Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 17 Washington Times Established (1982)
- 20 Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
- 21 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 27 Day of All True Things (5/1/63)
60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' Global Victory (1999)

J U N E 2 0 0 6

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 3 Inauguration of the Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification South American Headquarters (2001)
- 4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
- 12 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
- 13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim's Blessing (1998)
39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
1st Stage of the 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)
- 14 Jeung Jin Nim's Birthday (1982)
Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 17 Declaration of the Return of the Sea to Heavenly Dominion (2000)
- 21 Rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth (2002)
- 23 Shin Kwang Nim's Birthday (5/28/01)
Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Declaration of the Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Yun Ah Nim's and Un Jin Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2006. Contact me if you come across any errors. (c) 1999-2004 Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

This speech was given at Cheongpyeong, Korea on February 3, 2006

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to you for taking part in the Proclamation Rally for the Era of the Peace Kingdom in Heaven and on Earth and elevating this rally to an international level. Tonight's banquet had been prepared, as refined as it could be, for those who have been with us throughout today in celebrating our birthday and to once again convey our appreciation to you all.

Yesterday my husband spoke on the theme, The Kingdom of the Peaceful Ideal World. In the East there is a saying, "All is well if there is harmony within the family." There is wisdom in these words. When we talk about a home, we usually are referring to people. It would include every member of the family beginning with the grandparents, parents, couples and children. But actually there is more to it than meets the eye.

A home is actually a microcosm of the whole creation. A home would include the family members, beginning with the grandparents; it would also include the lawn and building and the environment that surrounds that home, enabling it to breathe and have life. Everybody in that house would be joyful and live in happiness. Our true home would not be a place where people and the environment are in disharmony. That would only be something that looks like a home on the surface.

A home as desired by Heaven would be one where the entire household is beaming in harmony and filled with the merry laughter of the wrinkled but joyous grandfather and grandmother; it would be a place filled with the sound of the grandchildren's laughter that echoes the prayers of hope that express the promise of the future.

The seemingly slow gestures of the grandfather reflect something broad,

The Model Family: A Family of Three Generations

deep, high and vast. A home should be a place where one can hear God's joyfulness from the hearty laughter of the grandfather. A harmonious melody of love should flow out from the edges



of the skirt of a thoughtful grandmother and the grandeur of the heavenly way should be breathing and alive in the gaze of the ever busy father and mother.

As it is with the principles through which God created, the family consists of three levels of upper, middle and lower, which pertain to the grandparents, parents and children. This means that these three levels are necessary to create harmony in the family.

Normally, three points are needed in order to create harmony. Two points

would only constitute a line. You cannot discuss harmony based on just a straight line. Harmony can be created when three or more points are connected together.

By the same token, there are three levels in a household. When three generations live together in peace and in harmony as one, that household takes on a form of a true family, which Heaven desires. In this family, the grandfather, grandmother, father and mother would take the top position, you as couples would take the center position and below you your sons and daughters would find their places. Serving one's grandparents and parents actually should be seen in a good light in which it means to take care of and live with one's elders in peace and in happiness.

Then how is it that harmony in the family becomes the root of success in all things? The family is a microcosm of the society, nation, world and further, the universe. That was how God created it. People were all made to begin their lives from a family while receiving true love. Harmony in the family is only possible when all the members of the family give and receive true love among one other.

Only when all angles in a relationships—from the east, west, south, north, upper, lower, front, back, left and right—are positioned in joy and harmony within the family, can you succeed in everything you do after advancing into society. How can you expect to find joy and reasonable success in your social life if you have suffered discord and conflict within your family, which is supposed to be the root and starting point

for everything?

Ladies and gentlemen:

The shortcut to fulfilling God's will lies in building harmony in the family. Children who grow up and are properly educated in a harmonious family will become the elite forces who can fulfill Heaven's will. When three generations—the grandparents, parents and children—join in true love and melt together in oneness, a garden of true harmony can be established in that family for the first time.

Brief as it was, during your stay you have all studied the principle which came from Heaven as the gospel for saving humankind in this age. You have also had long discussions on the purpose and significance of the Abel-type UN. Among the six billion people on earth, you are the ones who have been chosen.

As you now return to your homes, please do not forget the responsibility that has been given to you from that Heaven has given you. I ask that you do everything you can to build the eternal kingdom of the peaceful ideal world on earth through the true family movement.

When you return home, please do so with joy and hope in your heart. We shall succeed. Heaven's peace ambassadors and secret envoys like you are now taking a stand in all parts of the world. The True Parents—the king and queen of peace of the kingdom of the peaceful ideal world—will guide you. Your good ancestors, who number in the billions, will come down from the spirit world and watch your every word and action with blazing eyes. Please return to your countries with abundant heavenly fortune.

I pray that God's blessing be with you and your nations. ❖

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Mind and body should be one and be raised up to God.

After they reached 21, Adam and Eve would have experienced God's direct dominion. But they could not fulfill their responsibility. You fulfill your responsibility by living according to your conscience and receiving God's blessing. If you can love with your united spirit and body, you will resemble God, even if you don't want to.

When young people reach puberty, their eyes open toward opposite sex and their mind starts to float. It needs to float straight up, rather than east or west or down centering on your own greed. Even biologically your body reaches its peak around age 23 and it starts to go decline after that. Your cells start to die.

If your body owns your mind and oppresses it, in that situation would there be eternal life or the seed for eternal life? If you don't have spiritual experiences you would not know. If you do as you wish, Satan will always come.

Conscience existed before you; with

conscience God grew your body. We need to have absolute faith. We need to have absolute, 100% unity with God. Not even a 0.0001 degree of disunity should be there. If you make 0 deviations from God (meaning being one with God) you don't need religion. If you just follow your body the world will collapse.

God created the environment first. If you are born you would need something to eat.

Before wishing to control the universe, you should control your own self. When children are young they want everything to be done their way. Their mind and body are in constant struggle, so the parents should teach the kids about how the mind should control the body. When parents are fighting they cannot say to their kids, 'Don't fight.'

When divorced parents fight over the children, that is just like hell. In America when a couple divorces, some women take away 80 to 90 percent of everything -- or at least 30%-50%. Laws



like that can lead to destruction.

The lifestyle and habits of this fallen world should change 180 degrees. If you can live like that your life will become good. If you try to live like this you will know that these words are absolute.

When communists torture someone, they lock that person without any clothes in a room covered with red paint. People start to go insane because there is no other person, and they realize they are by themselves.

I was by myself in communist prison and from this end to the other end of the world and they call me a heretic. Heresy of the family, heresy of the tribe, heresy of the nation, heresy of the world. Even the whole world called me a heretic. Even God tested and challenged me. But I did not give up. There was no space for me to submit to failure. The person who knows has to take responsibility. Only God knows where my path is; Satan does not

know. When you overcome your fallen nature only God knows where your path is.

We are at the dividing line, the crossing point. Good is rising and evil is declining. How can we go beyond the crossing point? I am an enemy to Satan. Even if the world opposes me, I do not get discouraged. When you see me from the side you can see that I have a face of a warrior. ❖

Working for Peace at the UPF World Assembly

Mr. Michael Balcomb, UPF/IIFWP

The work of the Universal Peace Federation took another firm step forward February 4, 2006 with the conclusion of the First World Assembly in Seoul, Korea. The conference began with the UPF Chairman, Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, giv-

al officials.

After the opening plenary, the assembly next broke up into smaller working sessions to address the key interests of UPF. These included the establishment of five standing committees as follows:

Human Rights and Responsibilities
Media and Peace
Good Governance

Peace Curriculum

The undoubted highlight of the two day conference was the First Global Rally held at the KINTEX exhibition hall in Ilsan City in Seoul's Northern suburbs. Tens of thousands of enthusiastic Korean citizens joined the 300 international delegates from the UPF for an afternoon of declaration and affirmation of the Fed-

eration's goals for 2006.

Traveling to Ilsan from the center of Seoul, one is gradually reminded that Korea is still a land in a state of cease-fire, not of peace. Just one example: on the drive out from the city, razor-wire starts to appear along the Han riverbanks and camouflaged troops and equipment can be seen discreetly placed along the road. Indeed, KINTEX is barely 20 miles from the border at Imjingak, barely a half an hour by



ing an overview of the primary goals for 2006. Noting the growing urgency for new options for peace,

Dr. Kwak encouraged the more than 300 Ambassadors For Peace present to build up on the successes of 2005, and in particular, to commit to bring at least 10 colleagues and friends to the organization in 2006. This will help the UPF to meet the goal in every nation of having 30 times as many Ambassadors For Peace as the number of elected nation-

Human Development and Education
Peace Building

Each of these committees reported good progress in their initial discussions, which will be posted online soon.

Additional working sessions covered the four main project areas of UPF:

The Bering Strait Peace Tunnel
Establishment of a Peace Force
Development of an Interreligious Council at the United Nations
Universal Peace Academy and a

eration's goals for 2006.

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than 130 nations.

UPF Founder Dr. Moon gave one more reprise of the inaugural address which he delivered throughout the world on last year's inaugural world tour, "God's Ideal Family is the Model of World Peace." Encouraged by a noisy crowd, he urged all present to make 2006 the year for a new commitment to peace. ❖

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in which, along with the historic Federation, leaders from all nations who quest for good governance and a new, alternative order that can be an ideal model, discuss the ultimate ideal of peace, and pool our willpower and resolve for the realization and sustenance of that ideal?"

This was followed by three congratulatory Addresses by: 1- Hon. Soo Sung Lee, Former Prime Minister of Republic of Korea, 2- Sir. James Mancham, Chairman of the UPF Presiding Council, Founding President of Seychelles, and 3- Park Gum-sook, Director of the working committee for special legal aid fund to guarantee women's family rights of China Legal Aid Foundation.

Then a video presentation about the Founding of the Universal Peace Kingdom was presented which was followed by True Parents entrance in to the stage where True Father went to podium to give the special speech of the event under the following title: God's Ideal Family: The Kingdom of the Peaceful Ideal World. True Father said:

"The main attributes of true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so whoever practices God's

true love will live with God, share His happiness and enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute prerequisite for entering the Kingdom of Heaven.

"Respected leaders, you are now living in an age of blessing marriage. God's promises are coming to fruition. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the Kingdom of

After the speech, Prof. Vladimir Petrovsky and Mrs. Marie Therese Nlandu offered flowers to True Parents. The adoption and signing of the following resolution was guided by Mr. Kim Dong-joo and Mrs. Chu Young-bin as follow:

Resolution for the First World Rally of the Universal Peace Federation

We who have participated in the first

lies through a life of living for the sake of others based on true love.

2. We recognize that the true family ideal is the basis for the realization of the peace kingdom, and firmly believe that the international cross-cultural blessing marriage is the fundamental model for realizing a world of peace where humankind overcomes the barriers between people, races, nations and religions to create a single family, and resolve to carry this out.

3. We actively support the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation, which will renew the existing United Nations for the realization of world peace and will carry out its role as the Peace UN in a new dimension.

4. We understand that resolving the division on the Korean peninsula and bringing about its peaceful

unification will play a decisive role in creating world peace, and to bring this about we resolve to commit ourselves in creating international solidarity through the Universal Peace Federation.

5. We fully support the International Peace Highway and World Peace King Bridge-Tunnel projects as proposed by Rev. Sun Myung Moon for the realization of world peace, and resolve to actively take part in their realization. February 2, 2006 On behalf of all participants in Seoul Korea ❖



Peace that is God's ideal of creation, is being established before your eyes. My life of more than eighty years, this lonely path trod solely for Heaven and stained with blood, sweat, and tears, is now bearing victorious fruit for the sake of the world's six billion people. From the spirit world, the Founders of the world's religions, tens of thousands of saints and your own good ancestors are watching your every move. Whoever, therefore, strays from the heavenly path will be punished accordingly.

World Rally of the Universal Peace Federation resolve to become the leading forces in ushering in the era of the peace kingdom centering on the proclamation made by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon who are the king and queen of peace and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

1. We affirm that God is the source of true love, true life and the true lineage, and resolve to perfect our individuality by changing our lineage through the blessing and to create pure, true fami-

UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

1st World Assembly • Chairman's Address

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman UPF

This speech was given in Seoul, Korea on February 1, 2006

When our Founder established the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace in February of 1999, it was given a broad mission related to global governance, human development and peacebuilding. One central objective of the IIFWP was the call, by the Founder, to persuade the United Nations and its member states to appreciate the urgent need for the establishment of an Interreligious Council at the UN. Such a council was envisioned as a virtual "upper house," that would allow the voice of wisdom and principle, indeed the voice of God, expressed through the teachings of the world's religions, to be heard, so that it might contribute to the effort to solve our world's most critical problems.

As the IIFWP established chapters around the world, its mission expanded in significant ways as a variety of programs were developed in areas such as: character education, marriage and family, HIV/AIDS prevention, conflict resolution, interreligious dialogue, and leadership training.

In this way, the work of the IIFWP has grown from an initial focus on United Nations renewal, to a broader focus on applying its innovative, principled vision and methods to the search for solutions to our world's problems. IIFWP is now widely recognized as an agent of broader social and national renewal and transformation.

One very important moment in the history of the IIFWP was the launch of the Ambassadors for Peace movement in 2001, attracting leaders from all professional fields-government, religion, academia, the media, civil society, and the private sector-committed to the core principles of the IIFWP and to the fulfillment of its mission.

Another watershed development of the IIFWP and the Ambassadors for Peace was the Middle East Peace Initiative that began in February 2003. On the foundation of the success of MEPI, led by Ambassadors for Peace, IIFWP gave birth to the Interreligious and International Peace Council in October 2003. The Founder referred to this as the start of an "Abel UN."

In fact, the Founder was calling not only for UN renewal, but also for the development of a new model of global governance, centered not on the principle of national self-interest, but on the principle of living for the sake of others.

This presented an enormous challenge to the IIFWP. We were called to work to develop a global organization that was, on the one hand, very much like the United Nations in terms of the comprehensive scope of its mission, and yet very dif-

ferent in many other respects. The task was made even more challenging by its being undertaken by representatives of civil society rather than by governments.

Throughout 2004 and 2005, serious efforts were made to develop the Peace Council as a new organ of the IIFWP, a representative, deliberative body, something like a General Assembly, but hopefully less bureaucratic, more flexible, and grounded in a spirit of volunteerism and service.

International and regional preparatory committees were set up in 2005, and a charter for the Peace Council was drafted. During this process, however, questions arose about the broader institutional context or framework of the Peace Council. The Peace Council itself came to be understood not as an independent, new entity, but more like a new body or organ within the broader institutional framework of the IIFWP.

This realization led to the awareness that IIFWP had grown to become a sys-

tem consisting of several organs, including what we have come to call the Presiding Council, the Secretariat, the Peace Council and the Standing Committees. With this realization, there has also been a general rethinking of the mission and role of the IIFWP's Board of Directors, its Secretariat and Regional Offices.

This very serious discussion among the worldwide community of Ambassadors for Peace with the IIFWP leadership brought forth the concept of "The Peace Federation" as the overarching framework in relation to which not only the Peace Councils, but also the Presiding Council, the Secretariat, and the Regional Offices, would function.

Meanwhile Father Moon, as he witnessed the worsening global situation and the growth of interreligious discord, global tension, conflict, terrorism, and poverty, was driven by an increased sense of urgency to hasten the establishment of what he has always thought of as the "Abel UN."

This is why the Founder launched the Universal Peace



Federation on September 12, 2005, and proceeded to embark on a 120 nation speaking tour to spread the vision of the UPF. He took up the world tour at the risk of his very life, saying he could not sit back and watch as the windows of opportunity for peace were closing one after the other. "Even if it costs me my life," he said, "I will not hold back."

In the message he carried around the world, he defined the "Abel UN" as "a United Nations whose efforts for peace are offered to Heaven, investing itself ceaselessly in living for the sake of others."

Living for the sake of others is the essential characteristic of true love. At the Inaugural Convocation, on September 12, he prepared a calligraphy with the following motto for the Universal Peace Federation, "True Love Is the Original Ideal and Guiding Principle of the Universal Peace Federation."

Thus, the root of UPF is true love. If UPF does not embody the spirit of true love it has very little value, and will not be the agent of peace we hope it to be. Let us always keep this in mind.

Where are we to get this substance, true love? It has to come from each of us, based on our relationship with God, the original owner and source of true love.

The Founder has described true love

as "the spirit of public service. It brings the peace that is at the root of happiness....The essence of true love is to give, to live for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing....God created the universe out of just such love."

We may conceive of IIFWP, IIPC and UPF as stages in the development of a human family, for example, as parent, child and grandchild, each with different given names, but carrying the same family name: "Peace," and remaining part of the same lineage.

I cannot say enough about the experience of the world peace tour which Father Moon initiated. At 86, he is fully inspired, energized and on fire for peace, continually ready to lay down his life for this mission. In nation after nation, the outpouring of support was overwhelming. I can only say that, through the UPF, I believe we truly have an opportunity to bring about profound changes in our world, for the sake of lasting peace.

I am so grateful to our Ambassadors for Peace around the world, for their support, dedication and hard work in making the tour such a great success.

As much as I would like to look back and speak about the tour, I want instead to offer a vision for the future, the UPF Agenda 2006. In many respects, however, Agenda 2006 is contained in the message presented on the world tour, "God's Ideal Family: The Model for World Peace."

Building an "Abel UN"

The Universal Peace Federation is committed to renewal of the United Nations, including the work of establishing an interreligious council as an organ of the United Nations. At the same time, the UPF seeks to develop as an independent institution which functions in the world as an "Abel UN."

As we know, Cain and Abel are the sons of Adam and Eve, born after their parents had fallen away from God and were expelled from the Garden of Eden. The two sons both sought the favor of their parents and of heaven. Of the two, Abel's heart toward heaven was more sincere, humble and sacrificial. Abel was a filial son who sought to serve the will of heaven. However, as the scriptures tell

us, Cain, whose interests were more external, materialistic and self-centered, killed his brother, Abel.

Throughout human history Abel-like persons and institutions have been repeatedly dominated and oppressed by Cain-like persons and institutions. This pattern-Cain killing Abel-needs to come to an end at this time; not through violence or by force, but through the power of true love. Ultimately, Cain and

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Abel are to reconcile and unite as brothers and work together in accordance with the principle of living for the sake of others.

What will distinguish the UPF, as an "Abel UN," is not its focus on the critical issues facing our world, for it shares this focus with both the UN and other international organizations. What distinguishes the UPF is its internal principles, methodology and best practices, and the fact that these are embodied in our leaders, members and Ambassadors for Peace, who are truly living for the sake of others.

Addressing the Root Causes of Conflict and the Root Causes of Peace: Marriage, Family and the Blessing

In his world tour speech, Father Moon says, "Only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to establish world peace," referring to the importance of establishing God-centered marriages and families. This is the purpose of the Blessing.

It is common today to speak about "root causes" of humanity's critical problems, such as poverty, disease, conflict, etc. Some associate "root causes" with economic inequality, others with government corruption. Surely these are critical factors, and indeed they are part of the root system. However, if we are to look even more deeply, we find that the most fundamental aspects of all human beings are related to the roots of "love, life and lineage," all of which have their foundation in the family, our ancestral, genetic, and historical roots.

By building families that embody traditions of true love, we can establish a society, nation and world of true love and lasting peace.

A very important point of emphasis in the Blessing movement is to understand marriage as an instrument of peace. When a man or woman marries someone from a different or even an "enemy"-religion, race, nationality or culture, they make a commitment to building a family of true love that goes beyond barriers.

Marriage and family are sacred with-

ples, on the one hand, and the work of governments, on the other hand.

The broken relationships among religions need to be healed if we are to build a world of lasting peace. Also, the unhealthy relationship that exists in many nations between religion and government needs to be healed.

In reality, religion and government have complementary and overlapping concerns. Religion and government are alike in being expected to serve the well being of humanity and create the good society.

that promote racism, ethnocentrism or selfish nationalism. Such behavior is in violation of universal law, and our God-given conscience can recognize this point.

Religions should not isolate themselves, either from other religions or from the world at large. Religions should emphasize the value of service, and in relation to government and society, religious teachings and practices should show themselves to be fully consistent with and contributing to the establishment of a good, just and prosperous society.

Leaders and citizens of government should become more educated about religion and move away from an irrational fear of religion and spiritual values. Governments must end their prejudice against religion. There is nothing to fear, and much to be gained.

Good governance requires harmony between both the internal aspects of our lives, including both spiritual and moral values, and the external aspects, such as social, political and economic concerns.

The spiritual and moral should never be divorced from the socio-economic dimensions of human life. The two should be harmonized.

Governments should also seek constructive partnership with faith-based NGOs, and faith-based organizations. In particular, the United Nations should waste no time in establishing an interreligious council on equal footing and in cooperative relationship with the Economic and Social Council, the recently established "Peacebuilding Commission" and other UN organs, commissions and entities.

Expanding the Foundation of Ambassadors for Peace

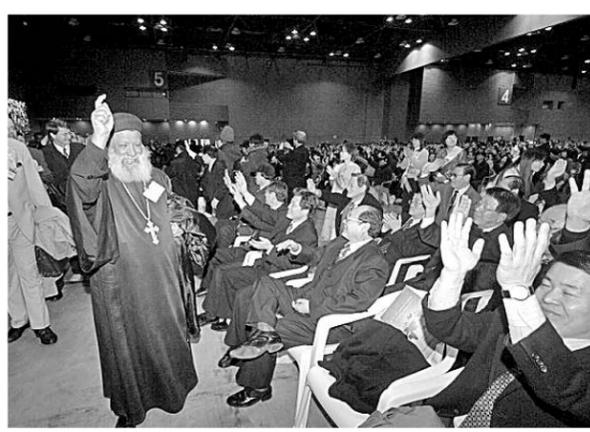
During the world speaking tour, Father Moon offered guidance on the development and expansion of the Ambassadors for Peace movement. He advised that within each nation the number of committed Ambassadors for Peace be expanded, saying that the Ambassadors for Peace are to be "Abel Parliamentarians," persons who want to serve the nation according to the principle of living for the sake of others.

Peace Councils are to be like "Abel Parliaments" which serve the nation for the sake of the well being of its people, as well as all the people of the world. They are to be parliaments of true love.

As you convene and work together during this Assembly and back in your nations, please keep in mind several key areas of concern:

1. Please consider how your Peace Council can support the work of creating an International Peace Highway, and a Bering Strait Peace King Tunnel to bring together East and West, and to link the world together, beyond boundaries, for the sake of peace and prosperity.

2. Offer your recommendations for developing what Father Moon calls the "Peace Army" or "Peace Police," having in mind a mechanism both to prevent or bring an end to conflict, and to build stable societies and nations based on God-centered families. Neither calls for the use of military force, but rather mobile teams of activists and volunteers who form a kind of peace corps or peace force that can be assigned missions to serve in trouble-spots around the world. Already



in all religions. Governments and religions should form an alliance to uphold and protect the value of the two-parent, monogamous family of one man and one woman as the foundation of the good, stable, and prosperous society. The family is the foundation for moral and spiritual development, good citizenship, and economic productivity.

Peace through Interreligious and International Cooperation

Our world is in urgent and desperate need to restore and repair the damaged relationships that exist not only between the world's great religious traditions, but also between spiritual values and princi-

ples. At best, both are grounded in universal principles, and both require leaders who apply those principles and who embody virtues such as love, compassion, wisdom and courage.

Governments fail when their policies or the practices of their leaders or citizens are out of line with these principles. The same holds true for religions. When either governments or religions fail to practice good governance, humanity suffers, prosperity declines and hopes are unfulfilled.

International conflict occurs when one or more nations act in a self-centered and irresponsible way, become an aggressor, and violate the rights either of its own citizens or those of another nation.

Interreligious conflict occurs when leaders or followers of a given religious tradition act in a self-centered, irresponsible way, and fail to embody and apply core values and virtues of their tradition.

In order to create a new model of governance that welcomes spiritual values and spiritual wisdom, there needs to be a transformation on many levels. A new global awareness and openness must be cultivated within the religions themselves, among the leadership and the members. This is not a compromise that accepts relativism and rejects the absoluteness of truth, but an openness that underscores and expresses the absolute value of true love.

At this juncture in world history, we need to develop a global ethic, centering on core, universal values. One such value, which is at the heart of every religion and all the great philosophies, is the principle of unselfish love, living for the sake of others.

Interreligious dialogue and fostering good relations with people of all faiths should be among the central teachings and practices of all religions. In all the sacred scriptures we find statements in support of interreligious harmony, so let us build on that foundation.

Religious practices which continue to foster prejudice or bigotry will ultimately decline, as will nations

ing ties and promoting peace and development on the African continent.

The Secretary-General and International Representative of UPF Liberia, Rev. Augustine S. Arkoi, on his part informed fellow delegates of ongoing Mano River Union (MRU) sub regional reconciliation and peace initiative recently held in Monrovia with the specific goal of instituting National Peace Councils.

Rev. Arkoi further emphasized the need for governments, United Nations and other agencies to seriously prioritize the adoption of reconciliation and sustainable peace building programs as major pillars of their programs at all times.

He especially challenged parliamentarians in the gathering to vigorously network beyond national interest and to embark on exchange of visits and experience sharing so as to preserve peace and stability in West Africa.

Rev. Arkoi reminded the delegates to reflect on the scars and bitter war experiences of Liberia and Sierra Leone and concluded that another war in Ivory Coast was unnecessary and absolutely unacceptable.

Member of Ivorian Parliament, Hon. Tano K. Leon, commended Rev. Tokuno and UPF International for the timely intervention made and assured the organizers of UPF seminar that the government and people of Ivory Coast will fully seize the opportunity to reconcile, adding that most countries in the sub region rely on Ivory Coast in many respects.

All participants were certificated and the 3-day seminar concluded with all delegates committing to network beyond borders. ❖

Liberia UPF Peace Conference

Eminent Peace Ambassadors in West Africa converged the week of March 16 in Abidjan, capitol of the Ivory Coast, to promote regional understanding and cooperation on peace, security and economic development in West Africa.

The seminar, sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), deliberated on the theme Principles and Application of Peace and brought together parliamentarians, academicians, religious leaders of diverse faiths, media practitioners and leaders of non-governmental organizations, among others.

The UPF Director for Africa, Rev. Eiji Tokuno, emphasized in his opening statement that the UPF seeks to assist the United Nations in making needed reforms that would help all nations to make progress towards a culture of peace.

UPF has been working through an emerging network of national and local peace councils harnessing the experience, wisdom, and creativity of more than 75,000 peace ambassadors worldwide.

Rev. Tokuno informed the Peace Ambassadors of six subsequent conferences scheduled to be held in West, Central, South and East Africa, all geared toward strengthen-

the UPF has developed several peace initiatives, in the Middle East, in Northeast Asia, and in South Asia. The problems of conflict, however, are not unique to those areas. As such, we will be expanding our peace initiatives in the coming year and beyond, and we welcome your recommendations and support.

3. Please discuss and offer your recommendations for the establishment of a Universal Peace Academy. We want to develop a peace curriculum that embodies our unique vision, principles, and methodology, so that we can educate and train leaders around the world in the way



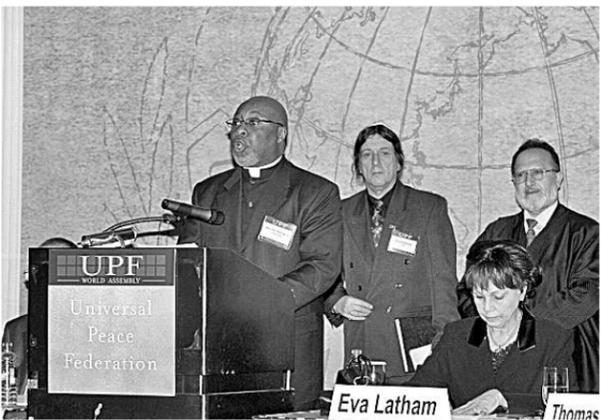
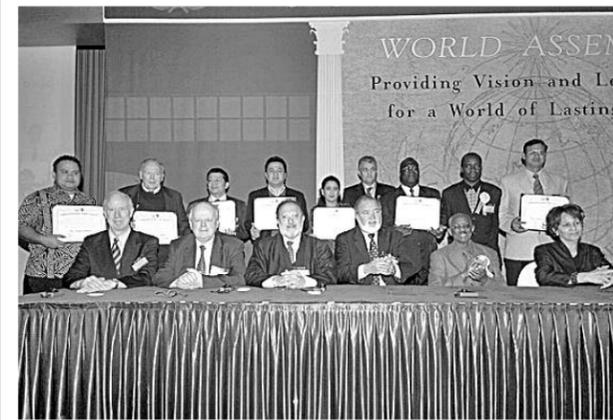
along with the historic Federation, leaders from all nations who quest for good governance and a new, alternative order that can be an ideal model, discuss the ultimate ideal of peace, and pool our willpower and resolve for the realization and sustenance of that ideal?

Honorable guests, leaders from home and abroad, and representative ambassadors for

down barriers and gone over a wall, grounded in the universally valid truth lying at the center of all fundamentals, is the realization of perpetual peace made possible.

Furthermore, rather than waiting to enjoy benefits arising from the society, nation, and fortune of the universal providence of God made by others, let us become subjective figures who make peace with our own hands, owners of the world of universal peace and unity, and leaders exercising true love for the sake of others, by working actively, constructively, and creatively.

This represents the fundamental ide-



of reconciliation, cooperation, true love and co-prosperity.

4. In addition to these new programs, UPF will continue its active work in three core areas: Human Development, Good Governance and Peace Initiatives. Each of these areas are represented in the work of the Standing Committees that convene formally for the first time later this morning. Please get involved in one of the standing committees.

Finally, as we engage our work we must continually pause to reflect on the core values and guiding principles we have learned. Our work will be in vain if we simply carry on according to conventional patterns. Each one of us must be renewed and transformed, so that we might see even more clearly through the eyes of love, compassion, respect, and unselfishness.

I have covered a lot of ground in this presentation. Over the next few days, and surely throughout the coming year, we will see these ideas take shape and begin to bear fruit.

Thank you for your support for the work of the Universal Peace Federation. We have a great opportunity, and we have a great responsibility. Let us support one another, living for the sake of others, and providing vision and leadership for a world of lasting peace.

Never forget that there is a great providence that stands behind our work. We are not alone. Truly the living God is with us. Moreover, our ancestors, the saints and sages, spiritual leaders, righteous men and women stand with us and share our vision and our work. Let us be ever mindful of this as we move forward in the next few days.

PLENARY ADDRESS

This is an excerpt from Rev. Kwak's speech on Feb. 2.

I wholeheartedly welcome all of you, who have graced us with your presence, to this historic occasion of the First World Rally for the Universal Peace Federation, held to facilitate the realization of the ideal of a world of perpetual peace, transcending all barriers of national, religious, racial and cultural boundaries.

The ideal of peace and approach to it pursued by the Universal Peace Federation are fundamentally different from historic attempts at peace that have appeared but faded away as well as those currently in existence. The international, interreligious, interracial and intercultural Federation pursues those values that should be embraced and followed by all humankind as sacred ideals.

In rapport with God through deep prayer and devotion, Rev. Moon inaugurated the Universal Peace Federation in accordance with the providential program, and after performing the inaugural rally in New York recently, on September 12, last year, and in spite of his eighty-six years of age, rather than looking to his own physical welfare, he set off, crossing numerous national frontiers, in a tour that had him conducting rallies on a near daily basis throughout 120 nations of our global village for people burdened by strife and sorrow for the liberation and deliverance of God, our true parent.

Looking at this matter further, in the fifty odd years since Rev. Moon became engaged in his public calling as the True Parent of humanity, not one of the many projects he has carried out in fields such as religion, education, culture, the economy or the media has not extended across barriers of nationality, race, religion or culture. The Universal Peace Federation is the culmination of the internal and external foundations that Rev. Moon has devoted his life to laying.

The Universal Peace Federation brings to fruition an ideal of mutual living, prosperity, and interests, which encompasses all regions, extends over all races and national boundaries, breaks down all barriers of religion, and transcends all cultures. In relation to existing international organizations, it is the Abel UN that will transform the United Nations, which is the Cain UN, into the Peace UN. In terms of the common hope of humanity, it presages an ideal world of peace. The Universal Peace Federation is the actualized ideal of the peace kingdom desired by God, the true parent of humanity, and prelapsarian humankind.

UPF Participants

How valuable is this event in which,

peace!

Please take a moment to look around you. This gathering embodies in itself the international, interreligious, and interracial ideal without any affectation or exaggeration. We should all have an open mind. Should you remain within the confines of your own nations, races, or religions, ultimate, perpetual peace will never come upon us. Only when, through true love for the sake of others, we have brought

ology, teaching, ability, and achievements, which no one can undermine, of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who has established the Universal Peace Federation today and promoted this international meeting for the universalization and globalization of values aspired to by the Federation.

May the blessing of God be with you all and your families.❖

UPF in Nepal

KATHMANDU, March 15: Former Indian ambassador to Nepal K.V. Rajan Wednesday emphasised the need for information sharing among the South Asian countries on the measures to be taken to effectively tackle the ongoing conflicts in the region. He said that the governments in the region must focus on rooting out the causes of violence including poverty, exclusion and lack of access to health and education that are killing several times more people than actual violence taking place in the region. Speaking at an interaction on 'Regional Conflict in South Asia: The Human Dimension', Rajan emphasised the need to make joint efforts to tackle the conflicts as all of them were being affected by the conflict. The programme was jointly organised by Universal Peace, Federation (UPF-Nepal) which is a part of worldwide peace initiative of Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP). Rajan said that conflicts were taking place in the region because both autocratic and democratic governments in the region failed to uproot the causes of conflict. "We have also been unable to resolve the Naxlite problems despite having a democratic government," he added. Indicating Nepal's conflict, he said all the conflicting parties of Nepal were partly right although they were claiming to be fully right. "So, solution could be found by creating an environment where all sides gave up their

prejudices," he added.

Raj Parisad Standing Committee member Ganesh Bahadur Gurung blamed political parties for the nationwide spread of Maoists' activities, as they didn't tackle the insurgency with effective measures on time. "If the immediate government had taken their demands seriously, they would not have taken the weapons," he said. "Romeo operation conducted in Rukum and Rolpa that made many innocents its victim was another reason behind the beginning of so called people's war country's." He said that the then governments opted to reduce the security posts instead of strengthening them thereby allowing the Maoists to spread nationwide. Former Minister Nilambar Acharya said that the current conflict had no military solution and stressed for dialogue among conflicting parties.

He said that if peace were restored in Nepal, there would be its regional implication. CPN (UML) leader Sahana Pradhan said all the conflicting parties should come to the table by shunning personal prejudices. Dr. Shree Krishna Yadav, member of the Public Service Commission said that Nepal's conflict could be resolved only if all sides gave up their biases having the claims that they were fully right and others were wrong. He said that only unconditional talks could only give a way out of the crisis. On the occasion, international director for Peace Education of IIFWP Dr. Robert S. Kittel said peace could be restored if the principles of Father Moon who established the UPF were implemented in true terms. Ek Nath Dhakal, IIFWP General Secretary of Nepal had shed light on the ongoing efforts made to minimize conflict across the country.❖

ACLCLC Prayer Breakfasts in Los Angeles

The first ACLC Breakfast of 2006 in Los Angeles January 28 celebrated the memory and the mission of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our keynote speaker for the day was the Rev. Lonnie Dawson, whose church is famous for its explosive Sunday school growth and large congregation of around 5,000 in the Southland community. His theme was "Making a Difference Together". It was well received by all.

The breakfast was well attended. Eighty-five guests came, with many new clergy attending for the first time. (Many staff also attended.) To open the meeting, Rev. Millsap gave a spirited invocation, followed by a reading of the full text of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and an excerpt of True Father's speech from an IIFWP convocation in Washington DC in which he calls upon America to become a true America and liberate the imprisoned heart of God. The passage was read with dignity and precision by Rev. Cortina Reid, Pastor of the Christ Community Church of Truth.

A delicious breakfast of steak and eggs was served with hot waffles and all the fixings. The kitchen volunteers really outdid themselves this time, much to the satisfaction of our hungry crowd. As guests were finishing their meals, Mrs. Norma Foster made an appeal for the Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Service--an 84-year tradition she now directs and a great way to bring over 10,000 from all denominations to celebrate Easter. This year it is being co-sponsored by ACLC among others. The keynote speech was a moving call to action with testimonies of what it was like to live in the era of Dr. King, Jr. at the beginning of the Civil Rights movement. Afterwards there was a presentation by Rev. Henning on the Unification Worldview Seminars and a testimony by Rev. Brown of his experience studying the Principle over the past few years. Following the testimony there was an appeal for ACLC membership and discussion of the benefits of membership.

Then after suddenly taking the stage, Rev. Torres of St. John's in Long Beach surprised everyone by presenting an award from all the students of the Unification Worldview Seminar last year. It was a beautiful plaque and brass angel trophy congratulating Rev. Henning on his teaching.

An offering was received while the

choir jubilantly performed "Peace, Shalom, Salaam Aleikum" accompanied by the artists who wrote it: Rick Joswick on the guitar and Barry Fasman on the piano. The program closed with the final prayer and benediction and several cheered spontaneously. The start of the ACLC year had been a great success.

Courtina Reid. The program continued with a Blessing prayer and a wonderful breakfast prepared by volunteers. The ACLC ministers themselves had invited nearly 50% of the guests this time; increasingly they are taking a large role in the hosting of the meetings and bringing new contacts.

A very talented singer named Camisha Michaels sang a medley of gospel song favorites that moved the crowd. Fol-

Following the inspiring video clip and Ms. Norma Foster's appeal to volunteers, Dr. Jerome Fisher began delivering his keynote message. He told the story of "American History" from the view of a man who experienced firsthand persecution of black Americans. But his message was very upbeat. He illustrated his experience with the story of Joseph, the son of Jacob and Prince of Egypt. Sold as a slave and mistreat-



February

ACLCLC's Prayer Breakfast for February took place in the famous Founder's Church of Religious Science in downtown Los Angeles. The breakfast, with its theme of Celebrating Black History Month with a Spirit of Peace and Unity, drew around 80 clergy, who heard the keynote address by Rev. Dr. Jerome Fisher of Little Zion MBC of Compton, California. Dr. Fisher described himself as the "brother", not just friend, of Dr. E. V. Hill. He testified to the "great work" of Rev. & Mrs. Moon to bring together all denominations in fellowship and teach God's view on the family of humanity."

Our event started with the invocation by Dr. Nicholas Benson and the readings from 1Corinthians 13 and "Family Relationships are the Basis of Heaven", an excerpt from True Father's speech in Washington, DC last year, done by Rev. Walter Millsap and Rev.

lowing her performance, Melanie Masters, an opera singer and very talented young lady, amazed and delighted everyone with her rendition of several more traditional gospel songs.

The spirit and atmosphere soared and it was just the right time to show the 5-minute introduction video for the upcoming Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Service. April 16th will be the 85th anniversary service and the first in the newly renovated Hollywood Bowl. The hope is to fill it to capacity, 17,500 in box seats. Back in 1936, 35,000 attended just sitting on the dirt and weeds of the natural amphitheater valley floor. For the past 18 years one person has been the director and producer for the event, Ms. Norma Foster. She has become such a great inspiration for our local ACLC movement and now encourages us to work with the Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Service Association.

ed by his brothers, he recognized the hand of God in the things which he suffered. "Like a university education in the realm of heart," he explained about the task of forgiving and helping those who had personally come against him. He also spoke of the need to go beyond prejudice in considering the work of Rev. Dr. Moon. Dr. Fisher is widely respected in the community and has in the past been called to open the session of the United States Congress in Washington, DC with prayer. Guests were also invited to attend the Unification Worldview Seminar and to join ACLC as members.

The clergy were very inspired by the event. One minister of a small church even decided to sponsor the airfare for an American Indian couple to attend the Middle East Pilgrimage. This level of giving amazed me. Truly a day to remember, and a starting point for greater victory ahead. ❖

Victory Celebration for the Women's Middle East Peace Initiative

On Sunday, January 29th, more than 150 members and friends of WFWP, USA's Southern California Chapter, gathered in a bright, sunny garden at Vanguard Hollywood to participate in our 5th Annual "Welcome the New Year Tea," and to celebrate VICTORY for the Women's Middle East Peace Initiative (WMEPI) Declaration of Peace Signature Campaign. Our dream of gathering one million signatures was far exceeded by the reality of collecting 10 million, 800 thousand signatures when the campaign officially ended on the United Nations International Day for Human Rights, December 10, 2005. We had a lot to celebrate!

The WMEPI Declaration of Peace, was drafted in January, 2004, to promote peace in the Middle East from a woman's perspective. The purpose of the Declaration of Peace is to support women of the Middle East at home and abroad; to turn the hearts and minds of women worldwide to the ongoing crisis in the Middle East; and to encourage women to use their God-given nature to contribute to lasting peace in the region, as well as throughout the world.

On the heels of a resolution (4/30/04) by the Los Angeles City Council to recognize and commend the work of WFWP and the WMEPI, on May 2, 2004, more than 250 women representing diverse ethnic and faith backgrounds gathered at the Los Angeles Friendship Center to participate in a deeply moving "Bridge of Peace Ceremony," and become the first signers of the WMEPI Declaration of Peace.

From Los Angeles, Ms Norma Foster, President, United Nations Association Pacific-Los Angeles Chapter and National Advisor to WFWP, USA carried the Declaration to Geneva, Switzerland for the Eighth Annual Conference on Peace in the Middle East, sponsored by WFWP Japan. Women delegates from seventeen Middle Eastern nations attended the program and nine national delegations signed the Declaration. Next, signatures were collected during the "Women of Peace Program," sponsored by WFWP and IIFWPU, which brought 526 women from 41 nations to Jerusalem. Participation in the signature campaign further expanded to more than 35 nations as an international resolution to support it was formally adopted at the Fifth Annual WFWP International Leaders Workshop, held in Seebenstein, Austria in September of 2004.

Over the past eighteen months, signatures were collected through grass roots efforts, door-to-door visitation, at public events, and through the support of like minded NGO's and organizations around the world.



On January 29th, a lovely garden patio, a happy Buddha statue, and the "Hollywood Sign," became the back drop for a celebratory event that opened with prayers led by leaders representing the three Abrahamic Faiths: Mrs. Nahid Kabbani, Palestinian and Founder/President of "One World," Rev. Clara Epps, and Mrs. Ariella Shira Lewis.

Mr. Jordan Birnbaum, owner of Vanguard Hollywood, one of the largest nightclub and concert venues in Los Angeles, graciously donated the use of the venue as well as technical support, serving staff, and all of the delicious food and refreshments for this event. As the ladies enjoyed "tea" together they were entertained by the beautiful background music of John Holmes on piano and the lovely voice of Mrs. Annette

Moss who sang "Sebben Crudele," by composer Antonio Caldera accompanied by Brent Wilday. Ms. Norma Foster served as master of ceremonies and several presentations were made. Ms Leslie Orticke, President, Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women, read a personal congratulatory letter from Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I extend my appreciation for your invaluable leadership in completing the WMEPI Signature campaign. It is fitting that a resolution from the City of Los Angeles Council that helped launch the campaign is now celebrating its victory." An official Congratulatory Declaration was also extended from the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors.

Letters of congratulations were read

from Dr. Thomas Walsh, Secretary General, Universal Peace Federation, Dr. Lan Young Moon, President, WFWP International, and Mrs. Alexa Ward, President, WFWP, USA. Dr. Walsh reminded us that we not only succeeded in collecting more than 10 million signatures, but we also "helped in educating, raising awareness and securing commitments for peace from more than 10 million people. This is a remarkable achievement."

Sheri Rueter, Vice President, WFWP, USA delivered a power point presentation providing a comprehensive overview of the WMEPI, outlining the activities of WFWP, USA in 2005, and presenting national and local goals for 2006. An edited (shortened) version of the moving video "Women of Peace," which documented the WMEPI efforts in the Middle East process served to conclude the formal part of the program.

From that point we "broke out" into singing and dancing! A victory cake was cut by several representative leaders as Rick Joswick and the "Origins" choir led a spirited version of "Peace, Shalom, Salaam Aleichum" and the assembled ladies sang along and danced around the patio together. In closing, we held hands and sang our signature "Let There Be Peace on Earth," uniting in heart with each other as we pledged to continue our work to make "The Peace Kingdom" a reality for every person in the world.

This event will not

be forgotten because it lives in our hearts, but also because it was extensively covered by the media. Camera crews were present throughout the event from both ABC and FOX News. ABC-7 featured a lengthy segment on our event on their local evening and morning news programs. FOX-11 aired a segment on the morning news as well.

"Through this initiative, we have opened the door for dialogue as well as actions for peace, together with the women, children and families of the Middle East," stated Ms. Norma Foster in an interview. At a time when the Middle East remains embroiled in war and conflict, the Women's Middle East Peace Initiative provides a ray of hope and truly is an historic measure. ♦

ACLCL Pastors' Prayer Breakfasts Chicago

by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

The American Clergy Leadership Conference of Chicago held its first prayer breakfast of 2006 on the third Tuesday of January. Our national co-convenor, Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr., was the host pastor. In the very room where Chicago held its first blessing and True Family Values Banquet, our entourage of ministers began to file in on a drizzly January morning. As far as prayer breakfasts go, this one was well within the norm, except for one point—the keynote sermon. Dr. Booker Person (in town for the mayor's Martin Luther King Day breakfast) had willingly changed his travel plans to remain in Chicago long enough to oblige both his dear friends and spiritual elders, Bishop Kim and Pastor Barrett, who, like him, would also be celebrating their January birthdays on this occasion. Likewise, several new first-time participants, from some of the most significant churches in Chicago, were joining us for this 2006 kickoff prayer breakfast.

As the program began, the congregation was lifted up by the musical offerings of Evangelist Olivia M. Oliver, a beautiful rendition of Rev. Jenkins' favorite spiritual hymn, "Order My Steps," by Mrs. Kazumi Murray, and then were led into Bishop Person's sermon by our very own Chicago Family Church Japanese Choir.

Now Dr. Booker Person is a big name, but his sermon was even bigger. The Bishop of the Cathedral Holy Bible Church was in rare form. No one had informed him of the twenty-minute time limit and he offered a full-scale Sunday sermon. It was like we were all transformed into the upper room and the Holy Spirit, the saints and the prophets had descended upon us as in the day of the Pentecost. We might not have been in Jerusalem, but a holy time was felt by all in attendance.

Upon the conclusion, Pastor Barrett raised an offering on behalf of Bishop Kim's birthday and then the three birthday pastors joined together to blow out their candles as the entire congregation joined in on a rousing spiritual/gospel rendition of "Happy Birthday."

Now Bishop Kim and Chicago's leadership entourage are preparing for the national leadership conference next week in New York and Chicago is preparing to welcome Chicago's most eminent and respected pastor to deliver the keynote sermon at February's Black History Month prayer breakfast.

February Prayer Breakfast

Charles Dickens begins his Tale of Two Cities by using many, many contrasts to describe the times of his novel. In much the same vein—this article is among the most difficult to report because it concerns an event unlike any other event in the history of Chicago—and yet it is exact-

ly like so many before it. So I want to ask you, the reader, to try very hard not to pay attention to the numbers—to the fact that the banquet room was filled to overflowing; to the 200 ministers, to the many new guests, to the cultural diversity of the audience, to the fact the Dr. Yang, Rev. Jenkins and Archbishop Stallings were all in attendance or even the facts that guests were in attendance not just from Chicago, but from Minnesota, Indi-

Jenkins. In fact, we needed 3 head tables for all the dignitaries in attendance. Dr. Paul Swanson, from the Lutheran School of Theology, who has rarely missed even one event during this eight-year run, offered up his seat, so the host pastor or the keynote speaker could sit down. Bishop Kim sat 3 tables over, and this author removed himself to well within the body of the congregation.

So why had so many come and why

over 71 years ago. He is a man who has been married to the same woman for over 59 years and who has been pastoring the same church for over 50 years. (Incidentally, the pastor he chose to succeed him is interestingly named Rev. Jenkins.) And Rev. Evans shared a deep message. This was only his second appearance at an ACLCL Prayer Breakfast. In December he had added to Rev. Jenkins message with a short sermonette entitled "The True

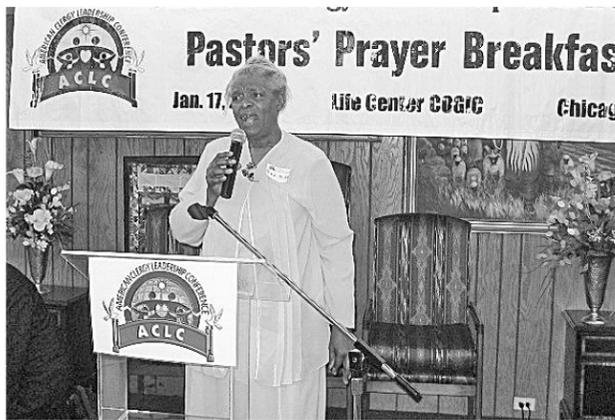
Meaning of Christmas." This morning he would preach from Psalms 46 ("the Lord is my refuge") And his message was loud and clear—"Stay focused," he repeated over and over again. God does not want a "jack of all trades," but rather a "master of one." He talked of the "is-ness" of God and warned us that "sometimes God will not give us the victory, because we will not give God the glory." The congregation was mesmerized; few members moved, other than to rise up in shouts of AMEN! and Hallelujah! And in conclusion Dr. Evans, himself moved by the power of the Holy Spirit, broke into a rhythmic break dance while hardly moving at all.

What an event! Dr. Swanson remarked that this was the culmination of his eight years of attendance. One guest, who attended for the first time, told me that this was the definitive message of the year for her and thanked us so deeply for including her in this life-

changing event. And know too that so many of the key players in this drama were the fruits of God's servants tilling in the fields so humbly for so many years. Maria Helena has been visiting Dr. Evans diligently for the last seven years (and when she came up to the podium with a simple glass of water for him, he paused and stated, "This is why I love her").

And our host pastor, the Rev. A. Edward Davis, one of the most respected and esteemed pastors in the city of Chicago, has been diligently served by our brother John Prevost, who himself could not even attend the breakfast due to his work schedule. This is the same humble brother who has so diligently cared for St. Mark's Bishop Willie Jordan, ever since our saint, Yukimi Lemont, flew off to Barrytown to attend UTS. And sure and behold, Bishop Jordan suddenly appeared, even wheel chairbound to attend this historic breakfast.

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ana and Michigan. What I want you to really pay attention to is the spirit of the event—for this is what was like no other, and yet this was truly the culmination of all that came before it.

For this was our second prayer breakfast of this fledgling year of 2006, and yet it was just one in a consecutive string of monthly prayer breakfasts over an eight-year period. Many of the same faces were in attendance; our national co-convenor Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr., our dutiful and faithful M.C.; Dr. A. Harold White, the "Big Man" (all 600 lbs of him); Rev. Walter Butts, who provided the gospel spirit (as he has so many times over the past 25 years in attendance to True Parents). The congregation included Civil Rights icons such as 93-year-old activist Rev. M.E. Sardon (who has attended everything from Causa to Common Suffering to ICC pilgrimages to Korea). The Rev. A.I. Dunlap was there, as he has been so many times, sitting right across from Rev.

was it so difficult to even sit still long enough to indulge in the delicious meal so lovingly prepared by the kitchen staff of this beautiful new edifice called St. John's Missionary Baptist Church? For everywhere one looked appeared a smiling heavenly face that one had to rise to his feet and greet. It just felt like everyone, and I mean everyone, was present. The name list would create a novel in itself.

And whose presence would cause Rev. Jenkins to speak just 3 minutes, Dr. Yang to conclude in 4 minutes, and the Archbishop George Augustus Stallings to finish in less time than that? It was the presence the Rev. Dr. Clay Evans, the dean of all Black Baptist preachers in the Chicago area, if not in all of America, the founder and now senior pastor of Chicago's historic Fellowship Baptist Church. Although he would not give his exact age, he admitted to accepting Jesus into his life at age ten, which, he told the congregation, was

New York ACLC Prayer Breakfasts



by Rev. Sakamoto

The ACLC of New York got off to a good start as we entered the 6th year of Cheon IL Guk. Through the inspirations and guidance of Rev Jenkins to have a consistent monthly prayer breakfasts, on Saturday, January 14th, the ACLC had its first prayer breakfast in 2006 at the "First Grace Baptist Church" in Harlem, New York.

In December of 2005, Archbishop Moses de la Rosa and Bishop Margie de la Rosa of the "Christ Family Church" in Mount Vernon, New York, became excited when Rev. Levy Daugherty asked them to host

the ACLC prayer breakfast. Then, they initiated, organized and personally hosted the event. All this took place while the New York Family Federation leadership was at a seminar.

During the December prayer breakfast, one pastor, Rev. Harvey Kendricks of the "First Grace Baptist Church" in Harlem, New York, was inspired and asked that his church host the next monthly prayer breakfast which would take place on the second Saturday of January, 2006.

Despite the inclement weather, the church was packed with ministers from our different districts including the two co-convenors Dr. Mc Ghee and Rev. Bruce Grodner, the co-chair Bishop Peter Armah

(Bronx), Rev. Queen Varick (Queens), Rev. Dr. Margaret Savage (Long Island), Archbishop Moses de la Rosa and Bishop Margie de la Rosa (Westchester).

Bishop Cecil Riley from the "Freedom Hall Church of God" is the New York Regional ACLC co-chairman and a leader of the Caribbean community, gave a powerful introduction, recognizing Father Moon's accomplishments and the sacrifice of our Japanese missionaries. The keynote address was given by Rev. Levy Daugherty, a powerful and revolutionary message on "Changing Blood Lineage" from a Biblical perspective.

The ministers were moved and the campaign to expand membership was off to

a good start. At the end of the program, a number of clergy signed membership to join the ACLC. The program was concluded with the Holy Wine Ceremony.

We would like to give thanks to God and True Parents for their unbending determination to save this nation through awakening all clergy and religious leaders to take ownership and responsibility for building and expanding God's kingdom.

We would like to thank Rev. In Hoi Lee for his constant guidance and leadership, Rev. Levy Daugherty for his initiative and empowerment, and all the ACLC HQ Staff for all of their prayers and support. ❖



by Rev. Tom Gorley

At 8:30 AM on Saturday morning, February 11th, ministers, seminary students from UTS and brothers & sisters from all of New York's six districts began to gather at the Church of the Living Hope for what was to be a life-giving prayer breakfast. As we entered we were greeted by Mrs. Hardaway, wife of Rev. Leander Hardaway, and guided to the sec-

ond floor of this beautifully welcoming church.

Rev. Leander Hardaway opened the breakfast with a warm welcome for everyone and invited Pastor Raymond Dyer to give the invocation. After the invocation a lovely breakfast was served. Over breakfast we were treated to two lovely songs of praise by Pastor John Moye. Bishop Margie de la Rosa gave the first presentation on Free Teens, which is making a great impact in guiding teens to remain

abstinent until they are ready to make a commitment to marriage. Sister Hardaway of WATC Worship Arts Theological Training Center spoke about the need to provide venues for young people to inherit the musical heritage of their parents as many public schools were now cutting their music programs. UTS students and Rev. Wesley Samuels gave presentations.

We saw a 15 minute video presentation about the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation and Rev Moon's 120-city world tour.

After breakfast we proceeded downstairs to the chapel for the service part of this enlightening prayer breakfast. The service was again led by Pastor Leander Hardaway. Seated on the stage were ACLC representatives from all of New York's six districts. As everyone was settling into their seats Sister Hardaway of WATC together with Minister David Bratton on the piano led us in singing several songs, "Amen," "This is the Day, "Bread of Heaven." In preparation for the speakers three readings were presented. The first one from Isaiah 42: 1-9 was read by Sister Bratton, the second read by Rev Jorg Heller were notes from a talk Rev. Moon gave to ministers on their return from Israel & Gaza in 2003, and the third read by Minister Daveta Ogunola was a poem entitled The Pulse of Morning written by Maya Angelou. These readings set the tone for the speakers who

followed.

Rev Daugherty, our first speaker, shared about ACLC activities around the country and how there are many unsung heroes who support us with their prayers, especially our wives, mothers and grandmothers. He also shared about his attendance at Mrs. Coretta Scott King's funeral the week before. He concluded by exhorting us to become a good influence on this nation and towards that end increase the ACLC membership to 30,000 by 2008. Bishop Margie de la Rosa then introduced our keynote speaker, Bishop George Augustus Stallings.

Bishop Stallings began with a quote from Charles Dickens: "These are the best of times and these are the worst of times. These times will test the best of us." He said, "I have some new wine and we need to have some new wine skins. I'm not going to be long but I'm going to be strong. What I'm going to say is all in the BIBLE: the Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth."

He appealed to the ministers, "Don't leave the highway. You may not be able to keep up to the speed and if you need, pull off to the side but don't leave the highway. Help is on the way."

Following Bishop Stallings' speech a holy wine ceremony was held for couples to rededicate themselves to their spouses. The service ended with a song led by Minister Daveta Ogunola, "Let's Praise God Together" and a prayer by Rev. Daugherty. ❖

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So brothers and sisters, thank you for patiently staying with the creative license of today's report. But please know for a surety that God is good. This event was not just Chicago. We were supported by over 40 ACLC co-coordinators who were in our fair city attending a 3-day leadership workshop, and their presence added a power and a spirit that made this breakfast leave the ranks of ordinary.

For once, Bishop Kim was left with enough time to graciously thank the congregation as he gave concluding remarks. And although he was given due credit for his yeoman efforts to pull off this incredible experience, the greater conclusion was that this was truly an ACLC event and not the fruits of one man, or one group or even one denomination.

And the exciting thing is that this is only February and we have 10 months left in this infant year of 2006, the fifth year of the Cheon Il Gook. We still have pilgrimages to make to Israel, convocations in which to participate, and church growth conferences to attend.

As Rev. Levi Daugherty put it as the ACLC workshop concluded at noon the following day, this was the first conference that he had ever attended where he was forced to adjourn the meeting while people clamored to ask more and more questions, rather than rushing to be the first to the exit door and airport bus."

Yes brothers and sisters, 2006, the first of these next seven years, is already shaping up to be an exciting time. Let us spend it together, with God and True Parents and by experiencing the power of our own brothers and sisters in this age of building the Kingdom of God on Earth through Hoon Dok Church activities. ❖

ACLCLC Fourth Anniversary Banquet and Awards Celebration in Detroit

Saturday, Feb. 11th, was the fourth anniversary of the founding of ACLCLC in Detroit. Two hundred people, mostly pastors and members of their congregations, gathered at the DoubleTree Hotel for our celebration and awards banquet. We began with a tribute to the Abrahamic faiths: Rabbi Waldman proclaimed the age of the Messiah with the blowing the ancient ram's horn, the shofar, our

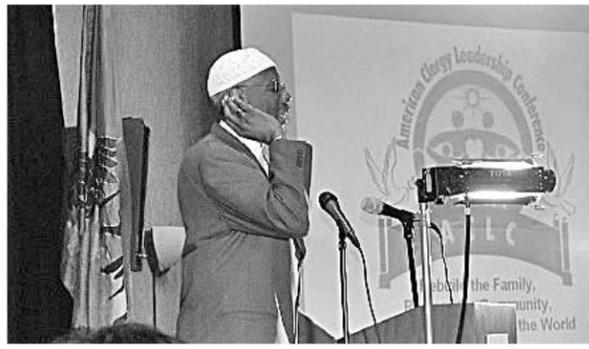
spirit is so free that he inspired many of us to get up with him. We had many new guests and this really warmed their hearts. One pastor said that the rabbi is truly inspired by the Holy Spirit.

After dinner we showed the video, "The

you with knowledge and understanding". He focused on the teaching that pastoring is about relationships.

The culmination of the program was the awards ceremony. To find awardees we put an ad in the local newspaper ask-

brought their members to come and support their pastor as he or she received the award. Several churches bought tables of 10 and one church brought two tables. In this process we connected to new churches that are close to ACLCLC in their



friend Imam Abdullah Bey El Amin gave an Islamic call to prayer and a Christian praise and worship dance was performed by the Detroit-Windsor Dance Company.

Due to our ACLCLC pastor Rev. William Thompson's contacts in the political world, our program included greetings from a state legislator and county official. During the musical entertainment that followed, Rabbi Waldman again inspired the crowd; when he got up to dance, his

Power of True Love" which is still a favorite with our clergy friends for its inspired testimonies by the great pastors Rev. T. L. Barrett, Rev. Wyatt T. Walker and Rev. E. V. Hill. This video, plus graceful music performed by our Japanese Sisters Choir, set the stage for the message given by Rev. Dr. Lonnie McLeod. He gave a wonderful message on the meaning of being a pastor as a shepherd based on Jeremiah 3:15, "Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead

ing for the public to nominate their pastor for an award in categories such as public service, abstinence education, marriage ministry and couples working together in ministry, categories which reflect the spirit and purpose of ACLCLC. This worked very well. We gave out eight awards, and the quality of the winners was very good. The testimony of one pastor's wife to her husband was so tender that it brought tears to some in the audience as we read it. And these churches

ministry philosophy and goals. And these pastors, and their members, were educated as to what the ACLCLC is all about.

We have been to other banquets in Detroit such as ones put on by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the NAACP. Our pastors are saying that we have surpassed them in quality and vision. We are so grateful for True Parents for their enthusiasm, vision, hope and a love that people can see and feel in what we do. ❖

ACLCLC NJ Monthly Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Ferrabolli

On Saturday, February 25th, bathed in the bright morning sun of the Garden State, the New Jerusalem Community gathered for our ACLCLC monthly prayer breakfast held in Hopewell Baptist Church, where Rev. Dr. Jason C. Guice is the pastor. Pastors came from all directions to join the already high spirited environment

at beautiful Hopewell Baptist Church, which is built as a replica of the original temple in Jerusalem. Until 1969, Hopewell was a Jewish synagogue. In April of 2002 we held the New Jerusalem satellite Blessing there, connected to the 144,000 couples Blessing.

Father's name was proclaimed, ACLCLC was elevated, family values were preached and all together we uplifted God's Hope for America, our theme for this month.

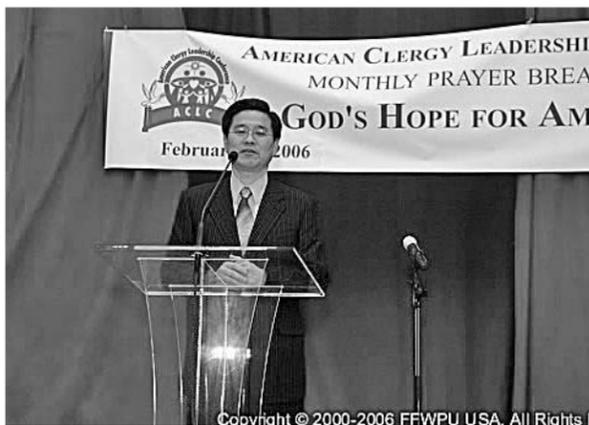
The honorable Charles C. Bell, City Councilman, Central Ward, delivered warm greetings on behalf of Mayor Sharpe James.

The Co-host, Rev. Dr. Jason C. Guice, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, and the Host, Rev. Dong Woo Kim, delivered welcoming remarks. The New Jerusalem Choir sang with the beauty of heaven in their voices.

The keynote speaker, Rev. Jesse

Edwards, blessed all with an incredible message of hope and peace for America. Pastor Luke Davis, Imam Ameer Salahuddin, and Rev. Dr. Elton T. Byrd all gave positive and enlightened responses to Rev. Jesse Edwards' message. The holy wine was celebrated by all participants.

Thanks, Rev. Kim, Rev. Geller, and all brothers and sisters who contributed to the success of this event. ❖



The Cartoon Denigration of the Prophet



by Archbishop George Augustus Stallings

The recent cartoon denigration of the messenger of Allah, Muhammad (peace be upon him) by a Danish newspaper has unleashed a furor in the Islamic world of dramatic proportions. Why could journalism not have been more circumspect in taking on such a behemoth?

Man's inhumanity toward man is most often expressed in acts committed out of philosophical and religious ignorance. What is sacred to one believer may have no special significance to an adherent of another faith. When one crosses the line and disrespectfully treads upon the sanctum sanctorum of another man's belief, rationality is jettisoned and ruminating about what could have been avoided is an exercise in futility.

The American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLCL), which is rapidly becoming the nation's largest interreligious and interracial coalition of Christian ministers, has taken the high road in an effort to bring about greater civility, sensitivity and awareness among Muslims, Jews and Christians. The

organization has brought thousands of interreligious clergy to visit Israel and Gaza in more than a dozen delegations over the past 3 years to interface with the children of Abraham in constructive dialogue, leading participants to a greater understanding and appreciation of each other's faith. It should now be obvious that lasting peace requires more than weapons, walls and diplomacy. It is tragic when religion engenders such conflict, for the true practice of the teachings of our great faith traditions would lead each of us to be peacemakers.

We most certainly cannot condone in any way, shape or form the acts of violence and destruction that have arisen in reaction to the insensitive caricatures. Yet, it is unreasonable to expect cool heads to prevail in the current crisis when that which is most sacred and reverentially honored by some is counted as political-exploitative by others.

Sacred images are inviolable because they belong to the household of Faith. To infringe upon the sacred heritage or religious icons of another is to open oneself to the most intense demonstrations of retaliation imaginable. To tamper or mess with another tradition's deity, especially its messenger, is tantamount to a sacrilegious and blasphemous act. It denigrates that which is holy and reverent in the eyes of the believer. Freedom of speech or of the press provide no shelter in such a forum. They must yield and bow to the altar of the sacrosanct. Sacred decorum requires that we not violate the religious sensibilities of others or cavalierly manipulate that which is the sole proprietorship of those who may think and act differently than we do.

It is indeed a human tragedy that the sincere efforts to increase tolerance and understanding since 9/11 are now being subjugated to the whimsical miscalculations or uncontrolled passions of a few - be they the press or in the general public. The bottom

line is: you do not trivialize or make mockery of another's religion or sacred icons and symbols. When you denigrate or malign others' race, faith or ethnicity, whether intentionally or out of ignorance it often leads to the consequences we now witness. The scripture says you will reap what you have sown.

We issue a call from Jerusalem to all religious leaders of good will- Muslims, Christians and Jews- to come forward to demonstrate faith that brings

respect and dignity for all. The conclusion of yet another interreligious pilgrimage reminds us once again of the urgent need for dialogue and understanding on all sides. ACLCL calls upon faith leaders to sow such seeds of love and respect that will bring healing to the land. ❖

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Translators Wanted

Father's words compiled in the historic Cheong Seong Gyeong have been translated into English. It has required months of painstaking efforts in translation from Korean to English and in depth discussions about key Korean words and concepts and the deeper theological meaning, as well as the proper theological expression in English. This has been an enormous challenge as you can imagine. However, the majority of this work is done.

Now there is need for a managing editor who is a native English speaker to move to Korea from now until May to oversee the final editing of this historic record of Father's core teachings. Knowledge of Korean would be fantastic; however, it is not required. There will be compensation.

This person must be an excellent editor with in-depth knowledge of the Divine Principle and Father's core teachings. This person must also be able to manage a team of four to five assisting editors that can work from America (or Europe) by email. The editing must preserve the integrity of the message as well as convey the thought in the highest standard of English. It must be perfect. This work will become a permanent record of Father's teaching and core expression of God's Word in English. Candidates should be people with outstanding spiritual lifestyle that can be verified by Regional, National or International FFWPU leaders. It is important that the candidates feel called to do this historic and sacred work. It would be very good if they have graduated from UTS. They have to be people of impeccable integrity who understand that the Word is sacred and must not be bent or changed in a way that alters the meaning or distorts the intent.

The English translation has to convey the suprarreligious, supranational, supraracial character of Father's words, that are beyond the boundaries of current traditions, yet are given with a heart of sincere respect for the history of God's revealed word through the various religions and Holy Scriptures.

The mission begins as soon as possible and concludes at the end of May. To answer the call for this historic mission or to ask questions, please email Margaret@familyfed.org.

Others who would like to be considered for the editing team that would remain in the U.S. (or in Europe) may also email Margaret@familyfed.org to express your interest

Seattle's First Prayer Breakfast of 2006

by Mary Anglin

Seattle ACLCL's new year got off to a good start on Saturday, January 21st, with our first prayer breakfast of the year. We utilized a new location for our breakfast, the Northwest Landing Restaurant in the Double Tree Hotel, halfway between our two main

outreach areas of Seattle and Tacoma.

Not only did we have a new and beautiful location, we had six new ministers in attendance! Also returning was one of the ACLCL original founding members, who had not been able to join us in recent months.

The theme of the breakfast was "Exploring the Golden Rule". Matthew 25:31-45 was read, as well as excerpts

from Father's blessing speech of August 20, 2005. With so many new guests, Rev. Anglin gave an impromptu but inspiring introduction to ACLCL.

Rev. Green, one of our new contacts, said he learned so much and wants to definitely support ACLCL. Rev. White, who had been invited for over a year, finally attended, just wanting to observe. He took notes throughout and by the

end was very happy and excited to connect with us. Bishop Candle was so inspired that he coordinated group pictures at the end.

Another nice aspect to this prayer breakfast was the attendance by a number of FFWPU members who have not done ACLCL work before, but through this prayer breakfast felt the excitement to begin! ❖



Tong-Il Moo-Do in Moscow at -30 degrees

by Irina Zablotskaya

Despite extremely cold weather in Moscow, the workshop on January 12-25, 2006 was quite successful. Participants were 37 from Russia, Moldova, Uzbekh, Estonia, Belarus and Ukraine. Natalya Tsvik (Moscow Instructor 3rd degree black belt) was in the position of main instructor; Moscow TIMD instructors Alexey and Irina assisted her.

Natalya (who became champion of Form competition at Peace King Cup Japan) was strict with students and wouldn't give them any compromise. She was an unchanging example of good character, strong will and determination in bringing all the participants up in spirit and physical strength. Alexey led part of the trainings and gave lectures on TIMD bons. All of instructors were inspired and resurrected, because they could use their abilities investing themselves and at the end they see real results of their work. The most inspiring point was that the students could catch and inherit the spirit of TIMD and its educational power for their character and physical body. Many of them expressed desire to participate in such a workshop one more time. Such realizations were very important especially for those young members - future leaders - who before completely didn't understand the meaning and the purpose of TIMD, the power of it as a witnessing tool and a very effective means to change young people.

The participants are very young internally



and not so strong physically. For many of them this workshop was a real challenge but they all went to the end and had wonderful realizations and experiences. The participants who came from other countries were very inspired and got determination to absolutely witness about TIMD and its effectiveness in achieving mind and body unity and in strengthening their character. Our hope is that they will be able to bring this spirit to

their countries and start or revive TIMD activities in their local area.

The following is selected participants' reflections:

"I was very inspired by the spiritual level of the workshop. I've never received so much love and inspiration from sport training. The workshop was a wonderful opportunity to search for the internal meaning in the seemingly external things. I want to attend such a workshop

one more time and may be in the future to become a TIMD instructor." Ilyina Yulea, 18 years old, 5 years of kyokushin karate practice

"Before the workshop I couldn't understand the meaning of TIMD, why we need it and couldn't find anything beautiful in it. But now I want to go through such a workshop one more time. Even through TIMD one can change. I want to witness TIMD to young people and bring them to TIMD." Konykova Irina, 19 years old

"I was inspired by the instructors' example. They always expressed cheerful spirit, strong determination, heart, standard, attention, and unchanging attitude. I realized that true love will change the world. I also realized how important it is to educate people by his or her own example expressing parental heart. I

didn't know before how important TIMD is. It helps both to unite mind and body and also people. I've never felt such a family like atmosphere among people from different countries." Tatyana Monahova, 18 years old

"I will never forget these 14 days. It seemed to me that I was at the healing (medical) center "Cheong Pyong". It was amazing but somehow I would receive

enough power, inspiration, support. Batyrova Feruza, 22 years old

"Once I could overcome the fear of death. We practiced rolling with a jump. I thought I would definitely break my shoulder or ribs, but I jumped for God and was safe. I will miss the trainings and our instructors." Anna Blohina, 19 years old. ❖



Tong-Il Moo-Do Demonstration in Ethiopia

by Yacobe Abebe

January 17th, 2006, at the Central Health College in Ethiopia, by the invitation of general manager and Peace Ambassador of the college Mr.

Abinet Girmay Tong-Il Moo-Do students had demonstration in front of more than 200 students. The performers were Master Yacobe, Instructor Solomon and Alazar. The audiences were very inspired by the performance and some of them get interested to join Tong-Il Moo-Do

training.

After the demonstration Rev. Ryoo who is chairman of Ethiopia TIMD explained about TIMD and Martial art. Also Master Yacobe expressed more deeply about TIMD and its current activities in Ethiopia.

At the end of the program about 200 pamphlets were distributed to the audience which states about TIMD and its training center address and location.

We left the college with hope to get many students from college and Universities. ❖

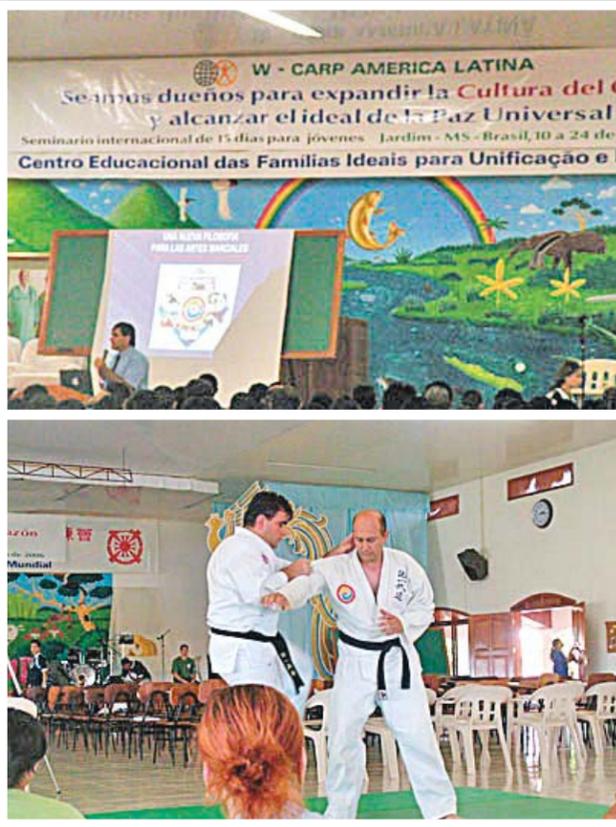


Tong-Il Moo-Do at CARP Latin America Workshop

by Gustavo Giuliano

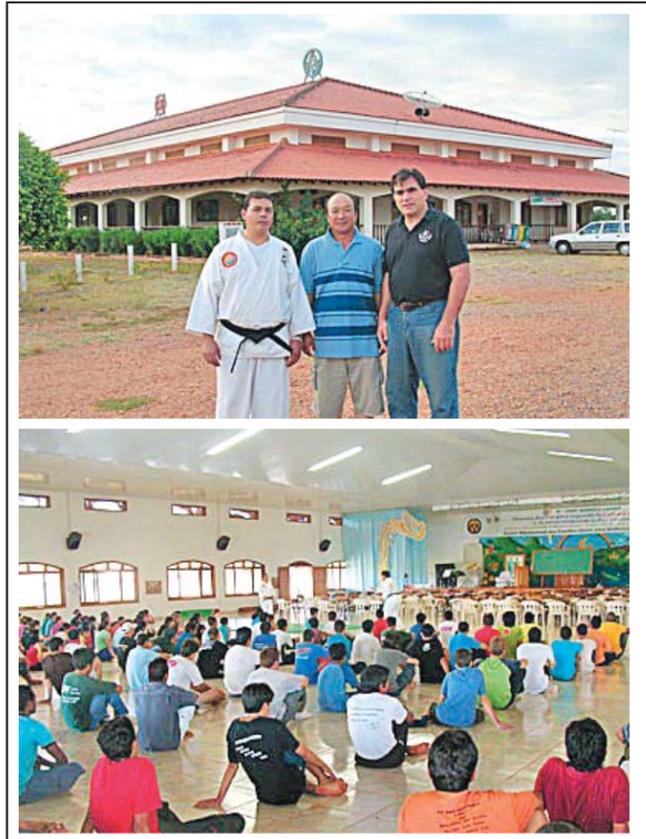
From January 11 to 18, 2006 Tong-Il Moo-Do held a 7 days workshop in Fazenda New Hope, Matto Grosso do Sul, Jardim, Brazil, in which the Instructors Juan Jose Elgul, Fabian Martinez and I gave classes. We had the 220 participants from Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Peru, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Colombia, Venezuela, USA and Ecuador. We received CARP leadership centered on Rev. In Don Kang.

Early in the morning we gave gym classes based on circular movements and in the afternoon for an hour and half we gave intense classes of TIMD. Also Speeches about the Meaning and Philosophy of Tong-Il Moo-Do were given. The high temperature brought the participants to their limits in dominating their bodies. During the classes, and due to the fact that the most of them were new in Martial Arts, the basic circular and lineal techniques were taught. Also small demonstrations by the Masters about self-defense took place which generated great interest in the participants and made the classes really excited.



like to mention that the Latin-American CARP leadership noticed the importance that TIMD has to discipline the members of it's organization, therefore, next year in the 21 days workshop, TIMD will have the responsibility to train officially all members.

Finally, for this year 2006, and based on this seminar, we have the conviction that we will prepare TIMD instructors for: Chile, Peru, Bolivia and Paraguay, where CARP has membership. ❖



The participants were divided into three groups and each Master had a group of around 70 students. While one was teaching Circular Movements, the others taught lineal and self-defense techniques. So the Instructors rotated and repeated their classes in each group.

The general goals of the Workshop were: 1. Inspire them to integrate the TIMD classes during this year in Argentina. 2.

Pass on the 10 practical Self Defense techniques.

We had the great surprise to meet in the New Hope Fazenda, the great master Bek, from the Won Hwa Do Style, who worked years ago as Dr. Sun Myung Moons security. Right now he has the responsibility for the cattle raising of the farm. He nevertheless took his time to tell us about his experiences with Circular Movements. He also thanked us for the effort and especially the great work that Dr. Joon Ho Seuk is realizing worldwide. We would

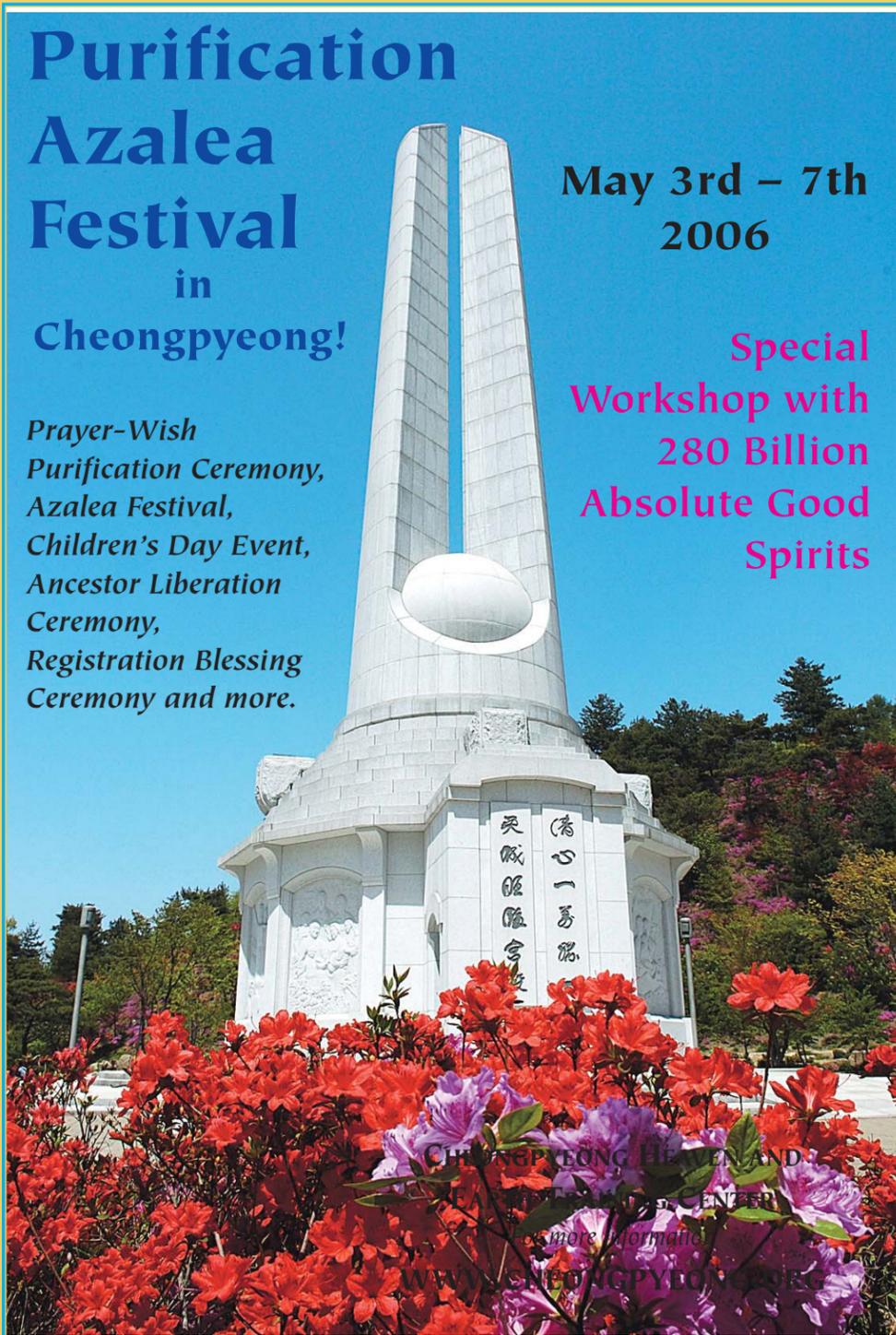


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Remembering Mrs. Choi

by Joe Kinney

The American members first met Mrs. Choi when she accompanied True Parents on the 1965 tour blessing holy grounds world wide. She is seen together with True Parents in many pictures from 1960 to 1977.

In the sixties and early seventies Mrs. Choi was the closest person to True Parents that was approachable to Western members. She spoke fluent English and had a manner that put everyone at ease immediately. She seemed to lack the zone of privacy around her that keeps members distant from so many leaders.

Members at the time felt it was natural to approach Mrs. Choi directly to ask for internal guidance or for an answer to a question in their life of faith, or to ask her to get an answer from True Parents.

The ironic thing was that she was the closest of all to True Parents and True Family. She wore the same type of crowns and ceremonial robes that True Parents wore. Yet she was approachable. What an extraordinary quality of a mother's heart!

One of my interests was to count the number of stars affixed to the White Paper Crowns that True Parents used to wear and to try to guess how they were advancing in fulfilling their missions. Mrs. Choi usually had the same number of stars as Mother and Father always had more. I believe when mother fulfilled her mission both Mother and Father had seven stars. Anyway...

For me I was always amazed by how young Mrs. Choi looked. Even when she was nearly 60 years old her skin was perfectly smooth.

Her course was incredibly demanding. She was an older wiser more educated and more sophisticated woman who had to raise a Mother a humble young high school girl to a position higher than her self. She truly had to have the heart of a Parent to True Mother and yet walk in the shoes of a servant. Her path was so narrow and arduous and unforgiving.

She had to rise before Father, retire after Father; always look like she stepped out of a beauty salon, walk with the grace of a queen and never show the least bit of fatigue, complaint, boredom. She had to figure out how to acquire the daily necessities of life and take care of all her public and personal responsibilities and yet be on call 24/7 for 24 years.

At East Garden where I served in the mid-'70s, all the Staff was focused on serving True Family, and because Mrs. Choi was on constant standby, she had little freedom to take care of her personal needs. At East Garden I had a more flexible schedule that most staff so by default I became Mrs. Won Pak Choi's assistant.

Mrs. Choi was so grateful that I could get AA batteries buy writing paper mail letters or any of the daily necessities

"We must first dissolve the resentment of God. Next is the dissolution of resentment of True Parents. We must also solve the resentment of Mrs. Won Pok Choi, who is celebrating her 60th birthday. Mrs. Choi stands in the position of a mother and true woman in the fallen world. In this ceremony she will establish the condition to indemnify all the failures of women in-history. So the spiritual world and the fallen world up until today must all be indemnified centering upon Mrs. Choi.

"In the original-world, parents would not have been responsible to pay indemnity because good, perfect parents would not have laid a condition for the fall. As a man, I have been preparing everything up until now; however, since a woman still could not stand alone, everything must be indemnified at one time centering upon this condition by Mrs. Choi."

True Father's speech: Ceremony for the Total Dissolution of Resentment May 1, 1975--Chung Pyung Lake, Korea:



she required. I would go to her room after dinner several nights per week and help her with organizing her filing and correspondence and shopping etc. She received a large amount of personal correspondence from all over the world and read all of Father's mail and acted as his secretary, or filter for correspondence. The piles of letters that I used to help her organize were in three general categories. 1. From outside VIPs for her to translate and reply as Father directed. 2. From members to Father. 3. From members all over the world asking Mrs. Choi for internal guidance etc.

She spent countless sleepless nights conveying Father's message and love to members all over the world. An especially large number of letters were exchanged with the foreign missionaries and international leaders.

Sometimes I would leave her room quite late and papers were still scattered all over the place. I felt ashamed;

Mrs. Choi during my visits. She explained the damage to her physical body from the strenuous schedule of attending True Parents for so many years. She had been asking the sisters to give her massages, but they were not strong enough. I could push on her back and shoulders with all my might and it was never too hard for Mrs. Choi. Her body had residue of so much physical stress that she endured for so many years. She had an unusual band of ligaments or similar tissue under the skin in the position of a belt around her waist as a legacy of her physical suffering. Through all this touching there was always the feeling of a mother and son relationship of absolute purity. After reflection I realize that this small measure of kindness and relief from



I would be practically dozing off and Mrs. Choi would dismiss me out of kindness. I was in my 20s and she was in her 60s. Next morning everything was organized. I finally asked how much she was sleeping and she explained that she often slept only every other night and then only for about four hours.

I remember when Mrs. Choi asked me to burn a huge amount of old correspondence to keep it confidential. I never took a peak and burned every single scrap. I didn't want to violate her trust.

One afternoon Mrs. Choi called me to her room and said that she had an important errand for me. She gave me a brief glimpse of a hand written Korean document before she put it in an envelope and sealed it with old fashioned sealing wax and her seal.

I had to deliver it immediately to Col Pak in Belvedere Main house. It was Father's hand written draft of his Washington Monument Speech.

After some time I began to massage

pain meant a great deal to her.

Mrs. Choi and I became friends and I would spend hours listening to her stories of early church life with Father. Those days were very difficult for her and like anyone she needed someone to share her thoughts and act as a sounding board. These were first person testimonies of her incredible hardship and sacrifice. I was in awe of her and knew for a fact that if I, or anyone I knew, were faced with similar challenges we would fail miserably. The most striking thing of all was that in describing her incredible life of faith and service, she spoke of Father with such reverence, respect, and admiration. She was as much in awe of Father as I was in awe of her. I kept asking myself "how great can Father be if such a great lady can admire Him so much. It was and is beyond my comprehension.

She told me what it was like for her to sleep with in one meter of Father and Mother with just a wood and paper door between them. She shyly described to me that she could hear every sound, snoring, flatulence, Father and Mother's pillow talk, and the sound of their lovemaking. She had to retire after True Father and awaken before True Father in order to show proper attendance. I can't imagine this PhD Dean of a women's college could live in such close contact with True Parents and yet offer them such deference and respect.

We took a couple of Evelyn Woods Speed Reading courses together. Mrs. Choi wanted to be able to read faster to serve Father better. Finally one morning before dawn I received a call from Mrs. Choi "Joe would you like to take a drive and see the sunrise." We drove along the Palisades Parkway to view the sun rising over Manhattan. We did this a couple more times before Mrs. Choi returned to Korea to be the principle of the Little Angles School. Father said that she was one of the few people that actually fulfilled their mission. She

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A Magical Experience with True Parents

by Simon Rosselli

Recently Father called members from around the world to come to Alaska to make conditions for his world speaking tour. When I first heard about it my initial reaction was "Yes, I will go" but then I found out details - cost, travel, time away, etc and by the evening I had found more and more reasons not to go. I called my Pastor and told him I had 100 reasons not to go and only one to go and therefore I would be on the plane the next day. I also happened to meet President Song at a meeting and being a professional magician he asked me to bring everything I have, as he would introduce me to perform to True Parents.

I brought as much as I could fit into one suitcase (I had to leave my sawing in half box and other stage props behind) and about 36 hours later landed in Kodiak. I was asked to be ready the first night I arrived but nothing happened and the next but again nothing happened. I offered it up that if it was not to be, then it was not to be, but if it happened - then I would be ready.

A few days went by and then we were asked to put on an event at our local restaurant in which we invited guests to attend, with a buffet dinner and an introduction to The Divine Principle and Father's life. Over 40 guests came but things got changed even as the event took place and instead of eating first the guests heard the introduction and then ate. By this time it was 8pm and they had been invited to dine at 6pm. I was meant to be first in the entertainment and ended up coming on at 8.30pm. However the spirit was there and the guests really entered into the spirit of things and I basically finished to a standing ovation. I think some of the leaders were surprised by the performance and Dr. Yang said that if he had known he would have put me on the program.

A few days later at the celebration to say farewell to T.P.'s asked by Dr. Yang to get ready. I only had a few minutes to prepare and then found out I was basically to be the only entertainment. Suddenly there I was, in front of True Parents wondering how I was going to play the situation. I had thought about it long and hard since I arrived and decided that if I found myself in this position, I would really be a child in front of them. After all they are parents, we are children. A child would have no concepts, no inhibitions, no reservations but whose main purpose or motivation would be to bring joy to their parents. However I had no idea how it would be received, cultural difference, language, humour etc and therefore, if I felt it was too much I would back off and respect their space.

I wanted to break the ice and as I stood there in front of them I made a comment that although I have performed many times "tonight I was nervous". I then started with a few card tricks asking Father to choose a card. I then held Father's finger, studied it and said that as we all have unique finger prints and I would find his card through his finger print. I then got him to sign it and ripped it up and then by magic put it back together again. I then asked mother to sign a card and then made it fly in front of her eyes. By then I had both their signatures signed on cards and made a joke to this effect.

Both were really laughing and really entered into the spirit of things.

At this point I felt I didn't need to hold back anything and really pushed the boat out. The more I gave the more they responded. Holding Mother's hands, rabbits disappeared and then reappeared and then

and chose a card but instead of being 1,2,3, 4 & 5 everything was reversed and was 5,4,3,2,& 1 and seen that he had been fooled, laughed and let me leave. Dr. Yang however was determined to find out and said again "Father said" and he wanted to know about a rope trick, which when

talented Korean and Japanese magicians but he explained he was talking about how close, up front and personal I was with True Parents (as I had been holding their hands, looking at Father's fingers etc). I explained that when Father gives us a direction it can be taken as a com-



whilst they were together as a family, they multiplied and babies appeared. It was really so wonderful to see them so free and really enjoying themselves. Mother was almost in tears through laughter.

After 15 minutes I felt I was ahead of the game and wanted to quit whilst I was ahead, so I politely bowed and said "thank you very much" but they asked me to continue. I continued for about another 10 minutes and again politely bowed and said "thank you very much" but as I was leaving Father started speaking in Korean. Dr. Yang translated and said "Father wants you to teach everyone a trick". I didn't want to do this as it takes something away from the magic and dilutes things but how do you decline True Father in a situation like that. I started to make a joke about being expelled from The Magic Circle (the worlds leading magic club) for revealing secrets and politely bowed again but Dr. Yang said "Father said you have to teach everyone a trick" so I said if Father could tell me where the 5 of clubs was after showing him the cards and laying them on the table I would do so. As I put each one down I asked Father what the number was 1, 2, 3 and then I shuffled the last two cards. Father was really watching and determined to win

I cut three times, had come back together but when he cut the rope, it fell to pieces. I said he had already demonstrated how to do this and the whole room with True Parents burst out laughing. I then bowed again and was finally allowed to leave.

Peter Kim then asked me for my business card which when I gave it too him burst into flames, again more laughter and he said he would invite me for one of the future Holy Days. Then Mother came up to sing and said before she started "I wish the Magician would do some magic on my voice so I can sing well for you" and when Father spoke to us, every ten minutes he kept asking "Where is the Magician - what's your name?" and then talking about magic and whether it was real or not, how True Parents were real but he wasn't sure about magic anymore. I could see that from this feedback I had really touched their hearts and left a mark on them.

Afterwards I was talking to a Korean leader who said that Koreans and Japanese could never had done that and in all his time in the church he had never seen anything like that. At first I thought he was talking about the magic and replied that in The Magic Circle I know some very

mander giving orders to his soldiers but this is not the relationship I feel we should have with them, as above all else they are our parents and therefore when we do things and overcome various challenges, we should do it to bring them joy and happiness just as child does everything to bring joy to their parents. This should be the secret to that relationship, a parent/child relationship.

Knowing the path they have trodden for us, it was truly wonderful to be able to bring them so much joy, happiness and laughter and to really touch their hearts.

If someone would like to get a copy of this DVD "The Magic of True Parents" please send a check/money order made payable to F.F.W.P.U for \$15 or 15 euros (this price includes post and packing) and send it to: 25 Hainthorpe Road, London SE27 OPL

All money received from this DVD will go to purchasing a centre for South London. If you have any questions or would like to reach me please contact me in England at 0208-516-8276 or via email at energy1@btconnect.com I look forward to hearing from you. ❖

Westchester Family Church's Third Retreat

by Lionel Binnie

Westrock Family Church held its third retreat last October 22nd and 23rd with the theme "Uncovering your gifts; Finding your calling" at Epworth retreat center, New York..

Retreats, valued by traditions such as Catholicism and Buddhism, are to spend a quiet weekend in nature, in prayer, reflection and thoughtful discussion. And with fun and fellowship. This retreat's theme was 'Calling'; to find and get in touch with our voice

and our gifts. This is important to all on a religious path, perhaps especially for Unificationists trying to connect their big vision of "Kingdom of Heaven" to their own unique place and situation.

We held the event at a retreat center in the Hudson valley, New York, called Epworth. It has a Victorian manor house, sleeping accommodations, and dining hall on meadows overlooking a peaceful river. 14 brothers and sisters attended from the tri-state area.

We started with my introductory talk, then Benjamin Hack's personal testimony

about hearing and following one's calling, and discussion. After lunch, we broke into smaller groups and discussed questions about the retreat theme. A break for personal time and then we gathered back together as a larger group and reported about our ear-

lier discussions.

Dinner, (excellent!) and then various games like 'fork and spoon' and 'mafia' were played with much fun and laughter late into the evening. The next day, Sunday, began with a simple worship service, with an impassioned sermon from Mark Johnson and Harumi Kawamura's thought-provoking presentation on Myers-Briggs personality types and worship styles. Next was 'Lifelines', a self-mapping exercise offered by Eric Wenzel, which helped us understand how we look at each other and ourselves. I gathered helpful insights through this exercise, and for many it seemed to be a retreat high point.

After a final meal at Epworth we drove over the Hudson to the nearby UTS campus and closed the weekend

with a prayer walk on the labyrinth there, and a final wrap-up.

Thank you to all who helped me put the retreat together, with presentations and support from Eric Wenzel, Benjamin Hack, Harumi Kawamura, Matthew Strater, Mark Johnson and Gillian Corcoran as well as the full investment of all who came. And much thanks also, to the leadership of Westchester/Rockland county family church, Rev. In Hoi Lee and Rev. Andrew Compton, for their spiritual and financial support.

Note: If you are interested in holding a retreat in your area and would like some assistance or information to help you, or for any questions or comments, please contact me at lionelbinnie@optonline.net.

What is a retreat, anyway?

'A retreat is something God gives to us. All we do is intended simply to give Him more opportunity to do for us what He is always seeking to do, - to help us know Him, understand His will and His love for us. We come into the retreat in the confidence that, if we let Him, God will make the retreat mean for us what He knows to be best suited to our need.' ❖



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always was such a real genuine person, and that was my experience with Father and Mother too.

And amazingly she had so much love and connection to her physical sons whom she had to abandon in the early years. She really loved them and was constantly trying to send small gifts to them or to visit them on one of the extremely rare days that she could get away from East Garden for a few hours. I think many members neglect their families, but often they don't sincerely suffer because of the separation. Mrs. Choi was a great mom who always longed for her sons.

She never complained and she always had a grateful heart. She was so great that I would have believed that she was the messiah, yet she constantly expressed her absolute awe of True Father. Often I thought that if someone as great as Mrs. Won Pak Choi could be in awe of True Parents, then I must believe in them.

This is not official, but what I understand about Mrs. Choi's course is that she had to raise or educate True Mother for her 1st two seven year courses and for the 1st 3 years of the third. On True Parents Birthday February 23, 1977 Father proclaimed "Day One of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and Mrs. Choi's course was completed. She returned to Korea soon after.

Here is the last sentence of Today In the Light of Dispensational History, Sun Myung Moon, February 23, 1977, World Mission Center. "This is the new beginning of the new history of Mother and I are giving you the privilege, the author - God. Therefore, this is the first year of the Kingdom of God,

year one of the Kingdom of God." This was Mother's 34th birthday and Father said she went beyond the level of Jesus' life at this time.

Apparently Father had notified Mrs. Choi several months beforehand of her return to Korea. The ironic thing was that Mrs. Choi knew that Father would expect her to get into the car with one small suitcase and take off for Korea. She had to give the appearance of having as few positions as Gandhi, while appearing as regal as the queen mother, being as faithful as Job, and having the stamina of a marathon runner, all with an attitude of absolute servitude; and in her spare time she conveyed personal messages to and from Father to the world membership.

Father had given her hundreds of gifts. She had thousands of historical letters and things Father had signed or used, but it wouldn't seem proper for a moving van or something to come to take it all away. Night after night I would help her pack up boxes and suitcase cases and after Father had retired we would throw these in the back of a car and meet Dr. Seuk or one of her other sons at some rendezvous not so far from East Garden to have them ship them to Korea to her home.

The efforts like this that Mrs. Choi had to expend to always appear perfect was incredible and very taxing to her. I guess she really appreciated having a "man Friday" to help her out.

She literally treated me like her son. She was never arrogant or pretentious. When I arrived in Korea in 1978, some-



how she new about it and had me brought to her house and made sure that I was in good hands. When I met her at Belvedere several years later she gave me a big bear hug and every time she came to America on a private visit to her four sons who live in the New York area she would telephone me and invite me to come to their houses to visit her. Because I changed missions some times she had to go through a lot of trouble to get my number, but

she mad the effort out of love for a young kid like me. She even came to my home for diner one time.

The last time I saw her was here at the New Yorker about 2 years ago (In 2003 or 4). She seemed to have a severe case of dementia probably caused by Alzheimer's disease and she could barely even recognize me. I was sad, but yet proud that her life had been so completely in vested in doing God's Will that even the ashes of her existence were glorious. I believe these are the ashes of a Phoenix that will rise again gloriously.

Mrs. Choi went to the Spirit World on January 15th, 2006 at 2:35 P.M. at the age of 91 years old. True Father gave her calligraphy "Mother of Faith, Love and Loyalty," and proclaimed that her Seung Hwa Ceremony was held on the worldwide level on January 19th, at 8:00 A.M. at the Little Angels Performance Hall. The Won Jon Shik was held on the 19th, at 11:00 A.M. at the Paju Original Palace.

Mrs. Choi truly walked in the path of suffering in the shoes of a servant with the heart of a Parent It is a cherished treasure to have such an historical lady reveal so much of her humanity to me. ❖

Rev. Kwak and the Peace Cup

John Haydon, who covered the 2003 and 2005 Peace Cup for the Washington Times, interviewed Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 2005 Peace Cup and President of the K-League, Korea's professional football/soccer league, at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul, South Korea last year.

Q. First of all, congratulations, Rev. Kwak. I spoke to a number of the coaches and the dutchman Martin Jol - said the Peace Cup was was of the best organized tournament that he has actually been in. He was very inspired. PSV Eindhoven coach Guus Hiddink called it a "beautiful and prestigious tournament". The players also seemed inspired. So looking back on the 2005 event, was it successful and in your mind how different was it from the first one in 2003?

Rev. Kwak: First, we deeply considered the quality of the teams coming and we think we did our best in who we invited. We not only wanted good teams but for the clubs to bring their best players. So the quality of the tournament was very important.

Secondly, the promotion and broadcasting was very good. It was not only broadcast in Korea but also by Eurosport and ESPN. The event was broadcast literally all over the world in 19 languages and was covered by many newspapers. The Peace Cup is truly the best club tournament on the club championship level which involves teams from four different continents.

The sponsorships and and partnerships were much bigger this time.

At the first tournament in 2003 there was only a few Korean sponsors; however, this time we had famous Korean sponsors and several major world sponsors [Lexus, Heineken, Adidas, Korean Air, Samsung] from several countries. The quality of sponsorship was very high.

Also, the attendance at the grounds was very good.

In this country people are very interested in the national soccer team but still the club teams have difficulty drawing the kind of fans the national team draws. However, since the 2002 World Cup, the Peace Cup has drawn the biggest attendance for soccer games in Korea. Most of the stadiums for the recent tournament were seventy percent full.

Q. And what are your plans for the 2007 event?

Rev. Kwak: Once again we will be concerned about quality and we want to elevate the quality and spread the spirit of the tournament which is world peace and harmony. We will not only be looking at bringing big teams but we are considering inviting an all-star team from different continents. At the moment we only have one team representing a continent and on that club team there are only a few big stars. But there are many famous players from that continent but you only get a certain number of big players on a club team.

So another idea would be to invite an all-star team. Probably at the third tournament in 2007 we will not only have eight teams but a maximum of 16 teams.

Q. So we might see, say, an African all-star team?

Rev. Kwak: Yes of course, and maybe a North American all-star team. The all-star concept means we are crossing over national borders, which is part of promoting world peace. I have many ideas, and I'm still thinking. Our organizing committee is researching this for the next event.

Q. Especially from a continent like Africa, it would be a very good idea because they have smaller clubs but across the continent there are many talented players.

Rev. Kwak: Absolutely. Even an all-star team from Asia. We want to invite each country's top players.

Q. Sixteen teams, that's a big tournament and that's lots of games.

Rev. Kwak: Actually, each club and the players cannot stay a long time. Two weeks is almost the maximum they can stay.

Q. Four or five games for a team is a lot in two weeks.

Rev. Kwak: This time we divided the tournament between Group A and Group B, with each group winner playing in the final, like the 2003 competition.

But I am thinking - and I haven't yet come to a conclusion -but I'm thinking, for example, of dividing the event into four groups - A,B, C and D - and the winners of the four groups playing in the semifinals - this kind of concept.

Anyhow, there will be a maximum of sixteen teams, but more than eight teams.

Q. A lot of the big clubs are now looking to play on tournament in the pre-season, especially in Asia, to promote themselves.

Rev. Kwak: Yes, but our tournament has a different vision and spirit. The winning team should not just play for themselves but make some portion of the winnings to donate. For example, look at the attitude of our founder.

Clearly expenditures far exceeded income taken at the tournament but he donated \$1 million to promote soccer events in less privileged countries)

That should not just be the spirit of the founder but also of the players and the teams. They should express that kind of giving. We want soccer players and clubs to have this kind of attitude of donating to help world peace.

Q. So what is the founder's vision behind the Peace Cup?

Rev. Kwak: As you know, the nature of football is very unique compared to other sports. It springs from inside people and is energetic and exciting.

This kind of game reflects the essence of our nature and human development, not just on the individual level, but the social level. We are focusing on the direction - not to be self-centered, but to live for the purpose of the whole. We are one

hundred percent confident that this event is dedicated to world peace. So the spirit of this event is different. It is directed



looking at gaining money from this. Many sports events are only looking to make income, gain money, or only looking at the external reasons. Our founder never looks at it like this. He wants to share, and set an example of sharing, and we want players and clubs to adapt this spirit and give to their community.

Q. You were elected the president of the K-League [in Jan. 2005]. What does that role entail and what do you do as head of Korea's soccer league?

Rev. Kwak: The Korean Football Association is at an important moment because Korea hosted the 2002 World Cup, and the Korean team was the fourth best in the world. So Korean soccer has become an international

phenomenon creating international relations and exchange. We are now part of the development of world soccer. We have a lot to offer world soccer. We have to promote football to all people. Actually for the successful development of a football league, it does not just involve the club teams alone, or player's technique, we need to create a oneness. So I urge the professional teams, don't just look after your own clubs interest or benefit. We must be dedicated to all people and fans and work with the grassroots. Worldwide people remember the 2002 World Cup and how there was amazing energy and power here at the time. Our goal - my goal - is that our professional football teams try and develop that kind of energy and power. So I am working with the teams in the league to do this, to be dedicated to the league, Asian Football and World Football. Through this kind of development we can promote world peace.

to living for others and spreading peace. We want the players, the teams, the officials and the audience to spread that kind of positive and constructive promotion of peace.

Q. Some of the profits are being used to promote soccer tournaments in the Third World?

Rev. Kwak: Absolutely we are holding many events. We are not just donating \$1 million but we want to create that kind of giving spirit because modern society is becoming more and more selfish, where we are often looking after our own interests. So it is our desire to promote this giving attitude.

Our original minds are pure and there is a lot of potential here. Our essence wants to give. Compared with any sport, soccer - football -has the potential and power to do this. So our founder is never

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The Encyclopedia Project is an exciting new project for developing a compendium of knowledge uniting values and facts. On May 1, 2005, Reverend Kwak approved an online Internet encyclopedia that moves forward the vision which has been a long-time goal of Father Moon, including substantial pioneering work on the project in the early 1990s.

The current editorial team is now working extremely hard to generate a body of knowledge so that the general reader will learn information, not just for its own sake, but for its value to the world as a whole. The underlying goal of the encyclopedia is to promote true knowledge that leads to human happiness, well-being, and world peace.

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The 2005 Peace Cup involved Korean six-time champion Seongnam Ilhwa, Dutch champion PSV Eindhoven, English club Tottenham Hotspur, French champion Olympique Lyon from France, Spanish club Real Sociedad, Argentine giant Boca Juniors, 2004 Copa Libertadores champion, Once Caldas of Colombia and Sundowns FC from South Africa. Tottenham beat Lyon 3-1 in the final. ❖

ADVERTISE IN THE UNIFICATION NEWS

by Bruce Sutchar

Several months ago I met a businessman in Chicago. He was working on a project for Dreamworks Studios, which is the production company founded and owned by Steven Spielberg. Spielberg is the genius that made "ET," which, coming out in June of 1982, during the Blessing time in New York was the very first movie that I ever watched with my wife. Spielberg is the man who made "Schindler's List," the only holocaust film that I have ever been able to watch and very pertinent to this article, Spielberg is Jewish.

As we talked about our world so filled with good and evil, I shared with him that I had just recently returned from my third pilgrimage to the Israel and Palestine and was working with an interfaith organization that was committed to helping bring peace to the Middle East. He shared with me that Spielberg was currently working on a film about the 1972 Munich Olympics, during which 11 Israeli hostages were murdered by the radical Palestinian terrorists group Black September. And he shared with me that Spielberg had been struggling with the nature of good and evil, repentance and restitution.

So when I checked my local movie listing and saw that the new film "Munich" had just opened in Chicago, I made plans to see the film. I chose to go alone, since my sensitive, musician, pianist Austrian wife would probably have a difficult time with the graphic bloodshed portrayed in the film. What I then viewed through the next 2+ hours, certainly justified my decision, but also, it was one of the deeper and more profound films that I have seen in many years. For it is not a simple film. Not just an action commando film, but a deep, thoughtful film which grapples face to face with the nature of good and evil. And probably most of all for me personally,

it is a film that lead me to a much deeper appreciation of the incredible value of our True Parents.

The film begins with much actual archive news footage of the reporting of the taking of the Israeli hostages. All the ABC sportscasters of my youth; Jim McKay, Chris Schenkel and even Howard Cosell along with newscasters like Peter Jennings are shown. The actual news footage is interspersed with the dramatization of how the hijackers made their way into the Olympic Village and captured the Israelis. In fact, very little blood is shown, but the intensity of the situation leaves one on the edge of their seat.

From this point, the film moves forward to the time immediately after the hostages are murdered. There is an informal cabinet meeting in Israel and Prime Minister Golda Meir chooses the heroic son of one of Israel's great military patriots to lead a hit team of 5 men to assassinate the 11 Palestinian leaders most responsible for the deaths of the 11 hostages.

From here the real film begins. Rather than using the likes of Sean Connery, Robert DiNero and other famous faces, Spielberg uses classic character actors, most of whom, one has never seen before and whom the audience finds out during the ending credits, mostly have Middle Eastern or European ethnic names.

This phase of the movie moves along as the team of 6 gather together in Europe, connect with some local French paid informers and begin to hunt down the 11 one by one. We are now viewing an action film about as far away from the synchronistic "Mission Impossible" shows as one can get.

Each member of the team has been chosen for their unique personal abilities, but it seems as if none of them have ever done this exact type of activity before. They struggle with unity, the meaning of what they are doing and how best to accomplish their goals. As the film moves from assassination to assassination, something different will challenge them each time. The bomb maker's real background is that he is a toy maker and his bombs are never set quite right and even our hero, who is chosen as the team leader, was a body guard for the prime minister rather than an assassin. But the one thing that each of the characters have in common is that they are committed Israelis and committed Jews to the end.

As I mentioned earlier, I believe that Spielberg is a genius at moviemaking.

Thus the film for me, moves forward with deep philosophical meaning. My Judaism was stirred up in much the same manner as when I viewed

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"Schindler's List." There is one scene when the hero's Mother explains to her son that she was the only survivor of her

very large extended European family to survive the death camps of World War II—and she escaped by coming to Israel. She then tells him that when she arrived she went immediately to the high hill in Jerusalem and although not a religious person, she prayed to God (maybe like the

Hana for whom my first daughter is named) that she could have a child so that her lineage could be continued.

From here, I do not want to give the story away (the beginning credits state that it is based on actual events). But what happens is that our hero (and the audience as well) is forced more and more to grapple with the "eye for an eye" mentality of what is taking place. As the assassins move from target to target, more and more shit begins

to hit the fan. Although Spielberg continues to portray their humanity (in sparing a life here and there or making sure that one of the terrorists young daughters is not accidentally detonated along with her Father) more and more innocent people do die.

One bomb is not strong enough; other kills far more people than the one victim that it was intended for and in fact, here our hero himself is almost killed by the over-intensity of the bomb. And as the murders continue, our hero and hopefully all of us in the audience (especially the Jewish ones of us) begin to seriously question the morality of what is taking place. For every assassination, the Palestinians retaliate. The airport is attacked in Athens, letter bombs begin to arrive all over the world and even the Israeli Military attaché to the United States is killed. And for every one of the 11 masterminds who is successfully eliminated another, usually younger and more violent replacement comes to fill the void.

As I watched the film, tears came to my eyes almost constantly. I am Jewish through and through. Jewish grandparents from both my Father and my Mother. Grandparents who had the vision and the courage to escape Czarist Russia and come to America to make a better life for their children. Much like the hero's Mother praying that her lineage could be continued, a spiritualist once met some of my Russian Jewish ancestors who she told me were just flabbergasted that their lineage had survived Russia's famines and that the two handsome young blessed children sitting in Dae Mo Nim's audience were the continuation of their lineage. Of course, one of the initial emotional feeling after Munich is revenge. But Spielberg deals with so much more; dignity, sovereignty; survival; pride and existence itself.

And as I watched the film, my recent experiences on four pilgrimages to Israel came to the forefront of my mind and my heart. I began to "feel" the experiences that I have had with the Islamic and Druse leaders that I have met. And to be hon-

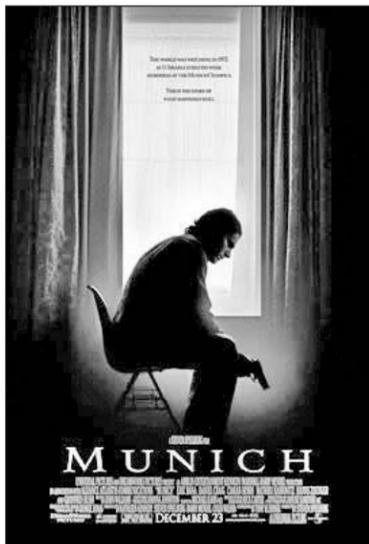
est, it has not always been easy. On my personal pilgrimage from being, for many years "too Jewish" to standing naked on Mt. Nebo with my pilgrimage brothers and sisters and feeling that I had gone "beyond my Judaism" I have gone through an epoch of changes in the last four years.

Proudly signing the Jerusalem proclamation on my first journey to the Holy Land; reading the sermon on the mount with my new acquaintance Dr. Gloria Wright from Atlanta, on the Mt. of Beatitudes; struggling as one Islamic Sheik condemned America for supplying the arms that Israel used to retaliate against the Palestinian terrorists; celebrating Chanukah with Rev. Rawls in Jerusalem; celebrating Rosh Hashanah with Rabbi Cohen in Haifa; holding the crowning ceremony and then one year later, the peace vigil in Independence Park on the anniversary of nine eleven (9/11); cringing as one member of the pilgrimage condemned the separation wall as being akin to the Berlin Wall; and being amazed as I watched the doors of Al Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock opened to Rev. Jenkins and Dr Yang as they walked arm in arm with our Muslim Imams from the Wailing Wall onto the Temple Mount (Israel's most holy of holies). And as I move from experience to experience, I realize just how much God has taken me through during these 4 pilgrimages to Israel in the past 2 years.

My final experience during the film, was, I am sure the true reason that God pushed me to see it. As the hero struggles to understand the true meaning of all that he is doing—as the deaths and the assassinations begin to take a toll on his soul; as he grapples with the contrast between his undying patriotism and his love for Israel; he himself begins to get touched by death; the assassination of 3 of his 6 comrades; his new but never-ending fears for his own safety and most of all; his deep concern for his young wife and new born daughter. Even in discussions with his French informants, the truth that comes out is that the deepest loyalty is all about family. Family has the deepest meaning—more than self, more than money, more than country or government.

So, as I viewed the film's conclusion; as my tears stopped, but my heart was now laid bare; I began to clench my fists, as I realized that our True Parents are the only hope. The only hope for World Peace; the only hope for Peace in the Middle East; our only hope for the continued existence of Israel; and the only hope that my lineage can and will continue. For without the sacrificial wailing course that our True Father has walked, none of this would survive—not Israel, not the Middle East and not even my own lineage; not the 5 grandchildren that True Parents have given to my parents and probably not even the nation to which my grandparents came so that I and my cousins could make a new life—one free of prejudice and with every opportunity available in our modern world.

I do not know what answer Spielberg came up with; I do not know what answer my fellow members of the audience could ascertain; but for this 30 year member of the True Parents lineage, the tears that poured out of my eyes were not just for Israel; they were not just for Judaism; they were tears in gratitude that our True Parents have come and sacrificed whatever was necessary (85 years and 100 cities just being the most recent condition) so that there would be hope in the world and that that hope would be for all mankind. ♦



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RYS Takes Lead In Rehabilitating Victims Of Religious Clashes In Nigeria

About a year ago, the news broadcast in Nigeria was filled with sad events taking place in a state known as the "center of peace and tourism". There were proven evidence of multiple killing of infants, mothers, singles, some pastors slaughtered in cold blood, waters polluted, some children and mothers who survived were displaced till now.

Smoke rose high into the clear blue sky. Smoke from burning homes, cash crops, automobiles, churches, clinics, and various properties.

These were inflictions by humans on humans. Armed with sophisticated guns canons and fuel, the attackers were both vicious and organized. The reprisal and defensive attack by the Christians against their attackers who happen to be muslims, left death and destroyed property toll so high that rivals the worst in the last 30 years.

The situation attracted foreign media such as CNN. Yelwa Shendam stood out as the worst hit.

The smoldering tensions can still be felt in this and other villages of Plateau state.

The causes have been attributed to a religio-political tussle towards the ownership of this solid mineral - rich state of Nigeria's middle belt State. The state and the nation witnessed "ash weeks". This was the period that changed the peaceful history of Plateau State.

The effect of this situation rippled throughout the nation. The federal government of Nigeria and some foreign civil society organizations have tried much over the last 10-11 months to bring the situation under control. A peace committee was set up to serve as an intervention apparatus. It tried so hard to stop the gunshots and fire power. There are a lot of scars on the "palm" of the survivors. Surprisingly, these were same human beings who shared the same nation, same land, same atmosphere, same God, same boundary, same destiny. But just one difference, just one dividing line. Religion.

There fore what was destroyed by Religious disharmony through those who don't understand Religion, is to be restored by religious harmony through those who understand Religion and have been so rebuilt.

The re-education of the heart of some of the youth of the two dominant religious (Muslims and Christians) has been done by not political arrangement, but by deep rooted and practical peace -building institution having an integrated mission. It is against this scenario that youth under the umbrella of Religious Youth Service Corps (RYSC) went in to demonstrate to the doubters the spirit and to raise a monument of inter-religious harmony.

THE PEACE-BUILDING PROJECT

"The Religious Youth Services have leaped where others could not dare". This was the comment made by a journalist who followed the 5-day programs mounted by participants of the RYS peace-building project, with the theme: "Peace: A Product of Inter-religious Action and Understanding the Hope of the Nation", as the 13th African Rising which is the initiative of the Inter-religious and International Peace Council (IIPC).

The peace signal was spread out to most political and religious leaders to take part in the conflict prevention and Inter-religious harmony strategies of the RYS.

Most outstanding in this effort is that an IIFWP Ambassador for Peace (who was awarded on October 31st 2004) in Nigeria is the Chairman of the Plateau State Council of Traditional Rulers. A man of peace indeed. Gbong Gwom Jos- His Royal Majesty, Da Victor D. Pam CFR, OON, NPM, mni, JP was a source of hope and delight. He ensured representation both at the opening and the end of program

Youths were mobilized from across the country for

the fieldwork in form of community service in Kassa village. The villagers suffered much destruction in a short time during the crises. Kassa is in Birkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State. Our RYS team assisted in the provision of water well for the survivors. A community formerly occupied by both Muslims and Christians.



Good source of their surface water eluded them due to the pollution of their surface water from streams which is their major source of drinking water are now suffering an outbreak of Bilharzia which is a water-borne disease.

The community woke up from 6th - 7th of May 2005 to the harmony of more than 21 youths from Christian, Islamic and Unificationist background working as one with one common goal - service to the needy in love during the digging of the well. The community's traditional ruler Da Gwom Gyong Rongdon said, "I never believed that Muslims can come to our community to raise what they bright down in such manner". Asked if he will accept Muslims to come back to Kassa community to dwell again

he had this to say, "We will, if they show genuine repentance and follow RYS approach of selfless service... we loved them. Because of what your organization is doing, we will try to love them".

A participant Ngozi Eze from Abia State comments "I now know that there is joy in service".

Another high point came on Sunday 8th May, 2005 when the RYS team demonstrated service in action

towards displaced muslim women who gathered at the Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) very near the Jos Central Mosque. The RYS team made up of both male and female was led by the West Africa Director; Amb T. S. Kerim and the National Representative; Norris Nwansi. When the leader of the youth wing of Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) Sani Abadulaziz who equally participated during the opening ceremony of the RYS project and represented the Chief Imam of Jos, led us all into the premises of the central mosque, there was an air of jubilation as some of the female participants said they never believed in their lives, they will ever enter into a mosque especially a central mosque.

RYS and our mission in the State were later introduced to the Murshid of the Central Mosque -Alhaji Abdulrahman L. Adam and the Secretary General - Aminu Sadiu Abdullahi and other officials of the Central Mosque who gathered to welcome us. Responding to the explanatory speech by Amb. T. S. Kerim, the Murshid - Alhaji Abdulrahman said that he is amazed that "Young people like you could take on a mission of building peace beyond religious borders. I pray that the spirit behind the vision of Religious Youth Service should fill in all the spaces and crevices in the minds of other youths". All the great religious speak about peace, but all too often, religions has been a cause of wars.

"I had my secondary education in a Christian school. In the University of Jos where I lecture, my Head of Department is a Christian. Now I have further learnt by what your organization is doing in Nigeria that religion ought to be a force for reconciliation and the mediation of dispute. We wish you could continue this sort of project and the spirit to more areas in the nation". Reacting to the speech made by Norris Nwansi, the Murshid said "there is a need to support and build an Inter-religious Harmony and Peace Center for real study of other

religions. Because it is the illiteracy of our own religion's teachings and that of others that is the root cause of religious tensions and violent clashes. The peace center is a welcome idea".

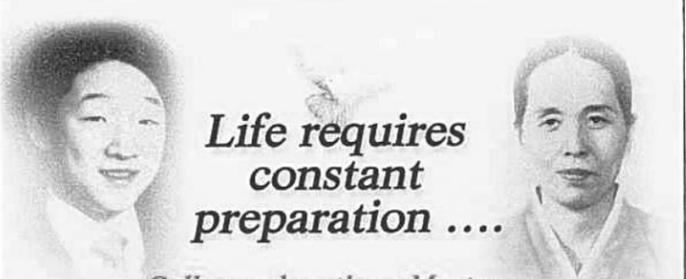
Peace becomes a mere word when it is not backed with genuine act of selflessness and sacrifice. In fulfillment of this assertion, the Religious Youth Service Team made a presentation of relief materials to the displaced persons immediately after the Islamic evening prayers. The recipients had eyes laden with tears when they heard that the RYS group is made up of various religious believers. There was a deep-hearted vote of confidence on RYS from the displaced persons.

Drawn by the force of love and admiration, Muslim youths gathered and listened to the introduction to RYS as explained by Amb. T. S. Kerim (a Muslim). Using Koranic verses, he taught them what they have never been taught before. In reaction, they asked "we want to be members of RYS, how can we become one? They said they were ready to undergo an Inter-religious harmony training and serve as volunteers as put forward to them by Norris.

It is not Ok to be tolerant of other religions. This misconstrued terminology "tolerant" has been a verbal missile marring true effort at Inter-religious cooperation, harmony and co-existence. The actions of RYS (if sustained) has placed the verses of world scripture on peace into a new context. In doing so, each religion cannot but recognize the divine wisdom and righteousness embodied in other faiths.

Conclusively, the process of mutual discovery and Inter-religious co-operation has been showcased in this year's RYS Project in Nigeria.

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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

Seminary Agrees to Allow Access to Trails

By Rasheed Oluwa

The following article was taken from the Poughkeepsie Journal dated Tuesday, March 14, 2006

BARRYTOWN — The public will have a chance to walk the grounds of the Uni-



fication Theological Seminary thanks to a newly formed agreement with Winnakee Land Trust.

The seminary, in this Town of Red Hook hamlet, announced it will sign a pedestrian access agreement for trails on its 250-acre property. The agreement was scheduled to be signed Monday.

The seminary also will add a one-mile stretch of land it owns along the Hudson River to the Greenway Riverside Communities Trail.

"We've been working for about eight months to get this approved," Henry Christopher, the seminary's director of community relations and admissions, said. "We're showing the community we want to be more involved and that we have a lot more to offer."

The Winnakee Land Trust, based in Rhinebeck, is an organization that aims

to protect the natural, agricultural, recreational, cultural and historic resources in northern Dutchess County.

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon started the Unification Church in 1954. The Barrytown seminary opened in 1975.

The prominent Livingston and Aspinwall families owned the land in the 1800s.

In summer 1868, a 9-year-old Theodore Roosevelt visited the estate with his family for three weeks and explored Tivoli Bay. This planted the seed for his diaries and his collection of insects, birds and mammals.

His became one of the first collections in the Museum of Natural History in New York City, which his father helped found, Christopher said.

Michael Haggerty, director of the Winnakee Land Trust, said the agreement was integral in connecting the Greenway Trail.

So far, about 198 miles of land has been designated on both side of the river for the Riverside Communities Trail. There are still holes in the trail, which officials hope will stretch from New York City to Albany.

Message from the Editors,

We are happy to announce a new section in UNEWS dedicated to focusing on the new voices of our generation. Spread the word, communicate, and link yourself to the rest of America by subscribing to the paper and submitting your voice to this section.

We are looking to fill this section of the paper with the following submissions: articles written by our first and second generation focusing on second generation – that includes ALL second gen's!

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If you have an idea for submissions to this section, please let us know and send something in. If you would like to send original artwork, please note that they will appear in UNEWS in b&w. All submissions must include name, contact info, relevant dates, etc.

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Israeli Peacemakers Arrive in Mississippi, Louisiana for Katrina Relief

Taken from the SFP M7 March Newsletter McLain, MS, February 20th

A motivated group of young volunteers from Israel arrives in McLain, MS today for a short but intense period of Hurricane Katrina relief and recovery work led by Service For Peace. "When you are in trouble, your friends want to come to help," says delegation leader Baruch Shalev, "and some of America's poorest communities are still in desperate need of friends to help to rebuild and recover after Katrina."

The youngest member of the Israeli group, Hadas Shmuell, 23 grew up in New Jersey before she moved to Israel seven years ago. But for others among the delegates, who are students from some of Israel's top universities, this is their first visit to the United States. After the project in McLain, which will include restoring a church and homes damaged by Katrina, the group moves on to New Orleans in time to celebrate the Sabbath, which falls in the middle of Mardi Gras season. They will also work there with local interfaith groups to help restore the New Orleans synagogue library and several damaged homes.

Joining the Israeli group are a team of young Jewish professionals from the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) from Boston, Mass. For Yale graduate Noam Schimmel, 28, this is his first visit to the South even though he has volunteered as far away as the Philippines and Argentina. "The JCRC is very interested in social justice," says Schimmel. "The Katrina disaster shows us just how much needs to be done to help America's poorest communities. When we heard that a group from Israel was coming to help, we wanted to get involved."

The project is organized by Service For Peace, a national and international non-profit known for innovative pro-

grams including tsunami relief in Thailand and literacy and medical outreach in the Philippines. Programs in Israel



and Palestine have focused on new ways to bring fractured communities together. The current US initiative started as part of this year's Martin Luther King National Day of Service efforts around the country.

Local Service For Peace directors Rev. Carl Rawls and his wife Marilyn, who pastor a church in Selma, AL, and also run the CHASM service agency in Selma, AL, are enthusiastic about the stream of volunteers coming to work. "From the beginning, the spotlight has been on New Orleans and the bigger towns," says Rawls, "but there are literally hundreds of small communities that have barely been helped at all. We want to show them that they are not forgotten."

The Israeli delegation is the second group of Service For Peace volunteers to arrive this year, and several colleges are organizing alternative spring break programs that will build on the work already started. Local youth are volunteering too, making the project sites a mini – United Nations and an exercise in peace making.

"This project shows that service knows no boundaries of race and religion," says Shalev "We're here to help our brothers and sisters in a time of need."❖

UTS New Dorm Grand Opening

by Yen Chang



On January 25, 2006, The Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) held the grand opening for their new North Dormitory. This is just one of the many improvements that are being planned for UTS. The new dorm was built using generous donations given by Unification Church members from various cities. Their generous act of giving was honored with a plaque that is hung in the new dorm.

It includes the names of every person that made a donation.

As a recent UTS alumni, I was very much impressed with the new dorm and am very happy for those who will use it in the future. Me and my fellow students spent some of our time discussing improvements to the physical environment of the building and I feel our voices have been heard. I graduated only last June and seeing the new dorm in January, the improvements made to the student lounge and student study area, I feel that UTS is really serious about taking the care of their students. They are striving to create a real second home atmosphere for their students who spend 2-3 years of their life there.

Thanks to all those who supported the construction of the new dorm and to those who are making donations for further development.❖



THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



Second Gen in Africa

by Berthina S.Y. Kayembe

Hi everyone. My name is Berthina S.Y. Kayembe. I am a second gen, 16 years old. My father is Kalamba W.M. Kayembe from D.R Congo and my mother is Ragnhild T. Kayembe from Norway. I was living in DR. Congo until I was 8 years old, then I moved to Norway. My father remained connected to the mission in DR Congo as a



National Leader until 2003.

My father told me about the difficult and miserable life of many second generation, many of them my childhood friends. Some of them lost one of their parents, some do not have enough to eat, some do not have proper education - some have even passed away.

DR Congo went through incredible difficulties during the last 5 years, due to civil war and also being attacked by neighboring countries. About 4 million people were killed. Also our church went through a crises, the church was divided, and many members left. All this makes the life of many blessed families unbearable, and they need help.

In Norway the people are known to reach out to suffering people in the world. For instance, they have adopted poor children in third world countries. By offering a small amount of money on a monthly basis, individuals, families, school classes, businesses are able to feed and educate a child from a young age until adulthood. They receive photos of their adopted child and regular reports. Sometimes people are able to go and visit their distant adopted child and their family and community. This gives a big joy to both parties.

I thought we could use the same generous practice to support second generation of DR Congo, why not of Africa in general.

Please visit the homepage www.erao-fafrica.com for information on some of the second generation in DR Congo. You can choose one or as many children you want to support. After you have chosen a child, I will make the connection to make sure that your help will reach the right person. I hope for your positive response.

These children are the future of Africa. They are the ones who will make the glorious era of Africa and they need your generous heart to make it. ❖



Prep School at UB, Independant, Universal



by Linda Conner Lambbeck

The following article, was taken from The Connecticut Post and written by Connecticut Post reporter Linda Conner Lambbeck. We've included it in our paper to give our readers a chance to see how other papers view Bridgeport 03/11/2006

BRIDGEPORT — For the nearly one year Naoko Katsuura, 16, of Japan, has attended Bridgeport International Academy and has lived with a host family that happens to be school directors Hugh and Nora Spurgin. Last week, the sophomore moved into a dorm that this month received state approval. "I'm really excited," said Katsuura, using the English she acquired in the program.

Six years ago, it reincorporated, changing its mission and name. As Bridgeport International Academy, it is a nondenominational, nonsectarian college preparatory school that teaches universal values, not Unification doctrine, according to Hugh Spurgin. "It is common knowledge among our parents, students, teachers, staff, and others that many of our students and teachers have been inspired by the vision and ideas of the Unification movement," Spurgin added. "Although we do not hide our early history, we do not mention that complex and extensive history in our introductory literature, since it is irrelevant as to who we are today," he added.

Alan Taylor, chairman of the board, said he wasn't aware of the school's early ties with the Unification Church and didn't think it mattered. "Everyone has a right to have their schools. We're not going to get in the business of deciding that some religious affiliations are acceptable and others aren't," he said.

Anastasio, an attorney in the division of legal and governmental affairs at the state Department of Education said the school was nonsectarian in nature, with students from a wide range of backgrounds and nationalities. Her report commended the staff at the school for providing a nurturing and supportive learning environment. BIA had a state license to run a day school through June of this year. The new boarding school permit lasts a year. The school is currently seeking New England Association of Schools and Colleges accred-

itation. If it gets the NEASC nod, it will not need another state exemption.

"Some students have been waiting all year for this. Some began moving their stuff in" the night approval was granted, said Spurgin. The new dormitory, "Seaview House," is located on Waldemere Avenue, near the Hubbell Gymnasium and across from Seaside Park. The renovated three-story building will house boys on one floor, girls on another, with a family that will serve as resident life coordinators on the first floor.

Zoned for up to 20 students, the dorm will house a dozen of the school's 61 students to start. In addition to a growing number of international students, the school also has students who commute from Bridgeport, Stratford, Milford and Norwalk. According to Nora Spurgin, the school's principal, about three-quarters of the student body and much of the staff are affiliated with the church, though the school is open to students of all faiths.

Spurgin said the school remains attractive to church families because they know their children will be exposed to a very moral environment, free from social pressures. There is a strict code of conduct at the school that bars alcohol, smoking, drugs, inappropriate dress or romantic relationships.

Many students have parents who work at UB. Others come from families

looking for an alternative to the city school system. Some are international students hoping to gain English skills before applying to an American college. Abby Asamoah, 16, was sent to the school by parents who come from Ghana but who raised their daughter in Japan. Here just six months, she speaks almost accent-free English, although Japanese is her native language.

"I like the school," said Asamoah, who lives with an aunt in Bridgeport. Her parents are still in Japan and are not members of the Unification Church. Asamoah was surprised to learn the school was started by the church, but was not bothered by it. "They don't push it on you," she said.

Lucas Tecun, 15, whose family does belong to the church, called it no big deal. "I am really honest about what happens in our religion. If anyone has questions, I'm happy to answer and clear things up," he said. He said the school does not have any religion classes, just character-education lessons during homeroom.

Rodney Alexander III, 16, a sophomore from Bridgeport, used to attend the Zion Lutheran School in Bridgeport. "I shadowed a bunch of schools and liked this one the most," he said. "It's smaller. Everybody knows everybody, like my old school. Only at my old school, my friends came from California, Puerto Rico and Florida. Now,

they come from Japan, China and Costa Rica."

"We have a unique school," said Hugh Spurgin. He and his wife have been friends with university president Neil Salonen and his wife, Rebecca, since the late 1960s when they all lived in Washington, D.C. Despite the friendship, Spurgin said the school pays a fair rent for its space at UB — "much, much more than \$100,000 per year," he said.

Eventually, the school plans to move to a new site and double its enrollment. The school also owns an apartment building at 283-285 Lafayette St. that houses Bridgeport Hope School, a K-8 school also started with church funds. ❖

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BY THEIR FRUITS YOU SHALL KNOW THEM

by Dr. Clinton Bennett

Jesus said, "beware of false prophets... you recognize them by the fruits they bear... a good tree always yields good fruit."

This passage has been applied by Christians to Muhammad (PBUH), to Joseph Smith (the Mormon prophet) and by some to Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Movement and of the Seminary that employs me. Shortly after starting to work at UTS, I contacted an official of the American Baptist Churches to ask how, as an ordained Baptist, I might contribute to Baptist life in the area. The official wrote back saying that his heart had sank when he realized that I was 'with the Moonies', and that he would not help me 'infiltrate our churches with this cult'. I was hurt by this response. Later, he wrote that he could not understand how, if I was a Christian, I could work for the Moonies, and that he had had bad experiences of Moonies claiming endorsement for their views from well-respected Christians who had merely attended one of their meetings out of curiosity or to find out for themselves what was being said. He could not work for someone who claims to be superior to Jesus, and could not understand how I could if I am a Christian, although he would give me the benefit of the doubt. He would need to learn what is in my heart before he decides.

It seems to me that there are a number of issues here that require addressing, and I make no apology for doing so in defense of my own Christian integrity. First, are the 'Moonies' a cult? All sorts of religious groups have been regarded as cults (even we Baptist were called a sect when we began) and quite a few of them are now regarded as respectable, although not necessarily as mainstream. One example is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints, the Mormons, founded by Joseph Smith (1805-1844) who - arguably the Rev. Sun Myung Moon claims something similar - saw himself as having done more than Jesus to keep his Church together, yet there are now almost as many Saints in the world as Jews, including 15 members of the US Congress. And these Saints are renowned for their high moral standards, family values, for community service and for caring for each other. Doesn't it say somewhere, "they will know we are Christians by our love"? (See John 13:35).

Christians from the start saw Muhammad (PBUH) as a false prophet. They still accuse him of immoral conduct, especially of sexual misconduct but almost one third of humanity reveres Muhammad as the Last Prophet. Yet Jerry Vines could call Muhammad a "demon-possessed pedophile" at the Southern Baptist Convention in June 2002. Muslims also believe, as does Moon, that Jesus did not complete his mission. Smith and Moon, too, like Muhammad, have been accused of sexual misconduct. Smith himself told his followers that he never claimed to be perfect, but that there was "no error in the revelations which I have taught."

So, are Moonies a cult? If they are, they are an odd cult. I know members who have left, some who have been asked to leave. Usually, although there is no generally accepted definition, a cult is thought to exercise total control over its members, to prevent them from leaving. They are said to have top-down, authoritarian leadership. Incidentally, if the Unificationists have really

Dr. Clinton Bennett is joining the faculty of the Unification Theological Seminary as Associate Professor of Ministry and Director of Field Education. A Baptist minister, Dr. Bennett was the Executive Secretary for Interfaith Relations of the British Council of Churches and has served as a missionary to Bangladesh. He has taught at Oxford and at Baylor University, with special focus on Islam and Christian-Muslim relations. We at UTS are honored and proud to welcome him to our faculty.

When Dr. Bennett arrived at Barrytown, he inquired about serving in a local Baptist congregation, but was rebuffed when the Baptist official he contacted learned that he was teaching at UTS. This letter is by way of reply.

mastered the technique of brain-washing, they would have every secret service and intelligence agency lining up for the secret of their success, and the Seminary would be able to increase all our salaries! The Moonies I know (and my contact with the movement goes back to 1986) are caring, compassionate, humane, family-centered people who do not drink alcohol, smoke, or advocate free-sex but who believe in the unity of the human race, in an end to war and injustice. That is Rev. Moon's goal, a unified world of peace, which is the hope of all ages. 'Cult' for Christians also implies doctrinal deviancy yet, as I shall argue below, my Baptist principles have no place for any type of theological litmus test.

I was raised believing that the Roman Catholic Church, with its top-down leadership and extra-biblical doctrines, was a cult. I still have a copy of J. Oswald Saunders' *Cults and Isms*, in which the Catholic Church is described as a cult alongside the Mormons, Christian Science, the Christadelphians and others but with the privilege of being the first entry in the book! I do not agree with every aspect of Roman Catholic doctrine, but I have worked with Catholics throughout my ministry. I do not agree with every aspect of what Rev. Sun Myung Moon believes, nor has anyone ever asked me to. I think it extraordinary that anyone could advocate that an employee has to agree with everything that the founder of his institution believes. I used to work for a metropolitan city council, but I did not believe in all the council's policies. Were I to work for a Roman Catholic college, I would not be expected to accept all the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church.

I am aware that, in the past, out of enthusiasm for their project of bringing about the unity of the church, and beyond that of all humanity, Unificationists did attend other churches with the hope of spreading this message. This was interpreted as devious. I am not persuaded. Were I to attend a church that was hostile or indifferent towards the ecumenical movement (in which I have been employed, and for which I continue to work) I would not stay silent. We are not required to leave our convictions behind us when we walk through the doors of a church. I am convinced that church unity is God's will, and I would speak in favor of that in any church I attended.

In the end, it is not me but God who will judge whether anyone who claims to have a message from God, Muhammad or Smith or Moon, is a true and faithful servant, or a charlatan. However, through the words of Jesus God has given us some pragmatic advice on how we might proceed - we can judge people by their fruits. Jesus also said, in Luke 6:46, "why do you call me Lord, Lord and not do the things I say." It is not sound-

ness or correctness of doctrine that redeems us. It is not moral conduct that redeems us, neither are any of us perfect. We are all sinners in the process of being redeemed. Paul said that the good he wanted to do he didn't do but instead he did the wrong he did not want to do (Romans 7:14f). "Sin," said St. Paul, "lodges in me." This is true of all of us, but God is able to work through us despite our failings. Smith himself (accused of writing the Book of Mormon, as Muhammad is of writing the Qur'an) reasoned that the Book of Mormon was of God because "all things which are good cometh of Christ," and the devil "persuadeth no man to do good, no, not one; neither do his angels; neither do they who subject themselves unto him."

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon says that he is the Messiah. This is a matter of deep concern for many Christians. Is this why I should not teach at the State-chartered, Middle States Association accredited Seminary he founded? Were I offered a job at a Muslim college, as a life-long scholar of Islam I would jump at the opportunity yet Muslims do not

believe that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again to redeem all humanity, or anything that Christians believe about him even though they do call him Messiah. In fact, the majority of New Testament scholars are skeptical whether Jesus actually thought that he was the Messiah, seeing this as an honor and title bestowed on him by the early church. I do not know whether Jesus did or did not see himself as the Messiah but I do know

that there was no single job description around at the time for which he or any one else could apply.

The most commonly held view today among Jews is that the Messiah will liberate Jerusalem, rebuild the Temple, re-establish the Sanhedrin (Isa. 1:26) and reign over universal peace and justice. This has not yet happened. There is still war in the world, and injustice. Jesus has come but world peace still eludes us. The great Moses Maimonides (1135-1204) thought that the coming of the Messiah would bring justice to the Jews but would not otherwise impact on the order of the world. Things would carry on much as before. Many reform or progressive Jews do not believe in the Messiah as a person but in the Messianic age that is to come, and towards which we are called to work. The reform Rabbis gathering in Ohio in 1937 expressed it like this, "We regard it as our historic task to co-operate with all men in the establishment of the Kingdom of God, of universal brotherhood, justice, truth and peace on earth. This," they said, "is our messianic goal."

When the Rev. Sun Myung Moon speaks of himself as Messiah, as he did in Seoul, on January 27, 2004, it is not as a boast or as a claim for homage but within the context of a huge task that all humanity needs must shoulder. "Your mission and that of heaven," he tells his followers, "is to join hands with us in building a peaceful Kingdom of Heaven on this earth." Rev. Sun Myung Moon teaches, "The will of Heaven resides in human peace grounded in true families, not in the progress of any particular church or religion" but in pure love between all peoples. We should all live for the sake of others, he says. This may be ambitious, but if good people stand by and do nothing, evil will surely triumph (as Edmund Burke put it). Sometimes,

thinking big is just what God wants of us. David brought down Goliath. A man in a loin-cloth asked Britain to quit India, and Britain did. In South Africa, a prisoner became a President. Do we or do we not believe that peace will defeat war, good evil, generosity greed, selflessness selfishness?

Did Jesus claim to have completed his work? Yes, in that there is in him all that is needed for salvation, his words on the Cross, "It is finished," signify the completeness of his work (John 19:30). Faith in him is all that is needed (*sola fides*), and that is God's free gift. Justification is by faith alone, "And that I may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith" (Phil 3:9). But I also believe that faith without works is dead (James 2:14). As the present Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, paraphrasing Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) has put it, "Jesus will be in agony until the end of the world," since the kingdom of heaven started with Jesus but it has not yet been consummated or perfected.

Jesus is not dead but alive and continues to work through his church and through the Holy Spirit, and that Spirit is not confined to the institutional church but has the freedom of the wind to blow where it wills (John 3:8). Jesus did not teach us all that he could when he was alive, rather the Spirit will guide us - in the future - "into all the truth" (John 16:13). Dr. Williams is restating what St Irenaeus (died end of 2nd/start of 3rd century CE) believed, that Jesus is the one who recapitulates all that God has done on our behalf until the final consummation, which means that in Christ this recapitulation continues in the world. We, the body of Christ, through the Spirit, will turn out to be "the finished" and so continue Christ's mission. It has been put like this, "it is finished, but it is not over." Thus, we are called to "work out our salvation" (Phil. 2:12). Nor do I believe that God remained silent after Jesus, which is why I am open to the possibility that he also speaks to us through the Qur'an that Muhammad received, and through Mahatma Gandhi, who was not a Christian although he acknowledged the influence of the Sermon on the Mount and had a reverence for Jesus. It was, he said, Christians that put him off Christianity!

Meanwhile, as a Christian committed to trying to do what Jesus did, that is, to continue with his mandate as announced after his baptism, "to proclaim good news to the poor, release for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind" (Luke 4:18f), and as elaborated in Matthew 25, "to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit the imprisoned," I look for friends and allies in the task. I do not agree with everything that a Muslim believes, or with everything that a Roman Catholic believes, or everything that a Moonie believes, but I judge them by the fruits of what they do. If they break down walls that separate person from person merely because of skin color or creed, then they are with me. If they stand up for oppression against the oppressors, they are with me. If they work for that day when swords will be beaten into ploughshares, then they are with me. If they believe in the equality and dignity and rights of all people, regardless of gender or color or race or creed, then they are with me. If they are with me in this struggle to establish kingdom of God values in the world, then they are not against my Lord (Mat. 12:30).

I first became a friend of the Unification movement during the legal case against them in the United Kingdom in the mid 1980's see **FRUIT** on page 25





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Part Two

This is the second half of an article about doubters, also known as Agnostics. For their sake, and those who love them, we're discussing the evidence in favor of God. In this part, we'll look at several objective proofs. (By 'objective,' I mean evidence based upon accepted fact, if perhaps interpreted in a new light.)

TRADITIONAL PROOFS

Hundreds of books have been written about various Proofs of God's Existence. The standard philosophical ones speak of 'creation ex nihilo,' a doctrine that squares with Big Bang theory. Others add that our universe could only remain in existence because of Someone continually upholding it.

Intelligent Design advocates write of 'irreducible complexity,' and seek evidence of special intervention. The Anthropic Principle describes the improbability of our cosmos, while scholar Paul Davies explains the scientific difficulty surrounding the origin of life itself.

I invite readers to research these issues further.

HISTORY

Agnostics worry about the bloody history of religion. In response, others will point out that (for example) a formal Inquisition was better than raging lynch mobs. Not all heretics were nice people . . .

In cases of injustice or atrocity, of which there have been plenty, note that ruthless men have always gravitated to centers of power and wealth. Today it might be Wall Street, or even a nonprofit activist group. Back then, it was some majestic cathedral, if not a baronial castle.

It helps to appreciate the great and ongoing value of religious people, to individuals in need, and to society as a whole. Charity has always been inspired by religion,

DOUBTER

Animal Liberationists, and their ilk, all wave the banner of science!

MORALITY

In his famous writings, CS Lewis points out the unshakable primacy of morals in human awareness. Even atheists use terms such as good and evil, better or worse, and crime versus the public interest.

Agnostics should pay close attention to honored practices such as infant (and more so, 'older child') adoption, especially by couples who already have biological children. Darwinians are at a total loss to explain this, while loving Believers understand perfectly.

In biology there are carnivores, parasites, egg-laying paralyzer wasps, and worse. "So then," a doubter will ask, "is the whole creation evil, or is our human evil merely an aspect of nature?"

To which I respond, "No to both!"

Certain animals have rather disgusting habits. However, these are natural behaviors, and we tend to judge them by human standards. Standards that we, as moral beings, do possess—while animals don't. Meanwhile, humans have achieved extremities of goodness and evil that no animal could hope to match. In a backhanded way, evil itself is evidence for God.

Conclusion

Humans are experts at arguing, and no amount of evidence or persuasion will convince a person who doesn't want to be. The Washington Times reported on a brain-scan study that shows how people respond to political facts. Anything unfavorable to their viewpoint or affiliation gets a different mental treatment, and meets with emotional denial rather than intellectual engagement.

Anyone who's attempted to discuss politics (or religion) with strongly opinionated people didn't need a fancy study to inform them about this reaction. If a person actually does change their mind, most likely they won't admit it, at least not right away.

Even so, it's worthwhile to speak the truth. Best if it's put nicely, and in terms familiar to your specific audience. The most worried doubter may yet come around. Whatever your field, please think about how you can accomplish this. The world will be a better place for it. ❖

while secular dogmas such as Marxism and Anarchism produced a torrent of horrid atrocities.

Some major theologies claim there are endless cycles of building and destruction. Others have promoted some inaccurate and unworkable concept of the universe. For example, under the sway of al-Ghazali, medieval Islam short-circuited its great scientific advances.

On the other side of Asia, the Chinese court adopted Daoism, which ran directly counter to research and progress. Admiral Zheng's mighty fleet, which could've explored then dominated the globe, was brought home and scuttled.

Other religions and cultures have gone through similar phases—and there are modern liberal scholars who'd do the same thing again. (Note: these remain difficult and controversial issues, and your author invites further input.)

Misinformed agnostics will say that Christianity is to blame for medieval ignorance. In fact, established Christian scholars kept reason and knowledge alive throughout the Dark Ages. Albertus Magnus, Roger Bacon, Nicolas Oresme, and dozens of others realized that God works through the natural world, and sought to understand both.

SOCIOLOGY

Census and actuarial data show Americans in fine detail. In our large and diverse population, one group stands head and shoulders above the rest.

* They have the most property and wealth, manage and share it better, and continue this for longer periods. They recover best and soonest from 'external' disasters.

* They enjoy the finest health, and live by far the longest. They recover from accidents and illness faster and more completely.

* They enjoy sex a lot, in both frequency and intensity.

* They're the least likely to commit, or to become victims of, violent crime.

* They report the greatest level of hap-

piness and satisfaction in their own lives, and with the people who share it.

I could go on, but this covers the basics pretty well. What young person, while growing up, wouldn't desire to experience these?

Here's the kicker. Taken together, the above traits describe one particular group: long-time married, church-going people. (This is true regardless of all other common factors.)

Hearing this, an agnostic may claim it's merely tradition, and the obvious result of a lifestyle encouraged by one's peer group. I'd say they have it backward; that God made us, and wise people choose to live according to His blueprint.

Here's an analogy. After discovering its efficacy, British sailors began to carry lemon juice on long voyages. They used it with confidence, and well before learning about vitamin C, much less its exact metabolic function.

Agnostics are often intelligent, but they can also be very stubborn. It's wisest to pick the best lifestyle, gain its obvious benefits, and then develop a fuller understanding as you go along.

CULTURE

In my own family, for bedtime stories, we bought several collections of Native American legends. From these, and other sources, we noticed the universality of Past Paradise, Mistaken Fall, and Ongoing Redemption themes. These have been found in every human culture, including ones never in contact with Judaism or Christianity.

In history, religious people stood behind every great social advance. On the other hand, science produced medicine and weaponry alike. Clergy people spearheaded the emancipation of slaves, and the Civil Rights movement, while Social Darwinians advocated formal racial eugenics.

Of course, some clergymen did try to preserve an awful past. But, for every such counter-example an agnostic will produce, there are a dozen retrograde (or outright destructive) actions by ideological firebrands, most of whom are vehemently anti-Christian. Racial zealots, Marxists, Earth and

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when the Attorney General was enquiring whether the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity should retain its charitable status. This enables it to operate, as do most churches and other religious bodies, as a not-for-profit legal entity in the UK. Had it lost its registration, it would have had no corporate legal existence in the UK, making it impossible to hold bank accounts or to function effectively. The investigation began after the Unification Church lost a libel case in 1981 against The Daily Mail, which had accused the Church of splitting up families. The argument was that if the Church splits up families, it cannot be in the public interest. A charity must be for the public good; hence the HSA-UWC could not be charitable.

I and others argued that religion could long be accused of splitting up families, and if this was the only crime of which the HSA-UWC was guilty, no religion should benefit from charity law. If, on the other hand, any type of financial malpractice or indeed crime against people was being alleged, there were plenty of laws on the statute books that could be used to take legal action. A modern comparison would be the many cases of child

abuse involving Roman Catholic priests and senior officials covering up for their abuse, yet no one is calling for the stripping of charitable status from the RC Church. I was of the opinion that the anti-cult movement's vocal criticism of the Unification movement had influenced the Attorney General's decision to investigate the HSA-UWC. On February 3, 1988 the then Attorney General dropped the case, saying there was insufficient evidence. He had privately been warned that the case was really a heresy case, since many people regarded the teachings of the movement as heresy.

As a Baptist, I am proud of a long history of support for religious liberty, which in my view must be indivisible. It cannot be, religious liberty for me because my doctrines are right but not for him because he is in error. It must be religious liberty for all, as Thomas Helwys (1550-1616), one of the founding fathers of my own then-thought sectarian denomination, the Baptists, put it, "Let them be heretics, Turks, Jews, and whatsoever, it appertains not to the earthly power to punish them in the least measure." And why should the powers of state keep their hands off of folks' souls? Helwys was put in prison, and died there for his heretical beliefs. He had written his plea for religious liberty, A Short Declaration of the Mystery of Iniquity, in 1612.

Who, then, is on the Lord's side? Who

will serve the King? Who will be His helpers?" wrote Frances R. Havergil (1836-1879). In my opinion, it is those who stand for not against the values of the Kingdom of God. I do not know if Rev. Sun Myung Moon is the Messiah or not, but I do know that he is totally committed to world peace. He is totally committed to bringing people together across cultural and racial divides. He is totally committed to reconciling enemies, as Jesus commanded, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." He has nothing but love for those who have imprisoned him. I do not know if he is perfect or sinless, though I know full well that I am not yet. I sincerely believe that I am God's servant, called and set aside for ministry. I have met some of Rev. Moon's family, and they are beautiful people. I have personally seen some of the fruit of his labor. I have attended conferences at which some of the most accomplished scholars of religion have gathered to talk about how we can collaborate in dialogue to end injustice and oppression. When no Jew was talking to a World Council of Churches consultation on which I served concerned with Jewish-Christian relations, dozens of senior and distinguished Jewish leaders were talking to organizations founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon. As a life-long participant in Christian-Muslim dialogue, it is through his movement that I have met some of the most influential Muslim thinkers

in the world. This is because Rev. Sun Myung Moon has been prepared to put his hand into his pocket to fund inter-religious dialogue, when most officially recognized church bodies concerned with inter-religious relations remain strapped for cash. Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King? We shall indeed know them by their fruits.

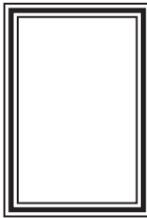
I apologize, if I must, for teaching at the Unification Theological Seminary and I will defend the orthodoxy of my Christian belief to anyone. Yet I am a Baptist because we do not demand doctrinal conformity or allegiance to a creed, as the Judson Declaration says, "We, therefore, reject all attempts to impose a creed or creed-like structure to be used as a litmus test for orthodoxy." Therefore, I will allow no man to condemn me because of what I believe, I will be judged by the Lord in whom I believe. The job at UTS was advertised through the usual channel, the Chronicle of Higher Education. I had been looking for some time to return to full-time college teaching, so I applied for, was interviewed and offered the job, and it was an honor to accept.

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Internship Connection Program

by Nari Stephens.

Announcing the birth of an Internship Connection Program under the Blessed Family Department. It is the brain-child of several people and their hopes for the future of our movement toward God's Ideal. The main purpose is to create a place where my brothers and sisters could find an opportunity to explore, experiment, and experience just what the First Generation is doing in the world for True Parents.

The focus is learning to live a God-centered life in this age of Chun Il Guk. There are so many fields of interest that our members are working in and the chief pioneer of them all has been Father, himself. He has worked with Scientists, Journalists, Artists, as well as Clergy and other groups.

So this new Ministry and webpages are going to be a connection point where potential interns and companies can find each other. I hope that it can be useful to you and others and I pray that God can use this program to create a better and hopeful world.

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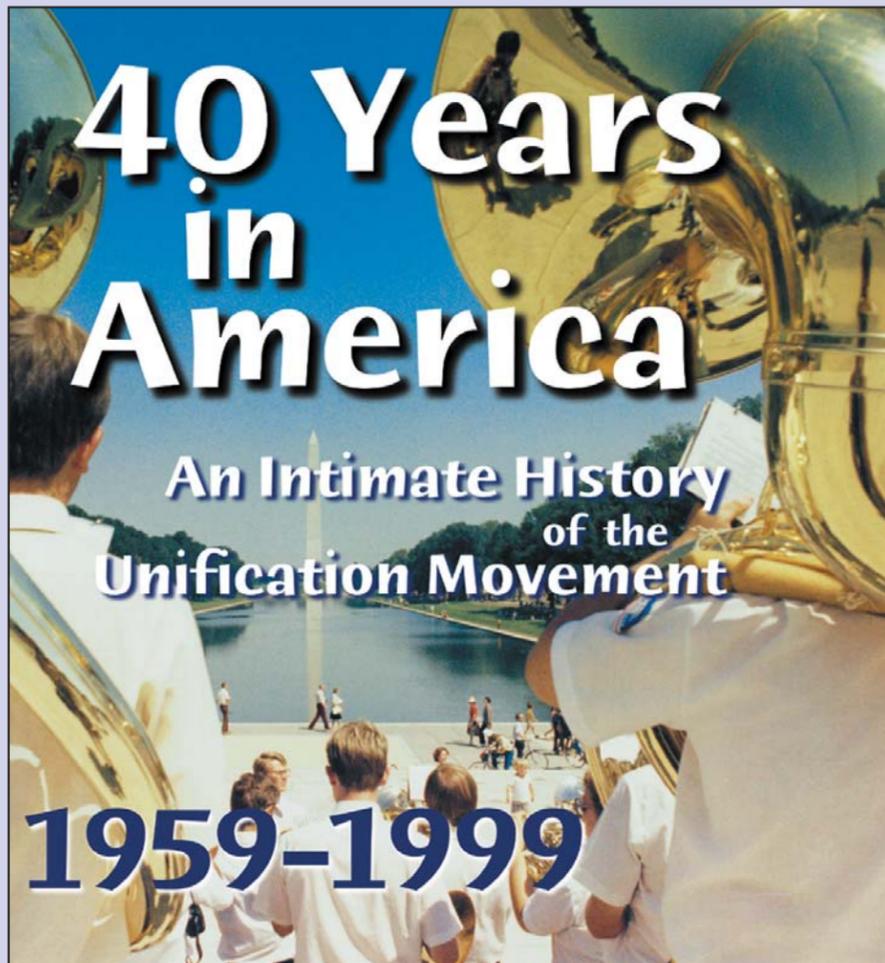
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