The Sixth Educators Conference held at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, New York from Friday, October 5th to Sunday, October 7th was a clear success. Participants had a rich array of breakouts, plenaries, and pre-conference workshops from which to choose based on what they felt they needed to learn and to take back to their districts. A highlight of the weekend was the keynote speaker, Dr. Thomas Lickona – a recognized authority and main designer of character education curricula and programs. In addition, this year’s participants experienced four focused plenary sessions, 33 dynamic breakouts, a new and improved exhibit hall and tremendous opportunities to network and meet new and old friends.

This all began on Friday, October 5 with three distinct and beneficial all day workshops. They ranged from a focused look at the Character Education curriculum from UPF led by Mr. Alan Saunders, to creating district-based and local trainers for our Sunday Schools and youth ministries with trainers Rev. Brian Saunders and Dr. Kathy Winings, to training in the use of a marriage enrichment program developed by Mr. Stephen Stacey.

The pre-conference sessions offered a strong way with which to begin to look at our expanding educational horizons. The UPF Character Education curriculum is truly innovative in its approach and how it is taught. As a comprehensive K-12 program, the curriculum is innovative in that it utilizes indigenous stories and illustrations by which to teach the concepts. The pedagogical creativity is in the use of second generation young adults to go to the countries where the program is being used.

The Understanding Marriage curriculum is another expansion of educational horizons. Developed by Stephen Stacey and his wife, the curriculum is wide-ranging and comprehensive through its look at not only healthy relationships but also at difficult and challenging relationships.

The Train the Trainer program is a new initiative to expand the horizons of effective teaching throughout our Sunday Schools and Youth Ministries. Working with the Education Department of the FFWP, the workshop was developed as a means to create a more stable and long-range educational system by beginning to train at least one key person in each district, who would in turn train educators in each state. As each trainer gains experience and strength in that role, each Sunday School and Youth Ministry will gain strength in turn. What a great way to begin a conversation on expanding educational horizons?

After dinner, we went into full conference mode with the first plenary on Becoming Communities of Practice by Mrs. Heather Thalheimer. This first plenary provided the participants with a good framework as Heather outlined how our common focus and work in education makes us a community of practice. What Heather did was to give us a framework in which to look at our work; she reminded everyone that, at heart, we are all part of a community of practice – a community of educators – and so we should be reflecting on the role each one of us play in such a community and reflecting on where we should and can be as a community of educators in 10 to 15 years from now. Realizing our...
...About it. America is in the position of the Second Israel: however, it is plagued by free sex. How can America deal with this? We must practice absolute sexual morality. Whether you are leaders or not, you must remember that you must not be ashamed of yourself before Heaven and earth. Peace Message 10...
me here. [Father has mentioned many times recently that a global nuclear holocaust is possible.] What about AIDS? That is the most fearful disease. Americans should know what the right thing to do is. The spirit world is totally supporting us. Once people go to the spirit world, their attitude will change and they will realize the truth.

So many are involved with this terrible problem of atomic weapons and bombs. We must bring a realization that what they are doing is wrong. In a few years, this will all be revealed. Many important and powerful industrial developments are in America and Russia. However, they should realize that they shouldn’t look down on or misjudge Korea. America did not complete its responsibility in Korea during the Korean War. We don’t want to follow this pattern of America. You made a decision to leave. Who came up with the idea of a truce? President Truman. President Eisenhower should have understood.

I have wanted you to do witnessing but you didn’t understand how important this is. Bishop Kim, do you like America? [Yes]. All Koreans have graduated. Three Koreans here remained with Dr. Yang. I may bring them to Korea, or I may bring Koreans back to America. Eve felt lonely, and Adam was interested in other things. Were they naked or wearing clothes? After the Fall, they covered their private parts with fig leaves. When Adam was doing his own thing, Eve would be crying and then the Archangel would come and comfort her.

There was only one female there. The male figures were God, three archangels, and Adam. Number three and eight should come this way, making a ninety-degree angle. When we talk about the Seung Hap Ship Sang Il, it makes 10, then 12 appears. Then two times 12 make 24. 100 billion solar systems can fit inside the universe. What about the universe? It is floating in space. When you look at a soccer ball, it represents the universe. The Korean Il Hwa team is now winning the Asia Cup championship. Now Koreans are mastering classical ballet. Their legs have been short, which is an disadvantage for ballet. Now the diet has changed, and their legs are getting longer.

If you do that, you will win. Also we have our championship teams in Brazil. Also we have the Little Angels School and the Universal Ballet. Now Koreans are mastering classical ballet. We have a truth that is more powerful than any weapons or bombs. My words and True Parents’ picture and even my handkerchief have more power than any secular book.

People who are trained in the Divine Principle gain spiritual energy and healing power. Sumo wrestlers fight through ch’i. Even business has to do with ch’i. Our members who are connected with True Parents have very powerful energy. If they are connected with True Parents they have an amazing amount of energy. You have to use this for a public purpose to witness to people.
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selves as part of communities of practice will be more valuable because the key characteristics of such communities include sharing, supporting learning, networking, the encouragement of investments that move things forward, translating learning to policy, and the new relationships that will emerge. Certainly this plenary set an important tone for the weekend.

Saturday morning, after a most innovative and fresh experience in doing Hoon Dok Hae, led by Dr. Tyler Hendricks, participants had to make some difficult decisions as they faced a day of diverse breakouts, dynamic plenary sessions, and opportunities to network, make new relationships and browse through an expanded exhibit hall. Because of the large number of participants the previous year, the steering committee decided to use the auditorium for all exhibitors as well as a larger coffee and snack room. Participants’ decision-making was also aided this year by a special “Planning Page” in their program so that each team that came from a specific geographic region could make a good plan to cover all the topics that they would need for the sake of their home districts. Participants remarked that this was a more valuable addition this year.

In terms of the breakouts, participants had a wide range of topics divided into the five special categories that is the signature of the Educators Conference: Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult Ministry, Marriage and Family Ministry, and Pastoral Educational Ministry. Viewed through this lens of expanding educational horizons, we can see how each of the various breakout sessions was able to take our educational communities of practice to new places and new perspectives.

Participants benefited from the increase in Children’s Ministry breakouts: Christine Brunkhorst’s review of the Reggio Emilia Approach and Lena Vastakke’s efforts to see young toddlers as more than simply nursery school material offered a rich conversation for those working with children. New materials and resources for Sunday School were the central theme of several breakouts, which focused on the use of specialized felt boards and teaching tools. These included Kiki L’vov and Stephen Goldhammer’s musical rap woven into stories. Participants’ understandings of Shinn Jungs were deepened as were their understandings of the impact of the new theories of neuroscience on gender, spirituality and learning offered by Kathy Waring. Finally, Teresa Phillips gave an invaluable breakout on one room Sunday Schools and Ken Wether led a breakout in looking at effective and creative teaching methods for children.

Participants benefited from the new relationship intelligence education strategies of character education through how New Jersey’s New Hope School shared their experiences with teaching the UPF Character Education program set forth by Dr. Thomas Lickona in his work with Dr. Thomas Lickona. In his first plenary session by Dr. Tony Devine, offered two dynamic breakouts with one focusing on practices of transformational leadership as a means to become more effective pastors and leaders. The other breakout, offered with Dr. Josie Hauer, offered a new tool called a Logic Model for pastors and leaders to use that emphasizes an outcome-based approach to effectiveness. Round-out this grouping of breakouts was a vital session offered by Mr. Rob Sayre, with rethinking how to raise the funds necessary for our diverse ministries based on what is called the Nehemiah Paradigm, and another session by Major Ouida Harding on how to effectively use music in our worship services.

Woven throughout the morning breakouts on Saturday were two special breakout sessions by our keynote speaker – Dr. Thomas Lickona. In his first breakout, Dr. Lickona addressed the 12 key strategies of character education-based discipleship. His second breakout, offered two dynamic sessions on how to effectively use music in our worship services.

Another service opportunity was also shared by Laurel Nakai, based on her experience in AmeriCorps. The young adult breakouts were round out by Jim Kwon Kim as he introduced participants to Cobalt, a special one year program begun in New Jersey. New programs to truly live for the sake of others as Laurel and Sally Sayre, Sam Stoia and others described, or Cobalt and the Nehemiah Paradigm also offered two dynamic sessions on how to effectively use music in our worship services.

Out focused on the six principles of an ethical learning community – a concept central to Dr. Lickona’s work and that is a basis for a new type of high school pioneered by him.

For his keynote address, Dr. Lickona was able to introduce us to how to develop what he has come to see as the eight strengths of character. Many of his illustrations also allowed us to understand how these eight strengths of character can be used in our educational communities. These points went hand-in-hand with Friday’s concept of becoming compelled by grace so that we could see how we, as educators, parents, and pastors could shape our newly
emerging ethical learning communities of practice. Dr. Lickona gave all of us a great deal to think about—regardless of the age or type of group with which we worked.

The third plenary session that took place on Saturday afternoon immediately before dinner was most unique to the Educators Conference. It focused on music in worship and was given by Major Ouida Harding. As an energetic and captivating Baptist preacher and teacher, Maj. Harding offered all participants a way of imagining not only the worship service but our relationship to the worship service and the powerful role of teaching and learning at such times. All of this was done through the power of song.

After offering her insight into the purpose of worship, Maj. Harding then taught all of us a song through which we could begin to experience what it is God wanted to teach each of us. Drawing in the special music team from New Jersey and inviting Rachel Curry to engage in improvisational and liturgical dance, the speaker led all of us to a deeper understanding of the power that music plays in coming to God through worship.

The conference concluded on Sunday with the fourth and final plenary session given by Dr. Kathy Winings. Speaking on “Where Do We Go from Here,” Dr. Winings led participants through a review of some of the challenges we face in living in a postmodern world and with a postmodern mindset and then to a consideration of what we could and should do from now on to move toward creating strong families and communities. According to her, this future picture should include enlarging our community of practice to include other churches and communities with whom we work, developing benchmarks toward which we can work, focus on defining and clarifying what education in a culture of heart will mean and how it will look, and to see the Educators Conference as a means through which we not only learn and develop but as a means in which we can share our expertise and experience with the others in our community of practice.

A new feature that was added this year was acknowledging two educators who have worked for many years to ensure that progress is made in education. This year, we chose to honor Mrs. Kristina Seher from Northern California and Mr. Richard Panzer of New Jersey. Kristina was instrumental in the founding and development of the Sunshine School, a K-12 school in Northern California. Richard was the founder and developer of the Free Teens Program, an abstinence-based program that is taught throughout diverse schools. Both Kristina and Richard were given a small gift plus a free registration for next year’s conference. In addition, the entire conference could acknowledge their work and dedication to education. With each year, the Educators Conference grows and develops because its participants are able to grow and develop through it. Certainly this year was no exception. A real effort was made to professionalize and enhance the conference for the benefit of the participants. The plenaries had a stronger music and interactive media dimension to it. The larger exhibit hall allowed for more exhibits and a bigger space with which to network. The addition also of an award to honor the contributions and work of those who have given tirelessly so that youth could grow to become true godly men and women was something new to this year’s program. We can hardly wait to see what next year will bring to the Educators Conference and to see how our community of practice has grown and matured. We hope that you will be there too next year to share your expertise and experience at the 7th Educators Conference!

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Celebrating UN Day, a Call for Fruitful Dialogue

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

On behalf of the Universal Peace Federation, thank you for attending this International Symposium on the United States and the United Nations for their support for this initiative.

Throughout this year, UPF has sponsored a series of conferences on the theme, "The Need for Vision and Leadership at a Time of Global Crisis." A core message that has been recommended through these conference series is for greater respect for universal values that are shared by people of all races, religions, nationalities and cultures.

Today I want to speak about the role of religion in the world today. This is a topic of great significance, and one that should be given serious attention by both the United States and the United Nations.

First of all, when we think of religion, we need to recognize its importance in the lives of billions of people around the world. Religious identity is profound importance to the vast majority of the world's population. It is important to more than one billion Christians. It is important to more than one billion Muslims, a billion Hindus, and nearly a billion Buddhists, as well as to Jews, Sikhs, and Jains.

The significance of religion in the lives of people is not merely a private or personal matter. Religion shapes ideas, moral attitudes, basic outlooks, and, in turn, it affects behavior and action. In this sense, religious beliefs and actions affect political beliefs and actions, economic beliefs and actions, and social beliefs and actions.

This reality cannot be ignored. The advance of modernity, technology, the internet, and globalization have not developing new textbooks for the children of Iraq to support a new emerging democracy.

Nations can change and do change,” he added. “We have seen such changes among nations emerging from communism.

What happens in one part of the world has an impact on another,” explained Congressman Donald Payne, chair of the House Foreign affairs Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health.

“We have to work together as one world and one people.” H.E. Mr. Yahya A. Mahmassani, Ambassador and permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations, referred to rough times in the relationship between the US and UN, such as during the Cold War era.

The significance of religion in the world today. This is a universal values that are shared by people of all races, religions, nationalities and cultures.

Too often, one religion’s claim to truth meant that it felt compelled to describe the claims of the other religion as false. Hence, there has been no genuine dialogue among religions, but rather there has been fighting and quarrelling among religions. Like children of one family, with the same parents, quarrelling and squabbling.

This has to stop. We need to become respectfully well-informed about religion, in the same way that we become well-informed about geography, culture, art, literature, and economics. We cannot be spiritually illiterate.

Thirdly, interreligious dialogue and cooperation are imperative in today’s world.

The past century has witnessed an increased awareness of this need, but still there is much work to be done.

To make this happen, we must develop a new paradigm for leadership and governance in our religious traditions.

That new paradigm must encourage respectful relationships with the believers of other traditions, and must underscore the common ground shared among the religions. We should not focus only on narrow doctrinal differences. Religious leaders who teach hostility, who promote misinformation, prejudice and bigotry, should be challenged and encouraged to become better educators.

Finally efforts to solve global problems such as war, conflict, disease, poverty, climate change, we must come to see religion and faith-based organizations as allies. How can we imagine bringing peace in the Middle East, whether in Iraq or in Israel/Palestine, without the involvement and cooperation of religious leaders and faith-based organizations?

Can it be prudent to seek to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by relying only on governments or secular NGOs? How can we exclude one of the most basic of human institutions, religion, in the year 2000, Rev. Sun Myung Moon spoke at the UN and proposed that the US establish an interreligious council. Currently there is no forum or structure for the voice of religion. This is a serious limitation.

Even in this country, with its very religious population, the US lead controversy about the partnership between government and faith-based organizations.

We are living at a time when “faith-based diplomacy” and “faith-based problem solving” cannot be avoided. We are living at a time when “religious illiteracy” cannot be affirmed.

Both the US and the UN should engage in dialogue with faith leaders to explore ways in which governments and religions can be partners in the effort to solve critical global problems.

At the same time, faith leaders should meet together in dialogue and cooperation, and must move beyond competition and conflict, and focus their energy on service and the application of universal spiritual principles.

In conclusion, we live at a time when non-state actors and trans-state actors are increasingly important. NGOs, religions, and global citizens are not bound by national boundaries. Ideas, culture, moral principles are not held within national or state boundaries. National sovereignty remains a central principle of human society. At the same time, we live in a global community.

We must find the way to move forward to a world of lasting peace. Both the US and the UN are absolutely essential to this process. So too are the world’s religions.
The pledge service and commemorative ceremony for the 20th Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth took place in the main hall of the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum on October 3, 2007. More than 1,800 participants were there that day, including heads of providential organizations and companies in Korea, national messiahs, local and overseas members, and invited Ambassadors for Peace. The service began at 8:00 a.m.

During the ceremony to commemorate the 17th Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World, Father declared the opening of the gates to the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth; all debts pertaining to the era of restoration were paid and a new age was opened through the Holy Wine Ceremony. Father gave instructions that this Holy Day should from then on be celebrated as the Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth. According to these instructions, from 2005 this Holy Day has been celebrated as the Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth.

True Parents entered the room amidst the applause of the participants. They first lighted the holy candles that were set for the occasion. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, the emcee, officially proclaimed the start of the ceremony. Beginning with the representatives of the True Family, representatives and members in turn offered a bow to God and True Parents. Rev. Kwak then guided everyone in the recital of the Family Pledge.

Rev. Kwak and his wife came up to give the representative prayer and True Parents cut the celebration cake. They then sat down at the offering table to taste the offering food.

Rev. Kwak then read the speech Father gave at the 18th Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth.

Excerpts from Rev. Kwak’s reading:

“During a meeting that took place on October 3, 1988, True Parents explained that the realization of an ideal world must be achieved and perfected through both an external unification and internal unification. The key to an external unification is the unity between democracy and communism; this was symbolically realized through the 1988 Seoul Olympics, in which 160 nations participated. To achieve the internal unification, True Parents declared the ‘Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World’ centering on 120 nations of the world.”

True Parents. Then, amidst a thunderous applause, True Parents both came to the podium.

As he came to the podium Father explained: “this day should be celebrated with joy in that the gates to the heavenly nation have been opened.” True Father first had True Mother read a part of the speech Father gave at the launching of the Abel UN in New York on September 23. True Mother read the part about Father being a champion in eight different fields. True Father then began to read the speech (a slightly revised version of Peace Message 13: A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God’s Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World) from the beginning.

The program ended with four cheers of eogmanse, led by Rev. Sun Jo Hwang.

Before the cheer, Rev. Hwang explained: “True Parents launched the Peace, Abel UN on the foundation of declaring 2007 a providential jubilee year. Today True Parents have blessed this day by declaring the ‘nation that opens heavens.’ Let us all raise both hands in welcoming this day with joy.”

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Many people may say, "I scold my kids for their own sake. I scold my brothers and sisters for their own sake." However such words give negative influence to the people who hear them.

One day as I was having a meal with our church pastor in a cafeteria, a group of ladies at the next table were speaking really nasty words about the Unification Church. I listened to them without saying anything. However all day long their words lingered in my head. I didn't know those ladies but still they had such a big influence on me. But what if the words of curse are said to you by a person whom you love? How difficult it is to erase them! The "seed" we sow in our life depends on the words we say. I mean, even the words we say about ourselves. Don't speak negatively; don't plant bad seeds in yourselves. Say to yourself, "I'm breathing in victory and breathing out the spirit of failure. I'm inhaling health and exhaling sicknesses. I'm taking in unity and sending away division. Such positive thinking and speaking will guide your life towards development. God's love is capable of turning curses we have received into blessings. In our life from the young years we might have been cursed by someone, we might have heard bad words from some people or been spoken ill of. But if these things still create difficulties in our lives, we need to break them. We should be able to turn words of curse into blessings, the same way God does. Let us train from today. If you say words of blessings to other people, you will get more benefits in life.

By encouraging and giving strength to other people when they are in trouble, we strengthen ourselves. God is preparing such blessings for us. True Parents have blessed our lives. So, don't you ever think you're going to fail. Even if someone says such things to you, never say these words to yourselves. Don't plant bad seeds in yourselves. Say to yourselves, "I'm breathing in victory and breathing out the spirit of failure. I'm inhaling health and exhaling sicknesses. I'm taking in unity and sending away division. Such positive thinking and speaking will help you to other people when they are in trouble.

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born on August 18, 1930, Dr. Ho Hi Pak’s life and career can only be summed up as extraordinary. Having joined the Korean army at age 19, he worked his way up the ranks and received several medals, including the Gold Star Hwi-Rang Medal for Meritorious Service and Bravery in Combat. After a decade and a half of service, he was honorably discharged in 1964 as lieutenant colonel.

In 1957, Colonel Pak became a disciple to Rev. Sun Myung Moon and a member of the Unification Church. Dr. Pak says, “Through him I gained vision and hope for the world. The teaching of Reverend Moon can be summed up in two words: love and sacrifice for God and humanity.”

In 1962, he created “The Little Angels” performing arts troupe, eventually establishing The Little Angels Performing Arts School. Over the next 40 years, Dr. Pak organized 37 tours, where The Little Angels performed in more than 40 nations worldwide, including an historic trip to Pyongyang, North Korea. From the late seventies through the nineties, through the inspiration of his spiritual leader, Dr. Pak launched numerous humanitarian, educational, and artistic endeavors, including CAUSA International, the American Freedom Coalition, and the Summit Council for World Peace. In addition, he held several notable positions in the publishing arena as the inaugural President and Publisher of the New York City Tribune, Newsweek del Mundo, a New York-based, Spanish daily, and the Washington Times Corporation.

Furthermore, in addition to receiving numerous medals for outstanding military service, he also received many Certificates of Appreciation from prominent political figures, including President Truman, President Eisenhower, President Nixon, and HRH Queen Elizabeth II. In 2002, the Republic of Korea awarded him the National Cultural Silver Medal for Contribution toward the Promotion of National Pres- tige.

Although Dr. Pak has traveled an arduous course with his share of triumphs and tragedies, the title that he has always worn with the greatest pride is Special Assis- tant to Rev. Sun Myung Moon. No number of honors, awards, and positions can compare with the privilege of attending the greatest prophet in human histo- ry. It is with that spirit that Dr. Pak penned these works that are now offered to all corners of the world, thanks to the providential tool known as the internet. May these words always bring joy and glory to God.

Pyongyang Motor Has Exclusive Rights in North Korea

E xpectations are high as car making proj- ects in North Korea will gain additional momentum after President Roh Moo-hyun’s visit to the Pyonghwa Motor Plant in Nampo near the North’s capital of Pyongyang.

In a 20-minute visit with heads of the South’s conglomerates including Hyundai Group Chairman Chung Mong-joon, President Roh said the plant is equipped with all the facilities to assemble cars and hoped at further invest- ments in the plant, according to pool reports from Pyongyang.

“In the future” engines will be pro- duced and I look forward to seeing more facilities that produce car components in the area around the plant,” Roh was quoted as saying before he left to view a water lock in the North’s port city of Nampo.

Pyonghwa Motors Group, an automaker founded by Rev. Moon, has exclusive rights to produce cars for the North Korean market.

The group had teamed with a partner in the 70-30 percent joint venture with the North Korean state-owned trading firm, Ryonbong Corp., and completed its first assem- bly line in Nampo to pro- duce a version of the small Fiat Siena, called the “Hwiparam” (Whis- tle) in Korean in April 2002.

Pyonghwa Motor Plant was initially construct- ed to produce 10,000 vehicles, but is reportedly producing only 1,000 cars and pickup trucks, according to government sources. The number of workers is 216.

In August, Pyonghwa said it has dis- cussed a plan with Chinese automak- er Brilliance Automotive Holdings Ltd. to assemble trucks in North Korea at the request of the North Korean gov- ernment.

If the plant in the North starts pro- duction of pickup trucks, annual vehi- cle production in the Pyonghwa plant will exceed 1,000, accord- ing to the South Kore- an partner.

Experts say the company, which has a potential capacity of some 20,000 cars a year, could make for- mays into markets in China and even Russia.

According to indus- try estimates, there are only 25,000 to 30,000 passenger cars in the reclusive North, less then one per thou- sand people.

The North’s econo- my, which went from bad to worse in the early 1990s after the collapse of the Soviet Union, has been improving on the back of increased foreign aid, the Bank of Korea said in a recent report.

A terrible stench pervades the world

by Li H. Han for Dr. Sung Han Lee

A pall hangs over us all. Not the stench of garbage uncollected but of foul deeds undetected.

It clings not to our bodies and our clothes; no shower can wash it off, no perfume can cover it up — just ask God, He knows.

Do we dare name names?

Christians, Muslims and Jews all the same but honestly there is no end of all those who have chosen to offend.

But do not despair for there are many willing to do their share: to labor in the reeking ethereal wards washing fetid feet, applying salving balm to leprous sores.

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Hoon Dok Family Church in New Jerusalem

by Mrs. Masako Feddema

The New Jerusalem District (NJ) consists of New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. We have about 400 blessed central families, with about 85% of them in New Jersey. We started to create HDFC small groups in August 2007, after one year of education by Rev. Don Woo Kim, the former Regional Director, on HDFC and small groups through various vision seminars and workshops.

We started out by forming 14 small groups last August, and after one year it expanded to 40 small groups throughout the District. Out of 40 groups, 35 groups are in New Jersey. Therefore, naturally we concentrate on developing our small group activity and education system centering on New Jersey, where we have our District Headquarters.

As of now we have 225 families involved in HDFC small groups in our District. Thirty groups have weekly meetings consistently, and the rest of the groups have biweekly or monthly meetings. Last year 102 guests were invited to small group meetings and became connected to the church activities again. One brother joined the movement two years ago, but was not actively connected to the church. He joined Yoshiko’s group last year and came to the meetings regularly. He decided to let the blessing this summer and he got matched by Mrs. Masako Feddema.

Mrs. Yoshiko des Laurier started out with five families last August. She reached out especially to distant families. She and her husband personally visited them often. One family (American & Chinese) had been distant from the church for several years. They were invited to the meeting and came after several invitations. Since then they have been regular participants of the HDFC small group meetings and became connected to the church activities again.

One brother joined the movement two years ago, but was not actively connected to the church. He joined Yoshiko’s group last year and came to the meetings regularly. He decided to let the blessing this summer and he got matched and blessed. That way her group expanded to 12 families. Three guests have received the Ambassador for Peace certificate, and two more are in process.

We have invited 236 guests so far. (Some of them are repeat guests.) As the number of guests increased, we have been encouraging the small group leaders to create their own posters to promote their small groups and activities. Most of the leaders participated, and they used their own artistic talent and creativity to create wonderful, inspiring, and innovative posters! These colorful posters were displayed at the wall of the hallway of the school (we rent a school auditorium for our Sunday Service). The members got very inspired and gathered around the posters, looking curiously and carefully checking each one of them. One second generation got very excited to find his picture on the poster and shouted “I belong to this small group!” This event clearly conveyed the spirit and importance of the small group to the community.

Besides the poster display, the entire Sunday Service was dedicated to the theme of small groups. Mrs. Masako Feddema presented Rev. Won Pil Kim’s testimony of Father’s ministry in Pusan, which is the origin of HDFC activity. We had testimonies by Mrs. Beatrice Bell as a member of a small group and Mrs. Hope Igarashi as a leader. Mrs. Bell testified how she was helped to go through a difficult and challenging time of her life (her son’s cancer) by the support and prayer of small group. She is now more involved with church activity and has more awareness of reaching out to others. Mrs. Igarashi testified that because of the team work as a group she could take care and educate her four guests to become associate members. She testified that she was no longer alone in witnessing to her guests.

We have our regular HDFC small group leaders’ meeting on the second Sunday of the month after Sunday Service (12:30pm to 2:30pm). Through these meetings, consistent education has been provided to train and guide them as small group leaders. We have leaders to use the curriculum in the manual at the small group meetings. Most of the groups are using the manual well, and it has helped them make a breakthrough in sharing and discussing deeply during meetings. The key is the effective discussion questions. We are planning to revise the manual by creating curricula from the Peace Messages and Cheong Song Gyeong, following the advice of Hynun Jin Nim. It is a work in progress, and we will complete it by next January (2008).

Despite all the good things mentioned above, we still have our challenges to overcome. Our challenges are:

As the number of guests increased at the small group meetings, we recognized the need to strengthen our education. It is important that the District Headquarters support the small group by providing an education track. We have a system set up already; however, those who attend the meeting regularly have “guest friendly” Sunday Services; they do not have “guest friendly” Sunday Services; they do not have a system to train and guide them as small group leaders. We have prepared first through the small group meetings before they come to the Sunday Service. Now our small groups are steady and strong enough that we can do this in our small groups. We recognized that we did not have enough contacts to invite to our regular small group meetings. In reality many members do not even have four or five people to invite to the meetings and events. Therefore, we (the District Headquarters) created a few different leaflets so that the members can use them for their convenience, visiting door to door, when shopping, on the bus, etc. We need to reach out more often and to as many people as possible.

As more blessed central families get involved with small groups as a family, we are facing the problem of dealing with children while the adults are having their small group meetings. We are planning to create some activities for younger children and programs and curricula for older children.

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The first generation members of the Family Fed-
eration for World Peace have had some experi-
cence in working to share our faith with others. It takes a lot of effort, love, patience and prayer. Sometimes the work can be very frustrating and disheartening. But imagine try-
ing to share your faith while in prison, a war zone, or in a Cold War Communist country, where one constantly faces the threat of harass-
ment from the police, or even imprison-
ment.

Mission Butterfly is a very moving collection of accounts from members who risked their freedom to lay the foundation for the Unification faith in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. These pioneers -- our brothers in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe -- risked their freedom to lay the foundation for the Unification faith in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. In the years before the end of the Cold War. These pioneers -- our brothers and sisters -- tell their own stories of living and witnessing in extremely hard con-
ditions. Two exam-

... close to despair. I returned to the
railway station. Again the two men fol-

lowed me. I then jumped aboard a waiting tram with one of them still follow-


ing me. I pre-
tended to clip a ticket. But just as the doors were closing, I jumped out again. My
shadow cast on the tram and start-
ed to curse. I was shaken with fear but also felt liberated. When I arrived at our members’ flat and explained all that had hap-
pened, both sis-
ters became real-

ly frightened. We went out into the yard and hid some of our lit-


erature there. However, the police didn’t show up on that day or the next...

... In prison there was a chaotic mixture of good and evil spiritual influ-


ces. I expe-

rienced cruelty, arrogance and mockery by some prison guards but there were other guards who were friendly and benevolent. I managed to re-

tain my spiri-
tual freedom and

found that even prison fortifications couldn’t limit my mind. I hoped that our unfortunate situation would result in some blessings for the nation and would give birth to a better tomorrow. ... I left prison as a poor man but rich in experience. I understood that the Communist prisons and labour camps were not invented by God, but by Satan, who tried to enslave people and destroy them.

Mission Butterfly offers a beautiful opportunity to understand something of the experiences of our brothers and sisters who maintained their faith in True Parents and the Principle, even while persevering through incredible hardship.

In reading and understanding their accounts, we can in some way honor their sacrifices. Mission Butterfly is available from HSA Publications at: www.hsabooks.com.


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prime midtown location—one block from Penn Station—couldn’t be beat. Now, inspired by the glamour of its heyday, the 44-story property, with its iconic red neon rooftop sign, is being spruced up to show off some of its for-

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Montana ACLC One Family Under God Rally

by Pastor Mike Yakawich

On Tuesday, September 11th, 2007, the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) along with the Marine Corps, League of Women Ministry Clergy Leadership Conference, Women's Federation for World Peace, Native American Leadership Alliance, and Universal Peace Federation sponsored the Montana 9-11 One Family Under God Rally. The event took place in Billings, Montana for the celebration of life. It was wonderful to have the sign placed at the podium: "9-11 Celebration of Life ‘Under Family Under God’.

One of the co-sponsors for this event, UPF’s (Universal Peace Federation) Montana ACLC One Family Under God Rally, was Pastor Mike Yakawich. Pastor Mike was able to help organize this event and moderate the program. He was very aptly able to embrace this theme and saw the need for races as well as organizations to work together and respect each other.

It was a great gathering of interfaith leaders from around the community. Eight clergy and lay ministers including the president of the local synagogue offered prayers for peace and remembrance. Twelve Ambassadors for Peace were present in which one offered the opening prayer which touched the hearts of all those attending. The gathering topped out at about 120 people in attendance taking time from their lunch hour to participate.

This gathering also included the Assistant Fire Chief who gave the keynote address reflecting on his thoughts regarding September 11th, 2001. The U.S. Marshall, other firemen, police officers, and families with children participated on this sunny September afternoon.

The local media did a fine job advertising this event to the entire region. The local NBC and TV News, the co-chair of the ACLC MT is speaking to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the 1607 settlement of Jamestown in Virginia, at the Airport Holiday Inn. The event will be co-sponsored by Women In Ministry of American Clergy Leadership Conference, Women’s Federation for World Peace, Native American Leadership Alliance, and Universal Peace Federation.

Women clergy and clergy wives of many denominations will gather for two days prior to pray, pause and reflect on the significance of this Jamestown colony to our twenty-first century America. It was here that the first English settlement was established on lands that had been inhabited for millennia by Native Americans. The first African captives to come to North America arrived on their lunch hour to participate.

As we observe this jubilee year at the dawn of a new millennium what could be more fitting than to observe reconciliation, renewal, forgiveness and healing?

To truly honor all our ancestors and the tremendous price that was paid to build this nation, a special invitation is extended to women of Colonial descent and women of Native American ancestry to cross a symbolic bridge of peace and join together to create a bright new future for all children of this great nation.

Delegates will be traveling from all 50 states and beyond. We would like to invite many Native American dignitaries as our guests of honor. Please consider sponsoring a delegate from your area. Tickets are $335.00 each or $335.00 for a table. All donations are tax deductible.

If you would like to attend the one-day event on Dec. 1 or the 3-day conference Nov. 29-Dec. 1, please contact the DC church for further information.

The Second Annual One Family Under God Rally was held on September 11th, 2007 at the Billings Civic Center. The rally was a tremendous success. The event was slated to begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until 4:00 p.m.

The rally included a wide variety of speakers, including a representative of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, a representative of the Universal Peace Federation, and a variety of other religious and community leaders. The event was designed to bring people together from all walks of life to discuss the importance of peaceful coexistence and understanding among different cultures and religions.

The rally was well-attended, with hundreds of people in attendance throughout the day. The event featured a variety of speakers, including a representative of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, a representative of the Universal Peace Federation, and a variety of other religious and community leaders. The event was designed to bring people together from all walks of life to discuss the importance of peaceful coexistence and understanding among different cultures and religions.

The rally concluded with a closing prayer led by the president of the local synagogue, which was attended by numerous members of the community. The closing prayer was followed by a brief reflection and a moment of silence.

In conclusion, the Second Annual One Family Under God Rally was a successful event that brought together people from all walks of life to discuss the importance of peaceful coexistence and understanding among different cultures and religions. The event was designed to promote a message of unity and peace, and it was well-attended by many people who came together to support this important cause.
Building Peace in a Foreign Land

by Rev. Charles Cherutich, Cincinnati Family Church

In July 2007, there was a call for 200 Ambassadors for Peace from the United States to go to foreign countries (together with 2,000 Japanese and 2,000 Korean Ambassadors for Peace). I decided to volunteer and immediately contacted my District Leader. He placed me on the list of volunteers. A few weeks went by, and I received a phone call from Rev. Jorg Heller in New York. He was coordinating the dispatch of these Ambassadors for Peace and wanted to know when I would be going to Kenya. I was supposed to go by September 17. It was August already, so there was little time to prepare.

I decided to go to Kenya from September 3rd to 15th, thus beating the deadline by two days! The mission was to spread the message of peace in the chosen country.

I did not really know how this would turn out. I did not have a specific person to meet once I arrived in Kenya.

I decided I would spread the message of peace in some way, but I did not want to develop a definite plan until I met the existing Ambassadors for Peace in Kenya.

When I arrived in Kenya, I decided to go to the FFWP office in the town of Eldoret.

Upon meeting the local Ambassadors for Peace, it became clear to me that I needed to work in the vicinity of Eldoret to spread the Peace Messages. In Africa, most ethnic conflicts arise from seemingly insignificant disputes. Grazing land for cattle, water resources, and land boundaries are the most common sources of conflict. These small conflicts can escalate to community fights that lead to tribal and ethnic conflicts if left unchecked.

In every community, the primary responsibility for conflict resolution rests with the elders of the community and the local chief. Therefore I decided that I would promote the peace philosophy of UPF to local chiefs, subchiefs and village elders. Since most of them have experienced ethnic conflict in their lives, this was a message they could easily relate to. I also decided to visit teachers and schools.

During this year’s visit, I met the village elders and chiefs individually and explained the importance of peace as the only way to progress. Peace creates stability in a community. This stability enables people to make small, incremental steps to make their lives better. I explained that the desire of God is for peaceful communities. I emphasized my role as an ambassador for Peace in America, and that our effort was primarily to create a peaceful world.

Next year I will return to the same communities in Kenya and form local peace assemblies. Out of these assemblies will emerge Ambassadors for Peace who will be appointed national Ambassadors for Peace. This honor will go to those who demonstrate exemplary abilities in peacemaking at the grass roots.

Unificationist College Student Residence in Berkeley, California

The recently remodeled Hearst Center has rooms available for Unificationist college-age students.

The Hearst Center is adjacent to UC Berkeley and close to BART. Student residents are attending UCB and other local schools.

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A chicken and Meatloaf Gingerbread man

Catherine Nelson poses for the camera

Transformer

Limbo Champ

Beauty and the Geek

BC enjoy the many booths set up on the Belvedere Tennis court
EN’S HALLOWEEN
BELVEDERE, NEW YORK

Youth from WestRock & Jersey

Halloween Make-up Booth

Whack the BC

Spartans - Sungjoon Carlson, Tim Forringer, David Barry, Chunky Wright, Victor Servito Markhill, & Francis Dougherty

A great icecream treat

Donut on a string
thanking all for participating. “The
Stevens, greeted everyone warmly,
each event, and this was no exception!

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all of the couples, including the sin-
Siew Lian Leroy to explain and lead the
Carla, then introduced Rev. Alain and

and tribute, but above all by service.
celebration, remembrance, education
that very moment? As Coretta Scott
King had said, the best way to honor
"the 'Dream' alive of Dr. King's August
through which we were urged to keep
Service for Peace—by working on mul-
project in the nearby streets going on
28, 1963, message. And what better
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the prophet and conscience to our
local ACLC leader and pastor of Car-
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'Community is a word that I would use.
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Service for Peace. We started the morning
with a 10-mile run as we run in memor-
and Rev. Bento Leal

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December 2007

Bay Area ACLC 'Dream' Peace Service
by Rev. David Rosenblum and Rev. Bento Leal

Social service is one of ACLC's fun-
damental three pillars, and in the San
Francisco Bay Area we look forward to
partnering together with Service for Peace
and the Martin Luther King Day and Season of Service volunteers on a
consistent basis as we substantially
serve our communities and those of
our clergy friends.

As we were enjoying our con-
cluding snack together, Mr. Markus
evon Euw, director of Service for
Peace and principal coordinator of
Martin Luther King Season of Ser-
vice reflected, "This is such a won-
derful thing for young people to
do—serve the community. Instead
always be ready to

This article is based on the passage from the text:

16 November 2007

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more than 70 people got up early Saturday morn-
ing, August 11, 2007, to
join in one or both of two
high-spirited programs,
as the American Clergy Leadership Con-
ference and Service for Peace joined
forces. The ACLC prayer breakfast was
held at the New Life Church of God in
Christ, in Oakland. And, just a few
blocks away in the adjoining neighbor-
hoods, ACLC co-sponsored a concur-
rent Martin Luther King Day and Sea-
son of Service cleanup and beautifica-
tion project, organized and run by
Service for Peace. We started the morning
with a nice breakfast lovingly prepared.

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Service Projects & Workshops
Academic & Experiential Education
Character Building & Faith Exploration

WHAT: full-time volunteer INTERNSHIP (potential for a paid position)
WHO: FFWPU youth - preferred age 20+
WHEN: Starting Sept 1, 2007

Challenge the Next Generation to Create a Life of Altruism, Abundance, and Authenticity!
Seung Hwa Ceremony report and reflection by Rev. Michael Jenkins


IN MEMORIAM

Hyeshik Schanker

November 2007

Unification News

What you find endearing, Please pardon my fear.

I was asked to give a message as pres- ident of the FFWPU-USA. Even as I write this, I came to tears again over what I saw in the Schanker family during the course of this trial. As I wrote in earlier messages, I've never been so moved as when I saw Reverend Schanker as a true husband and true father unifying his children to give absolute support and inspiration to their mother when she was struck by the illness that would eventu- ally be the cause of her transition. Sur- rounding her hospital bed in the ICU, they were singing songs and encourag- ingly cause me to shed tears.

what a representa- tive family from our national headquarters, and they ele- vate the dignity, honor, and meaning of being a Blessed Central Family. It could be said that they all made the transition together as they came together with one heart.

I called on Dr. Tyler Hendricks, pres- ident of Unification Theological Seminary, to read a letter from Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, International President of FFWPU. Reverend Kwak wrote, "Hyeshik is a great example for all women, for more than anything she devoted herself to the atten- dance of True Parents and True Family.

approval. True Father proclaimed upon hearing of Mrs. Schanker's passing that she had successfully passed into the high- est realm with total safety and security. Our sister Hyeshik gained Jesus' sup- port and approval because she came from Korea and gave her life for America, mar- rying an American and raising American children. She loved Christianity, and she loved America. Therefore, she goes to the spirit world with Jesus' love and approval. She received God's approval because of her Blessing, having success- fully grafted into the lineage of heaven. It was so evident during the 33 days of her illness, and at the ceremony, that the four realms of heaven, spirit, earth, con- jugal love, siblings' love, and children's love—have all been established in the Schanker family. Though tears were flow- ing and we could not help feeling sad at her passing, we felt an over- whelming sense of the true value and mean- ing of our lives because flesh and blood will not remain.

At the time when we cross the bridge over into the next world, we will realize that the only thing that is truly substantial and real is the true love that we have estab- lished within our family. True love is substantial and eternal, and in time only grows in beauty. The most important element of God's and True Parents' tradition was substantially revealed through Mrs. Schanker's Seung Hwa, and that was that the Schanker family had created the bond of true love, and therefore they will never separate. I walked over to Reverend Schanker and gave him Rev. Kwak's letter, and in tears we embraced and said to each other, I love you.

Then Archbishop George Stallings, co-president of the ACLC, came forward and thanked Reverend Schanker and the central role he has played with the Christian clergy of the ACLC as well as with our work in the Middle East, and also for him personally as a Blessed Central Family. He shared that Rev. Schanker has touched his life so deeply with God's love and truth, and strengthened him on this path. Testifying to the genuine, eternal love he saw in this fam- ily, he assured Reverend Schanker it would of course go on forever. "You are not a widow," he noted.

Mrs. Yoshik Schanker, who lived with the Schankers when they pastored the Washington Family Church, gave a musi- cal offering. Her voice reso- nated with the beautiful Korean lyric song, "Baggagi." The Seung Hwa address was given by Dr. Yang, continental director of FFWPU-USA.

He spoke in Korean for the benefit of many Korean members who had come to hear him. Reverend Schanker's passing is one of the most impor- tant events of the entire Korean movement can really appreciate and benefit from, in the native
A new offering of truth and beauty, New Truth in the Last Days has arrived! Under the leadership of Dr. Shirley Stadelhofer, this collection is by those who knew and loved Mrs. Schanker best. Their thoughts, hopes, tears and laughter come together to create a living memorial to the beautiful life and legacy of Mrs. Schanker. For her friends, her family, and those who never met her, New Truth in the Last Days offers an enduring tribute to one of the most important women in the movement for the True Parent's Great Peace. As one of the foremost presenters of the Divine Principle to Christian ministers, Dr. Stadelhofer's presentation style is uniquely simple, concise, straightforward, and passionate. This book would be a great gift or loan to anyone interested in what Rev. Moon teaches. An e-book version is available.
The night I walked the labyrinth had the feel of eerie. The full moon hung in the sky, the summer air smelled autumnal, and the dark felt dense and moist. My intention to walk this strange, circular path felt wondrous and mysterious.

Sound strange and spooky? It was, a little. It turned out to be a remarkable experience of understanding and increased self-knowledge. The labyrinth, while stunning in its simplicity, was, unexpectedly, a profoundly nourishing experience.

A labyrinth is a circular, one-way maze-like path that has been used by spiritual seekers since the ancients. In a labyrinth, unlike a maze, there is only one way to go; one simply follows the path in, then out. For some, walking the labyrinth is a form of prayer; for others, it is a symbolic journey to the self, represented by reaching the center of the path.

For me, it began as something interesting to do.

The day of my labyrinth experience I was finding myself to be sort of... tilted. I could not find my balance - at yoga, in my checkbook, in the complications of a busy life. I was preoccupied with this lack of balance—it made me feel as though I was riding on a see-saw of commitments and expectations. I hoped the labyrinth would, at the very least, be distracting.

I was feeling an inexplicable anxiety, much as my friends and I drove to Barrytown, where The Peace Center of the Human Race has its labyrinth gardens. When we arrived, that feeling quieted almost immediately. We all fell silent. Our labyrinth experience had begun.

Oddly, as we approached, I got a little scared. What was I doing here? I was feeling an inexplicable adrenaline rush as my friends and I drove to Barrytown, where The Peace Center of the Human Race has its labyrinth gardens. When we arrived, that feeling quieted almost immediately. We all fell silent. Our labyrinth experience had begun.

The docent of the labyrinth was a kind and soft-spoken woman who spoke with a brogue. She offered to cleanse us by “smudging” us with smoke from a wand of burning sage. She encouraged us by “smudging” us with smoke from a wand of burning sage. She encouraged us to reflect. We were urged to notice any answers or ideas that might need room to enter. When I approached the center, I felt as though I had been given a strange useful gift. I lingered a little there, finding myself quietly drawn to the “shrines” honoring the beings of the universe.

I watched the labyrinth walkers for a moment; I was still a little scared. They looked normal. The walkers were silent and polite: the etiquette of passing and honoring each other was implied. People walked slowly, mindfully. My first steps, as I began my walk, were cautious.

The docent told us many people experience different “stages” in a labyrinth walk. This was true for me. Walking in, I felt tentative, my mind somersaulting, unfocused, focused on not interrupting or invading upon the other walkers’ experience. Within a few minutes, I was feeling very calm, and it was clear this experience was about finding my elusive balance.

Answers revealed. The path, though perfectly circular, turned and guided me in every direction. I felt a definite pull toward one area. I discovered I was drawn to the south, and the qualities associated with this pole were exactly like me. Ease of speech. Fortitude. Acceptance of failure. Love. These are qualities that I associate with the color red, which I was wearing! I tried to keep a spacious mind for any answers or ideas that might need room to enter. When I approached the center, I felt as though I had been given a strange useful gift. I lingered a little there, finding myself quietly drawn to the “shrines” honoring the beings of the universe.

I realized, then, suddenly, that I had a perfect solution to the issue of being unbalanced. The solution appeared to me, fully formed, without any fanfare. The answer was just there, in the recognition of tools I had forgotten. Possessed: asking for help, delegating, letting a few things wait a little, assessing whether my expectations of myself were reasonable or not. All of a sudden, I felt spectacularly relieved. Clear. Infused with energy.

I marveled at this as I continued, enjoying the dark and the inky night sky. I felt a strange kinship with the other walkers. I walked differently now: a gentle warrior, fully balanced on my feet. I did not want my labyrinth walk to end.

But it did. There were no more twists or turns. I had come full circle. I was fully peaceful, grounded, balanced. Something had shifted, in some imperceptible way, in my little corner of the universe.

I wondered whether I would walk another labyrinth? I was not sure. It was a rare and wonderful thing when there is only one path to take. Rare, and truly wonderful.

The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race

Teddy Verheven was sent as a lone missionary in 1965 from Los Angeles to Holland (his country of birth), by the leader of the Unified Family, Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

This writing not only explains the purification and development of the inner personality (moral and intellectual), but also the unfoldment of the innermost spark, by awakening and feeding the growing soul with the Love and Truth of God.

For more detail, go to: “The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race” on AtlasBooks.com - Category “Biblical Studies or Body, Mind, Spirit.” See Summary and Testimony and click on “excerpt” for Foreword and 10 pages of Table of Contents.
RYS Interfaith Work in Netherlands

RIDING THE GAP BETWEEN RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES—"was the motto which brought 20 young people from different cultures and faiths together in Utrecht, The Netherlands for an interfaith service project. Beginning July 25, it was a 10-day project organized by Youth Service Initiative, a youth volunteer group and Religious Youth Service, an international, interfaith organization and was carried out in partnership with the city of Utrecht and supported by Kerk en Wereld.

The project aimed at providing an opportunity for these young people from different faiths to serve the local community and, in doing so, to come to a deeper understanding of the faiths of the other participants. The participants worked with the local Social Center, Doenja Dienstverlening, to create a peace mosaic at a playground in Kanaleneiland, a neighborhood with a bad reputation in Utrecht, and also at De Paraph, a center for handicapped people. These projects stimulated the participants to unite and gave the group an opportunity to connect with the local neighborhood, working with children, youth and handicapped adults at the project site. Working together for one week on these artistic projects brought everyone closer together and increased the deep friendships among the participants and local residents.

After six days of investment and effort, the participants and the local community gathered for an intercultural evening together, offering performances from their own cultures for each other. This became a special bonding experience that served to harmonize and inspire all attending. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment ranging from national children’s songs to national anthems, from plans to an intercultural cooking show and from classical piano to rock ‘n roll dancing.

It was an evening of unity through our diversity and everyone truly experienced what every culture enjoys the most—happiness, laughter and joy.

The other aspects of the program also focused on fulfilling the motto of gaining deeper interfaith understanding and appreciation. Each day began with morning meditation on a spiritual or religious quote, with each participating youth then sharing how the quote related to his or her own faith. The group also had the chance to visit several places of worship, including the Donkerk and the Mosque Al Farouq in Utrecht, a Hindu Temple in Den Haag and a Buddhist Temple in Amsterdam. By participating in a Buddhist meditation, and later having a dialogue session with other youth in the Mosque, the young people could deepen their understanding of these different traditions and beliefs. And to further encourage dialogue, we traveled using the “FORUM Discussion Bus,” which allowed the group to discuss some burning topics regarding faith, and the impact of our individual society. These discussions continued throughout our daily educational activities, which were focused on conflict management, communication skills, and personal character development. All of these experiences served to provide the young people with tools that would enable them to become agents of constructive change in their respective communities.

To close the project, we spent the last day in the peaceful surroundings of Reeuwijk. This was our reflection day, which incorporated a long boat ride on a beautiful lake, an interlude especially conducive to each of the participants digesting and appreciating the impact that he or she had had in the community. This project was made possible thanks to the Paraph, Doenja, Kerk en Wereld, the Gemeente of Utrecht, the Moskee Al Farouq in Overvecht, FORUM, the Sewa Dham community, and the Fgs He I Hua Temple who supported it. Email: info@religiousyouthservice.org

RYS India: 100,000 Signatures for Peace

May 22 was a prelude to the International Day for Peace, which is marked to commemorate the assassination of Gandhi, the RYS-India, Chennai in association with Gandhi An Institutions initiated a Signature Campaign for Peace (September 8–19). In the 1960s the world saw the development of a Peace Movement; however, it lacked the understanding of the meaning of global selfless love, and the movement developed towards individualism. In contrast, RYS Chennai hopes to create a new platform for peace. As a fresh new episode in the history of peace building, RYS Chennai organized the Peace Campaign with 100,000 students in colleges and universities in and around Chennai, India, pretending the need to “live for the sake of others.”

Nearly 1,000,000 signatures were collected on the Peace Banners displayed in various universities and institutions as an ushering in of a new world of peace and in this way emphasizing ahimsa as the new paradigm for fostering peace.

Besides students, RYS Chennai involved professors and teachers in conducting the program in an appropriate manner. Many prominent individuals, NGOs, CBOs, and many others participated. The colleges and universities were most cooperative in allowing the Peace Signature Campaign, thus helping to promote a greater awareness of the meaning of “True Peace.”

This initiative marks the beginning of a new success story in India. Talks were arranged for the students to elaborate on the meaning of peace in today’s world and introduced them to the vision for becoming effective Ambassadors for Peace. Every signature collected goes toward the enhancement of the status for peace.

RYS Chennai hopes that this model peace activity will evolve into a worldwide movement toward the realization of global peace—“as One World under God.”

Useful Internet Addresses

Unification Church: unification.org

Family Federation: familyfed.org

IPWF.org: ipwf.org

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Blessed Family Dept. USA: 2nd Generation Dept. Special Task Force (STF)

Matching, 1st Generation Matching 2Gen Website: matching2gen.org

HSA Bookstore: Unification International:ッ

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World Community Journal: UTS:

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Whatever afflication may visit you is to visit your own hands have earned. Qur’an 42:36.

As you plan for somebody, so God plans for you. 
Jyapgo Proverb

I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give to every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. Jeremiah 17:10

There are no special doors for calamity and happiness; they come as men themselves act them. 
Treatise on Response and Retribution 1-2 (Talmud)

Jesus gave sacrificial love, but bad things happened to him. Why? Because of his love. His words and deeds placed a demand on others. In a similar way, our words and deeds place a demand on people. The difference is that we mistake good things for bad, and bad for good.

So then, misfortune can turn out to have been good fortune. There is the tale of the farmer for whom a series of mishaps occurred. One leg was broken by a falling tree, but then the son was not taken away by an army passing through, to a battle in which all men were killed. The lesson is to be grateful no matter what happens. Why? Because what we live is a result of what we thought. It is the result of your past deeds. It may be a benefit: it may be a liability, or seem one or the other. I’ve often been rather despondent over some state of affairs, and then someone would come along and cast a new light on it, and my thinking would change. So no matter whether you think it is for the better or the worse, be grateful and act for the benefit of others, with love and sacrifice, and you’ll see that whatever comes is the cause of what will happen to you in the future.

The one who controls your response but you. It is the realm in which you have the freedom to love and sacrifice. These virtues open the path to restore the relationship between people in the love of Christ. This on foundation of love between people is the way to open and restore our relationship with God.

For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” (Mt. 7:2 NKJV) He said, “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them in the same way. (Mt. 7:12 NKJV)

Jesus taught love and sacrifice, and he taught that the one who gives sacrifice to all that he had to humankind, even offering his life. If we turn to him with this, we will not perish but have eternal life.

Our True Parents, Father and Mother Moon, are the great righteous, international founders, prophets and saints, exemplify the same love and sacrificial spirit. Your UN is fine! Your food programs and environmental protection programs and anti-discrimination laws are great! But they are not enough! What they are missing is that they are not rooted in God’s original love. Eternal peace cannot come out of it. That is what the Messiah is all about.

Let’s look at the world a century. Europe had enjoyed peace since the close of the Napoleonic wars. The first Parliament of the World’s Religions had been held in Chicago, 1893. Technology, trade, travel were opening new horizons—just like today. Many Christians felt that the Kingdom was at hand. Then Europe plunged headlong into the carnage of the First World War, the fruit of fascism and communism destroying hundreds of millions of lives. The Messianic comes to the world to remind us that we’ve got to deal with the evil that lies beneath our great institutions; we have to deal with an invisible force called the evil mind in each one of us; we have to deal with Satan. The Messiah comes to call us to respect, if you will, the devil freely, fully, and perfectly: to root to root to the individual to the family, society, nation, world and Heaven and earth.

August 31, two days ago, marked the 18th anniversary of the day that Reverend Moon declared that he had accomplished that feat. It’s called the Shik, the ceremony of the eight stages. The next day, September 1, 1989, he declared the Day of Heavenly Parentism, the dawning of the era when the world will be governed by parent love and all love, including that between true families, as one family under God. Reverend and Mrs. Moon returned to Korea last week to sign declarations, and are hosting Ambassadors for Peace from around the world to study Heavenly Parentism and meditate upon its application in their spheres of influence.

This month they will come to New York City to celebrate the second anniver- sary of the inauguration of the Univer- sal Peace Federation on September 12. They have established a spiritually driv- en partner to the United Nations. Who is he to do that? He doesn’t have a uni- form! He has no badge! He’s just stand- ing out there in the road, trying to redi- rect traffic away from a train wreck. On the 21st through the 25th, he is participating in a global gathering under the auspices of the Universal Peace Fed- eration and the network concerning the prin- ciples and practices that make for true peace. It is timed to coincide with the General Assembly of the United Nations. He has set forth proposals over the past few years for the UN to consider, for resolutions, for integration into the peace- system, for an advisory council of eminent religious leaders from all the major religions. There are each of these proposals, but what he really is about, finally, is the Messiah.

No One Man. Universal Peace Federation is nowhere as big as the Great Octopus: the budget or progres- sive or power of the UN. Many at the UN do not welcome him. His is a still, small voice, addressing the world to wake up, that unless we root out the curse of radical evil, Satan’s selfishness, this house, this American-made, Judeo- Christian secular city seal-of-approval house, too, will fall. And this dimen- sion of history, like it or not, has every- thing to do with the Messiah. It’s invis- ible, intangible: it addresses the deep root of the human experience. He comes in the name of the Lord. No one likes to hear this because it addresses the individual in his or her alonelessness before God. Mr. Bang Ki Moon, Mr. Kim Jung II, Mr. George W. Bush Mr. Osama bin Laden, it begins with you, personally. And it begins with Mr. Tyler Hendricks. If I am feeling a lack of love, I have to realize that I am not giving enough love. If I’m feeling self-pity, I have to realize that I’ve abused and mistreated oth- ers. If I think of the evil that I’ve done, the self-pity, I have to recognize my life, I live in terror of what awaits me. The recompense comes as I call it to me. It is an inexorable law, for the great and small. Jesus was under this law; so was Buddha, so was Muhammad, so are Reverend and Mrs. Moon, so is Satan, and so is God. So are you and I.

The core difference between God and Satan in this regard is that God bears the pain of loving and loving does not. God knows keeping sacrificing and loving and loving does not. Satan says, stop, I’ve given enough. Too many bad things are happening to me. I’m a pretty good guy, but bad things happen to me. I’m not better than those others. They aren’t good, but all these good things are happening to them. I wish I had that kind of life, I wish I put myself in the center. I am number one.

God is not getting what He needs and deserves, but He decides to leave Hell, and He says, “You are number one,” says God. But being God’s number one is not easy. Most of the time, we actually settle for being Satan’s number one. We allow him to turn the stones into false bread in exchange for bodily ease. We accept the kingdoms of the world in exchange for God’s kingdom. We prefer testing God to trusting God.

Let us gain strength from the Word of God, and live for His Kingdom, and treat Him alone. The Psalmist called blessed the one who could meditate on the Law day and night. He didn’t talk- ing about rules and regulations: he was talking about putting the Word of God first. If we can do that, then we will rise above the good things and bad things that we continually experience. With God’s help, we can acquire the control of what happens to us, and in the face of it all, strive to be a plus in the lives of others.
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Curriculum Mini-Grant Program

The Center for Education at UTS is announcing the Curriculum Mini-Grant Program. The mini-grants program offers grants between $500 - $1,000 for the creation of professional curricula and teaching tools for the diverse age groups within the Unification movement. The Center for Education at UTS wishes to encourage the development and publication of effective and creative curricula or teaching tools that can be used throughout the country.

There is a tremendous need for effective curricula in each of the target age groups. Currently, some centers are using the national curriculum while others have simply done their best to teach Divine Principle or the Bible or a combination of the two. Then there are other church centers that are not doing any kind of educational program because they don’t have any type of curriculum or outline from which to work. Therefore, we wish to encourage those with the desire, experience or means to develop curricula that can be used in: K-6 Sunday Schools, Youth Ministries, Young Adult Ministries and even Adult Ministries.

In addition, there is a need to create effective teaching tools such as games, activities, specialized felt board teaching tools, dramas and similar creative tools for use in each of these ministries. Have you designed a game or teaching tool that you have found to be effective? Why not professionalize it or expand it so that others can use it?

Those who wish to apply need to review the grant requirements and submit an application. go to www.centerforeducation.net for more Grant Information and details.

A Message from the Assistant Editor

The New Voices of Our Generation has now been running successfully for over a year and the editors at UNEWS would like to thank all those who have contributed an article to this section. Spread the word, communicate, and link yourself to the rest of America by subscribing to the paper and submitting your voice at newvog@gmail.com for 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! Be as subjective as you please, but keep in mind, that as this is a public paper, be respectful in your opinions.

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Habits come in one of three forms - good, bad and indifferent. They are all acquired behaviors that you do often and automatically, and are difficult to change. That’s especially true of bad habits. While it can seem impossible to break free of their pull, you can do it with careful thought and some work.

WHERE TO START
Make a list of the habits that concern you. Typical items include eating junk food, going to bed late, excessive shopping or Internet browsing, or interrupting others in conversation.

With list in hand, consider what each habit is doing for you. For example, habits can serve to relieve boredom, lower anxiety or create excitement. There is always a reason we hold on to a habit. The more you understand any habit, the better you can deal with it.

CREATE HABIT AWARENESS
You built your bad habit over time, and it will take time to reverse it. The process requires a series of steps.

The first step involves creating in-depth habit awareness. To achieve this, do the following about a habit you wish to break...

- Keep a ‘habit record.’ Include the date and time you felt the urge to indulge, the duration of the urge and if you gave in.
- When you indulge, identify what came before — the feelings and situations that triggered the habit behavior.
- What were you thinking when the habit urge hit you? To harness these automatic thoughts, slow your thinking process. Ask yourself what mental steps you made between seeing or experiencing something and the urge to eat candy, bite your nails, etc.

Example: You see candy and you think, ‘That would taste great’... ‘I have been careful on my diet so it doesn’t matter’... ‘I deserve a treat’... ‘I am weak.’

DEVELOP ALTERNATE THOUGHTS
Changing your behavior involves changing the way you think. Thoughts to watch for include...

- Self-pitying thoughts. ‘I’ve had such a bad day.’ ‘I’m so irritated.’ ‘I didn’t deserve that.’ Mentally dispute these types of thoughts because they lead to feeling that you deserve to indulge.
- Conclusion thoughts. ‘I made a mistake that time.’
- ‘I ate a candy bar this afternoon.’ ‘Counterevidence: ‘I had a healthy breakfast and a salad for lunch.’

Forget the guilt. People around you may try to use guilt to entice you to change, but feeling guilty generally becomes an emotional trigger for bad habit behavior.

DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE BEHAVIOR
One of the most important steps in changing a habit is to develop a ‘competing response’ -- behavior that is incompatible with your bad habit, that you can do as often as you need and for as long as it takes for the urge to stop. You must also be able to do this without interfering with other activities.

- Examples: If your bad habit is biting your nails, try clenching your fist as a competing response. When you feel the urge to bite, clench instead.
- If interrupting others is your bad habit, develop a mantra to repeat to yourself when you’re tempted to intrude, perhaps asking yourself if the timing is appropriate, or reminding yourself to wait a few seconds to speak.

Competing responses are also helpful in making you more aware of your habit and its urges.

BUILD GOOD HABITS
Good habits are the most effective competing responses there are. Whatever challenge you decide to take on, don’t get paralyzed worrying if it is exactly the right thing. Just do it. You can always make adjustments later. Keep in mind the advantages of making this change, and the disadvantages you would face if you didn’t make it. Finally, you’re more apt to meet with success if you keep it simple and convenient.

Example: You’ve decided to stop watching so much television and instead become more physically fit. Rather than joining the elaborate gym 40 minutes from your home, go for the no-frills gym that is five minutes away.

Remember, while the payoff for good habits is long term, it takes time to reach it. To stay inspired on the journey, make a list of reminders about what you are doing and why. Keep a journal of your progress. Writing is a powerful way to reenso

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5 Steps to Change Bad Habits Into Good Ones

by James Claiborn, PhD

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The New Voices of Our Generation

Halloween 2007: Belvedere

On Saturday, October 27th, 2007 at 5pm to 9pm, a Halloween Bash! This was the very first time the annual Halloween Party was held in Belvedere. It was organized cooperatively with the Borough Council, the staff and the staff of New Jersey’s GO program and NYC’s youth group with tremendous help from the BCP group.

Over 200 people attended from ages 12 and up, some even came from Bridgeport, Red Hook, and also as far as Maryland, Chicago, and Wisconsin.

The booths that were set up included face-painting, “Whack a BC” Doughnut Eating Contest, and “Guess the Body Organ.” The much anticipated and popular Halloween Trail was hosted by our New Jersey brothers and sisters. We had performances by Jason Feddema’s band, an all girl band, Arms to the Trees, and Vangar, we even had rapper Justin Kim from New York. The rest of the night was filled with other forms of entertainment, like a limbo contest, costume contest, and talent show.

Overall, it was a fun-filled event where our BC brothers and sisters from all over could gather together and “get tremendous help youth group with New Jersey’s GO program and NYC’s youth group with tremendous help from the BCP group.”

Beauty and Her Prince!

The Pickle Jar

Written by Tony Aparo

The pickle jar as far back as I can remember sat on the floor beside the dresser in my parents’ bedroom. When I got ready for bed, Dad would empty his pockets and toss his coins into the jar. As a small boy I was always fascinated at the sounds the coins made as they were dropped into the jar. They landed with a merry dull thud as the jar was filled. I used to squat on the floor in front of the jar and admire the copper and silver circles that glinted like a pirate’s treasure when the sun poured through the bedroom window. When the jar was filled, Dad would sit at the kitchen table and roll the coins before taking them to the bank. Taking the coins to the bank was always a big production. We would always celebrate each deposit by stopping for an ice cream cone. I always got chocolate. Dad always got vanilla. When the clerk at the ice cream parlor handed Dad his change, he would show me the few coins nestled in his palm. “When we get home, we’ll start filling the jar again.” He always let me drop the first coins into the empty jar. As they rattled around with a brief, happy jingle, I grinned at each other. “You’ll get to college on pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters,” he said. “But you’ll get there. I’ll see to that.”

The years passed, and I finished college and took a job in another town. Once, while visiting my parents, I used my phone in their bedroom, and noticed that the pickle jar was gone. It had served its purpose and had been removed.

The box of rolled coins across the counter at the bank toward the cashier, he would grin proudly. “These are for my son’s college fund. He’ll never work at the mill all his life like me.”

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A lump rose in my throat as I stared at the spot beside the dresser where the jar had always stood. My dad was a man of few words, and never lectured me on the values of determination, perseverance, and faith. The pickle jar had taught me all these virtues far more eloquently than the most flowery words of could have done. When I married, I told my wife Susan about the significant part the lowly pickle jar had played in my life as a boy. In my mind, it defined more than anything else, how much my dad had loved me.

No matter how rough things got at home, Dad continued to doggedly drop his coins into the jar. Even the summer when Dad got laid off from the mill, and Mama had to serve dried beans several times a week, not a single dime was taken from the jar. To the contrary, as Dad looked across the table at me, pouring catsup over my beans to make them more palatable, he became more determined than ever to make a way out for me.

“When you finish college, Son,” he told me, his eyes glistening, “you’ll never have to eat beans again...unless you want to.”

The first Christmas after our daughter Jessica was born, we spent the holiday with my parents. After dinner, Mom and Dad sat next to each other on the sofa talking turns cuddling their first grandchild. Jessica began to whimper softly, and Susan took her from Dad’s arms. “She probably needs to be changed,” she said, carrying the baby into my parents’ bedroom to diaper her. When Susan came back into the living room, there was a strange mist in her eyes. She handed Jessica back to Dad before taking my hand and leading me into the room. “Look,” she said softly, her eyes directing me to a spot on the floor beside the dresser. To my amazement, there, as if it had never been removed, stood the old pickle jar, the custom already covered with coins. I walked over to the pickle jar, dug down into my pocket, and pulled out a fistful of coins. With a gamut of emotions, choking me, I dropped the coins into the jar. I looked up and saw that Dad, carrying Jessica, had slipped quietly into the room. Our eyes locked, and I knew he was feeling the same emotions I felt. Neither one of us could speak.

This truly touched my heart... I know it has yours as well. Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings.

Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture, you can change a person’s life, for better or for worse.

God puts us all in each other’s lives to impact one another in some way. Look for God in others.

“The best and most beautiful things cannot be seen or touched - they must be felt with the heart” – Helen Keller

Happy moments, praise God. Difficult moments, seek God. Quiet moments, worship God. Painful moments, trust God.

Every moment, thank God. Painful moments, trust God.
What if we could teach the key concepts of Divine Principle without being concerned about religious intolerance? What if we could spread the core values explained in “Principle of Creation” and have people around the globe embrace the idea of realizing the three blessings? What if you, a college-age youth, were the teacher helping to transform a child’s life by awakening his conscience and helping him understand his true value? This is already happening.

Last summer seventeen young people were trained to be peer educators and then went abroad to islands in the Caribbean or Micronesia or to the continent of Africa to help the developing world reject the selfish messages being exported by Western media. Diana Santelli, Maria Lee, and Michelle Brunkhorst went to Belize in Central America. Surrounded by Spanish-speaking countries, they were able to teach in English which is the language of this small nation. Abby Sayre and Julia McKenna, however, practiced their Spanish and improved their skills as they translated stories and taught games in the Dominican Republic.

Then, following three weeks of work in three day-camps, Julia and Abby went on to Trinidad and Tobago where the language was more familiar, but the challenges came in sometimes teaching fifty to sixty students with ages ranging from seven to seventeen. Igraine Convery and, later, Kuna Hamad joined them in T&T so there was additional help and support. Gina Standard, Hithia Shibuya, and Kuna Hamad taught adolescents in the Caribbean islands of St. Lucia and St. Vincent. Edna Davis and Morrow Willis were in the islands too—in Micronesia. Another group of young people accompanied Mrs. Beverly Berndt to the Gambia where they introduced the character education books to teachers and community leaders. Universal Peace Federation’s Character Education Initiative has developed a curriculum entitled Discovering the Real Me that includes teacher manuals and student textbooks for beginning primary grades through high school.

The lessons are based on stories and scenarios that the students find familiar and fun. In the process of enjoying a story, perhaps including acting it out, children learn that they have eternal value and deserve to be treated with love and respect. They learn how they can grow up to be happy and successful in life by being people of good character. Children learn how important it is to have a healthy and happy family and what they can do today to accomplish that goal in the future. And, finally, a child can learn how to find his or her true value in service to others.

If you think you would be interested in having an adventure overseas while giving of yourself in a way that has lasting value to a child and his community, you may contact me, Mrs. Sally Sayer at interns@upf.org or by phone at (610) 298-2439.
November 2007

Paul Carlson

This month's article is about climate change. Below the headline grabbing version -- Global Warming. It's a 'hot' topic for sure.

Many scientific terms are used in discussing climate change, and it's important to grasp their meaning. A key one is Anthropogenic Global Warming. That is: an overall heating of the climate, caused by human activity.

Whether this is real is a complicated and controversial subject. To make the plot thicker, advocates have lined up, on hostile opposing sides, according to their personal Left/Right ideology.

Even climate scientists may be tainted. If not by personal ideology, then by the need to please their source of funding. Whether government agencies or liberal universities or activist foundations or private corporations; there are agendas, plus monetary and PR connections, both public and hidden.

All sides now use religious terminology, with prophets like Al Gore deniers like Roy Spencer, and heretics like Bjorn Lomborg. There are public appeals to believe, and denunciations of skeptical Deneris. The warnings of 'doom at hand' resemble those of 'last days' Christian fundamentalists.

This ongoing controversy is a gold mine for the media, mainstream and alternative alike. Over the past century, they've followed a 25 year alarmist spectrum needs ten points:

1) No one knows if Global Warming is occurring, because climate science is too primitive.
2) Global Warming is not occurring at all.
3) Global Warming is real, but it's a harmless phenomenon of nature that has nothing to do with human activity.
4) Global Warming is caused by some mixture of natural and human factors. The effects will probably be mild, and insignificant overall.
5) Global Warming is caused by humans and may do some damage. However, there is nothing to be done about it, and those who try will do more harm than good.
6) It is important whether Glob- al Warming is real or caused by humans. It is an exaggerated scenario propagat ed by activists, who'll use any pretext to advance their anti-Capitalist agenda.
7) Global Warming is caused by humans, and might cause catastrophic damage. It is possible to mitigate the worst consequences, and such actions will benefit, not damage, the global economy.
9) AGW has reached a 'tipping point,' and drastic changes will soon occur. Severe droughts and storms will strike, and sea levels will rise. Humans deserve punishment, because of the damage they have done to Gaia.
10) The global climate has been changing for billions of years, and will continue to do so. No human has sufficed data, or the impartial per spective, to state that our current climate is the optimum one. It's uncertain whether human behavior has forced it to stabilize itself, which we could, which is doubtful.

In how much has the climate changed before? Over the history of the Earth, there have been thick glaciers all the way down to the Equator, and dinosaur- filled jungles at the North Pole. Sever al times! Earthly life, in case you haven't noticed, does continue.

Point 10 says nothing about possible causes, or the primacy of humankind. The idea is that one of those possibilities may spontaneously implement, because the story is not over.

CONCLUSION

I'm not going to make the usual conclusion, because the story is not over. All the data isn't in, studies are still coming out, and the conclusions are in flux. Drastic solutions have been proposed, and one hopes that freedom will not die in the face of this alleged crisis.

The phrase Global Warming is being replaced by the more 'flexible' term Climate Change. A few years ago, Eng land suffered from drought, and AGW was blamed. In 2007 there were floods, and no one wondered what got blamed. My con sultant friend told me, 'tis a wonder ful idea, that blame can be blamed for any result.

Please study all sides of this issue. Look at the evidence, and the Global Climate Report, web sites, Wikipedia does a great job of summarizing the data, and the IPCC! Our planet isn't going anywhere, and humanity has adopted to big changes before. During two historical periods, a warmer climate proved beneficial.

Above all, keep working to support God's Providence. Humanity must be united in heart, and able to cooperate across ideological lines, to fully under stand and contain the threats. Whatever their cause, droughts may compel population shifts, and spark wars. Leaders, scientists, and pub lic must be impartial and honest, to handle any changes effectively. ☏

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