The Global Peace Festival concluded in Manila with our final celebration breakfast with Dr. Hyun Jin Moon. The Festival in the Philippines had very broad sponsorship and support from NGOs, key Filipino elected officials, religious leaders and their organizations and government agencies.

A series of conferences were held concurrently throughout the week including the International Leadership Conference, the International Professors and Educators Conferences, the 2nd Youth Power Assembly and the International Youth Leadership Conference. The preparation for the event was done through service and education and partnerships with many mainstream Filipino leaders for the last year or more.

The events culminated with the main day of the Global Peace Festival in which top performers and sports figures as well as most of the high schools and their marching bands and cheerleaders joined in for a parade, celebration, entertainment and words of peace for a great finale. The event site was visited by

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I n Hawaii I proclaimed the first Adam, second Adam, third Adam and fourth Adam. I proclaimed the realm of the restored first Adam. By January 13, 2013, we must complete the prov- idence: America must complete its respon- sibility before God. Centering on Hyun Jin Nim, all American leaders must be united as one. The Abel UN was estab- lished, and the Cain UN must be unit- ed as one. The Abel UN was estab- lished, and the Cain UN must be unit- ed as one.

All connected with the UN must be standing in the position of Abel. The vertical realm of heart must be connected to this providence. If not held on to America, it could have been turned around in three years.

Today is November 8th – the day of new beginning. In every way this is most significant. You don’t understand the significance of this proclamation today.

The age for Blessing is by the time you are 24. This is most significant. The blessing is most critical. There will be no religious boundaries in the future. There will be no national boundaries. We will have God’s realm of Cheon Il Guk. We must have exchange marriage. Every month on the 17th we must have a Peace Message Rally. There will be no law but the law of the family. Everything will be taken care of.

Peace Message Number 4 is very criti- cal. In Hawaii on the 4th of November I made the initial proclamation and on the 8th here in East Garden I made this proclamation again.

You have to be repentful for not doing enough well. You must be able to guide and educate others. Every day you must be attending Hoon Dok Hae and devel- oping. If people do not come to Hoon Dok Hae, then they are not qualified. They will not know what is going on. We must educate people on the 17th of each month. This will be on the 17th, 18th, 19th each month. The next 7 years are very criti- cal. It is time for us to go beyond reli- gion and join with God’s sovereignty.

The threat of a nuclear holocaust is real. We must prevent this catastrophe.

We must do away with all atomic bombs. All the atomic bombs that are in the world can destroy the planet Earth 10 times over. All the bombs must be buried deep in the Pacific Ocean so that no one can use them. I am trying to utilize all the technology that is being developed and equalize that for all people.

Archbishop Stallings may want to be the leader of religion – but eventually God wants to end the need for religions and bring everyone into God’s family. We have to end the division between black and white and end all divisions and dis- crimination.

The Native Americans represented the mother and were here to support the set- tlers. They represent the Asian people but the White people committed sin and wiped them out. They did not die from disease or starvation; they were killed. Messages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 are all based on specific indemnity conditions to restore humanity. Messages 8 and 9 are also setting indemnity conditions allowing the angelic world and the spirit world to guide and support humanity. Message 13 leads us into the Pacific Rim Era of Peace.

After many tens of thousands of years, these messages will be understood as poetic and central dispensational, turn- ing point messages for the history of humankind. Now people reject me and
the messages because they don’t know the reality of God’s dispensation. All the speeches represent different indemnity conditions.

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We are all part of the first, second, third, or fourth Israel. The first Israel should serve the second Israel, the second Israel should serve the third Israel, and the third Israel should be connected to the fourth Israel. Just because we shake hands doesn’t mean we are connected. All things must be connected to each other. If we eat the same kind of vegetables, that doesn’t mean we are the same. We have to be connected through lineage. Unification blessed families should not change. You should be connected to the central root, with one blood lineage. You must pull and push; that way you can make a circular motion, North and South, East and West.

This world is so divided. How will we bring the world together? It will be done by heart and love. You cannot just let any person go; you must go beyond individualism. If you have any concept of fighting, you cannot bring harmony. If you want to lead, you have to be willing to go down to the bottom and serve. This is the law and the principle. Otherwise there will be no fruit.

Although there are so many trees, there must be one central bud or root. How many branches do we have? Relationships with the father, grandfather, husband, wife and children are very important. The relationship of heart cannot be accomplished alone. God doesn’t have any feelings of revenge. If we shed blood, we can never overcome barriers. The Fall happened and turned all relationships upside down. Satan wants to be on top. His method is to kill and eliminate all opposition. We go back to one fundamental principle: There cannot be two centers, only one. There must be one root.

Whether it takes 7, 21, or 40 years (for the fruit to mature), it doesn’t matter. It will be the same. The root should be one; after 7 years, it should bear fruit. Now we are in the realm of the fourth Adam’s heart. We should be different from the past. We should be able to look in not only 4 directions but actually 8 directions. At True Children’s Day, we long for True Parents to come. One thousand years from now, the fruit will be the same. centering on True Parents. When we established the Abel UN on September 23, we had 194 nations. However, there must be one central root and one central point.

You must be connected to the central root. The chosen people are no longer the central root. The central root must be the center. The central root must be linked by lineage to God. You have to really learn the language that True Parents want you to learn. True Parents are the ones who came to give you their inheritance. If you want to be individualistic, it is not good. If there is one pine tree, it cannot be the center: it is only part of the whole. You have to be connected to the central seed and central root. Everyone is divided from each other. In America there are so many different denominations and religions. They are all divided because of the false love brought by the Fall.

Though there are 6.5 billion people on the earth, there is only one true man and true woman. The reason we came here together today is because heaven and earth came together here. Centering on the Word, everyone must be engrafted to the central root. We should live for and invest in each other. That is why we must have an international and interreligious blessing. There must be only one root and one seed.

Everything expands from the center. All together, the central root is one. It is not politics or power. It is all connected to one heart; if you have two hearts, your heart is already divided. It is connected to heart. Why did you come here today? Tomorrow is True Children’s Day, but you don’t come automatically. Because of True Parents’ Day, we can have True Children’s Day. Hana Nim means one being. There is one being in whom we center and devote ourselves. That is God.

The animal world has variety and can change color for protection. The polar, black and brown bears are from the same color, we are all from the same original Adam and Eve. Who killed all the Indians? Primarily the British people wiped out the Indians. But they are all from the same seed. As a good blessed person, you should be investing in others so that they might grow. If there is a new seed, you should be able to grow together because we are coming from one blood lineage. We are willing to deny ourselves, then there will be understanding and harmony, like inhaling and exhaling. The central root, the central trunk, the central concept: All three must come to exist. Without the root, we cannot exist.

We talk about heart; we have to live for the sake of others. The way I go will be the center. The central root must be the center. The central root must be the center. The central root must be the center.
**Bring forth God's Peace We All Long For**

by Speaker Jose de Venecia, Jr., House of Representatives

Special remarks delivered at the Global Peace Festival 2007 rally of the Universal Peace Federation, Quirino Grandstand, December 12, 2007.

I wish you joy at this Global Peace Festival 2007 Rally of the Universal Peace Federation and may the peace you sow raise a harvest of righteousness.

The Universal Peace Federation founded by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon is an inter-religious peace movement. It is guided by a vision of the whole of humankind as one global family under God one global family called to live in accordance with universal moral principles.

The Universal Peace Federation is a global alliance of religious, academic, political, and civic leaders to found a unified world, in which all peoples can live together in harmony, cooperation, and shared prosperity.

And we have here with us the leaders of this movement: Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, President of the Youth Federation for World Peace; and Dr. Martin Luther King III, who runs the Centre for Non-Violent Social Change founded by his martyred father, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We have gathered here because we, too, share this universal longing for peace, which all of us feel most acutely during this sacred Season.

Peace on Earth is our greatest need but it is also our most elusive collective goal. Goodwill among men is a righteous! But it is also our most elusive collective goal. Goodwill among men remains sadly lacking in the world of our time.

We in East Asia are comparatively lucky, compared to many parts of Africa, Southern Europe, and West Asia. Angola, the Congo, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Kosovo, Chechnya, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Kashmir and Sri Lanka.

All of these areas are the settings of genocidal wars set off by quarrels over ethnicity, religion, language, and raw material resources.

Comparatively lucky though we may be but Muslims and Buddhists are killing each other in Southern Thailand; Christians and Muslims have been fighting in Eastern Indonesia: while soldiers brutalize Theravada monks marching against the military rulers of Burma.

Here in our own country, we have a separatist Muslim movement in portions of Mindanao and Sulu, and the terrorist Abu Sayyaf on Basilan Island.

No peace among the nations without peace among the religions. In this situation, what are we to do?

We must bring to bear on our prob-
lems the moral influence of the great religions. For there can be no peace among the nations without peace among the religions.

Understanding among the great religions and the great civilizations has become the only basis for global peace that will endure.

So that we are called on to stimulate Interfaith Dialogue between the great religions. And to this purpose we must mobilize churches, temples, synagogues, and mosques to strengthen the forces of moderation in every society and to isolate the extremists who advocate violence and terror.

Understanding among the great civilizations only basis for global peace that will endure. But on what principle is dialogue among the faiths to take place? There can be no dialogue between the great religions without their agreement on moral value one ethical standard that all the faith and belief systems could share above and beyond their surface differences in dogmas, symbols, and rituals.

And the core of this global ethic the Golden Rule.

Buddhists express this Rule thus: “Treat all creatures as you would like to be treated.” Confucians teach: “What you do not wish done to yourself, do not do to others.” Muslims say: “No one of you is a believer until you desire for your neighbor that which you desire for yourself.” While Jews say: “What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor that is the basic law.” And Hindus agree: “This is the essence of morality: Do not do to others which if done to you would cause you pain.”

As the mother of ethics for the whole of humankind, this Golden Rule could therefore become the core of initial agreement around which interfaith dialogue in our time could build a thousand years of peace.

The urgency of Interfaith Dialogue none of us can deny. Never before in the world’s history have people’s welfare become so dependent on one another.

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Hence the solution to world peace is to renew to re-establish and to re-strengthen the relationship between the Creator and each family.

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Because the social, ecological and moral problems we face are global in their implications, we must also “globally” our moral values and ethical standards, if we are to deal adequately with them.

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I would like to send you my heartfelt greetings from the Philippines at the Global Peace Festival. We just concluded the opening session of the International Leadership Conference under the theme “The Need for Vision and Leadership at a Time of Global Crisis” in which the participants have been blessed to listen to the passionate speeches by Martin Luther King III and Hyun Jin Moon which moved me incredibly.

These distinguished champions of a peaceful world spoke out for the cause of taking responsibility to bring God into the center of everything we do. Without God, we cannot even discuss peace. We cannot even discuss peace without our parent we cannot be brothers and sisters. The participants of the Global Peace Festival are encouraged to take up the well-known content, which Jesus taught already 2000 years ago, close to their hearts: “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons (and daughters) of God.”

Martin Luther King III pointed out it was the historic movements of faith and service which really made strides towards peace, with service as the sword and faith as the shield. He mentioned the “beloved community” described by his father must dwell in our hearts and minds and each of us here can be members of that community.

Hyun Jin Nim brought us to understand that the dream of One Family under God, which the parents of these great leaders pursued throughout their lives, was the Original Dream of God at the time of creation, the Biggest Dream. He began by telling a story of the life of Father, describing Father’s dream become a reality. He began by telling a story of the life of Father, describing Father’s dream of peace, living for the sake of others.

H a n d a m e o v e r e d i n n t h e i r s p e e c h e s and at various points of presentations during the international conference of the Youth Federation for World Peace, in which I was blessed to participate during these two days, is how close the fulfillment of our Heavenly Father’s dream is, and I can see it in the light of the eyes of my brothers and sisters present here from all over the world. Many more

people are dedicated to making this dream become a reality.

Hyun Jin Nim sees this Global Peace Festival as the “realm of the heart of the fourth Adam” which began yesterday, is a realm of heart in which nothing is like the past. Don’t look back. This is not a realm of power, politics, or otherwise. This is a realm in which we must win over people’s hearts. We must save Cain, and we must do this through love.

How is America? How can America restore the fact that it pushed me back into Korea? Even East Garden was not built with American money. It could have been in 9 years, but instead it took 12 years. America didn’t help.

The Cheong Seong Gyeong is distilled from 400 volumes of books. (To Dr. Kaufman) are you white or black? I don’t know. Good answer. You are mixed. What if there was a cream that could make white people black and black people white? It would sell! Skin color comes from the environment it is not absolute.

How do you feel when True Parents go empty or not? (Empty) Why? Because when the children come home the parents aren’t there, it doesn’t feel full. When the children come home, they feel totally different if their mother is home. That’s how it is with the parents and the heart of the family.

The era after the coming of heaven was established on May 5, 2004. Now we have 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007. So many indemnity conditions have been accomplished in these four years.
Faith, Service, and the Millennium

by Martin Luther King III

This address was given at UPF's Assembly 2007.

The twentieth century will be remembered as the most violent century throughout all of creation. One researcher reports that nearly 100 million war-related deaths occurred in the last century, leaving in its wake a conglomeration of wounded and maimed, fatherless and motherless, home less and helpless refuges. But the twentieth century will not only be mourned for the magnitude of its violence. It will also be marked by the magnanimous women and men who were willing to sacrifice truth and justice, peace and non-violence, conflict resolution and community reconciliation. They were the peace ambassadors of the people-powered revolutions, the Peace Corps, the modern civil rights movements of the United States of America, the freedom movement of South Africa, and the satyagraha of India. They were found in Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Angola.

And what was the secret of their success? I submit that it was their unwavering commitment to faith and service. During the civil rights movement of the mid-twentieth century in the United States, many people of conscience and good will worked tirelessly toward a dream of equality. But what about us today? Today, according to UNICEF, there are more than a billion children living in poverty in the world. About 150 million children are suffering from malnutrition, and it is estimated that 11 million children will die of preventable illnesses this year. Clearly we must work with increasing dedication to invest our resources in saving our children, because it seems to me that our world will be gauged by how it treats its most precious resource, and certainly our children are our most precious resource.

To do this, our world cries out for a new generation, one whose line of vision is clear, who does not rest until the job is done. It is a generation of caring for others. But the challenge is not whether we can eradicate poverty, preserve our environment, or eliminate epidemics and diseases. The challenge is not whether we can win victories in the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals. Finally, it has become popular to characterize service as a toggle switch—a day on not a day off—where picking up trash or painting swings in a park or marching in a convenient afternoon rally become convenient demonstrations of caring for others. But the challenges and opportunities of this century demand that we rethink our faith and service.

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the President of the Philippines, the Honorable Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and a special address was given by Mr. Martin Luther King, Jr in which he called on spiritual leaders to be thermostats and not thermometers so they take the lead and ‘set’ the temperature for peace. Speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives Jose DeVenecia gave a most powerful address that was carried on the editorial page of the Manila Bulletin - Manila's most popular daily newspaper. The event culminated with the “One Family Under God” address by Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, which was received with great enthusiasm.

The main paper ran over-the-fold headlines in the days leading up to the event and gave fine coverage the day after. The nation was touched en masse and at the highest levels. The Global Peace Festival has begun a global series of peace movement activities to lift up the role of the family, the importance of interfaith dialogue, service and youth leadership, and the strengthening of moral character-based leadership to achieve a culture of peace and reconciliation of all nations, faiths and races based on true love and the heart of “Living for the Sake of Others.”

A huge gathering occurred throughout the day. The Philippine military and all schools were in support. Religious leaders from the United States and dignitaries from throughout the Pacific Rim region attended. It was a tremendous beginning for this global movement for peace, which in 2008 will conduct festivals on every continent.

It was an honor to attend with the Rev. Kwak, Dr. Walsh and the Regional Presidents of UPF. It is the model that will guide our way.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Kim and Rev. Michael Zablan and all the Philippino family as well as Service for Peace, the UPF and the YFWP for a great success.
Promoting Interreligious Understanding

by Dr. Shuki Ben-Ami, Theologist and Author, Israel

This address was given to MEPI 33 on November 26, 2007

The first question that should be asked in any interreligious dialogue, regardless of the religions it includes, is: what is its purpose?

Interreligious dialogues occurred frequently throughout Jewish history, especially since the thirteenth century. Some of the better known dialogues are the Paris Debate, the Barcelona Debate, the Tortosa Debate, the Polemic Writings, and the "OTO-DH.P." They all began as interreligious dialogues but ended up with pogroms, forced conversions, imprisonments, forced exiles, and executions.

Therefore, at the beginning of our dialogue we would like to emphasize that this is not a debate. An interfaith dialogue is not a battle between religions; it has no winners or losers, right side or wrong side. Our dialogue is a gathering of brotherhood, so we may get to know one another with the purpose of learning to appreciate and respect the other’s belief. The key to interreligious understanding and tolerance is found in the way we respect and cherish the belief of the other, having no intention to influence or interfere, and knowing that we are all created in the image of God. We should know that the others are also created in the image of God and that our religious affiliation is a secondary issue.

In regard to Jewish-Christian relationships, throughout the history of both religions, especially since early medieval times, there was never a complete disconnection between the two. We find mutual influences on religious thought: both a Jewish influence on Christian thought and a Christian influence on the Jewish thought. A stronger influence can be found between Judaism and Islam. Nonetheless, the Jewish-Christian relationship has been compared to the relationship between Jacob and Esau, based on the concept of “my brother: my enemy.” Viewing the members of the other religion as brothers and at the same time as enemies is the most important and consistent motif in the way these two religions have been relating to one another.

The fact that we find the same motifs and concepts in both religions and the fact that they both use them in the same ways emphasizes the mutuality in the relationship of the two religions. This issue can be a good starting point for dialogue.

The idea of two nations, big and small, and of pairs in which one is rejected and one is chosen—such as Cain and Abel, Hagar and Sara, Ishmael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob, Leah and Rachel, Manassah and Ephraim, Saul and David—has led to the awful labeling of good and bad.

The concept of the “chosen one” and the “rejected one” has led to the most terrible things in history, such as anti-Semitism, genocides, the slavery and oppression of African Americans in America, the holocaust of the Native Americans in America. This concept is also part of the roots of the race theory and the ideas of the Third Reich. It is important for us to remember that these labels are made by man; they are the creation of human beings, not of God. God has created us all in His image, in His likeness.

Looking at history, we discover that more blood has been shed in wars between religions and in the name of religions than in all other wars put together. The worst crimes in history have been committed in the name of religions. Religious institutions have sent their believers on bloodthirsty journeys, trying to force their belief and eliminate and destroy the other.

Religion has always been, and will continue to be, a major factor in the relationships between nations. Therefore, in addition to the diplomatic efforts to mediate between nations in conflict, a central role should be given to interreligious dialogues and to other efforts promoting interreligious understanding.

We must not forget, not even for one minute, that we are all created in the image of the same God, and that His image is reflected in each one of us. It is reflected in our different colors. In our variety of beliefs, and in the fact that we are like a colorful bouquet in which the flowers are bound together. If you want to see God, you need to look into your brother’s eyes.

Only dialogue and conversation can bring together people from different beliefs and lead them to tolerance and interreligious understanding. We can engage in interreligious dialogue only if we respect each other’s belief and each other’s right to believe in it. Just as there are many ways to reach the top of the mountain, so also there are many ways to worship God. The summit is one, and there need not be a Absolute One, the Father of us all. Each way is right and appropriate in the eyes of its believers.

If we believe that the spirit has the power to destroy, we should believe it has also the power to restore. If religions are able to separate people, no doubt they can also unite and build the bridge between them. We are all children of one father. We have one world and one Father.

We should unite and shed light into all the dark corners, so we can eliminate darkness from our lives. If we do so, peace will no longer be a dream.

This is the only way to fulfill Isaiah’s vision: “... and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” (2:4)
Thirty-third Middle East Peace Initiative

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Four years ago on December 22, 2003 an event occurred that has changed the course of history. Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders joined in Jerusalem’s Independence Park to hold a ceremony of respect and reconciliation between the leaders and representatives of the Abrahamic faiths. Last night at the New Jersey Ambassadors for Peace 5th Annual Banquet Mr. David Eaton highlighted this historic anniversary and all the delegates remembered this historic event.

On December 22, 2003, over 20,000 gathered to witness something that could not be imagined—Jewish leaders, with full understanding and profound appreciation for the role of the Abrahamic peoples in the Scriptures, would step forward to end the long and sad division of the family of Jesus.

On this day four years ago they stepped forward and offered Jesus a crown, honoring him as the King of Peace of Israel and loving him as their own family member. This historic event was central to the internal conditions necessary to break the “lock” of the historic division that occurred due to Jesus’ rejection that led to the division of Judaism into the three Abrahamic faiths. This condition has also been the root cause of the seemingly irreconcilable differences in the Middle East.

At the crowning of Jesus on December 22, 2003, Jewish leaders (who did not convert or become Christian) expressed love and appreciation for Jesus through offering him a crown as the King of Peace in Israel. Christians then proclaimed that Muhammad (PBUH) is God’s prophet and God’s representative and Muslims gave a moniker to Jewish leaders showing respect for Jewish family.

Though this event came forth quietly, the ramifications are vast in scope. This is the foundation of reconciliation that has removed all “enemies” and internal conditions, boundaries and barriers. The door is now open for the family of Abraham to unite in Israel, Palestine and throughout the Middle East. We sincerely pray that upon this foundation the current efforts from America, Palestine and Israel and other members of the quartet and the religious leaders involved will now be able to realize this and finally end the strife and conflict.

Together with True Parents, we, as Ambassadors for Peace, are now completing this Jubilee Year of 2007, the 7th Year of Cheon Il Guk (The Realization of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth). The central message for this year has been the address entitled, “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.”

March 17th of 2007, the UPF’s International Leadership conference and other conferences were conducted on the 17th of each and every month from March through December and this message was delivered as a guiding light for the delegates from all the nations of the world. It highlights the central mission of the Abel UN as the universal body that will lead the way to peace. It also highlights that America’s mission is central to this providence and is called by God to lift up and support the Abel UN and through this process create unity between the U.S., the U.N. and all the nations of the world.

The message also highlights that the future of the world revolves now around the unity of the Pacific Rim nations, together with China, Russia and India and all nations in the region to be realized through America as the Elders Son Nation centering on the Abel UN. This will create a culture of peace and realize the peaceful reunification of Korea. All of this is based on True Parents resoluting all the key divisions of history to bring the world into One Family Under God.” The address also highlights the Coronation of Jesus as central to the providence of the establishment of True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace and the Peace Kingdom. This was one of the key conditions necessary for the establishment of the Abel UN.

The Coronation of Jesus was a pivotal moment in the dispensation leading up to today which is highlighted by the following message that Father Moon has delivered:

In Jerusalem, in 2003, on the foundation of the victory attained through such blood, sweat and tears, I had Jesus proclaimed as the king of kings before heaven and earth with the acknowledgment of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Following this, in 2004, I was acknowledged as the king of peace both in a United States Senate Office Building and at the Korean National Assembly. Subsequently, in June 2006, we held the Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and Earth. Ladies and gentlemen, on September 12, 2005, I proclaimed throughout all of heaven and earth the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), which will enable God’s providence to flourish. Now, it is entirely possible for the Universal Peace Federation to serve as an “Abel-type” counterpart to the United Nations in the Era after the Coming of Heaven. It will renew the “Cain-type” United Nations and lead the way for millions of Ambassadors for Peace throughout the world who have taken up my teachings, “the Way of the Heavenly Father”—which consist of the principles of true love and the ideal of a true family—and, without fail, fulfill the heavenly will of creating “one family under God.”

Father gave this address once again on December 18th in Washington D.C. as the final public address of 2007 also calling for the unity of North and South America centering on the unity of Protestantism and Catholicism.

Let us give thanks to God and with confidence extend our hearts out in love for all humanity. We are all brothers and sisters before the God of Abraham, Isaac and Ishmael and Jacob, the one God of Judaism, Christianity and Islam and all religions. Now the day of reconciliation of all nations is at hand and will be further realized through the Global Peace Festivals that will be held on every continent in 2008. With this understanding let us give thanks for the fulfillment of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Israel and the unity of the family of Abraham which was further expanded and solidified through the 33rd Middle East Peace Initiative which was completed on December 9, 2007.

The 33rd MEPI successfully went over the 33rd year of Jesus and now has created the condition for the rise of God’s family as one family. All of the past has been forgiven and cleared away in this Jubilee year. 2008 is the year of “new beginning” for all the world as “One Family Under God.”
I'd like to talk to you today about letting your divine character shine. We can look at the word, “character” and then contrastingly we can look at the word reputation. Many times we may have difficulty distinguishing the difference between character and reputation. When we look at the original etymology or the meaning of the word, “character” means something like an engraved mark, something that's engraved. Metaphorically it is extended to mean some defining quality of a person. Reputation originally meant consideration, more specificaly, how other people consider you. What is the real difference between character and reputation? Reputation is the word which refers to what other people think of me, the opinion of others upon me, in respect to integrity and alignment...a reputation for honesty for example. Character is not necessarily what other people may think of me, but who I actually am. That's the difference.

When we look at the principle, there's the story of Ham in the Bible. Noah was a good character. God asked him to do something quite large for his age, to build the ark. For his peers, it was kind of insane, for lack of a better word. In Genesis, you recall the scene where Noah is laying there in his birthday suit, and Noah rebukes Ham for making Shem and Japheth ashamed. As you recall from the Principle, they focused on reputation, on what other people were thinking of them, instead of what God said was important. In front of people I was hypocritical. In front of people I wasn't waiting for him. I was like, “Give me that food! I want to eat it!” So he was calling me...so very proud of them. I was like, “Give me that food! I want to eat it!” So he was calling me on it and saying I was being hypocritical. In front of people I was listening to him, but behind I was arguing with him, “Give me that food!” So he was calling me on it, saying, “You are being hypocritical here.” Interestingly, when he passed, those words continued to ring in my ears. When I started ed up taking asceti cal practices in my 21 year course, the reputation stage—one of my central practices (of course there was meditation and prayer) was identifying five places where I am hypocritical, trying to end hypocrisy within myself and trying to improve that. And in my case there's some level of hypocrisy in their life. To realize and change and improve that is central to training our character. I am grateful to Young Jhind for teaching me that.

One of the things I try to do with my kids is to reinforce certain character traits. I tell my children, when they are down on themselves, putting themselves up, being negative, "You know what? You guys have the 4C's. Character, Confidence, Compassion and a Can-do attitude. You guys have the 3Ps, Perseverance, Persistence and Patience. You have the 3 I's Initiative, Imaginarity, and Immunity to insult. I love that one. "I'm immune to insult!" I repeated this maybe a dozen times or so to my kids when they are feeling negative, trying to build up their confidence.

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For instance, when my younger son was a kid and was fixing things that we had done incorrectly, the tendency will be to try to build a better reputation, and not focus on building better character traits. Over time the character behind your reputation will come out. We have to learn how to focus on building that character. How do we do that? There are certain ways we can do that. We can learn to mediate, to cultivate patience, internal peace, reflecting on ourselves and our weaknesses, (not beating ourselves up), growing beyond those.

I saw a little helpful model or formula. Focus + daily improvement + time = genius. Whether you are trying to build character or be a great astronaut, it's important that we are going to build character building that character. How do we do that? There are certain ways we can do that. We can learn to mediate, to cultivate patience, internal peace, reflecting on ourselves and our weaknesses, (not beating ourselves up), growing beyond those.

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Catch the Vision – Passing on a Legacy of Love was the theme of the 3rd National Witnessing Summit held November 30 – December 2 at the beautiful Eagledown Resort in Itasca, Illinois. One hundred and twenty first and second-generation participants from across the nation and the Chicago community joined together to build a powerful foundation of heart and spirit for bringing 30,000 core members in America. The summit was organized by Mrs. Sheri Reuter and the National Witnessing Task Force, and continued the positive momentum achieved during the first summit in Los Angeles during August and the second summit in Maryland during October.

The three-day program began with a dinner banquet on November 30, followed by an introductory session directed by Rev. Joshua Cotter (program emcee). All participants introduced themselves and shared their reasons for attending the summit. The results were inspiring and a deep sense of unity quickly developed.

The sessions were held in a temporary structure used for wedding receptions which provided a challenging but memorable environment (especially during the ice storm on the second day!). Each session was very meaningful. Questions and answer periods with panels of second-generation leaders and then first-generation leaders provided insights into varying perspectives on the value and future of our movement. Presentations on successful development methods of other religious organizations provided constructive comparisons. A creative presentation on the advances in the use of media in our national publications was encouraging. And the poignant testimony of 18 year-old Ares Meyer of southern California on his rebirth in our movement put all the contents of the summit into its proper perspective, centered on saving God’s children.

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Closing remarks on the third day of the program by Rev. Dong Woo Kim and Rev. Michael Jenkins sited the successful steps being achieved through the summit as well as the ongoing challenges to be addressed. Advances are clearly being made and we are grateful to have contributed to this critical and historic effort by sponsoring the 3rd national summit in Chicago.

UTS Financial Aid Package

Interfaith Scholarship Program

UTS is officially receiving candidate applications for an interfaith scholarship program. The program is designed for applicants from all faith backgrounds. The goals of the program are to create individuals with peace-building skills that can be applied on the local and national levels to bring substantial change. UTS is partnering with the Universal Peace Federation, Family Federation and World CARP to create effective placements. All candidates must have a bachelor’s degree and recommendation of their Family Federation Continental Office, World CARP Headquarters or Universal Peace Federation Regional Secretary General.

UTS is removing financial obstacles for the interfaith peace program. With help of major financial aid contributions from Japan and the United States, the program also expects students to contribute to the costs of their education appropriately.

To be considered, candidates should commit to return to serve in the area that sends them. Each candidate’s plan should be designed in coordination with the sending Organization – The Family Federation, World CARP or Universal Peace Federation, approved by the Continental Director or World CARP HQ before the student is accepted to UTS.

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Under Re-spect we have: treat others with respect, don't use bad language, deal peacefully with anger, insults or disagreements. Another character trait would be Responsibility: persevere, keep trying, think before you act, be accountable for your choices. Fairness: keep yourself even and don't take advantage of others, don't blame others carelessly. Caring: be compassionate to light for over a year. Reputation grows like a mushroom. Character grows like the oak. A single newspaper report gives you your reputation. A life of toil gives you your character. Reputation amounts you rich or makes you poor. Character makes you happy or makes you mis-erable. Reputation is what people say about you on your tombstone. Character is what angels say about you before the throne of God. I thought that was quite telling for some students, especially for Muslim students. This could lead in contributing to the promotion of the Middle East peace initiatives by raising young people as CAPs to work for peace in their respective regions in the near future.

Young Peacemakers in Malaysia

Thirty four students were named as Collegiate Ambassador for Peace in the first annual awards ceremony held October 17, 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The event was jointly organized by two universities, the University of Malaya and the University of Utara Malaysia. With the active collaboration of both universities, altogether 550 students from nine universities attended.

The CAP National Conference featured several outstanding speakers. The first speaker was Mr. James Poone of World CAP Malaysia, who shared the topic of "Dream Big", motivating students about the importance of having dreams and goals in their lives. He also explained that the biggest dream everyone can have is, "one world family". Next Ek Nath Dhakal shared experiences of success in Nepal. Finally Professor Mustapha Kasim spoke on "Making a Difference".

After a day of lectures and group activities, participants had their talent night in the evening. Some universities prepared their beautiful cultural dance for everyone. There were even dances from Yemen, Somalia and China delegates. Everyone was drawn to their awe that for the first time they saw such wonderful cultural performances. Participants also performed skits from topics related to cross-cultural marriage, the role of CAPs, and gender equality. These skills not only gave joy but also conveyed very important messages.

At the end of the conference students gave very good response and comments. The presentations were indeed an eye-opening experience for them and they expressed to keep themselves in close coordination in joining projects and workshops in the future. The presence of 70 international students made the event even more dignified as many Muslim students from the Middle East participated. This could lead in contributing to the promotion of the Middle East peace initiatives by raising young people as CAPs to work for peace in their respective regions in the near future.

peace in our minds. We can live with more knowledge and wisdom, and we can live the blessed life that True Parents have blessed us to live.

Till next week I hope to encourage you, when you see yourself, to see yourself with the eyes of God. When God and True Parents see you, they see you as a VIP. He doesn't see you as a negative person, as somebody who is not able to succeed, without talents, unattractive. No. You have the opposite of those things. You have attractiveness, capability, and you have what it takes to succeed. You are victorious. You will be victorious in the things that you do. It's important that we see ourselves like that and envision our life in such a manner. So let's do that. VIP, as I try to remind brothers and sisters every week, stands for Victory, Illumination, and Peace. Let's have a little more of each in our lives. Brothers and sisters, can you receive this today? Thank you so much.
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need to reform the Security Council of the United Nations to reflect the realities of the world today," said Dr. Sukeyaro Hasegawa, former Special Representative of the U.N. Secretary General in Timor Leste at the U.N. forum Nov. 30, 2007 to diplomats, politicians and peace activists in Tokyo.

The forum was organized by the Japanese chapter of the Universal Peace Federation, Tokyo. Dr. Hasegawa is a professor at the U.N. University based in Tokyo, explaining that the Security Council in particular is one of the main keys of the U.N. peace-building activities.

Hasegawa recalled the reality in the field, explaining that the Security Council is very much in charge of field operations in times of crisis. "You just cannot get necessary authorization from the Security Council in a timely manner to deal with changing situations," he said.

"This is because, as he put it, "The Security Council reflects the views of very divergent groups of this planet. Thus, in order to make U.N. peace operations more effective, he urged the U.N. to press ahead with reform of the Security Council in particular."

Hasegawa assured every other citizen of the United Nations in general and the Security Council in particular that the United Nations’ role in the peacekeeping process has evolved significantly, especially since the end of the Cold War.

From a mere disengagement force as in the Korean peninsula, U.N. peacekeepers are now called upon to perform military, humanitarian, emergency and nation-building activities, sometimes virtually taking over the sovereignty of the countries in which they operate.

Reflecting upon the bitter experience of clashes and turmoil last year in Timor Leste after the Security Council decided to reduce the peacekeeping force stationed there, Hasegawa cautioned against the "premature withdrawal of security forces" from areas emerging from conflicts. In fact, he explained, "Police force training is now one of the main keys of U.N. peace-building activities."

Since Japan was admitted to the United Nations in 1956, its diplomacy has been faithfully centered and it has been the second largest contributor of funds to the international body. Despite this, the Japanese government has failed to muster international support for its initiatives on U.N. reform, including a permanent seat on the Security Council.
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**ACLC International Buffet in Winston Salem**

By Carolyn Sampson

From the Pre-Program Christmas Music to the flow of the evening’s program, led by Rev. Fermin Bocanegra and Evangelist Alexis Allen, it was an evening to remember.


Bob Hare hip, who lives in Durham and is a member of FFWPU Raleigh, performed original songs written by himself. It is always a pleasure to listen to the music message and have his music to guitar take you places that speak to your spirit.

Vonda Gabriel of the New Faith Holy Church performed a Worship Dance that took us to the gates of the most high, and the instrumental music provided by the Davis family from the CRT Apostolic Church had all attending stomping their feet and clapping their hands. It got better as Evangelist Cynthia Hill of St. John Baptist Church shared her soul and invited us to sing along.

Just when we thought it was a good evening it became even better when Rev. Levy Daugherty took the stage as Keynote Speaker for the occasion. After a rousing round of spirited songs, he spoke on the historical Jesus. God is love and God is inside each and every one of us and more...

Ambassador for Peace Presentations were made by John Pace from Apex, North Carolina. There is an ongoing campaign to extend an invitation to people in our world to become Ambassadors for Peace. It is hoped that the numbers will be greatly increased.

Other presentations awarded were the Family Flag, and a very special presentation was given to Bruce and Burgi Hutcherson for the gift of self in service to the work of building God’s Kingdom. Nobody does it better!

The evening closed with all singing Silent Night, Holy Night. Rev. Ardeal Roscher of Liberty Grove Baptist Church in Taylorsville, North Carolina, gave the benediction.

The Joy of Joining together!

Every intelligent man, if he’s wise in anything, believes in the brotherhood of all men, or at least he has a feeling of humanity. There is no humanity in unnecessary isolation, and there is nothing intelligent about the obsession to remain passé. The only practical solution for a sane society, aspiring for the acceptance of true diversity, is to take a leadership role in efforts to find ways to bridge the divide that has fostered the climate for the intolerable acts of religious intolerance we now are witnessing in the world today. May we all learn that none of us own the factory of complete knowledge and human perfection and much wisdom is still to be learned from each other.

The Family Federation continues to advocate the principles of humanitarain cohesiveness and encourages the family of humankind to gather and share ethical values from which we can all benefit from.

On Tuesday, December 11th, people from different faiths gathered in Winston-Salem to celebrate our differences and our mutual respect for each other’s differences. We acknowledged that we exist with both, at the same time, if kindness and human love is the foundation of our relationship, it was joyful and inspiring. The smiles, the words of inspiration, the melodies of joy, all bore witness to the fact that we live in a multicultural society where there is enough room for all of us and that we need only to venture toward each other to achieve mutual respect and communal harmony.

There is a future in this kind of bridge building and connecting of the human spirit. What starts with a handshake and a friendship and the wonderful possibilities that we can achieve the kind of brotherhood God has intended for us to create.
by Rev. Tom Corley

The door to God is always open and you don't need a combination. You just need to believe that you are one with God and that the Father is one with you. Isn't that what Rev. Moon is doing? Rev. Moon is talking that talk and walking that walk, demonstrating these three principles, awareness, acceptance, and appreciation, moving all over the world telling people we are one in the spirit. The door is not locked. Believe that God doesn't see you - I see you - opened the door and, if God has opened the door, walk in. Accept it, believe it and appreciate it and then we will come forth. Appreciation generates understanding, and when one learns to love all people one will find plenty of people who will return that love. If you're looking for love today, put out love. One thing I have learned in my travels is that some people don't have very much, yet when they have each other they are satisfied. So we have a lot to learn today in this organization. In fact, when I look at you, I don't see you - I see God! I see God's life, apparent and brilliant.

An offering was taken while Mother Johnson from Brooklyn sang "I Don't Believe You Brought Me This Far To Leave Me." Bishop Robinson then prayed a prayer to bless the offering. Rev. Pierre Louis gave a brief introduction of the blessing and guided all present in participating. In closing remarks Rev. Grodner mentioned that before there was religion, there was family, and that is where we need to return. He also shared about an Imam from Mali who lives in New York and who recently had to deal with a tragic fire that killed several members of a family. He shared how this Imam was so touched by the love he received from Islamic, Christian, and Jewish neighbors. The flag of the Unified Family of Churches was presented to Bishop Robinson. Announcements were made concerning the upcoming speech by Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon on November 21 and the upcoming thirty-third peace trip to the Middle East.

Offerings were presented to Bishop Robinson and Rev. Miller. New visitors were encouraged to join ACLC. Rev. Miller was invited up once again to give the benediction.

ACLC Breakfast Meeting, Harlem

by Rev. Tom Corley

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The keynote speaker, Rev. Alfred Miller, currently serves as Pastor of the Church of God in Christ 50 years ago and currently serves as Pastor of the Church for the Art of Living, which he founded some 20 years ago. Rev. Miller began with an Amen, which he said means, we agree with God. His word and purpose. "I greet you in love today," he began, "and I am very happy to be here. Just a month ago we met in our church in Long Island and I am sure you are here today in order to receive more. God always has more."

Rev. Miller then proceeded into his sermon. "I want to look into the scripture today and give you an idea how it all ties into what we are talking about. I have a favorite sermon that I like to preach. I am not going to preach it today, but I am going to touch on some excerpts from it. It is called the Triple-A Formula, and you know what Triple-A is. You can go almost anywhere in the country with your car and if you get in trouble you just have to make one call and you can get help on the spot."

"Today with our subject we will be focusing on three parts of our lives and consciousness. The first 'A' is Awareness, the second 'A' is Acceptance, the third 'A' is Appreciation. You need all three of them to please God. We can't please God without going through the channels and requirements that the Holy Spirit wants to use. It is wonderful to know that God made no mistakes when he created us. We need to affirm that we are wonderfully and lovingly made, for God is love, and all of the love that God has is embedded in us. We look for love, but I want you to know that you are looking for what you already have; it dwells in you. You will discover that you have love, that you have peace and all the wonderful virtues of God. We are wonderfully and lovingly made."

"I want you to know that we will have no boundaries in the Kingdom of Heaven. There will be no denominations. There is not going to be anything but the children of God, and I'm planning to be in that number. So when we seek this connection and we find it, we can rejoice because the world is now coming back together. I can see in the ACLC conference that God is bringing it all together. Even though there are a lot of things happening in the world, there is peace. Every day we are walking, talking, trusting and living with God. Every day in every way I am getting stronger and stronger, more loving and more loving. That's an acceptance of God's word. That's the second 'A,' acceptance."

"The third 'A' is to appreciate. Appreciation generates understanding of each other. My wife and I have been to many parts of the world and we have learned a lot. We have learned where we didn't know love existed. We have learned to touch and be one with people who needed it at that moment and didn't even know it...."
The afternoon of Sunday, 2nd of December, more than 220 guests gathered at the Hotel Marriott in Vienna in order to participate in the second "True Family Award Banquet", organized by the peace organisations of the Unification Movement of Austria, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), the Family Federation for World Peace and the Women’s Federations for World Peace.

Christmas carols and spirituals, presented by the “Vienna Peace Choir” prepared the atmosphere for the first speaker, Mrs. Marie-Therese Kiriaky. Her topic: "Oriental Christmas". As the President of the Arabic Women of Vienna and the Vice President of the Oriental Christians of Vienna she was most authentic to give insight in the life of the Christians of the Middle East.

The presentation of the second speaker, Dr. Wolfgang Czerny, picked up the topic on purity before marriage as preparation for a stable family life. Dr. Czerny’s initiative “Pure Love Alliance” offers a chance for young people to join this idea.

In her speech, Mag. Caroline Klade, owner of the “Communications’ Academy” and professor at the University in Krems, made us all reflect on our way of communicating with our spouse or children.

The next speaker, Mag. Herbert Wolf, explained about “Family ethics in the Far East”, pointing out the importance of the parent-child relationship, filial piety and respect for the elder in Confucian ethics. He pointed out that these are values which need to be revitalized in today’s western society.

Rev. Peter Zöhrer introduced the guest speaker of the evening, the Rev. Dr. Joong Hyun Pak. president of UPF-Central Europe. As the initiator of the “True Family Award Banquet” project in Austria, Switzerland and Italy, he explained and summarized the idea behind, stating that “Tonight, we are promoting a marriage culture, where marriage is encouraged, supported and expected, where marriage means strength and perpetuity. Marriage and family are in crises today, and we want to guarantee that it is not the institution of marriage that is blamed and finally sacrificed, but the failed application that needs adjustment.”

After his speech “The four realms of love” Rev. Pak and his wife, as well as Rev. Zöhrer and his wife presented the “True Family Award” plaque to 10 exemplary families. The MC introduced each one of them, explaining why they had been chosen for the award. The highlight of the evening was when these families gathered on the stage, some with their beautiful children. Their lovely example of practicing true family values was a great inspiration for everybody in the room.

Among the awardees were families from various cultural and religious backgrounds, ie. from the Coptic Church, the Allevians, the Syrian-Orthodox Church, the Islamic Community as well as Catholic families. Some of them have 8 and 10 children on their own and still find time and energy to invest themselves for people outside their family. One lady, mother of 10 children, said: “One important lesson our children have learned is: not everything you do for others can be paid for with money!”

After the Award-Ceremony dinner was served and there was time for sharing among the guests. The program ended with Christmas-songs by the “Vienna Peace Choir”, which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

As we left, we could see the purpose of the evening fulfilled: “Tonight we are strengthening our network of marriage and family culture and we feel great joy in being able to honor those who have worked so hard for it. “Family” is the cornerstone of an ethical and moral society and is the most natural way for each family member to fulfill their greatest potential and joy in life.”

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Challenge the Next Generation to Create a Life of Altruism, Abundance, and Authenticity!
Eighth of lives gathered October 27, 2007 at the Chapel of the Edgewood Vista Senior Citizen Community Center. The service was opened last month and they were happy to let us use their church for our event. The Topic was “Peace in Sudan & the Role of the United Nations”. Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Suriso Louis Oromo drove to Fargo from South Dakota. He is an ordained Lutheran Minister and native of Southern Sudan. He has been working tirelessly to bring peace and stability to his homeland. His coming attracted an interested group. Fargo has been the new home of many who fled the war in Sudan. We are proud of our Sudanese friends, who despite their absence in their homeland, are now standing up strongly and taking responsibility to rebuild Sudan. Our consciences are moved by them to understand and to do what we can to relieve their suffering. Rev. Oromo’s message began with a call to look closely inside ourselves. Don’t do what we can to relieve their suffering.

There is a window of opportunity with the present peace agreement, in which the South is to share in about 25% of the government positions, and the oil is to be shared 50/50. Rev. Oromo has been offered a government position and is considering taking it, although he is somewhat wary because he knows the difficulty and corruption that he will need to endure. There are already violations of the peace agreement taking place. Rev. Oromo shared the real situation of today’s Sudan, its government system and life in refugee camps. For Americans who have lived a blessed life, the Sudanese situation is difficult to understand and bear. Our hearts were left heavy with the reality of life in Sudan. God inspired the words of Mike McGregor after the keynote address. Mike is a leader of faith at First Assembly of God in Fargo. He is also a physician’s assistant and a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves (now retired). He was deployed to Iraq as “Medical Officer in Charge” in 2003. He spoke of how strong his faith was his greatest instrument of protection and strength during his 1 1/2 year deployment in Iraq. Even as shells exploded in his compound, he felt no fear because he felt the love of Christ constantly with him. He personally encouraged each of us, as we go into the dangerous arenas of conflict, to have no fear and believe that God will protect and use each of us to fulfill his will.

We were blessed with the attendance of Fargo writer and humanitarian Deb Dawson. She is coordinating a project with the “Lost Boy of Sudan”. Joseph Markoe, Joseph and Deb have begun their “mission” by promoting Joseph’s first book called “African Soul and American Heart”. They are raising funds to send Joseph and a film crew to create a documentary film about life in Sudan. They are planning a trip to Southern Sudan in December. As a mother who has adopted and raised international children from Siberia and Korea, Deb feels a deep parental love for Joseph and the other lost boys of Sudan. She is determined to aid him in fulfilling his goal to build an orphanage in Sudan. Deb Pfeiffer shared with us at break fast, the importance of the Universal Peace Federation. She recently attended its convention in Venezuela as a member of the Missionaries of Peace from 197 nations met. Cindy is helping Kenneth Masanga organize his efforts to make substantial improvements in Sudan.

Mr. Kenneth Adams Masunga from Sudan spoke about his “Young Shepherd Project”. It is an effort to build a school and hospital in his home village near Juba, Sudan. Kenneth’s daughter Rona came along to support Rev. Oromo and her father. Jean Albert, a strong mother in the Sudanese community, spoke compassionately and offered her beautiful smile. She is always working hard to love her Sudanese family, even as she is battling cancer. Both Jean and Rona gave heartfelt thanks for our concern in Sudan.

At the end of the program, we stood hand in hand while Rev. Oromo gave the benediction prayer. It was all hopeful that our Prayer Breakfast would be a building block towards the future peaceful Sudan and world.

IN MEMORIAM
John Edwin Sapp
1979 and lived in Bayou La Batre, Alabama, and Norfolk, Virginia, before his family settled in his parents’ hometown of Jacksonville, Florida. John attended the Little Angels School in Korea for a short time before attending James Weldon Johnson Middle School and graduating from Stanton High School with honors. John spent his summers counseling at church youth camps and dedicated one summer helping at a special needs camp in Japan.

When the Pure Love Alliance toured Japan and Korea, John was there with his whole heart. But it was on the STF that he saw firsthand the transforming power of the Divine Principle and it impact it could have on the world. After fulfilling his one-year commitment, John was among the first STF members to surprise his friends and family by volunteering for a second year of service.

Though John faced many trials, he remained firm in his advocacy that young people commit to public service after graduating from high school and before continuing their education. He even encouraged young people who were not raised in the church to join STF.

John’s keen intellect and passion for truth led him naturally to a career in university administration. Until the day of his sudden departure from this world he served as chief accountant of student services at the University of North Florida, where he was also soon to graduate with a degree in accounting.

John was never one to back down on a point of principle, and he often challenged others to reflect on what their behavior as he did his own. He was a loyal friend especially to those of the second generation who endured the similar sufferings of growing up in our movement.

For now, John, we miss you. We look forward to great things from you in the future as you continue to inspire us.

John Sapp is survived by his parents, Richard and Barbara Sapp of Jacksonville FL, his older brother Craig Stuart Sapp of London UK, his older sister Christina Tadin (married to Duan Jiad Tadin) of Stony Creek, ON, his younger brother Andrew Martin Sapp (married to Taeko Masuya) of Los Angeles, CA, his younger sister Virginia Ginee’ Sapp of Jacksonville FL, nephews Tristan, Ethan, Kaden Tadin and niece Tatyana Tadin.
EMDR: An Approach to Body-mind Unity

by Sandra Lowen

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Then-graduate psychology student, Francine Shapiro stumbled out of her doctor's office in 1987, head reeling. She had just heard. She was young, bright, thoughts and considering the impact of what she had been watching the grass blow had changed? She could think only that Yes, she still had cancer, but – but that fact wasn't obsessing over her mind as it be solutions, alternatives to dying. What had changed? Perhaps it was the birth of a new words daily lead people spiraling into depression and despair. One woman, however, discov-

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“A ‘couldn’t put it down’ kind of a book. So simple and beautiful, like Shirley herself.” According to Rev. Kevin Thompson, “Dr Shirley as she was affectionately known by most people, poured the last days of her life into this book which is part testimonial of her 36 years as a follower of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, and part explanation of the teachings of Rev. Moon.”

As one of the foremost presenters of the Divine Principle to Christian ministers, Shirley 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.

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What about starting a business, or making capital investments? Unless you have extraordinary talent, that’s just about the only way to make a lot of money. Investments are risky, and demand a huge amount of your time and attention. Many Unificationists rent out homes, and run successful restaurants or franchise shops. Most have partners and employees reliable enough to allow time for vacations and Providential activity.

There are many secular and Christian financial advisors, who can offer sound guidance. In the future, we Unificationists will build our own financial networks and consumer power. Concerning the far end of life, we’ve established a national cemetery.

As children enter the picture, and even though it’s distasteful, we must record our wills and medical ‘preference’ documents. When there’s more property involved, a living trust is a good idea.

Why? Many states have passed horrible ‘pull the plug’ laws, and few people even know about them. The awful Terry Schiavo case was a timely lesson. States like California have greedy, also little known, ‘escheat’ laws, which allow bureaucrats to grab inactive bank accounts. (Worse yet, errors are common.)

CONCLUSION

At our Bay Area Family Church we’ve held several Old and New Couple dinners. Frank and wide-ranging discussions were the order of the day. It’s amazing how many practical ideas, and words of wisdom, our elder couples have gleaned over the years.

Unselfish sacrifice is good. As an added bonus, it’ll help prevent your kids from getting spoiled. Keep in mind that, in a material sense, you cannot offer what you never had in the first place. Therefore, go right ahead and become prosperous.
Peace-building in the Ivory Coast

The September 2007 Ivory Coast RYS project is the first held in a French speaking African country. The project included three main activities: experiential peace-building education for the participants; the service project which impacted the local community, and the conferences between the UN offices and the RYS, creating partnership through its developing activities in the local community.

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The second part of the project was an exciting success. Through the RYS project, the local community could feel renewed hope in life. After 5 years of conflict, villagers were rejuvenated upon seeing people from far away come to their small home in the bush. There, without lights, RYS built a school for the children. Participants were bothed by mosquitoes and ate simple local food but would not give up. The entire community was involved in the project - children, women, men even elderly people.

The third part of the project involved conferences with the local UN office in Bouake. The officers were very interested in the RYS project, especially in the ways RYS works to breakdown barriers and build bridges of understanding with the local people to facilitate a more lasting peace. This UN partnership will be greatly strengthened with the next Ivory Coast RYS projects.

Service Project in Sri Lanka

This year’s project in Sri Lanka was planned for August 18-24, 2007 in Ratnapura, the world famous city for gems. It is also famous for rubber and tea country tea plantations. Ratnapura is a multi-faith city of Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and Christians. Geographically Ratnapura is situated in an area of regular rainfall. Therefore it is abundant with natural beauty in the surrounding vicinity including a virgin tropical rain forest.

On the first morning, participants gathered up near the Fort railway station and the son of the president of Sri Lanka, Mr. Namal Rajapakse, paid a surprise visit to greet all and to offer his good wishes on our project.

RYS Peace Vacation

RS Training was given to 20 young teachers this December in preparation for them to receive 200 children registered to attend a Vacation for Peace, a six-week sports program designed by the Ministry of Peace. Trainer, Carl House, was accompanied by the translation of Sung Hwa Bessell, who was also one of the project organizers, adapted the RYS service-learning orientation to accommodate the needs and vision of the Peace Vacation program. The young teachers enjoyed the program as they were taken through exercises which both helped them understand peace building, as well as illustrated the methodology used to facilitate experiential learning.

The training program lasted through the morning for 5 consecutive days. Other speakers for the program included Romulo Rojas - Asst. Director of the Dept. of Culture of Peace at the Guatemalan Ministry of Peace. Nathan Hardeman - Assoc. Director of MILOFUT (Global Soccer Ministries) and Luís Navarro - General Coordinator of the Peace Vacation Program.

Participants were played with the children, giving them joy. Almost all of the children ages 1 to 6 had never attended school and had never saw white people before. The village women demonstrated their beautiful hearts by bringing food in the night, and fire wood to prepare the food, as well as fetching water each day for participants’ needs. The local youth also joined the volunteer activities.

One day, in response to the community’s kindness, all the participants visited each family in the three villages. In joy and gratitude the local community gave them three goats, yams, and harvest from their farms. It is remarkable how a simple action can change peoples’ lives.

They visited a gem mine and finished their stay in Sri Lanka in the rain forest.

“Although I’ve participated in several Youth Projects, this is the first time I was able to really be ‘interreligious’ this was unique,” said the head girl of the Lyceum International School, Colombi (and IPSF 2007 participant in Basle) Ishara Guruge.

Daniel, a school teacher from Jaffna, north of Sri Lanka, thanked RYS for the wonderful experience he had because it for changed his idea about the Southern Sinhalese, who are thought to be discriminating to the Tamils in Sri Lanka.
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 and $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 help plan the day out.

Connecting the Dots: The Cognitively Correct Way to Speak With Preschoolers

By Shin Young Chang

E ven find yourself regretting your choice of words when it comes to your children? Have a hard time figuring out what kinds of activities to do with young children to keep them busy and help them learn while having fun? Life is crazy busy for the majority of parents in North America. Some parents are going at it alone, while married mothers’ time alone in their parenting due to the overall stresses of life. It gets hard and often times, there isn’t anyone around to help plan the day out.

Carla A. Woolf’s Connecting the Dots: The Cognitively Correct Way to Speak With Preschoolers is so incredibly wonderful as a solution to this dilemma! It’s great for parents, teachers, childcare providers, baby-sisters, older siblings, aunts and uncles, and the list goes on. There hasn’t quite been a book of this caliber on the bookstore shelves within the last 10 years. I say this because Woolf managed to not only provide applicable solutions in her book, she managed to also provide a comprehensible structure to her book, so busy people like parents won’t feel as if reading her book is taking up too much of their precious time.

Woolf’s book is split into three comprehensible parts that are clean cut and to the point. Part one provides her theory and reasoning behind what she calls the “Dialect of Positivity.” Woolf is on a “quest for a language that reflects potential positivity and possibility.” Woolf also delves into the damaging effects of what she dubs the “dialect of fear” and how is has been prevalent in interactions between adult and child, as well as between adult and adult since the great world tragedies, namely the great world wars.

Part two has creatively been constructed as a learning process for adults by use of a hypothetical conversation between two adult educators, one male, one female, and a four year old girl carefully named “Eve.” The “interview” covers what in Woolf’s estimation would be considered comprehensive language a preschooler requires from adults. It’s a quick read covering a variety of points that we overlook or were never taught about. According to preschoolers ability and capability to understand at such a young age and what is required of us to nourish their ability to grasp the correct meaning in our choice of words.

Part three is my favorite part of Woolf’s book. It’s jam-packed full of applicable information! This section charts out the cognitively correct dialect, or “Dialect of Positivity” against the incorrect dialect we hear on a regular basis.

Woolf’s book provides a valuable resource of practical guidance as well as theory on cognitively correct dialect. She provides for the everyday educator a language that reflects “potential positivity and possibility” through admits that her theories are still debatable and still need further work. Regardless, two-thirds of this book is applicable in a practical, everyday manner and that is more than I can say about most books that claim to be useful. I highly recommend this book to EVERYONE as a guide on how to communicate verbally to anyone in a manner that says, “I am here for you.”

To learn more about Carla A. Woolf and Connecting the Dots: The Cognitively Correct Way to Speak With Preschoolers visit www.ccthestodots.com
What if we could teach the key concepts of Divine Principle without being concerned about religious intolerance? What if we could teach the three blessings: love and respect, which children learn to value, and the knowledge that they have eternal value 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 Sayre at interns@upf.org or by phone at (610) 298-2439.

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this article is about growing up. Moving out, finding a job and a spouse, and forming a new household. An earlier version appeared in 2004, and with so many young couples beginning their lives together, I thought it was time for an update.

Life in the United States is complicated, and many of our growing Generation Second Generation, and newly blessed converts also, are facing life on their own. Each couple has its own unique situation: some want to start a family right away while others intend to wait many years. Should they get a college degree and a solid career first? Or begin sooner, without enough money to support a house hold on one income? There is no one best answer.

In general, modern kids are usually out on their own by the age of twenty. Trouble is, these young folks often make the same mistakes, and land in the same difficulties, as millions did before them. Popular culture has a lot to do with it. Practical advice remains unspoken, and unrealistic expectations are fostered. Not everyone can become a dot com founder, or become a successful entrepreneur, especially in the long term. In the past, a few con artists have collected ‘sympathy’ money from various churches, by pretending to be escaped UC members. Opposite that, Mormon Utah is a long-time haven for the ‘trapped’ plus miracle pills, and fancy engine treatments. No member has ever entered their lives. Especially after squalling babies entered their lives.

What about a house? Depending on where you live, and your credit score, mortgage payments vary widely. Because of the sub-prime mortgage and foreclosure crisis (which hit people who didn’t read articles such as this one), it’s become much harder to get a financially stable couple to buy their first house.

Why not rent? It’s said: ‘Either you’re paying the landlord’s mortgage or your own.’ Our church elders have cautioned: ‘Just don’t let the house own you.’

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Reading is very difficult, but as for the money, and hand out their plastic to college students by the thousands. All too often, the credit card companies know this. It's amazing how many adults know exactly what they're spending money to support a household. An early years, the credit card companies have collected 'sympathy' money from various churches, by pretending to be escaped UC members. For Unificationists, it is a bad idea.

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- USA 2nd Generation Dept. www.ipathfinder.net
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- Religious Youth Service rys.net
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