Excerpts of the address given at the Global Peace Festival, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on September 9, 2008

esteemed dignitaries, family, friends, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Global Peace Festival in beautiful Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. It is a great honor and pleasure to be with you today in the heartland of Asia with my ethnic cousins to celebrate a vision of everlasting peace.

Just last month, the world gathered in Beijing, China for the Olympic Games, under the theme of “One World, One Dream.” Let me take a moment to again congratulate Tuvshinbayar Naidan (Tushvee) and Badar-Uugan Enkhbat for winning the first ever gold medals for Mongolia in judo and boxing. Well done!

Today I want to share a vision of peace for Mongolia and all nations in this region. To begin with, we must admit that we will have to be bold and break new ground in our search for peace and prosperity, if we are to really go beyond the failures of our past.

We only need to look back to the last century to recognize the futility of tackling the world’s problems through the same old military, economic, political, diplomatic and scientific solutions. Dealing with only the symptoms of global crisis and conflict and ignoring the root cause will not work. That is why even the grand vision behind the League of Nations and, later, the United Nations was unable to prevent the 20th century from being the bloodiest era in human history.

The world needs a new vision of peace for the 21st Century. Unlike the secular thinking of our recent past, it should be a spiritual vision, rooted in time-enduring values. That vision is “One Family under God!”

The one who has taken on the mantle to champion this vision around the world is none other than my father, the Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon. He has devoted his entire life, resources and wealth to the fulfillment of that dream.

The dream to build “One Family under God” is not the dream of just one man, woman or family but belongs to all humanity and, most of all, to God. As my father explained in one of his recent peace messages, “God, the Creator of all things under the sun, is the true parent of all humanity. He is not a parent in the parochial sense, existing only for a
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certain religion, a certain race, or the residents of a certain region."

You may call Him by any name, be it Jehovah, Allah, Heaven, or any other. What is important is that He certainly exists, lives as the true parent of all people, and is carrying on the great work of Creation.

Why is the family the fundamental building block for peace? First and foremost, the family is universal. Regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality and religious affiliations, we are all members of families. Secondly, the family represents the most intimate of human relationships. We use familial terms to describe the closeness of any relationship, saying "that person is like my father, like my mother, like my brother, like my sister, like my son and like my daughter." Most importantly, the family is the school of love. I believe that the three-generational model of grandparents, parents and children is the paragon of family virtue.

Those generations represent the past, present and future living in harmony in one family, thus encapsulating the continuum of time and setting the basis of establishing everlasting peace centered upon true love. Before we call ourselves Buddhist, Christian, or Muslim, before we see ourselves as black, white, or Asian, before we identify ourselves as Mongolian, Russian, or Chinese, we are first and foremost the eternal sons and daughters of God and members of his eternal family. Therefore, we should own the dream to realize "One Family under God" one family at a time, by uplifting all families beyond race, nationality or creed.

The dream to build "One Family under God" should resonate with Mongolia’s spiritual heritage, a heritage that goes all the way back to its pre-historical, very much like my native home of Korea. It was this heritage which prompted the most famous Mongolian, Chinggis Han, and later his family and descendents to undertake the enormous task of uniting the world under One Heaven. Mongolia’s rich histori-cal past is relevant in our age for creating a world of peace, especially here in Eurasia. The recent war in the South Caucasus proves that the countries of this region still have a way to go to overcome these conflicts of the past.

Undecided territorial, ethnic and national divisions and broken economic and social ties all provoke instability, uncertainty and violence. The nations and peoples of this region need a new peace initiative, based upon a common vision. Recognizing the potential challenges of our age, my father founded the Mongolian Peoples’ Federation for World Peace in 2004 to “Do away with all the walls and national boundaries and bring together the six billion people of the world, through rallying together the interrelated people of Mongolian descent.” If Mongolia could own the vision of "One Family under God" and align with the mission of the Mongolian Peoples’ Federation, it could inspire the entire region to look beyond its narrow interests and recognize its common heritage and, thereby, its common future.

Will you take on this challenge? Creating a culture of service is necessary for peace to exist, and the Global Peace Festival has created a new spirit of volunteerism in many countries around the world.

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derstandings and hatred that existed
would fade away as they sweat, cry and
laugh together with a common vision
to build “One Family under God.”

Another goal of the Global Peace Fes-
tival is to celebrate the common uni-
versal values shared by all faiths.
Religious and spiritual leaders must
lead the peace process. Instead of advo-
cating their own narrow doctrinal per-
spective, they must lead all people of
faith to recognize the shared values
and principles that come from our com-
mon heritage in one God.

I would like to suggest that all nations
second the motion that my father made
in the United Nations to establish an
Interreligious Council of faith leaders,
similar to the UN Security Council. This
new UN council could be the forum for
all faiths to find common ground and
lead the peace process.

Let us be bold today and dare to
dream big! Let us dream the greatest
dream of all! You have already heard
of the “Mongolian Dream,” a dream to
dow every child with a good educa-
tion and a healthy life.

Today, I invite you to aspire to an
even greater dream. That dream is “One
Family under God.” It should be the
clarion call for our age. The power of
one human family united can quell the
turmoil of conflict throughout the world
– from the conflict in the Middle East,
to the final remnant of the Cold War
on the Korean Peninsula, to the pover-
ty and disease of Africa and to the civil,
ethnic and national strife of Eurasia.

As we stand under the steadfast gaze
of our ancestors, let us make a solemn
pledge to lead the world to peace by
realizing the dream to create “One Fam-
ily under God.” Then, as surely as light
overcomes the darkness, an era of peace
and prosperity will emerge from the
depths of distrust and hatred both at
home and in the far corners of our
world.

Together, we can dare to dream the
greatest dream of all! Let us own the
dream to create “One Family under
God.” May God bless you and your fam-
ilies, this great nation of Mongolia and
all the nations represented here. Thank
you very much!
GLOBAL PEACE FESTIVAL

Mongolians Choose Peace

by Michael Balcomb
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In a moving and dramatic display of national pride and unity, the sighting of Mongol made a clear commitment to peace and prosperity at the Global Peace Festival in Ulaanbaatar Sep- tember 9, 2008. Just a few short weeks after disputed elections threatened to bring this historic Asian nation to the brink of civil war, Sukhbaatar Square was once again filled with a huge crowd. This time, they sang and danced for peace.

The Festival marked the culmination of several days of activities including a city-wide service effort, a youth art exhibition, speaking, dancing and song contests, and an International Leadership Conference drawing delegates from Asia, Europe, and Oceania.

“Mongolia, Eurasia and the whole world need a new vision of peace for the 21st Century,” said Universal Peace Federation co-chair Dr. Hyun Jin Moon in his keynote address. “Unlike the secular thinking of our recent past, it should be a spiritual vision, rooted in universal values. Although territorial, ethnic and national divisions and broken economic and social ties all add to the uncertainty, the nations and peoples of this region need a new peace initiative based upon our common values. That vision, of One Family under God, is the clarion call of our age!”

The project at Yargui was just one of a city-wide initiative encouraging young Mongolians in particular to take responsibility for their neighborhoods and their cities, including a cleanup day that attracted more than 11,000 volunteers. “It’s more than just an aesthetic choice,” said Ulaanbaatar planning director Delger Bayar, commenting on a recent spate of manhole cover thefts that pose a real threat to public safety. “Projects like this can help us all realize that we must take responsibility together.”

The Global Peace Festival is creating a new sense of civic pride in cities around the world. Even small acts of service help create a new culture of cooperation and involvement.

In addition to widespread civic action, the Universal Peace Federation is committed to leadership education as an important step in bringing peace.

The International Leadership Conference was attended by 250 delegates from 38 nations, including more than 20 former heads of state and senior government ministers from central Asia and Oceania. “We need to find a better way to choose better leaders,” said the Hon. Stanislav Shushkevich, former president of Belarus and a member of the UPF Presiding Council, “and to take this momentum and work proactively fixed. GPF was introduced in a live, nationwide talk show called ‘Good Morning Kenya’ from a state operated TV station KBC [Kenya Broadcasting Corporation]. The host started the show

2008 Kenya GPF Victory

Nairobi’s sensation goes beyond Kenya and spreads across the African continent

Kenya, Africa is the third nation to hold 2008 GPF (Global Peace Festival). Programs including ILC and GPF were held in her capital, Nairobi, from August 29 to 31. Kenya is the center of trade and finance in Eastern Africa, and unlike her neighboring countries, she is a Christian nation with more than 70% of the people being Protestants or Catholics. Centering on the vision ‘One Family under God,’ GPF displayed the power of love: reassembling the broken puzzle for peace in the nation. An amazing wave is rising in this nation on the equator known for its Maasai Tribe reaching all of Africa.

Kenya is a nation prepared to realize God’s ideal of ‘One Family under God’ in Africa. Centering on Christianity and Catholicism, a majority of the people naturally love and follow God, and they lead harmonious lives with other religions. In comparison to other African countries, Kenya values family, and a lifestyle of attending God is publicly fixed. GPF was introduced in a live, nationwide talk show called ‘Good Morning Kenya’ from a state operated TV station KBC [Kenya Broadcasting Corporation]. The host started the show

with a prayer, which shows that a faithful religious culture is rooted in their daily lives.

Based on such culture, the attitudes and interests of the Kenyan leadership participating in the ILC were exceptional. No one was late to the lectures, everybody listened attentively, and they did not forget to ask enthusiastic questions. The participants showed deep interest especially in God’s vision, providence, and its direction.

On the other side, the participants’ passionate interests and responses is relevant to Kenya’s recent political crisis. As an aftermath of the presidential election in December 2006, conflict among tribes deepened in Kenya, which was known as the political model nation, and hundreds of people lost their lives. In the 2007 presidential election, counting of ballots

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Call for Peace and Unity in Mindanao, Philippines

Amidst the ceaseless struggle between the government and the radical Islamic groups in the Philippine island of Mindanao, a new hope for peace and unity has dawned in this “Promised Land,” as the Philippines is often called. On September 19-21, 2008, the Mindanao leg of the Global Peace Festival was held in the city of Cagayan de Oro, culminating in a series of conferences, service projects, and other initiatives all organized for the cause of bringing peace in the region and making its people owners of the vision of “One Family Under God.” Co-chaired by Dr. Haja Esnaira Estrella Abad-Babano, Regional Director of the Department of Education-Region X, and Constantino G. Jaraula, Mayor of Cagayan de Oro, this Global Peace Festival was a big step towards the realization of peace in Mindanao and the entire nation of the Philippines.

Peace Village Exposure

The International Leadership Conference (ILC) in Cagayan de Oro, held from September 20-21 with the theme of “A Vision of Unity and Development,” was the first activity in which the youth leaders of the city joined forces as they offered their time, talent, and treasures taking ownership of this earth-shattering event. On September 20, around 3,000 youth from different schools, colleges, and universities shook the grounds of Limketkai Mall as they participated in the first day of the conference. Bands, singers, and dancers gave entertainment to all the guests. Inspirational messages from Governor Dimaporo of Lanao Del Norte, Mr. Yequing Victor Lee, Mr. Ayo Goto, and Senate President Manny Villar moved the hearts of the young and young at hearts not to mention the very vibrant speech of the energetic UPR Regional Chair, Dr. Chung Sik Yong, Former Miss Teen Philippines 2007, Ms. Maxine Monasterio, hosted the conference.

As a response to the call of the times, the Mindanao Peace Initiative (MinPI) was also officially launched during the ILC. Without a doubt, this initiative will create a strong social impact to revive the peace process in Mindanao. International Youth Summit

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On September 21, another momentous event happened in the city. It was the second day of the summit at the Dynasty Court Hotel. Leaders from the second Mini-Festival were convened to upgrade their leadership skills and convictions as they listened to the sessions given by Dr. Ann Montoro-Arceo and Dr. Robert Kittel. To the surprise of our young leaders, Hon. Jose de Venecia and his son, Joey de Venecia, paid a visit and gave very stirring speeches. Three hundred leaders were appointed Youth Ambassadors for the city. The conference ended with the launching of the YWFP Cagayan de Oro Chapter. Over all, the summit in a sense not just because of the histories it made or the number of people it gathered but because of the sentiment and the bonds it created among the young leaders of the city. The summit is a stepping stone to the greatest journey the youth sector will ever embark on.

Global Peace Festival Main Event

The Global Peace Festival Main Event was held at the Capitol Grounds in Cagayan de Oro on September 21 in celebration of the International Day of Peace. All the vibrant colors of Mindanao were unfurled as the 3,000 members of the different tribe tribes including the Subanens, Higa-onons, Balingasays and others performed their traditional dances during the parade and pre-program. Garbed in bright costumes, they danced along the streets of Cagayan de Oro to the delight of the people until they reached the main venue of the program in front of the Capitol Building. The lively and heart-felt performances from the delegation of the different tribes in Mindanao with their rich and colorful costumes added more joy and festivity to the event. Their dance numbers showed how unity is achieved even in diversity.

Before the main program officially started, high school students along with the audi- ence recited the Pure Love Pledge, as they committed themselves to keeping their purity before marriage and fidelity within marriage. Right there and then, True Love Pledge International offered the 1.4 million signatures of high school students who pledged to keep their purity to Senate President Manny Villar, who was again represented by his brother, Mr. Jojo Villar.

International blessed families were also called onstage to share about their unique experiences as they live together despite their differences. They showed how the family is indeed the school where children learn the values of love and peace so they can practice it in the society where they live.

To officially open the Global Peace Festival Main Event, Hon. Governor Oscar Moreno of the Province of Misamis Oriental gave the 13,000 people in the audience a warm welcome. He emphasized that the work of peace is that all encompassing can we achieve peace and prosperity in the nation and the world.

Dr. Estrella Babano, as Co-Chair of the Global Peace Festival, challenged everyone to work for peace with the recognition that since we came from one root, we are all one family under God. She urged everyone not to wait...
stopped broadcasting after 70% of the votes were counted. A woman candidate from the opposition party was leading against President Kibaki by more than a million votes. After three days, the government declared the president as being reelected. Interestingly, since that time, Kenya expanded from that event.

In order to straighten things out and prevent further trouble, a constitutional conference started. Afterward, many leadership including the former UN secretary-general Kofi Annan and other African national leaders became the arbitrators. At this time, the presidencidental candidate Raila Odinga’s brave decision brought an early end to the situation. He is the leader of the opposition party that did not split in the election, many leadership including the former UN secretary-general Kofi Annan and other African national leaders became the arbitrators.

Prime Minister Raila Odinga gave a welcome remark at the GPF banquet on August 30 and emphasized that ‘GPF is presenting a startling vision that mankind should all be connected and focused centering on one vision. In this context, as GPF continues in each continent, we can confirm that the vision of GPF, ‘One Family under God’ is the vision that today’s mankind has been waiting for."

President Hyun Jin Moon held the victory celebration with the members and peace ambassadors in Japan, and the success stories of 2008 GPF Kenya are spread to other countries in Africa through them. Also, the National leaders became the arbiter and the continental headquarters was located in Kenya. To set conditional foundations, Continental director Hee Sun Ji held a 40 day DP workshop with over 60 public leaders and national presidents working in Africa and led external activities during the day. Such victory was possible because every member became one in their conditions and worked with passionate hearts centering on the vision of GPF.

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Continental Directors' Meeting

More than 5,000 gathered at the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum in Korea to celebrate the "Commemorative Ceremony to Celebrate the Realm of the Peace King under the Sacred Reign of Peace in the Jubilee Years, the 7th and 8th years of Cheon Il Guk," with the attendance of True Parents and the members of the True Family.

Through this event participants were able to share God and True Parents’ miracle that was manifested through the recent helicopter accident. In order to inherit True Parents’ victory, a Regional Presidents’ Meeting was held at 3:00 p.m. on August 7, 2008.

At the meeting were Jin Moon, who was newly appointed as the chairperson for the Unification movement in America; her husband Hyung Jin Moon, FFWPU International President, Kook Jin Moon, chairman of the Foundation to Support the HSA-UCW; Kwon Jin Moon; and all the regional presidents.

The meeting was enceord by Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, the vice-president of the World Mission Headquarters. Participants first paid their respects to True Parents by offering a bow to their photo. Dr. Chang Sik Yong, FFWPU-Korea president, offered the opening prayer. This was followed by some words from Hyung Jin Moon, Kook Jin Moon, and In Jin Moon.

During the meeting Rev. Peter Kim delivered True Parents’ special instructions to the participants. A presentation was given to introduce Rev. Hyung Jin Moon’s recent initiatives to transform the church in Korea and the project to construct a World Headquarters Church. When the meeting was about to close, True Parents called, meeting all the participants (including the staff) to come to the “Sky Garden” at Cheon Jeong Gung Museum for dinner.

In his address that day, Hyung Jin Moon spoke on the activities that were underway for the purpose of transforming the Korean church.

“These are some of the things the Korean church is doing right now. We are strengthening the churches, making preparations to build the organization and moving forward. We are shifting from an individual-based ministry mindset in order to relate well with the members and be successful. If we can truly guide the members and help them shine as blessed families then the Unification Church will shine. When members are happy within the church, they will find greater confidence and this will naturally lead to witnessing tearful prayers for True Parents. Up to now, I truly envy all of you who are in Korea. Kook Jin Moon, chairman of the Foundation, is taking responsibility over the Foundation and the economic aspect [of our movement] while Hyung Jin Moon is also doing a good job as the international president. True Parents have said that all their sons and daughters are living up to their name. Kook Jin, his name, refers to Korea and he represents the True Family. Hyung Jin’s name means that everything will go well.

“I witnessed with my own eyes how the members were being loved, being appreciated, and how they were deeply moved and revived.”

In his address, Kook Jin Moon spoke about developing the church.

“If we wish to grow our churches worldwide, we should first develop the headquarters. In truth, we are all one family. If we wish to make our church better from now on, the most important thing now is that we be honest when we talk to one another.

“In the past we had many secrets, and that is why we did not succeed. We must change our culture. We have to make a culture where people who left can return. The culture that the international president is creating at the Headquarters Church is a culture of forgiveness. We must now shift from a culture of judgment to a culture of forgiveness.

“If we set the right organizational goal and culture, we can create results. Our organization has to become stronger and more rational if it is to succeed in fulfilling its goals. If we can make our organization like that, there is nothing we cannot do.”

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er until they see the beginning of peace in their midst.

Former Speaker de Venecia gave a powerful speech about the need for peace in Mindanao. He praised the Universal Peace Federation for initiating substantial peace initiatives that can truly bring change to the world. He stressed that UPF is the only solution to the problems of unrest in the world.

Mr. Jojo Villar read the prepared speech of Senate President Manny Villar who could not come because of an important trip to Jordan. In support of the peace initiatives of UPF, he pledged his support to the vision of the Global Peace Festival in its endeavor to bring peace and harmony through realizing the vision of “One Family Under God.” A video of the Global Peace Festival 2007 in the Philippines was shown to all the audience. It was immediately followed by the Global Peace Address of Dr. Hyun Jin Moon as read by Dr. Chang Sik Yong, Regional Chair of UPF-Asia. Dr. Moon in his message stressed the centrality of the family in building peace in the society, nation, and the world. The audience resonated with the main Theme Song, “Where Peace Begins.” As they lit the candles together, they gave peace signs and called for everybody to give peace a chance.

The Peace Concert, where the artists capped the grand celebration of the Global Peace Festival 2008-Mindanao.
Thank you for your prayers and the participation in the prayer for our True Parents. Through that service many of us could realize what has really occurred through the helicopter accident and True Parents escape from certain death. True Father, who was appointed by Jesus to fulfill the return of the Lord, went through a life or death trial with True Mother and overcame death. Like at the time of Jesus’ resurrection, this is the time in which God has the greatest power to multiply and expand His people and His providence. Now True Parents are returning to Alaska on Saturday to bring the power of the resurrection substantially to America. They come because of their profound love for the American people and because of America’s most significant role in the Pacific Rim Era. They are coming to pray in this time of Resurrection and Pentecost. Let us join them in heart and pray for this nation and fulfillment of God’s Will for America and the world.

All the conditions have been set and the realm of the blessed family has been established by True Parents and extended through all blessed Central Families. God’s foundation is permanently secured on the earth through the realization of God’s dwelling in the family. God’s timetable to realize the substantial redirection of the world toward a Culture of Peace based on blessed families is confirmed for January 13, 2013. God’s providence to establish the one accord hour of fulfillment passes, if the right conditions aren’t set then the providence can be prolonged. This was the case with Moses course in the wilderness. When the chosen people couldn’t fulfill according to the time line of God’s dispensation then prolongation of the time occurred.

What is different now is that we are in the Era After the Coming of Heaven, and in this time, all can be fulfilled in a very short period. Conditions now exist that there is no need for prolongation. God is determined to fulfill the providence of God. Transformation of the heart can occur in an instant if the right conditions are set. Likewise of God’s grace the years of 2007 and 2008 are Jubilee years in which God can forgive and unite all the past mistakes made by individuals, families, nations, races and even the mistakes of our forefathers and mothers. This is an incredible time when all problems can be resolved and humanity can become God’s family. Because of God’s increasing authority we will be sure to see transformation in every society and culture. There are the things that were ‘stable’ and sure for humanity to hold on to have become unstable and uncertain. This is causing a shift in the heart of the prepared people in each religion and nation to yearn sincerely for God and the things that are unchanging such as God’s forgiving Love and God’s unchanging word. There is a profound yearning in the hearts of God’s people for families and a brotherhood and sisterhood that will reflect God’s stability, trust and true love.

God also now has the conditions to interact in this world because of the fulfillment that has occurred centering on True Parents and he will use every condition necessary to advance this world out of the darkness into Cheon Il Guk. At the time of Jesus, God did not hesitate to allow His son to go the way of the cross and through that condition the providence was not lost but was secured and expanded in anticipation for today. Though it was the most painful moment in God’s dispensation, God allowed Jesus, the only begotten Son that had fulfilled the role as an individual to sacrifice his life to meet the conditions necessary to fulfill God’s Will for America and the world.

It doesn’t take everyone, it takes the faithful. Power. So also will the attraction to sin, hate and division lose its power as the people unite in one accord. As prophesied in the book of Zechariah 4:7, “They are coming because they love America. We should understand in heart that they are still in recovery because the accident was so extensive. It is very difficult for True Parents to travel and they have been advised just to rest. However, because of love they are coming to prepare for today. They are coming because they love America. We should understand that Father God did not hesitate to allow His son to go the way of the Cross paying whatever price was required. This indemnified the loss of Jesus family through his sacrifice. This indemnified the resurrection. This indemnified the ‘atmosphere’ will be with men”. We have entered the time when God can dwell with us in our family. Now the family is to become the sphere of life and through the public recognition of believers can and will occur.

True Parents had the condition to go through death and give their lives and yet live. Therefore God now has power far greater than the time after Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross, death and resurrection, to claim the people of the world that are prepared to bring about a new America. It is in this moment that True Parents are coming to America. They will return to Alaska on Saturday. They are not coming for simple reasons but for God’s dispensation. They are coming because they love America. We should understand in heart that they are still in recovery because the accident was so extensive. It is very difficult for True Parents to travel and they have been advised just to rest. However, because of love they are coming to prepare for today. They are coming because they love America. We should understand that Father God did not hesitate to allow His son to go the way of the Cross paying whatever price was required. This indemnified the loss of Jesus family through his sacrifice. This indemnified the resurrection. This indemnified the ‘atmosphere’ will be with men”. We have entered the time when God can dwell with us in our family. Now the family is to become the sphere of life and through the public recognition of believers can and will occur.

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To understand in relationship to the time line of God’s dispensation, was not a small accident. This is the background that is important to understand in relationship to True Parents near death trial and miraculous recovery from certain death. The helicopter incident, if we really know the meaning of True Parents in God’s dispensation, was not a small accident.
Young Palestinians & Israelis Forge Paths of Peace in Italy

by Hod Zvi and Giorgio Gasperoni

For twenty-three young Israelis and Palestinians traveled together to northern and central Italy from September 1-10, 2008, seeking to develop leadership capacity. At first, people had a tendency to stay within their own groups, Marina, one of the Israeli participants in the International Youth Leadership tour, said. “Living and traveling for ten days together can be difficult sometimes, because of the complicated group dynamics that are naturally created.”

The days in Bergamo, San Marino, Pesaro, Rimini, Ancona, Urbino, and Rome offered many opportunities for interaction among the Israelis and the Palestinians. Two senior participants, Dr. Ami Abo-Souil and Dr. Shuki Ben Ami, served as guides and mentors to the Palestinian and the Israeli youth leaders.

In January 2008, two UPF secretaries general, Giorgio Gasperoni from the Republic of San Marino and Hod Ben Zvi from Israel, organized fact-finding tours and cross-cultural dialogues in Israel and Palestine for 20 Italian youth leaders. This trip to Italy by Israelis and Palestinians was a reciprocal one. Such experiences are attempts to create a new paradigm of understanding and peace, giving an opportunity for young leaders to take part in shaping a better future for their families, communities, and nations.

The Israelis and Palestinians gradually began to mingle as they engaged in conversations and discussions, sharing meals, shopping trips, and outings. When political issues were raised in more formal gatherings, the discussion heated up, especially since quite a few political science graduates were among the delegates. As a result, everyone soon realized that some of the more fruitful interactions were the informal ones.

The first stop was beautiful Bergamo. Host Carlo Zonato did a great job providing the delegation with accommodations, transportation, and exciting sightseeing opportunities, with help from the municipal office for peace affairs headed by Dr. Maggioni. Several meetings took place at the town hall with local NGOs dedicated to promoting peace in the Middle East. Several of the labor unions expressed their sincere desire for long-term involvement in the peacemaking process. This created an opportunity for the youth to convey their respective viewpoints.

One of the highlights of the visit was a football game between the Israeli-Palestinian team and a local semi-professional Italian team. The local town people cheered the teams, and although the guests were beaten 12 to 4, they all celebrated together joyfully in a pizza restaurant after the match. Ryal commented: “As the goalie, I only allowed eight goals to get past me. Amazingly, we lost by eight. We did, however, play as a team of sportsmen and demonstrated to the crowd that Israelis and Palestinians can play together.”

In San Marino, an incident occurred during an evening presentation by two representatives, an Israeli and a Palestinian. Certain disputable political issues were brought up that create an uproar among the delegation and severely damaged the delicate balance that had been maintained throughout their trip until then, making it impossible to continue with the regular schedule. The next day, time was given to all the delegates to recuperate and come back to their senses. Gradually things started to warm up again after a beautiful tour around San Marino hosted by the local scouts.

Rimini, a key local Ambassador for Peace, Anna Marie, hosted the delegation. She performed beautiful songs accompanied by her brother, a gifted guitarist. A local Italian blues group brought the spirit of Memphis alive—a truly exceptional experience.

Palestinian participants prepared a delicious Middle Eastern meal for everyone that evening at the Gasperoni family’s home. Marina shared that this “revealed a special atmosphere of friendship and cooperation. Something meaningful happened in the kitchen, and there we were all in a melting pot.”

Giorgio’s children took care of the entire delegation: driving, guiding, and translating for them. They were joined by a group of six young volunteers from Service For Peace-Europe, who brought their youthful energy. Before the time to leave, everyone joined hands in the cleanup tasks, restoring the place from Israeli and a Palestinian youth leaders.

Back to Pesaro, bicycles provided a ride around town, where they were greeted by the mayor and their host, Mrs. Pecchia. A glorious day at the beach full of fun and relaxation. The participating students face their next challenge: the accommodations outside of town, which seemed like an army barracks to some of the young people. This created a communion among those who felt a bit too challenged. Despite the initial shock and unsettlement, the Gasperoni family’s home was a place of good cheer and armament.

For the past fifteen years, there has been a religious/ethnic civil war in Sri Lanka in which over 65,000 people have been killed. Minority communities, Hindus, Christians, and Muslims live in various parts of the island. About 25 young people from the conflict areas in the northeast had been expected to participate, but they could not make it due to certain last minute situation in that region. While most of the participants were under 25 years of age, some parents my children could attend.” Another participant commented: “I gained good knowledge from this seminar. It gave me good ideas to be a good Buddhist.” Participants found the presentations about UPF’s Principles of Peace relevant to current events in Sri Lanka. “We can bring religious people together,” one person commented after a talk. Other reactions included: “We should expand this program throughout Sri Lanka,” and “Through this we can bring peace to Sri Lanka.” The young people had all had previously participated in Religious Youth Service projects and/or Interreligious Peace Sports festivals. “UPF Principles of Peace made the seminar more powerful,” commented one youth. “This program was a turning point in my life,” reported another.

Rev. John Gehring, Chair of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival, conducted the “Sports for Life” component of the seminar. Ms. Dusa Sahli, a basketball coach from the USA, added an athletic flair to the festival of the Peace Dream Foundation. Before the workshop Ms. Setel held a two-day basketball coaching clinic with Sri Lanka’s National Junior and Senior Teams and a one...
Students Enliven the UTS Fall Term

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks and Henry Christophor

Our new term at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown is getting off to a great start. We have an entering class of 16 new students from 12 countries around the world.

Anastasia Dragan, a Lutheran from Moldova, in her first week at UTS went on a local Woodstock TV station interview with two other new students. During that interview, she said, “We talked about peace and the power of prayer. I said I had a cultural shock being in the United States for the first time. People are friendlier, more open and honest, and have a deeper faith than what we were told about Americans in Europe. It’s my feeling that the American people seem to be closer to God, whereas people in Europe are closer to religious tradition. Here at UTS so far, my experience has been perfect. I am enjoying being here. Everyone is so open and ready to help. I feel very safe. There are only a few places in my life that I have felt this way.”

“There are three reasons why I came here,” Ms. Dragan says. “One, I think being here will bring me closer to God and strengthen my faith. Two, I want to know more knowledge about the Unification theology and Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Three, to get my master degree in Divinity.” Her father is the top Lutheran leader in her country, and as an amateur Peace she has experience in interfaith and service organizations.

UTS also welcomes Paul Rajan, an Anglican from India who has for the past ten years planted numerous churches in New Zealand.

At the age of 19 Mr. Rajan completed his BA in Theology, with which he did non-denominational Christian ministry for two decades. “But there was an urge in me to reach the contemporary society with a message of God’s love in a way more adequate,” he says. “And, having pioneered a couple of organizations, I couldn’t find the time to do the masters on a part time basis, so I considered coming to UTS as God’s calling. God’s opportunity, to stay on the UTS campus and complete my graduate work. I feel very much at home here and I consider every one as a member of my family. They have the same vision and mission after the Seminary, which is spreading God’s love.”

UTS also welcomes Oznur Aydo, a young Muslim woman from Turkey who is an Ambassador for Peace and very bright and committed to interfaith peace building.

“Oznur says, “taught me a life-long lesson. If you want to be successful in any phase of life, and happy within the community where you live, you have to know more about cultural diversity—such a level which is only limited with stereotypes and preconceived notions—but on the deeper level of what people really think, believe, act, perceive, and respond to in the frame-work of their own culture’s values and worldview. That’s why I came to UTS, because I have the desire to learn about cultural diversity, and appreciate Allah for making me meet his diverse creations. I want to make a success of this interreligious peace building program. There are many appealing and interesting courses, which apply to today’s real living traditions, religions, and social and political situations.”

“So far, I have met very nice, friendly people and professors... I love the UTS campus, staff, and teaching every day new things and I am trying to establish my vision for the future with this peace building program. I pray I will be among the peace-makers in the world, in my work, in different communities, in my family, and also as a wife and mother in the future. In the meantime, I want to develop my relationship with Almighty God, (Allah) and with Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) along with learning peacemaking subjects on the campus.”

UTS also welcomes Mr. Kamar, an Israeli who has been very active with the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI). Ms. Kamar says about her coming to study at UTS, “I am grateful to Rev. Moon and his wife, who gave me this lifetime opportunity to be embraced by so much love. We are walking in the realm of love here at UTS, surrounded by beautiful nature and good-hearted people from all over the world.”

Direct from Africa we welcome new students Darwese Sou from Burkina Faso and Michel Kahandja from D.R. Congo. Rounding out the entering class are a Unification Church leader from Bolivia, Nestor Lasarte, and Zoltan Zalahegyi, a legal studies scholar from Hungary; and two young leaders from the United States for the Peace Federation local leader in Washington, and Mahan Ilamabadi, who has been serving as the Unification Church pastor in Baltimore. Mr. Ilamabadi has experienced leadership in various levels internationally, including missions in Japan, Korea, the D.R. Congo, his native country, and America. UTS welcomes several Unificationist youth. From America, Daniel Elder; from Japan, Masafuku Oyama; and Koreans Sungwoog Hwang, who graduated this year from Bridgeport University; Junho Lee, the BEA Church leader from New Jersey; and Keum Ju Kim who arrived from Korea’s Sun Moon University. Our final student of note, Rev. Keung Thompson, former Unification Church pastor in the Bay Area Family Church, sums up the beautiful spirit of the new students as he explains that all the UTS alumni he has asked tell him that the greatest gift they took away from UTS was life-long friendships. Kevin says he is here to make friends, and it appears that there are many excellent ones to be made.

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Day clinic with boys and girls under age 15 with the Department of Education, was involved in the youth leadership program, as well as Maj. General Palitha Fernando, President of the Athletic Association of Sri Lanka, and Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Director of the National Institute of Sports Science. Other key supporters included Mr. Ajith Kuruppi, President of FIHH (Federation of International Basketball Associations)-Asia, and Mr. Ignatius T. Caragataram, former president of the Sri Lankan Basketball Federation and currently a central committee member of FIHH-Asia.

In considering the above, we feel that it was a very successful program, and much potential still remains to hold long-term programs of this nature in Sri Lanka.
Years after the Military Revolution, the children of Het Centrum, Brokopondo can play again; thank you RYS for choosing Brokopondo.” These were the words of Brokopondo’s Mayor, Verno Pryor. Twenty-one RYS participants went to the most beautiful district in Suriname, Brokopondo, to do a project we called “Fixabroko” (Repair the broken). After clearing 28 years of bush and debris from the war-torn community of Brokopondo, an abandoned playground was discovered. The group also cleared a path to a multipurpose court which was also abandoned since the time of the Military Revolution in 1980, which separated Maroons and Native Indians from the rest of Suriname.

The participants were divided into two groups to make the work flow evenly. After clearing the bush at the playground with weed whackers and machetes, one group cleaned all the rusting park equipment with sandpaper and then applied a coat of metal primer. Before the swings were done children from the community began flocking in, waiting to help, but most of them wanted to play on the unfinished playground. The children brought water to the participants as they worked and sweated. From time to time they would push a wheelbarrow of dirt or move some debris. Members of the community also streamed in to assist with clearing and cleaning, and they brought biscuits to share with the participants. Altogether, about 6 tons of sand and dirt were moved, holes were filled and all the bushes which separated the playground from the community were burned.

The other group, guided by one participant’s father who became the weed-whacker teacher and the hardest worker, together with the children helped reclaim the multipurpose court. During this project participants removed, straightened and replaced rusted and ill-shapen basketball and volleyball posts. Then the posts were sanded and primed. The girls climbed to the top of the basketball equipment and painted the backboards bright yellow and the basketball posts green. The volleyball posts were filled, the park equipment was painted in the bright Suriname colors of red, green, yellow and white. Participants commented: “There are universals connections among people, even if they don’t have a common language or culture. Even a historical conflict cannot separate us when there is true sympathy among us as human beings. Obviously, our growing friendships challenged the members of the delegation: however, we felt that such an outcome was exactly the purpose of joining this project.”

Note: UPF’s Middle East Peace Initiative emphasizes the development of youth leaders in the quest for peace.
In Jin Nim Gets To Know the DC Family

by Douglas Burton

The Washington Family was honored to host Dr. In Jim Moon, the Family Federation’s new national chairperson, and husband, Dr. James Park, for two days (September 20–21) including a town hall meeting and a combined Sunday service that left quite a few members inspired and intrigued about things to come.

In Jin Nim listened to and commented upon a score of reports from ministers and department leaders at the Saturday’s “Town Hall” meeting at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, but she also took time to unfold her core convictions and priorities. Church members were encouraged to hear that she is thoroughly proud of the “American dream,” proud of motherhood, proud of the pursuit of excellence, and determined to take a new approach to witnessing and public relations.

And, as all public relations expert knows, a politician is local, In Jin Nim and James spent considerable time on both days shaking hands and chatting with members on a one-on-one basis. For some, it was like a dream come true to have such face-to-face access to our Family Federation leaders.

In Jin Nim began her Sunday sermon at the New Hope Academy by telling how she almost cancelled her visit to Washington after she heard that her father had gone to Alaska to fish and pray for the members. “Shouldn’t I come to Alaska and greet you?” she asked True Father. But True Father’s reply, she said, was: “No, Washington is very important. Go to Washington. You must care for, you must comfort the members. Remind them how important Washington is for God’s Providence.”

And for that matter, not only Washington, but America is key in God’s Providence. “America is the land of dreams, where all can come and accomplish anything with their heart desires. And by dint of hard work they can become the richest people in America, the ravers and shakers on Capitol Hill,” she said.

“We are so blessed to live our lives here, so blessed to have True Parents living among us for three decades. They brought my brothers and sisters and me here to learn your language and become part of your country and culture. I remember hearing stories from the early American members, who were almost drunk with the idea of becoming ideal families.”

Since those days, some of us have become grayer and a little tired, too, she observed. Nonetheless, she pointed out a moment later, “I still see the same twinkle in your eyes that was there years ago. The message of true love and of building a universal family is something I still get excited about.”

In Jin Nim is also a proud American, as husband James pointed out at the Town Hall meeting. “In Jin Nim is an American, and she really, really loves America. Her formative experiences were with leaders who loved America. HSA [Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity] now is being headed by someone who sees herself as an American,” he told the Washington Family.

“Did you experience the ‘American women’ speeches my Father gave years ago?” she asked the members at the New Hope service. “I remember some of my brothers pointing their fingers at me, saying, ‘Yeah, hey, American woman,’” she joked, and added: “I became a naturalized citizen,” as the congregation applauded. “So I became an American.

“As a woman and a mother, I take the point of view that I am raising my children to be agents of change,” she said. “We can raise the next Mother Teresa, the next Gandhi,” she said. Of course, the humdrum of housework and child care often is a thankless job, but it is one that In Jin Nim is glad she accepted. She is proud of the fact that she has home-schooled five children, two of whom gained early admission to Harvard. All of her children have demonstrated merit as musicians and artists. “How can we—as Americans—make a difference with our lives?” she asked. Her answer: “I can be a great mother to my children. I can raise up a generation of peace.”

The term generation of peace was a recurring phrase in her sermon, and she defined it this way: it is a generation that is “breathing God, celebrating life, and fighting against violence whether that be violence against home or country.” The aqua-blue “Generation Peace” bracelets she distributed after the service were ephphers of her creed, which she summed up as meaning simply that the wearer “loves God, believes in true love, and stands against violence.”

Such a big-tent approach to affiliation is a mark of her leadership style and is evident in her approach to public outreach. Job One will be to overhaul the distorted image of Unificationism on the Worldwide Web. “The web is incredibly powerful, so my first focus is cleaning up our image on Job Two is promoting the concept...
New Jerusalem Community Welcomes Dr. In Jin Moon

by Rev. Barry Geller, District Director

New Jerusalem Community was privileged to welcome Family Federation’s new chairperson, Dr. In Jin Moon and her family on Sunday, September 14, 2008. They spent a full day together with our community. All were inspired and uplifted by her advice on holding weekly family meetings as a way of bringing our families together.

Throughout the course of the day she emphasized the importance of parent-child relationships and the development and success of our second generation, as well as the importance of growing our movement through “natural witnessing.” This means witnessing by building relationships centered on our families, inviting guests into our homes and sharing a meal, for example. Dr. In Jin Moon will travel to all the Districts and share her vision and thoughts to all as she begins her administration as national chairperson of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU).

The order of events went as follows: from Sunday Sermon to Talent Show to pizza lunch and Yute game for the second generation and a Town Hall Meeting for all Blessed Couples and first and second generation church members. This meeting was really a mini-leaders’ meeting for the so-called Sphere of Life ministries. New Jerusalem members were able to hear first-hand the reports from department leaders, while Dr. In Jin Moon listened and made comments. This is the beginning of an effort to create a more transparent movement.

This Generation of the Latter Days - Three Volumes
by M. James Herbers

European Antichrist! Israeli False Prophet! Babylon rebuked! Ancient Rome reformed! The Ten Lost Tribes discovered! Such are the expectations of many end times faiths.

The early 19th century saw the worldwide phenomenon of the rise of diverse “restorationist” faiths whose heavenly calling sought to return people to the ideals of their respective founders in expectation that their returning Lord would come in their own day, and cleanse the sinful world through a great apocalyptic retribution. These volumes first present an accurate, matter-of-fact account of their history and end times beliefs; secondly an analysis of why their founding prophecies failed; and finally, offers an apologia of areas for cooperative work by Unificationists.
Christian-Hindu amity marked the International Day of Peace in Agartala on September 21, 2008. Even as reports of recent bomb blasts and Hindu-Christian conflicts continue to pour in from different parts of the country, the Northeast Indian capital town of Agartala witnessed a rare gesture of unity and friendship between Christians and Hindus. The program was organized by Sampari Hukumu Bodol Tripura, under the patronage of Universal Peace Federation (UPF), Peace Dream, and Religious Youth Service (RYS).

The Agartala celebrations of the International Day of Peace (IDP) consisted in leaders from both Christian and Hindu communities planting a sapling in a place offered by the other community. Catholic priest Pascal D sdb planted a sapling in the compound of Bhojlagiri Ashram in Amaltali on the outskirts of Agartala town in the presence of Maharaj Sureshsara Nanda Giri Swami. Father Pascal hoped that “just as the Arjun sapling would gradually grow into a big strong tree,” their resolve for peace and harmony too would become “firmer and stronger with each passing day.”

The second part of the program was held at Don Bosco Peace Centre Nandannagar. Maharaj Sureshsara Nanda Giri Swami accompanied the group to Don Bosco and planted a sapling in front of the Peace Centre. The Swami exhorted the listeners to appreciate the many cultures and religions of our country, each of which tries to bring about peace in its own unique manner and method. Speaking on this occasion, Mr. J. L. Chakrabarty, the secretary of the International Association for Religious Freedom, Tripura Chapter said that it made no sense to fight in the name of religion since every religion taught peace and communal harmony.

Fr. MC George, the Principal of Don Bosco School, called the International Day of Peace a celebration of “variety.” “How boring would it have been if the world had only one type of people, or if a garden only had one kind of flower or if the world had only one type of music? he asked the many youth present at the celebrations. Rev. Kamal Chakrabarty, another Christian leader, was also present for the celebrations.

The participants of the IDP celebrations also held a candle-lit prayer for the victims of the recent violence in various parts of the world. Ena Jamaatia, one of the youth who took part in the program, said, “We feel sad when we hear about people dying because of violence or bomb blasts as it happened in Delhi a few days ago. Today we prayed for them and also prayed that such things don’t happen in society.”

UPF some months ago conferred the Ambassador for Peace status upon Fathers K.J. Joseph sdb and Joseph Pulinthanath sdb, both of whom are also members of Sampari Hukumu Bodol.

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of brothers and sisters over the years, and of life, that spark of hope, that spark you put him; that spark was always spending time. It didn't matter where love with the people with whom he was this mission. And yet, I always noticed man of God; here is a man who has speaking tours, I always saw something beautiful summer months fish-wavered or second-guessed what he Jesus' responsibility when he was 16 Jesus Christ the command to fulfill sense of hope and yet at the same time ries of True Parents and those early Hendricks

As a child watching my father, giving speeches and guidance, and all those beautiful summer months fish-ing in Gloucester, and all those times when Father was joking and poking fun at leaders over hamburgers at McDonalds or Burger King while doing speaking tours, I always saw something that was uniquely interesting from a child's point of view. That is how I am a man of God; here is a man who has been asked by Jesus Christ to fulfill this mission, and yet. I always noticed this almost childlike spark in his eyes. He was so in love with life and so in love with the people with whom he was spending time. It didn't matter where you put him; that spark was always there.

Also, when I came to meet the early followers of my father here in America, I could see that they also had that spark of life, that spark of hope, that spark of excitement. I have watched many brothers and sisters over the years, and sometimes that spark wanes, some-times that spark is ignited by some-thing that ignites them. Sometimes it gets lost and sometimes, but then with a cleansing experience they have with True Parents it gets revived. I have seen that there is an up and down, almost like a sine curve; such is the nature of human life and human spirituality. I myself have also experi-enced that.

As life gets complicated and we get older, life has a way of getting complicated, right? I have so many responsibilities as wife, mother, teacher. many things. Where ever I think of my life, I always think of True Parents, the one thing that I realize is that I must never lose that spark that I see always in Father's eyes and in Mother's eyes. Whenever I feel that I am waning in my spir-ituality or in my life, I catch this image of my father. I have a small sketch of my father that I sketched as a little girl. I am not a fantastic artist and couldn't do my father justice, but I drew a circle look-ing like a moon with two crescent eyes with that sparkle coming from the eyes. This is a message to myself, never for-get you who are and once you decide to do a certain lifestyle, to live a cer-tain lifestyle, then be true to yourself, true to your spark. I think that is what allows our True Father and True Moth-er to truly be the True Parents for all of us. It is because they are giving us the spark of life and encouraging all of us to see something greater.

Here at UTS all of you have an incred-ible opportunity, not only to enjoy the beauty of nature, but also to seek a religious opportunity, not only to enjoy the mind why we are here.

In an institution like this, you have the opportunity to come to a better understanding of your father's faith and at the same time to celebrate each other's differences and to celebrate the unique aspects of the differences of our vari-ous cultures. Here at UTS we have so many people here, people from the East, people from Africa, people from Europe. This, in a way, is like a tapestry of life you are weaving. So at the beginning of this fall semester, please keep in mind why we are here.

We are here to learn to love each other. How do you profoundly learn to love each other? That comes from under-standing. When you understand someone, then you feel loved. When you feel understood by your parents, you feel loved. That is what all children want in their relationship with their parents. What do you seek from your spouse? It begins with understanding. You say to yourself, "Gosh, I wish my spouse could understand me." If you and someone you ask come from dif-ferent cultures, a Korean married to an American, or an African married to a European, then you hope that your God-given spouse can understand you. But are you, can understand your culture and what makes you unique? With that understanding, maybe we could ask, "Who do you feel loved. So here at UTS you have an incredible opportuni-ty to understand different religions and different ways of looking at God. I am here to ask you to understand that there is an ex-istence for love, because love is the energy of the universe. There is no ex-istence, and it is only love that can give hope for the kind of world that we are living in now.

I have three children in college. One is finishing up in Edinburgh, Scotland, and one is in Harvard. I visit them in their dorms and spend time with their friends. I realize the kind of value system they are working off. One of the things I realized most profound-ly was that the word that most comes out of a college age student is "me" and "this is what I want." I hear "I" and "me" quite a bit. It is no wonder that we had Generation X, Generation Y, Generation Z, and now we have the Millennials, the "show me the money" genera-tion, and with this comes whole in-flict of the cult of celebrity that the United States is entrenched in. Every-thing is about me; everything is about what I can get from society, what I can get from my education, what I can get from my community.

I thought you saw on CNN this lovely young lady who is wanting to get a graduate degree and, having no means to do so, went on CNN live and talked about how she wants to have kids for her virginity. She says, "I live a western lifestyle, the highest bid-der, so that I can pay for my graduate education." When she was interviewed, I think she wanted to go out with the highest bidder, she said, "When I was younger I believed in romantic love. I believed in an ideal relationship. But as I got older I real-ized that those things don't matter. What matters is what I can get out of society, what I can get out of my edu-cation." She has been taught along the way somehow that the most important thing is money or power or whatever that she can sell so that she can achieve her goal. My family and I saw that togeth-er. My children said, "You know, Mom, America is a God-chosen country and we are an American lady on TV, so you have to meet on a college campus." To think that somebody so young has already given up on life, already given up on the possibility of a loving rela-tionship, already given up on the pos-sibility of creating a beautiful family together with a man who values her as a human being and values her life and worth, is an incredibly sad reality. But that is the reality of children now.

Many of us here have known True Parents for many decades and have seen their spark all along the way, but many of those we love and ask ourselves, "What are we doing here? Have we really accomplished what we set out to do? When I joined in the 70s, what was that inspired me? And how is my life now? Maybe I am not in the ideal situation, but maybe my ideal spouse turned into a pumpkin. Maybe my children didn't turn out as I thought they would. I am sure some of you, just like me, have often ques tioned and wondered. "Are we really making a difference?" and maybe my own children and the blessed chil-dren. I have that wonderful duty of teaching the children. As each one possesses, then I can say, "Yes we did make a difference." We have
Two-Day DP Workshop with Rev. McCarthy

by James Stewart

Twenty-one people gathered at the very beautiful Airline Center Estate in Virginia for a two day Divine Principle workshop sponsored by the Annapolis Family Fellowship and the NoVa Family Church in Fairfax. The workshop was taught by Rev. Kevin McCarthy. Ten of the people who were there were hearing the two-day content for the first time, but many were from small groups in District 1 and have been studying in small groups for the past few months. Rev. Kevin McCarthy was truly inspired and moved by the spirit and gave out his whole heart to the workshop. We laughed together, we cried together, we sang old and new songs together, we prayed together, and we cried together. When we understood the depth of God's longing heart for us, what our True Parents have done for us, and who they are, we all made the commitment to start a new life. Most of our new members have made a commitment to attend the next class to discover what to do next. This is how Family Fellowship (HDFC) small groups can change and impact our lives. When we can gather together in a small, safe, nurturing community, when we reach out to each other and to our distant brothers and sisters and create the kind of life, my parents' greatness and, more importantly, on the foundation of my mother's greatness. We cannot overlook the incredible, powerful leadership we have seen in the history of religion, now I look to the next great leaders to emerge. Our next workshop sponsored by District 1, the NoVa Family Church, Family Fellowship, USA, and the Annapolis Family Fellowship will be held in Maryland in the third week of September. We want to double the number of people from 21 to 42 and the number of guests to 21. To reserve your place, please, call James Stewart at 350-400-792. — truescot4@gmail.com

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something different, something that is unique.

Our True Parents talk to us about making true families that last forever. This is not something that should be pushed by the wayside: it is very much a reality. Our movement has been so focused on meeting deadlines and doing events. Reverend Jenkins honestly said to me that we really haven't given enough attention to our families for the past 24 years because we were always working to fulfill a providential time line. Many of us have forgotten our duties as a spouse and as a parent, and, in a way, our children had to grow up on their own. What we are working with, in terms of raw material, is incredible. There is something different about our children, about my children. So when I meet with Blessed members, I am encouraged everyone to look within and see what we have and to nurture what we have.

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of "natural witnessing," which means that Unificationists will naturally attract admirers, allies, and, eventually, disciples by virtue of the intellectual and moral excellence of their children. People will then start to ask, "Why are your kids so incredible?" Why are your children so respectful to their grandparents? ... Why are you so different from other teenagers?" What organization do you belong to?" she said.

The fact is, however, that in order to give joy to others, we need to be living well as far as the essentials are concerned. Actually, living for the sake of others means we have to be living our selves, that is, living happily and financially independent, "she said. "Let's seek excellence not only in our internal life but in our external life as well," she added.

Do I hear an "Amen"? Douglas Burton is the Director of Public Affairs of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

Brothers and sisters, I truly hope that all of you can help me to weave this tapestry of life and this tapestry of love that are so necessary in this day and age. I drove here from New York City, and every time I wake up in that city I am reminded that 9/11 happened in the name of religion. Thousands and thousands of lives were wasted in the name of religion. If we cannot overcome our religious differences and if we cannot learn love and respect each other in a way that every religion of the world feels understood and on that basis loved, then I feel we are leaving our world to our children in a very bad way. If we can focus on our common denominator of our desire to love, to learn from each other, and to understand each other, then we can move forward and we can raise a generation of peace, not a generation of "show me the money," not a generation of "what can you do for me?" If we can raise up this consciousness in young people, who can brand themselves as "Generation of Peace," then I think the world of peace is not far away.

I encourage all of you to continue in your own journey as you come to understand who you are and what you would like to do with your life. I hope that you can keep True Parents in your mind and with a grateful heart thank them for this opportunity to come and explore your faith and different paths and come to a better understanding of who we are as humanity, as we go forward into this new century.

Brothers and sisters, thank you very much. I am truly delighted that I can be a part of your day today as a part of your wonderful year, and I wish you peace, love, and understanding.
Billings Fire Chief Paul Dextras recalled what came to his mind on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, when he heard about a plane crashing into one of the Twin Towers.

"I thought, 'my gosh, what was that pilot thinking?'" Dextras said, speaking on the Yellowstone County Courthouse lawn during a noon ceremony to remember 9/11.

At first Dextras figured it was just an accident. But the morning took on a surreal quality, he said, as he learned about the three other jets that had been hijacked by terrorists.

On that day, Dextras said, evil invaded the United States, but it didn’t triumph. Instead, hundreds of emergency responders selflessly rushed to the crash sites to do whatever they could to help others.

"That day they made a bad situation better and, in the process of doing that, they willingly gave up their lives," Dextras said.

The Billings fire official was one of a number of speakers who talked or prayed during the hourlong gathering on the Yellowstone County Courthouse lawn. Dozens of people came to take part in the seventh annual 9-11 Community Celebration of Life.

The Rev. Harry Merchant, of St. Vincent de Paul, reminded his audience that Thursday was a day for remembering those who perished in the attacks, and their families who were left behind.

"It is a day to celebrate life and be grateful for what we have," he said. "We are one family under God."

A number of area clergy prayed during the event. Diane Kersten, president of Congregation Beth Aaron, said her prayer first in Hebrew and then in English.

"I want it to be special to him," Kersten said. "I want it to be special to him.

"And people were reminded of the sacrifices made daily by emergency responders, firefighters, police officers and members of the military.

"I have a great deal of pride, respect and admiration for everyone in uniform," he said.

Dextras said evil continues to exist, but that each person has the ability to offset it.

"Each of us every day can have an impact on others’ lives," he said.

Gabriel Hink, of Billings, came to the event Thursday to remember the nearly 3,000 people who died in the 9/11 attacks.

"It bothers me that so many people have forgotten already," said Hink, a former Marine corporal, who was dressed in a red, white and blue shirt.

Tim Stavnes, a Billings firefighter, sat holding a small American flag with his 4-year-old son, Lars, in his lap. Stavnes said that for his generation, 9/11 was a day of infamy, much as Pearl Harbor was to an earlier generation.

Stavnes said that when he was a boy, his father would take him to Veteran’s Day ceremonies. Now, every year, he comes to the 9/11 ceremonies with Lars, to remember fellow firefighters and others who lost their lives.

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Tackling the serious and very preventable challenges of suicide has been the number one focus for the Billing Area Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yellowstone Valley (SPC-YV). Over the past few years, we have made leaps and bounds on suicide prevention and education through the work of this coalition. As the Chair of this coalition, we recently were able to conduct a press release to kick off Suicide Prevention Week on September 4th. Today, Saturday, September 21st, as a coalition, we were able to gather over 250 people at Veterans Park in Billings, Montana for the 5th Annual Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention community walk. It was a very positive and educational event.

One thing we have discovered was the value of pulling together people, groups and organizations who are concerned with suicide prevention. We are encouraging ideas to flow, fanning the flames of passion and committing to the serious reduction of suicide in Montana. Working with a wide range of community leaders from the Veterans Administration, RiverStone Health Department, Key Clubs, hospitals, Boys and Girls Ranch, school counselors, church pastors and especially survivors, this coalition has many accomplishments under their belt.

This is certainly not to say we have overcome but we are rather even more determined to make Montana number one in suicide prevention for our nation. We are committed to work with all races, colors, creeds and organizations to make this happen. Whether it be our church or others, these very socially and spiritually preventable issues of suicide needs to be seriously addressed.

We have diligently supported the work of AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) through their annual Out of the Darkness Walk, the National Survivors Day closed-circuit television program and other educational forums. We have helped support and sponsor ASIST Training, QPR Training and other public presentation in schools and other facilities for suicide prevention education. Currently, working with the River Stone Health Department we are educating over 30 social workers and psychologists in ASIST training. Also, we are distributing over 300 gun locks to the Hunters Safety Program in the Yellowstone County at no cost.

Other work we have been doing is supporting the local Key Clubs in the high schools who are working on Suicide Prevention through their own programs called Project Life. We are supporting the local Veterans Affairs as they work hard on suicide prevention for our service men and women especially those returning home from months in action. We also work with the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council on their Planting Seeds of Hope suicide prevention work.

Other ways we are developing our work is through simple measures as Holiday greeting cards to survivors from the coalition, Yellow ribbon presentations, bar coasters, printed materials, and group’s presentation and to more develop programs as the local support groups. These groups are lead by survivors who are dedicated to providing a forum of support and compassion for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Also, we are working on ideas to present to the legislators on policy pertinent to suicide prevention such a bullying, mental health and other areas.

As we work more together and pull resources to a more focus on prevention, we are confident we will even be more successful. We wish to offer our ideas to other parts of the state as well as learn of the good things others are doing on suicide prevention as well. Together with psychologists and psychiatrists, survivors and students, counselors and clergy, directors, healthcare and social workers and others we are committed to make our community and state number one in suicide prevention.

I am confident, a goal that each state shares in common and certainly all part of building CIG in our nation.
Sharing His Dream: Junior STF Training

Kimberly Miyake

Over the past summer, the Sungri USA Department hosted its very first Junior STF National Training over the course of two to three weeks under the theme of “Sharing God’s Dreams”. The very focus of the training was to build the foundation and gather the tools needed to become somebody who can invest in and raise another Blessed Child. Those invited to the leadership training program included Junior STF educators and members from all throughout the United States and even Canada, coming as far west as California and Seattle and as close as Westminster/Rockford County, New York. Over 100 participated in the program with ages ranging from as young as 11 to as old as 18 for the members and mainly college age and graduates for the educators. Beginning in New York’s iconic Camp Surarum, the participants took part in a series of activities, including giving presentations, Divine Principle lectures, core values activities, and other activities which can be described as both exciting and challenging. On top of that, they had a chance to go out and fundraise, collect feed in Yemen, New York for a food drive, adventure orienteering, and a most memorable marathon challenge. A 12-year-old Junior STF member, Amy Park, reflected back on her experience, "Running 3 hours made me feel like God. He's made everything that we can possibly do better and more than us!" The mornings and afternoons were filled with trainings to encourage ourselves better to serve and attend God, True Parents, and True Family, while the evenings were spent in reflection and testimonies. Our last few evenings were spent in song and dance as well as heartfelt testimonies in sharing openly about our recent experiences and insights about our relationships with God and our understanding of ourselves. Along with many others who attended the training, Donny P. came to this realization, "God has really brought new meaning to a lot of the things I used to take for granted. One Family Under God, I think I learned a lot from this experience. It reminded me, what God did for me." They’re been fortunate enough to attend a talk given by Hyun Jin Nim on one weekend. This was a highlight for many participants, especially those who’ve never been in the company of a True Family member. Rebecca K. shares this of her experience, "The greatest moment of this workshop was being blessed with the opportunity to see Hyun Jin Nim, our True Family membe. I felt his heart was being poured out to us, like he is truly my elder brother! Who cares for me/us greatly! His words really touched my heart, as he asked us to take God’s will as our own. I loved it! I asked him to love everyone as my own True Family! Because we are One Family Under God! And just walking the grounds of Belvedere, I thought of the True Family, and all that they have shared with us, their lives. I felt deep gratitude towards True Family and God."

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Should You Drink Your Milk?

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There have been a lot of media claims about milk for the last several years. The Dairy Industry says that taking 2-3 servings of milk or dairy products a day is essential for the calcium needed to build strong bones and teeth, and prevent osteoporosis. Low-fat dairy is also touted to help us lose weight, build muscle, and reduce fat accumulation. However, almost anyone who has delved into the health- conscious community knows that milk is a controversial issue. Does dairy really deliver on all these claims? And why are Americans constantly gaining in weight and health problems, though we are drinking more milk than ever? It is especially gaining in weight and health problems, though we are drinking more milk than ever? It is

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Great surf and warm water made Assateague National Seashore a hit with Boy Scout Troop 1212 on Sept. 20, 2008. On September 20-21, for the eighth year in a row, Unificationist boys and dads paid homage to the legendary surf on Assateague Island off the Maryland coast. The boys were all members or graduates of Boy Scout Troop 1212, the first Boy Scout troop sponsored by members of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in North America.

Organized in 1999 with a founding group of 14 boys and eight Unificationist dads, the troop quickly established itself as a dynamic and exciting program. Currently the troop boasts 34 registered scouts, with about 25 boys at the average meeting. Most of the scouts are sons of Unificationist parents, but a growing number hail from other faiths. They meet every two Wednesdays per year.

The troop prepares the newly donated Pearson 26 sailboat that sleeps five, for departure onto Chesapeake Bay. Picture Johnhny Ahendroth, Matt Holden, Gilbert Rodrigues, Francis Marchitelli and Asst. Scoutmaster Paul Bulow.

Teen boys are drawn to a program that features challenging, high-adventure outdoor trips -- winter mountaineering expeditions in West Virginia, river canoe camping, two-day backpacking trips in nearby Shenandoah National Park, ski and snowboarding trips and ocean-beach camping. Yearly activities also include fishing, occasional rock-climbing, and bike trips and more recently, sailing. Boys fishing, occasional rock-climbing, and bike trips and more recently, sailing. With the donation of used cars and boats in order to raise $10,000 in the near term. Older scouts, Troop 1212 is soliciting donations of used cars and boats in order to raise $10,000 in the near term.

Parents of the boys will tell you that the troop had a lucky find in Scoutmaster Jim Boothby, chief adult leader for 15 years. Prior to joining the Unification Movement in the mid-70s, Boothby graduated from Assateague Island National Seashore, a hit with Boy Scout Troop 1212 on Sept. 20, 2008.

Standing on the cabin roof, Francis Marchitelli braces himself as the sails fill and his fellow scouts pilot the new boat across the bay.

Since the troop's founding, 19 boys have reached the coveted rank of Eagle Scout, making Troop 1212 one of the more productive troops in the state, according to Paul Bulow, Assistant Scoutmaster. In 2004 David Moffitt, son of Larry and Taeko Moffitt of Bowie, Md., was the first scout to reach the rank of Eagle, followed quickly by Jeheli Baer, Pablo Rivera, Brennan Boothby and Jessie Haydon. Fourteen others followed. Mr. Boothby says it takes about five to six years and 2,500 hours of activity to reach Eagle Scout for the average boy.

The high-adventure trip schedule is made possible by a handful of committed dads and moms who realize the value of scouting for their sons, these parents form the troop committee, but they are not the troop's leaders. Boy Scout leadership culture stresses the concept called the "boy-lead troop," says Mr. Boothby. Scoutmasters and adult advisers act as coaches and mentors, but the boys are strongly encouraged to be responsible and make every leadership decision possible.

Another central element of Troop 1212's program is a strong commitment to service. Scout service projects have included food drives, physical improvements to schools and playgrounds, landscaping at churches, building trails in parks and a battle of the bands that raised money for HFV education. Each of the 19 Eagle Scouts organized, on his own, and led a community service project involving at a minimum 100 hours of investment and usually a team of five to 15 people.

Weekly meetings of the troop tend to be rambunctuous and relaxed. "A successful troop culture generally tends to avoid adhering to strict administrative rules, any atmosphere of judgment and scolding, and focuses on a super-positive, encouraging atmosphere where each boy is valued, loved, recognized and respected," Mr. Boothby says.

"Game Faces" Assistant Scout Master Paul Bulow, left, George Burton, rear, and Senior Boy Scout Leader Kester Wilkening, right, trudge ahead on a snowy hike in the Dolly Sods Wilderness in West Virginia.

Recent acquisition of a donated 26-foot sailboat has allowed the troop to diversify its sailing and ocean program, and the troop also has high hopes for a donated 16-foot power boat. To expand its program offerings and broaden the appeal to older scouts, Troop 1212 is soliciting the donation of used cars and boats in order to raise $10,000 in the near term. Funds will go toward refurbishing their power boat, acquiring a 26-foot power boat and for the purchase of winter gear, tents, snowshoes and the like.

You can donate your car, truck, or boat-on-a trailer to the troop by calling Scoutmaster Jim Boothby at 410-320-5889 or Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Bulow at 202-345-1437.
A n article about what we eat, and why we eat it, or don’t. With humans this is never simple.

OVERVIEW

In general, humans have been obsessed with food from the very beginning. I don’t mean Edenic apples, but rather, fallen man’s struggle for survival. Scientists have learned that throughout the Late Pleistocene epoch, for about 100,000 years, the human population barely grew, if at all. Why? Fallen humans were struggling for survival in a very harsh environment — while the hardy survivors kept busy killing each other off, in natty little Hobbesian tribal wars. Food meant life, and all too often, was worth someone else’s life to get it.

Now food is plentiful, at least in most places. In spoiled societies like the USA’s, people have the luxury of eating far too much, or of starving themselves as a means of adolescent rebellion — or of starving themselves, and to some extent, self-repairing for health reasons alone, though in my estimation, such a diet is not an option in many regions.

VEGETARIANS

In modern times, people become vegetarians for a variety of reasons. Seventh Day Adventists added dietary laws, and I’ve been to Adventist towns where the supermarket has no meat section. Thanks to a careful diet, and clean living in general, Adventists are among the healthiest and longest-lived folks around.

Some vegetarians accept that diet for health reasons alone, though in my observation, for such people this becomes just one stage in their life.

Others become vegetarians for moral reasons. They see animals as feeling creatures, and do not wish to cause them any pain, much less, to consume them entirely. Taking this idea to its next logical step, Vegans claim that animals have rights similar or equal to humans, so we should never drink their milk or wear wool, or even keep them as pets.

Vegans see human beings as a pagan religion. They’ve made claims that humanity’s fundamental trouble (its real Fall of Man) is eating meat. The guilt of exploitation and killing, plus the ill effects of such a diet. Of course, in the light of Pleistocene history, running down the occasional mastodon steak was the least of humanity’s problems.

Rather, in my opinion, the whole thing is a modern conceit. Not to mention, a few Vegans have starved their babies to death, by denying them needed fats and other non-plant nutrients.

Meat eaters, and for that matter all people, can take steps to remain healthy. Get some exercise and sunshine. Eat brown instead of white rice. Our LA church overcame that cultural barrier years ago.

Take omega 3 fish oil capsules, plus glucosamine, aspirin, and a good multivitamin. (As opposed to conservation and land rights outfits.)

Would a cow choose to be a meat animal? Could be! It’s said that many Olympic athletes would take a fatal pill, if it guaranteed them a gold medal, and then much hastened their death.

More recently, environmental high ground, and there they’ve made a huge impact. It is true that cattle require a huge amount of water, and often, big messy feedlots. Then, in our modern system, extensive processing— with a constant risk of disease. (Though fresh vegetables can be contaminated, as well.)

Keeping chickens and calves immodest in tiny cages, for all their short lives, is enough to make the hungriest meat ‘n potatoes guy shudder. Quite properly, many cities and states are banning such practices.

The animals are happier, and meat eaters can tell the difference in quality.

Morals

Do vegetarians hold the highest moral ground? Not really. If human meat consumption is so bad, and on so many levels, then ALL human activity is bad. Might plants and microbes have rudiments of tary feelings? Doesn’t vegetable farming alienate the ecology? Isn’t modern farming chemical and energy intensive?

I’m tempted to tell the people who make such dire claims — so get serious already, and join the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement. Remove your supposedly harmful self from the picture. Just don’t bother me about it!

Gardens can be lush places. My own back yard is filled with dancing honeybees and hummingbirds each summer.

Domesticated animals, for the most part, have it pretty good. There was a bizarre PETA lawsuit, against California’s clever Happy Cows ads, claiming that diary cows are tortured! Anyone who’s been to an actual farm knows how absurd this is. Dairy cows who are stressed, or in pain, will dry up. PETA, and environmentalist groups, are almost exclusively an urban phenomenon. As opposed to conservation and land rights outfits.

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