The following is an edited version of Rev. Yeong-ho Ha, President of Cheonggyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, a Progress Report which was read during the ‘Ground Breaking Ceremony of Cheongshim Peace World Center’ that was held on October 28.

The Cheongshim Peace World Center will be built as a All Purpose Cultural Gymnasium to have humanity as One Family Under God. The building site was bought by True Parents in the early 1970s as a Cheongpyeong Holy Ground and became a precious site because of the 40 years of sincere devotion that was offered.

The Cheongshim Peace World Center was designed centering on True Parents’ wish for a World Peace center, which they have yearned for for many years. First, the building’s site and plane are circle and square representing the completion of the Four Position Foundation that centers on True Parents that is the Ideal Creation of God.

Secondly, the arch kind rooftop shows the five different ethnic groups uniting centering on True Parents and establishing a family. Also, like the sun rising from the sea, its shape is like the true love emerging from within the people. Furthermore, it also shows as if the blessed families in heaven and on earth are united as one, like the infinite vitality of the pacific wave marching to the world and universe.
Harmony

The key to your spiritual life is the Choon Seong Gyeong and the Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong. The first through the sixth Peace Messages are really focused on the Kingship of True Parents. The tenth Peace Message introduces absolute sexual morality. Hoon Dok Hae is the key to unifying your mind and body and overcoming all problems on each level. Unifying the mind and body is the center of establishing your family’s stability.

We are seeking to establish one people: we have finished the opening of the gates of heaven. Jesus is not the only one who will return. God and Jesus must come together. Jesus took responsibility for Christianness, but the Second Coming goes beyond, to the whole world. We are in the age of huge changes and transitions. Nothing in this world that is not of God will remain.

What is first? Harmony or unification? Harmony comes first. We must make harmonized relationships, and then unification can come. Is there anyone here that has a unified mind and body? Not one? Then you can’t go to heaven. You will not be free to be with True Parents. They can approach you, but you will not be free to be with God and True Parents if you don’t unify your mind and body. If your mind and body are dissuaded, then you may be interested in a woman other than your wife. This can happen. Mind and body unity is the key to establishing a stable blessed central family. Mind and body must be unified on the basis of true love. It is because my heart is desperate to liberate God that I can sacrifice everything. It is for the love of God that we can overcome all challenges.

Absolute sexual morality is based on true love. The man is the owner of his wife’s sexual organ, and the woman her husband’s. A woman’s hymen belongs to her husband’s. A woman’s hymen belongs to her husband’s.

When we look at the fifteenth Peace Message, we are amazed at the con-
and Unification

We must understand the value of the True Family. We must remember that the Israelites had to put the blood of the lamb on their door. You must receive and accomplish this same kind of condition. The blood of True Parents' son protects you and opens the way to the heavenly fulfillment of our responsibility. When Hyo Jin Nim went to the spirit world, I labeled him as the Son of Filial Piety to open the way to the Garden of Heaven. Hyo Jin Nim's sacrifice was a condition to protect the blessed central families.

I came to Hawaii at this time for a providential purpose: To unify True Parents, True Family and the representatives of the Peace King, and to expand God's sovereignty on earth. My timetable is exact and clear. You shouldn't be influenced by the crisis in the world. Our path is clear. We must restore one nation. America is key to protecting the Pacific Rim and allowing the homeland to be unified. In order to inherit True Parents' tradition, you should leave Christian faith as it is and reach out to the other world religions to help them enter heaven. This is very important. You are making many mistakes now. That is why you are here: to make a new start, to indemnify past mistakes.

We are on a lonely island here. I am setting the direction for the era after the coming of heaven right here on this lonely island. Do you have a clear plan for your mission for the future? Should I send you back? Or should I send you to the central place of Satan and let you show the standard there? The Divine Principle teaches us that we must go from the levels of the individual, family, society, nation, and the world. I worked so hard so that the True Children could take their proper role. When one of the True Children dies, you think that it has nothing to do with you. Yet it is through the course of the True Family that your way to heaven is opened up.

We are reading Peace Message 15. When I look at you, I can see that you haven't fulfilled yet. You don't fully understand what you are to do. There are a lot of things I have been angry about in the past. Maybe you should go to your homes and forget about trying to be leaders of God's providence. However, you still have to train yourself to love from God's point of view.

I am counting 40-day periods from the time I left the hospital. July 19 was the accident; a few days later I left the hospital. Now it's 82 days since I came out of the hospital. I came to Hawaii on the 80th day. I have opened up the gates for the world to come to God.

We must be able to liberate God. Boon Bong Wang
The Hawaii Seminar

by Michael Jenkins

We are here in Kona, Hawaii, with True Parents. Rev. Jeong Ok Eu is teaching all the special advisors and representatives of the King and Queen of Peace to 190 countries. He is taking the 200 plus representatives here through a meticulous and profoundly insightful series of lectures on every part of the Divine Principle. The Assembly is called ‘The 1st Proclamation Rally for the Completion of the Realm of Liberating God’s Portion of Responsibility in Providence.” Through True Parents provisional success God’s portion of responsibility is now completed and True Parents, True Family and all Blessed Central Families will complete all final responsibilities and allow God to be comforted. Hawaii is like the Garden of Eden and therefore a new condition is being made centering on the word to launch the True Family and all blessed central families on a new dispensational level. Father has called all the Chonil Guk special representatives and key leaders from many countries for a special time with True Parents and True Family. We are receiving guidance on the providential course which we are walking centering on the Pacific Rim Era. Do not be confused at this time. God is guiding the world directly according to this historic period until 2013. True Family is rising to fulfill their coarse and expand God’s providence centering on True Parents. God’s providential time table is unfolding centering on True Parents victorious course. Though there are great challenges at this time for America and the world we should not be disturbed. We are witnessing the final stages of the fulfillment of scripture and the destiny that God has mapped out for the world. People of faith and especially blessed families should strengthen their confidence and trust in God. The world must go through a period of trial and difficulty to allow for great people of faith to emerge to guide each nation to God. Everything is going according to the Principle. Please have great courage that the path we walk is secured by heaven - if America attends God properly in this time of trial - America will be taken to a new level. The first step for America to attend God is that the people chosen to represent God must attend Him. In other words the blessed families and people of faith are critically important at this time. We must not waiver but understand that the weight and burden we shoulder is the burden to give birth to a new America and a new world. The response of the Megachurch pastors representing Christianity to our public sector movement is evidence that a new era has dawned. The interfaith leaders response is outstanding. In 2000 on January 22nd Father stated: ‘The transition moment of the start of a new millennium marks the completion of the New Testament Age, the point at which the promises of the Old Testament and New Testament are fulfilled. The future will be a time when God’s realm of direct dominion will become apparent through His omnipresence and omniscience. It is an age when the East and West will come together centering on the Parents of Heaven and Earth as “one universe under God” so that a grand family of humankind is formed on Earth. This means the perfection of the Completed Testament Age, in which the promises of the Old Testament and New Testament will be fulfilled. The time has come. The time has come when America must awaken once again. It is time for the country as a whole to create a new movement to build true parents, true families, a true country and a true world centered on God. In this way, America must keep God from leaving, and again become a society that attends Him. God worked a thousand years to establish America. If He leaves America, where can He go? If America attends God properly, all America’s problems - the family problems, moral problems, youth problems and racial problems - will be solved naturally. When America becomes a place where people of all races can live together in harmony, it will be a model for the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Attendance is a matter of heart starting from our internal lifestyle and manifestation of True Love in all relations - from the family to the community to our heart for God, the nation and world. Most importantly the unity in heart of all blessed central families with True Parents and True Family and the representatives that Father has appointed such as the District directors and other representatives is a critical condition at this time to ensure that we ‘attend’ the God properly. This special seminar beginning from November 2008 today is designed to strengthen and enhance the unity of our global leadership with True Parents and True Family and to set conditions for the fulfillment of the Pacific Rim Era. Please know that God’s timetable is unfolding according to exact and unchanging providential conditions. The helicopter accident and the resurrection of True Parents overcoming death has profoundly secured the steps to 2013.

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The Cheongshim Peace World Center has five levels, from basement to the 4th floor. Inside there is a center stage where opera and various concerts could be held, stadiums for indoor sports and a structure where exhibitions could be held for other events. A maximum of 25,000 people can enter and enjoy events. The roof is made out of ten iron frame arches, with the latest design enabling the roof to be held up without any central framework. Therefore we were able to increase its beauty and efficiency. Cheongshim Peace World Center will be a world class building representing Korea in the 21st century for its artistic external building site. The design of the Cheongshim Peace World Center was done by PDI compa-
Palace of Cheon Il Guk’s Culture, Art, and Festival
Ground Breaking Ceremony for Cheongshim Peace World Center

The ‘Ground Breaking Ceremony for Cheongshim Peace World Center’ took place with True Parents and the True Children (Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim) on October 28 at the building grounds. Around 3,000 of distinguished guests, pastors and blessed families from Korea and Japan, as well as the Cheongpyeong 40-day workshop members attended the ceremony. It was a historical day to have ‘Cheongshim Peace World Center’, a palace of culture, art and festivals, here in Cheongpyeong Holy Ground, a place full of True Parents’ long prayer and sincere devotion.

Through the speech at the ground breaking ceremony, True Parents said that the Cheongshim Peace World Center, “Not only would this place fulfill it’s mission as the general cultural center for the Unification Church, but it will also be an auditorium that will hold various sports in all weathers”. Also, “It is a Holy Wedding Place where people can give birth to few thousands of blessed couples” and blessed this place with Heavenly Fortune. Heung Jin Nim, True Children of the spirit world, and Dae Mo Nim’s support as well as Hoon Mo Nim’s prayer devotion contributed and made it possible to have this meaningful ground breaking ceremony. Also, True Parents gave the calligraphy writing of ‘Cheongshim Peace World Complex’.

A Blessed Place that bear fruit in the heart after the Coming of Heaven
On the day, starting the ground breaking of the Cheongshim Peace World Center, the balloons flew into the beautiful autumn sky of Cheongpyeong. On either side of the special stage that was prepared, there were many congratulatory flowers and messages that surrounded the stage that was sent from each parish of Korea and area of Japan. 30 minutes before the ceremony, the place was filled with over 3,000 members and the Samulnori (Korean drum dance) really brought up the mood of the crowd.

At 10:00 am, the Ground Breaking Ceremony started with Rev. Changshik Yang, President of FFWPU-Korea, as the ence after welcoming True Parents on the special stage. After purifying the place with the Holy Salt, True Parents did the tape cutting with the distinguished guests from inside and outside. When True Parents and the distinguished guests pressed the button at the same time, 5 colors of different guns were fired which told the whole world about Gappyeong Holy Ground, a place full of culture, art and festivals, here in Cheongpyeong.

After True Parents’ speech, there was a symbolic cultural building that will tell the whole world about Gappyeong Center and congratulatory songs. The video presentation showed the Cheongshim Peace World Center with computer graphics and expressed its sophistication and its beautifulness.

True Parents’ long prayer and sincere devotion so that True Parents can use this place" said Ye ju Ko, 2nd generation, Korean Headquarters Church.

In starting the Cheongshim Peace World Center it will probably be the greatest achievement of Cheongpyeong Works and also wish for the fulfillment of ‘True Parents love for humanity’ said Zodzi Anagonou Augustine, 30,000 couples from Congo.
In Jin Moon Inspires NY Family at Camp Sunrise

by Rev. Bruce and Debby Grodner.

The leaves glazed in shades of crimson and amber as a soft autumn mist clung to the mountainside; the sweet scents of fall wafted through the unspoiled air. So began the astonishing day the New York Family spent with Dr. In Jin Moon and family, Sunday, September 28, 2008!

Dr. In Jin Moon and Dr. Jin Sung Park, together with two of their children Shin Yul Nim and Shin Pyung Nim and four of Hyo Jin Nim’s children joined the celebration as Dr. In Jin Moon delivered her message at Camp Sunrise to over 600 members.

A bright sunny day it wasn’t; however, the overcast skies and light rain kept everyone close and warm, a chance to focus on the words and heart of our elder sister, Dr. Moon, in the cathedral-like dining hall of Camp Sunrise, which had been beautifully transformed and decorated with autumn flowers and pumpkins for the occasion. Dr.s’ Pyung Hwa and Julia Kim, Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins as well as many elders, leaders and members from both 1st and 2nd generations were in attendance.

The atmosphere was truly enhanced by the songs we sang together; the harmony of the WestRock Choir and the incredible voice and spirit of Mrs. Grodner, who on that day was celebrated as Dr. Moon’s address.

Dr. Pyung Hwa (Peace) Kim gave welcoming remarks, just returning early that morning from Kodiak, Alaska where he had a chance to spend intimate time with True Mother. He was impressed at how well True Parents are doing after their helicopter ordeal and was surprised to meet them in Alaska so late in the fishing season, but our Father was serious, making conditions for the providence.

Rev. Michael Jenkins also recently returned from Kodiak after spending precious time with True Father; he shared his appreciation for True Parents, True Family and brothers and sisters. He also recognized Mr. Sy Grodner, father of Rev. Bruce Grodner, who on that day was celebrating his 85th birthday, by leading a rousing chorus of happy birthday. Then Rev. Jenkins introduced Dr. In Jin Moon with much love and sincerity, conveying his deep respect for her true elder sister.

As we sat trying to catch and hold onto her comforting words, our hearts moved as In Jin Nim expressed how much God and True Parents love us, and how much True Parents yearn to see this great nation fulfill its’ destiny.

Dr. Moon shared the story of her life as a child, growing internally through purity of character and perceiving her professionalism. She encouraged the youth to find their passion, growing internally through purity of character and perceiving their professionalism. She encouraged the youth to utilize their time well, focusing on the future, to become great musicians, artists and lawyers. Dr. Moon challenged them to take their artistic and musical skills seriously.

Her speech was followed by an offering to raise money to support NY District and Camp Sunrise, which has been the place where so many of our youth have spent inspiring summers in nature, discovering their identity and heavenly heart, and developing an awareness of our true-love culture.

When the service concluded there was about thirty minutes of entertainment by our 2nd generation, including children from the Jin Ah nursery, a martial arts demonstration and a super righteous rap performance. It was exciting to witness the passion of our youth and the range of their talents.

Dr. Pyung Hwa Kim and his son sang together, causing everyone to remark at the beauty of the blended generations. In conclusion Dr. In Jin Moon and Dr. Pyung Hwa Kim sang harmoniously together; it was truly moving.

Afterwards, the dining hall was rearranged into a magnificent banquet hall, with three feasting areas and a lunch designed to please both the younger children and the adults. In addition to the fabulous meal, there was a pumpkin spice celebration cake that measured 6’ x 3’ and 20” tall.

As everyone enjoyed the lunch In Jin Nim took time to talk personally with many of our members. A huge line formed as brothers and sisters eagerly greeted her and expressed their thoughts and appreciation. Several hours passed pleasantly, and the celebration ended with everyone coming together for a photo to commemorate the amazing event.

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Families from throughout Northern New England were pleased to spend the day together with In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim and their family at 46 Beacon Street in Boston on Sunday, October 19. Our brothers and sisters made a diligent effort to prepare our beautiful and historic building for this special occasion. The cleaning, repairing, polishing, repairing, and decorating involved a community-wide effort, creating a strong sense of pride and unity in preparation for October 19. Our state administrator, Mrs. Yoko Miranda, and the wife of the State Director, Mrs. Kinuyo Edgerly, led the effort every day for two weeks. The building looked beautiful for the day of our big event.

Based upon our experience from God’s Day, our initial plan was for about 325 participants. As it turned out, about 415 people came to be with In Jin Nim and her family. During the service, about 215 people were seated in the sanctuary and rear hallway. An additional 200 people were seated in the Function Room, French Room, and Dining Room, all of which were set up with audiovisual feed.

In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, and their family arrived at 46 Beacon Street at 10:00 AM and received warm applause as they came into the sanctuary. The YAM Band, led by Sarah Groenendyk and Tadamiaki Hashokawa, provided powerful music for congregational singing, including a YAM Band original titled “Jubilee.” State Director James Edgerly was the Master of Ceremonies, and District Director Rev. Richard Buesing introduced In Jin Nim.

In Jin Nim spoke for one hour and twenty minutes, giving a gracious, honest, confident, and encouraging message that was enthusiastically received by everyone. Her message stressed the importance of the quality of our movement and the love of God and True Parents are most directly expressed in the quality of our children. We need to become a movement that raises incredible children. Our children should be raised to feel that they are true children, that we are now their parents. In that role, naturally she wants to make us better. She feels that the best way to do that is to bring us closer to True Parents. She wants the second generation to have personal experiences with True Parents just like their parents had. This way, they can understand just how incredible True Parents are and how incredible their parents are for following True Parents.

She described the family as being like a sports team, with each person playing a different role, but all of these years. Parents are for following True Parents and how incredible their parents have been. She wants the second generation to have personal experiences with True Parents just like their parents had. This way, they can understand just how incredible True Parents are and how incredible their parents are for following True Parents.

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There are lots of training and testing requirements before one can be licensed to drive a car. The holy blessing of marriage is far more precious than a driver’s license. Unfortunately, we have not been adequately trained and prepared to receive the blessing of marriage, and we hardly understand what creating an ideal family really means. We still do not have a cohesive educational track preparing individuals for marriage, preparing them to be spouses, preparing them to be parents, and an educational curriculum that is age-appropriate for developing blessed children.

She told us the story of how she and her sisters used to cringe when they heard Father chastising American women during his talks in earlier days. Her sisters would look at each other, saying “Here he goes again!” Her brothers used to chide their sisters after hearing these words from Father. Several years ago, Father announced the Pacific Rim Era and the age of women leadership. Now, her brothers are among her strongest supporters in her public mission.

She reported that recently she became a naturalized U.S. citizen. When she visited True Parents in Hawaii earlier this month, In Jin Nim surprised Father by reporting: “You know, Father, now I am an American woman.” This gave Father a good laugh.

She gave True Mother credit for being an incredible fighter for sisters. Through her constant dedication to the mission of True Parents, she has restored the original position of mother and sister. On that foundation, women are now able to play a leadership role in the life of faith, as she is now demonstrating. One needs to have studied the long and bloody history of the world’s religions in order to appreciate the significance of women taking on roles of spiritual leadership.

In Jin Nim explained that on one hand, we don’t have much time. Some people live only a few years, which is great. However, now we need to move faster. This means that we need to use the Internet and the media to communicate. As the Principle teaches us, “The Internet is a powerful tool for disseminating the Word. “In the future, it will be possible to receive the Word in a flash.”

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In Jin Nim explained that even in the True Family there have been obstacles and problems to work through. She knows that some marriage blessings have been easy and some have been nightmares. When we started our families, we expected our children to be angels. But we found that our marriages and our children are something that has to be worked out over time. As the Principle teaches us, the most precious things in life are the ones that have to be worked out over an extended period.

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by Kimikami Miyake

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generation want to choose their own reli-
gion on their own time. However, on the other hand, we may not appreciate how close we are to suc-
cess. The foundation for our success is much larger and stronger than we might think. This is largely due to the accom-
plishments of Christianity. We are approaching a tipping point.

In Jin Nim said that she was quite surprised to be asked by friends and family to teach our children about Jesus. She reminded us that Father rejoiced in the fact that we should teach our children about Jesus. Jesus and that we can't fully understand and value love Father unless we under-
stand the foundation that pre-
ceded him, established by Jesus and Christianity. In that con-
text, she was very pleased to see that a passage from the Holy Bible (Ephesians 4:14-16) was included in the Scripture read-
ing earlier in the program.

In Jin Nim recalled how excit-
ing it was in the earlier days of our U.S. movement, when hundreds of people would attend workshops each weekend. She explained that the backpacker types that we witnessed to in years past have relocated their search from the street to the Internet. Therefore, we need to revamp our presence on the Internet, which is the “homework” that she has been work-
ing on. The audience loudly applauded the announcement of this initiative.

In Jin Nim referred to the fact that only about one third of the approximate-
ly 17,000 blessed children are actively connected to our movement. One of the most effective means of outreach will be to reconnect to those precious young peo-
ple. She explained the importance of the

Witnessing Summit” coming up in Los Angeles in two weeks. While the title includes the “W word,” the summit is really a wonderful opportunity to get our children inspired about our movement. It is a place where everyone is treated equally, where everyone’s voice is lis-
tened to and everyone’s words are writ-
ten down and analyzed. Her opinion is that the “witnessing summit” initiative is a good use of our movement’s resources.

In Jin Nim spoke most passionately when she explained, “Anybody can do

children involved with unshraddled rela-
tionships, she encourages the parents to take a positive view of this situation, explaining that the relationship presents an opportunity to witness to someone whom we may not reach otherwise; it is an opportunity to reach their parents, their in-laws, and their relatives.

In Jin’s talk inspired a big rotation. It was very special for us to have a daugh-
ter of our True Parents speaking to us openly, eloquently, and honestly, in our own sanctuary.

At about 2:30 PM, as lunch wound down, families who had to depart for home came over to the head table to greet and thank In Jin Nim. We then set up a greeting line. Over the next two and a half hours, Jin met each family and member one at a time, asking their name and thank In Jin Nim. We then set up a

dinner and became that right person for our future

Creating ideal families and understand-
our identity as Blessed Children and begin our mornings with spiri-
tual nourishment and guidance.

This weekend has been meaningful for both the parents and chil-
dren who’ve attended. Issues were resolved through the help of Re-
verend Schanker, Reverend Inguk Seo (Direc-
tor of the BC Blessing Department), and the assistance of Jin and Hongi Stephens (Co-
directors of the Blessed Family Department). Tes-
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UTS Workshop for Marriage Blessing

Entertainment was provided by Reverend Inguk Seo (Director of the Blessed Family Department and President of Korea UTS). They presented and served us with a variety of foods, with which we enjoyed a one-hour talent show.

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sation. No matter how we tried to exped-
the process, In Jin seemed to insist on taking lots of time with each family and every family. Despite having a cold, she stood for two and a half hours and met every single person in the building! No one complained about the long wait, as each one of us was so proud and grateful to meet her.

We gave In Jin Nim a big cheer as she completed her meeting with the young peo-
ple. We could imagine that she must have been exhausted, never taking a break or stopping for even a moment.

At about 5:00 PM, the schedule was complete. Jin Sung Nim gathered his kids, who were scattered around the building, and a large crowd lined the entry area to wish the family good by. It was a wonderful day. We were happy that so many families and members could come to Boston to share the experience of receiving God’s Words and sharing in fellowship with In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, and their beautiful family.
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GPF Touches Hearts in Atlanta…

by Rev. Tom Cutts, GPF-USA

A

n Atlanta lawyer who attend-
ed the Global Peace Festi-
val August 9 in Washing-
ton, DC, returned home to
organize service activities
to bring together local young people for
the sake of peace. As a federal attor-
ey and founder of the mentoring group
"Brother to Brother,"
Sheila Arnum had seen
the effect that decisions
in society have on young people, and the
Global Peace Festival gave her new hope.
In preparation for the
October 7 Global Peace
Festival in Atlanta, Dr. Young-Cheol
Demiri, who had come from Germany to participate in the event.
The program went far longer than planned, but everybody stayed until
the end. Life in Korça was very lively from
October 11 to 18. People could feel that something very special was going on,
support people in need of such care.
The activity was covered by local media
and made a very positive impact.
An Exhibition of Figurative Arts pro-
moting talented new artists in the city
opened on October 13. The event was
organized in partnership with UFP, City
Hall, and the Korça Arts Gallery. The
exhibition stayed opened until Oc-to-
ber 18, and hundreds of people visita-
ed it.

October 15 was a very busy day with
GPF activities. In the morning, a Stu-
dent Convention was held at the Uni-
versity of Korça in partnership with the
Collegiate Association for the Research
of Principles, the University of Korça,
and the student government of the university. Approximately
200 students attended - the
three pillars of the Global Peace Festival. Arch-
bishop George Augustus Stallings, Co-President of the
American Clergy Leadership Confer-
cence and Founder of the Imani Temple in Washington, DC, spoke about the
importance of fam-
ily. Imam Hamad
Cherbii, Imam of the
Islamic Society of
Central New Jersey,
spoke on compassion
and service. Finally, Rabbi Morde-
cai Waldman from New York City joined the
program and an ordained minister. Rev.
Dr. Gloria Potter raised funds throughout the city to
organize service activities.

The Now in Conyers, Georgia. Bishop
Jim Swalley and Pastor Debby Swalley
were the host and hostess to this spec-
tacular Atlanta event.
The emcee for the evening was Sen-
ator Steen Miles, host of a television
program and an ordained minister. Rev.
Paul Murray, Executive Director of GPF-USA and Pastor of the Apostolic Light-
house Church in Glen Burnie, Mary-
land, introduced the festival and a video
report of events in Paraguay, Kenya,
Mongolia, and Washington, DC.
Atlanta and three other American
cities were selected to host festivals in
October. The Steering Committee includ-
ed Bishop Swalley, Pastor Swalley, Sen-
ator Miles, Minister Steven Muham-
mad, Pastor Mark Abernathy, Rev. Tom
Cutts, Sheila Arnum, Rev. Dr. Gloria
Wright, and Ambassador Ted Britton.
The audience was drawn together
and uplifted through music. The Manga
African Dance troupe of dancers and
drummers performed in colorful cos-
tumes, with powerful rhythms and ath-
etic prowess. Then Bishop Swalley
began the celebration and called on
Ambassadors for Peace, the throng
greeted by the Rector, Prof. Dr. Gjergji
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Massimo Trombin and Mrs. Tomiko
Duggan.

That afternoon, the dis-
trict director of the Ministry of
Education then hosted an award
ceremony for the winners of the high school essay com-
petition on the theme, "Mankind One Family, the
Earth One Home.” Participants were
granted by the Rector, Prof. Dr. Gjergji
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... and Albania

approximately 2,000 peo-
ple joined a high-spirited
peace march through the ancient Albanian city of
Korça to mark the Glob-
al Peace Festival on October 18. Led
by the Korça City Band and hundreds of
Ambassadors for Peace, the throng
of peace marchers grew so rapidly that
it became clear there would
be enough space at the
main celebration, the
Sports Hall, with a
capacity of 4,000 people, was
completely full, and the 1,000
people who were unable to
enter remained outside for
a long time. The master of
ceremonies, nationally-known
minister of the Church In
Atlanta, Mr. and Mr.
Dmitri Orgecza, moved people’s hearts with his
appeals for peace, along with
his assistant, Mrs. Melisa
Demiri, who had come from
Kosovo to support the event.
The video message of Glob-
al Peace Festival Founder
Dr. Hynon Jin Moon was well received by the audience, and Dr. Young-Chol
Song, regional chair of UPF Europe, spoke next. Many well-known singers
and performers from Albania and neigh-
boring countries highlighted the Main
Event, culminating with Alban Sledzen-
daj, the leading young singer in Albania at
the moment, who came directly from
and many remarked that the atmos-
phere of the city had changed com-
pletely. The festival week opened on
October 11 with an event sponsored
by UFP in partnership with the Mary
Potter Palliative Care Center. October
11 is honored as the International Day
of People with Cancer, and volunteers
with UFP and the Palliative Care Cen-
ter raised funds throughout the city to
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that it was fitting for this event to take place the day before Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement.

The day after these leaders from Christianity, Islam, and Judaism embraced one another and committed to building a world of peace, one person reported, “I woke up this morning still in awe of seeing all of the different faiths coming together and praying together.”

Local vocalist Chandra Currelley sang with the Church In The City in Atlanta that was followed by a 13-year-old rapper. Little “D” Wheeler. Then Martha Michael and Michelle Lee Wheeler from Washington, DC, shared their experience of reconciliation and healing. Michelle’s son killed Martha’s son in gang-related violence, and the two mothers talked about how God led them to find forgiveness and peace. They began to see each other’s children as their own. Rappers Judah Swilley and Scott Pettie continued the family theme with their original song, “One Family under God.” A special interfaith “water ceremony” followed, moderated by Rev. Michael Jenkins, chairman of UPF-USA. Fourteen representatives of various faiths tradition came to the podium, each holding a bowl of water. The water symbolized the spiritual treasures of their faith. One by one, they poured their water into a common bowl, thus sharing their treasures, all sons of one Father, one God. The faiths represented include: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism. When people started pouring their water into the one vessel, the sound of the water filled the house and fed our souls on the great work of Creation.

Pastor Deby Swilley envisioned others “up the blocks and good news of true peace as the Global Peace Festival continues across the United States to Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York.”

Former US Congressman Earl F. Hilliard from Alabama introduced Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, the keynote speaker. “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,” Dr. Moon said. “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 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.’”

This challenged me to want to make a difference in this world, more now than ever before,” one person said later. “If this world is going to change, it will have to start one family at a time.”

When the speakers and performers returned to the stage to sing and celebrate being “One Family Under God,” many people in the audience resonated with the family spirit. For one person, it brought back distant memories as a six-year-old singing about the family of God: “Sometimes I saw a vision similar to what was seen by many last night.” Another person said, “A decaying dream of peace has been resurrected by the Spirit of the Living God and manifested in the spirit of each person who attended the Global Peace Festival this evening. I have seen the Kingdom of God. For this I was blessed.”

Even the children caught the spirit of the event. Upon returning home, a nine-year-old child offered to lead the family’s bedtime prayer and practiced for peace in their home and in the world.
A New Vision of Peace for Canada

by Dr. Hyun Jin Moon

Excerpts of keynote address at the Global Peace Festival, Ottawa, Cana-
dia, October 4, 2008

T he 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 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.

Undecided territorial, ethnic and national divisions and broken econom-
ic and social ties all provoke instabil-
ity, uncertainty and violence. If Cana-
da could own the vision of “One Fam-
ily under God,” it could inspire many
tions to look beyond its narrow interests and recog-
ize its common heritage and, thereby, its common future.

Will you take on this chal-

The greatest gift that the human heart can ever give is the promise to lead the world to peace by upholding all families beyond race, nationality or creed.

E ver since the 20th century began, we have become conscious of the fact that there is a time, by uplifting all families beyond race, nationality or creed.

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 work. A Global Peace Festival is to celebrate the common universal values shared by all faiths.

Religious and spiritual leaders must lead the peace process. Instead of advocating their own narrow doctrinal perspective, they must lead all people of faith to recognize the shared values and principles that come from our common 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.

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 poverty 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-

Family 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, and all the na-
tsions represented here. Thank you very much.
The Global Peace Festival on October 9 in Los Angeles capped a 21-day focus on peace events that included the annual ringing of the United Nations Peace Bell at Maguire Gardens in Central Los Angeles, an International Day of Peace Speech and Drawing Contest, Prayers for Peace at the Pasadena City College Campus, “Pinwheels for Peace” at the Monrovia Coffee Company, “Rites for Peace” by the Brahma-Kumaris sisters, a tree planting at the Malibu Canyon Peace Center, a Women’s Federation for World Peace event supporting African schools, a Women’s Federation for World Peace event supporting African schools, and a “Clean Slate” presentation for inner-city youth, and a “Clean Slate” presentation for inner-city youth, and a “Clean Slate” presentation for inner-city youth, and a “Clean Slate” presentation for inner-city youth, and a “Clean Slate” presentation for inner-city youth.

Participants at the GPF special celebration included renowned partners for peace such as Ms. Norma Foster, President of the United Nations Association of Los Angeles, Dr. Cecil “Chip” Murray, a well-known pastor, professor and social activist; His Holiness Vishwaguru Paramhansa Swami Maheshwarananda, who is a Yoga Master and the International Peace Ambassador and Humanitarian of Rajasthan India; Dr. Muzaamil Siddiqi, and eminent Muslim scholar, Mr. Mohammad Khan; Dr. Austin Williams, Bishop Noel Jones of “the City of Refuge”; and many more.

The Westin Airport Hotel at Los Angeles Airport, the finest on Century Boulevard, welcomed a thousand guests to the Grand Ballroom that night. The event was a jubilant celebration of the oneness felt as the theme “One Family Under God” echoed in the lyrics of song, speech, and ceremonies. The Agape International Choir, led by Tim McAfee Lewis, stunned the audience with bright spirit and overwhelming joy from 100 professional singers. This is the choir performing at the church pastored by Rev. Dr. Michael Beckwith, a visionary featured in the best-selling book, The Secret, by Rhonda Byrne. Another highlight was the Interfaith Water Ceremony for Peace, during which seven of the most influential religious leaders of the various faiths in Los Angeles symbolically offered their faith traditions in support of a unified peace for humanity through pouring water from a glass bowl embellished with a painted symbol of their faith into a large crystal basin representing the unity of “One Family Under God.” The ceremony touched the heart and demonstrated loving unity through the presence and wisdom of each leader.

The “One Family Under God” Choir, led by Minister John Millsap, voiced a soul-filled rendition of “Lean on Me” by Kirk Franklin. The choir itself is a unity of youth from several churches and worked for more than a month of rehearsals perfecting their delivery. Their international costumes together with the flags of 40 Pacific Rim nations radiated colorful brightness from the stage.

The theme song, “Where Peace Begins” was sung by Miyuki Harley, while stage left and right a video was shown highlighting all the events for peace that had been done in the weeks before the program. What better example of peace could be shown than honoring young men, now appointed Ambassadors for Peace, gathered from the notorious “Crips” and “Bloods” gangs of South Los Angeles actively making a stand for peace by organizing a truce in their neighborhoods.

The finale evoked memories of the Middle East Peace Initiative in Jerusalem. The song, “Peace, Shalom, Salaam Aleikum,” written by Barry Pasman (producer of six albums of the TV show FAME) and Rick Jessick, was sung by all choirs in unison echoing the chants for peace sung by marchers in the narrow passages of the Holy City on the way to the Western Wall.

Dr. Hyun Jin Moon’s presentation is always brilliant, but it was especially crisp and confident that evening. On the reflection sheets, many voiced new confidence to promote peace as the dream of God and the common ideal owned by each of us and all of us together. Ambassadors for Peace who attended the American Leadership Conference earlier the same day in the Courtyard Ballroom had already been treated to a very persuasive and highly interactive seminar outlining core values that provide common grounds for cooperation in service of peace in the Southland communities. One bishop, active in the Orange County area, testified that he is highly impressed and is now eager to participate, where he had been somewhat hesitant before coming.

The Global Peace Festival was a spectacular and deeply moving celebration, but so much more than just entertainment, it provided a new beginning for the community of faith in Los Angeles. Together with the surrounding events it forged a commitment to partnership for peace. “I feel blessed to have been a part of this event!” wrote Medina Song. “We need to send the important message of unity in this world, appreciating differences and learning to love one ‘family.’ Thank you. It is incredible to have the opportunity to receive such a powerful and positive message.”

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OF HALLOWEEN ON ALL SAINT’S DAY

Carmichael, Jennifer Sattinger, and Yuly Endo
the thirst for professional development brought together a broad spectrum of educators to the 2008 Educators Conference from October 3-5 at Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, New York. Bringing together a hundred participants from across America and two from Israel, the gathering featured the theme “Strengthening Educational Communities: Practice.” The grass-roots based presenters, including keynote speaker Thomas Lickona, the Winings-Sabourin 4-session certification program, and numerous breakout speakers, paid shared a concern for issues surrounding youth and young adult ministry, and generated balanced and in-depth coverage of this important educational ministry.

**Pre-Conference Workshops**

The conference began with four Pre-Conference Workshops. These in-depth full-day or half-day workshops equipped participants with tools necessary either to develop an effective program or strengthen an existing one. They included “Relationship Intelligence Training,” with Dr. Richard Panzer and Mrs. T. Hall. Participants learned of the need for Relationship Intelligence education, its utilization of multimedia and research on its effectiveness, its use with 100,000 students in New York and New Jersey schools and the field experience of a Relationship Intelligence educator in the Jersey City Public Schools. They learned the relationship intelligence (RI) method to engage teens in an exploration of the meaning of love and commitment, male responsibility and parent-child relationships, case-based learning activities contained in the RI workbook activities, how to engage teens in an exploration of stages of intimacy and graphic objects, capitalizing on the use of Power-Point to change peoples’ lives. He taught them how to set up Roster, Vector images, Col- orimpact software and Special Effects. He covered how to decide which kind of Power-Point is best for your needs, how to coordinate the main work panels, how to align text and graphic objects, capitalization, color, word choices, punctuation, the value of space, how to avoid clutter and see from the audience’s viewpoint, the value of a child’s perspective and much more.

**General Sessions**

Each of the General Sessions was a focused and dynamic multi-media event blending praise and worship, spiritual inspiration, educational content, practical wisdom and vision setting. This year’s general sessions featured Chris Alan Duerflinger and his band together with the UTS worship band and choir, along with graphics and musical accompaniment programmed by Rev. Brian Sabourin. The concept of a “community of practice,” introduced at the 2007 Conference, was developed further in this year’s program.

In his opening remarks during the first plenary session, Dr. Tony Devine set the tone by remaining participants that a community of practice engages a diverse group of individuals that are focused and committed to addressing a common goal, outcome or issue so as to gain from the group’s collective wisdom. He then introduced the Educators Conference steering committee and the summer camp collective as examples of communities of practice.

After Dr. Devine’s orientation, Dr. Richard Panzer served as the keynote speaker for the second General Session on Friday night. He delivered a powerful talk on the challenges our contemporary culture presents to teens and adults attempting to maintain integrity and purity. It was a sobering view of the toxicity our young people encounter on a daily basis.

The second General Session, “Ethical Learning Communities,” featured Keynote Speaker Dr. Thomas Lickona, author of a dozen books on emotional intelligence, and is well known for his pioneering work in character education and the moral development of young people. His keynote address focused on Ethical Learning Communities as a foundation for the development of excellence and ethics. Dr. Lickona outlined the six operating principles by which an ethical learning community is created, sustained, and continuously improved. With this framework, he suggested that research was school-based, the relevancy to Strengthening Educational Communities. This practice was readily apparent.

1. Develop shared purpose and identify the excellence and ethics cornerstone of the school’s mission, identity, and sense of community.

2. Align practices with desired outcomes and relevant research. Ask: How does a given practice contribute to the integration of excellence and ethics-performance character and moral character? What is the evidence of its effectiveness?

3. Have a voice, take a stand. Create a democratic community that maximizes participation in the quest for excellence and ethics; challenge staff, students, and parents to use their voices with integrity and courage.

4. Take personal responsibility for continuous self-development. See yourself as a work in progress, pursue your personal best.

5. Practice collective responsibility. Care enough to expect the best from others; commit to the norm of “care-frontation” in relationships.

6. Grapple with the tough issues—the elephants in the living room. Address the often neglected issues—in school and outside school—that affect excellence and ethics.

The third General Session was entitled, “Dream a Little Dream: Strengthening My Community of Practice.” Dr. Kathy Winings had participants in the audience share, anonymously, the expression of their personal vision and dreams, prior to her message encouraging us all to dream. These heartfelt visions, plus stirring music and Dr. Winings’ message, created a moving experience to conclude the conference.

**Breakout Sessions**

The breakout sessions, as always, offered choices—great selection!

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provided the conference meat and potatoes. This year, we incorporated a Youth Ministry Certification and Training Program as a special Youth Ministry Track during the breakout sessions. Dr. Kathy Winings discussed current research in neuroscience focus on the brain and educational development, and parenting. She covered cutting-edge research on how we learn, gender differences in the physical brain, how to organize our classrooms based on these ideas, and how to unlearn bad habits.

Unique Aspects

The new revised Center for Education website was unveiled: www.centerforeducation.net.

We are grateful for the support of Rev. Michael Jenkins, the Education Department at national headquarters, district offices, past attendees, and the investment made by our presenters, our planning committee and conference staff. We gave a special thanks to our Operations Director, Shin Young Chang, who did so much work to build the quality of everyone’s experience at the conference, and to Charko Patterson who led the redesign of the CPE website.

The Center for Education at UTS Steering Committee consists of Ms. Shin Young Chang, Dr. Troy Denke, Dr. Tyler Hendricko, Mr. Charko Patterson, Mr. Noah Ross, Rev. Brian Sabourin, Mr. Naokimi Ushiroda and Dr. Kathy Winings. As a program of professional development, the mission of the Center for Education at UTS is to bring people together to facilitate educational growth in knowledge and skills, to Charko Patterson who led the redesign of the CPE website.
The following is a short biography of Elder Chang’s time in Korea from the viewpoint of his second son, Rev. Choon Kun Chang, National Messiah to D.R. Congo. Rev. Chang’s family took care of Elder Chang.

I was born in 1941 on November 15, Lunar Calendar. I am the second son of six children. My Father, Songdo Chang, was a Presbyterian elder at the time. My mother, Yong Bok, was a Presbyterian great grandfather on my mother’s side. I have six children, all of whom are girls except for one boy; our destinies are determined, and all of which are girls except for one boy; our destinies are determined. I believe God kept my Father alive for many times on the battlefield and off. He has conversed many times with God and the saints of history. During the war, my father said that God guided him explicitly during his service in the army and created many avenues for him to take that kept him from ever taking another man’s life. He sent angels who spoke to my father and helped him avert death many times on the battlefield and off. I believe God kept my Father alive for some great plan. My father is also the second son of six children. I have six children, all of whom are girls except for one boy; our destinies are inexorably connected and will continue from my father, down to me, down to my son, and to my son’s sons.

My father visits the holy ground in Toronto everyday at four am to pray for Rev. Moon’s mission and our family. He reads forty pages of Divine Principle (Unification principle text of study) everyday to set a condition to keep his relationship with God open. He has listened to him and sought his spiritual guidance since an early age and have continued to do so in my old age. He has guided me spiritually throughout my ministry.

My parents are originally from Pyeong Yang, North Korea. I was nine years old in 1950 and on July 25th of that year, civil war occurred and we had no other choice but to escape to South Korea the next year. The north had become communist and we could not live there. At that time, six of my family members fled to the south and became refugees. The angels guided my father, telling him to travel only by night and to stay only in places that were vacant. I was easier to travel at night. When the angels told him to hide, he would hide where they told him too. The empty places always had food in them because people had left so quickly so we never starved will be escaped. When we reached south Korea we stayed with our uncle in his home in Myungdong Seoul. When the war was over, the 38th parallel was established. While living in Myungdong, my father established the Chuong-mo-ro church, a Christian based church, and worked as the church elder. However, he grew skeptical towards the church when he saw the administrative people fighting with the minister and for a while, he stopped attending church. It was when our family moved to Pil-dong that we had our first contact with the Unification Church.

My father was working in a supermarket when a delivery man who was bringing towels witnessed to him. He began to ignore household affairs and continuously attended the church in rapture. Eventually my mother started to follow him and they ended up going together. In 1956, when I was in middle school, my younger siblings and I started to attend the Unification church and my older brother followed after a couple of months.

At that time my mother was attending the Calvin Theological school. I helped my mother do her homework so I learned many things about theology at that time. I also attended the mission school. As an adolescent, while I was still living in North Korea, the Western missionaries that came to Pyongyang (North Korea) wanted to teach me, however, due to the opposition of my grandmother on my mother’s side, my religious studies began instead at this time while I was in mission school. I continued to attend the mission school in junior and learned a lot about the bible from our reverend. What I learned at the church where my father went to was so different from the things that I learned at school.

At first, I just followed my parents to the Unification Church services without any sense or understanding of what was being taught but as the time went on, I started to attend the early morning services, and every weekend, through the words that I heard, I began to realize and believe that the one they called ‘Teacher’ was the Messiah. After that, I came to understand the whole content of each sermon and started to receive all the words in a positive light. The ministers and teachers at school would tell me not to fall for heretical doctrine. Their discouragement caused me to go even more. As the days went by, I attended the early morning service, Wednesday evening meeting and did not miss a single student service. These were the foundations of my religious and spiritual growth.

Timeline
Born 1914, November 27th in Pyeongyang, North Korea.
Among 5 siblings he was the second born, first son.
Married in 1938 to Chun, Yong Bok. He was a Christian at that time.
He had 6 children, 3 sons and 3 daughters.
On 1950 June 25th, he fled to South Korea during the civil war.
In 1953 he established Chung Mu Church in Seoul which was a Presbyterian Church.
In 1954 he left that Church and in 1955 he joined the Unification Church.
In 1961 he was Blessed with the 24 pre-married couples.
In 1975 he emigrated to Toronto, Canada.
He passed away 2008, October 3rd at 12:15pm.
I am the granddaughter of Mr. Song Do Chang, who just recently passed away. He leaves behind 2 sons and a daughter and a growing line- age reaching to the 3rd generation. He was born in 1914 November 27th and seunghwa’d at the age of 93. Not many people knew him personally or even as a member but I wanted to share this small tribute to him. Not many people knew him personally, mainly because I could communicate with him in Korean. We used to talk for hours on the phone and also in person. If I could sum up or describe him in a sentence I would have to say that he lived and breathed a Christian background. He told me many stories about how his faith in God was always very religious, with a strong Christian background. He asked True Father, how much he would pay him if he worked 6 times. Then my grandfather asked True Father, how this minister could be so rude! My grandfather turned down True Father’s request to have him work for the factory 6 times. Then my grandfather asked True Father, how much he would pay him if he worked in the factory. Father replied by saying he would give him a certain amount of rice, however, my grandfather felt that it wasn’t a sufficient amount to feed his family of 8, so he turned True Father down another 3 times.

Realizing that True Father was the Returning Messiah

He first met True Father back in the early 1950’s. My grandfather was spiritually open and could converse with the spirit world. During the civil war he was guided to Seoul from North Korea by the spirit world. During the night he was told to travel and during the day he was guided to sleep in safe areas. As him and his family settled in Korea by the spirit world, my grandfather looked at his right was True Father. My grandfather was agitated him greatly and he wondered "What was this man was exactly." As my grandfather prayed God showed him a vision of the world. My grandfather was floating out in the universe and he saw the world before him. Then standing on his left he could see a bright beautiful Korean Nobleman’s clothing and also a nobleman’s Korean black hat. Then from behind my grandfather he heard God’s voice saying, “This is the one who has returned, attend him well.” After having this experience my grandfather quickly realized who his Teacher was and regretted having turned him down so many times. He decided that on that following gathering he would tell his Teacher what he experienced and that he would work in his factory. When my grandfather went to the church and saw True Father, he didn’t even open his mouth and the first thing True Father said to him was, “Did you see something last night?” as if True Father already knew that he had had such an experience. My grandfather told True Father that he was the one who had returned. True Father was very happy to hear this and he told him to testify to the rest of the members about what he experienced.
I want to share 2 special instances where the revelations my grandfather received were received my True Parents. There were a few times when True Father would look for my father to ask him what kind of revelations my grandfather had received from Heaven. I believe that it was in the year 2000-2001 when True Mother was giving her speech tour. True Father was in South America fishing with leaders. My father also participated in that workshop. Prior to meeting True Father, my grandfather told my father before he left for the workshop that if True Father were to ask him if he had anything to say then to tell him the message he was about to tell him. When my father heard that True Father was looking for him, my father finally was able to find fishing in his boat. He asked my father to enter his boat and he immediately asked my father, "What did your father say?" My father said, "That from now on, if you want to say something then you have to tell the people exactly what you want to say." With that, TF changed his schedule. TM was going on the tour alone, but instead TF asked Mr. Peter Kim to change the schedule so that he could do the tour together. Another incident took place in 1995 December 7. True Parents arrived in Canada. They were turned away from the French and English immigration. We had received reports that True Parents were very saddened by this and that the immigration had contacted the Canadian immigration of the airport and went quickly away. The other people that came with True Parents were caught in immigration, however, one in particular, President Dong Moon Joo, had in his passport the Korean style printing of names, Joo (last name first) Dong Moon. It made it seem as though he was the "Moon." President Joo later said that he didn't mind being mistaken as Father for these 3 hours. Eventually all parties were let through. When the event was over, True Father blessed my parents by telling them that they received all the blessings of that event.

My grandfather was a very orderly man. He planned out his day and followed it, though he was open to spontaneous situations. He had a very special schedule that started at around 3:30am. He would wake up every morning at around 3:30am and prepare to go to the holy ground which was located close to his apartment. He made a condition to pray for the glory and victory of True Parents mission on earth and for God’s will to be realized. He would go there rain or shine. My parents decided to attend one of these prayer sessions, thinking they would be back home in no time. The session lasted for 2 hours. My grandfather would prayer twenty minutes at eight morning. He once told me that when it snowed, the snow came up to his waist but he pushed away the snow to get to the holy ground. I yelled at him, "Why did you do there when the weather was so bad, what if you got hurt? What if something happened to you?" He would insist that he would be alright. He also said that some patrol cops were around and they stopped to ask if he was alright, but my grandfather waved them on and continued on to the holy ground. In this way, at that age, he prayed.

He also read 40 pages of the Divine Principle, every morning, and would make a mark on the back of the book and later on a sheet of paper to show how many times he read it. I believe he read the Divine Principle over 500 times. He told me that this was like a condition which allowed him to converse with God and also for God to reveal revelations of True Parents to him. He received proclamations from Heaven that True Father would announce sometimes 1 to 3 years later.

My Grandfather's legacy/lineage

**Messages to True Father**

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My grandfather was a very orderly man. He planned out his day and followed it, though he was open to spontaneous situations. He had a very special schedule that started at around 3:30am. He would wake up every morning at around 3:30am and prepare to go to the holy ground which was located close to his apartment. He made a condition to pray for the glory and victory of True Parents mission on earth and for God’s will to be realized. He would go there rain or shine. My parents decided to attend one of these prayer sessions, thinking they would be back home in no time. The session lasted for 2 hours. My grandfather would prayer twenty minutes at eight morning. He once told me that when it snowed, the snow came up to his waist but he pushed away the snow to get to the holy ground. I yelled at him, "Why did you do there when the weather was so bad, what if you got hurt? What if something happened to you?" He would insist that he would be alright. He also said that some patrol cops were around and they stopped to ask if he was alright, but my grandfather waved them on and continued on to the holy ground. In this way, at that age, he prayed.

He also read 40 pages of the Divine Principle, every morning, and would make a mark on the back of the book and later on a sheet of paper to show how many times he read it. I believe he read the Divine Principle over 500 times. He told me that this was like a condition which allowed him to converse with God and also for God to reveal revelations of True Parents to him. He received proclamations from Heaven that True Father would announce sometimes 1 to 3 years later.

**Being with Him**

What I am always reminded of my grandfather is that he really loved God and True Parents. He lived and breathed speaking words of love and whenever he had the chance spoke about the greatness of True Parents and all they accomplished for God and the world. He was also a romantic. If I told him that I was thinking about so and so about the Blessing, he would create a whole romantic love story of how the two of us could create an ideal family and express love to one another. I could talk to him like he was my best friend.

**Grandpa Napoleoan**

In 1991 when True Parents went to Toronto, Canada. True Father called off my Grandfather and described him as ‘Napoleon’. True Father was at the recent workshop in Hawaii when he heard of my grandfather’s passing. He spoke of my grandfather with my father during the Hawaii workshop and said, “What was his name again?” and my father gave grandpa’s name, Chang, Song do, but True Father said, “No, no it was Napoleon.” This was the main that brought victory to the French Revolution. Our family is still not completely clear on why True Father compared him to Napoleon, but I believe that it will become clear as his lineage grows and perhaps creates a revolution for God and humanity. As his grandson, I want to pledge that I will become the fruit of his seed of love and faith for God and True Parents.
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All lectures were well prepared and organized, prompting many to praise the manifest talent of Reverend McCarthy. Group discussion guided participants into even deeper under-

standing about the contents of each lecture. The lecture on the “Human Fall,” taught by Sister Marilyn Rawls, inspired several to testify that her words touched their hearts. Another session, “Building the Kingdom for God’s Heart,” given by Pastor Joel Bannatyne, also was warmly received. Bishop Jim Swilley gave a wonderful report of the Global Peace Festival that was held in his church, Church In The Now, in Atlanta. During the dinner sessions, we heard from the ACLC’s new pastors, who were elated with the convocation. On Octo-

ber 14, after lunch, Bishop Kim announced that all could take a walk to the mall and around New Orleans. We all were so excited because it gave us the opportunity to have fellowship and to enjoy the city.

On the last day, we heard from Dr. Lonnie McLeod, dean of the Unification Theological Semi-
nary, who briefed us on develop-

ments at the UTS campus in New York City. We were then blessed to hear from the Wamen in Ministry, who not only inspired us, but challenged us to get involved as women and to attend the differ-

et events they offer, including their conference calls and their upcoming confer-

ence in Atlanta in November. Sister Edwards spoke about introducing local rallies for women as well as women’s prayer breakfast every three to four months, and how to inspire new min-

isters to join the ACLC. Mr. Alan Saunders then inspired us with a presentation on a curriculum of char-

eracter education, which inspired us to bring it into our churches, schools, and so forth.

Rev. Kasongo, with his wife and other members from the Family Church, blessed us in music and instrumentals. Their efforts to usher in the spirit to this convoca-

tion were uplifting and enlighten-

ing. At our last dinner we were blessed by a musician and a singer from the New Orleans area.

This conference began on a vision and ended on a vision. It wasn’t just the lecturers who captivated all in atten-

dance, but the openness of those who were able to become more united with one another. I believe that this convoca-
tion set the tone for future convoca-
tions. ❖

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In not difficult to grasp the concept that blessed children are different, and yet in every community we continue to go through the struggle of accepting that we are different. Personally, I never had any problem accepting this fact, but I always found I could not explain with clarity the why of it.

Naokimi Ushiroda amazes me. He spends all his time trying to connect with heavenly inspiration so that he might discover a way to communicate lineage, identity, and purpose to blessed children and I think he has brought much clarity to the table through this educators seminar.

I didn't really want to go to the Youth Educators Seminar when I first heard about it, one, because it was at Camp Sunrise and it's cold there and the show- ers are gross, and two, I work too hard as it is and I get tired and have precious little time to work on my personal career goals so I'm going to give up my Friday night and Saturday for something I want to know I'm not wasting my time. I did not waste my time at this seminar. It was awesome!

My definition of a seminar worth spending time at is the kind of seminar that gives you the theory/concept, gives you a practical, active method towards experiential understanding of the theory/concept, then provides you with methods/tools for you to take back to your community so that you may become a wise teacher, better able to teach seemingly difficult ideas with clarity.

The seminar was divided into three parts. We spent Saturday morning focusing on our identity in relation to our family, our friends, and on how we identified ourselves in comparison to how they identified us. I am always telling people they need to be more self-reflective, take the time out of their day to evaluate their actions at the end of the day, their thoughts, their moti- tudes, their reactions, their attitude and how it fluctuated during the day, and assess how they are, where they are, on their path to realizing their full potential as a blessed child. This first segment of the seminar was a great way to start it all. We all paired up and reflected on our identity and got to know another person better. We could have done that one exercise all day.

The second segment was spent par- ticipating in an interactive lecture about our identity as blessed children. We fleshed out the notions of lineage, responsibility, the meaning of 'blessed', our challenges, our strengths, what about our identity is our choice, and what is not. I found myself engaged in the dialogue. Usually, I'll hear lectures on the wonders of being a blessed child and I think to myself, "I read all this years ago in books and heard the same thing over and over again many times" and my eyes just glaze over, or else I daydream and count the minutes until it's over. Not this time. Per- haps it was the coffee in my system, or the".

We touched on our role as Blessed Family members to True Family and our relationship to them. What we gained from this experience was an awareness of how we behave towards our parents, our siblings, and what that said about ourselves. Our verbal communications, our body language, our attitudes differ greatly depending on the various areas of youth ministry that I am involved in.

Prop to you, Naokini, and to those who helped him put this seminar together. He will be conducting several more in several other districts.

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Peer Education Program: What Have We Learned

UPF’s Peer Educator program began in 2007 with young adults traveling to Pohnpei, the Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Belize, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and the Gambia. These young educators worked in after-school programs and in community centers as well as in public and private schools. As educators they were not just part of a group, serving a community in need, but teachers—leading and teaching through their example and using UPF’s character education curriculum, Discovering the Real Me. If you are not familiar with the program, please refer to the links below for program reports.

Belize Report

St. Lucia Report

In 2008, educators returned to the Gambia, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago, and programs were added in Jamaica, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Thailand and Sri Lanka. To familiarize yourself with the program, please review the reports via the links below.

Jamaica Report

St. Lucia Report

Trinidad and Tobago Report

What have we learned?

The proposition of taking young adults who had little formal training in education or teaching, and placing them into programs where they were teaching and leading character education programs in foreign countries was unproven at the time.

Two quotes from our educators answer this question definitively:

“When we evaluated the program, we found that the stories in the curriculum were effective in teaching the lessons. Incidents of violence and fighting decreased throughout our time there.”

“We helped students to become more familiar with their consciences, which can serve as a compass when pressure comes to stray from the best path to a happy, successful life.”

Does the program have a lasting effect on the communities?

In the countries where we returned, we were able to re-establish ties to the local communities and establish longer programs with the same community partners. In several countries in Asia, character education clubs were established with local leadership. In Belize, Ambassadors for Peace have taken the program to every area of the country, introducing programs in schools and community centers. Based upon our work in St. Lucia, Discovering the Real Me is being used by a local college to prepare new teachers.

So the answer is “Yes!”

Our Peer Educator Program is working as a spark or catalyst in diverse communities all seeking to re-establish virtues and character in their families, schools and communities.

What has the experience been like for our Peer Educators?

“The most significant thing I learned while being a peer educator was to be prepared for anything, think creatively when teaching, and never lose your cool.”

“To others considering the peer educators program: do it, you’ll have a great time. Enter the program feeling confident in yourself and the material, and you’ll leave with knowledge of just how powerful your voice can be. The confidence you gain has the power to inspire a class.”

“We all expressed that while we came to teach, we ended up learning much more than we could have ever imagined. Not only did we learn much about ourselves, teaching, managing a classroom, etcetera, but we were immersed in such a rich culture that we were learning new things every minute.”

“We were able to recognize the importance of empowering parents and supporting them through our character education programs. We felt that efforts such as workshops that the Parent Teacher Association had held for parents directly related to our work in improving communication between parents and children.”

To become a Peer Educator in 2009, what must I do?

Contact Sally Sayre, UPF Peer Educator Coordinator at interns@upf.org

Send in your application by Jan. 1. If you have friends who might want to go with you, ask them. This is ideal. Groups of three to four are ideal.

Make a plan to raise the money necessary to go. Ask for UPF’s Fundraising Guide.

Participate in one of UPF’s training programs, which will prepare you to work and teach abroad.

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s we pass Halloween and look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are moving into a string of holidays that will have many of us devouring sugar. It’s no secret that Americans love sweets! It is estimated that each consume over 150 pounds of sugar a year. Stuffed faces of our dear parents, dressed to the nines in their Halloween garb – a tree and Dorothy, witches and vampires, you could hardly recognize them under their costumes. “We had such a good time with the kids. We’re just happy to help,” beamed one parent. The same sentiment was reflected from a child who not only, they were in the mix of it all, dancing, laughing and playing. I love to see parents play! It was a chance for brothers and sisters to see each other and catch up in the midst of all the business in their lives. “It’s so good to see people I normally don’t get to see,” smiled one Blessed Child dressed as a fortune teller. “It’s important to have time to invest in each other.” I’m sure God was present with each interaction, and each beloved child. There is one story hat has to be told, a girl, her sister and mother, who drove all the way from Canada to be with other B l e s s e d Children. She left her costume at home, so on the way – she concocted an i n g e n i o u s i n p r o m p t design that brought her the grand prize for the costume contest. Although she was a control freak, in the end, God was, and gave her an experience to last a lifetime.
I would like to share with you from Cheong Seong Gyung, paint an image of myself. I am 58 years old, myself, he says, "Because I knew that God was such a lonely and isolated being, I have gone forth known that my mission until the day that I die was to fulfill a portion of God's will and desire, to expand a foundation in at least one field and gather together those who can live for the sake of God. It is because I was born as God's son and because I felt myself responsible for establishing this will that I have persevered until now with love. Even though I was persecuted and even though I was beaten, I endured all these without taking revenge. Even as I fought my way forward, staggering or crawling on my belly, I am determined to find out how to set up this tradition and bequeath it to this world.

Brothers and sisters, when we hear the story of Brother Jang Song Hui, the type of determination that True Father had from the very beginning. When he was going through the harshest persecution, loneliness, the tribulations, the doubts, the fear, in the beginning, he had this kind of heart, investment, and commitment to bequeath the tradition to this world. We stand upon the foundation of this new age of liberation. We stand upon that amazing foundation that our brothers and sisters also walk (build) with True Parents.

I would like to talk to you about "Having the Strength to Share." In order to live the blessed life one of the keys, of course, is to live the blessed life (our- selves) and then to be a blessing to others. In order to do so, one of the real keys is to share the strength to share. And too many people live their lives without sharing their talents, ambitions, resources, hopes and dreams. When we share, we are sharing what God does. We resemble God’s nature. How can I possibly share? Well, even if I share my burdens with another, investing into one another, sharing the strength to share, we can learn to live the blessed life and be a blessing to this world.

Why do we not have anything? How can I possibly share?" Well, even if we have nothing, we can always share a smile, a word of encouragement, a prayer, for somebody in need. "But I tried sharing, I ended up gaining nothing." But when we share, we gain character, we gain integrity, we gain compassion and by gaining these traits over time, we become someone that people wish to support and help.

"But I am busy with my own life, how can I share with others?" Because we are busy, it’s even more important to learn how to share because that is the key to our being an invaluable part of any group. When we share, we are sharing the strength to share.

This principle also we see throughout the natural kingdom. True Father has always said, "The natural kingdom, the creation, is the true Bible." He has taught us that.

This week I was with my kids and we had a chance to watch animal planet program and I happened to find a program where there was an amazing thing about animal synergies. They even have an example of a fish called the Gob巴菲特鱼 who shares its home with a shrimp. And this Gob巴菲特鱼 specializes with eyesight, he has amazing eyesight. He has what normal fishes don’t have, which is binocul or vision. His eyes are set in such a way that they are able to look in the front like human beings and so he has very excellent eyesight. But he shares a home with a shrimp, the shrimp of course stays inside, he cleans and makes the hole big, but there’s sand in there as well. And in order, the shrimp doesn’t have to do anything but the comb jelly on the Gob巴菲特 fish, he shares the food, he shares the home, he shares the shelter, and together, by specializing and pairing up, they make up for each other’s weakness but their strengths are in the end doubled. So one succeeds alone. By sharing the strengths, this natural pair becomes an amazing team.

We see this dynamic tool in our larger church community, when we’re starting the HQ church developing. Now we’re starting with the home group movement. We are building of more church community means opportunities to share our talents, our affirmations, our skills, our resources, etc., partnering up like a Gob巴菲特 fish and a shrimp. One CEO donated for the best blessed children's education, and the facilities that you see now downstairs with the new library, the new facilities with the playground, etc., that’s all because of this man donating to our blessed children’s community. We are seeing this kind of development here in our HQ church because we are building a community that is learning to share, to volunteer, to invest in each other.

As we continue to share and build this sharing mentality in our church, we will have continued success. We will continue to grow, we will be made into a good environment for our church community.

Whether we realize it or not, we are always sharing something with other people. But what we share, will determine what we get back in our lives. If we are negative, if we curse others, if we blame others and are jealous of others, then this is what we will receive. We will receive jealousy; we will receive revenge, etc. But if we wish for others to give us smiles, we have to first give others smiles. If we wish to receive help and encouragement, we must first give encouragement and help to others. If we wish to receive grace, we must in our lives show grace and give grace as a habit.

One sister, after finding out she had cancer, didn’t stay at home, didn’t get depressed of her situation, saying my life is over, etc. She told how she immediate-ly, as soon as she found out, she made a plan. The doctor said the result would come in weeks, but already while she was waiting for the result she made a plan. She said, “I know it was going to be positive, I’ve been having this pain, etc.” So when it came out that she was cancer positive, she already had a plan. She was not going to sit at home. She was not going to dwell on how painful that is or how she’s going to die in a couple of months. She was not going to dwell on any of that. She said, “I made a plan and that was this. As soon as I heard of the diagnosis, I went straight to the head cancer department, the hospital cancer center, and volunteered to help other people with cancer.”

As soon as she did that, of course, her attitude of life became brighter. She felt, of course she now had to be encouraging other peo-ple with cancer, getting them out of their own hopeless minds, etc. The doctor was just astounded, he was really sharing something with others.

So why wouldn’t I share? You see, it’s one of the most important principles in our life. We share because we are sharing the strength to share. And too many people live their lives learning how to have the strength to share. And too many people live their lives not sharing their talents, ambitions, resources, hopes and dreams. When we share, we are sharing the strength to share. And too many people live their lives learning how to have the strength to share. And too many people live their lives not sharing their talents, ambitions, resources, hopes and dreams. When we share, we are sharing the strength to share. And too many people live their lives learning how to have the strength to share. And too many people live their lives not sharing their talents, ambitions, resources, hopes and dreams. When we share, we are sharing the strength to share.
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his article is about the future development of humanity. Specifically, the improvement of individual human beings. I recently participated on a sci-

ence fiction discussion panel with this topic, and was honored to sit beside one of my favorite authors.

PROBLEMS

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