Brothers and sisters, today I'd like to talk to you about the power of reflexivity. In order to live the blessed life, learning the power of self-reflexivity is one of the keys, one of our key keys.

Self-reflexivity is very simply the ability to look at yourself honestly. With self-reflexivity you are able to see your strengths and weaknesses. You can check whether or not you're staying true to the goals that God has given you, and thus you can find a path of constant improvement. Learning how to "turn the mirror unto ourselves" and

**Rev. Hyung Jin Nim Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, thank You so much for this day. Father, we give You praise and honor this day for You have walked a tearful road. Father, You have waited for thousands of years until the day when You can see Your families on this earth. Father, we pray that You may be inspired today, that You may find new hope today, that You may find a new spirit of rejuvenation today. Father, be with us as we spend time being in Your presence. We pray that You may bless each and everyone of the Blessed Central Families here. We pray that You may be with the brothers and sisters joining us across the world in the service via internet. Father, please bless their families, bless their children and bless their descendants.

Father, we pray that truly we may be those types of people that can inherit it Your True Love, a True Love that can naturally subjugate even the most dark-est force. Father, we pray that we may unfort that and truly be able to spread that and become blessings to this world. Thank You so much Father for this time. We pray that we may once again return joy to You and give You a tremendous smile today. We thank You so much.

We offer all these as one family, as Central Blessed Families together. 

**Main Sermon:**

by Rev. Hyung Jin Nim

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**C A L E N D A R**

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of Reflexivity

seeing ourselves is one of the keys to living the blessed life. Let’s take a look at some of the Scriptures today. We’ll look at Christianity from Proverb 16:18. Let’s read it together, “Pride goes before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall.” This is once again warning us to be reflective and to look at ourselves.

Islam: Let’s take it from the Koran 90th Surah. We’ll read it together. “Nay but verily man is rebellious for he thinks himself independent. Less unto thy Lord is the return.” To remember where we are going, where we came from...and let’s look at True Father’s words today. Let’s read it together. This is from “God’s will and the world.” “God’s principle of creation is living for the sake of others, not me. Living for the sake of me is the nature of Satan. You should know the origin of good and evil. Teaching a religion is living for the sake of others and serving others, not being arrogant.”

Basically humility! We are talking again about self-reflexivity. In 1954 a book by the Nobel Prize winning, author William Golding, was written. It was entitled, “The Lord of the Flies”. By the ’60s it was a best-seller in America, and it was already becoming required reading in most of the high schools. When we were growing up in New York it was already required reading in our high school, so in most of the high schools across America, you have to read this book.

It’s entitled “The Lord of the Flies”, and actually these words, “The Lord of the Flies” come from the Hebrew word “Beelzebub”. It’s the meaning of the word Beezzebub which means Lord of the Flies or God of the Flies. Beelzebub is another word for Satan. So that title is actually “Beezzebub”.

It’s a story about a group of British boys, and they are on a trip on an airplane. They are traveling to some place, but by chance their plane crashes on an island and all the adults do not survive. So eventually there’s just a group of boys, and this group of boys are under the age of 13, and they start trying to govern themselves. Eventually two dominant groups develop under one boy named Ralph, and another boy named Jack.

Ralph’s group is trying to be civilized. They are trying to find a way to signal for help. They’re trying to find a method, “How can we get off this island. We don’t want to stay here, we want to get off.” Jack’s group does the opposite. Slowly they start going into hunting. They start saying, “Hey! We’re never going to get out of this island anyways. We’ve got to survive.” They start focusing on, “Let’s have fun, let’s just hunt!”

So slowly these two groups start to clash. They believe that on this island there’s a big monster that lives on this huge peak, and Jack’s group who are the hunters, they promise to hunt and kill this beast. They mistake a body of a dead pilot as the sleeping monster and they begin to hunt animals and they start offering animal sacrifices to this mountain monster god. They start offering animal sacrifices, they start putting on body paint. You can see the guy with the body paint? That’s Jack! He puts on body paint. He started becoming like Jack in this situation. Jack was a civilized British school boy. He was from the West, he was growing up in upper suburbia, very smart, very educated, very civilized, learning arithmetic and science and chemistry, all that.

But then as they got into this isolated environment he got lost in his emotions. He started becoming what they refer to as a “demonic leader”, or “Lord of the Flies.” At one point, one of the boys realizes that there is actually no monster on the island. The monster is created. But the real monster lies within each and every one of those persons.

Reflexivity is one of the keys to keep yourself in check, to make sure you’re becoming who God wants you to be and actualize those gifts and purposes that God has given you.

I was talking to a mom the other day and she was reflecting about her own sons. He has something of a difficult time reflecting on himself. He is sometimes rude and he gets into fights in school. He’s been changing schools a lot. He broke his mother’s heart so
many times.

And she explained how one time she was swimming with her mom. They were swimming around and her son was swimming and splashing; it was like tidal waves. He was a little bigger than on that picture — on that picture he’s like a baby but he’s bigger — and there were huge tidal waves splashing about.

So the mom decided, “This boy is completely unmanageable. She decided to videotape him splashing around. And she showed him this video. And the boy was so shocked. He was shocked at how he was showing disregard to other people who were trying to use the pool. And he realized that people’s faces and their responses, like, “Oh my goodness! What is that boy doing?” is totally disrespecting everybody in this public space.

Sometimes we need to have freedom in our lives that gives us this wise counsel. Those people are so precious! Of course you don’t have to and you don’t have to accept every negative thing that every single person says about you as good feedback, but those people who are around you, that you trust, that are there for your well-being, that truly want you to do well, wish for you to succeed, wish for you to be the best, those people, their wisdom, their counsel, their honesty should be invited. It’s very precious! These trustworthy people can be our saviors at times. They can tell us to stay true to God and to ourselves.

When we look at the biblical story we see in the story of the fall and we see the great archangel Lucifer. Did you know that the name Lucifer is actually a very positive word? Lucifer is actually an extremely good name. It means “the bringer of light.” It’s a very positive name. It’s “He who brings light to this world.” It’s a very beautiful name!

He was the most beloved of the archangels. He was obedient, he was powerful, he was trusted amongst all. But he was weak in one aspect: his ability to be self-reflective. And so, slowly but firmly he fell into jealousy. We hear today that evil cannot enter the place that is filled with light. It’s the lowest place. And Father said that when we are elevated as religious leaders, then it’s important to go lower in our training, training lower, because we receive respect as religious monastic practitioners, as Hoon Sa Nims.

And I was explaining this to the Hoon Sa Nims the other day when we were talking, when we were practicing and training. We were discussing how important it is, especially in positions of religious roles, that we are self-reflective. I explained to the Hoon Sa Nims that, because we are in position of religious responsibility, we have to stay true to our service to God and True Parents.

I told them that training is like making landmarks. They help us watch ourselves. They help us check ourselves along the path. And it helps us make sure that we are walking on the path of goodness and service and not the path of self-aggrandizement. That’s a very dangerous path.

In one of our trainings, I was explaining to them what I’ve been doing for my own training for many years. Always, whenever I travel, when we do traveling or are called to different places, we always ride economy class, and every time we go on a plane, I have leaders come up to me. They come into the economy section and tell me, “Hyung Jin Nim, please sit up in the front. Please sit up. I will trade you my seat; sit up in the business class please.” And that was, of course, when I had no responsibility. Now that I have more responsibility I have all sorts of people come to me. “Please” — not only asking me to sit up in the front, but to change my class of service, for our sake; for our sake you must do it! What will the world think if the international president is always going around on economy? You must do it for our sake, please!”

Because I love my training, toilet cleaning, etc... “Don’t you overdo it! You’re going to be constantly checking our con- stantly training self-reflexivity. This is the kind of thing that helps us check ourselves, to check ourselves through these objective training.

So we talk about how important the training is, because on this path, especially on the path where we are focusing on purely religious, spir- itual practice, it’s so easy for us to actually fool ourselves into believing that we are enhancing ourselves, that we are actually get- ting greater than God. And so in that respect we were talking about how important it is to actually check ourselves through the training and to understand that even we can ourselves become like Lucifer or Jack the Lord of the Flies.

They both started off really well. They both started off as the bringer of light, and Jack was an excellent student in school, but he became like that then that we can spiritually damage so many people that under our responsibility. So we must keep training for our joy. We were talking about that.

This time when Father was heading back to the States, he told me, “Don’t you overdo it! You’re going to do moody moody. Don’t overdo it. You’ve got to stay healthy, boy!” And I said, “Appa, don’t worry! This is our joy, you know we’re training! This is training. We’re getting stronger every day. Train- ing is not only great spiritual exercise. Father, its great physical exercise! We can belch as a cow now!”

Brothers and sisters, what can we learn today? I think I will then go out and be against those God-given talents. It requires training and strength to objectively look at ourselves. It’s quite liberating when you’re able to look honestly at yourself and try to be that person that God has blessed you to be.

See self-reflexivity is freeing because it frees one from being a prisoner to flattery or other people telling YOU what your talents are. It helps you move on to recognizing for yourself what God has given you as your great potential, what He’s given you as your strengths and your weaknesses and your goals and your dreams. It helps you check that you are staying true to those God-given talents. If we do that, I do believe that in 2009 we will see the result of our victory, more illumination and more peace, and we will live that blessed life and inherit the true love of God.
True Parents presided over a remarkable couple of days in Las Vegas starting March 27. On day one, True Parents Day, we shared an 11-hour Hoon Dok Hwe with True Parents. True Father never left the room the entire time. Father spoke for nine hours to members, non stop, no bathroom, no water, about an incredible range of topics, giving out wisdom. In Korea, there were suggestions that Father was at less than his full ability, but one thing is clear to me is, yes, he may need help to go up the stairs, or he may need to be supported on occasion, but he is still in control of all affairs, and he imparts deep insight.

Day Two was the beginning of the UPF Conference. Its theme was “The Way Forward for Las Vegas, America and the World: Vision, Values and Leadership.” Nearly 300 participants from around the world and the country participated in the conference. Several local politicians and dignitaries were among them.

The main event began at 1 pm and featured a keynote speech delivered by our FPWPU President, Rev. In Jin Moon. She was introduced by her younger brother and International President, Rev. Hyung Jin Moon. The main hall had chairs for 900. Every seat was taken, many people remained standing and another 200 plus were in the overflow room.

Rev. Jenkins was the MC and when he introduced Hyung Jin Nim he made clear who he was – going to great lengths to explain that he was anointed, appointed, and crowned as Father’s successor.

Immediately following the main program, all of the Blessed families and many guests met for a special celebration. David Hunter, the MC, began with a slide presentation of the accomplishments of In Jin Nim over the past eight months. Then we heard brief but inspiring messages from Hyung Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim and finally from In Jin Nim. The atmosphere was magnificent with a spiritual brightness illuminating the beautiful faces of the hundreds of brothers and sister gathered.

At one point in the program, David introduced each of the True Children, and when he spoke Ye Jin Nim’s name, a huge and prolonged applause erupted.

This is certainly a new and different task that is being taken on in Las Vegas. The whole program is happening in the South Point Hotel and Casino. On the main level are thousands of slot machines, card tables of all kinds, roulette, etc. The smell of cigarettes smoke is everywhere, yet around every corner would be brothers and sisters happily conversing. In the restaurants you would find our ACLC ministers, other leaders or members of the True Family.

Although we were the minority, the joyful spirit of our members seemed to digest everything else. It made me think that, perhaps, this is the way the true ‘Hobby’ culture can emerge from, what is now, the dominant self-serving culture.

The Divine Principle workshop with Rev. Eu that followed was an excellent experience. The content of this workshop is the original Divine Principle, or the Divine Principle that would have existed if there was no fall. References to Satan have been taken out. Four days are spent on the Principle of Creation because that’s the emphasis. Rev. Eu included how Father has been living into his lectures. Also, Father sat at his lectures four times, correcting Rev. Eu and making comments. Although this Rev. Eu is not the first president of the church, the famous Pres. Eu, he’s inherited that foundation and is working on the lectures connected to that foundation.

It is certainly an exciting time. True Father has said he will remain in America (Las Vegas) until 2013. This is just the beginning.

(From combined reports)
Hyo Jin Nim’s One-Year

This is the Keynote Address given by Rev. In Jo Moon at Hyo Jin Nim’s One-Year Memorial Service in Westchester, New York on March 22 2009.

Good morning, brothers and sisters. I’m delighted to see you and, I’m sure that my brother is delighted to see you gathered here in remembrance of all the wonderful things that he did and all the wonderful things that he was about. I’m somewhat contemplative today, I was thinking about a lot of things as I was driving here from New York, especially what I could share with you to show you how wonderful an older brother he was. So I prepared a video tribute in my memory to show how truly brilliant he was as an artist and how he strove to accomplish things in his lifetime with great passion, conviction, and dedication.

As a member of the True Family, I must say, in all honesty, that life is not easy when you’re a True Child. Think of his being the eldest son, being born into the world with so many expectations put upon him. When I say expectations, I mean that your expectations and the expectations of the whole world in put ting next to you might be very different. But such expectations weighed very heavily on my brother’s heart, and he really tried his best. And, in my estimation of things, he was truly an ideal son.

What I mean by ideal is that, as I’ve been going around the country talking about our desire in wanting to create ideal families, I’ve often joked, saying, “When we all joined the movement and we wanted ideal families, guess what? Heav enly Father gave us those ideal families, and it means that we have to deal with our daily lives, with our spouses, with our children, with our family, with our in-laws.” This is how God is giving us an opportunity to become mature and wise human beings.

Hyo Jin Oppa was no different. He was an ideal son in that he dealt with a lot of the issues that we all deal with in our lives—happiness and elation, as well as sorrows and heartbreak. These are the things that make us who we are, mothers and sisters. No matter who we are, we are bound together in this tapestry of what I call human experience, the emotional jewels that are born out of suffering, out of happiness, out of tears of joy and lone liness, and the making of who we are.

My brother in his daily life strove each and every day to deal with all these things. Just as my father never re vea red from the age of 16 in committing his life to God and for the sake of the prov idence, my brother was no different in that he wanted to commit his life for God and for the providence. But in my mind, more importantly, he wanted to live his life as an ideal son, a son that encompasses the meaning of loyalty, filial piety, and humility.

As an artist myself, when I listen to my brother’s songs, I hear so much passion, so much heart. Maybe his method of conveying his artistry might not be your cup of tea, but in the medium and vocabulary that he chose, he is giving me something real, expressing his heart to provoke us to feel, to love, to really become human again.

We have become so good as a move ment at becoming functionaries, and my brother was one person who hated that so much. He said to me, “I don’t want to know how many times, in the moments that we shared together deep at night over a pot of coffee or when he invited me to the art studio to listen to his music. “I don’t want to be a cardboard cutout for someone to point to and say, ‘That’s Hyo Jin Nim, Father’s first son.’ I don’t want to be a functionary, somebody who’s just carrying out the duties that a son does in order to be considered a good son. I want to be passionate about my life. In many instances he didn’t care what anybody thought, as long as he felt he was making a difference. And, boy, did he make a difference! Before I came along, I like to remind the Second Generation that jeans were not allowed. I had to wear skirts every day. And as much as I love being a girl and being feminine, wearing skirts every day is not something I like to do. Every time I put on a pair of blue jeans, the first thing that goes through my mind is, “Thank you, older brother, for making it okay to express ourselves in a fun way and to be comfortable in what we’re wearing.”

When I look around and see the young people trying out different music, forming bands, and playing around with art, I think about my brother. Thank God that years and years ago, before the Christians realized how important rock music was in their ministry, we had an older brother who literally dragged it in, whether people liked it or not, and said, “This is okay. This is powerful stuff.” This is an incredibly influential medium for reaching out to the young people, and we have to use this for God.” He brought rock and roll in.

I remember when I was a little girl some of the older Asian leaders who did not grow up here and experience the power of rock and roll, and how my brother was performing and sit with their hands over their ears, saying to themselves, “Is it over?” I thought, “Wow, that’s interesting. Maybe if they took their fingers out of their ears, they might actually hear something that they’d never felt before, something new, something exciting, something that’s worth your while.” But then I was thinking about how I want my brother to be remembered, for me it’s an ideal son who just wanted to express himself through music, the universal language that I love.

I was watching an interesting show on PBS the other day with my two boys, who are very keen on becoming scien tists. We were watching a show called An Elegant Universe. It’s talking about physicists who are on the cutting edge of the great thinking that’s going on nowadays. They were saying, “First we thought the atom was the smallest par ticle in our universe; then we discovered electrons, neutrons, protons. But what we know about is things smaller than that.” These physicists are talking about 11 different dimensions. What we take to be reality may very well not be reality.

The concept of string theory is saying that the smallest subatomic particle that makes the universe what it is might actually be composed of wonderful things called vibrations, those things that are circular and constantly moving, constantly vibrating, and constantly rotating. I’m thinking, this means that they’re constantly feeling. It’s these vibrations that make the universe what it is. This is just one explanation of how the universe might be. It’s a cutting-edge theory, and one of the hardest things about this theory is it’s very difficult to prove. We can’t actually capture one of these vibrations to say that it exists? This will be the challenge for a great many physicists to come. But the idea in and of itself is an interesting one.

I’ve often wondered why my brother was so filled with a need to reach people with music, with the universal language. But then I saw this show with my two boys, I thought, “Isn’t music all about vibrations?” When you see a sad move, your heart is vibrations, you are understanding the suffering or the difficulties that the protagonist had to overcome. So you feel sad. Something in your heart is literally vibrating and telling you, “This is sadness, this is happiness, this is joy, this is suffering.”

When I think about my brother and the life that he led, I see a great hero. I know that he was many times misunderstood because he was so passionate and because he challenged our framework of what was proper and what was not. Everyone has his or her own definitions of what is proper and what is not, what a True Child should be like: “Maybe they need to be a little bit more like this, maybe they need to look a little bit more like this.” I know that a lot of people had their own expectations of who they wanted Hyo Jin Oppa to be.

But I’m here to tell you that my brother was a model life in that he was absolutely devoted and loyal to True Parents. I know that many times he used to say to me, “In Jin, if I go bongers one of these days and I tell you to follow me, standing against True Parents, shoot me. Shoot me the day I tell you to follow me over and above True Parents.” As an older brother, he educated all the True Children very well in this regard by clearly emphasizing the priority of the True Life over and above the family, and he was obedient to. Yet at the same time he stressed that we needed to be creative, for expressing himself through music, the universal language that I love.
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we need to reach out and love each other horizontally and therefore build a beautiful family.

So especially in these confusing times, when our True Father is getting older and there are a lot of question marks in our minds about what our future is going to be, the wonderful thing is that because of Hye Jin Oppa’s sacrifice, we got to have True Parents a little longer. Than goodness they survived the helicopter crash. I firmly believe that they survived because my brothers in spirit world were watching out for them. They wanted us to have True Parents a little longer, and thank God for that. A lot of changes happened in the year of 2008; it was a watershed year for our community. A lot of confusion was cleared up. Father introduced that concept that during the Pacific Rim era women are important. During years and years of being belittled and being treat-ed as second-class cit-izens because of what our ancestor Eve went through, we suffered a lot. I’d be the first one to say so. I don’t know how many speeches I sat through where – God bless my brothers, I love them now and they’re my greatest supporters – but they literally would make fun of us because we were women. “You’re nothing, you’re unim-portant, you’re garbage.” Imagine growing up hearing things like that. But then my broth-ers matured and grew, and you know the biggest gift? They started hav-ing daughters. And then they realized, “I love this daughter, I want my daughter to be great. Maybe I was a bit hard on my sister. Maybe if I support my sister, that’s going to inspire my daughters to be great women of God.” God works in such loving and mysterious ways.

My husband, who’s been with me and the True Family, never thought he’d see the day when my brothers would support a sis-ter. But he would be the first one to test-tify that they’re my most ardent sup-porters, and they want to see great lead-ership come from our sisters, daughters, and granddaughters. So Father intro-duced the concept that women can be leaders, too. They might approach an issue in a different way, but you know what? Different doesn’t mean that it’s not good. Different means it just takes a new perspective, and maybe an open mind, to realize that God can work in mysterious ways.

Father did something that was incred-ibly important, something that needed to be done. As we’re looking toward the Second and Third Generation, many of us are asking ourselves who’s going to be the spiritual head of the movement. On January 19th in Korea, and again on his birthday, starting in Korea and ending in the Manhattan Center, Father clearly designated the youngest son as the spiritual head of our movement. As a proud elder sister who has watched all my siblings grow and my family grow into a wonderful, loving family that it has become, I must truly say that our True Father and our Heavenly Parent are truly wise. We are so blessed that our True Father and Mother have made the leadership so clear. The only thing we need to do as a family is absolutely unite around it, absolutely live our lives with loyal-ty and devotion, just as our elder broth-er has.

I still remember many instances when my older brother was overcome with love and would come screeching into my room to vent. But I don’t know how many times he ended that conversa-tion with, “But this is what Father wants me to do, and I will do it.” Many times we went through that, almost like a recurring nightmare, but, at the end, he would always say, “This is what Father wants me to do, so I’ll do it.” As a younger sister, watching a brother take his emotional journey to come to the important realization that he has...
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to be absolutely obedient to his father was a great reminder for me that whatever I might feel as an individual, I have to be absolutely obedient to what my father and mother want. In that way we can become an ideal son or daughter, well on our way toward the ideal family that we are working and struggling to build.

Part of the reason why I decided on the Manhattan Center as the place to launch my new ministry is not only its location and the centrality that it holds in midtown New York but the special meaning of the Manhattan Center to my older brother. He is the eldest son, and America is representing the eldest son nation. So how appropriate it is that in memory of my brother’s passion and in memory of how much he loved that building and everything that was about, we can honor him by being the Manhattan Center to America is representing the eldest son, well on our way toward the ideal family that we are working and struggling to build.

I'm hoping that we can reevaluate in each other and in our communities. We need to go. With our True Parents making the first generation and the Second Generation, between the Second Generation and the Third, between the Third and the Fourth; knowing my brother, I know that he was hoping that you would love my children more than me. He was hoping that you would love my children and you're so proud of them, but then you feel, "Do I have – do titles really matter that much, brothers and sisters? In the realm of heart, the only thing that matters is our capacity to love. I'm hoping that that's what we can concentrate on and that we can be a community where we feel once again, where we’re excited about life once again and we’re excited to be given an opportunity at an incredibly important time to be a part of something that is absolutely phenomenal.

I am here to remind you that, in the history of religion, we are a very successful religion, if you think in terms of a four thousand year story. Today is a beautiful Sunday morning. Knowing my brother, I know that he’s not going to want us to be crying; knowing my brother, I know that he didn’t want us to be miserable because we miss him so much. I know that my brother wants us to be happy, to be successful, to be prosperous, and to find strength in each other and in our communities. So I’m hoping that we can reevaluate who we are and reflect upon where we need to go. With our True Parents making it clear for us who our center is, let us be absolutely obedient and devoted to our Heavenly Parent’s wishes, come together as a family, and do incredible work.

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The dawn of a new era. Our elder brother has given us a great gift, and he has truly led this country of America to the best of his abilities. I want all of us to remember him as the ideal son that he was and as the extremely gifted artist and musician that he was. I’m hoping that going forward, instead of looking at each other as somebody that we need to compete against or wondering whose position is higher or how many titles I do have – do titles really matter that much, brothers and sisters? In the realm of heart, the only thing that matters is our capacity to love. I’m hoping that that’s what we can concentrate on and that we can be a community where we feel once again, where we’re excited about life once again and we’re excited to be given an opportunity at an incredibly important time to be a part of something that is absolutely phenomenal.

I am here to remind you that, in the history of religion, we are a very successful religion, if you think in terms of a four thousand year story. Today is a beautiful Sunday morning. Knowing my brother, I know that he’s not going to want us to be crying; knowing my brother, I know that he didn’t want us to be miserable because we miss him so much. I know that my brother wants us to be happy, to be successful, to be prosperous, and to find strength in each other and in our communities. So I’m hoping that we can reevaluate who we are and reflect upon where we need to go. With our True Parents making it clear for us who our center is, let us be absolutely obedient and devoted to our Heavenly Parent’s wishes, come together as a family, and do incredible work.

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My work is in improving the management of our church. Originally I was working with the Korean foundation, reorganizing, restructuring and making it profitable. It's a good thing that happened because now the general economy is doing poorly.

Then we started looking at our church and there are serious problems. For the past 20 years it has been in stagnation and development has not taken place in Korea and I saw the problem with management, or rather the lack of management.

You can get discouraged, but with experience in life problems can be seen as opportunities. Because if things are not working well, then you can make them work well. We're a young church, we need to understand it's only 45-50 years old. Our Catholic Church is 2000 years old, they have had a lot more time to develop procedure and canon law. We need time, too.

Initially our church grew a lot, and then we started facing the problems that our success created. I'm sure you all know we have a lot to offer as a movement: the principle and the truth True Parents gave to us is extremely powerful. It's shameful we haven't expanded our church more. All this is due to our youth as an organization, and the fact that the Christian foundation didn't accept True Parents.

At this time we need to look at the direction our movement is going and we go in the direction of CIG. How can we contribute to build it? These are questions we need to solve and get answers for, make it simple so we can move forward. For someone to move toward a goal, we need a clear vision for that goal.

As we have received incredible blessings to prepare for the 2nd coming, and one of those blessings is democracy. If we want to restore a nation, then 50% of a nation needs to be in our church, it's simple. If we redefine CIG, then we can work toward that goal. Now that we've made the goal clear we can then work toward it. It might take longer than 7 years, it may take 70 or 700 years, if we work toward that goal then we can fulfill it. We need a clear vision of what we want to create.

The next question is, if we want 50% of a nation, how do we do it? How do we witness to half a country? I think it's not too difficult or complex. It's the reason why at this time TP are putting forward in our work to build the Cheon-bok Gung, the new Unification HQ.

When our world chairman started his ministry he had 70 members, now he has 6,700 members. I don't know if you've been to HQ in Korea, Cheon-pa Dong. It's not that big and to accommodate the congregation we do 7 services a week. It's a big change; when he started he did one service with 100 people there, then change came quickly.

In the Tongil group, there are a lot of companies. When I came there less than 10% of employees were church members. In the last 2 years, since we've been re-educating the staff, we probably brought 500 to 600 employees into the church. They come to church and title they donate to Cheon-bok Gung. Since we started the Cheon-bok Gung providence we've raised 80 million dollars. We signed a contract to buy one of the city halls in Seoul, and we have 50 days left to raise another 5 million, so then we have a growth stage Cheon-bok Gung. It's probably 6 times bigger than our current HQ.

We'll be able to have 3,000 people per service, and with 6 services we will have about 16,000 people coming. That becomes a serious church, but that's just the growth stage. Then we're going another step up. Because the goal we have is to have a church for 210,000 people.

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Our challenge is to expand and share that vision, not just share, but to bring people into our family and share our burdens. When you think about family, what is a family? What do we mean by family? Have you thought about it? A family is a group of individuals. Of course you share the good times, but you really call someone your brother or sister when you share the burdens and difficulties. As we witness and bring people into our family, this is the direction we have to go. We need to get people who are willing to share the burdens. The nature with which we interact with people outside our community has to change.

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Germany UPF Gives New Emphasis to Peace

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erlin, Germany - A series of projects and events centered around the theme Perspectives for Peace for the 21st Century was organized and sponsored by UPF-Germany in Berlin. This took place as part of the Global Peace Tour 2009.

The event was opened March 13 with a service project organized by the UPF-youth organization Youth Service Initiative (YSI) in co-operation with the child and youth relief organization ARSCH. This youth relief organization, founded in Berlin-Hellersdorf in 1995, offers homework supervision and leisure activities for children and young people from society’s lowest social classes. In cooperation with the young people from YSI, several playgrounds were renovated. In the evening, they all went ice-skating together.

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In recent years it has been increasingly clear just how important it is to involve the local population in the UN peace measures, especially where the female population is concerned. Measures to dampen conflict are important and necessary. However, even more important is the process of reconciliation and building of a functioning civil society that follows.

On the basis of this declaration coined from Hans Küng (President of the Foundation for a Global Ethic), Dr. Dieter Schmidt, deputy chairman of UPF-Germany, asserted that according to statistics 88 percent of the world’s population of Kabul, offering a weekend picnic spot for the whole family and youth organization Youth Service Initiative (YSI) in co-operation with the child and youth relief organization ARSCH. This youth relief organization, founded in Berlin-Hellersdorf in 1995, offers homework supervision and leisure activities for children and young people from society’s lowest social classes. In cooperation with the young people from YSI, several playgrounds were renovated. In the evening, they all went ice-skating together.

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Netherlands Peace Tour Builds Unity of Heart

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en Haag, the Netherlands – On March 15, Universal Peace Federation in the Netherlands held a conference and Peace Gathering with the theme “One Family under God: A New Vision for Peace in the 21st Century” in Den Haag. It was the culmination of a week’s activity under the banner Global Peace Tour 2009.

The week began on Sunday, March 8, when UPF activists, supported by young people from partner organizations Youth Service Initiative (a “gap year” program for European youth teams in Utrecht, Rotterdam, and Frankfurt) and the High School Association of Research for Principles, volunteered for service at the International Women’s Day “Haags Vrouwenfeest” in Atrium Den Haag. Most of their activity was related to ushering, answering questions, and supporting speakers and workshop leaders; they were grateful to receive substantial refreshments and written expressions of gratitude.

The Women’s Federation for World Peace, a UPF partner organization, also exhibited at the Atrium, and Japanese Ambassadors for Peace lent their support. Throughout the rest of the week, they visited politicians, ambassadors, and business people in The Hague, briefing them about UPF and the Global Peace Tour and presenting many of the UPF youth band attracting the interest of many spectators.

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Kiev, Ukraine - A conference on “One Family under God: New Vision of Peace in the 21st Century” was held in Kiev, Ukraine, at the Premier Palace Hotel on March 19, 2009. It was organized by the Universal Peace Federation and the Albanian Peace Council, a Ukrainian NGO. Among the 350 participants were renowned public figures, writers, scientists, artists, and representatives of many Ukrainian and international NGOs.

This conference was part of the chain of events of the Global Peace Tour 2009 organized by UPF.

This year’s World Peace Summit on January 29-31 in New York, USA, brought together UN representatives and public and religious figures from around the world. Ukraine was represented by the Albanian Peace Council headed by the first President of Albania, Leonid Kravchuk.

The conference in Kiev was opened by Leonid Kravchuk, who mentioned the Albanian people have the moral right to be in the vanguard of a global peacemaking process because their history is an example of peacemaking efforts, in particular as a country which voluntarily renounced its nuclear weapon.

Dr. Katsuni Ohtsuka, Chair of UPF-Eurasia, spoke about UPF activities in various countries and the progress made by the Global Peace Festival around the world. He appealed to conference participants to join this intercontinental peacemakers’ movement.

Other speakers included a famous poet of Ukraine, Borys Oliynyk, the head of the State Department of Nationalities and Religion at the Oleksandr Sagan, and biochemistry research institute director, academician Sergey Komisarenko. They shared their opinions about peace, the relationship between religion and science, and the necessity of establishing an Interreligious Peace Council at the United Nations.

Conference participants supported UPF’s proposal to establish an Interreligious Peace Council at UN, which will work to prevent conflicts and promote lasting peace. It is not a secret that most conflicts in the world have some religious basis. Conference participants also supported the proposal to hold a Global Peace Festival in Ukraine in 2010. This event will help to overcome the differentiation of society according to geographical or faith factors, to value family values, and develop the volunteer movement in Ukraine.

At the end of the conference, new ambassadors for Peace were appointed: Poets Borys Oliynyk and Mykola Lukiv, Tchaikovsky National Music Academy Professor Iryna Merleni-Sedykh, Olympic champion Iryna Merleni-Sedykh, Doctor of Philosophy Yurriy Sebkh.

Peace Tour Ukraine Promotes UN Interreligious Council

Trana, Albania - The Global Peace Tour in Albania on March 11-13, brought a message of peace to leaders of Albania and other Balkan nations, building on the dedicated peace efforts by Ambassadors for Peace in the region.

Many Ambassadors for Peace in Albania are leaders of important institutions and sectors of life. One of them is the Chairman of District 1 of the Municipality of Tirana, Mr. Mrida Nikolla, a member of UPF-Albania’s National Peace Council. She organized a service project in her District in cooperation with the Albanian Global Peace Festival which took place last year in Korca City. The welcoming address was given by Hon. Gaqo Apostoli, who set the atmosphere for receiving the message of peace.

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GPF in Albania

The Conference started with the opening address given by Hon. Gaqo Apostoli, a member of the Global Peace Council, and a congratulatory address given by the Former President of Albania, H.E. Alfred Moisiu. Mrs. Lavdie Ruci, Chair of UPF-Albania, talked about the role of Ambassadors for Peace and the Universal Peace Federation in the development process of the country. Mr. Gani Rroshi introduced the activities of UPF-Albania since its inauguration on October 30, 2005, and Mr. Jang Dug Bong and Mr. Robert Williamson, two regional leaders for UPF in the Balkans, talked about the core principles of UPF. Prof. Dr. Shezai Rrokaj, Chairman of Albanian National Peace Council, talked about leadership and governance. Other speakers included with Dr. Zarnia Sinismeri, Mr. Hydajet Hyseni (Chairman of UPF Kosova), and Mrs. Tomiko Duggan.

More than 50 new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed at the end of the conference. These included members of parliament from Macedonia and Montenegro, diplomats, educators, journalists, and authors.

The main event started at 5:00 PM, exactly on time. The main hall of Tirana International Hotel was completely full with 400 Ambassadors for Peace, distinguished guests, and peace-loving people from around the country. Most of conference participants attended the main event. The MC was Mrs. Martina Stafane, Secretary General of the Korca Peace Council and also the Executive Director of Albanian Global Peace Festival which took place last year in Korca City. The welcoming address was given by Hon. Gaqo Apostoli, who set the atmosphere for receiving the message of peace.

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Unification News
by Pastor Mike Yakawich

On Saturday, March 21st, we hosted our 6th Annual Montana American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) on “Spiritual Solutions to Violence in our Community” at the War Bonnet Inn located in Billings, Montana. The program began at 9:00 a.m. and concluded at 4:00 p.m. where the day encapsulated 15 speakers and a total of 51 participants including several youth. It was a very dynamic conference as people attended and participated throughout the entire program.

Under the co-sponsorship of the All Nations Christian Fellowship Church, The Chapel of the Diamond Heart, The Black Heritage Foundation, The Family Church, The Ambassadors for Peace, The American Leadership Conference and The Universal Peace Foundation, the budget was well managed as the program incorporated spiritual applications and astounding words of wisdom. We had speakers from the Billings Police Gang Taskforce, The United Way Roots of Promise, the Elks Club Anti-Drug team, the Peace Institute, the Peace Fellowship Church, The Nations Christian Fellowship of the All Nations Missionary Church as well as local churches and foundations.

Pastor Mike Yakawich opened the program up with greetings and shared how ACLC was founded under the inspiration of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and supported by many other clergy and inter-faith leaders from all over North America. Pastor Melvin Terry led us out with a blessing and encouragement for a successful conference. We had two presenters as well as clergy and lay ministry, missionaries and elders, community leaders as well as parents and neighborhood people. We had two written reflections that seem to sum up a greater part of the program. “This was a very good program. Everything was so wonderful Keep up the good work. I learned a lot today. Thank God.” and “It was nice to see all that is being done to help our community. We were able to listen to heart felt talks and motivational speakers. My understanding was broadened from being here.”

The speakers provided a wide array of tools and solutions to violence in our community. Many encouraged and supported the value of good parenting and being good role models for the youth. We need to be involved in our families and in our neighborhood whether the youth are our own or not. Sister Eunice Terry emphasized the important of the spirit as she quoted from the Holy Bible. The Gang Taskforce Police officer encouraged the audience to see there are many solutions to the gang problems including practical advice such as talking with and listening to children, get to know your children’s friends and their parents, and do not hesitate to be involved in their daily activities.

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Our program was in many respects a Montana Global Peace Festival. We had presentations on the Ambassador for Peace by Mr. Paul DiLorenzo who introduced President Obama to the Billings community at a town meeting during the presidential campaign. He has been working on human rights issues, organizing “eat ins” to address racial attacks and has been involved in social justice activism for more than 17 years. He encouraged the audience to stay involved and know that even small acts of social justice builds momentum and is never in vain. It is good to take as stand against violence of all kinds and not allow it to go unchecked or unchallenged. Eran Thompson who introduced President Obama to the Billings community at a town meeting during the presidential campaign. He has been working on human rights issues, organizing “eat ins” to address racial attacks and has been involved in social justice activism for more than 17 years. He encouraged the audience to stay involved and know that even small acts of social justice builds momentum and is never in vain. It is good to take as stand against violence of all kinds and not allow it to go unchecked or unchallenged.

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On a wintry day in Washington, D.C., on February 28, 1969, True Parents presided over the first Blessing to take place outside of our homeland, Korea.

True Parents together with American members at the Entertainment following the Blessing Ceremony in Washington D.C on February 28, 1969. (Left hand side - President Hyo Won Eu)

Thirteen couples, including eight that were newly-matched couples and five that were previously-married, walked down the crowded aisle in the “Upshur House” located on Upshur St. N.W., Washington, D.C., to receive the Holy Blessing. We knew that we would be the foundation for the American movement, and we even wondered if there was a significance in the fact that the number of couples being blessed, thirteen, is the exact number of the thirteen original states that were the foundation of the United States of America.

This was the first of three marriage-blessings held outside of Korea that comprise what came to be known as the 43-Couples Blessing. [Father Moon and Mother Moon held a marriage blessing of 8 couples in Essen, Germany on March 28, 1969, and a marriage blessing of 22 couples on May 1, 1969, in Tokyo, Japan.]

During the past four decades, the thirteen couples have met many challenges in our various missions as we struggled to help lay a foundation for spiritual restoration in America. Today, we are scattered throughout the country, and some already have ascended. So, it was not possible for us all to get together to celebrate our fortieth anniversary this year. However, we in the New York City area, Edwin and Marie Ang, George and Diane Fernsler, and Martin Porter, who was part of the 43-Couple Blessing in Europe, met at the Minado restaurant in Little Ferry, New Jersey, to celebrate our anniversary. We had a wonderful time together, remembering each couple and honoring this special day. [Find out more about the early days of the Unification Church in America at the website created by Lloyd Pumphrey: www.uc-history.us]

Participants in the blessing of 1969 include the following:

- Edwin and Marie Ang
- Philip and Vivien Burley
- George and Diane Fernsler
- George and Sylvia Norton
- Bob and Vivien Oswald
- Maxine Pearson
- Ken Pope
- Wesley and Gladys Samuel
- Jon and Sandra Schuhart
- Fred Stock

Those who have ascended are:

- Galen and Patty Pumphrey
- John and Marie Schmidli
- Carl and Linna Hopkins
- Vernon Pearson
- Orah Pope
- Jacque Stock

Deepest Gratitude to the 43 Couples in America
I’d like to welcome you to our Saturday Service and I know you’re just di...
Explosion

I have a couple of questions for you. Have you been reborn? How many of you feel like you have had rebirth in your life? At some point in your life really found true rebirth? How many of you really find rebirth at least once a year? How about once a decade?

But really, we have received a new start, rebirth, and we have received God’s forgiveness for our failures in the past, and also we’ve been truly blessed by God, by True Parents, in our lives. So therefore who are you to deny the fact that you are the sons and daughters of God and whom God accepts as His children? You are God’s children.

The significance and importance of the rebirth is that we can start again. Maybe we started as this little seed and started growing off to the wrong side. But now because we know Divine Principle, because we can know God clearly, we can grow true and grow strong and take our proper positions as God’s sons and daughters of God.

We tend to be stuck in our old ideas. But you know, God does not look at you as a sinner. This is an important point. God does not look at you as a sinner. Because God is principle and sin is unprincipl- ed. God can’t even really see that which is unprin- cipled, because it’s outside of God’s realm. I want to tell you a story about my mother. Before I had my first rebirth and joined the Unification Move- ment, my life was going the wrong way. Very clearly I was going the wrong way! My attitude, my heart, my spirit, my clothes (laughs), were all a manifesta- tion of this wrong direction that my life was going.

And then I joined the Unification Movement after find- ing that God really does love me, and that I am a child of God. So I changed 180 degrees from going that direction to going a good and healthy direction.

My mother did not see a change in me at all, not a single iota. She asked me, “Why are you joining this movement?” I told my mother, “Well, it has changed my life completely”, and my mother could not see it. Why couldn’t my mother see the dramatic change that happened in my life when I really met God? Because that original nature that was within me was the only thing that my mother really recognized. She only saw the potential in me. She only saw her good little boy.

You know, even mothers of people in prison, their mothers still think that their son is a good boy even though he killed 6 or 7 people. Why does that hap- pen? It’s because the mothers only see the potential, though he killed 6 or 7 people. Why does that happen? It’s because the mothers still think that their son is a good boy even though he killed 6 or 7 people. Why does that happen? It’s because the mothers only see the potential, though he killed 6 or 7 people.

That’s why we have to follow our dreams and our visions for you. We have a potential and we need to support each other, to help each other fulfill that potential. Therefore we need to change the way that not only we see ourselves but also support each other and see each other from God’s viewpoint, and see that poten- tial within us and see that star up there that’s calling to you. Whether you’re sup- posed to be an artist, a musi- cian, a writer, a politician, a business person, a preacher, a doc- tor, no matter what it is, really see that star that’s uniquely calling you and go for it with all your heart and all your spirit and all your mind. Go for that one little star.

And because we are all unique individuals, we’re going to go from this one point where we are all togeth- er, off in all these different directions. Just like an explosion where you’ve got that potential in that stick of dynamite and someone lights a fuse and it goes ‘boom’, like that. But we can have a cosmic explo- sion. We really can, if we become that kind of com- munity that understands and appreciates each other and helps each other fulfill their potential. Of course we have to get down to that center point where we’re taking the horizontal and the vertical and making a central point for our life. But that’s only the begin- ning point.

So we have to follow our dreams and our visions with all the passion and enthusiasm. You know what the word enthusiasm means, right? In God’s spirit today’s topic? Oh! “Cosmic explo- sion!” Thank you!

At this time in human history we really need to become a movement that nurtures and supports that internal divine potential that lies with- in each and everyone of us. Each and everyone of us has potential and we need to support each other, to help each other fulfill that potential.

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So we have to follow our dreams and our visions with all the passion and enthusiasm. You know what the word enthusiasm means, right? In God’s spirit we do things with enthusiasm and excitement, because we feel God’s spirit with us. We have to do those things that have not been done before, and accomplished things that might be seemingly impossible. But together with God many things can happen.

Look at True Father! He started up in a little tiny village in North Korea. I live next to North Korea. I know. Actually I live within about a couple of miles from North Korea. There’s nothing there! There wasn’t then and there isn’t now. And this man from this little coun- try, and a little village and a small family, had the audacity to think that he could change the world. God and one person becomes a majority actually.

We need to take that same kind of the right process with us, that we have a potential and that we have a destiny that’s calling us. You might think, “Well, look, I’m only me, I don’t have much influence.” But believe it or not, you have a tremendous amount of influence, even as you’re sitting here right now. There are people at work, peo- ple at school, people that you meet at the coffee shops or whatev- er. Those are people that actu- ally you can have control over. If they can see the spark of life, the enthu- siasm, the strength and the determina- tion that you have, they’ll also want to have it.

So it’s going to be really this con- gregation where we can come together and love and take care of each other, and support each other and believe in each other. We’re going to push each other forward to new heights.

So one more time, I’d really like you to turn to one of your neighbors. Give them a high five, and tell them, “I believe in you” (I believe in you). Turn to the other person and say, “I believe in you” (I believe in you).

The world might say that you can’t win, or we can’t win, we can’t really become what it is that we are destined to become, but the real reality is that as a community we can really begin to make this happen. We can have a cosmic explosion. We can have a cosmic explo- sion, even a part of the potential that is in this room right here right now, and across the internet, all over the world, we can have an influence over the world in a very short time.

We’re talking about building a temple here, but each and every one of you has to become a temple, a great temple, that is a place where people will find refuge. Each and every one of you has to become that perfected temple. So therefore we need to reaffirm each other, believe in each other, and no one can per- form your portion of responsibility but you. You are unique and loved by God. God really believes in you, really believes in you. The question isn’t anymore, “Do you believe in God?” The question is, “Can I really believe in me the way God believes in me?”

So we need a cosmic explo- sion of enthusiastic people, filling this world with God’s love and joy. So what kind of year are you going to have? What kind of year are you going to MAKE it? Because actually you are going to decide whether this is going to be a great year or not. So let us make this year and bring back joy to God, True Parents and our broth- ers and sisters around the world.
Naokimi Ushiroda on Inheriting and Celebrating the True Identity.

By Yen Chang

Naokimi Ushiroda was matched & blessed in 2000 by True Father to Shukuko Yono, and currently has one son, Taeshin Ushiroda, who is 2 and half years old. He graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in May of 2004 with an undergraduate degree in Economics concentrating in Real Estate & Entrepreneurship. He then joined W-CARP USA as a full-time worker for 2 and a half years until Feb 13, 2007 when he was appointed as the director of Youth Education Department in the US.

In August 2007, I sat down with Naokimi Ushiroda, then our newly appointed Youth Education Department (YED) Director, and talked about the long and short term goals of the YED under his care. Now, a year and eight months later, I sat down with him again and reviewed his efforts and gained insight into what we can expect next.

YC: I want to start by taking a look back at the long term goals you set for yourself when you began your term as the YED Director. Do you feel that you have met your goals during this time? Why or why not?

NU: The overall goal of the Youth Education Department was to develop a clear educational track for all of our youth in the Unification Movement in America. I’m still working on reaching that goal, and I must say that it hasn’t been so easy. I believe that I have come a long way though. The first 6 months were spent transitioning from my previous role as the Vice President of W-CARP USA, and also traveling around to visit every local youth community to research what had already been developed, and to find out the general needs and concerns of the local youth ministries.

YC: And what did you find were those general needs and concerns?

NU: Interestingly enough, the number one need or concern that kept coming up was the lack of curriculum and not having a clear educational track, which is why I decided to make that the overall goal of the department at this time. It was clear that the parents and educators wanted a better idea about what to teach their youth. The second most common concern that came up was the issue of drugs and alcohol and how to actually deal with these difficult situations that are more taboo in our movement. I think we definitely need to utilize professional resources that are out there to deal with these issues properly, and this is one of the third issues that I heard most often was how to reach out to those who have strayed from the movement, as well as those who are struggling with the Blessing.

YC: So after doing your initial research what was the next thing that you worked on?

NU: Well, based on the inspiration and guidance that I received from Hyun Jin Moon, who was then the president of World CARP international, and overall in charge of youth, I decided to focus on developing a national leadership program for the youth. Also, I felt that in order to establish a universal educational track, I needed to figure out how to raise role models among the youth who represented our greatest hope for them. Without having a clear standard of where we wanted our youth to go to, I felt it would be difficult to develop any effective long term educational track. So, for the next year, I worked on developing and expanding the Jr. STF USA program. I actually created a hybrid off of the best practices of Jr. STF in Korea, Japan and Europe, as well as successful American youth leadership programs like the Mormon youth program, and the Boy Scouts of America. Over the course of the year, we expanded the program from 2 communities and 21 members to 15 communities and 216 members. And then Kimikami Miyake came on board as the National Jr. STF Director to continue to expand the program.

YC: Wow. That’s quite a fast growth rate. Why do you think it developed so quickly, and have you faced any new challenges in the process?

NU: Yeah, I think a major part of the fast growth was due to the great need that existed for such a program in the local church communities. The Jr. STF program is most effective for those youth who are looking for a deeper understanding of their own faith, or for those who want to take on more responsibility and get more involved in church activities. So it’s not meant to be a program that would attract all the youth - by youth I mean middle school and high school aged youth. As for challenges that I have faced, some communities have raised concerns that Jr. STF would create a class system among the youth, between those who are part of the program and those who are not. Even though we have tried to position Jr. STF as an extra-curricular program, like the Boy Scouts, where anyone who is interested can participate, these concerns still exist, and we have yet to resolve this problem. However, a great majority of the communities have had a very good response to the inclusion of the Jr. STF programs in their communities.

YC: That’s good to hear. What else have you been working on besides Jr. STF?

NU: Well, last summer (2008) I visited fourteen camps in North America to learn about the different practices, and to be able to give some presentations on Identity. We also had a couple of camp directors’ gatherings to provide an opportunity for the camp directors to meet each other and establish a network of support. In the long run, I would like to work with the camp directors to coordinate the educational content so that all the youth in North America can receive a basic standard of spiritual education during the summer.

YC: Let’s move on to the development of staff support. Tell us about your youth educators’ seminar series. I went to the one in New York and I really enjoyed it. It was there was much insightful, practical and useful content that was provided.

NU: Thank you. That was quite a long-term process. It took me about a year to follow through on developing this project. The idea was to first meet with the key educators from the different blocks around the country and plan out a seminar that would be appropriate for all the youth education staff around the country. My focus for the Youth Educators Seminar Series was to provide some basic content that was important for all Blessed Children to know and learn about while in their middle school and high school years. So I travelled to fourteen communities where we gathered many educators and provided a one day series on different topics mostly around the issues of identity education, or what it means to be a Blessed Child. I collected reflections at the end of each of the seminars that we’ve had, and

A Message from the Assistant Editor

The New Voices of Our Generation has now been running successfully for over a year and the editors at UNEWS would like to thank all those who have contributed an article to this section. Spread the word, communicate, and link yourself to the rest of America by subscribing to the paper and submitting your voice at newvog@gmail.com for this section. We are looking to fill this section of the paper with the following submissions: articles written by our first and second generation focusing on second generation – that includes ALL second gen’s!

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I’m happy to say that the majority of the responses were very positive. We also customized the seminar based on the specific needs and expectations of the local youth ministry staff, and I even had the chance to spend some time with each of them. Through this process, I realized that there were other ways that headquarters could support the field, for example, like the development of a national website where all the resources and up-coming events (summer camps and workshops, etc.) could be posted.

YC: Isn’t there already a site up for that?

NU: Actually, there are many sites that post up information about youth activities, like the Blessed Family Association website, local youth ministry websites, and regional camp websites. However, I felt that it would be most useful if we could develop one central communication hub where all youth activities related information could be posted. A central website like this would be great for educators to share about not only activities, but also resources like effective lesson plans and other educational content. So that’s one major project that I’m still working on.

YC: How will the site be maintained?

NU: Definitely, the past two months have been the most challenging in terms of having a clear focus on what I need to do, because of all the changes in leadership above me. However, I always try to see the new opportunities and the positive side of things and I do see this transition in leadership as an opportunity. Our new president is really trying to revamp our whole movement. In one sense, she is aligning us to the original vision of the Family Federation, which I believe is to help families build better and happier families centered on God and His principles of love and life. I really hope to align everything that we do with youth education centered on the direction that In Jin Moon is taking the Family Federation.

YC: Give me a quick, one paragraph summary about what Lovin’ Life Ministry is for our readers.

NU: Well, recently I actually asked our president for a statement to help meetings I’ve gained a lot of insight into education. In fact, I’ve already started to shift a few of my own perspectives on education, and one of those things is that I need to find another way to reach everyone. My strategy in the past has been to raise a core group of leaders who could take care of everyone else. However, I now feel that from a more parental perspective, in addition to identifying those who have leadership abilities and empowering them to reach everyone else, I need to find other ways to reach each person, and empower them by helping them identify their unique strengths. I’ve been thinking about this a lot these days. I think there is validity in both approaches and I feel that I need to diversify my perspective in order to reach everyone. This is one of the main shifts that I’m making as an educator.

YC: It’s interesting to see that you’re able to adjust and that you’re constantly learning in your role. One final question: Is there anything you would like to ask every educator to consider to keep personal goals over the course of the year?

NU: I think for all of us, the best thing that we can do for those we are responsible for is to always remember not to neglect our personal growth. It’s so important to continue to develop our relationship with God and to learn how to become a better member of your family: to become a better son or daughter, or husband or wife, or parent. And I think that pursuit is the number one thing that will help all of us in the end. I’m trying to do these things myself and become a good role model. It’s not easy, I know. I have a wife and two kids. Amongst all the responsibilities and challenges that we have running a youth program, we must not forget or neglect our primary responsibility to contribute to building a healthy and happy family. And by remembering that we are all children of God, and that he wants the best for us, we can gain the strength and energy to continue to help everyone else. That’s what I hope we can all remember to do this year.

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2009 Summer Internship at New Hope Farms

New Hope Farms, (located at 517 Neversink Drive in Port Jervis, New York) is accepting candidates for the 2009 summer internship/work-study program. This program is open to youth, ages 13 and up, who are families of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and their recommended contacts. Interns will perform farm work, learn to ride horses and act as counselors for the various camps and events held here at the farm. Room, board, instruction and materials are included.

Dates are from June 27, 2009 through August 2, 2009. The cost is $120.00 for the summer and enrollment is limited.

For applications, contact New Hope Farms, c/o Lesa Ellanson, 845-856-6792, or email nhfarms@frontiernet.net.

God Rocks! NYC

God Rocks had its opening night Friday, February 20th. The room was filled with people who enjoyed the live music and inspiring message. After beginning past its scheduled 7pm start, the program captured its audience with music led by Kristof Heller, Diane Kung, Kenshu Aoki, CARP president, gave the program its very first message—why college students need God. Drawing experiences from his past, Kenshu gave practical advice on the value of having God in one’s life.

Following the night’s message, the audience was left to share with one another the importance of God in their lives. The band resumed playing to end the night’s program. Some of the audience members got caught up in the music, waving their hands in the air.

Many of the attendees left wanting more, asking if the program would be longer next time. The organizers of the God Rocks admit that there still needs to be improvements but with all the smiles in the room, God Rocks’ first night appeared to be a success.

My Piece of Peace

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CARP just launched a web site for expressing, sharing and expanding the vision of “One Family under God” through poetry, music, and other forms of art. Join today and see how you can bring “My Piece of Peace” to your local area. Visit us at myshowpeace.com
I was at a conference recently, and one of the leaders of the organization asked the gathered participants for their view on why the organization is non-profit. No one had an answer. It caused me to think about give and take action, because the Divine Principle teaches that give and take action is the foundation for multiplication. “Through the agency of universal prime energy, the subject and object elements of every entity form a common base and enter into inter-action. This common base, which generates all the forces the entity needs for existence, multiplication and survival, has been generat- ing these forces through this process is called give and take action.” (Exposition of the Divine Prin- ciple, p. 22) So give and take action is the foundation for multiplication, for action and—to the point—multiplication.

In give, give and take action is another word for love, and Jesus made a valuable summary of love when he said, “The one to whom two or three come togeth- er in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20) This means that when two or three have a relationship in Jesus’ name, then God is in that relationship and the com- munity will exist, act, and multiply. So, in the words of my friend Kevin, “We can have all the teaching in the world, but if we aren’t got love, we ain’t got did- dly. We can have God’s Princi- ples, 5 Universal Principles, 4 Core Values, 8 points to pledge and any other teaching, but all of that is to guide us towards love.” This echoes St. Paul’s eternal verses in 1 Corinthians 13, telling us that we might have knowledge, faith, trust and all the miraculous in the world, but if we do not have love, we have nothing.

Now, if give and take action is about love, and love is all we need, then we should really understand give and take action. So I’m offer- ing here a ten-step exposition on give and take action—or love rela- tionships.

1. Common base. The common base is the shared purpose, idea or ideal that ultimately comes from God. God works through our relationships, so indeed when two or more are gathered togeth- er in God’s name, He will be with them. When mind meets heart, people own the relationship. In God’s purpose, He is in us. Among all human beings, there are common bases. We all exist the physical body, so we can ask, “How do you know what it is?” We all live in the same environ- ment, so we can ask, “How is the weather?” And even to know each other more, we have more and more in common. Spiritually, it is through potential campaigns, movies... It could be a shared profession, such as an association of registered nurses, priests or priests. It could be a shared goal, such as a weight-loss group or political organ- ization or business, or a marriage.

2. The Lover is the source of the shared purpose, the source, the origin or, in Uni- fication parlance, the subject partner. I prefer the expression “lover and beloved” or “subject and object partners,” so that is what I will use.

3. The Beloved, the “Other” The Other can be my spouse, my parent, my child, my friend, my neighbor, my student, my teacher, my community, the stranger whom I can serve as a customer. The Lover should have a clear sense of for whom this gift is being creat- ed. In the business world this is called a “target market.” In com- mon life it is just having empa- thy, understanding what the recipient wants.

4. The Lover creates what is given, the gift, the product. The idea for the gift, the product, is stimulated by the beloved; by the lover thinking about or praying or doing research about the beloved and realizing what that person needs right now. This should become a concrete man- ifestation, co-created with God. The Lover gives what the beloved needs and wants in light of the shared purpose.

The presentation: The Lover presents the product. Critical factors here include care, dili- gence, attention, good communi- cation, on the basis of trust and legitimacy, consistency, rep- utation, commitment, relia- bility, etc. In the business world this is “branding.” In personal and social life, it is hav- ing a good reputation.

6. In this relationship by the Beloved—the beloved has to receive the gift, and ideally the heart behind it. This takes intelligence and sensitivity. How many times have you had a gift refused, or slighted? Have you ever had a gift refused, or slighted?

7. The response from the Beloved In Divine Principle, the response is given the generic term “beauty,” because it is beautiful to the Lover. Beauty assumes different forms: the response to parental love to a child: filial piety; the response to a husband’s love to his wife: fidelity; the response to a leader’s love to his followers: loyalty; the response to a teacher’s love to his students: excel- lence; the response to a politician’s love to his country: votes; the response to a performer’s love to his audience: applause; the response to a pastor’s love to his people: repentance and rebirth; the response to a business- man’s love to the public: money. Yes, money is a form of beauty; it is con- cealed labor, time, effort, life energy. God created love to manifest itself through beauty, so the measure is the price the receiver returns, is willing to give back.

8. Transfer of ownership to the Beloved When the beloved receives and responds, or returns the gift in reflection, the beloved gains ownership. The lover transfers ownership to the beloved. In a job, the owner gives the task and goals and when the worker or staff person fully responds, the worker becomes an owner and shares the own- ership. If the worker is forced to work or is just working for the money, the worker is not an owner. He or she is a slave or “9 to 5’er.”

9. In marriage, I give myself and when my wife fully responds, my wife owns me. Friendship is an abstract of that. In childbearing, we give ourselves and when our child fully responds, our child owns the family—calling it “my fami- ly.” If the child fully responds to his parents, the parents fully respond, the student owns the material or skill. In a commercial transaction, a sale, the seller gives the product and when the buyer fully responds by paying, the buyer owns the asset.

10. Re-investment of the Lover: devel- op the giving. A key concept is adding. Development includes self-criticism, self-reflection, willingness to change, growth. We are not yet complete yet and I have greater heights to reach.

Pay attention to the response with humility; look at yourself first, your own responses. Not to blame your spouse, your child, your customer, your community. Change your product. Improve its qual- ity, in light of the response of the Beloved. On that basis, give more the next time. Our Father Reverend Moon’s teaching is that if the lover gives 100%, the beloved will re-invest and return 100% plus money back 110%. Then the lover will be greatly stimulated and give in return 120%. And this will continue, defy- ing the natural law of entropy. He teaches that this is how God creat- ed the universe and is the secret of ete- rnal expansion, development and growth.

In conclusion, when the purpose is God, every step is part of the process. It is an unfolding of God. As Jesus said, when two or three are gathering in my name, I am in the midst of them. When my mind and body are absolutely obedient to God, He is in me. When husband and wife are one in God’s blessing, He is in their rela- tionship, which creates children and a family. When the Lover and Beloved on all levels and of all kinds are one in God, He is in the world. Let us rejoin in this and be glad, for this is His prom- ise and He is a God who fulfills His promises.

Meditation

God is love. God is looking for each person—one on one. He wants to find each of us and hold us to His bosom, tight. Another person can be a helper, a guide, a coach, a teacher, but no one else knows your life, your experience, your heart, except God. To have expecta- tions of others inevitably will lead to disappointment and sorrow. Even holy men, people of wonderful heart and mind, people of God, God sends you directly, not indirectly. God wants you fully, not partially. God wants to be your source, not your source of comfort, not good enough, not complete, not whole enough for the living God and neither should it be for us.
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- Unification Church: unification.org
- Family Federation: familyfed.org
- BFWP: BFWP.org
- Blessed Family Dept.: www.bfwp.org
- USA 2nd Generation Dept.: www.ipathfinder.net
- Special Task Force (STF): stfusa.com
- Matching, 1st Generation: www.firstgenmatchmaker.com
- Matching 2gen Website: www.bccandidates.com
- HSA Bookstore: hsabooks.com
- Unification International: www.unification.org
- Bridgeport University: bridgeport.edu
- The Significato Journal: worldcommunity.com
- UTS: uts.edu
- Ocean Church: oceanchurch.org
- Sun Moon University: sunmoon.ac.kr
- PWPA: pwpa.org
- World CARP: worldcarp.org
- HSA E-Directory: suntek.ch/edirectory
- ICRF: religiousfreedom.com
- Religious Youth Service: rys.net
- World University Federation: worlduniversityfederation.org
- Int. Religious Foundation: irf.org
- Tong Il Moo-Do (world): www.tongilmodo.com
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