A few years back, UTS opened its doors to the community with their first ever Spring Festival of their own, inviting families from the surrounding Barrytown and Red Hook community to bring their children for games and sports and just plain fun. I remember watching an intense soccer match between UTS students and a college team from one of the college’s in the area. It was so great. There were kids ten years old and up there and adult couples coming in and hanging around with us. UTS had its spring festival a month before Belvedere’s Annual Spring Fest so I had expected much of the same. A few days before the Spring Fest, I told some friends that I was excited to see Belvedere open its doors to the surrounding area. It was so great.
Good morning, everybody. Happy Day of All Things. I'm very happy to see you here on this beautiful Belvedere Estate. It reminds me of the good old days of the 1970s, when we had many of our church celebrations here together with our True Parents. We thought, 'Why not bring back a little bit of that happy memory?' Many of you have kids, so why not celebrate together with our families here on this gorgeous day? I don't want to take too much of our time because today really should be a day of celebration, with festivities and activities. But I want to lack off this wonderful day by thanking our Heavenly Parents, truly thanking our True Parents and thanking everybody here who could make it so that we can celebrate together as one family and remember that we are so blessed to be living at this time when we can walk, breathe, and even dance with our True Parents.

It's not every day that we have True Parents with us here while we are alive, so compared with the millions who have come before and the millions who will come after, we are truly in a blessed situation. Today is supposed to be a 'day of all things.' What are we celebrating today? God's creation. When you look around you at the beautiful trees and see the ground you're sitting on and the flowers that are blooming, you realize that you can experience a bit of the divine, of His eternal power and His eternal grace in the beauty and the majesty of things around us. When I look at creation, the beautiful sky and the majestic trees for example, I'm always astounded at how much love and detail God put in each tiny single leaf or each blade of grass. There's so much care and so much beauty in the intricacies that make up this beautiful picture that many of us experience every day. I'm always reminded that God, as omniscient, as omnipresent as he may be, he too, just like us, needed love. He wanted to experience love. So the reason why he created the universe and his first son and daughter, Adam and Eve, was so that he could realize this love. Our True Parents have come as the first perfected Adam and perfected Eve, venturing into this dangerous territory of creating ideal families. I'm sure all of you are in the process living with and dealing with all the things that come with a family. I'm always reminded that I really need to be truly grateful for this chance to develop and grow these incredible human beings who are my children. All of you are on this path and have the blessing of raising such a wonderful family.

So as we enjoy this day and as we remember God in the beauty and majesty of his creation, I would like to remind everyone that you are truly loved and you are truly blessed. So we need to walk away from this day not just realizing the things that maybe we took for granted but also realizing that everything that God touched has his signature and His signature is a signature of true love.

Each family is God's incredible creation, and all the beautiful children you have through you are really God's handwork. All of your children are so special and so talented. As I went around the country and got to know lots of them by name, I realized even more how incredible and gifted these children are.

We as loving parents and a loving community need to do our part in nurturing and educating the young people of our movement, because they are our future, in understanding the concept of gratitude. We need to guide them to understand it not just intellectually; we must help them practice gratitude in their daily life by starting with the simple things, like cleaning up their room, taking care of their things, honoring their parents. Truly our community is great because we have the best of the East and the best of the West. I know that in many Eastern countries you're not supposed to directly address your parents, or even hope for a conversation. But because of the Western members that have come into our community, conversation is very much encouraged; maybe our Eastern brothers and sisters can learn from that.

But also Western brothers and sisters can learn the importance of honor, duty, and respect from our Asian brothers and sisters. Embrace within your own family this mixture of understanding and conversation, along with the vertical, which emphasizes the importance of duty, honor and respect for an elder. This means that you don't call your mother by her first name. You call your Mother, you call her Omma, or whatever is appropriate in your language. But honor her, and you honor your father. This can be seen in the way you treat them, the way you greet them. It's not just 'Hi, Mom.' "Good bye," Mom, "Thanks, Mom." It's "Thank you. Mother. Thank you for taking care of us, for loving us." It's the simple show of gratitude, through various attitudes that we can express to...
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one another, that can create an incred-
ible environment in a family. It’s these
little things that make the world of dif-
ference.

Just as the trees are growing in this
beautiful estate, as we grow and
become more majestic each day, let
us not forget to be humble before
our Heavenly Parent; let us not forget to be humble
before our ancestors and our parents.

If you are as majestic and as
handsome and beautiful as you think you are, you are
likely Father and your parents to
thank.

I truly hope that we as a community can be a joyous com-
munity, truly enjoying each other’s company and not suf-
ferring under the weight of the prov-
idence or providential time
limits. Let’s take a moment on this
day to realize what God has already given us. And if you
take this moment to realize what
God has given you through your children, you’re going to realize
that you are the luckiest man or luckiest woman living.

Brothers and sisters, as our
church grows and as we move
on from the First to the Second and
now to the Third Generation, I want to remind you of the story
in Luke 5:3, when Jesus came
upon the Sea of Galilee and said
In this simple conversation, when I give them
a cursory overview of the Principle and
a simple understanding of what True Parents are all about, they really
got excited. The concept of creating a gen-
eration of peace is something that they
have dreamt about.

Many times I think when we as the
Second Generation look at our parents
and the way things have been done, we
think, “Oh, it’s not too exciting.” We have
to be careful, as the Second Generation,
to not throw the baby out with the bath-
tub. There are many wonderful things
that our First Generation have done. Now
the only thing we need to do as the Sec-
ond Generation and the Third Genera-
tion is to build upon that and take our
movement to a whole new level.

Just the other day in Times Square I
saw something really funny. A huge plac-
ard asked the question “What’s your
cult?” So the young people are asking
each other, “What’s your cult?” I thought
I’d never see the day when such a ques-
tion would ever be asked because we were
including a cult so many times and it was
such a negative word. But look at
when the young kids are doing! They’re tak-
ning a negative word and putting a new
spin on it, making the negative actual-
ly cool.

I feel as if the time is right to take
the universal energy that’s moving through
all of us because God is working through
all of us each day and every day. We just
need to take a moment and breathe, inhaling
and exhaling, to realize that we’re breath-
ing in God every day.

As difficult as our lives may be, God,
is giving us these succeeding generations,
saying, “Come on brothers and sis-
ters, you’ve got to finish the race.
You can’t quit before the finish
line. After the finish line, not
only are you just done for the
day but we’re going to cele-
brate each other and cele-
brate God for the next mil-
lenium.”

A lot of interesting things are
happening that I wish I had
time to share with all of
you. But I feel the sense of
something changing in my profes-
sion, the entertainment world. I feel God is working
his great mystery every
day. God is working this magic
together of each one of you and
believing in each other by recognizing God
for giving us this incredible
thing called life.

Part of the reason I think a song
called “Never Too Late”
might be worth thinking about
is that in Asia, especially
in Korea, there is the biggest problem
for young people is suicide.
People are simply giving up. Many of them are thinking
suicide because of a bro-
ken heart, because they feel
there’s nothing left for them
without love, what’s the point in
life?

But True Parents are here, brothers
and sisters. They have come to tell us
that the divine is within us, that God
lives within us. And we as sons and
daugers of God need only to practice
a grateful attitude, truly appreciating
that the glass is half full, not half empty.

As I come
of the Second Generation is going to come
and realize that God never left us. If any-
thing, we are the ones who have turned
away from God. So brothers and sisters, happy Day
of All Things. I hope you can celebrate
this day together with your family.
Young people, truly honor your parents
and your elders. I’m in your group, brothers
and sisters. We can take great pride in
invigorating a generation of youth
that is coming up right behind us and real-
ly is going to take our movement to the
next level.

A rocket blasts off in three stages. The
First Generation is like that initial, bra-
tal, aggressive blast that takes the rock-
et up only a mile. But, Second Genera-
tion, what are we going to be going
to extend the trajectory from the First
Generation, but we’re going to go faster
and more effectively, the rocket a
little bit more effectively. If the Second
Generation can do our part, then our kids
will come along and take the rocket to the
moon and back.

So God bless, have a great weekend,
and have a wonderful Day of All Things.
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ing community and instead of mutual exclamations of agreement, I was intrigued. What did I mean, opening its doors to the surrounding community? Why would the staff not consider this a great opportunity for the church to flourish into something lasting.

For one thing, Belvedere, Rock Church was the large blessing family community in comparison to the dwindling numbers I was experience back in Toronto, dwindling because people were moving away. The second thing was my observation how little credit the older generation gave themselves with regards to how much effort they had put in their children. This baffled me until I carefully see that the youth there generally appreciated the efforts and generally understood and forgave any shortcomings, as they themselves never considered themselves perfect either. On the whole, I really felt a lot of care and love and concern for each other in this community. These first impressions had me wondering what this community did to celebrate themselves.

Anyway, last year, I had planned on visiting my family in Toronto as I had gotten the chance to, enough time to visit with a friend on the grounds. We had decided to go on a walk. I suggested we walk through the grass and she agreed. Coming up the hill she pointed to several objects in the middle of the grass. Belvedere staff had placed plastic foxes around the grounds to scare off the geese in preparation for the Spring Fest. I was very much impressed as this was the first time I had seen this kind of thing. For me, the geese were just so large in number that I always felt the need to share their thoughts and feelings. They are included below. I would love to hear more feedback in specific about how things are progressing. If you would like to respond to me, please email me at revwogq@gmail.com.

I have very little editing done to them so please take it all in with a grain of salt. Once a year doesn’t seem to be enough to celebrate with each other. Perhaps, as things progress and we find ourselves braver, stronger and more able to see that we can carry out the many possibilities before us we can consider more ways throughout the year to celebrate who we are as blessed families in this nation. Winter Fest anyone?

Comments

The Spring Fest was a special event for the Day of All True Things. It was well organized, many activities, a great sermon by In Jin Nim, lots of food, a fun filled raffle, good music and wonderful memories for many of our 2nd generation children who will look forward to it next year. Our movement was long overdue for it. I can’t remember the last time we just gathered at Belvedere for a Holy Day celebration. I came to Belvedere 26 years ago on May 1, 1973. On the way down to Belvedere from New England I could share with my son many stories of the old days at Belvedere. I think at the end of the day he could understand the experience we went through with True Parents for many years.

Thanks for thinking of all of us.

Lovin Life Ministry is a great blessing.

Rev. Richard Buessing

It was really great event. And it was a beautiful hot day. I felt that Heaven’s Father, True Parents, and all ancestors were so happy, singing and dancing together with us. After my night shift was done, neither I nor my family (my husband, sons and daughters) and with another sister and her family joined with our family (my husband, sons and daughters) and with another sister and her family, we decided to go to Belvedere. My guest followed our car and also brought her sister in Osim- ing to the festivities. When we arrived, Belvedere’s beautiful green grass looked like a green carpet. We knew how much the grounds have grown.

Most of day I helped sell Chicken Teryaki rice with other Jacaranda family, we had nearly one hundred people to serve. There were a lot of food services. My whole family likes In Jin Nim’s Lovin Life Minist er very much. We usually teach children at Sunday School so he was only able to attend the third service at Manhattan. He was very so excited at the service; he felt as if he

So much fun. The Spring Fest was, I learned, how the members celebrate and enjoy being alive. Being with each other, being a community. My spirits were lifted by this event because unlike holy days and official celebrations, this event was pure fun for the blessed family community at all levels, to enjoy.

So, when this years Spring Fest began to roll around, I became all excited, expecting to have a similar experience. I was really happy to hear about all the fun the /njoy seeing all the riders and games made available for the children, and I was sad to hear that some children just never got around to enjoying the rides as there was just so much to do to make this event what it was. It was so great to see every inch of the grounds being used for games, sports, entertainment and vendors and not a single detail overlooked.

Like the grass. One notable difference was the lack of geese droppings on the grass. You laugh but when you’re spending nearly two to three or your weeknights and nearly every weekend at Belvedere for a year and being unable to sit on the grass or run around barefoot in it or lie down in it, all because of these droppings, one can only notice when miraculously, its no longer there! I had come the day before the big event to visit with a friend on the grounds. We had decided to go on a walk. I suggested we walk through the grass and she agreed. Coming up the hill she pointed to several objects in the middle of the grass. Belvedere staff had placed plastic foxes around the grounds to scare off the geese in preparation for the Spring Fest. I was very much impressed as this was the first time I had seen this kind of thing. For me, the geese were just so large in number that I always felt the need to share their thoughts and feelings. They are included below. I would love to hear more feedback in specific about how things are progressing. If you would like to respond to me, please email me at revwogq@gmail.com.

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had found a new way to live life. So he encouraged his students to go.

In the afternoon my guests they also came to the GPP in D.C. last summer with five family members, as well as to the APWP Banquet and to the WWFP events. She and her sister had surgery a month ago and afterwards were finally able to attend the Spanish Divine Principle Workshop in June, Mrs. Maria Gareano, brought her sister to meet us. They bought lots of food and raffle tickets. They enjoyed the music and met many beautiful members. My husband won the raffle twice. After he bought them, he left he would win win. He gave one 500 gift card to my guest.

I was totally tired physically. My guest kept saying, "Machiko, Thank you for inviting us.

Thank you for Heavenly Father, True Parents, and In Jin Nim!

Machiko Edwards

The Spring Fest was ok but honestly I expected much much more from it, which is probably why I feel a little down about it. I thought there was a huge success with the blowup games for the kids and the stands for the parents but I thought Spring Fest would be a much bigger deal than it actually was, that makes sense. I heard we were supposed to be expecting 2,000 plus people and I may have been the case but I literally visualized Belvedere being absolutely covered with blessed families from all over the East Coast and that simply just wasn't the case; even some people from our area didn't even show. It seemed as if the older 2nd gen/college aged kids just didn't care for the Spring Fest and I'm not sure why, which really troubles me. I think that sort of "I don't care" attitude really affected the experience for me, which led to an extremely lame first game. The whole idea of having a sports competition among the older kids is a fine idea it's just bottom line people didn't show up. Also I wish the game went on longer, although the weather might have affected the day.

A few years back we held a similar type event at Belvedere and when I did was the same thing in the beginning, like a morning service and fun and games in the afternoon, but then at 4 or 5 in the evening, instead of finishing the event completely, all of the little kids and parents would go home and the rest of the time until late evening was dedicated to the older 2nd gen my age, to have a chill time with each other. We rarely get that chance as we're all away at school. We had an open mic/concert type thing going on right on the field by Agora House, with a stage and everything, and we also had booths and games in the Agora House. That event overall I believe was much smaller than the Spring Fest, but there were definitely more kids and parents that day. I hope next year, more college aged kids will decide the Spring Fest is important to participate in.

So I guess in Andak O's perfect world, lol, we should keep that going but the morning service with a leader like In Jin Nim giving the sermon, and all those stands and booths that were perfect for the parents and little kids - only next year, let's all make the effort to help attendance and get all the older kids to show up. For me personally, I checked about the Spring Fest about 3 weeks prior to it occurring but I also knew a bunch of people that didn't hear about it until a week before. So I guess the rest of us need to pitch in and spread the word among our friends and help advertise the event so that people from all over the region get interested in coming. I like the timing of the event, Memorial Day weekend because by then all of the college aged kids have and have not much to do on the upcoming Monday so there shouldn't be much issue with people staying out late in New York, having a good time or possibly even winning out a fellow BC's house.

Andak Morris

Going down to the Love Life Ministries Spring Festival in Belvedere was a very refreshing experience. I really enjoy when there are huge gatherings because it gives us a chance to all hang out and catch up on good times.

The last time we had a huge gathering was the Block Party at UTS and I think we were way over due for another gathering. I saw a lot of people I hadn't seen in years and it was great to meet up and see how everyone was progressing in life.

The service was great. It was very well done and to the point. Not too short, not too long. What was really great, I think, was the music. I think the whole Love Life Ministries is great because it appeals more to a younger audience. It's more upbeat, a lot catchier, and just generally geared towards the new generation.

Sports were great. I longingly didn't want to make the 12 hour round trip just for a few hours of church and the possibility of sports. When I checked the weather online for Tarntown on the morning of the festival, I really didn't want to go. It called for rain and cloudy skies, in the 60's as well. When we got down there it was overcast but not raining. As service progressed it looked grimy and more promising and finally it was completely sunny. Seems like a lot of people of all ages were really enjoying the weather in our favor. Coincidence? I think not.

Even though I was incredibly tired from previous events that weekend I had a great time playing volleyball, soccer and some football. The second generation really love sports and it's great to get a great game going with people you haven't seen in quite some time. Even though it took about 2 days to recover from that incredibly energetic weekend and the whole day of traveling it was totally worth it.

I look forward to the next one.

Scott Odlin

I had a really wonderful time at the Spring Fest. My friends and I brought our violin and guitar from home. We played for fun, not as part of the entertainment lineup. It was a great addition to a really fun day. We played with some new friends we made, and I felt we were able to bring joy to some of the people who saw us jamming away before the service started.

Also, I was able to volunteer at one of the awesome booths they had for the kids, giving Kesha Kagawa and her husband Yong Lux Tokito a break after their long hours of hard work. I did the table with the really creative "Spin Art"

let out their creativity, watching them throw paint of all different colors around, like little Picassos! I loved seeing them have fun and really get my hands dirty! I was also right near the dunk tank! So I was really inspired to see Jin Sung Nim take on stage performing and inheriting her family she has raised! True Parents must be honored with pride when they see their legacy passed on in this way.

The festival was ok but honestly I expected much much more from it, which may have been the case but I literally visualized Belvedere being absolutely bigger than it actually was. I think Spring Fest would be a much better event if there are a huge variety of delicious foods as the sun smiled down on us all day. There were booths with a huge variety of delicious foods providing something for everybody's taste. After lunch there was time to relax with In Jin Nim and her family and listen to the many talented musicians perform. Scattered throughout the grounds there were activities for all ages, pony rides, bounce castles, burger pits, volleyball, and you even had a chance to dunk your pastor in a tank of cold water! Everyone was inspired to see Jin Sung Nim take a turn at being dunked. We were so blessed by In Jin Nim's family whole heartedly joining in and allowing us to feel so intimately connected and a part of their family.

This Springfest was a great start to the summer and I think it could be an annual celebration. Just as In Jin Nim said, True Parents got the rock-et blacktop, and both she and her family, along with our youth can quickly take it to higher and higher levels. I think we all look forward to another great event next year.

— Nikki Lassenmun

June 2009
New York, USA - More than 400 UN diplomats, Ambassadors, NGO representatives, and faith leaders gathered at the United Nations Headquarters May 18 to celebrate the UN International Day of Families, in an event organized by the Universal Peace Federation and sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Guinea, with additional sponsorship from the Permanent Missions of Ethiopia, Iraq, Nigeria, Qatar, Sudan, and the African Union.

The keynote guest address was given by Dr. Deepak Chopra. "We are literally members not only of the same breath, but of the same body," he said. "Every single one of us recycles our whole body with the rest of the universe every year. We are one with the world and with each other. The trees out there are your lungs. If they do not breathe, you do not breathe. The rivers are your circulation. There is no separation, only differentiation. We have confused the two."

Chopra quoted Albert Einstein’s statement that no problem will ever be solved in the level of consciousness that it was created. "Terms like the war on terrorism, the war on drugs, and the war on poverty, are metaphors of a violent mind, metaphors of a past that is over," he said. "We should no longer talk about survival of the fittest but survival of the wisest."

"Are you really interested in having peace in the world?" Chopra asked. "If you are, can you make a commitment to peace right now, here at the UN? Start with your family, and then let’s extend it. The whole world is my family. That is the message I want to give you at the United Nations today."

The UN celebration was also the opportunity for the UPF to report the contributions of its chapters around the world to the UN International Day of Families. Celebrations were held in over 55 cities in 22 nations, and more reports are coming in.

The audience was welcomed by H.E. U. Joy Ogwu, the Permanent Representative of Nigeria and the Chairperson of the event. "We are glad to welcome you to the United Nations as global citizens," she said. "The family is the fulcrum and the central point of society, and the UN tries to promote the incorporation of the family viewpoint into all sectors of society."

H.E. Nassir A. Al-Nasser from the Permanent Mission of Qatar emphasized the support that Qatar has given to the family, including hosting an international conference on the family in 2004 which resulted in the adoption of the Doha Declaration on the Family. He expressed his appreciation of the work and the accomplishments of UPF and cordially invited UPF officials to visit and cooperate in this area with different institutions in his respective country.

H.E. Dr. Abdelaziz Hegazy, the former Prime Minister of Egypt and Chairman of the General Federation of NGOs and Foundation said in a prepared message read by, Taj Hamad, the event convener, and Director of the office of UN and International, UPF, that the UN should work to establish a "code of conduct" for families that emphasized the importance of families in creating peace.

For this reason we ask civic society organizations, such as the UPF and other NGOs, to call for the establishment of a code of ethics and standards of good conduct for every family to follow, no matter where they are. The code will form the basis for a social and sacred covenant that highlights the rights and duties for the family and the individual.

Mr. Eric Olson of Focal Point and the United Nations Programme on the Family, Division for Social Policy and Development, highlighted the UN work in this vital area of the family, and endorsed the event as a positive contribution to the 20th celebration of the UN IDF.

Dr. Thomas Walsh, Secretary General of the UPF, closed the session with a reminder that the family is the place where we should learn the ways of peace. "Before any one of us enters a school, university, or seminary," he said, "we all learn our first lessons of love and peace from our mothers and fathers. And despite our differences, every family and every faith wants the same thing."
Quoting the UPF Co-Chair, Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, Dr. Walsh said “The family is universal. Regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, and religion, we are all members of families. However, although all religions agree that marriage and family are the fundamental building blocks of any society, the reality is that all nations are in danger of losing these most valuable traditions and institutions. Divorce and family breakdown are at an all-time high. Sexually transmitted diseases are on the rise, even among the youngest teenagers. Violence and crime among young people are on the rise, and many say they have little hope of securing dignified, meaningful jobs to support their future families.”

The social and economic cost of this breakdown of the family is staggering. The breakdown of the family contributes directly to poverty, disease, child mortality and is possibly the single most significant obstacle to the fulfillment of the UN Millennium Development Goals. If we are to realize “One Family Under God” we must invest, “one family at a time.”

The second session focused on “Women and the Family” and was chaired by H.E. Mrs. Lila Hanitra Tatsiandrihamanana, the Ambassador of the African Union to the UN. Moving beyond a sense of general celebration, she reminded the audience that women and children around the world continue to bear the brunt of the burden of the breakdown of the family.

“This beautiful meeting chamber is a far cry from the daily reality faced by almost a half of the world’s mothers and children,” she said. “If this day is to be a real celebration, we had better use our time here to consider what can be done to bring permanent change.”

“Even though Africa has more than its fair share of these problems, I believe that Africa also carries the seeds for a solution within its rich family traditions,” she said. “Our model of the extended family of relations helping and supporting each other is among the strongest in the world. As the old African proverb says, ‘It takes a village to raise a child.’” Mrs. Lynn Walsh of the UPF’s Women’s Initiative, and Mrs. Genie Kagawa, the Deputy Director of the UPF’s office of UN and International Affairs also spoke.

The third session focused on the interaction of family and faith and was chaired by H.E. Dr. Abdalmahmood A. Mohamad, Permanent Representative of the Mission of the Republic of Sudan.

Sudan is the current chair of the UN “Group of 77” and Ambassador Mohamad, who also serves as chair of the UN Family Committee, spoke compellingly of the ongoing importance of religions and religious leaders working together to extend equal protection to families of all religious backgrounds.

Another speaker in faith panel, Steven Cayre, the founder of the Steven J. Cayre Foundation, gave a moving account of his family’s efforts to choose peace instead of resentment. Cayre’s father, who is Jewish, had purchased the World Trade Center not long before the September 11 2001 attacks. Afterwards, instead of joining the cries of those who wanted revenge on all things Islamic, Cayre instead brought Arab and Muslim visitors to the Ground Zero site to begin the process of healing.

Closing remarks were given by Dr. Ki Heun Rim, Co-Chair at UPF. “It is important to note that for years, the UPF Founder, Dr. Sun Myung Moon, has stressed that we are in an age where the leadership of women is of paramount importance,” he said. “Moreover, all religions and traditions share the same core values, especially about the family. We need to learn from all of them if we are to establish a world of peace. This is why the UPF has summarized its message as one simple phrase, One Family Under God.”

Around the world, the Universal Peace Federation hosted United Nations International Day of Families celebrations in 55 cities and 22 nations. Programs included service projects, visits to orphanages and senior citizens’ homes, art and music contests, and symposia and conferences on strengthening the family.
Rev. In Jin Moon Ready to Guide the ACLC to the Next Level

By Celine Tardy

Vision was the order of the day at an extraordinary gathering of clergy in New York City on May 8, 2009. At the behest of Rev. Michael Jenkins, the new chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC), more than 100 ACLC members and friends joined in the Grand Ballroom of the Manhattan Center, a venue filled with amazing energy, to hear first-hand what Rev. In Jin Moon, president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), had to say about the future of the American Clergy Leadership Conference. Launched in 2000, the ACLC is an interdenominational organization stemming from the ecumenical vision of Rev. Sun Myung Moon that has attracted nearly 20,000 ministers to its conferences and prayer breakfasts. A video of Rev. In Jin Moon’s worship service at the Manhattan Center on Sunday, April 26, informed the gath- ering of the new tone and content of her Lovin’ Life Ministries that she has been bringing to her own church, including top-notch music performances, a combination of teachings from Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech and an excerpt of one of Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s speeches in 1975, given in Chicago, in which he empha- sized that “both black and white will have to look at each other,” and predicted, “An interracial person descended from a black parent and a white parent will become the president of the United States.”

Participants watching her sermon, which at this par- ticular service was a singing video of her memorable speech given to ACLC ministers on January 30th, 2009, clapped enthusiastically as she invoked the words and spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “It was elders like Martin Luther King, when he gave the speech ‘I Have a Dream,’ taught me to dream.” Rev. Moon told the gathering on the video, “I began to dream about a world where my children would not have to be afraid to go to school because of school shootings, where my children as Americans would not be afraid to walk to the streets of Palestine or Israel because of suicide bombings, and where my children, as proud Asian Americans, would be able to say, ‘I belong to this great nation of America.’” Although she was in Japan at the time of the April 26th service being shown on video, hosting the annual Youth Concert for World Peace and Ideal Families, her message in ACLC was well conveyed through the video, which as Rev. Jenk- ins reflected to the audience, exhibited “a genuine passion to shape the destiny of the world.”

Following the video, Reverend Moon’s husband shared about her wife’s min- istry and what she hopes can come from the ACLC. He explained that one can come to know what Reverend Moon was about by seeing the high quality of her work. After their marriage in 1984, she attended Columbia University and then Harvard Divinity School while at the same time nurturing five children. Choosing to concentrate on raising her family, she homeschooled all of her chil- dren, whose accomplish- ments range from gaining admission to Harvard Uni- versity and other top uni- versities to winning Grand Pries at demanding inter- national musical competitive at the ages of 9 and 10. Seeing this success, her father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, asked her, “What have you done for your children, please do for the American Fam- ily Federation for World Peace.”

This mon- strates, her husband explained, that Rev- erend Moon knows what she is doing. In order to truly show the caring and motherly side of Rev. In Jin Moon, a video was presented of her work in Japan during the previous nine years establishing the Youth Concert for World Peace and Ideal Families. Through her elementary school student body grants through to others in their communities and practice each of the 10 Principles in with prize winners receive scholarship funds from the invitation to all ministers present to join her. The session was then followed by a video of the ACLC for all the participants, since as her husband shared, “She not only wanted to feel spiritual, but also physically.” During the lun- chon, responses to Rev. In Jin Moon’s invitation and reflections of the gathering were heard from ACLC ministers.

Reflections from Ministers in Attendance

Bishop Evil Sky

Rev. from Shiloh Aposto- tolic Ministries of - Jesus Christ Bridge- port, CT: “Today I believe it’s a new day for all of us. We have gathered together to listen to the 747 jet’s roaring engine, and we can see that as a skill- ful pilot with a crew, they can take off. As passengers are sitting at ease, ready to do what we have to do. So we call today a great day, and at last we can say things are about to reach a place where God wants them to be.”

Rev. William Robertson from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, NY: “In the atmosphere of this great day, I have learned so much, and I ask you to pray that what we saw today can become a real- ity and will be seen as we go forth in the future.”

Rev. Dennis Dil- ker from the First Lyn Christian Cen- ter, NY: “I am excit- ed about the power of us moving together, working togeth- er, and flowing together. I like the words of Dr. King that say, ‘We live together, or we per- ish like fools’, and I am determined not to perish like a fool. The fact of the matter is that Dr. King did not invent those words. Jesus himself said to his disciples, ‘I wish all things above all that you become one as I and the Father are one…’ I truly believe as we reflect upon the new direction that America is moving in that this is a new season, God is doing some new things, and I am determined to be a part of it.”

Rev. Marlene Thomas—graduate of Union Theological Seminary, NYC: “I salute our sister Rev. In Jin Moon, who is coming on board to really take charge. Let us celebrate with her and really try to help the brothers’ movement America.”

Rev. Kenneth Davis from Truth Cen- ter for Higher Consciousness – Brook- lyn, NY: “I have been inspired by what I saw here today. I know that ACLC is really moving places. The significance that I saw in Rev. In Jin Moon is that she has married the man who has to nurture the baby and give birth to the peace that must be established.”

Bishop Eugene Brown from the Chris- tian Home Pentecostal Holiness – Wash- ington, DC: “The things that need to be expressed more and more is to tell each other that we love one another. Love draws us together. If we can have patience, and love one another, we can reach the stars and nothing is impos- sible. This is my key. The opportun- ity today to be here together in fellow- ship helps. Whatever organization that you are in, if you can only show love and reach out to each other, it will all be a success.”

Archbishop Moses De La Rosa from Christ Family Church: “A scripture came to me while Rev. In Jin Moon was speak- ing (on the video). ‘Lean not on your own understanding, but in all ways acknowledge Him and re- view your path.’ What she did was not only lean on her own understanding, but on her Father’s understandings also. And one thing that I admire about her is that she listened to her Father [Rev. Sun Myung Moon]. Not too many chil- dren today do this. If we can teach other children what it means to respect our parents, I believe that we will have taken a turn for the better.”

Apollo Brunnos: “It is time that we [men and women] become one. Many times we say the man is the head, but don’t forget that the woman is the neck. And the man will never turn without the woman. We are one. God bless you.”

Rev. Michael Stokes from United Missionary Baptist Church – East Orange, NJ: “I cannot express to you how excit- ed I am about ACLC and its new phase that we are moving toward. Whatever came up with this phrase Lovin’ Life was really inspired by God. The rea- son being that every year thousands of people commit suicide because they don’t love life. That’s why the work of ACLC is so important. And that’s why I love Rev. In Jin Moon. For the vision that she has. I say publicly on behalf of New Jersey that we give her our support and our love. Don’t miss your opportunity to be involved, because I feel we have every- thing in place to turn this world upside down through the power of love.”

Bishop Jesse Edwards from Gates of Peace – Philadelphia, PA: “Rev. In Jin Moon is giving us direction on where to take the fire. Ain’t nothing stopping us now.”

Rev. LeRoy Daugherty, Vice President, FFWPU: “I learned today that I should- n’t represent myself, I should repre- sent my wife. I often think about when Jesus resurrected from the dead, he gave his first message to women. And when I think about the civil rights move- ment, it was a woman called Rosa Parks that was the spark for the civil rights movement to take off. What ACLC has needed is love. We were a loss, and now God sent us a great wife to guide us bring us into the next era of ACLC. We have received a woman who has raised a family. Don’t look at her age, nationality, just look at the spirit of God shining through her eyes.”
Detroit’s 7th Annual ACLC Banquet Honors Success in Marriage and Family

by Rev. David Redshaw

Despite dismal marriage statistics in Detroit, where the divorce rate is 76 per cent and the out-of-wedlock birthrate is 70 per cent, the city’s chapter of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) is finding pastors and community leaders who have been successful in raising children to be abstinent before marriage and creating lasting marriages in their communities. These pastors and community leaders, who are “Ambassadors for Peace” in the realm of the family, were honored by over 220 colleagues and friends among the faith community leaders, who are “Ambassadors for Peace” in the realm of the family.

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Beyond Nation, Race and Religion: UTS

On the campus while growing up, apologizing for the noise she and her siblings might have made as they rode horses past the classrooms. She lifted up the interfaith dimensions of UTS education, and envisioned the spirit of UTS flourishing as the form evolves. She affirmed the vision of one family under God, inspiring graduates to reach beyond traditional boundaries to serve humanity with the heart of True Parents.

An honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa was awarded to Dr. Douglas Johnston, Dr. Johnston inspired them and the audience with his experiences with the Taliban. Believing that interfaith dialogue is key to understanding and bringing peace to that region, he held talks with Taliban leaders deep in Taliban controlled territory. At one point, one of them asked him if he was Muslim because to be a Muslim means to be submissive to God and I am submissive to God.” His comment defused a potentially dangerous situation and the talks could go on.

Dr. Johnston founded the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy (ICRD) eight years ago “because he saw religious faith as a catalyst for peacemaking, instead of a basis for conflict. Johnston has learned that Muslims will listen more closely to a Christian than to the typical secular Westerner: ‘If you can operate on a faith-based basis, you

The Commencement Ceremony

In her Commencement Address, Rev. In Jin Moon reflected on the Founder's devotion to the school and campus. She recalled his creating what is now “Father’s Trail,” part of the Hudson Valley Greenway, and his speaking to students in tranquil settings under trees and overlooking the river or pond. Rev. Moon shared her own experiences

The Graduating Class

The ceremony, emceed by Dr. Michael Mickle, seminary vice president, included a total of forty-five graduates — thirty-four men and eleven women — from the main campus at Barrytown and the N.Y.C. Extension Center. The graduating class included the first UTS Doctor of Ministry degree, awarded to Michael Balcomb. Eight graduates received their Master of Divinity degree, thirty-five the Master of Religious Education degree and one was awarded the Certificate in Unification Leadership.


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Director of Student Life, Rev. Eric Sytle, presented the UTS Service Award for outstanding service to their fellow students to Lean Monyrith from Cambodia and Shiharu Sekiguchi from Japan.

The ceremony was graced with beautiful music filling the spruced up sanctuary. Dr. Brian Saunders directed the WestRock Choir in three lovely songs, accompanied by Rev. Gavin Hamnett

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on piano and Ms. Sunboon Jeong on violin. Mrs. Moon Sook Choi Yoon, Director of the UTS Institute of Korean Language and Culture, offered a deep rendition of "The Lord’s Prayer," and our Extension Center registrar, Davetta Morgan Ogunkola, stirred everyone’s hearts with the National Anthem.

Graduate responses were given by Mr. Sergio Alcubilla, representing the Barrytown students, and Rev. Rudyard Morgan, representing the Extension students. The Commencement Ceremony closed with a benediction by adjunct professor Dr. Luonne Rouse, Senior Pastor, Metropolitan Community United Methodist Church, New York.

Pre-Parliament Event

In the morning before graduation, Paul Rajan, an Anglican student born in India and a citizen of New Zealand—organized a Pre-Parliament event with Dr. Johnston as guest speaker. This event is a precursor to the 2009 Parliament of the World’s Religions, which will be held on December 3-9, 2009 in Melbourne, Australia. The Barrytown event, moderated by UTS Student Council President Barbara Robertson, included an invocation from Pandit Shashidhara Somayaji, head priest at the Hindu Samaj Temple in Wappingers Falls, a delightful dance by two girls from the Temple, and songs by Cecilia St. King.

Dr. Johnston’s address covered the genesis of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, and hallmark work the Center has accomplished in, among numerous other places, the Sudan, Pakistan and the holy land. Dr. Michael Mickler offered a response representing the faculty, suggesting that the ICRD’s work might serve as a ground for a theological framework for peace. Dr. Johnston then took a number of questions from the floor. A lively discussion ensued, taking everyone well past the closing time.

African Community Reception

To celebrate the graduation of several students from Africa, local graduates and colleagues from Africa created an African Community Reception after the Commencement. They shared food and drink, décor and dance from their countries, creating a lively and joyous atmosphere. We were blessed with the participation of a good showing of Chipo Muzorewa’s family, some of whom flew in from Zimbabwe for the occasion.

30th Reunion of the Third Class

Capping the weekend was the 30th Reunion of the Class of 1979. Organized by Linda and Frank Zochol, with assistance from Daniel Davies, some twenty members of the third graduating class shared memories, hugs, news, songs and a delicious meal gifted by a donation from the UTS Alumni Association president. The sharing went long into the night.

Board-Alumni Forum

A new feature of this year’s graduation weekend was a Board-Alumni Forum on the Future of UTS. On Friday evening, following a meal together, Bishop Ki Hoon Kim, Rev. Michael Jenkins and Dr. Hendricks shared with some forty alumni about the future of the seminary. Many alumni came to the open microphone to share their heart, vision and practical ideas for the future. The evening concluded with a delightful talk from the seminary’s first president, Dr. David S. C. Kim, now 95 years old but full of energy.

It was a rich and wonderful event for all concerned, and deep thanks go to all whose hard work made it happen.
Service For Peace in Thailand celebrated Global Youth Service Day by conducting a project called “Youths Care for the Environment.” A total of 45 volunteers took part in the project.

Due to the bad weather conditions, the planned cleaning was postponed and the service project transformed into an educational program. Mr. Samsano Ratsamitat, Mayor of Bangnamphueng District Administration Organization, which partnered with SFP for this project, gave a lecture on how service activities improve the quality of life in the community and encouraged the youths to participate in more and more service projects.

Mr. Raweetiwat Srisutthisaard, Director of SFP in Thailand, talked about the history of GYSD and about the meaning and the value of service for the community. Everyone expressed their genuine regret for not being able to volunteer that day, as well as, their willingness to take part in future service activities. The program went on with team-building games and singing happy songs.

Service For Peace in Ukraine dedicated the whole April to service activities throughout the country. On April 1st, the children from three schools in Kyiv and from an orphanage in Dnepropetrovsk attended a series of ecology lessons.

On April 7th, children took part in an arts contest, making drawings under the theme of “I want to live in a clean country.” The contest committee chose 8 out of 80 drawings to get the winner prizes, donated by Directorate of Family and Youth at the Kiev City Administration and other GYSD project partners.

On April 13th, SFP in cooperation with Vyshhorod administration, helped Zina, a 20-year-old pregnant orphan living alone without food, electricity, running water and furniture in her house. Fifteen volunteers provided food, furniture and clothes for her and the baby, repaired the house, cleared the yard from trash and built an outdoor toilet.

The GYSD project in Poltava city took place on April 23rd when about 50 volunteers cleaned the boarding schools’ yard and played games with the children.

On April 24th, the actual Global Youth Service Day, a few projects took place in three cities of Ukraine: a cleaning of the Dnepr river bank in Kyiv city, a restoration of a sports ground in Chernigov city, and a reconstruction of a playground in Kharkiv city. Over 250 motivated volunteers proved that they could do great deal in the name of a good cause!

One hundred volunteers continued cleaning the Dnepr riverbed in another clean-up project on April 25th and helped a group of orphan children have a fun time in the local zoo.

On April 29th, two more projects took place: in Donetsk, SFP volunteers conducted ecology lessons and a clean-up of a school’s sportsground, while in Zhitomir City the lake’s banks were brought back to their natural state without waste.

A Global PeaceMaker Camp Inspires International Volunteers

From March 14th to March 19th, Service For Peace in Thailand joined hands with Baan Nong-Yao School, Nong-Yao Village, Nongkhai Moral Youth for Peace Group and Laos People’s Revolutionary Youth Union (LPRYU) and held a Global PeaceMaker Camp in Nongkhai Province in Thailand and Vientiane – the Capital of Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

A total of 59 volunteers, Thai, Lao, American, Japanese and Korean, took part in the service activities. The participants in the program cleaned the areas around key places in Nong Yao Village, such as the temple, the school and the park in Nongkhai. Then they participated in the repainting of the building of Zalmeech School in Vientiane.

The main focus of the GPM Program was to help youth realize the value of service for overcoming national, religious and cultural boundaries for building communities of peace.

By holding this GPM Program SFP in Thailand and its partners once again demonstrated the transformative power of service.
SPRING FEST / DAY ..........................................

[Series of images showing various activities and people at an outdoor event.]
OF ALL TRUE THINGS
The month of April welcomed spring, and April 3rd brought a Women of Faith program sponsored by Service for Peace (SFP) and cosponsored by the Women’s Federation for World Peace to Montclair State University located in Montclair, New Jersey. Inspired by the SFP students at the university, the event was an opportunity for students to share the beauty of their own religions and understand the beauty of others.

Each member of a panel of female students from various religious groups on campus spoke for 10 minutes and then participated in a Q&A session that was open to audience members. The event also collected canned food for a local pantry in order to offer something to the larger community.

The panel addressed the topic “The Role of Family in Religion.” Julie Tsiring spoke on Judaism and stressed that one had to be sure of one’s personal faith before being able to bequeath it to the next generation. The Roman Catholic representative, Pru Welch, spoke on the importance of faith, hope, and prayer, as well as understanding that your children are God’s children.

Emine Elif Kasapoglu represented the Islamic view very well in her explanation of the roles of each member of the family and the importance of tradition.

The Unification perspective was addressed by Amerika Coryell, who expressed the belief that faith begins at home and that all individuals must travel through various stages of faith before they mature into good parents.

The Inter-Religious Studies Department, as well as a variety of clubs and groups, were represented in the audience. The panelists were natural and relaxed as they deeply shared their heart of faith. The concluding Toast to World Peace and fellowship afterward added to a respectful and profound experience for all. This Women of Faith Event was marvelous and left those that participated hoping for more opportunities to hear from other faiths in the future.

Dawn Haider is a university student and founder of the Service for Peace student organization on campus.
Livin’ Life Ministry
Manhattan Center
May 17, 2009
Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament
Hudson River, NY
May 9, 2009
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ove – Love - Love. That word is probably one of the most overused words in our society, so much so that it has lost
its real meaning and impact in our everyday lives.

We are used to giving it all the time – to our children, our
friends, our pets, our parents, our colleagues, our bosses, our
spouses. But do we really mean it, and do we really see it
in our actions and behavior?

Money is a great issue that is often talked about, but the
real key to a successful marriage is love. Love is the
foundation of a successful marriage, and without it,
things will fall apart quickly.

What makes love so important? Love is the
strongest emotion we can experience, and it is
necessary for survival. It is what holds us together,
what keeps us going, what keeps us from giving
up.

Let’s look at the different aspects of love and see how
they can help us build a successful marriage.

1. Caring
Caring is the most fundamental aspect of love. It
means being there for someone, being there
when they need you, being there when they are
unhappy, being there when they are sad, being
there when they are down.

2. Understanding
Understanding means being able to listen, to
understand, to see things from another’s
perspective, to be able to see things as they
are, not as you want them to be.

3. Respect
Respect means treating others as they
would like to be treated. It means recognizing
their feelings, their opinions, their
thoughts, their beliefs, their values.

4. Devotion
Devotion means being committed to someone,
being loyal, being faithful, being there
through thick and thin.

5. Validation
Validation means acknowledging that
someone is important, that their
feelings are important, that their
opinions are important.

6. Reassurance
Reassurance means being there for someone
when they need it, when they are
down, when they are afraid, when they are
worried.

7. Agreement
Agreement means being able to
agree on things, to work on them
together, to make decisions
together.

8. Acceptance
Acceptance means being able to
accept someone for who they are,
without judging, without
condemning, without
criticizing.

9. Encouragement
Encouragement means being there
for someone when they need it,
when they are down, when they are
sad, when they are afraid.

When all of these things are present in a marriage,
the couple will have a successful marriage.

What can make a marriage work is surprisingly
simple. Happily married couples aren’t smarter,
richer, or more psychologically astute than others.
But in their day-to-day lives, they have
hit upon a dynamic that keeps their negative
thoughts and feelings about each other (which all
couples have) from overwhelming their positive ones.

“While every man and woman is different
even within the genders, these
dimensions are held as given. Dr. Willard
Harley concurs and has developed a list
of his own from his therapeutic practice:
“Our Most Emotional Needs in Marriage.”
While his list is a bit different from Gray’s
list, the common thread is that women
and men tend to have different emotional
needs that are fundamental to each
person. Thus, according to his book, His
Needs Her Needs: Building an Affair-
Proof Marriage, it would behoove us to
learn and minister to the deeply held
emotional needs of our significant oth-
ers. Such a consistent practice is pow-
erful and nutritiously preventative medica-
tion against affairs. His lists are as fol-
lows:

The Most Emotional Needs of
Women in Marriage:
1. Affection
2. Conversation
3. Honesty & Openness
4. Financial Support
5. Family Commitment

The Most Emotional Needs of
Men in Marriage:
1. Sexual Fulfillment
2. Recreational Companionship
3. Physical Attractiveness
4. Domestic Support
5. Admiration

Gottman teaches that there are
four relational patterns to watch out for
and avoid. So deadly are these patterns,
when they are present, Gottman can pre-
dict an eventual divorce 91% of the time
(The Seven Principles for Making Mar-
riage Work, 2009).

1. Harsh Startup. When dis-
agreements happen, what is the emo-
tional overture the begins the “conver-
sation?” Avoid the “Harsh Startup.”

2. The Four Horsemen of the
Apocalypse. During conversations, dis-
cussions, spats, and fights, if the follow-


Lineage, and Faith

Let’s Go to Las Vegas: With the Help of God We Can Do It!

“We all have negative experiences that influence us. Past experiences color the way we relate with our spouse, our parents, our children and our siblings. We “know” about that brother, or this sister in the church. We “know” about our finances. We “know” what the public thinks about our church. We “know” how the media treats us.”

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The content of this sermon was given in Atlanta on Saturday, June 30th, and Sunday, June 31st.

“God is calling again us into the Desert…this time to Las Vegas. As we consider how to answer this call, we can learn a valuable lesson from the twelve men whom Moses sent to spy out the land of Canaan.”

O ur Bible Reading today is Numbers 13:23 – 14:12 and we are reading from the Contemporary English Version.

When they got to Bunch Valley, they cut off a branch with such a huge bunch of grapes, that it took two men to carry it on a pole. That’s why the place was called Bunch Valley. Along with the grapes, they also took back pomegranates and figs.

After exploring the land of Canaan forty days, the twelve men returned to Kadesh in the Paran Desert and told Moses, Aaron, and the people what they had seen. They showed them the fruit and said:

“Look at this fruit! The land we explored is rich with milk and honey. But the people who live there are strong, and their cities are large and walled. We even saw the three Anakim clans. Besides that, the Amalekites live in the Southern Desert; the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites are in the hill country; and the Canaanites live along the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. Caleb calmed down the crowd and said, “Let’s go and take the land. I know we can do it!”

But the other men replied, “These people are much too strong for us.” Then they started spreading rumors and saying, “We won’t be able to grow anything in that soil. And the people are like giants. In fact, we saw the Nephilim who are the ancestors of the Anakim. They were so big that we felt as small as grasshoppers.”

After the spies reported the report from the twelve men who had explored Canaan, the people cried all night and complained to Moses and Aaron, “We wish we had died in Egypt!”

The LORD said to Moses, “I have done great things for these people, and they still reject me by refusing to believe in my power. So they will no longer be my people. I will destroy them, but I will make you the ancestor of a nation even stronger than theirs.”

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Our Heavenly Parent must have been pleased with Caleb. He trusted God, and his spirit was alive, fresh, young and new. Caleb said, “With God on our side, I know we can do it.”

Caleb knew something, that our True Parents know, “Where there is a will, there is a way, especially, if it’s the will of God.”

Let’s consider for a moment the ten men who gave negative reports. Did they lie about what they saw? No. The tribes in the land of Canaan were well established and powerful. Where the ten men evil people? Not particularly. Moses had carefully selected each of them to represent their tribe. Of course, their innate nature was showing when they spread rumors among the people. That is the fallen nature of “multiplying evil”. But, if we are truly honest with ourselves, the ten were probably not any better, nor any worse than you or I.

What caused them to fail? They allowed their past experiences to influence their expectations. And we do that all the time. Regrettably, the ten didn’t take into account that our Heavenly Parent was opening up a whole new dispensation, and with the help of God the Hebrews could have conquered the land.

The negative reports of the ten were very costly. It meant that the Hebrews had to wander for forty years before entering the Promised Land. With the exception of Caleb and Joshua, Moses and the first generation died in the desert.

We all have negative experiences that influence us. Past experiences color the way we relate with our spouse, our parents, our children and our siblings. We “know” about that brother, or this sister in the church. We “know” about our finances. We “know” what the public thinks about our church. We “know” how the media treats us.

True Father is telling us we are entering a new era. We must not let what we “know” from the past be a barrier to believing True Father’s words. The Messiah has brought God’s Absolute Power to the earth. With the opening of the Original Palace on June 13, 2006, God could finally have a physical place to live on this earth. God is now dwelling in the physical bodies of our True Parents.

The helicopter accident expanded God’s Power even more dramatically. Satan exceeded his authority by trying to kill True Parents in the crash. This was outside the Principle, because Satan had no condition to take True Parents’ lives. So, God could save True Parents.

After the three stage coronations of January 15th and 31st in Korea, and again on the 31st in New York, True Father proclaimed that God could now exercise his absolute authority without any accusation from Satan.

True Father said that we can inherit his authority by aligning our lives completely with God and True Parents. We can become objects on earth through whom God manifest his Power.

In addition, True Father said that the five founders of the world religions are also waiting to work with us. But they cannot work freely with us, in order for us to be qualified to receive their help, we must attend an Original Divine Principle Workshop.

We know we are already receiving a lot of help from the spiritual world. The year 2008 was a year of miracles for us. We had four pastors of very large churches connect with Hyun Jin Nim and True Parent’s Global Peace Festival. One church has 17,000 members. Another hosted the GPP in his church on October 7, 2008.

The Atlanta GPP was a spectacular event. Much of the success was due to the unity of the Steering Committee. It was composed of four pastors, a former State Senator, a former U.S. Ambassador, the C.E.O of a youth program and a leader from the Nation of Islam.

But I believe there was also an invisible Steering Committee. In February and March of 2008, my eldest son, Brian, and I attended a 40-day workshop together at Cheong Pyeong. While there we liberated and blessed some of our ancestors. But at one point, we began liberating people from outside of our direct lineage. We liberated some cousins, aunts and uncles. Then we liberated one of the Georgia signers of the Declaration of Independence, Lyman Hall. We liberated a former slave who lived with my mother’s family, Miss Carrie, and we liberated a Civil War general, Stonewall Jackson. One morning at Cheong Pyeong, I realized that we had only liberated whites and blacks, but no Native Americans. Words cannot describe the feeling I had when I thought about liberating some Indians. It was almost a physical feeling of wellbeing and heart-felt gratitude. I felt the Indians were thankful that I was thinking of liberating them. I decided to dedicate the Semi-nole War Chief Osceola and the Chero-kee Chief and Scholar Sequoya.

Since our district includes Miami, which has a majority Latino population, I decided we needed to liberate an Hispanic person. I first thought about Simon Bolivar, but when I checked with...
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the Cheong pyeong office, their records showed that he had already been lib- erated. Then I decided that I might liberate Juan Ponce de Leon. He was a Span- ish explorer, and the first European to set foot in what is today the United States. He searched all over Florida looking for the Fountain of Youth. But my funds were running low, so I decid- ed to liberate the two Indians, but wait till later to liberate Ponce de Leon. Then an extraordinary thing happened at lunch. A Blessed Child from New Jersey, Inha Kang, called to me from across the dining hall. She said, “Hey, Tom de Leone.” I was shocked. She had no idea I was think- ing about liberating Ponce de Leon. Because I was wavering in my decision to liberate him, I felt that through this sister he was knocking on the glass from the other side, telling me not to forget him. So we liberated him, too. It was while I was at Cheong Pyeong that Hyon Jin Nim visited Atlanta and met the mega-church pastor who later invited the GPF to his church. Of course, I would have liked to have joined that first meeting, but I felt that our Cheong Pyeong work helped make the meeting happen.

Later, while working on the Atlanta GPF, I learned something very interesting about this mega-church pastor. Thirty years ago, he used to come every month and stand in front of the Unification Church and preach against Rev. Moon and the Divine Prin-
ciple. Thirty years later he invited Rev. Moon’s son to speak in his church. We are definitely living in the 21st century.

First Generation sacrificed so much for thirty years or more. They gave up their education, their careers, and even their families for the sake of God’s providence. Some of their chil-
dren were lost to the secular world. They seem to have nothing to show for our offering. But now, as we enter this new period, we are beginning to see fruit coming from all those seeds which were sown.

"We are definitely living in the time of harvest. The seeds we planted thirty years ago are now bearing fruit...Our First Generation sacrificed so much for thirty years or more. They gave up their education, their careers, and even their families for the sake of God’s providence...But now, as we enter this new period, we are beginning to see fruit coming from all those seeds which were sown."

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hacked at one by one, week after week, month after month, year after year.

This experience of true conjugal marriage manifested by God’s expres-
sion in the love relationship will help them deal with the roughness of character and differences of per-
sonality, taste, views, etc. which are sources of conflict, and later, divorce. Love should increase and transform itself into still greater in grace to become parents, grandparents, and even great grand-
parents in love, and after, to con-
tinue their eternal union in the realm of the spirit.

Suggested Reading:
The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work by John Gottman

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first and selfish desires will take over. This leads to things such as sexual immorality, divorce, and family breakdown. And if we have not fulfilled the first two blessings of being fruitful and multiplying through a beautiful God-centered family, then how would we even be able to think of taking care of the nature of the earth itself? If we cannot work on ourselves, or our relationships with the people around us, I don’t think we would even think about taking care of Creation. By not having dominion over creation, we have selfishly polluted the planet and misused our resources taking more for me and less for you. As one can see, the three blessings are all connected.

Instead, God intended us to be fruitful, to fruitfully multiply, and fruitfully have children. He wanted us to think of the next generation, our relationship with Him, to unite with Him, and become temples of God preparing our hearts and ourselves for that significant other God prepared for us. If the people that we have built a trustful relationship with God and really made effort to work on themselves (their character), come together, they will be able to properly unite with each other. With God at the center, they will be able to overcome temptation together because then they will be able to think of the other before themselves and thus we would avoid the multiplication of a beautiful God centered family. When a family is united with God at its center, they will naturally want to take care of the things God has provided them with. Together they will be able to tend and take care of the environment around.

Therefore, no matter where you may be at in your life, you can always take one step at a time and: “Be fruitful" by growing in your relationship with Him (uniting with Him); “Multiplying” by creating a beautiful family (uniting with others); and having “Dominion” by taking all creation by care (uniting with creation). God’s words in Genesis 1:28 have too often been overlooked and that is why we are living in the world today that is in the condition as humans have made it but it is also up to us to follow God’s word and change it.

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Let’s go as soon as possible.

And let’s not let our past experiences be a barrier to believing True Father’s words.

In Jin Nim gave a beautiful ser-
mom entitled "Deep Waters" during the Lovin’ Life Sunday program. She quoted from the Scriptures: "Jesus first met Peter. Peter and the fisher-
mend had just returned to port from fishing all night. Jesus instructed them to go out again and put their nets down into deep waters. They had been fish-
ing all night long, and they had caught nothing. They had tried everything. They ‘knew’ that if they went out again, they would still catch no fish. But for some reason Peter listened to Jesus, and he and his crew went out and put down their net one more time. This time the catch was so abundant that their boat nearly sank. Let’s cast our nets in the deep waters, one more time. Let’s make a condition of unity with our True Par-
tents’ words. Let’s say, ‘With the help of God, we can do it.’ As True Father said during the 2005 inaugural of the Universal Peace Federation, ‘Where there is a will, there is always a way especially if it is the will of God.’

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The Three Great Blessings: A Translation of Genesis 1:28

by Leona Vinece-Gavin

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (KJV)

My Translation

After seeing His children created so perfectly and so much like Him, He blessed them by saying unto them: Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (KJV)

Reason for choosing the Passage

ooking around at the circumstance of our World today, it seems that people are filled with selfish desires and can not overcome such as love for money and materialism. The divorce rate is high, family breakdown is the norm, and human sexuality is misrepresented everywhere we look. Even the Earth itself is being misused as we have polluted our planet so much that the hole in the ozone layer is growing and as we continually misuse our bountiful resources, parents and children across the world are starving to death. This is the reality of the world that we are living in. The question is- why?

This occurred because we did not realize the plan God has given us for our lives. This plan is first found in Genesis 1:28 which states, “Be fruitful and multiply” and seeing that it was good, God created the last part of creation. He created us in His own image and blessed us. Genesis 1:28, or the “three great blessings” as I will refer to them, are the very first words God speaks to man. And not only does God say them once, but He repeats them 12 times just in the book of Genesis. God revealed our purpose in life to us through providing directions to live by. His words can be looked at as blessings since fulfilling His direction is our way of returning gratitude to Him. He commands us to be fruitful, to multiply, and to have dominion over creation. However, we have overlooked this and oftentimes failed to live out the three great blessings correctly. Let’s take a closer look at the meaning behind each blessing.

Translation Choice for “Be Fruitful”- "Be Fruitful; grow in relationship with Me, Multiply; create a beautiful family, And have dominion over all Creation.

The second thing God had asked was for mankind to multiply. In Genesis 2:24 “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife:...” We see that the word “multiply” does not simply refer to: have physical children. It means to pass the love of God on to one’s descendents. And since we humans have fallen and our children are not born sinless, it is safe to say that we should multiply spiritual children as well. By this I mean, multiplying the body of Christ here on Earth through evangelism which Jesus revealed to us later in the New Testament.

Further Explanation using Literary/Scholarly Sources-

According to the Divine Principle, being fruitful means to be a “mature and ready to bear fruit” which is done through “the perfection of individual character”. We can see this is true when looking at a tree. In Matthew 7:17, “A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit; it is the same with man. Once we are able to unite our mind and body with God at the center we can fully become temples of God. “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” (KJV). This God’s intention: be fruitful by uniting with Him. (Kim, 17). And when one has reached this state of a trusting relationship with God and a mindset of living for the sake of another, not just for oneself; one is ready for the second great blessing from God: “Multiply”.

Translation Choice for “Multiply”- “Multiply; have a beautiful family.”

The third blessing God had asked was for mankind to have dominion over all creation by taking care of the way I will always take care of you.

Translation Choice for “Have Dominion”- “Have Dominion over all creation by taking care of it.”

Lastly, after God has asked us to work on ourselves and our family, He asked us to take dominion over the land around us. God asked Adam and Eve to have dominion over all of creation. As all of creation is His gift to us, He wants us to take great care of it. Therefore although “dominion” might seem like a heavy word, God simply wants us to take care of our environment- the earth, the sea, the fowl of the air, and every living thing that moves on the earth which in return bring joy to us. He created these things so carefully and with so much love, that our duty and promise to Him is to take care of it.

Further Explanation using Literary/Scholarly Sources-

According to Bergant writer of the U.S. Catholic, “We are truly the guardians of the universe made of the same stuff as the mountains and the rain, the sand, and the stars.” She refers to the creation story in Genesis 2:7 in which God created man out of clay from the ground. We were created in God’s image and “as images they are meant to carry out God’s rule on earth. As images they are meant to subdue and govern the rest of creation” (Bergant). God would, in a way that enhances rather than destroys the earth... The earth is now in our keeping. We must take up this responsibility as agents of God. It is an awesome role that we play in the world” (Bergant). Being created in the image of God comes with responsibilities, like taking care of the Earth He has given us.

Ritenbaugh a writer of Bible Commentaries also brings up the second creation story found in Genesis 1:22. He explains how the lighter feeling words “tend” and “keep it” are used instead of “have dominion” and “subdue it”. To “tend” the garden means to “work or serve” which can also be defined as tilling or cultivating land and to “keep” means to “exercise great care over it”. He asks for man to take care of the earth. “A caretaker maintains and protects his charge so that he can return it to its owner in as good or better condition than when he received it” (Ritenbaugh). “Whether we read the creation story in Genesis, the nature hymns in the Psalms, or the majestic poetry of the theophany in Job, we are taught that behind and throughout all of creation we can sense the presence of a divine reality. If this be true, the universe reflects the personality of God...the universe becomes God’s body” (Kim, 3).

As we can see, taking care of our environment is our duty and by doing it right we will not only fulfill the third blessing but bring joy to God through it. As we are the body of God, so is the nature around us. Therefore, “Having dominion” simply means to unite with and take care of our environment.

Conclusion-

I hope that you have come to see God’s words in Genesis 1:28 in a new light. Instead of thinking of man as so precious and so deep. The three great blessings; “be fruitful, multiply, and have dominion over all Creation” mean a lot in our own lives as we strive to understand and achieve them. Of course God has spoken through many prophets over time in the Old Testament and through His Son Jesus Christ in the New Testament giving us directions, a clear way of life. But this is only because humanity is fallen. God had to send His Son to us spreading the message of loving one’s enemies because we have crossed the line and walked away from God’s first words, thus failing.

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Unification News

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I. Recent News

Lovin’ Life Ministry Launch & Development [Apr 12–9] As you all probably know by now, the Lovin’ Life Ministry [LLM] has successfully launched on Easter Sunday, April 12th, and has been having Sunday Services every week at the Manhattan Center in NY as well as at satellite locations in WestStock, New Jersey, and New Jerusalem. I believe that as the LLM develops, it will naturally affect youth education in a positive way. The weekly sermons from our national pastor, Rev. InJin Moon provide deep insights into how we should live our lives and also how we should raise our youth. Also, membership education is being developed at 43rd street that will help clarify the process that we and new members can go through to develop our commitment and contribution towards the vision of “Inheriting the True Love of God”, which is the motto of the LLM. Another exciting aspect of the LLM is its brand of interest based small groups, called Project Connect, which is a premier network of teams serving the community through their passions. I will continue to share any updates of LLM that is relevant to youth education.

Upcoming Summer Opportunities

We are excited to share information on several national summer trainings that are available for local educators:

National Youth Educators Conference [Aug 7-9] Camp Sunrise & Manhattan Center ($120):

The Education Dept. will be hosting our 1st National Conference for youth educators to share and learn from each other. With the appointment of InJin Moon as our chairperson, and her emphasis on family and education, we feel tremendous hope for the further development of youth education. We will conclude with lunch after attending the Lovin’ Life Service at the Manhattan Center. Please contact Naokimi Ushiroda naokimi@gmail.com for more information.


Whether you are a group leader, youth minister or just someone who likes to help out with youth/young adult programs, this fun interactive hands on training will assist you in developing your skills: Skills such as facilitating small groups, creating engaging programs, and knowing how to respond to questions about the DP and life in general. Learn leadership skills that will actually help you in doing what you love. We will start with the Lovin’ Life Service at the Manhattan Center, and will continue the rest of the program at Camp Sunrise. Please contact Heather Thalheimer hthalheimer@gmail.com for more information.

We also have several educational workshops such as:

SAT Summer Intensive [Jul 5-14] UTS, NY ($685): This program will provide intensive training for the SAT Reasoning Test that consists of Critical Reading, Writing, and Math. In addition, the program will focus on the integration of faith and academics. Dr. Andrew is currently a professor of philosophy at UTS and has had over twelve years of teaching and directing SAT preparatory programs in Westchester, NY. Please contact Sergio Alcubilla sergialcubilla@yahoo.com for more information.

Going Deep [Aug 3-12] Camp Sunrise, NY ($5500): Do you have questions about your faith? About who God is and how to deepen your spiritual life? This 12-day Divine Principle and Life of Faith workshop will provide an opportunity to study, discuss, pray, and apply the Principle more deeply than ever before. Please contact Rev. Schanker Truedahl familyfed.org for more information.

There are also a multitude of local camps that are being held all around the country. For more information on any of these programs, please contact your local youth ministry representative, state or district leader. We hope you have a great summer.

National Curriculum Meeting & Development [Apr 18-19]

This was our first curriculum meeting which evolved into a national committee of educators committed to developing education for our movement in the US. Since then, we have been having conference calls on Monday nights to go over developments and updates from the field. If you are interested in becoming part of this committee, please contact me at naokimi@gmail.com

Web development Meeting [May 1] New York, NY: We met with Kevin Yoon, who is currently overseeing the web development for Family Federation and had initial discussions on receiving support in developing our own site. Heather and Naokimi will be working together with Mr. Yoon and his team to develop a comprehensive Education Department website to better serve the local youth education communities. If you have any thoughts on what you would like to see on the website, please contact me at naokimi@gmail.com

II. Perspective on Youth Education: Rev. InJin Moon on youth education

I have had several peripheral opportunities to meet with Rev. InJin Moon together with other educators, and two statements that she made remain vivid in my mind. The first is a set of learning objectives or goals that we should have as educators. She said, “We should make sure that each person learns to love God, love True Parents, become internally excellent, pursue external excellence, build a great career, tithe well, and create a beautiful family.” I really felt like this statement sums up most if not all of what we as educators would like our youth to accomplish.

The second statement that really encapsulates Rev. InJin Moon’s perspective on education is the motto of the Lovin’ Life Ministry, which is “Inheriting the True Love of God.” She elaborated on this statement saying that it implies the importance of the vertical aspect of lineage and the Blessing that is passed down through the generations. Although I felt that these two statements encapsulates a lot of what Rev. InJin Moon expects from us as educators, I also feel that the best way to understand her perspective better is to study the numerous speeches that she has been giving throughout the country and at her Sunday Services.

III. Question of the Month: What’s the simplest way of explaining what we believe in?

This is something that I have been thinking about most of my life. There are several ways to be brief, but if your friend asks you about your faith. You could say, “We believe that Rev. Moon is the messiah that will remove your original sin if you’re willing to get an arranged marriage with a person you don’t know.” But most of society probably won’t be able to relate positively with or understand the meaning behind this kind of statement. I’ve had many opportunities to share about our faith and so far the best that I’ve come up with is:

“We believe that there is God, and that He is a parent to all humankind. He wants each of us to mature as individuals, create beautiful families, and take care of this earth. Unfortunately, things didn’t go exactly as planned at the beginning which introduced lots of suffering in this world. But God has been working throughout history to fulfill His original dream of establishing one global peaceful family. And each of us can help to contribute to fulfilling that dream.”

Thank you for reading. If you have any questions or comments about youth education or the website, please write me at naokimi@gmail.com. Take care, and may God bless you and your family.

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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. Share the word, communicate, and link yourself to the rest of America by subscribing to the paper and submitting your voice at newvog@gmail.com for this section. We are looking to fill this section of the paper with the following submissions: articles written by our first and second generation focusing on second generation – that includes ALL second gen’s!

Be as subjective as you please, but keep in mind, that as this is a public paper, be respectful in your opinions. If you have an idea for submissions to this section, please let us know at newvog@gmail.com and send something in. Keep in mind, everything will appear in UNEWS in b&w. All authors must include name, contact info, relevant dates, etc. If you wish to remain anonymous, please include that in your email. Please send all submissions for this section via email to: newvog@gmail.com.

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A s we move into summer, people naturally start to think more about dieting and exercise. The weather is getting hot and the days are longer. We have a greater need for stable energy that lasts throughout the day. Stronger sunlight and heat waves require a diet that keeps us cool and hydrated.

What are the best foods to eat in the summer? During the winter we tend towards heavier soups and stews that nourish us and provide insulation against the bitter cold. Springtime calls for foods like salads and bitter greens that break up the extra fat accumulated from winter. Now that we are well into summer, there are longer and hotter days, which means more activity, sweating, and time outdoors. Therefore the bulk of our food – about 60-70% - should be comprised of fruits and vegetables, with the rest split equally between protein and fat. This diet also makes sense looking at the natural harvest cycles. An abundance of fruits and vegetables are harvested during the long summer months.

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**Korean Cold Cucumber Soup (Oi Naengguk)**

Crisp, refreshing, and icy cold, Korean cold cucumber soup is the perfect accompaniment to a meal during a hot summer day. Sometimes also called oi naengchae, this iced cucumber soup is best when made with crispy fresh cucumbers.

**Ingredients:**
- 3 small cucumbers, matchstick julienned*
- 1 tsp crushed chili pepper (kochukaru)
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 4 cups water
- Ice cubes, for serving
- 2 tsp sesame seeds (optional)

**Preparation:**
1. In a large bowl, mix matchstick cucumbers with chili pepper, vinegar, sugar, soy sauce, and sesame oil. Let cucumbers sit in seasoning for 10 minutes.
2. Add water.
3. Chill in fridge.
4. Add sesame seeds and ice cubes before serving.
5. Ladle into individual portions.

(Serves 6 in small bowls)

*If you have a thin-skinned cucumber, you don’t have to peel it. If your cucumbers have waxy, thick skins, it’s best to peel off most of the skins.

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

This writing not only explains the purification and development of the inner self or human spirit (moral and intellectual), but also the unfolding of the innermost self or Divine Spirit, by awakening and feeding the growing soul with the Love and Truth of God.

For more detail, go to: “The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race” on AtlasBooks.com - “Category” Biblical Studies or Body, Mind, Spirit. See Summary and Testimony and click on “excerpt” for Foreward and 10 pages of Table of Contents.
I hear stories of you visiting members who are shut in. You go to the elderly and play music for them. You perform Japanese dances or teach origami art classes. You serve in the community, volunteer and give to those in need. These are all aspects of giving kindness.

I read a cartoon recently from my desk calendar. It reminded me of kindness. Pictured is an Old Testament prophet with a knife in his hand. Sitting on the offering table is a lamb holding a wallet of money. As the Lamb is handing out some money to the prophet he comments, “Dude, blood sacrifices are for old school. Here, if you’re going to make an offering, use this...much more convenient and a whole lot less messy.”

In reflection, I first must ask myself, “Can I be more kind-hearted? The answer is YES! Therefore, I too can ask each of you, can you be more kind-hearted? We need to give kindness and to receive kindness.”

Kindness in prayers. Thinking of the home or church of someone who has died, pray for them. “Consider his situation between them. Later, I went to this person and asked him if I was out of bounds by stopping him from speaking? If I was, I apologized. He replied that he felt it was good for him to be stopped since he felt he “needed to be more genteel”, more kind to this other person.

We must seek out ways for encouragement, uplifting, honoring, and caring for one another. When we read of the History of the Providence into the Divine Principle, we discover the goal of restoration. We must bring all things back to Heavenly Father from the Fall of Man. Just like Jacob who loved his brother Esau, we are called to care, express kindness to one another. Jacob had to go through drudgery (work that is hard, menial or tiresome) in Haran (Gen 31:41). Are we willing to go through some drudgery to journey as a kind-hearted person? Many are more comfortable mile of the kingdom wherever we go.

Colossians 12: “Put on therefore the new man which was renewed through the Spirit of kindness by spirit of meekness, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering.”

You may ask what are some ramifications of kindness. Yesterday, I conducted my third funeral this year. I am sincerely grateful and honored to conduct a funeral. It takes a lot of time in preparation and implementation. I spend an average of about ten hours on a funeral. With about two hundred people at this ceremony in Red Lodge.

As I pondered, all three of these people never stepped foot into our church. In fact, none of their family members did either. I have gotten to know two of these people, their family and friends through my business. The other was a next door neighbor. I thought that this is the power of kindness. Surprisingly, the funeral home director in Red Lodge said that it is very powerful to see a pastor conduct funerals for people who seem to know him as family but never attended his church.

What acts of kindness and for how long are we willing to commit to? Remember kindness generates and builds power. There is much power and energy and inspiration when one can give prayers, words and actions of encouragement and kindness. Please do your best this week and bring back a testi- mony next week how you found God and power in this way.

How are we doing in terms of kindness? Is your kindness box overflowing or is it empty? Do you need to fill your kindness box? Can you fill it with patience, compassion, understanding, giving, and listening? It is my testimony that you are a kind-hearted church.

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