

## **This Week in History (May 22-May 28)**

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### **The Holy Blessing of Religious Leaders May 27, 2001, New York Hilton Hotel**

On May 27, 2001, True Parents held the Holy Blessing of Religious Leaders in the New York Hilton Hotel. Participants included couples from all five races, Catholics, Protestants and Muslims. Archbishop Milingo, Archbishop Stallings and Benjamin Mohammed and their wives held a press conference where they testified about True Parents and revealed news of their receiving the blessing, attracting great attention from the media. True Father said in a sermon, “Now, we will move on to an era of church blessings.”



### **Middle East Peace Initiative: Women of Peace May 24, 2004, Jerusalem, Israel**

The Middle East Peace Initiative by woman leaders covered four days in Jerusalem, Israel, beginning from May 24, 2005. The Women’s Federation for World Peace International, and the Interreligious and International Peace Council co-hosted the programs, which included a seminar on religious harmony, followed by a ceremony to bring harmony and peace in the Middle East and a peace march. The participating women have maintained connections with one another through continuous meetings.

