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Training in Kodiak, Alaska

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Emanuel Bauer

After sending everyone to the three 21-Day Settlement Age workshops and completing a very successful speaking tour this summer, Hyun Jin Nim called all the main leaders to Alaska for more training and a meeting to see what we have accomplished and where will we go from now. In preparation, everybody had to submit a well thought-out 2 and 5 years plan, and a framework for expanding *Service for Peace*. Therefore the first challenge for most of us began well before the actual workshop.

When we arrived, we found True Parents already in Kodiak at North Garden to prepare for their speaking tour in Korea and Japan. We had the great opportunity to be with them for Hoondokhwe each morning, which sometimes lasted for several hours. On the first full day, we went out for ocean fishing, defying a neargale force wind and high seas which made many really sick. Despite the high seas, the sky was blue and the mountains of Kodiak stood out clear and firm in the wintry sun. Ken Bates managed to catch a 120 lb halibut and many of us caught rock bass, ling cod and other fish.



World CARP Leaders reach the Summit

The next day saw us salmon fishing in the Olds River. It was quite cold and aggravating because the fish just didn't want to bite and there was an even stronger wind blowing. Still, I tried to stick to my goal not to complain and just enjoy nature. In Alaska, nature comes large, and over the next few days as we went hiking and camping in the mountains we say how large it really is. The hiking turned out to be more like mountain climbing in places, with

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Crisis and Hope Summit in New York

Ulu Vaomalo Kini

More than 500 world leaders from 101 nations gathered at the Hilton Hotel in New York city for an historical World Peace Seminar October 19-21 on the appropriate theme: "Global Violence: Crisis and Hope" following the terrorist attack on the USA on September 11, 2001.

The IIFWP was founded in early 1999 to gather VIPs from the Political, Religious, Diplomatic, Academic, Media and NGO communities to build a global network of world leaders working together for peace, to foster inter-religious dialogue and cooperative action among world's faiths, and to renew the family for healthy societies and a harmonious world.

Among the high ranking officials at the three day seminar were the immediate past president of Indonesia, Abdurrahman Waheed, past President Carazo from Costa-Rica, former



Above: Scenes from the Kodiak Alaska workshop, Oct 24th-Nov 3rd

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the extra challenge of finding our way through the barriers of Alaska's sharp and tenacious bushes and brush. There were snow covered mountains, all kind of trees that I haven't seen before and lots of wild animals. Once a large Kodiak bear crossed our way, but the group leaders told us we were not allowed to hunt it down. That was too bad, but then again it didn't chase us either!

To experience nature in such a raw form was really awesome and impressive. And that was of course the real reason why Hyun Jin Nim wanted us to do these challenge days, to experience God and to recharge our batteries. Another purpose was to improve our teamwork skills and to be physically and mentally challenged. I was the youngest among all participants and out there we were forced to work together as team. I have to say I was really impressed about how I was accepted and respected by everyone.

Five Days of Meetings

The five days of meeting were even more intense. Several more leaders had joined us and we were in total about 55 people. The theme of the meeting was *Service for Peace* and almost all reports and plans related to how to develop *Service for Peace* in 2002 and 2003. Honestly speaking, before I came to the meeting I didn't really understand Hyun Jin Nim's vision or how it would work out. But all that changed in these few days. Hyun Jin Nim explained that *Service for Peace* is not merely a service project or service organization, but has a deep strategic and providential significance, and cast an inspiring and hopeful vision for the future.

We also watched the video of the SFP speaking tour in Saitama, Japan, where over 18,000 were gathered, and heard reports from the other countries where the tour was held. World CARP vice-presidents Ken Bates and Jin Man Kwak gave some lectures about the meaning of SFP, liberally corrected and improved by Hyun Jin Nim. IRFF and RYS, two very active service agencies informed us about their work, and how to start service projects ourselves. Tony Devine from the IEF spoke of the character education movement. All this was followed by reports and presentations by the main World CARP chapters and Second Generation Departments. Finally, the new World CARP HQ staff spoke about their responsibilities and how we will work together from now on.

Hyun Jin Nim attended all meetings and gave feedback to each presentation. This sometimes turned out to be a whole speech. At each meal various groups of people could eat with Hyun Jin Nim to have some more personal discussion time. One particularly stimulating session came after Pledge on November 1st with a no-holds-barred questions and answer time that had everyone on their toes.

Time to Get on Board

I had many questions about my mission and the future of the European Second Generation Department. I think I found answers to most of them. Hyun Jin Nim wants all Second Generation to become CARP members after high school. For a better cooperation between CARP and Second Generation, Hyun Jin Nim appointed all Second Generation Leaders to become CARP Vice presidents. So, I suddenly became a European CARP Vice president! Hyun Jin Nim told us some time ago we have to work together more. I will do my best to bring Hyun Jin Nim's vision to the European Second Generation and finally to fulfill it.

Hyun Jin Nim told us several times that we have arrived at the station, and the train of God's Providence is standing there ready to leave. The question is: are we smart enough to catch this train or will we let it pass by? I choose to catch it. Thank you!

Emanuel Bauer is the director of the European Second Generation Department and a newly appointed vice-president of World CARP- Europe.

Why I love Alaska

Notes from Hyun Jin Nim's Opening Address in Kodiak

Every year I come here to Alaska to recharge my batteries. This is a place to meet God. The city of Kodiak is a fisherman town. You may have noticed already that there are many churches here. Why is that? There are no atheists or agnostics here. The most hazardous occupation is fishing, and the Alaskan waters are the most hazardous in the world. At any moment a fisherman can die. With this kind of relationship with creation, you have to develop relationship with God!

I told Father that members would find God and True Parents here in Alaska. This is a place where people gain conviction. I like this place precisely because there are none of the safety nets you see in big cities. There is a raw relationship with creation, very direct. That is why I brought you here.

Most of you had the chance to go hiking and fishing. Have you ever wondered why our workshops always include fishing? You can look at it superficially, but in reality, there is a deep meaning. Fishing involves intuiting what is hidden in the vast ocean. It is a little like working with the spirit world.

When you climb the mountains and look down into the wooded valleys, you can't see how life is going on there. Yet you can imagine the sounds of nature, the smell, the heat and cold. How visceral and yet how spiritual that knowledge is! Everything comes out in those situations. Nothing can be a façade in that position. If you are freezing cold and you have an extra jacket, will you wear it yourself or do you give it to a skinny guy? Climbing as a team, you can see whether people follow or lead. It is an opportunity for education and there are many things to point out.



I was out for 2 weeks. Every day we were hiking up mountains. With that kind of physical challenge, your whole body is soon fatigued and you get no sleep. Your knees become swollen. My wife asked me, "Why do you do it?" The answer is simple. In the process of challenging your limitations, you learn so much. You learn true value, and gratitude, things that words cannot explain.

The Alaskan members who go hunting with me sometimes don't want to come again. It is too challenging. But I love it. Even though I am on the top of the mountain, I wonder what is over the next knoll. I wonder what the possibility is if I push just a few more steps. Think about how exciting that is! Do you think creation cares or notices if a man is the President of the United States or some other exalted position? Out here, that means nothing. Only character counts. That is why I brought these CARP leaders here, not only to learn about them, but to educate them and give them awareness. I want all of you to make that kind of effort.



Hyun Jin Nim with CARP staff down at the dockside

In God's plan, there was no difference or no separation between physical and spiritual. Physical and spiritual activity should be one. Spiritual experiences happen in our relationships with nature. My most profound experiences with God did not come from my relationship with people. However, in nature I can see God's original purpose.

Learning from the Salmon

I can remember Father speaking here for two hours with leaders about how the salmon in the most ideal fish. In the life cycle of the salmon, you can see the true principle of creation. Salmon are spawned in these waters, and after a year, they leave and live in the ocean and get big. After many years they return, only for the purpose of coming back to their home waters and offering themselves for the next generation. All of us can aspire to be like that.

From untainted nature we can see what humanity should be like. That is why our workshops are connected to natural experience. It gives us the opportunity to reflect deeply. All the clutter of so-called civilization is gone, and we are once again back in the original universe, as God intended.

In that moment, we can focus on our original relationship to creation and to God. How profound a spiritual experience that is! People who are close to nature are not people with no conviction or belief, quite the opposite. This is why we are starting our workshop up here in Alaska, my second home.

From a speech at North Garden, Kodiak, Alaska

How will True Parents' life and work be judged? Will it be through what they have taught and said, or will it be in how that teaching is manifested? It will be in concrete results and in the lives of the people who were taught directly by True Parents. The education of blessed couples is so important because you are the representatives of True Family.

The best training for our leaders and for ministers therefore is not in theology but in practice. A minister is a parent or an elder brother. A true minister holds a 24/7 job, and has to roll up his or her sleeves to engage the people he or she ministers to. This is why our training has to include every aspect of life.

This morning we were reading from Dr. Sang Hun Lee's book, *The End of Communism*. When I read communist theory, it is so much baloney that it is hard to believe that anyone ever bought into it. But millions did. It touched on and cultivated all their negative resentments and alienation. Communism told people they were being exploited and left out, and they believed it.



Hyun Jin Nim with True Parents and members at a picnic

Communism was not about ideas but about passion. It was a form of belief analogous to religious faith. It stimulated the spirit and made the blood boil to action because it dealt with passions, beliefs and convictions that fanned the flames of resentment.

Many of my professors at Columbia were part of the new left, which began in the 1950s and 1960s. It was a reinterpretation of Marxism without violent revolution, but with a strongly humanist emphasis on social justice, etc. Those intellectuals all came from Christian democracies. They in turn influenced the youth.

It was these young people who were supposed to work with True Parents. When Christianity failed to follow Father after WWII the young people could not find their goals in the Christian faith and they looked elsewhere.



Hyun Jin Nim with the Second Generation Team

The counter-cultural revolution brought into Christian society all the components of secular materialism such as homosexuality; free sex, the drug culture and other self abusive habits and behaviors, which were all justified during this time from the perspective of humanism. It was said to be good to leave people alone to express their humanity.

There followed the dissolution of belief in absolute values, to be replaced by individual human rights. This has happened over the past 40 years. It did not exist in the prior generations. Today the idea of self-centered individualism as a human right has been presented as a fact, a doctrine.

As a result the world has slipped more and more into relativism. In a relative world, everything can be justified. You cannot find God. There is no ideal world, no ideal marriage or family. Everything that deals with family is unraveled. How can there be an ideal marriage if people can do anything they want, and do not understand the role of son or daughter, father or mother, husband or wife?

I am pushing young people hard to train them to create a counter counter-cultural revolution. I am urging World CARP members to come up with a succinct manifesto or statement of belief. In this way we will oppose the impulse of self centered humanism with the idea of living for the sake of others.

Love and service for the sake of others is the basis of a new world order. We will make a persuasive case for a complete change in the way we live. We will oppose the impulse of self centered humanism with the idea of living for the sake of others

Hyun Jin Moon

Concluding Remarks

Notes from Hyun Jin Nim's closing speech

Service for Peace is a vehicle that instills in us the way to live for others as God intended. The glue that binds a family together is true love, living for the sake of others. Of course, this applies to our Unification family. True love overcomes all resentment and hatred. The reaction to self-centered individual love is hatred and bitterness. Sang Hun Lee's book shows us that communism is rooted in that perspective.

I gathered you all to Alaska to talk about *Service for Peace*, about living for the sake of others. Go back to all my speeches this year, especially where I explain that position means nothing in the eyes of God. It is only the quality of a person that matters. *Service for Peace* is focused on teaching young people how to live for the sake of others. You can use education as a criterion for measure ment, but knowledge is not the ultimate measure, love is.

Have you learned a lot during this workshop, yes or no? Have you made commitment to change the world, yes or no? You have to have ownership. Those of you whom I told that your goals were not ambitious enough, send the revised and increased version to World CARP Headquarters.

If you are an owner, your conviction does not die. Do you American leaders understand? Yes! I like speaking in front of Americans because they reply well. But afterwards it all dries away because you don't have ownership. You shouldn't need a pep rally because you have the drive within. The Japanese have a character that when they get a direction they say, 'We have to do.' That forces them to have ownership, even if they are struggling inside. Maybe this is foreign to Americans, but it should not be. America is the most entrepreneurial nation, so this should not be strange to you. How about the Koreans? Do you understand all this or not?

In making a different World CARP, HQ has to lead the way. You have to serve others. You have to invest 100%, 200%. Don't rely on others to provide the money or the resources. World CARP needs a revolution, understand? Let me see what you can do. Today is the last day and many of you will be heading back to your countries. I want you reflect on what happened here. If you forget everything, I want you to have ownership.

The first thing you should do when you get back home is to make a plaque or sign and put it up on the wall so that you can see it and reflect on it every day.

I WILL TAKE OWNERSHIP! Breakthrough 2003

I will be responsible I will be accountable I will take initiative

A Walk in the Mountains

Timeless rise the Alaskan mountains first gently, then steeply from the boggy valleys. Confused masses of alder branches and devils's thorn hinder the way. Man fights, while deer leap.

Suddenly

a steep earthy wall towers above, seeming to end our progress. Yet the alder becomes our succor, its obstinate tangle and resilient roots our hope, as we grasp them and heave ourselves forward.

Beyond the jungle rabbits romp on mossy lawns, while we tramp on silently in single file, feasting on the life-giving Alaskan air.

Leaving behind protective valleys, merciless howling winds sweep the snowy slopes. A bear approaches, only to retreat into the white wilderness, winter sleep calling.

Steeply rise the upper Alaskan slopes, yet broad ledges will catch a falling child. The Parent cares and the prince's gaze secures.

We enter a new world - the eternal summits, all dominating, yet never to be dominated, calling to one another across vast stretches of space in deafening icy voices. And man's physical presence seems as nothing.

Alaska!

Nature's own playground, kept apart by our Parent throughout the ages. Finally the master has arrived, to love and cherish his untamed creature forever.

Mark Bramwell

Bio-Education in Thailand

Somyot Ketrisung

Thailand is an agricultural country. Most of her products exported come from agricultural sector. When the economic crisis happens, the majority of Thai population quickly starts to suffer. Poverty and AIDS are among the top two problems hurting Thai families and Thai youth directly.

For this reason, World CARP Thailand and the Bioorganic Agricultural Association of Thailand (BAAT) have recently launched an integrated project named "Bio-organic Agricultural Program (BAP)". On our farm, we seek alternatives to the customary heavy use of pesticides and nutritional additives. Student volunteers come to spend the weekend in study, and while they are there we also offer lectures and education in Pure Love Education. In a way we are keeping both the natural and the personal environment clean.

In August we had the opportunity to introduce the project to His Excellency Dr. Thakshin Shinnawat, Prime Minister of Thailand, who encouraged us to develop these programs for the sake of Thailand's youth and natural environment.



Above: Students at work on the CARP /BAAT farm. Below: World CARP Thailand meets with the Thai Prime Minister



Somyot is the World CARP-Thailand President

Ivy League Tour

Howard Self

It has now been clearly decided to hold a series of campus events on prominent universities featuring World CARP President, Hyun Jin Moon before the end of 2001.

This is an excellent opportunity for World CARP to introduce Hyun Jin Nim and True Family's message of reconciliation amidst the current crisis. We will expand the campus and regional foundations and introduce the Service for Peace initiative to the high school and college youth of the churches and mosques within the World CARP networks.

The campus events will be designed as follow-ups or a continuation of Assembly 2001, held in October in New York. As with the conference, which brought together prominent representatives of the major religions involved in the current crisis, the campus events will feature True Father's words followed by representatives of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Hyun Jin Nim will give the keynote speech. *Service for Peace* will be introduced with a local *Service for Peace* project, involving the youth of the religions represented, also being announced. The projects will be in line with the central message of the solution of the present crisis being grounded in true love and living for the sake of others.

This year we are planning to hold events in four schools in New York, Chicago, Connecticut and the San Francisco Bay area. In 2002 we hope to expand to all the Ivy League level schools nationwide

Howard Self is the World CARP-USA President

Digital 2002

In Seok Yoo

In Alaska, Hyun Jin Nim gave us the challenge to become fully digital by August 2002. By then, all of our publications, databases and communications will take place through the internet and World CARP intranet. There will be huge savings of money and time as we bring our systems into global alignment. However, there are several important steps to reach this goal that we all agreed upon. Here are some of the first steps.

By the end of November, all chapters and all leaders MUST have signed up for a new user@worldcarp.org email address. Official correspondence from HQ will sent only to official @worldcarp.org addresses from December. As a second step, by the end of the year, all website domains must be redirected to a common form *chapter*.worldcarp.org.

I am available for help with these tasks, and urge you to contact me at anytime at webmaster@worldcarp.org.

News from Around the Chapters

US CARP Volunteers Witnessing in Moscow

Sasha Yershov

On October 18, 9 members of US-CARP, almost all of them from the 2nd year of STF, arrived in Moscow for an exciting exchange program. For the first three days they had an orientation program that included a special workshop and some sightseeing in Moscow. Since then they have been with Russian

members working in the witnessing centers, with some slight changes which were made to enhance the effectiveness of their education.

Life in CARP center implies learning. The schedule is quite intensive and not easy to cope with, but we believe that external investment without careful self- analysis and learning to apply the theory of DP in daily life is counterproductive, and may even become dangerous for the spiritual lives of members.

So it's a norm that hard work on the front line is combined with continuous internal guidance, sharing of experiences and selfreflection. This internal work in the sense should be even more intensive than the external. It is more difficult level of investment.

Our witnessing, as well as all other types of activities, is based on the very fundamental notion that external result cannot be achieved without internal victory, which basically

means changing one's character, overcoming limitations, and getting rid of fallen nature by going through challenges.

That's why from the beginning we explained to the US CARP members that they didn't come here to learn about some particular "Russian" system or method of witnessing, all the more they didn't come to primarily learn some Russian culture or tradition. Rather they came here to study how True Parents' tradition is implemented on the Russian soil. We discouraged them from seeking quick external result while neglecting their own internal growth.

While the intensity of our work was challenging, it turned

out that the internal work presented the greatest challenge. The attitude of US CARP members is very good. While obviously going through struggle and shedding tears they never said a word of complaint and are striving hard not to be behind their Russian brothers and sisters. And in fact there are already visible results. Three of them already have good guests. Two of US CARP members lectured for the first time in their life to American students studying at Moscow State University

The American members fundraise together with Russians only Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning for only their education purpose. Then they witness from Tuesday afternoon to Saturday all day, plus sometimes Sunday afternoon too (they have a half day off every Monday morning). We give more time for lectures on internal guidance and meetings for sharing and discussion.

Unless we have very clear and strong motivation to witness we cannot gain any success and fulfillment

and meaning in life. Many shared that they were going through the "desert" looking for their true motivation. This in its turn is impossible without strong vertical connection with God and True Parents. We all find ourselves in the situation where having only good horizontal relationships with friends is not enough. We are compelled to seek for God.

Photo: Sasha Yershov



US CARP team with Dr. Joon Ho Seuk in Red Square



US CARP witnessing near Moscow State University

It has been a truly humbling experience. It makes us seek closer communion with God."

Kozo Tomeda US CARP member now in Moscow

Mr. and Miss University Regional Contests

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Hungary

The 7th Hungarian Mr. & Miss University Beauty Pageant was held on October 27. We set up info-desks on several campuses each day to introduce the event and CARP ideas. Some teachers or professors became inspired, and announced the program to their students. Many young students were interested in the event, but they mostly wanted to take courage for next year!

Finally eight students applied. We all created such a good atmosphere that after the first day everyone opened up their heart very honestly in front of the others. At the end, even they wrote a common song for the pageant. The performances were really colorful and included an Arabic dance, a Krishna-song, a Taekwondo demonstration, country, Hungarian and original music and a fantasy-pantomime as well. The event was broadcast by the local TV and some interviews were done by radio.

The event was better organized and nicer compared to last year. Among the jury we could welcome a professional teacher and artist of singing, and a representative of the National Children and Youth Parliament, which is an umbrella organization of the government. CARP is going to join them in the next month. Thanks to all staff (4 associate friends and 20 core) who worked really hard and in unity.

Thailand

For many years T-CARP has sent Mr. & Miss University of Thailand to challenge on the world stage, and this year, Mr. University of Thailand was the runner-up. For the pageant next year, we are hoping for the gold!

Thirteen representatives from various universities nationwide came to Bangkok aiming to win the beauty pageant.. This year we set up a new, stricter standard in order to find out the real talents of the candidates. After the interview on the first day, they all had to demonstrate at the final round. Some of them tried traditional Thai dance, drama and even a talk show.

Ms. Uaploy Ploypanich, a f^{t} year student of Accounting and Business Administration, Thammasart University and Mr. Panya Buaboobpha, 2^{nd} year student of Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, were the winners.

Final in Seoul

The finals for Mr. & Miss University will be held in Seoul, Korea in mid February as part of the celebrations of WCSF 2002. A number of countries have still to select candidates, so anyone interested should contact their local chapter immediately for application information.





Mr & Miss University

Scenes from Mr. & Miss University, Hungary



Building Interreligious Harmony with the RYS in Thailand

Somyot Ketrisung

Saiphrao is small village surrounded by the mountains in the northern part of Thailand. Last year, in 2000, it was almost destroyed by floods. However the villagers there, about 100 families, have tried to revive their homes and bring the village back to life again. , World CARP Thailand and Japan, and several other organizations decided to organize a Religious Youth Service (RYS) project to help them

The opening ceremony was held in Phrae province, where 57 RYS participants from seven nations gathered: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal and Thailand. Four religions were represented: Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Unification Church. The Office of Public Welfare of Phrae and local member of Parliament Siriwan Pratsachaksattru worked with us to help the villagers to build a Public Welfare Center in their village. The project was completely supported by local donations and other private organizations.

As part of every project, the RYS assists in inter-religious understanding. Participants were introduced to several faiths through meditations and prayers from Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and the Unification Church. In addition, participants visited and were given presentations at a Buddhist Meditation Center, Roman Catholic Church, and a Muslim mosque, and they attended lectures by Prof. Kirti Bunchua, President of IRFWP-Thailand.

Service Learning and Reflection

An important part of every day was a period of reflection and review by the volunteers. Rather than telling them what to do and what they should be learning, we encourage them to reflect and discuss their own expectations for learning, and to regularly review whether and how the program is meeting those expectations. For many, this was a new process and important step toward being able to set up their own programs on return to their own college.

Finally, we'd like to record our appreciation to Rev. John Gehring and the RYS staff, and recommend a visit to their website at www.rys.net for more information about the project.



Photos: Religious Youth Service

"Through the activity and team reflections I could get close to everyone"

RYS Participant Hiro Furuta, Kyushu Univ.



Photos: Reliaious Youth Service



Photos: Religious Youth Service

Rev. Sun Myung Moon — Four Steps for World Peace

From a speech at Assembly 2001, New York City

Throughout history, human beings have continuously aspired for world peace. However, that dream has never been realized. We can look back at the end of the Cold War, at which time fierce political and military conflicts and struggles concluded. Many people expected that the long-awaited era of peace and stability would arrive based on the foundation of highly developed science. Yet conflict, hatred and selfish desire are imbedded deeply within each of us and are still active. These are creating ever more serious disasters in new shapes and forms.

Violence wreaked upon innocents is certainly an inhumane criminal act, and it must be stopped. However, what can eradicate those inner conflicts and struggles, and resolve the fundamental human problems at their root?

There is but one fundamental way and it is simple. It is to restore the family that the first human ancestors lost; that is, the ideal fa mily of God. That is the family with God at its center, the family that has achieved perfection in true love both vertically and horizontally. God exists as the Original Being of true love and the invisible True Parent of humankind.

At this time, I would like to set forth several crucial steps that are necessary for us to take in order to bring peace to the world.

Living for the Sake of Others

First, we must live for the sake of others. A self-centered life not only causes discomfort to others, but also violates the laws of Heaven. Living for the sake of others, on the other hand, is the way to resemble God. Loving our family, our community, our nation and the world is the way to inherit God's true love and to live in accord with the fundamental order of the universe.

Only through practicing true love can we become true individuals, true parents, true teachers and true Lords. Only then can we finally become the leaders who can bring about peace on Earth. Living for the sake of others is the first gate to peace.

How can we break the chain of hatred and violence we perpetrate against one another? Returning hatred in response to hatred only leads to more hatred, terror and destruction. This is certainly not the path to peace. We can touch, embrace and educate conflicting parties only by true love. True love with God in the center disregards national boundaries and it is international.

Marriage as an Instrument of Peace

Second, the family is the fundamental unit for building peaceful nations and ultimately a peaceful world. As I mentioned, the root of conflict originated in the first family. Therefore, until the family of the True Parents appears, it is impossible for us to enter the era of world peace. The international Blessings that I promote worldwide are in this sense a movement to save all nations and the world. We teach youth to keep purity before marriage and, when they reach adulthood, to marry under the Blessing of God. They must pledge to their spouse that they will maintain absolute trust and fidelity as husband and wife. Families built upon such an ideal and education have no need to feel threatened by the AIDS virus. For them, preventing AIDS is easier than preventing a cold or flu. If we educate the youth of the world in this vision and practice it, we will completely eliminate AIDS. We will eliminate the scourge of family breakdown as well.

Families of true love will serve as the cornerstone for peaceful nations and a peaceful world. If individuals of enemy nations, who lived in discord throughout history, come together in love as in -laws, their reconciliation will bring nations

and races together. It is a high wall to overcome.

Nevertheless, here is the supreme formula for bringing true peace to the world: bring together children from enemy families and nations for the "Exchange Marriage Blessing." From that point will begin the world of eternal peace that God and all humankind have desired.

A Challenge to Religious Leaders

Third, inter-religious reconciliation and cooperation is an essential condition for world peace. We cannot expect world peace unless religious people rec-

oncile and cooperate. World peace is the original ideal of God. Therefore, religious leaders and believers should be guides who lead people to peace. If religions only emphasize narrowminded denominationalism and fail to teach true love for God and humanity we will never be free from the horrors of war.

In the face of this global crisis, religious leaders have to practice true love, humbly following God's Will, walking hand in hand beyond the boundaries of their own religion. If religions love, cooperate and serve each other, putting the higher ideal of peace ahead of particular doctrines, rituals and cultural backgrounds, the world will change dramatically.

Beyond National Self-Interest

Fourth, the United Nations must serve the world and God's ideal of creation effectively. To do so, it must transcend the power of politics and national diplomacy, which reflect the motives of nations seeking their own self-interest. Only then can it truly protect the human rights of all peoples and nations and build world peace.

Maintaining order in the world and protecting public prosperity and peace will be difficult as long as political sovereignty operates on the principle of national self-interest and ignores or undermines moral and spiritual values.

High-level leaders must ground themselves spiritually and morally upon God's ideal and govern according to universal principles. No political power or earthly authority should stand above God and the laws of Heaven.

Crisis and Hope Summit Held in New York

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Canadian Governor Ed Schreyer, former US Vice President Dan Quayle; and 40 UN Ambassadors from diverse nations including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Arab League, Uzbekistan, Colombia, Kenya, and the Ukraine.

Current and former legislators included Richard Holbrooke and Congressman Danny Davis, who joined religious leaders such as the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan from the Nation of Islam, Rev. Jerry Falwell and many other representatives of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism and other faiths. Samoa was represented by this writer, the Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, Ulu Vaomalo Kini.

Under tight security, world participants arrived in their attractive and multicolored cultural and religious attires. Following the opening banquet and sessions on the first day, concepts and barriers gradually melted in the hearts of the participants. There was the desire to meet, to understand, to love and embrace people from so many cultures and faiths from all corners of the earth, and to fulfill Jesus's command to us to 'Love your enemy.'

Who would believe that Christians, Muslims, Jews and Buddhists could get together and discuss the current world crisis according to their respective Holy Scripture with devotion in their hearts to God and to world peace?

In his keynote address, the IIFWP Founder Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon explained that humanity needs to understand the Root of Conflict which caused the loss of God's Blessings. Not by Power or Knowledge but by True Love can humanity restore the 3 Blessings given by God, our Parent, with Marriage as an instrument of peace. World Peace is the Original Ideal of God, a challenge of unity between the religions of the world and beyond national self-interest. Peace is our historical quest.

The most impressive experience for was the "Bridge of Peace Ceremony" held on the second evening. An American Bishop came on the stage to meet and embrace a High Chief Apache Native Indian American. To reconcile the hatred and resentment of the past, all sorts of pairs were formed. The chief Rabbi from Jerusalem went on the stage to embrace the Grand Imam from Pakistan, both men turned toward the audience, raising their hands high, and everyone stood and applauded, most with tears streaming down their faces.

Understanding the need of love, forgiveness and reconciliation, all participants selected afterwards their natural historical "enemies". A white person would find his match with an African or with an Oriental. All participants were given a very special and beautiful framed certificate: "Ambassador for Peace".

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Clockwise from top: Opening Ceremony of the IIFWP. HE Dan Quayle, former vicepresident of the USA, H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid, former President of Indonesia, Rabbi David Broadman, Chief Rabbi of the Rabbinate of Savion in Israel, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

We all signed a 'Peace Certificate' and promised to keep contact with each other to fulfill the scriptures and find the Path to World Peace in View of God's Will. All the participants felt they had become true brothers and sisters beyond any religion, race and denomination with the hope that such seminars can be multiplied with God's Grace and Holy Spirit.

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The mission of World CARP is to encourage **conscientious** young people to live for the sake of others, by bridging the generations and transcending the boundaries between races, nationalities and religions.

We strive for **individual excellence** through challenging our limitations. We believe in establishing enduring relationships, based on the model of the true family, which build toward **lasting peace** within the larger community and the world. We engage in regrutar community service, and practice moral,

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