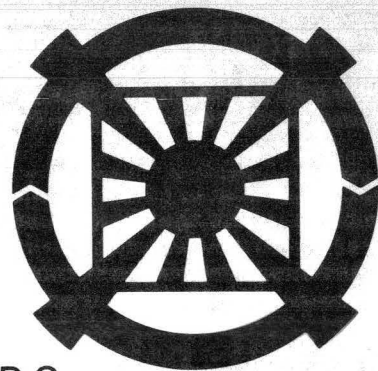


Unification Newsletter



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Words of Encouragement From God's Day Midnight Address 1985

Even from the prison at Danbury, Father has been constantly making effort to support and nourish the ministers and clergy across the country and the membership of our Unification Church. The following are excerpts from speeches and letters that he has written in the past few months.

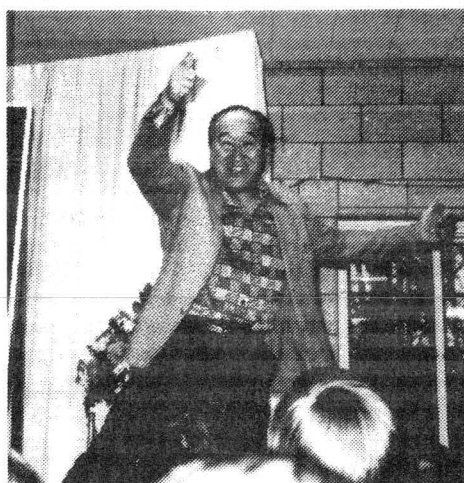
I have been missing you, coming back to you and seeing your faces so shining and bright, happy and filled with vitality is so very good. It's good to see you. I want you to know that we are going a pioneering path. It's not an easy path. It's a very difficult, stony, tough and difficult path sometimes. Sometimes you have to open up the path by exploding dynamite; you have to go pioneering stony path.

Father went to prison because he knew the law of indemnity; the law of restoration by indemnity. Father knew he has to pay incredible indemnity and debts. After paying that indemnity, incredible blessing will come. Father always sought to set the record to be worthy of God's blessing. If you try to turn the stage from high ground you won't do it. You have to lift up the stage at the bottom. So the perfection stages would be changed going from the bottom up, always upward.

For whom did Father enter the prison? Father entered Danbury to save America, and for those who are going to revive America. Among all young people, Unification Church youth are the ones ardently burning to save America. Father would like to give you the tradition, the inheritance of the true spirit that will not be removed from you. Father knows that every one of you walked a very difficult path up to 1984. He knows that every one of you

gave up the best time, the prime time of your life, for the sake of your mission. But then Father knew that God had been waiting for such people who could give up that time for the sake of the mission, and for the sake of the world.

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Father at January
Leader's Conference

Letter from Hank Dyke

The DC members welcome Hank Dyke as the new pastor. Mike Marshall will be moving on to a new mission, coordinating the development of a new monthly magazine which will eventually be located in Washington.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Time flies like an arrow" they say in Korea, and that is how most of us feel, as we are working to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. On God's Day we had the incredible privilege to receive Father's message as a guideline for 1985. Besides the two God's Day messages, Father gave two speeches to the leaders on January 2 and January 4. At the regional workshops for our members, in January, I have shared Father's January 2

speech with the brothers and sisters as well as during our "internal guidance" evening on Tuesday, February 12. We have planned a Metro area level seminar for our members on Saturday, March 2. At that time, we will share again Father's directions. This newsletter will contain excerpts of the midnight speech, the January 2 and January 4 speech.

As your new pastor, I would like to

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Father's Speech to Leaders January 4, '85

History so far has been a history of division. But, in the end, there has to be a history of unification. The necessity of religion becomes apparent. The reality of the fall of man becomes apparent. There are forces that go against God. The situation cannot be resolved without religion. Most important of all is the declaration of the existence of God. Our first job is to declare to the world, in the shortest possible time, that He exists, approaching it theologically, philosophically, scientifically, with commitment heart and integrity.

The following excerpts were taken from a letter written by Reverend Moon to ministers throughout the country.

Dear Pastor,

I feel we can build upon the precious things we share and believe in common and work together to raise up the standard of morality and justice in America . . . We feel that our primary calling is 1) to promote love and unity in the body of Christ around the world, 2) to restore the family, and 3) to counteract atheistic materialism with a God-centered viewpoint.

Writing to you from prison like this reminds me of the great Apostle Paul who wrote much of the New Testament while in prison for his faith. I have felt the presence of God in a mighty way while here. And I now understand more deeply the words that Paul wrote in Philippians 4:12-13: "I know both

We should know Unification Church history, because we have a goal and history represents our path to that goal. Father is our tradition setter. To hit the target, we have to follow his tradition exactly. Don't try to make your own foundation from "scratch." Realize the value and preciousness of our tradition and lifestyle. Father is making an example to others...of the successful way to go. Father knows our message will get through if we come to the ministers in love and tears.

how to be made low and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

I know the time will come when God will totally exonerate me, and I have tried to be a model prisoner while serving out my sentence in this prison. But until that day of exoneration comes, I ask that you pray with me, and that you speak out for and defend religious freedom for all God-loving people in America . . .

Gratefully,

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Reports CARP Report

CARP is continuing to offer its series of Won Hwa Do classes at campus centers in the D.C. area. Classes are offered at the University of Maryland on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, classes are offered at American University at 2:30 and at Montgomery College at 7 p.m.

CARP will be sponsoring a number of speakers at different campuses in the near future. Among these will be Reverend J. Osborne Scott, speaking at George Washington University, speaking on "Racial Harmony", and Dr. McMahon who will speak at the University of Maryland and George Washington University. For more information call 723-6953.

CARP would like to proudly welcome its four new members: Lexa Donaldson, Bo Chen, Raenette Nakama, and Abar.

Regional News: Raleigh, North Carolina.

On January 12 the Raleigh center hosted a state level International Conference for the Clergy (ICC). 54 ministers attended the conference which was held at the Radison Plaza Hotel in Raleigh and co-sponsored by the Shaw Divinity School. The convenor of the conference was Dr. Joseph C. Paige, the Associate Dean of the Shaw Divinity School. Presentations were given by Reverend Tom McDevitt, and included the Unification Theology of the Creation and the Fall. Dr. Paige has been active with the efforts of CAUSA. He is the Chairman of the Rural Baptist Committee and this Spring he will host a state-wide conference for these rural ministers.

"Hesitancy To Return to God" By Isaac Brooks

(The following excerpts were taken from an article written by Isaac Brooks for the Common Suffering Fellowship newsletter. Isaac Brooks is the director of Put Religion In School Education (PRISE) and participates with several national organizations in their strategies against Communism.)

We have come a long way since May in the religious liberty arena when it was decided that encroachment by the government on religious freedoms could no longer be tolerated. We have been educated on the religious liberty issues. We have met and fellowshiped together. And we have shown compassion for each others views that may be a little different from our own.

For all of this we praise God and give Him glory.

Now that you and I have been to the well and drunk this rewarding water, our work has just begun. I would like to emphasize that in all our endeavors we need to pray for those victims whose religious freedoms have been encroached upon by the government, that they may gain strength in their perseverance and, above all, that their suffering will not be in vain.

In most countries of the world there is a basic religion that most of the people pursue. America is one of the few countries that has a pluralistic society with pluralistic religious aspirations. It is amazing that our Founding Fathers had the insight and fore-

sight to provide for the religious freedom of such a multi-religious country as America.

But today, we find the men and women of this country hesitant to return to God. There are basically four factors contributing to this unfortunate state: 1. Lack of conviction in the existence of God. 2. Lack of knowledge of God's purpose of creation. 3. Mixed signals coming from religious institutions; and 4. Inability to demonstrate a truly unselfish nature.

These four factors should be kept in our hearts and minds as we endeavor to minister to the people of this country and the world.

Our Founding Fathers foresaw a great direction, vision and spiritual growth for this country. However, all these elements are retarded when men and women are cut off from God, their physical selves have no conscience and no heart of love. Can you see why this factor has such great impact

Letter from Reverend Lee

Dear brothers and sisters,

As I have remained in Washington, D.C. for more than one month instead of visiting other states in the region, I have had the opportunity to visit a number of centers in the D.C. area. It has been a great inspiration for me to meet brothers and sisters and many of the wonderful ministers you have been working with on the front line. I would like to share with you a few of my thoughts following this experience.

Revolution is already occurring in many places, but particularly in peoples hearts, and in the hearts of ministers through Divine Principle, CAUSA

and NCCSA projects. The more we visit churches and ministers, the better a foundation we create. When we visit a church, already God and True Parents have arrived there before us. Each subsequent visit allows the spiritual world to work more actively with that church. The key is how many times we can visit a church in a short period of time.

During this time period, once again, I am absolutely convinced of the fact that visiting and serving the churches is the only means of victory for God and our True Parents. Realization of true love in the Christian churches, like

our True Parents victorious home church in Danbury, is the fundamental principle we are trying to experience very day.

Let's make true love foundations in many churches, and let's fulfill our goal for National CAUSA seminars for the first half of this year.

Thank you again. God bless you.

ITPN, Reverend Sung Soo Lee

P.S. Reverend McDevitt and I will continue to visit your centers to meet your ministers.

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extend to you my heartfelt gratitude for the support I receive from you to carry out this ministry. Many have expressed their desire to work for the ministers outreach, and have asked for guidance. This is the specific reason why we have planned the March 2 seminar, so keep that day open for this seminar. Reverend Tom McDevitt will be giving guidance, among others, and we invited several ministers to join us for the evening program.

Many members have also expressed their concern for having a good Sunday service, a good Sunday School, care for families, education, etc. I assure you that I will do all I can to make things work.

Mr. Takehiro Ono who served as a district leader in Northern Virginia has returned to Los Angeles to work for Mr. Ishii again. In the six months he has been here, he has left a record of devotion and relentless effort to reach

on the foundation of our country and the government as well as other parts of our society. What must you and I do? There are organizations with ideologies that profess that there is no God. We must confront those with ideologies of God and Godism, fighting fire with fire. We must tear down the walls of intolerance, selfishness, and division that exist between our churches, organizations, denominations and religions. We must build on a foundation of love and oneness, to bring joy and satisfaction to God's heart.

I wish you all the very best and may God bless you.



Hank Dyke and Mike Marshall on the ocean

out to ministers. Mr. Harumi Take has taken over from him. Take-san was city leader in Charleston, West Virginia.

May I finally draw your attention to the financial situation of our metro-

area church. Even we are trying in every way to cut our budget, still we cannot make ends meet unless all center members fundraise half of the time, leaving very little time for ministers outreach. This could be corrected, if only every member of the community, or every family for that matter, would fulfill the duty of tithing. In the new magazine "Blessed Family" No. 3, Nancy Barton quotes Father on the topic of tithing. Blessing can come only then, when we give to God, what belongs to Him. Then the way is open for Him to bless and protect us.

Thank you for giving me the time to express these things and if there is anything that you feel I can do for you, please let me know.

Yours, in the Name of our True Parents.

Hank Dyke

Common Suffering Fellowship

At this time, over 600 ministers have attended the Common Suffering Fellowship seminars. The CSF is held weekly in Washington, D.C. with participants arriving on Monday and leaving Friday. The week includes a diverse and enriching set of activities including visits to the participants Congressional representatives on Capitol Hill, a Religious Freedom Rally in front of the White House and presentations and workshops on current issues and strategies in the field of religious freedom. Notable leaders in religious liberties activism as well as Unification Church leaders are among the presentation makers.

As important as these practical activities is the spiritual side of each week. Each day begins with a morning worship. Wednesday evening provides an "open pulpit" for voluntary preaching and testimony by participants. Song and prayer

makes this night an especially moving one. Unification lecturers provide theological stimulation through presentations on key elements of Reverend Moon's biblical interpretation, focusing on the mission of Jesus and the Second Coming.

If you know of ministers who may be interested please contact your city leader.

We would be grateful for your contributions (reports and testimonies). Please send them to Collette Caprara, 821 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Member's Experiences

From Catherine Heuseler

Father had asked us last year to visit ministers and unite with them in the spirit of Christian love and brotherhood: but, up to now, I did not feel any personal accomplishment.

I did visit ministers, but I did not feel the presence of the Holy Spirit working with me. So I prayed and prayed and asked God to help me and guide me so that I would start becoming a good instrument for Him for such a responsibility.

In prayer, I felt strongly that God wanted me to find members who could be my examples and who could teach me how to handle that mission. I also became more and more aware of the fact that I needed more knowledge of the Bible and of the Divine Principle. I also realized that I needed to study the theology of other Christian churches.

When a friend and his wife who are members living in Virginia asked my husband and I to spend an evening with them, I expressed my need for help on the matter of visiting ministers. The give and take that we had was nourishing and uplifting. I felt that it was possible to share my thoughts and the warmth of Christian brotherhood. My heart was filled with confidence. I started to believe again that I was capable of influencing religious leaders positively towards our Father, our teaching and our church.

The following day we went to visit two Baptist ministers. We had an overwhelming experience as we listened to the sermon of a visiting minister. His topic was "Together, Togetherness." Here are some of his words:

"Satan separates, God brings together. Prayer comes before anything else we do. Husband and wife who pray together stay together, parents and children who pray together, stay together, countries who pray together, stay together. Even though God is almighty, He wants togetherness with us because we are his family."

The other minister we visited invited us into his office. He shared with us about his efforts to breed, within his own congregation, the barriers of prejudice and discrimination. He said that same morning he had given a sermon on God's love.

He spoke about the greater value of loving those whom we don't know. He said that he meant to love people who belong to other religious groups, even

groups who are known to be unpopular. He talked about the damage made by the media who have tried to destroy the reputation of many religious groups.

He told us that he had known for a long time that Reverend Moon was subject to unfounded religious prejudice and that he had decided not to side with such an unfair attitude.

I am deeply grateful to God for giving me such an inspiring weekend.

Two experiences with ministers:

Reverend Smith gave his usual sensitive and articulate sermon a few weeks ago when we went to visit him at his church. Lately he'd been having trouble with his blood sugar level and was exhausted after delivering his sermon.

When his service was over, we went with Reverend Smith to his office and told him that we wanted to pray for his health. When we were done, he wiped away his tears and told us how a congregation often doesn't know how

much a pastor needed their prayers.

Although we had spoken to Reverend Rollins by phone, this was the first time we were meeting him. After sharing with him, we asked if he would pray with us before parting. Our experience was deep and beautiful, and the next week when we were at his service he testified about it from the pulpit.

We have remained friends with Reverend Rollins. He has joined CAUSA and in a few weeks we will be hosting a CAUSA lecture at his church.

Upcoming Events

Keep the following seminars and conferences in mind and inform those ministers who you think may be interested. Check with your city leader for details:

CAUSA Conference

A national CAUSA conference will be held in San Francisco, March 4 through 8.

Additional conferences will be held as follows:

March 11, San Francisco
March 18, Chicago
March 25, Atlanta
April 15, Los Angeles
April 22, Dallas
April 29, Philadelphia
May 6, New York
May 13, Seattle
May 20, Chicago
May 27, Washington, DC
June 3, Denver

Interdenominational Conferences for the Clergy

An advanced ICC conference will be held in Korea from April 8 through April 18.

Personals

Room Available
Bowie, MD One room, \$200 per month, call Jeanine Grahn 262-8039
Riverdale, MD Two rooms and share house \$150 per month, and utilities. Phone Willis Witter, (H) 731-5746, (W) 636-3180.

North West DC One room \$190 per month, shared room \$140 per month. Call Bruce Casino 291-3334

Pianist Needed for Church service Sundays (could alternate) Sunday choir needs male voices. Call Diane Fersler 978-8611

New Arrival!!!

A baby boy was born to Dennis and Masako Jamison on January 28 at 9.22 p.m. Jasun Hyo Il Jamison weighed in at 8 pounds and one and a half ounces.

Will babysit for baby boy (over one year old) 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call Eiko Thorne 524-9036

Announcements

Sunday Services will be held at 5 p.m. as of February 24

Internal guidance meetings will be held with Hank Dyke Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.

Several committees have chosen officers: Blessed Couples Education: Steve Deddens Blessed Children: Gudrun Gavin, Margaret Herbers

Common Suffering Fellowship seminars will provide a bus for churches (must pay for gas). Call Dennis Hoffman 832-0848

Wednesday night prayer meetings will be held at 6.30 p.m. at the church. Call Laura Taylor (W) 291-3334 (H) 431-0092.