

Chicago Family Church Peace Road 2020 USA March

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The Peace Road event in Chicago was held next to the historic New Friendship MB Church in the Englewood area. It was here that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. organized a Peace March in August, 1966.

Today was perfect; sunny, breezy and comfortable. Eighty-Two Family Federation Members and guests gathered with one accord in the midst of Englewood, a community which is known as one of the most dangerous areas of Chicago, to pray for Peace.

Rev. Fannie Smith (WFWP Peace Road Coordinator for the Midwest Region) served as MC of the event. Evangelist Rita Pritchett (ACLIC Women In Ministry Chicago Staff, Former Chicago Police Officer) shared an uplifting song tribute. Dr. Willie Weston, Sr. (Co-Chairman of ACLIC-Illinois) offered an opening prayer.



Dr. Michael Jenkins then explained the idea of the Peace Road. It is rooted in True Parents' words in 1991 and the Peace Road 2020 started at Jamestown, VA, where the first slave ship arrived in America more than 400 years ago. He also shared how the accomplishments of ACLIC Chicago has inspired True Parents.

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim began his remarks by announcing True Mother's Global Rally of Hope, which will be held this evening. He taught us to revive the spirit of Jesus and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who paved the way to the ideal world of love and peace. Now in this difficult time, True Parents are asking us to come together and go back to the ideal of creation of Heavenly Parent.

Pastor T. L. Barrett, Jr. (Pastor of Life Center Church of God in Christ) explained that we are supposed to be a temple of God, we are supposed to love all races and all ethnicities because we are of the same body

of God. He encouraged all of us by saying, "Let's make True Mother's dream a reality with True Love. Let's bring the peace on earth and let's begin with us."



Bishop Shirley Coleman (Pastor of Spiritual Wholistic Ministries and former 16th Ward Alderman) Started by first recognizing two second-generation politicians, Alderman Rod Sawyer (6th Ward Alderman, son of former Mayor of Chicago, Eugene Sawyer) and Alderman Stephanie Coleman (16th Ward Alderman, daughter of Bishop Coleman). She appreciated the many years of work of ACLC which have been bringing a positive impact to this community. "We used to be the murder capital of the world, but now we are the praying capital of the world and now we are the peace capital of the world."

Our MC Rev. Smith read a Letter from the Mayor of Chicago, Hon. Lori Lightfoot, celebrating the works of UPF and Peace Road 2020 in Chicago at New Friendship MBC. Dr. Luonne Rouse offered a deep prayer reminding us that God expects us to reach beyond boundaries and unite with each other. He encouraged us to go forward with the Spirit of God and his Radical love to bring all humanity on the earth together beyond race and ethnicity.



The meeting was concluded with three cheers of Ok Mansei led by Joshua Holmes. We were all blessed by the presence of Rev. Queen Mother Helen Sinclair (One of the Founding Members of Rainbow PUSH), who has just celebrated her 100th birthday.

True Mother's book was presented to all guests of the Peace Road event today. We all felt Heavenly Parent's acceptance of this pilgrimage, and by lifting of the blanket of fear will bring the reconciliation which is sorely needed. We are so grateful for the helpful cooperation of the Youth in Ministry who extended their love and made the program a resounding success. We all hope to bring joy to True Mother's heart, with our appreciation and love!