

## WORLD CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL 2002

# BLESSING 2002

## True Parents at Seoul's Olympic Stadium

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

**B**lessing 2002 was conducted by our True Parents Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, in a glorious moment of unity and peace. Couples filled the Olympic Park stadium. Around 15,000 were in attendance. Over 3,500 young couples were blessed in marriage.

Seventy couples were from the U.S. One of the couples was the son of Archbishop David Billings. They were very inspired as his son was blessed with a beautiful sister from the Philippines. World Religious leaders offered very succinct yet beautiful prayers over the couples representing the different faith traditions.

Rev. Kwak's speech highlighted the fact that we are now moving toward the blessing of 144,000 Religious Leaders centering on America.



The prayers were offered in this order. Be a Majit Singh the worldwide leader of over 100,000,000 Sikhs offered a prayer of great love and blessing for the couples. Representing Orthodox Christianity, Econnomos Emil Nassef Rohana the Economos of Israel of the Uniate Orthodox Church, Ambassador Joseph Silverbird, Dr. Vishwanth Dadari Karad, President of the World Peace Center of Pune. (Representing the Sacred Tradition of Gyaneshwara, His Eminence Lee Won Sang repre-

senting the prestigious Taego Order of Buddhism, Rabbi Itzakh Bar Dea, Rabbi of the most wealthy suburb of Jerusalem., His Eminence Sayyed Musawi, Grand Imam, World Alul Bayt Islamic League, Pastor T.L. Barrett America Clergy Leadership Conference Co -Convener representing Christianity.

The harmony of the religious leaders was truly unique. Rabbi Bar Dea could not work due to the fact it was the Sabbath. However he wanted to pray for the couples so he stayed in a simple Korean style hotel near the stadium and walked there. When he arrived in the VIP waiting room Pastor Barrett

noticed that his shoe came untied and, knowing that the Rabbi could not work, crouched down to tie the Rabbi's shoe. The Rabbi said, "Oh no I can work on that." Pastor Barrett insisted. It was like Jesus wash- see **BLESSING** on page 3



## World CARP Convention 2002

by Michael Balcomb

**E**veryone who watched the World CARP Convention at the Olympic Weightlifting Stadium in Seoul, Korea on Friday, Feb. 15—and there were more than 4,000 who did—

came away deeply impressed. From start to finish, this was a first class event on a par with any in the Seoul Olympics for which the arena was built.

As spotlights and strobes split the air, the program began with a rousing parade of national flags 32 nations representing the more than 110 chapters of World CARP. MCs Yeunwoo Cho and Hyung Dok Kim, a senior at Yonsei University, welcomed the huge crowd and promised the most exciting convention ever.

The crowd watched first in silence then with

growing cheers to several great new videos introducing World CARP and the Service for Peace ideal, videos worthy of MTV but about a hundred times as wholesome.



Service for Peace International Director Robert Kittel told the story of the meteoric rise of the service initiative in the past eight months, pointing out that both the United Nations and US President George Bush had recently emphasized service as the true path to peace. World CARP Executive Vice President Ken Bates regaled the assembled

CARP members with a riveting account of all the great victories of 2001.

Then Hyun Jin Nim took the stage. He gave a really great speech calling on everyone to "dream the biggest dream possible, the dream of the true family of God." He explained that Breakthrough

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## FOUNDER'S ADDRESS WCSF 2002

### The Root of Peace is in

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

I would like to thank you for participating in the World Culture and Sports Festival 2002 in this second year of the new millennium of hope, and making this event such a great success.

Humanity is living in an age in which change is taking place at a faster pace than ever before. The world is feeling the need for dialogue among religions, harmony among the races, and understanding across cultures. I believe that is why the theme to the WCSF 2002 is "Toward a World of a Culture of Peace of a New Dimension." So as the founder of this conference, I would like to take this opportunity to share a part of the philosophy of peace that I have believed, practiced, and taught through my life.

Respected guests, What do you think is the fundamental root of peace, which we so earnestly hope for and have shouted for continuously? Where do we need to go, what do we need to do in order to achieve peace, and what is the obstacle that stands in humanity's path to peace? Is there any hope that we can bring about peace in this confused world where individualism and selfishness are so extremely rampant?

In order to know the fundamental root of peace, we must examine God's ideal of creation. We cannot bring about peace without knowing God and the spirit world. The creation of heaven and earth is nothing other than the manifestation of God's true love, and human beings—who were created as the mas-

ters of that world—were to establish God's ideal of creation—that is, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth that is the world of God's original ideal of creation—and then go to the spirit world and establish the Kingdom of Heaven of eternal peace. Unless we establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, which is a world of peace, we cannot expect to live in such a world in the spirit world. "Kingdom of Heaven" here refers to a place where the creation and humankind live for each another and where all human beings live for one another in harmonious unity.

#### Result of the Fall

With the fall committed by the human ancestors, however, God's ideal of creation was cruelly destroyed, and it still has not been completed. Human beings fell into such ignorance that we did not even know that the relationship between God and humanity was that of parent and child. Please look at the world of today, which came about as a result of the Fall. Deception and divorce decimate families, which should be overflowing with melodies of happiness and peace. Children, who should cherishing their dreams of the future and cultivating their limitless potentials under the warm glow of their parents' love, are running out into the streets out of

a sense of failure and disappointment, becoming slaves to liquor and drugs, and even throwing their bodies away to free sex. This is the absurd reality that we are witnessing.

What do we see when we look at the national leaders, who should be responsible for their citizens and guide their nations in the direction of good? Many are more interested in the preservation of their own power than in the future of the nation or the happiness of their citizens. Between nations, too, isn't it our reality today that there is disharmony and struggle where their should be understanding and peace and that war is rampant? The path to the peace for humankind is blocked.

That is why God has had no choice except to carry out His providence of salvation, by which He establishes the ideal of true love and peace that He originally planned. God's providence of salvation is a providence to recover the original condition. That is, it is a providence of restoration. For the purpose of this providence of restoration, God has established in the course of history religions in each age, tradition, and culture as a way to expand the domain of good.

Early in my life, I received Heaven's call for the sake of human salvation. Throughout my life after that time, I

overcame persecution and suffering and arrived at the point on January 13, 2001, where I could offer to Heaven the "Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship." I liberated the heart of God and returned his kingship to God, who had been waiting for this moment for thousands of years following the human fall. On the foundation of this event, the world has entered an age in which the spirit world and physical world can become one and communicate freely with each other. The spirit world is breathing in harmony with people in the physical world. Jesus' twelve disciples, and even the four great saints, have sent messages testifying to me as the True Parents of humankind and the Messiah. In this way, the barriers that had divided the two worlds have been completely torn down. I declare before you that we are approaching the age when no one will be able to live except by following the way of Heaven.

#### Establish true families

Humanity now must establish true families in which they attend God as our first generation Father, stand in the position of perfected Adam and Eve in order to establish the realm of the second generation and become husband and wife, and then procreate so as to perfect that realm of the third

generation. It is only by following this path that we can create a world free from sin and filled with freedom, peace, and happiness, and insure that God's direct lineage will thrive on the Earth generation after generation for all eternity. In this way, when we come to know God and spirit world with certainty, we see the path to bring about peace.

What does peace mean? In human relations, peace means that subject and object become one with each other and form the horizontal. It refers to the state of the total mean, where there is not even the slightest disturbance. In Chinese characters, the word for peace consists of two characters: one meaning flat, or horizontal and another meaning harmony or reconciliation. Thus, peace is not a solitary peace formed by just one person. No one, no matter how hard they may try, can be happy by himself

## C A L E N D A R

### FEBRUARY 2002

- 1 Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)  
Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)
- 6 Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace Established (1999)
- 7 Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)  
360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 11 16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 12 Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)  
Lunar New Year
- 13 First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples (2000)  
Cosmic True Parents' Federation Established (2000)  
Family Center for Universal Peace and Unification (2000)
- 14 Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)
- 17 Father's Birthday (1/6/20)  
Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)  
International Security Council Established (1985)
- 18 Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68)
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)  
Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
- 22 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- 23 Day of the Victory of Earth (1977)
- 27 Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)  
Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998)
- 28 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)  
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)

### MARCH 2002

- 3 Kwon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/20/75)
- 6 Shin Sook Nim's Birthday (1/23/84)
- 13 Dong Sook Nim's Birthday (1/30/55)
- 23 Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/88)
- 26 Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
- 27 New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA) Inauguration (1980)
- 28 43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)  
Jin Sung Nim's Birthday (2/18/62)

### APRIL 2002

- 1 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)
- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)  
138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)  
57 Single Blessing (1989)  
Declaration for the Blessed Family (1995)
- 9 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)  
Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)  
Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)  
Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)  
Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Established (1996)
- 11 Un Jin Nim & Jin Hun Nim's Blessing (1986)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 13 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)  
Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)  
Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 23 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- 28 Shin Yea Nim's Ascension (2001)

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## True Love

or herself. True peace only comes when there is harmony in all the relationships of upper and lower, left and right, and front and back, there is no leaning to one side or the other, and all relationships are in harmony.

The world of peace is a world in which axes are established in the vertical, front to back, and horizontal directions and where all things are in absolute resonance with each other. When the seven colors of the rainbow are combined, they form the color white, which symbolizes harmony and peace. In the same way, peace is a pure white color within which all conditions and circumstances are fused and harmonize in one place. When all directions form a complete harmony at a single point, then the two-dimensional plane is automatically transcended, the third dimension is taken on and an eternal nature is acquired. This is how the permanent peace of humanity can be established.

Peace does not exist in isolation, but has its root in true love. In the same way that free and happiness have their roots in true love, so also true peace cannot be accomplished unless we first bring about true love. Then, what kind of love is true love? It is a love that gives and then forgets that it has given—that is, a love that gives unconditionally. It is sacrificial love. In the same way that parents attached no conditions to the love by which they give birth to, raise, and provide for a child, so also true love is a love that gives unconditionally. It is a love that even forgiving and giving to an enemy. It is a love that gives, and then keeps on giving. Because it gives without con-

dition, true love does not even remember the fact that it has already given. It is a love of unlimited giving.

This was the kind of love that God bestowed on human beings at the time He created us. That is why the origin of true love lies in God. When peace is established on the basis of this true

one hundred percent of the time. No matter the time, place, or circumstance, the body must stand before the mind as an absolute object, and move or rest in oneness with the mind. This is the way of heavenly law. The person whose mind and body have become completely one in this way is a perfected human being. It is just such true persons that God has earnestly desired since the beginning. Such true persons are able to attend God as their substantial Father, and share with God all the emotions.

No matter what it takes, we must unite our mind and body, become the substantiation of true love, and then pull ourselves up to the stage of perfection. Each of us must become a true person who can shout out, "God, my Father," without the slightest shame or the smallest shadow. If we do that, we will become eternally luminous bodies sending out the light of the truth and love our Father in Heaven. When we have completed our lives on Earth, we will live eternally in the spirit world as the sons and daughters of Heaven who have become God's

direct children.

Second, as members of a community such as a society or a nation, we must practice "a life lived for the sake others," and through this, we must respect each other's human rights. Under no circumstance should we commit the mistake of violating the human rights of another person. People of all races are born with equal value. As far as race is concerned, God is colorblind. Racial discrimination, religious struggle, and selfish nationalism give rise to situations resulting in the violation of human rights. The age when people could be ruled by force has passed.

The Twenty-first Century is an age when people live together, transcending races, nations, and religions. This means that the age of ruling through true love has begun. Respected world leaders, Jesus also said, "For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus made clear

that the path to bringing about a world of peace lies in practicing "a life lived for the sake of others," which is the Heavenly way. I have stated that the root of peace is in true love. For this reason, we must all believe in God, who is the origin and master of true love, and follow the correct path of following the Heavenly law. Heavenly fortune will be with the person who does this, and such a person will be able to accomplish anything. I sincerely ask that each one of you accomplish the perfection

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love, then that peace will become true peace, and it will even bring with it freedom and happiness.

### Conditions for True Peace

What, then, are the conditions that we must have in order to accomplish true peace? First, please consider the relationship between your mind and body. The principle of Heaven is for the physical body, in the position of the object, to follow the direction of the mind, in the position of the subject,

Yet, we do not need to examine our lives very deeply at all to feel how distant we are from fulfilling the image of such true human beings. We realize that our condition is such that we feel great shame to hear ourselves referred to as the sons or daughters of God. There are many times when the mind is in the right place, but the body does not follow, or when we have allowed ourselves to become slaves to our physical bodies even though it goes against the conscious and eventually commit an unintended mistake.

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ing one of the Rabbi's feet!

Imam Masawi was so unassuming as they prepared for prayer. Pastor Barrett suggested that in commemoration of this historic gathering each one sign the others program, which each in turn did for one another.

The institution of joint prayers given for the blessing began with Blessing 97 at RFK stadium. Pastor Barrett was on hand then to give the prayer of blessing for Christianity. He prayed, "Dear

Lord, thank you for giving us the True Parents of all humanity, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. We pray that all of these couples will become True Parents and True Families."

Sir James Mancham the founder and first President of the Republic of Seychelles gave the congratulatory address.

One of the most moving moments was when True Parents prayed for the blessing. Instead of praying with their arms stretched out over the couples True Parents faced each other and holding hands together they prayed. It was so beautiful and inspiring to see such

love demonstrated by True Parents for all the newlyweds.

On the way back the religious leaders were deeply impressed and inspired by the beauty of these couples and their pledge before God. That night Father asked all the religious leaders to bless their leadership in the same way for

the 144,000 blessing.

God is on the move for the 144,000! Thank you to all Blessed Central Families, you have the power and authority to claim the land and the people of God for Heaven. Please follow the One Family One Church providence and you will fulfill the 144,000. ❖

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character by means of mind-body unity, practice a life lived for the sake of others, and secure a base for peace within your mind.

### Nation of Cosmic Unity

When we forgive even our enemies and live our lives for their sake, we become able to build a culture of peace on every level from the individual to the world. This is the reason that last year I declared to all of Heaven and Earth the beginning of *Chunilguk* (Nation of Cosmic Unity). *Chunilguk* signifies a world in which two people live as one. On the lowest level, the mind and body of an individual become one to form a perfected person. On a higher level, a husband and wife become one and parents and children become one so that the family is in unity across three generations.

Then all humankind can build a world where all people are under God as brothers and sisters and share in each other's emotions. So that *Chunilguk* may settle in the world, I have already sent out more than ten thousand Ambassadors of Peace across the world. In this context, I spoke at the United Nations that all national borders must be abolished. I also called for the United Nations to create a body with final decision making authority that transcends nations, races, and religions, so that renowned spiritual leaders from around the world could lead the way in building a world of peace.

Third, we must establish families where the flowers of true love blossom

in full glory. Building a family takes more than one person. When a man and a woman who are perfected in true love enter into a husband-wife relationship, and bear and raise children, then this family becomes a true family. Peace will automatically be with this family, and it will overflow with happiness. The children should maintain their sexual purity until they meet the mate with whom their parents match



them. After marriage, they must maintain their fidelity to their spouse in the same way as their parents. This will extend the true family to the second generation. If the true lineage that is composed of true families extends to the third generation, then God will settle in this family, and the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth that has been humanity's long-held earnest desire will be accomplished.

The expanded version of such a true family is the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven. This is a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity, universally shared values, and mutual love. This will be a world of peace in which we become brothers and sisters to each other, live together, prosper together, and establish a righteous world where we all live for the sake of

others. This is the reason that the family is so important. The family is the most precious gift that God has given to humankind. The family is the basic unit for peace and happiness among humanity and the basic unit for building the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Even if a particular individual reaches perfection, this will end in just one generation unless he or she forms a family and has children to whom he can pass on his true lineage. Seen from the perspective of God's purpose of creation, the trend toward homosexuality growing like poison mushrooms all over the world today can only be described a phenomenon that contains the seeds of humanity's destruction. I hope that you will never forget this fact, because as leaders, it is your responsibility to enlighten humanity and be responsible for the world. If you believe the truth given by Heaven and receive this, then what have you to fear? Please stand in the forefront of the effort to rid the world of such illnesses as free sex and homosexuality that work to destroy Heaven's true lineage and threaten not only peace among humanity but even humanity's very existence. I ask you to take on the role of pioneers working to spread the culture of peace in this world bound up in struggle and hatred.

Fourth, as leaders of societies and nations, we must forbid any behavior involving the misappropriation or embezzlement of public funds under any circumstances. Not only must we refrain from making personal use of public property or public funds but also root out all behaviors that destroys the environment that makes our lives possible and gives us enjoyment. Embezzling public funds and passing these on to

one's child is an act more horrible than feeding the child poison. The environmental destruction that I refer to here does not just include the destruction of the natural environment and the resulting pollution and exhaustion of resources. It also includes the destruction of the social environment that makes it possible for us to live together. Before God created human beings, he created the environment, and His



desire is for us to manage the environment in accordance with His will and have fun in our lives in harmony with the environment.

We must become true persons who feel grateful to Heaven every time we see even a single blade of grass or a single cloud in the sky, and place ourselves in the forefront of the effort to eradicate all pollution. We must establish the world of God's original ideal, and live before that ideal with humble hearts. We must live with a heart of gratitude not only toward our parents who gave birth to us but also to everyone around us. We should always be grateful for the fact that we are alive.

I hope that during the period of this conference you will have forthright discussions and studies that contribute to the advancement of human peace. ❖



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# True Mother's Speech at the Opening Ceremony of WSCF 2002

by Dr. Hak Ja Han

It is my great joy to welcome all of you to this opening convocation of the World Culture and Sports Festival Assembly 2002, in my homeland of Korea.

I have seen changes here in Korea in my lifetime that can only be described as miraculous. I sincerely hope those of you who are visiting Korea for the first time will have an opportunity to spend some time experiencing the Korean culture and seeing the great progress occurring here.

We began the New Millennium with great hope that the violence and suffering of the past were behind us and that we could look forward to building a world of peace and prosperity for all, through the power of modern technology. Sadly, the events of the last year have shown clearly that while we may have the material culture, we still have a task to resolve confusions about the spiritual culture and about the universal values which should become the fundamental base of cultural harmony.

Although moral relativism is still all too prevalent, my husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, has devoted his entire life to pursuing and teaching moral absolutes: absolute faith and absolute obedience to God, and absolute love for all humankind and the creation.

Although many of you know something of the Reverend Moon because of the many projects and activities he has organized, today I would like to tell you about the Reverend Moon that only I know. After 42 years of marriage, I am sure that only God knows him better than I.

What do the absolutes that he teaches have to do with his life? In the forty-two years that we have been married, I have seen from early morning until late at night his unwavering example of living for the sake of others and seeking to break down all barriers in all spheres of human activity, for the ultimate purpose of breaking down the barriers between man and God.

When I first met him, the world was still dangerously divided into two armed camps due to the cold war of the west and east and this nation of Korea had been tragically torn in two after the Korean War. Almost everything had been destroyed by the years of fighting. The first church my husband built was made of discarded cardboard boxes mixed with clay, with a dirt floor. Still the Reverend Moon never doubted God's promise to bring peace and prosperity to this land. When he was thrown into prison by the North Koreans and beaten almost to death, and later here in South Korea through the false accusations of jealous leaders of other religions, he never wanted to burden God



by praying for help in his difficulties.

### Comfort God

Rather, he comforted God and made determinations over and over that he would do his best quietly to accomplish the goal of building the world of peace. In the face of all difficulties—when we did not have enough food to eat, when it seemed like the churches, the media, sometimes even the government were conspiring to silence him he kept on teaching. Like Gods prophets throughout history, he did not soften his message in the face of opposition he intensified it. He set an example of an absolute faith.

When he was sixteen years old he had a revelation from God that he was chosen for a mission to lead humankind back to life as God originally intended it a life of purity, freedom, and joy. To do this, he had to pioneer that way of life as an individual and as a family, and extend that pattern to the whole world. Gods calling meant a life of total sacrifice for the Reverend Moon, filled with incredible suffering and difficulty. Perhaps most painful were the ridicule and false accusations from the very people he was working to save. Nevertheless, he has never hesitated or wavered in his commitment to fulfill his responsibility. He teaches absolute obedience to God by his own example.

But I think it is his third absolute love that makes him so very different from other religious leaders. Many great leaders and scholars of religion have devoted themselves to spreading their teachings and building up their own religious organizations. Some have done great charitable and humanitar-

ian works. But from the earliest days, the Reverend Moon was different. Even when the Unification Movement was small and beset by financial difficulties, he always taught that we should devote more than two-thirds of our resources to the service of others, before taking care of ourselves. He has devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to supporting inter-faith work seeking to bring all religions closer together because he knows this is Gods desire. He has spent far more on interfaith efforts than he ever allowed the Unification Movement to spend on itself. Students at the Unification Theological Seminary, which he founded in 1975, spend far more time studying and dialoguing with other religious traditions than they do on their own.

Even during the very time when misguided elements in the U.S. government were trying to silence him and send him to prison, he founded the Washington Times to support and strengthen America, to help her fulfill her Providential role in the world. He has financially supported many other media organizations, as you may know, much more than he ever supported the publication of Unification Church materials, and continues to do so to this day. His unflagging willingness, and that of his followers, to sacrifice his own needs to live for the sake of others is rooted in Gods nature to love unconditionally the true meaning of love, and the only solution to breaking down the barriers that exist in the world today. He teaches absolute love by his own example.

Absolute love between husband and wife leaves no room for infidelity or

divorce and is the only real protection from the tragic plague of sexually transmitted diseases that afflict so many throughout the world.

Sometimes he has been misunderstood because of the unwavering, uncompromising devotion he has practiced and taught in the pursuit of these ideals. Sometimes, his absolute standard caused jealousy and rootless accusations from those who would prefer an easier path. As time has gone by, however, more and more people have come to recognize that there can be no compromise between right and wrong, between good and evil; no discount in our life and devotion for God.

### Our Family

I have had to share my time with him with others on almost all occasions. We never took a honeymoon in the traditional sense. But I can honestly say that I have received greater love from my husband than any wife has ever known.

His love for our family and his devotion to teaching them to become as absolute in their dedication to God and as universal in their love for humanity has brought amazing results. With our 13 children and more than 20 grandchildren, although we never took a family vacation, my family is thankful to God for His protection.

When we first moved to New York and lived in a church facility with several hundred other church members, he was the one who wanted to learn first how to operate the lawnmower, and he was the one who taught himself how to install the carpets. He cut every blade of grass with the heart to make the lawn beautiful in the eyes of God and therefore man. Every nail in the carpet was the same.

Our life has not been like the lives of others, but as I see the result of his lifelong sacrifice—the millions of families that have begun to follow in this same tradition, and their children and grandchildren—I know that God is truly proud of his dedicated son, my husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

It is my joy to have the opportunity to introduce him to you this morning so that I may express my overwhelming love and gratitude to him in public for the first time. Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in welcoming the founder of this World Culture and Sports Festival a true son of God, a true husband, a true father, and a true teacher—my husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. ❖



# PREPARATIONS FOR THE 144,000

## ACLCLC DC Tribute Prayer Dinner for MLK

The DC chapter of ACLC hosted a 144,000 couples blessing kick-off at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on January 28, 2002. It was a week after the official Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebrations but it was worth the wait for 200 ministers and members who crowded into the Washington Family Church Monday.

The DC-ACLCLC, realizing the contributions of Dr. King to equal opportunity and peace for all people, organized an Interfaith Prayer Dinner that would remember this great man. In light of the fact that Father Moon declared that Dr. King was the most significant person of the 20th Century it was fitting that this event announce the beginning of the 144,000 couple blessing in Washington DC.



A special tribute was given to the Hon. Rev. Walter Fauntroy pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church and former congressman from DC. He was presented a gift for his contribution to the

make America the nation under God," he said.

The Director of the DC Mayor's Religious Affairs Office, Rev. Carlton Pressley, came to honor Rev. Fauntroy with

Civil Right movement. He stood side by side with Dr. King during his life and was the key organizer for the 1963 March on Washington. The high point of the evening was Archbishop George A. Stallings, Jr. sermon titled "The spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. is in the Spirit of America" Archbishop Stallings emphasized that America is the Second Israel and has the responsibility to live up to its potential as God's chosen country. This was the dream that Dr. King believed in and worked for. "We should all work for Dr. King's dream to

his remarks. Also on the program was Rev. Kevin McCarthy who gave an excellent presentation concerning Dr. King's role as a prophet for America, just like Rev. Moon is a prophet for today. Both have a dream, both were persecuted for their sacrifices and both are working for God's Kingdom. Rev. Moon's is paving the way for God's Kingdom through the Blessing.

The FFWPU President Rev. Mike Jenkins brought the final word. He preached the importance of commitment to the cause of kingdom building—that all ministers should be on the front line for God's Kingdom. The 144,000 Blessing is how clergy of every denomination can make a difference today by coming together in unity for this the next great cause.

Rev. Levy Daugherty led music with excellent singing from Davetta Morgan, Adruma Victoria and Ottmar Weinmann. Special thanks to all the Washington DC members who made this tribute so special. ❖

by Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings Jr.

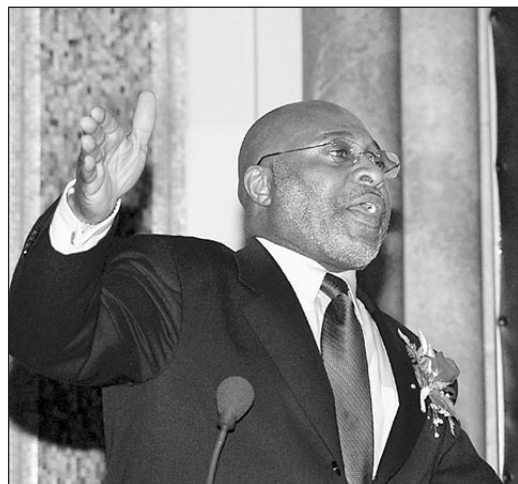
### *The Spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Is the Spirit of America*

Good evening, my sisters and my brothers. I call you my sisters and brothers not because it is convenient or because I am just a minister. I don't call you my brothers and my sisters because it is the right thing to say or the nice thing to say.

I call you brothers and sisters affectionately, because in the depth of my being I not only believe that we are brothers and sisters one to another, but that somehow we all share the same blood. We are all from the same root, from the same source. I call you my brothers and sisters because that is not only how I see you, but that is how I desire for you to see me! That your joys are my joys and my sorrows are your sorrows, that we are inextricably connected with one another.

That is what was the heart of Martin Luther King Jr. That was the core message of all that he sought to preach and teach. That was the driving force within him: to bring all of us to the conscious realization and to the spiritual awareness that we are all inextricably connected and linked to one another. But somehow, until we come to realize that, we will never rise to the level where our God desires us to be. Somehow, we've got to go beyond the color of our skin and dwell in that place where the content of our character will be able to distinguish us from the rest of us.

I am often perplexed how we talk that talk but find it so hard to walk that walk. We who are ordained ministers, who know how to pose every word of our speech and exegete every passage of the Bible, have had a difficulty in convincing people in the pews and some people in the pulpit what it means to be one family under God. But that is what we are; we are just one gigantic family, and all the members of that family and of that



body must be treated equally.

But somehow in our churches, we can love each other on Sunday morning and hate each other on Monday morning. I have never been able to quite figure it out why we say that we all serve the same one true God but cannot find God in each other. There is something wrong with our theology, with our religion, there is something wrong in which we articulate our vernacular expression of God. I don't know where we have gone wrong, but somehow we have to start going right!

I am moved by the theme tonight, "The Spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Is the Spirit of America." Having watched that historic march in Washington, anyone can tell you that Martin saw it very clearly when he said: "I have a dream," because it is a dream that is deeply rooted, not just simply rooted, but deeply rooted in the American dream.

He says I am not bring-

ing you a new theology, a new history, I am not trying to take you somewhere where you never been, but I am trying to get you to enliven the very ideals upon which this nation was built!

I am a theologian, and I love to search out the etymology of words. I guess you can call me an etymologist. Because when I look at the title, "The Spirit ...," there is only one understanding for spirit. I think so many times we use words lightly. We do not understand the power that words convey. But when we look at the word "spirit," I think of "ruah," which is Hebrew for "breath" or spirit. I think of "numah" which is Greek for spirit. I think of the Breath of God, I think of the highest ideals, I think of that which is limitless, boundless, that which cannot be confined, contained, that which cannot be boxed in, compressed, which cannot be caved in, which cannot be dissected by human reasoning. Ultimately, when I think of spirit I think of God and

the things of God and the love of the things of God.

We also know that the spirit, even though there are evil spirits in the world, originates from God. God is Will, God is unique, God is unchanging, God is power, God is absolute and eternal. So when you talk about spirit you are talking about God.

This nation was built on the foundation of God. I don't care what we see now, but it was built on the foundation with God as its prime mover. One nation under GOD! There is no nation unless it is under God, there is not a nation unless God reigns supreme. Therefore, when we talk about the spirit of America, we are talking about taking America back to the throne of grace, taking America back to the seat of mercy and purifying her. America needs to be purified; America needs to go back to God, to be cleansed and to be made whole. That is the spirit of America. This is America's high ideal. In the Declaration of Independence, we read:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men — and women, I might add — are created equal; and that they are endowed by the creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

I don't remember seeing a footnote that defined who "all men" are. Even though we know when the founders sought to carry it out, not all men were seen as equal. Some were treated as three-fifths of a man or three-fifths of a woman. But the spirit of America is not seen in what she has done but

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# PREPARATIONS FOR THE 144,000

## National Planning for 144 000 Minister Blessing

The leadership of the American Clergy Leadership Conference gathered in New York City the first week of February to solidify plans for the upcoming Blessing Ceremony of 144,000 Religious Leader couples on April 27, 2002.

Realizing that leaders of all faiths must transcend denomination and doctrine in order to stand together for the family and save the nation, the ACLC leaders developed strategies and discussed ways of reaching the hearts of clergy across America, that the grow-

ing interfaith movement to lift up the family will reach every man and woman of God.

ACLC Co-conveners Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr., and Rev. Michael Jenkins joined Executive Committee Chairman Archbishop George A. Stallings, committee members including Bishop David Billings and Rev. Leroy Elliot, Executive Director Levy M. Daugherty, and National Chairman Dr. Chang Shik Yang for the fellowship, planning and strategy sessions.

The ACLC core leadership



spent hours discussing scripture, and videotaped personal and group appeals for clergy across America to participate in the Blessing movement to rebuild the family. On the final morning participants joined the 6:00 AM "Hoon Dok Hae" study with Father and Mother Moon, followed by breakfast together, and a clear and profound message from Father concerning the role of Christianity, America, the urgency of the current providential time, and the mission of the clergy. ❖

## ACLC Ministers: Jesus in Harlem!

by Rev. Daryl M. Clarke

We know the providence and what needs to happen. When you witness the works of the spirit of Jesus and His team you need not try to figure it out. The providence of God in the USA is centered on Christian clergy. With the deep concern and consistent outreach of Japanese missionary sisters and Harlem Church members we finally experienced a substantial breakthrough with close key ministers in the Harlem area.

Great Things are happening in Harlem. Centering on the Unification Church, Harlem is becoming an international and interracial community. In May last year, after True Parents' 50 State Tour Heavenly Father Blessed America through an invitation by one of the world's most prominent Christian leaders, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, for True Father to speak to the nation and world through the pulpit of one of Harlem's landmark institutions, the Canaan Baptist Church. It was a great success.

Shortly after the Canaan Speech, due to the tragic World Trade Center bombing, causing the postponement of the 12,000 Clergy Couple Blessing at Madison Square Garden, Rev. Dr. Charles Kenyatta and Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis worked together to secure the Harlem Square Plaza (affectionately named the African Square Church) as the site for the September 22nd ACLC National Day of Prayer and Healing Rally. For over 3,000 clergy and guests this was a Holy Day and a great success.

On Saturday, December 1st, our True Mother visited Harlem as the seventh city on her 8 City National Tour around America. True Mother spoke to an overflow crowd at the United Salem Methodist Church. Over 900 clergy gathered including 200 Ambassadors of Peace and received True Mother's guidance and education with joy and enthusiasm. This was another great success.

And to end the year in great style and excitement our beloved Hyun Jin Moon, the International leader of the Second Generation spoke at Columbia University (which is located in Harlem, in case you didn't know). Centering on Hyun Jin's theme of "Peace

through Service" the first site for this project was staged in the Harlem Community. We thank all CARP members for bringing their success and foundation to the Harlem area.

On Thursday, January 24th we held our second lunch meeting with close ministers who expressed a serious interest in True Parents' activities in regard to the Blessing. Our first meeting on January 3rd was the foundation level with three ministers in attendance. In this second meeting 16 people attended, 13 ministers, one head trustee (brought by his pastor), one-First Lady and a young man waiting for his matching results.

We shared the content from the Fall of Man showing the God-centered four position foundation and the Satan-centered four position foundation and how the Messiah is the central figure to restore us back to God through the change of blood lineage (Matthew 26:27-29). After some detailed explanation we read from the "Jesus Book" which is the new purple colored book of Father's sermons on Jesus. We read from page 5 to 13. It was a powerful experience to see these well educated and spiritual leaders seriously focus on True Father's words. Each word was heard, received and digested.

After the reading there were very profound discussions on many questions regarding Father's relationship with Jesus and why did Jesus call him?

We said, "Pray and ask Jesus!" The ministers liked that answer.

In the end Rev. Edner Pierre-Louis challenged the ministers saying, "You are not here for yourself, you are here representing your congregation and it is your responsibility to take this message to your people." This direction was not opposed. We shall see how far it goes.

The meeting ended on a very high note with three pastors committing to finding a couple from their church to attend the Blessing in Korea. We thank

this evening program. This time we presented the True Family Values content to them. I am always amazed at the response of these leaders when they hear True Father's message. They have full and complete knowledge that they are studying Rev. Moon's revelation and thought.

TVFM has so much to offer the world. We, Blessed Central Families, as the first fruits of the spirit, must take what we teach and practice it (on our own level) more seriously in our daily lives. When these pastors come to understand and accept the Divine Principle they will make the conclusion on their own, about Rev. Moon and value his relationship with Jesus in a spiritually profound way.

We must prepare ourselves with the knowledge of TFV content based on our foundation of DP. When we get inspired, let's go back to the lecture board and practice until we are called to stand with True Parents and teach this Word to the world. Amen?

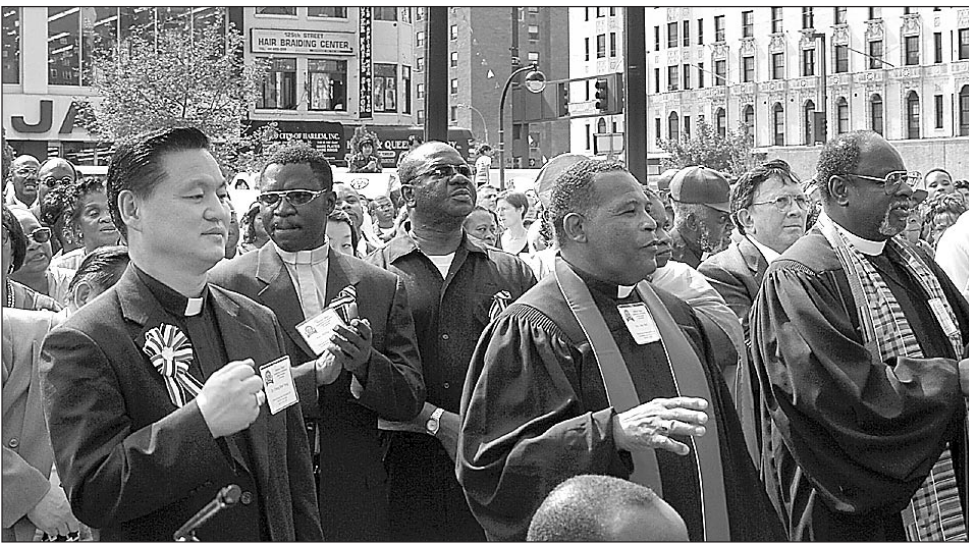
Seminarians here we go, this is what we are trained to do. The time is now, right now! The churches are ready to receive us. The ministers in Harlem felt the presence of Jesus and committed to attending the Blessing on April 27th. After a fierce discussion of how to deal with the homosexual issue in society and within the Church,

the "We Will Stand in Oneness" video presentation cleared the air especially after Father's education and guidance on "Spare Keys." With this foundation, the TFV lecture gave the ministers more confidence and a renewed sense of "calling" to preach clearly the

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Providential moments last year in Harlem



Jesus and His team for all their support and deep influence that descended upon us in the room that day.

Our next ministers' education meeting was this past Monday, February 4th. We served dessert with tea and coffee. Nine new ministers attended



# PREPARATIONS FOR THE 144,000

## The Anointing of Father Moon by Jesus

by Rev. Levy M. B. Daugherty

This is from an address given to ACLC Ministers in Washington DC.

I would like to explain some important points about how founder, Rev. (Father) Moon first met Jesus. Father Moon began his ministry because of Jesus' calling. It was in the year of 1936 on Easter Sunday morning when Jesus Christ appeared to Father Moon. At that time, Father Moon was only 15 years old western age, 16 years old eastern age. (Koreans count the first year while the child is still in the mother's womb.) Father Moon did not begin his mission until he was 24 years old. The question is, "What was he doing between the years of 16 and 24?" In that time Father Moon walked and talked with Jesus every single day, every hour, every second. Jesus and Father Moon in those days were as one.

It is important to know that Jesus called Father Moon and chose him. We all know the verse in the Bible: "many are called but few are chosen." How many of us can remember when Jesus called us; what did we say to Jesus at that time. We all can remember the call just as if it were yesterday, but none of us have the capability of going out on our own without a spiritual experience with Jesus, and a deep understanding of what he wants us to do. Some of us have been preaching and teaching for more than 20 years finding we still need Jesus' guidance every day.

In the 1930's when Father Moon was a young boy, Jesus stayed with him day and night teaching him about the spiritual world, the physical world and the relationship between the two worlds. Father Moon wanted to know two basic points: 1) What was God's intention for the creation? 2) How did sin come into the world and why?

Jesus shared deeply about his childhood life, and how he was treated as a young boy. Jesus shared with him how he was misunderstood by everyone. Jesus did not have a friend in this world. He shared the deepest pain of his heart that even his father Joseph did not love him.

Father Moon's love for Jesus was so great that his deepest desire was to take away his pain and sorrow. Dur-

ing this time, on his way to school Jesus shared with him that his father never hugged him as a boy. Father Moon began to cry uncontrollably, and he found in his path a pole and he hugged that pole imagining it was Jesus. He was crying and hugging the pole. Many tried to pry him away from it but they could not. This is one example of the kind of love Father Moon had for Jesus as a young boy. From that Easter Sunday morning, Father Moon never smiled again until he began his public ministry. Some of the elders in the church said that Father Moon would pray and cry sometimes all night long. He prayed and cried as if Jesus had possessed his body and was using him to remove the pain of his childhood life. Father Moon wanted Jesus to use his body as if it were his own. Father Moon himself has encountered great pain and suffering because of his ministry. He has been imprisoned six times, each time he was accused of spreading false doctrine while trying to do only what he promised Jesus he would do. Even in America he was accused of tax evasion, but in the courtroom the main topic was not money but his beliefs.

Every day of Father Moon's life while he was in Korea was a day of total uncertainty, with only his faith in God and Jesus Christ as the guiding light in his path towards absolute obedience, absolute faith and absolute love in the fulfillment of his promise to God and Jesus Christ. In his 20s and 30s he spent most of his time preaching about Jesus Christ, in fact, the preaching caused him much pain and suffering as he was imprisoned five different times for preaching and he underwent tremendous torture in the prison camps.

During the occupation of the Japan in Korea Father Moon was beaten and tortured so severely that he was thrown out in the dead of winter in the snow and left for dead because his torturers could no longer find any sign of life in his body. However, because of his love and total faith in God and Jesus Christ

he regained his strength and was back preaching 40 days later. Also, during the Korean War, after WWII, once again he was put in prison in the North Korean communist labor camp. This camp was nicknamed the death camp. It received that name because most prisoners would only last approximately 3 months before death. However, Father Moon's testimony is that he prayed sometimes all night while the other



prisoners were sleeping telling God not to worry about him but to have mercy on his enemy.

During General McArthur's famous invasion through Inchon, God told Father Moon to go to the center of the prison courtyard while everyone else was running for shelter. While bombs were dropping all around he and those who listened to him were saved. A Prison Security Guard, Mr. Pak, during the invasion broke his leg. Mr. Pak had become one of Father Moon's disciples while in that prison. After all the prisoners who were left and still alive were freed he carried Mr. Pak on his back 500 miles to Pusan to the refugee camp. In Pusan was where Father Moon began his ministry again and started the Church called the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. The name sounded so great and big, however his Church was a mere one room cardboard and mud shack on a mountainside of Pusan. He gives his credit for his life being saved totally to God and Jesus Christ.

Each of us would like to be possessed by Jesus. Many of us get possessed by the Holy Spirit. We call it being filled with the Holy Spirit. During this time of learning and studying Father Moon wore out three Bibles underlining and reading pages until the pages were no longer legible. In many cases he was taught directly by Jesus, his spiritual father, because there were many questions that were not answered in the Bible and many mysteries still unexplained. Jesus taught that now is the time for all the mysteries to be revealed. The Bible was written in codes so that only men and women of God could understand and interpret it.

Therefore even the ancient interpretation was based on the time, which only the person who was filled with the Holy Spirit and God's revelation could understand. Father Moon had many

questions because he had seen the tragedy and problems in the world. In his own family there were many tragedies leading up to the time he met Jesus Christ. He was more than curious as a young boy. He wanted to know why there was evil in the world. Jesus took Father Moon into the spirit world and showed him God's plan. Father Moon discovered, while he was in the spiritual world how evil took place in the

Garden of Eden through the fall. Father Moon confronted Satan face to face and accused him; it was not just an apple but it was an illicit love relationship between Lucifer and Eve. (The Great Seduction) Genesis 3:15-19. Jesus also revealed to Father Moon how Satan intervened in the lives of Adam and Eve causing them to fall and change the course of history.

Thus began the Providence of Restoration, instead of the continuation of the creation process. Father Moon said, "If the fall had not taken place, at the time Noah was building the Ark, we would have been building instead, the

first spaceship to the moon." We can understand the prolongation process that took place starting from Abraham. Father Moon calls this course, "The Course of Restoration."

Evil cannot be destroyed or killed. The only way evil can be eradicated from the earth: it must be restored. Therefore the indemnity process was discovered by Father Moon through the process of restoration. The blessing of marriages was inspired. Through this process families can be restored back into God's family. Matthew 5: 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." We need to understand the value of marriages through the blessing. Marriages that have already taken place need to be rededicated, new marriages need to go through the blessing process. Therefore the dynamic of this blessing through taking the holy wine, which is a special wine prepared through the revelation of God, is the actual changing of the blood lineage and it is the actual beginning of changing the seed that is talked about in Genesis 3:15, from Satan's seed to God's seed. This is the process of the engraftation of bringing us back to God's side. Through this process, as Jesus said, I am the vine, ye are the branches, we must graft ourselves to the true vine. Only then can we bear good fruit. Thus we begin a new blood lineage, bringing God's children on earth.

The Ambassadors of Peace throughout the world are being commissioned, and blessed families are creating peace starting first in the home, then the community, spreading to the nations and the world. Through the ritual of ancestral liberation and blessing, restoration and peace in the spiritual and physical worlds will occur simultaneously. This will bring God's kingdom to the earth. ❖



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# PREPARATIONS FOR THE 144,000

## Chicago: ACLC Pastors' Monthly Meetings

**O**n Tuesday, January 29, the Chicago Chapter had an ACLC monthly meeting at the Ashland church. It was the first time we held an ACLC meeting in our building. Around 100 pastors, ministers, their wives and members gathered together even though it was a long drive for many. Many pastors drove more than one hour.

Dr. A. Harold White of True Light MBC did a wonderful job as emcee and created a good atmosphere. He and Dr. Paul Swanson shared his experience at the workshop in Florida last weekend.

The main topic was about 144,000 clergy blessing. Dr. White reported the basic strategy for the blessing that each of 1200 ACLC pastors nationwide can find 12 new pastors and then each can find 10 couples from their congregation.

This time we got new two pastors through ACLC ministers: Rev. James Porter was brought by Rev. Smith; Bishop Ben Anderson was introduced to this gathering by Mrs. Greta Myers. Rev. Porter was so inspired with this meeting that he voluntarily offered to use his church building for the next monthly meeting.

It seems Chicago is already following the national strategy. Also, they celebrated Bishop Kim's birthday. ACLC pastors really appreciated Bishop's hard



work and respect him so much. In accordance with a bible verse they came forward and laid their offerings at the feet of Rev. Kim.

### February

Chicago ACLC pastors, February meeting was at Greater Pleasant Green Baptist Church and hosted by the pastor, Rev. James Porter. Rev. Porter came to an ACLC meeting last month for the first time and was so inspired that he offered his church for this month's meeting. He, his wife and his entire congregation decorated the church beautifully. Working tirelessly since for 3 days in a row and all morning today they came to the church at 7:00AM to prepare breakfast for the meeting.

The meeting started on time

at 9:30AM with emcee Rev. Harold White. Around 200 people gathered including many new pastors. They came through invitations from their friend pastors and ACLC mailings to the churches around that area. They were so inspired to see many distinguished Chicago pastors and church leaders from different denominations.

Rev. Richard Lemont gave a TFV lecture with power point to the 200 guests attending. Rev. Earnest Hamilton of Greater Holy Temple COGIC continued the lecture and sometimes he shared his testimony about the blessing during the lecture. An important goal of the Chicago TFV Ministry is to involve the ministers. Rev. Hamilton is an experienced lecturer of True Family Values and can testify to the content. The message of TFV gains incredible power in the hands of a minister. We don't just

teach True Family Values, we begin to preach TFV.

Rev. Leroy Elliott, pastor of New Greater St. John MBC, gave a message on marriage & family and lifted up the spirits of all the pastors and had them shouting and standing. Then President Michael Jenkins shared the strategy to fulfill the 144,000 Clergy blessing and encouraged the pastors to find 12 couples and also attend the seminar on March 11 & 12 at Chicago Holiday Inn.

Rev. T. L. Barrett, who just came back from Korea, shared his experiences at the Blessing and WCSF in Korea and brought the crowd of ministers from tears of laughter to solemn reflection. Then Rev. Jenkins invited Pastor Willie Jordan of St. Mark's Cathedral to officiate as everyone took Holy Wine. Those minister couples stood together and Rev. Kim gave the final remarks.

Many new pastors signed membership in ACLC and all the ministers excited to bring new pastors to the Chicago March ACLC event and find new churches to share the 144,000 Blessing with. All the pastors were excited and went back to their churches with a lot of love, hope and determination in their hearts.

Rev. Ki Hoon Kim expressed his thanks to Chicago Region family members for their prayers and support and WI church brought 10 pastors. ❖



## Los Angeles Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

by BillieAnn Sabo

**S**aturday, February 2nd, 2002, was the first prayer breakfast the Los Angeles region has held in the new year. Our ministers, as a group had not gathered together since True Mother's speaking tour in LA on Nov. 30th.

Our keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. E.V. Hill, Pastor of the Mt. Zion MBC and celebrating his 41st year as their pastor on Feb. 17th. He has been preaching for 50 years and named by Time Magazine as one of seven most outstanding preachers in America. His spiritual parent, Mrs. Naoko Hiraki, the Los Angeles Kodan leader, has been visiting his church and working closely with him for 2 years. Dr. Hill gave the introduction to True Mother on November 30th then testified to True Parents' greatness to other ministers after the event. Dr. Hill is a gold watch recipient and Ambassador of Peace.

For the February prayer breakfast, we decided on a theme centered on Dr. Martin Luther King and since E.V. Hill was a personal friend of the late Dr. King, we asked him to be our keynote speaker. Dr. Hill was one of the organizers of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference together with Dr. King. He agreed and gave a wonderful 50 minute speech regarding the Making of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He also gave great testimony to our church, our members and to True

Parents.

We had just over 200 clergy attend and approximately 80 members. Almost 300 total. This was a breakfast buffet. Dr. Raymon Harris, pastor of the Greater Zion Flower MBC was our MC. He is a golden sea watch recipient and Ambassador of Peace. Our own church choir,



Origin, led by Music Minister Mr. Rick Joswick performed throughout the breakfast. The invocation was given by Rev. Dr. Wiley Drake, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Buena Park. Dr. Drake is a golden sea watch recipient and Ambassador of Peace. Following that was two scripture readings; one centered on Dr. King "I've Got a Dream" speech, and also Hoon Dok Hae from "God's Hope for America" given by Father in October of 1973.

Twenty-five black children, with the Little Angels Choir part of Dr. Dillard's Christ Full Gospel Baptist Church in

Los Angeles offered two songs. Each was dressed in a green choir robe and totally loved by the audience.

After Dr. Hill's keynote speech, our own Japanese Heavenly Choir, sang during the free will offering. Dr. Hill verbally encouraged each and every pastor to dig deep in their pockets to support the cost of their breakfast as well as giving an additional donation. This was the most generous offering we have received so far.

Following the offering, our Los Angeles church pastor and VRD, Rev. Timothy Henning gave a power point presentation called the "Blessing of Love". Each clergy was given a workbook to follow along with the presentation and to fill in the blanks. The end of the presentation led into the Holy Blessing on April 27th. It also gave us the opportunity to hold a Holy Wine Ceremony during the prayer breakfast. Most of the pastors/ministers brought their spouses and our restaurant location already prepared plastic champagne glasses on each table. We used sparkling cider which had been blessed with holy wine prior to the breakfast. All couples and participants stood and offered

a toast to their marriage. We completed over 100 couples pre-blessings during the prayer breakfast.

After that, we showed a modified 8-minute video of the 60 Couples Blessing in New York on May 27th, 2001.

We closed our prayer breakfast with a door prize drawing (color tv/vcr), sang "We Will Overcome" together and shouted three cheers of mansei. The closing prayer was given by Rev. Dr. Joseph

(Papa) Lee of the Heavenly Vision MBC of Los Angeles. He also is a golden sea watch recipient and Ambassador of Peace.

This past week, we mailed a beautiful thank you card to each clergy that attended. Thanking them for attending as well as inviting them to attend our weekly Monday night minister dinner evening program and to offer them the TFVM lecture at their church.

This prayer breakfast was a wonderful stepping stone to April 27th. If anyone is interested in obtaining a video of our breakfast program, please send me an email to: BillieAnn at happinessstoyou@aol.com. ❖





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in what she is called to be. We have yet to see the true spirit of America manifested, because she has yet to become what God has called her to be. But she has it in her creeds, she has it in her spirit. She has it in the Statue of Liberty at Ellis Island, where it is written: "Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, / I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Oh, America has the ideals, and she has the direction and the spirit, but she is still hung up on her laws. As great and mighty as she is, America still has to find her true self. She is yet to achieve and epitomize the fullness that is contained in the spirit of America.

I tell you we can go all the way back to the Garden of Eden, to Adam and Eve, and see the devastating effects of the Fall, which seeks to prevent us from allowing the spirit to come forth. Therefore, we need reformers to give birth to the spirit, we need redeemers in order to ransom America, we need restorers, and we need repairers of the breach of that lost realm who will bring America back to her true identity and allow her to live it.

When I think of Martin Luther King Jr., I think of Martin Luther, the great 16th century reformer and what he had to go through in his attempts to reform the Roman Catholic Church. He

knew persecution. When everybody had written him off and thought he was a heretic, and thought, "How dare he challenge the age-old Institution, in which we they were accustomed to do things a certain way; how dare he stand up and fight a mighty Church!" When everyone thought he would be defeated, that God had deserted him, and when everyone figured that he and his followers would never manage to survive, he came up with the song: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Then, some 400 years later, Martin Luther King Jr., another reformer, brought another song with three stanzas, the first of which said, "I have a dream"; the second saying, "With this faith"; and the third "Let Freedom Ring." Martin Luther King said that there is hope for America as long as there are reformers, redeemers, and restorers and as long as there are

men and women to march through hell for a heavenly cause. That means that all of us black, white, red, brown, and yellow people are the beneficiaries of the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. He is in every one of us.

We thank Martin Luther King Jr., we ought to praise the man, because all of us are here together as brothers and sisters right now, instead of fighting each other, hating each other, talking about each other, or looking at each other with jaundiced eyes. We owe it to him!

And yet, as Rev. Kevin McCarthy says, the "check" is still on the table. America has yet to cash that same check. We want to call America to task. We are not going to just sit back and live off the accomplishments of Dr. King, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, and Frederick Douglass. We've got to stand up and get into the spirit, not just into the words, the talk, or just into the desire. We have to walk in the Spirit by the Spirit, and we have to keep on walking until things are right! Until we know in our heart of hearts that things are



right, we need to keep going. Yet until we can go beyond the surface value and see God in each other, that dream still passes on toward fulfillment.

Each one of us must leave this room tonight living and walking in the spirit of Martin, each of us tonight must be willing to pay the price and pay the sacrifice. We need to stop being the kind of group that is tearing each other apart. We need to tear each other away from those who tell racial jokes about another race or demean another race. We've got to step aside from those who don't realize that we are all brothers and sisters. Time hasn't changed. We have got a new spirit, but not the Spirit of God.

We say we love the God above, we say we praise God, we magnify God, we want to be like God. But the place to find God is looking at each other, not looking vertically. Looking horizontally, that's where we find God.

God is not in some ivory tower, living in the city with twelve gates nor sitting on a



***God is not in some ivory tower, living in the city with twelve gates nor sitting on a throne. He is walking among men and women, he is in men and women. He is living in you and in me.***

throne. He is walking among men and women, he is in men and women. He is living in you and in me. That's where we find God. Jesus said that the Kingdom of God is within you!

You are looking for it here or there, at the Cross, in the tabernacle, in the Bible, in the rosary, in the holy water, in the Stations of the Cross. Yet He is in you! God is living in the true hearts of men. He has been there all the time. He hasn't left us, we have left Him!

Martin's life will never be in vain! Other Martins will rise up. That's what I call the triple-"M" company: Martin Luther, Martin Luther King Jr., and Me! The three-"M" company. We need to rise up and reform this earth. When we are talking about reform, we are talking about reshaping it and putting it back to where our God has originally intended it to be before the Fall. Jesus said in John 14:12: "If you have faith in me, not only will you do the same works, but greater works, because I



am going to the Father."

We've got to do a greater work with this faith. With this faith in God, we can change America. With this faith, we can walk out of this room not just having been to another commemoration event of MLK Jr., another tribute. We have picked up the mantle, we've picked up the gauntlet, and we are leaving this place as another MLK Jr. Me, myself, and I am going to make a difference.

It is time for us to get off our behinds that we'd like to sit on. It is time for the spirit of Martin to become incarnate in us and take flesh. Just as the word became flesh, Martin must take flesh in each one of us. Somehow, we have to have it deep within us and share among us the heart of MLK Jr., so that we might be even willing to give our lives for the sake of the brothers and sisters.

We leave this place tonight having come to the realization that we have been privileged to witness and touch the life of a man who made a difference. Let us take within us the Spirit of God. The spirit of Martin was God in him! God living in him. And the spirit of America is the foundation of God in people upon which



God wants to build His dream.

When we take within us the Spirit of God, the spirit of Martin, we shall behold a new Heaven and a new earth, for the former earth will have passed away. I am waiting for that former earth, for our false ways, to pass away. I am waiting for us to have a whole new spiritual way of thinking so we can change America from the inside, not just do a superficial job

of window dressing. We have to change the heart of America by changing the heart of each one of us. Let us start welcoming and embracing each other as brothers and sisters! Long live the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr.! May the spirit dwell in you and in me!

Thank you, Martin Luther King! ❖

*Moment of Meditation*

**There is always a way just look for it**



# PREPARATIONS FOR THE 144,000

## Maryland Ministers' Planning Workshop

by Wendy Herstein

**A** revolutionary workshop took place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16, 2002, in beautiful Solomons Island, Maryland. Rev. In Hoi Lee, Rev. Kevin McCarthy and Rev. Lorman Lykes collaborated to make an experience for Christian ministers that they loved.

Rev. McCarthy developed a five-module presentation he titled "The Search for True Family Value in the Blood of Christ." He gave us workbooks full of scriptures he read, and spaces to write in. He asked the clergy to give him input.

At the beginning of each module, in the workbook he had listed all the verses he would use, thirty or so to a session, and then one by one we read them



along with him as he explained his points. I could see that the ministers loved reading along with and listening to the scriptures. They are so poetic and the ministers have such feeling for the verses, and that gave us a lift as we struggled to keep up with so many deep ideas Rev. McCarthy presented.

In New York in October I helped with the IIFWP conference for world leaders, and it seemed like everyone packed those sessions and was eager to hear them. In contrast, I've been to conferences we give for clergy where it seems like they want to escape the sessions. I remember wondering what the difference was, and thinking that in that conference in New York, we were

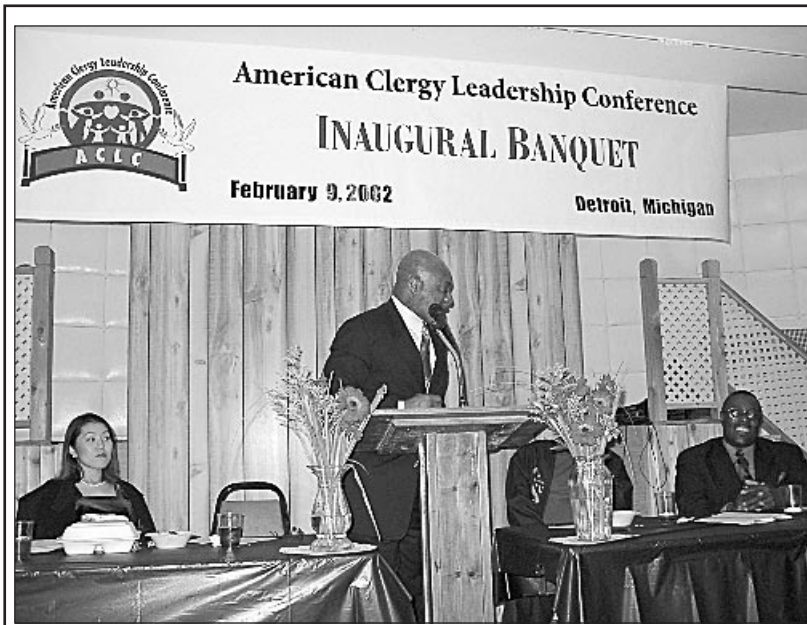
presenting material professionals wanted to learn so that they could do their own work better. I remember wishing we could do the same thing for clergy.

Well, I saw that this weekend. It's the ministers' business to learn and understand scripture, and they followed so closely for the whole 1 2 days. I saw them eagerly turning pages for hours, as we read one scripture after another.

"The Search for True Family Value in the Blood of Christ" was so deep. The modules were "The Origin and Fall of True Family," "The Principle of God's Will and His Plan for Intervention," "Reconciliation in Jesus' Lineage," "The Law and Prophets," and "Jesus in the Garden,"



which concluded with a deeply moving slide show with music. ❖



### ACLC Michigan Inaugural Banquet

**T**he ACLC Michigan Inaugural Banquet was held last Saturday, Feb. 9, at Holy Hope Heritage Church Baptist, hosted by Rev. William Revely, Archbishop George A Stallings, Jr ,

Rev. Jenkins and Rev. Kim came and spoke at the banquet. Over 80 pastors including 10 new pastors, 2 judges and a businesswoman who is dealing with 3,000 churches attended. They naturally spoke about True Father's vision. Rev. Kim felt that the times have changed and the ministers are with us. ❖

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Word of God.

The Harlem Church is uniting with our Regional Director, Rev. Dong Woo Kim, who supports the National ACLC agenda to educate ministers and leaders in TFV material and prepare our members to go out to work together with these pastors to offer Heavenly Father and True Parents 144,000 couples to Bless on April 27th. Praise God!

In conclusion, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone that offered donations, prayers and well wishes for the renovation of our Church building. Our bathroom has been demolished, if you know of a very good plumber; please send him or her our way. Our lecture hall floor has been renovated and is ready to

receive guests for education. Today and tomorrow the hallway floors will have a new shine and glow.

There is more to do! If you are in a position to receive a special financial Blessing, please remember the Harlem Family Church when you have an opportunity to give a "Love Offering" to someone else.

We will continue our education programs. When our renovations are completed we will have the Grand Opening of the "Divine Principle Institute" (the study of DP only) and "The Holy Scripture Society" (the study of all religious teachings and various philosophies). You are invited to attend. We will keep you posted.

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## INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE

# Berlin Seminar: The Transcendent Family Unit

by Fritz Piepenburg,

Some one hundred guests met at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Berlin, Feb. 1-3, 2002, to exchange ideas and insights on the topic: "The Significance of the Family in different Religious Traditions and for the Present Time". Karl Meier, President of the German Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, and Karl-Christian Hausmann, President of the German Family Federation, moderated the program. Both organizations were jointly sponsoring the event.

Meier, who himself has worked for years overseas, at last as UN envoy in the southern part of Sudan, started by introducing a couple of IIFWP reform proposals for improving the impact of the UN. The IIFWP has long proposed the establishment of a bi-cameral system, adding a second chamber besides the existing general assembly for religious and cultural leaders, representing the entire world. The UN, according to Meier, should exert more efforts to strengthen and safeguard family values, which are paramount for values in society at large. "We have to start living more modestly in order to enable other people to live as well, or at least to survive", he stated. Living for the sake of others, or living for the common good is not only mandated by Christian ethics, but becomes the basic formula for a peaceful and just coexistence among the people.

Hausmann welcomed any form of constructive dialogue among religions and cultures, especially concerning questions of education, marriage and family. "We are talking about more than merely raising government financial support for families", he said. Stable families are the solution for many social problems related to question of providing pension to the aged, educating the young and successfully preventing juvenile delinquency. While religion in the past primarily focused on the "salvation for the individual", today we have to think about "saving the family". Ever since God was excluded from the formation of the first family (meaning Adam and Eve and their children), man has been wondering how to bring God back into the family.

### The Development of the Family

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Redhard, a Protestant theologian, explained the seven stages of development of the Christian family. The physical family of Jesus himself is full of riddles and unanswered questions. Early Christian documents did describe Joseph's surprise and dismay, when he discovered his fiancée Mary to be pregnant without his involvement. However at the time of the canonization of the Bible, these documents were not included by the Church fathers. Jesus also expressed a very provoking

demand to his followers, by saying "however loves his father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me". Even today theology is still wondering how to interpret this radical demand.

Later, St. Paul mainly dealt with families with patriarchal structures and addressed this type of families in his letters. Monogamous families were already by far outnumbering other forms within the Christian Jewish communities of his time, and among the converts with heathen background as well. When Christianity became the foundation for a new culture, this type of family was accepted as the natural social unit for living together as husband and wife, parents and children.

Martin Luther, the great 16th century reformer, lifted the family up to a new level by freeing it from the control of the Catholic church (he called marriage "a mere worldly thing") and putting new emphasis on the partnership between husband and wife (he jokingly call his wife "my Lord Katharina").

Developments during the industrial age turned out to be disastrous for the family. Social circumstances were forcing mothers to work long hours in factories. Even fathers were estranged from their families, because suddenly they had to spend most of their time away from home. When they returned back late in the evening, they were too tired and exhausted to do much for the education of their kids.

The Christian family of today is in a difficult situation. Both mainline churches (the catholic and the Protestant) are offering little vision or guidance. Because of fear of losing membership, these major churches have met the trends of their time with too much leniency. In fact they have completely capitulated in front of some social challenges. They have no solution to the question, how God can be brought back into the family. The family has to figure it out for itself.

### The Family for World Peace

Hildegard Piepenburg, editor in chief of the magazine "Families for Peace", introduced the goals and vision of the Family Federation for World Peace in a well worked out presentation. According to the view of man of the Family Federation, humans are essentially spiritual beings, who are supposed to develop heartistic qualities while living on the earthly plane. These qualities can be developed through the practice of loving relations with other people and with the natural environment.

The family as "school of love" takes on a special significance. "To love is an active verb and takes on an altruistic meaning without putting conditions in

its highest stage of development", she said. She explained the various realm of love, such children's love, brother- and sisterly love, marital love and parental love. Each realm represents a further step in the development of heartistic qualities.

Married partnership quite naturally passed through "four seasons", with each season placing challenging in front of the couple, combined with the opportunity of strengthening and deepening marital relationships. It is sad and tragic, if partner can only think of divorce during the first signs of a different season arriving. These partnerships need out help for overcoming these challenges. A quick divorce solves nothing in terms of relationships but entails a host of emotional and economical problems on top of the broken relationship.

Sexuality is of prime importance for bonding in husband and wife partnership, but works only in married life. Sexuality beyond the confines of married life awakens the same expectations of trust and intimacy, but is bound to end in frustration and feelings of guilt.

Finally Piepenburg introduced various activities of the Family Federation, most notably a series of seminars on family values and partnership and parenting. Another project of the Family Federation is the World Peace Blessing, where young (and not so young) couples pledge before God and the world to cherish the best of family values and thus contributing towards world peace.

### Family in Jewish Tradition

Dr. Erno Lazarovits, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Budapest, explained marriage and family in Jewish tradition. At the beginning of his talk he reminded the audience about the persecution of Jews during the Third Reich in Germany, when some 600.000 Hungarian Jews fell victim to the Nazi politics. At the same time he expressed his sadness over the many other victims of World War II, where 57 million people, regardless of friend or foe, lost their lives.

When the communists took over Hungary in 1948, a difficult time began for all religious communities in Hungary. The "Office for Religious Affairs", founded in 1950, and under whose jurisdiction all religious communities were placed, aimed at letting religious communities whither away. In 1990 the political climate changed again and the religious communities, among them the Jewish one, experienced a renaissance. Meanwhile the Jewish community of Hungary has grown to 120.000 members and became the third

largest one in all of Europe.

Lazarovits then explained about the significance of the family for the Jewish tradition. Marriage, according to Jewish understanding, is holy (according to the Biblical word: "it is not good that man be alone"). Only the woman makes man wholesome and vice versa. Honoring one's parents is comparative to honoring God Himself ("you shall honor your father and mother"). Nearly all Jewish religious feasts take part in the family.

Thus the family is a much needed requirement for participating in Jewish religious life.

### Family in Islam

Abdulbasit Tariq, Imam of the Muslim Ahmadiyya community in Berlin, spoke about the family from an Islamic perspective. According to the Koran, family is "a sign of Allah". In other words, Allah/God can be perceived and recognized through the family. According to tradition, establishing one's own family means completing one's Islamic faith. Everybody can and should marry. The Koran states that the God created all living beings in a pair system of masculine and feminine, each part finding its fulfillment in the opposite sex.

Marriage partners, but also different generation within one family, have both rights and duties towards each other (and not only rights, which are over emphasized in today's society). Muslim families are, generally speaking, more stable than Christian families, according to Tariq. "Please make your own inquiry among the Christian and the Muslim families of Berlin", he suggested, "then you will quickly realize the truth of my assumptions."

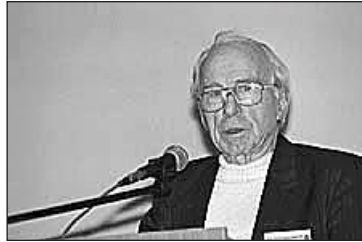
### Family in Human History

Prof. Dr. Hubert Mohr, historian at the University of Potsdam, illuminated the significance of the family from an historic perspective. The disintegration of marital bonds and family structure has to be taken as an alarming sign by historians. These signs are visible in all advanced industrial nations. He compared in vivid words the development in our current post-modern times with the development during the post antiquity of the Roman empire.

The end of the Roman empire was heralded by disintegration of the family structure and a steep rise in individualism. Only the East-Roman emperors, mainly Emperor Constantine and Theodosius, were able safe their part of the large Roman empire by accepting the young Christian religion as the new ideological foundation of their state. Christian family ethics, high moral standards and a keen sense for the common good allowed Byzantium, the 2nd Roman Empire, to survive the 1st Empire for over 1000 years, taking on a leading position in all of Europe.

Our own Western society shows signs of a religiosity which is steadily disinte-

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# UTS Manhattan Extension Center Pioneers a New Era

by Chris Corcoran

Reverend Andrew Compton, pastor for the Manhattan Family Church, is one church member who has caught the UTS spirit. He is currently enrolled in two classes at the UTS Manhattan Extension Center, both conveniently taught in the evening.

"Five years ago I began taking classes at the Barrytown campus," said Rev. Compton, who has a Bachelor of Arts degree, "but the commute was too much for me. The Manhattan UTS site is extremely convenient."

Rev. Compton is currently taking a course on Islam and a course on the Letters of Paul. "As a pastor, I need the educational background so I can be effective for my congregation. Also, when doing outreach work and I'm asked to speak publicly, it really helps to have the proper credentials," said Rev. Compton. He related one experience from a few years ago where he was asked to speak at a college campus and it was abruptly canceled at the last minute when they found out he lacked any educational credentials.

"I'm really enjoying the classes. The student body is about two thirds non-Unificationists, so I can more readily understand where other Christians are coming from," said Rev. Compton. Last term he took classes in Children's Ministry and Church History. "I really wanted to unite with Father's call for members to be educated at UTS," he said.

The UTS Manhattan Extension Center, now in its second year, is flourishing with 50 students enrolled and an average of ten courses offered each term. Its location at church headquarters on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street is especially convenient for metro-area Unificationists who want to broaden their knowledge and empower their vision.

"UTS gives you the tools needed to respond to God's call more effectively," said Dr. Kathy Winings, Dean of the Center and a driving force behind its success. "To all my brothers and sisters out there who may be hesitating about taking courses, I say, don't wait any longer, you can

do this, catch the spirit!"

Classes cost \$525 for a three-credit course and you can take up to 18 credits, even if you don't have a college degree. You can visit the UTS web site at [www.uts.edu](http://www.uts.edu) to learn more details about the program.

## Survey Results

Results of a recent survey by the Seminary show that many Unificationists living in the New York metro area are interested in taking courses at the Extension Center. Nearly 250 church members from the tri-state area filled out the survey, which sought to determine the likelihood of members taking courses and if so, when. The survey also asked what the major obstacles are in preventing people from enrolling.

Forty three people reported that it was very likely they would take classes at some point. Another 43 responded they were somewhat likely to take classes. When asked what the major obstacles were preventing them from enrolling, the top three reasons given were lack of a college degree, lack of money and no spare time.

Ms. Elisa Flore Alvarado, the admissions officer at the Extension Center, said that if you do not have a college degree, courses can be taken as a non-matriculated student. She counsels that now is the time to begin saving if you wish to enroll for the spring and fall semesters. Courses are conveniently scheduled in the evening and on Saturdays, so the busy working person can



still participate.

Ninety eight percent of respondents concurred that a Seminary education is relevant. Indeed, courses are especially relevant in today's fractured and turbulent world. It has been reported in the news that since the September 11 attack, many adults are enrolling in college courses with a spiritual component because they offer deeper answers and give depth and clarity in these stressful times.

Twenty church members reported that they are already taking courses at the Extension Center. Of those who said they are likely to take classes in the future, five said they will start this year, 15 next year and 41 will start in 2003 or after. Ms. Alvarado hopes members don't put it off too long as these courses are spiritually nourishing and help expand your thinking and your actions.

## An Ecumenical School

Both the UC and the non-UC current students have remarked repeatedly how grateful they are to our True Parents for creating such an ecumenical, inter-religious seminary,

and for their generosity in helping them make a dream come true with a seminary degree.

Students at the Extension Center represent a wide range of Christian denominations in New York and New Jersey, including the Baptist Church, the Church of God in Christ, the African Methodist Episcopal and AME Zion, Pentecostal churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Times Square Church, the Church of God, and numerous independent Christian churches. Their common passion is to become true pastors for God in their communities.

There are diverse concentrations of study that the UTS Extension Center offers to students, such as Church Growth, Ecumenism and Inter-religious Dialogue, and Youth Ministry. The UTS Extension Center is a dynamic and exciting place to be in New York. In fact, the Extension Center will have its first graduates within a few terms. This means that within a short period of time, there will be many Christian clergy and religious educators who will be alumni of UTS, and together with our Unificationist graduates, will be joined in a heartfelt relationship. Through this, UTS is pioneering a new era of preparing leaders and ministers for God's on-going Providence. ❖



## BERLIN from page 12

grating, a family which is increasingly marginalized, an erosion of marital bonds and an increase in individualism. The number of inhabitants are steadily decreasing, because people live according to the tune of "less marriage, less children and less future". Responsible people should learn from historic examples and seek for solutions before it is too late.

### The Vision of the IIFWP

Fritz Piepenburg, President of the Advisory Council of the German IIFWP, explained the roots and vision of the Federation. Ever since the disastrous event of September 11th 2001, it became clear that no nation, least of all the United States as the most powerful nation of the world, can ignore developments in another country, simply because it happens to be located at the other half of the globe. Mankind symbolically and literally is sitting in "one boat", whose direc-

tion and course needs to be clarified by joint effort.

The IIFWP supports the family as the basic unit for establishing social relations among society at large. It encourages all efforts which aim at improving the common good, works to create a harmonious understanding among the world's religions and aims at overcoming barriers of any kind. Another important goal is the support of the United Nations, enabling this world body to fulfill its original aspirations. The presentation ended with an introduction of the idea of Peace Ambassadors, one of the more recent initiatives of the IIFWP. Peace Ambassadors are leading personalities from various fields and cultures, who are capable of transcending their own boundaries and work for the realization of lasting world peace.

### Peace Ambassadors

A number of high class cultural performances were offered during the evening program. Yukiko Tokizato, a young Japanese piano player from Düsseldorf, played

three pieces by Franz Liszt, Maurice Ravel and Johann Sebastian Bach. A Japanese women's choir sang two beautiful traditional songs from their country. In-In Turner surprised the auditorium with two traditional songs from Korea, accompanied by her daughter who played the drums. Margaret Staudinger concluded the evening with some of her fine songs. Highlight of the evening program was the appointment of eleven new Peace Ambassadors, who received their certificates from three already established Peace Ambassadors Karl Meier, Jürgen Redhardt and Erno Lazarovits.

Following breakfast in the next morning, many participants used the opportunity to express their impressions and feelings about the conference. A member of the Neuss city council compared the ailments of the family with a sick tree and remarked: "Hopefully we can deal with the disease before it spreads and affects the entire forest". Final remarks by the two Presidents Karl Meier and Karl-

Christian Hausmann brought the conference to its successful conclusion. ❖

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# WORLD CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL 2002

## World CARP Symposium

**F**our hundred young CARP members gathered in the Olympic Park Hotel, Seoul, on February 12th to hear a message on building a revolution of heart from World CARP President Hyun Jin Moon at the 12th Annual World CARP Convention and Symposium.

"This is the time that we can change nations, and change this world," said Hyun Jin Moon "if we truly believe and absolutely practice the core truth of living for the sake of others." Striding up and down the tightly packed aisles, the World CARP President reminded the gathered members of the tremendous developments made since the last Convention in New York one year ago.

First there were the three 21 day workshops, held in Canada, New York and Lithuania where over 1,000 young leaders learned about a new paradigm of leadership based on a renewed understanding of the leader as a "True Abel." The true leader motivates by example of sacrifice and living for other, not by insisting on his or her own authority.

Then there were the Service for Peace rallies held in Japan, USA, Philippines and Korea. Each of these events have many stories of their own. In Japan, for example, more than 50,000 youth came to Fukuoka, Nagoya, Kobe and Tokyo, where Hyun Jin Moon was joined by two leading ministers from the USA, Pastor TL Barratt of Chicago and Rev. Jesse Edwards of Philadelphia. In the Philippines, the World CARP event was supported and coordinated with the help of some of the most prominent figures in Philippine society, including the Speaker of the House, Jose de Vene-



cia. At the end of the year, World CARP had organized a speaking tour to launch on leading campuses in the USA, including Yale, Columbia, Chicago, and San Francisco. "As we gather now at the

beginning of 2002" said Hyun Jin Moon "You should allow yourself to dream again, not in an empty way but with the confidence that those dreams will be fulfilled. Will you do that? " "Yes!" shouted the audience.

In more than 24 symposium sessions, the CARP members were treated to a rich variety of educational experiences. In the "root" session of core principles, Young Jun Kim explained about current providential developments and True Parents recent victories. Ken Bates spoke about the culture of ownership that is being established in CARP, that is the culture of responsibility, accountability and initiative based on living for the sake of others. Being an owner means inheriting everything from True Parents and True Family.

The "trunk" session focused on case studies and best practices from around the world. These included the Philippine model of successful Convention management, and the USA example of intense and victorious fundraising. Kazushi Mito from Russia explained how the CARP movement there has developed a winning formula for the continuous education and care of new members.

In the branch session, the choices were many. Tom McDevitt of the Washington Times foundation demonstrated the world famous Franklin Covey Time Management system, and then showed his rapt audience how to improve on it by fully incorporating Principle values into daily life making sure that we give enough time to what is truly important to us. "How many of you use any kind of planner?" he asked. Only 10% said yes. "And how many feel they are overworked and have no time?" 100% said yes to that! "Well, he said, "Do you think you might need to learn about this?"

In Seok Yoo, the World CARP web-see **SYMPOSIUM** on page 16



**Mr. & Miss University Pageant**  
Little Angels Arts Center, Seoul  
February 14, 2002





# WORLD CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL 2002

## CARP from page 1

2003 was a promise and a pledge to break through the confusion of the secular world and start a new culture of peace centered upon God.

"If I told you a year ago that we would be having rallies with 100,000 people and more," he said "you would probably have thought I was crazy! But now, don't you think it can be done?"

"All young people love to dream," he said, "And the youngest person I know is True Father. This is the time to liberate God and True Parents and bring in the eternal Sabbath. Will you dream that dream together with me?"

During the short intermission, an excited buzz reverberated around the arena as hundreds of students spilled out on the dance floor, still speaking in five or six languages about Service for Peace. Tomorrow, more than 500 will leave for a three-day service program throughout Korea, healing and helping the disabled young, the lonely old and healing historical resentments in Paju and Nogunri.

Entertainment began with a Martial Arts of the World CARP classic "Eye of the Tiger" led by Takamitsu Hoshiko in a display first performed at the third



World CARP Convention in New York more than sixteen years ago—amazingly he was in that first performance too. Then came a joyful *pansori*, the traditional Korean folk dance.

Then Hyun Jin Nim came back to the stage to sing with *Axe 6* from Japan. He chose many of his (and the crowds) great favorites, including Blue Suede Shoes, Johnny B. Goode and Nim Kwa



Hamkke, a great favorite with the large Korean crowd.

Korea is lucky in having no apparent restrictions on indoor pyrotechnics, and so we were treated to exploding



fireworks, aerial Catherine wheels and a dozen impressive fire pipes sending synchronized rings of flame and smoke into the air in time with the beat. The crowd responded by waving light sticks of green, red and purple and stamping and screaming. By the end, no one was in their seats.

Adding to energy of the concert was "The School of Hard Knocks," a group of twelve energetic back dancers from schools in Korea and Japan. Amazingly, these youngsters had only been practicing together for a week. "It was a great experience!" said Ji Kyung Seo, a junior from Seoul National University studying Physical Education and Russian Literature. Well, that's World CARP. Even the back dancers have a double major at the top school in Korea!

With talent like that, and Hyun Jin Nim leading the way, there's truly nothing we cannot do this year.

Breakthrough 2002 and 2003, here we come! ❖

## Theme of the World CARP Convention

by Hyun Jin Moon

The year of 2001 was one of tremendous changes in the activities and outcomes of the World CARP organization.

These improvements did not come about randomly, but as the result of a worldwide effort to fundamentally change our culture. Culture includes the habits, perceptions, and way of thinking of a society or group. It is culture that drives the expectations, the attitudes, and even the very dreams that people have for themselves and for their relationships.

The theme of our annual symposium this year is "Building a Revolution of Heart". Although we'll be learning new ideas and techniques to make our activities more effective, real change cannot come from cognitive learning alone. For a change to occur in the culture of any group of people, it must begin from the heart ... with a revolution of heart. This can only happen when the learning and ideas are put into action and each person experiences the impact that those ideas have on the environment around them.

During 2001, I launched the Service for Peace initiative. This involved speaking around the world to audiences totaling over 80,000 people about the simple idea of living for the sake of others. These were not just pep talks meant to be spiritual revival. They were specifically a call to action; a call to the activity of serving others, and to

seeing the needs of those who are all around us. The needs were always there, but it is only when someone opens their eyes and changes their heart can they begin to see and feel the needs of others. Is this not at the very root of a cultural change?

Service for Peace is not about changing our activities to be more service related, however. It is about a deeply seated sense of responsibility for others that begins from seeing them as my brother or my sister. Can any of us ignore the needs or the suffering of our own family members? No, we cannot. Family relationships are not merely my personal

choice of with whom I relate, but are the defining relationships of who I am, my own identity. So, what is it that ties service to peace? It is identifying myself not as an isolated individual, but as part of the same family as those in need of service. This is what we teach through Service for Peace.

When you seriously take to heart the responsibility for others as your own family members, you must be accountable for enacting that desire, and for taking initiative to serve. These three elements of responsibility, accountability, and initiative are building blocks of what I refer to as the Culture of Ownership.

Ownership includes our commitment to a responsible mindset, as well as a conscientious lifestyle. It involves our drive for individual excellence, and the continuous improvement of the environment and society around us. It results in becoming a mature, caring, and genuine human being who can truly say, "I am living for the sake of others."

The mission statement of World CARP defines that living for others is the driving force behind all of the World CARP activities as well. This is the fundamental way of life that my parents have taught to me since childhood, and have taught to millions of others around the world.

They have taught it throughout their whole lives, not just by teaching and preaching, but by living and giving. They have been the living example of this way, and have sacrificed everything else in order to follow God's call to build this culture of heart.

I have structured the symposium and convention of World CARP in 2002 to not just be a short, inspirational event, but part of a continuous education process that lasts a lifetime. What I ask of you is that you look into your own heart, and decide whether you will be part of this revolution of heart and culture of ownership that I have been advocating. If you choose to be part of this new culture, it requires that you truly live for the sake of others everyday. When we do that together, it stimulates a cultural change in the environment and society around us, and that is the beginning of building a lasting peace. ❖



**Hanmadang Sports Festival**  
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# SECOND GENERATION WORKSHOP REFLECTIONS

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by Romin Johnson—Group Leader

It's really quite a shame that winter workshop spans such a short time period, wedged in between Christmas and God's Day each year. This was my second winter workshop, and my first as a junior high school group leader. I really didn't know what to expect from this workshop, as the whole of my experience from the previous year was spent lying in the sick room after catching a harsh head cold. This year, however, was a remarkably different experience, and exceeded any of my hopes and expectations. The theme for our workshop was modeled after Hyun Jin Nim's CARP motto: *Service for Peace: Vision of the Second Generation*.

Our days and evenings were filled to the brim with lectures and testimonies, activities and group discussions. A few highlights of the workshop included Mrs. Eu's Divine Principle lecture training, talks with Rev. Jenkins, Aunt DJ Brewer, Young Joo Hyung, and Mr. Sabourin, and activities such as 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire? (In God's eyes),' and 'Family Night,' featuring the refreshing entertainment of group skits.

However, these highlights took a back seat to my group of ten amazing young brothers, for without whom I would not have grown as a brother struggling to become the hyung, oppa and true son that God wants and needs me to be. There were several instances when I was completely blown away by my kids.

After the first day's orientation and initial ice breaking, I felt it was important to stress to my group the importance of understanding what the workshop stood for, and their motivation in attending. I tried to convey what I meant by entrusting them with a line that I always hold close with me: "Sometimes it is the heart in which you do things that matters more than what you actually do." I asked them if they understood, and after receiving mechanical nods, I challenged one of them to repeat what I had just said, but in his own words. After a moment of thought, he began comparing the line with an allegory from the Children's Bible, of a rich man and a poor old woman who gave away her last penny, concluding that what the old woman did was of more value because of the heart with which she gave. I was speechless.

Another instance came during Mrs. Eu's lecture training, when my entire group boldly, if not reluctantly, marched to the front of the hall to try their hand at giving a brief lecture with projection slides. There was, however, one brother who was very shy, and adamantly

back in line after the break if he didn't feel up to it. I returned to the room after break, and a smile crept upon my face when I saw that he had returned to his place in line.

Whether my kids were trying diligently to pay attention during Hoon

blessed child. I can only hope and pray that I can be as strong an anchor to my younger brothers and sisters as my hyungs and nunas have been for me.

by Mi-ae Schanker—staff member

I am 17 years old; a senior in high school. During my 2001 winter vacation, I had the privilege of being able to be a staff member for the Second Generation Winter Workshop at the UTS Seminary. It was truly a rewarding experience for me.

I must be honest and admit that at first thought, a workshop was not my initial idea of spending my last winter vacation. This would be my last vacation before graduation, STF, and "growing up". But after talking to a few elder brothers and sisters, I decided that I had to staff the workshop and I realized that I really wanted to.

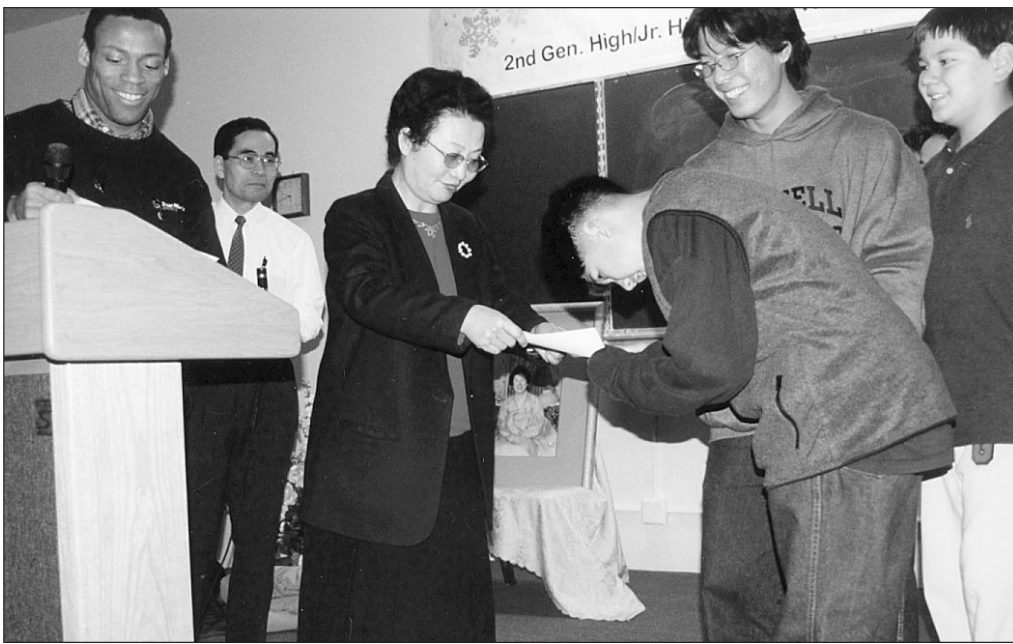
After getting a bit lost (which I take full responsibility for) and driving for many hours, we finally reached our destination just in time for the staff workshop. With lectures, discussions, and activities, the staff members were able to somehow unite together and prepare for our younger brothers and sisters who would be coming the next day.

The first day after the workshop participants arrived, was quite a hectic day. The sleeping arrangements were not to everyone's absolute comfort and choice, but I think it was definitely a lesson of "living for the sake of others." The next day most of the physical elements of the workshop were smoothed out; very much to the liking of most of the blessed children there.

One of the main themes of this winter workshop, given by Hyun Jin Nim, was "Service for Peace." Through the lectures of a number of elders including Rev. Jenkins, Rev. Kim, Aunt DJ Brewer, and many others, the participants and staff were all given the opportunity to learn more about this theme as well as, the "Meaning of Second Generation", "lineage", and the "Vision for Second Generation."

These were all sub-themes of this winter workshop.

Personally, the most I learned was from the members of my group whom I was given the responsibility of taking care of. Regarding to the lectures, I was pushed to pay even closer attention to find group discussion topics, or sim-



refused to go up. After a time of fruitless wheedling, I reminded him of what I had told the group during our first meeting, and after a moment he nodded silently and stood up to get in line. Before he could get a turn, however, it was time for a break, and he returned to sit next to me with a small, content smile on his face. I told him that I was proud of him, that although he didn't get a turn, the fact that he had the heart to do so was equally valuable, so I told him that he didn't have to get

Dok Hae, offering to pray before and after meetings, or serving meals to occupied group leaders, I will always be grateful for my group and my condensed, short-lived time with them at Winter Workshop 2001. My elder brothers and sisters have always been particularly important to me, and have been instrumental in my life and upbringing as a

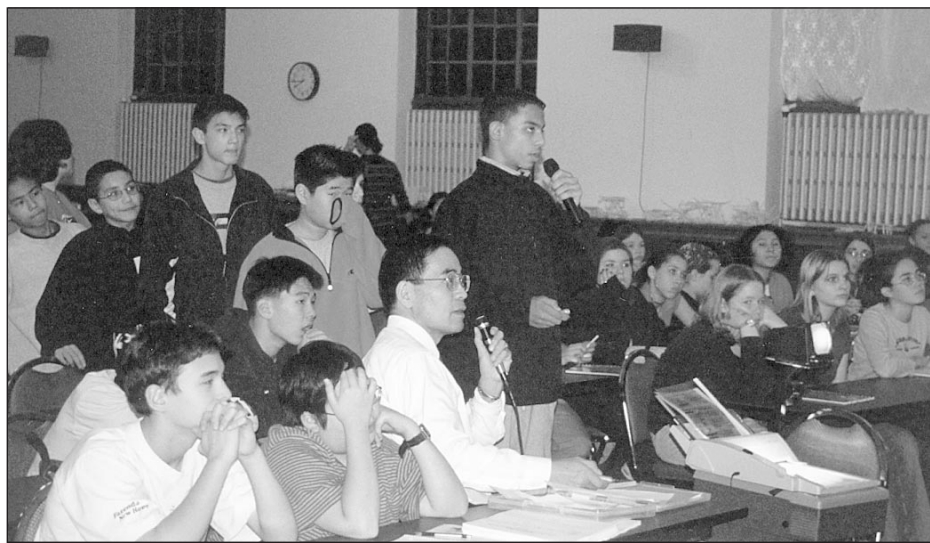
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master, explained how to register and use the powerful capabilities of the new website, which is in continuous development. Later, the webmasters from different chapters got together to discuss how to continuously develop the site and bring it to the first rank.

Kent Trabling of the UVG group gave a powerful talk on "Buzz Marketing,"

a great strategy for getting an organization known worldwide in a short space of time. "If Starbucks can do it with something like coffee, why not with a great vision like Service for Peace?" he said.

We are moving in an exciting new direction," said Tony Devine, vice-president for education, "and I am already planning symposium 2003 with the goal of publishing the agenda by May!" ❖





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ply to be ready to answer any of the questions I might have been asked by the younger girls. But even beyond that, just having the opportunity to be an elder sister and a friend to so many younger siblings, was an experience that I could not receive anywhere else. The most interesting aspect of those relationships was that I was able to see a part of myself at some point in my life, in each and every single one of the girls that I got to know. And at the same time, to have so many elder brothers and sisters who worked even harder than I thought of myself, and who cared so much for all of us, was a great experience as well. Being able to see those types of people helped me to realize what my role is as an elder sister. I learned and gained so much from this winter workshop. I only hope I was able to teach some of my youngers something as well. At the end of this workshop, one of my elder brothers told me that it is now our turn to guide our youngers as our own elders did for us. I have truly come to believe that.

### Justin Fong—group leader

From the very start it was made clear the motto of the workshop. It consisted of three components: Service for peace, the identity of the second generation, and the vision of the second generation. The first full day consisted of Mrs. Eu and Dr. Reed giving lectures of how to present the D.P., training us to become D.P. lecturers. Later on that night, we had an inspiring lecture by the Reverend Jenkins.

From then on, the days were pretty consistent. We followed a rigorous schedule of six o'clock morning hoon do ke, guest lecturers and discussion. In the evening there were activities, and the closing was prayer and reflection.

These are only the external aspect of the winter workshop. What really happened surprised me quite a bit. I came to many realizations on the state of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen. at UTS. I was a high school group leader, with a group of 15 guys, which is an enormous sized group for a workshop. From the first group discussion my first impression of them was that they were a quiet bunch. And from my last group discussion, I still hold the same impression.

Honestly, I feel that the training of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen. as D.P. lecturers and truly understanding Hyun Jin Nim's motto of "Service for Peace" is a great necessity. Unfortunately, I found it very hard to reach my group on much of a heartistic level because of such a small time frame and the tough schedule. The group discussions ended up being more like Justin's classroom than group discussion, and I felt that took away from the value of what I was trying to say. This upset me a little and caused more than a few trips to the cold showers.

The group found the speech by Aunt

Dj on finding your faith as the easiest to relate to. All the rest of the speeches were very intellectual and made it hard to stay awake. Aunt Dj moved every one and really helped us all understand the importance of finding faith for ourselves. She says that the 1<sup>st</sup> gen. are getting old, and we have to take responsibility for them. We all understood this.

Despite the inspirational lecture, there was still plenty complaining from participant and staff alike. Things like lack of sleep, and the cold weather to food and little free time. I thought it was a good thing, and loved every second of it. We all grew in discipline at least. I had a lot of talk with my group on real issues that were up coming to them. Things like STF and college and BLESSING. Conclusion: we need clarification on all these things.

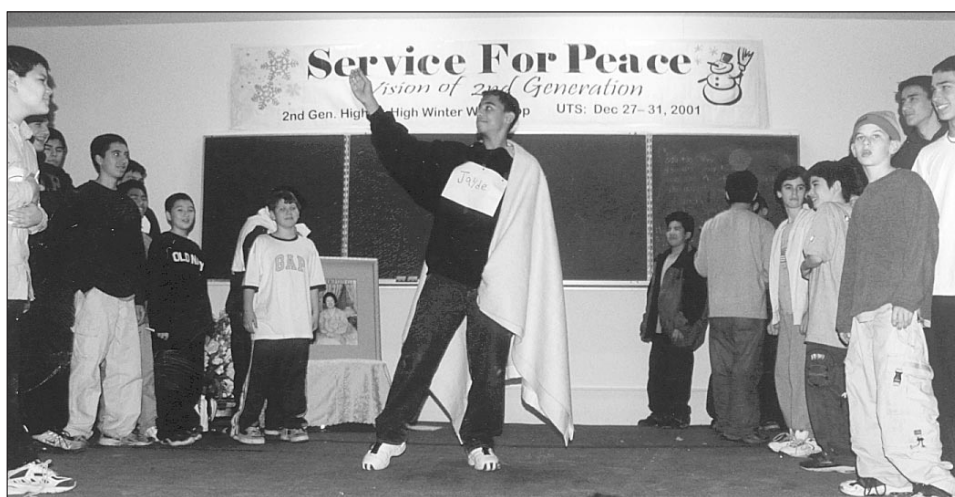
In the end my group's reflections really surprised me. Their first day reflections were kind of negative, but at the end they all seemed to have the words, "It was a good experience". I think we all grew in many aspects and now that I reflect on it, I have only one regret. I'm gonna try harder next time to do better.

### by Kyle Stadelhofer—Team 3

It is very important that Rev. Jenkins came and spoke to us for the first lecture of the workshop. We can change this country because we have so much power and infinite potential. We just need to step forward and negate ourselves! We need not to be selfish at all and then we can do anything. This is very important to understand, but very difficult. Hopefully we can achieve this through this workshop. We don't need to pay attention to ourselves at all, that is self-negation. We have done it before and we can do it again! We have to! If we can just go! Amen! Thank

you, Heavenly Father!

28th: I'm going crazy because it's so much more difficult this time than in the Summer. There is something different. I really miss my team from last year. I just have to learn the Principle! I have to Pray! I have to live for the sake of others! I really feel crazy and stressed and unclear. I've been praying to feel God's heart, maybe this is close to what God felt like. Please God, I promise that I will carry out your will, thank you



for clearing my mind. Even though I feel crazier, my mind is clearer; I hope that I grow and get out of this painful stage of growth that I am in.

29th: We had so much fun today. I feel so glad to be with the BCs. We have so much fun together. This is definitely necessary in order to fulfill God's providence. We need to have joy in order to keep fighting. I hope that everyone can somehow feel this love in one way or another.

### by Sarah Rondon—Team 5

First day of winter workshop. My group is well diverse, but a bit large. Rev. Jenkins gave our evening lecture. Pretty amazing. It's nice to hear that we, "young people," can make a change. He stressed mind and body unity, but I guess that's necessary when you deal with DP.

Building a bridge out of straws and  
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## Sunday School Manual

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# STF: Witnessing in Chicago

by N. Haft

*N. Haft is a second generation first year STF member from Maryland. His parents are Mel and Holly Haft. After completing the first four months of STF/MFT basic training, he was assigned to witness in a regional CARP center. This is an account of his first witnessing experience.*

Ever since the beginning of STF, I have learned to always first offer up complete gratitude and glory to God, True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim for everything they have given to me and shown me. So that is where I begin as I share about the past two weeks on this witnessing campaign in Chicago. I am so grateful and humbled to have been given the opportunity to experience the raw reality of witnessing and to work together with an incredible mix of first-year STF members, STF team captains, STF members coming back from Russia, Chicago CARP, and our amazing leaders from the major regions of America.

When I arrived at the front door of the Chicago CARP center, I had no idea what to expect. I had never been witnessing before nor anything similar and I felt so unqualified. But I was there for a reason so I knew I had to make a desperate effort to fulfill my responsibility. Even though I really had no idea what I was doing, we were sent out witnessing even after the first day. In a way, I struggled with not being completely clear on the inside as to what I was doing, yet at the same time having a responsibility to "break through" as a group in witnessing. I really wanted to personally take responsibility to bring victory, so as a group we could stand proud in front of Hyun Jin Nim and pave the way for the rest of the STF class to come. But, I did not know how to do that.

We were given so much lecture content and guidance throughout the workshop to help us along the way. Step by step the pieces of the puzzle could fit in my mind. I could understand the heart of a parent I needed to gain in order to save God's children on the front-line. I knew I had to feel as though I was God's only hope to share the truth with these people. However unqualified I may have felt, God chose me to be in the position to express all the spiritual content and blessing I had been given, to the people. But eventually what I realized was that no matter what I was taught on the blackboard, the only way to experience the true heart of witnessing was to actually go out there and do it—over and over again.

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Witnessing is not just a theory, it is real and I was dealing with people's spiritual lives. When I sat next to someone for the first time hearing The Fall of Man, I was so nervous and scared because this person's spirit was being confronted head on, with the direct truth. For people to hear what we were telling them was completely shocking and I am the one who was right there with them. It does not get more real than that. The world needs to hear the Principle, but I found out it is not that easy. So much investment was required, so much of my heart was given to the students only to be betrayed again and again. Yet it was my responsibility to keep loving them, not for my own sake or glory, but for God's. Even though I couldn't see the direct fruit of my work, I still had to keep giving and giving, expecting nothing in return. That was

not an easy thing for me to do but I knew that is what has to be done in witnessing.

One experience stands out particularly in my mind. About a week before I came to Chicago, a man about 30 years old came to the front door of our center asking if the building still belonged to CARP. It turned out that this guy, Andy, had been in CARP about 6 years ago when he was in college and was coming back to see what was going on. After six years, Andy still remembered the lecture content he was given and was compelled to come back. When he came to a one-day workshop and service project we had on the first Saturday, I met him and got to know him a lot better. I immediately connected a lot with him and his Mexican background (I have studied a lot about the Hispanic culture). I felt as though I wanted to give so much love and warmth to him. He was so humble and I was so much younger than him, I felt almost unworthy to be with him. He couldn't be taken care of by his spiritual parent because she was gone, so it seemed as if he was kind of alone during the workshop. But his response to Principle was so sincere and genuine, it was amazing.

During the next week I really made an effort to write personal emails and make phone calls inviting him to our events, because I felt he was such an incredible person. Then the next Saturday, our Chicago CARP leader, Yeqing, allowed me to do hoon dok hae with him and Andy. As I was sitting there, in a small room with just us three, reading straight from the Divine Principle, something just hit me. Here I

was, participating in the actual process of one of God's children coming back to him.

Everything I tried to lay a foundation for during fundraising was made so real in front of me. Andy was desperately asking questions to understand the Principle and he didn't doubt it at all. God was letting me watch this person, his child, become a follower of True Parents. I was so humbled to be there discussing Divine Principle with someone who in his heart knew it was true and was trying to understand. I was so scared because I never was that close to the reality of witnessing and how it changes people's lives. Even though I was not his spiritual parent and I was not at all responsible for him being there, something was touching me deep in my heart because I knew then that this is what God wants me to do. This actually puts all the theory and foundation into practice. This is a lost son of God being found. This is my brother being given life. It was like God was telling me, "I need you to find my children. Be desperate to do it and you will see this again." I was so touched by that experience.

The next day, Andy came to church service and saw the Holy Wine Ceremony. He was so happy to feel such a powerful and uplifting atmosphere. Now his spiritual mother is trying to get him to go to the upcoming Blessing and Andy has determined to do hoon dok hae every morning and come to workshops on weekends. Absolutely amazing.

I never cease to be amazed by what God has in store to show me. I feel so small yet so responsible, now that I see how real witnessing is. I gained so much these past two weeks and I only pray I can share it and use it for God's Will in the next four months of witnessing. ❖

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pins was a new challenge that definitely helped to unite our group. People just kept making small little bridges, and in the end, we just put all the pieces together, and got a pretty awesome construction.

I'm glad I came to UTS. I saw many people I haven't seen in years and I think I'll learn something as well.

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28th: What a tiring day! We were taught how to DP lecture with this new plan. I never saw myself as a lecturer, but it wasn't that bad. By having the teaching, we also went through the DP from "cover to cover." Although it was only on an "elementary" level, it was a nice way to go through the MAIN ideas of the DP.

High School girls move dorms. We are now on the other side of UTS. We are separated from the rest of the girls, but hopefully, we will be able to sleep tonight.

29th: It's becoming easier to stay awake during lectures and to climb the spiraling staircase up to the dorms. Mr. Sabourin and Aunt DJ spoke to use in the morning. Aunt DJ had some inspiring words, real words. Dr. Ward came to talk about UB and it doesn't sound like a bad school. I think I'll look into it, thought I'm not sure about their arts program.

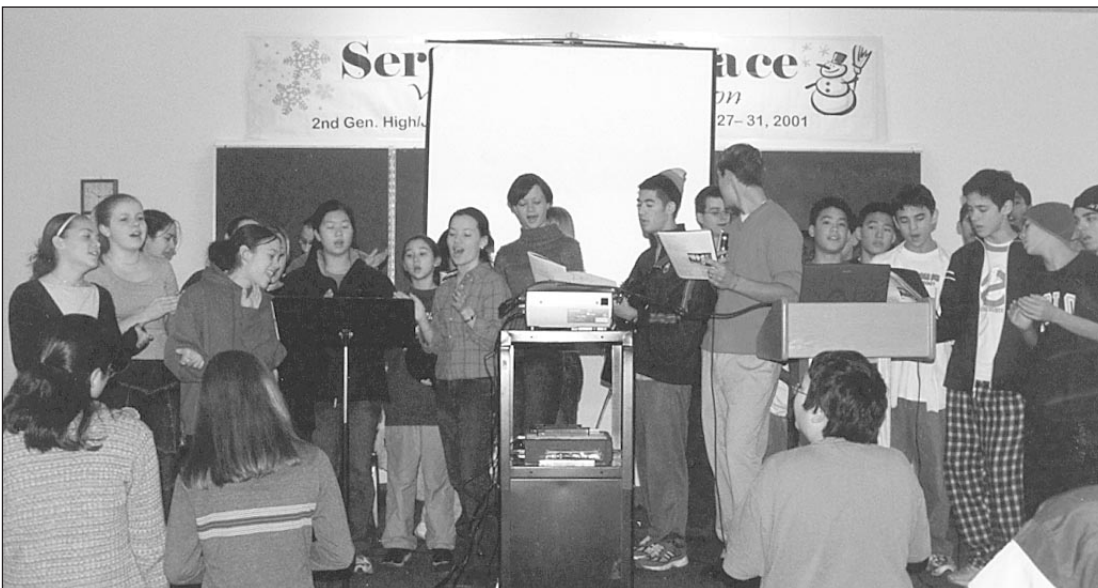
We had to write a letter to Mom and Dad. I think it was meant to

be serious, but I added humor. I'm really started to think about the matching coming up, that's open to 17-year-olds. I want to be matched before college, but I always thought now was too soon. But, maybe it's the right time. I'll have to pray on that. Well, the workshop is half way over, and my body aches for my bed.

31st: Last day of workshop and the last day of the year 2001. This was an unexpectedly good workshop. I thought

it would be kind of weird since it was headed by 2nd gen and I wasn't used to that. Last night, we had skits. Everyone's was good. We also had to pray for 21 minutes and I'm going to start this new year with a fast. I promised that this year would be different. I'm going to make friendly-relationship with Mom. I hate being alone. ❖

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# IIFWP Training in the Oceania Region

by John Gehring

From January 13-21 the IIFWP help sponsor a special Leadership training program in the Sydney area which was soon followed by an international service project in the Aboriginal community of Nambucca Heads. This program brought representatives from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Singapore, Samoa and the Solomon Islands in an effort to experience an interfaith model of Leadership training and service and pull together island nations through the practice of living for the sake of others.

This project had its roots in a December 2000 IIFWP meeting in Sydney where twenty of the participants meet and decided to go ahead and introduce the RYS to Australia by working with the Aboriginal community. Ambassador of Peace, Michael Jarrett a leader in the Aboriginal community of Nambucca Heads followed up on this request and helped organize the first Australian RYS project in January 2001 with his community. The initial project was a success and has since been followed up on with projects in April and the

recent and largest project in January, 2002.

## Sydney Training

Preceding the Ambassador for Peace RYS project a three day leadership training was held outside of Sydney in a Scouts Camp. It was only a few days before that wild fires had burned down large tracks of land around the camp and throughout the east coast Australia. The fires had damaged wildlife, destroyed homes and altered the landscape. Recent rains and the effort of nearly 15,000 volunteer firefighters had put out most of the fires and allowed us to safely begin our program.

Our training drew 36 participants and representatives from six island nations. Many of those involved would go on to attend the RYS in Nambucca, while others attended who had an interest in organizing local RYS. The training team consisted of Paul Saver of Australia, Professor Siti Hamidah, Singapore and John Gehring, USA. Presentations were focused on train-

*an effort to experience an interfaith model of Leadership training and service and pull together island nations through the practice of living for the sake of others*

ing in public service and character education and interfaith understanding.

During the program a local Ambassador for Peace (Muslim) whose daughter was a staff member, took us to Nan Tien Temple, the largest Buddhist Temple in the Southern Hemisphere and sponsored our lunch. Participants enjoyed the tour, the meditative gardens and the many fascinating halls and temples. This was a special time of interfaith appreciation.

## Nambacca RYS project

Following the training most of the group travel six hours to the Aboriginal settlement of

Nambacca Heads for our 3rd RYS project in that community. Our RYS program included 55 participants and staff from ten nations and the local Aboriginal community. Members of the community who had worked with us in the past or just shared in the results of the past work at the park were extremely pleased to welcome us back. The community was proud of the work done last year by RYS and local par-

ticipants and the murals remain graffiti free (a sign of respect).

This project was made possible because of the efforts of Ambassador of Peace, Michael Jarret who as a local Aboriginal leader went throughout the community and raised \$ 3,000 to fund the equipment for the new playground which RYS would construct. RYS volunteers built two gazebos and repaired a community building while offering lots of hard work in leveling and landscaping the playground.

As a result of our three projects, the community now has a central point where all generations can gather, relax, talk and play. This is an especially important contribution to make for the understanding of community is a vital legacy the Aboriginal community has to offer Australia.

The concluding cultural program drew 250 community members who both shared and enjoyed a wide variety of local entertainment as along with RYS participants contributions. A time of great joy and healing, as one Aboriginal song sung shared "We will never forget your coming, we will always appreciate what you did". ❖

# Bridgeport International Academy

by Theodore Kirkley

I am a second-generation from New York who is currently attending Bridgeport International Academy (formerly known as New Eden Academy or NEA). Our high school was set up and ordained by True Father and True Mother five years ago, and it is situated on the University of Bridgeport campus in Connecticut.

We have some exciting news about our school this year, and we hope that through this message you can better understand what we've been doing this school year. There have been many improvements at BIA this year, and we'd just like to publicize them and give you an accurate impression of our school. Please take a few minutes of your time to read the following.

First of all, I'd like to explain the reasons behind our name change. The Board of Trustees of NEA decided that we should open our school doors to people who aren't only Unificationists to broaden our influence, while keeping a strong emphasis on morals and character education as we always have. They decided a more universal and less sectarian name was needed. The Board and administration developed a number of names and then chose Bridgeport International Academy.

## BIA as a Day School

Along with the new name came the removal of our old residential school system. It is now nearly all day students, who live at home and come to school for only the day. This means that there is no longer a dorm, and new students will need to find a family for homestay. Homestay means that they will reside with a local family in Connecticut during their enrollment at BIA. Even with this change, however, the students and staff here are dedicated to finding eligible homestay families. If you are interested in attending our

school, it is very probable that we can find a family you could live with.

Now, to explain a bit about what Bridgeport International exactly is, let me start by saying it has always been a college preparatory high school. In other words, it is a high school that resides on a college campus and gives students the opportunity to take university courses for actual college credit! In this way, BIA students have the opportunity to get high school and college credit at the same time. A few students are graduating after their junior year, because they have enough cumulative high school credits to get a diploma. BIA also has access to every one of the university's facilities, including a large gym, a gigantic nine-story library, an elaborate dining hall, and the various events and festivities that are held on the campus. There's a lot to offer here that most high schools cannot.

In addition, the recent developments from this year have been quite remarkable. BIA has an active student council that has already completed two successful fundraisers. In October, we held our annual Haunted House for the blessed children around the area. We've also set up various extra-curricular activities and three active teams that compete against other high schools in the area. These are the Debate team (that has already won several trophies), a Basketball team, and a Swimming team.

## Clearing Up Misconceptions

Some people may believe that our school is not a professional high school, but that is completely false; we have official approval from the Connecticut State Department of Education. The school curriculum fulfills the state's standards, and we have always been graduating students with legitimate high school diplomas.

All students are required to take the PSAT and the SAT tests, just as in other

high schools. Some may also think that BIA is located in a dangerous place, but that is not true at all. The students are very safe because UB employs a very professional security system called Burns Security, which is rated as one of the best security systems in the world.

The area around the University has been improving in recent years, and no local residents have harmed our students for the entire five-year history of the school. People also may think that BIA's students are not motivated about their education. But let me assure you that this is also false. This year, even more than in previous years, our students have a great deal of incentive to study and graduate with honors and extra credits. Students have been participating in extracurricular and community service activities, as well as attending and working hard in class.

Our greatest achievement this year is the fact that all the students are serious about their education.

Just recently, our school has been authorized to issue I-20's, so that international students can receive F-1 student visas. This allows students from other countries to be able to attend BIA through obtaining a visa to study in the U.S. Also, there's good news for those of you wishing to attend the University of Bridgeport for college. UB has just announced that students graduating from Bridgeport International are offered a 30% scholarship towards their tuition to UB. This means that through four years of attendance at UB, you can save over a year's worth of tuition money.

## Our Mission

The mission of this school has not changed from the day it was formed. We want to make it known that the faculty and student council have continually been striving to provide an excellent learning environment for Blessed Children that is cleansed of the prob-

lems and secular influence of everyday public high schools. We believe that our school provides a purer place to learn. If we had more students, we would be more able to operate this school well and fulfill True Parent's expectations, so we encourage you to consider us.

In closing, we would like to thank you for your support and your consideration, and we hope you can help spread the good news about our school. Please keep in mind how far we've come this year. If you would like to learn more about Bridgeport International, please contact me at the student council's email address: [biastudentcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:biastudentcouncil@hotmail.com). And you could always contact the school by calling (203) 334-3434, email [biahighschool@hotmail.com](mailto:biahighschool@hotmail.com), or through the mailing address: Bridgeport International Academy, 400 Linden Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06604.

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# 40 YEARS IN AMERICA

by Dr. Michael Mickler

The inability of the Barrytown Pioneer Program to bring substantial results and the extreme hostility that arose against the movement in the United States during 1975 were two serious problems that had negative effects throughout the following decade. The difficulties of the Barrytown pioneers and the inability of the church, with the exception of its West Coast branch, to come up with a witnessing strategy that worked made it impossible for the movement to meet its membership goals. Vehement opposition and a negative public image also hindered numerical growth. Ironically, many of the very measures the movement utilized to launch its worldwide mission were the same measures that triggered the most intensely negative reactions. In light of these debilitating problems, what advances the church could make were all the more remarkable.

Much was expected of church evangelists and witnesses. Rev. Moon's direction was that each month every witnessing member should bring one full-time convert. This was the origin of the movement's "1-1-1" motto. Moreover, members should accomplish this for seven years, bringing a total of eighty-four "spiritual children," a number understood "to restore the failure of the 12 apostles and 72 disciples of Jesus." This was a challenging condition under the best of circumstances. For a movement that had not yet attained institutional stability, which demanded uncompromising, full-time dedication of new members and about which there was increasing public skepticism, the expectation was even more of a challenge. In fact, although the

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movement grew substantially between 1972-74, this level of result was not achieved. However, Rev. Moon continued to stress fulfillment of the "1-1-1" as a precondition of success in America. "Our first priority," he said, "should



Barrytown trainees entertaining

be to bring people, before taking time to eat, sleep, study, or do anything else." This was why Rev. Moon set up Barrytown Training and why, early in the program, he increased the witnessing condition to "1-1-3" with the expectation that each of the 120-day program graduates would bring three new people each month.

days. However, these were exceptional members and each of the regional leaders went out with three assistants. The vast majority of Barrytown pioneers were relatively new members with limited or no leadership experience. With immense pressure on them to produce, having been isolated from the field during the sixty-day lecture cycle at Barrytown, and faced with increasing public negativity, many pioneers became dysfunctional and even left the Church. The Barrytown Training staff recognized the problem and set up a system of pioneer trinities, coaches and itinerant workers for support. They also designed questionnaires and approach books to be used in witnessing and equipped pioneers with battery-powered P.A. systems for street preaching, white boards, tapes and lecture outlines and printed copies of Mr. Sudo's speeches. Nevertheless, by late summer, reports in Church publications were emphasizing spiritual breakthroughs of pioneers more than their concrete results.

#### Pioneers

The total of Barrytown pioneers plus "helpers" assisting in various states rose to 153 by October, or three for each state. However, when Mr. Sudo conducted a tour of eight Northeast states, he discovered that only four out of twenty-one pioneers were actually pioneering. They were not praying enough, were uncentered and depressed. This led to an all-night prayer vigil at Bear Mountain State Park, across the Hudson

River from Tarrytown, New York, an emergency meeting at Barrytown, and a two-pronged strategy "to free the pioneers to pioneer." The first step was practical. Pioneers were asked to remove themselves from state centers where they had run into heavy financial burdens of previous Day of Hope campaigns, ambitious property purchases or debts caused by general inexperience. Forty-six did so immediately. The second step was spiritual. Mr. Sudo identified the accomplishment of "1-1-3" with the "New Age of Pentecost" and on November 1, 1975 initiated a 5:30 a.m. "Prayer Offensive to Save America."

Two days later, while running in a relay race after lunch during a church holiday, Mr. Sudo fell and dislocated his right shoulder. Although he continued gamely from his hospital bed, signing 150 letters to state pioneers with his left hand, his immobilized and painful situation symbolized the state of the pioneer program. In November, a final group of 67 went to the field, bringing the total number of state pioneers to 300. They were expected to remain in their missions through the movement's Yankee Stadium campaign scheduled for the following June. Although Rev. Moon spoke of a two-month training session

after Yankee Stadium for 3,000 pioneers who then would be responsible to increase ten-fold, it became apparent that he was not placing all of his eggs in the Barrytown basket.

Few, if any, Americans were aware of these internal problems. For most, the Church had burst into public consciousness with great force and suddenness and presented a frightening prospect. There were reports in the press of seemingly happy and well-adjusted young people dropping out of college or university to sell candy and flowers on the streets for up to eighteen hours a day. For families that had "lost" a son or daughter, news of the church's "mass-marriages" or that Rev. Moon was regarded by his followers as the "second Christ" was not comforting.

#### "Deprogramming"

More ominous was a May 1975 NBC documentary which, utilizing a heavily Orientalized voice-over, reported on a suicide and trauma cases at Barrytown, and provided film footage of members from the movement's Northern California branch denying any affiliation with the church. Equally ominous were reports that the church's worldwide membership was committed to defend South Korea's 38th Parallel at the cost of their lives. Spectacular real estate purchases including a significant portion of greenbelt land in Tarrytown, New York and the former Columbia University Club in mid-town Manhattan continued to fuel suspicions, and in November, the *New York Daily*

## Miracle Massager for Micronesia

by Ray & Kathy Sabo

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Thank you very much.

May God bless you and your families.





## 40 YEARS IN AMERICA

## 'Deprogramming'

News, in a five-part series, stated that Rev. Moon was "fanatically interested" in obtaining power in the United States. These reports and others helped to create a climate of extreme hostility toward the church and to stimulate the beginnings of organized opposition.

The most immediate threat faced by the church were vigilante-style "deprogrammings." There were a number of incidents in which members were abducted, confined and pressured to leave the church by paid "deprogrammers" and their assistants, usually previously "deprogrammed" ex-members. Ted Patrick, a San Diego-based California state social worker nicknamed "Black Lightning," was the most well-known "deprogrammer." By June 1975, he or his associates had kidnapped twelve church members. Their premise was that members were "brainwashed," subjected to "mind control," and, in effect, "programmed" by the church. Hence, they needed to be "deprogrammed." Patrick contended that Unification Church recruiters practiced "on-the-spot hypnosis" and the same brainwashing techniques as the North Koreans. Members were "robots" or "zombies" who needed to be taken out "bodily." Once taken, teams of deprogrammers, ex-members and sometimes parents and relatives took turns pressuring confined members in marathon sessions lasting hours or even days. It was not a pleasant experience. In July 1975, when Andrew Wilson, the leader of the Brooklyn Church, returned after having been held for one month by Patrick, the *New York Times*, *New York Post*, *Newsweek*, Associated Press, and four local television stations all sent representatives to a press conference.

**Helander**

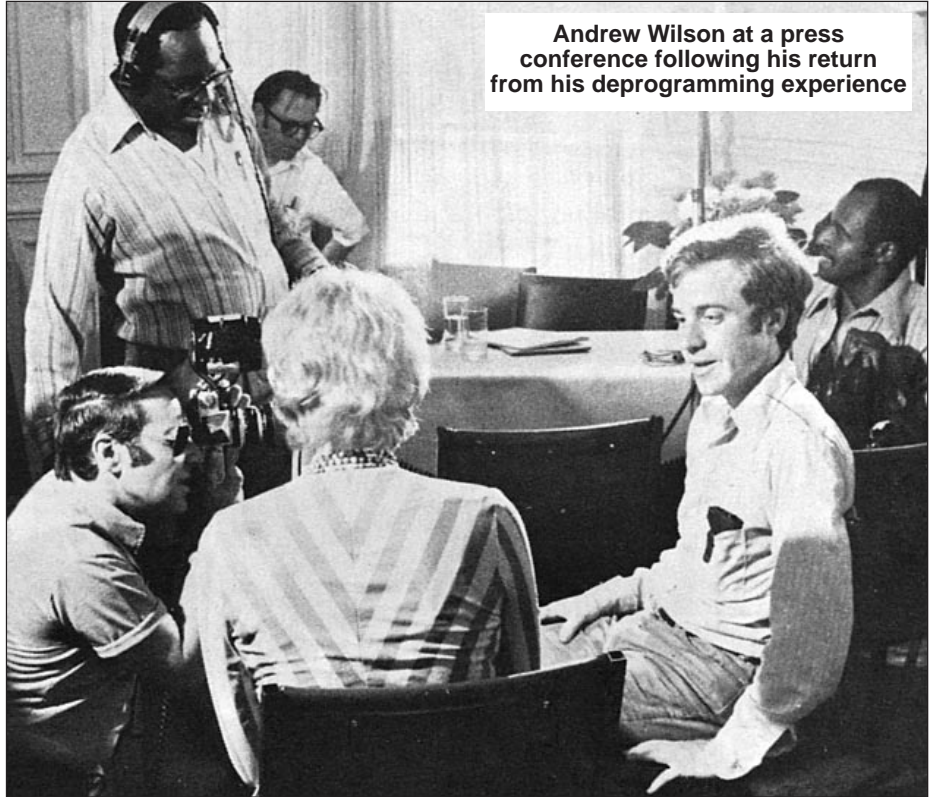
However, Andrew Wilson's case paled in relation to furor over Wendy Helander, an eighteen-year-old Connecticut native who dropped out of school at the University of New Hampshire to join the church in late 1974. About a month later, she was taken from Barrytown and subjected to deprogramming by Ted Patrick. Convinced that she could only win her freedom by agreeing with her captors, she agreed to sign an affidavit stating that she had been brainwashed by the church and in the event the church psychologically or physically "kidnapped" her back, she requested immediate action by the authorities to come and remove her from the "cult." Shortly afterwards, she escaped and returned to the church. A few days later, HSA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. received a writ of *habeas corpus* ordering the church to bring her to the Superior Court. The church contested the order, and

the opposing side maintained that there was reason to believe that she was held against her will. Wendy hired her own lawyer who informed the court that she did not want to appear, fearing another kidnapping attempt.

The dispute went to trial on August 19, 1975. The Helander's lawyers claimed that they would prove that the church had a hold over Wendy as certain "as a gun to her head" and proceeded to produce a succession of deprogrammed ex-members, all of whom had been affiliated for a short time and had been active in Ted Patrick's movement. However, the star witness was Dr. John Clarke, a psychiatrist whose statements that Unification church members had absolutely no free will and had been reduced to "a state not unlike hypnosis" received prominent coverage in the *Washington Post*. The defense more than held its own, producing several church members who had escaped from Patrick. One testified that he tied her up and threatened to kill her. Another testified that he had been forced to sign a similar affidavit and was given Wendy's as a guide. Still another recently escaped member testified that while being held at the Helander's house, he had overheard Mrs. Helander say that she would not hesitate to have Wendy kidnapped and committed to a mental hospital. The defense's star witness also was a psychologist who over objections played a tape recording of an interview with Wendy the night before. He pointed out signs of healthy interaction, and concluded that "she had a capability of exercising free will more than most people, including those in the courtroom." On September 23rd, the judge dismissed the case, stating in a fifteen-page comment that the petitioners had failed to establish that the respondents used "impermissible means...[or] techniques substantially different from those used by other religious organizations for purposes of converting or proselytizing."



Members praying during a Sunday Service at the newly-purchased Columbia University Club building, later to become HSA-UWC National Headquarters, New York on 43rd Street



Andrew Wilson at a press conference following his return from his deprogramming experience

**More attacks**

The church had little time to savor this victory as on September 27th, a short-term member from California, recently deprogrammed, took to the media, announcing that she had been "thoroughly brainwashed." The next day, New Jersey State Insurance Commissioner James Sheeran, the father of three daughters in the church, held a press conference to charge that he had been assaulted by at least ten church members and knocked unconscious when he went to Barrytown to get his daughters. In response, the three Sheeran sisters and Barrytown director Joe Tully held a press conference on October 1st. Amid a circus-like atmosphere and with as many as a hundred newspeople with cameras and sound equipment jammed into the church's 71st Street center, Joe Tully maintained that Mr. Sheeran arrived at the training center at 4:40 a.m., having already been informed that his daughters were not there, entered the premises illegally, was "disruptive, violent and utterly unreasonable," persisted with "force and vulgarities," and

"struck me repeatedly and bit me on the arm." The charges and counter-charges were inconclusive but provided great theatre for New York tabloids, and Mr. Sheeran's call for a congressional investigation of the church struck a responsive chord for some.

Public hostility and opposition to the movement began to affect some of its projects. The most prominent example in 1975 was the Fourth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences. The inaugural conference had been held at New York's Waldorf Asto-

ria in 1972. It moved to Tokyo in 1973, London in 1974, and back to New York on November 27-30, 1975. The meeting increased dramatically in size compared with previous conferences, having four section chairmen, 12 committee chairmen, boards of International and American advisors, and some 360 participants from 53 countries, including a number of Nobel laureates. The previous deliberations and proceedings were highly regarded. Nevertheless, questions about the conference's sponsorship surfaced during the summer and led to the withdrawal of two of four section chairmen as well as several committee chairs and advisors, all of whom were replaced. Some who withdrew did not want to lend "credibility to Rev. Moon and his organization." Some were "critical of the methods" understood to be "used by Moon's Unification Church to proselytize and retain members." Others opted out because of the movement's alleged ties to the authoritarian regime in South Korea. Still others objected "to the financing of the conference with funds" said to derive "mainly from street selling by young members."

The Church responded to these threats in a variety of ways. In January, it created a "Committee to Combat Kidnappings." Its Public Affairs Department sent out letters and information packets, held press conferences, ran paid advertisements, sponsored service projects and public events, and retained legal counsel. There was some optimism that the church could go on the offensive. Still, after the extremely negative May 17th NBC documentary on the movement, Neil Salonen acknowledged that Rev. Moon's "name has been hurt in America." After viewing the same NBC documentary, Rev. Moon admitted, "There may be some people in our movement making mistakes" but noted that all the blame was shifted onto him. In a later speech, he suggested that controversy would help the church "become famous faster." As he put it, "If the [village] dogs don't bark, no one will come out to meet me." Nevertheless, in a speech entitled, "God's Sorrow and Human Ignorance," he stated that he "may have to be jailed in America." ♦



# Chung Pyung Lake Testimony

by Kim Arthur Dodge

**B**y offering this testimony about my Chung Pyung Lake experience I am hoping to inspire more brothers to go. I flew on Korean Air with my friend and colleague Hans Schwyter. When I arrived I found that many old friends and several Bay Area friends would be in the International Group (Michael Brown, John Gowey, Mike Kellett, Robert Clive, Martin Carmody). It was great to start with such camaraderie.

CPL is a world of paradox for me. The absolutely sublime coexists with the utterly mundane. Yet I find no contradiction there, everything makes sense when viewed with an open mind and heart.

The lessons start from the moment that I walk in the gate. My conscience seems to blossom in that environment. I intuitively sense the participation of my angels; I feel the supportive presence of my restored ancestors. Dae Mo Nim, Heung Jin Nim, and True Parents speak to me through their representatives, but also through their portraits. Especially at Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall. Their eyes and facial expressions resonate with their spirits. I feel that I am in a dialogue with them through my prayers.

I asked Heung Jin Nim to help me understand the level of heart and commitment that I will need this year, if I am to fulfill my dream of contributing significantly to the work of his brother Hyun Jin Nim. I work for one of the companies directed by Hyun Jin Nim.

## Special Emphasis on Spiritual Liberation

*Excerpts of a speech from Daemonim at the 503th Workshop, February 3, 2002, at Cheong Pyeong Lake.*

**G**od has been a Father unable to give blessings and heal His sick children. But from January 1st, 2002, in the second year of Cheon Il Guk, He said He will descend and heal the disease of our mind and body; even if He, through love, has to use a rod. He will give blessings to His children.

But who are the children God will bless? They are the ones who have become one in heart with True Parents and God Himself. So, you have to be ambitious. The ambition of love; you should entertain the ambition of the Good. You should have the heart of becoming one in the realm of True Parents and God and there receive the blessings—heaps of them.

Our situation is different as compared to the old days. If you go towards the direction of evil, it will be impossible to receive blessings, since this era sees the development of Goodness. Just be alive to see what will happen is special. Gradually you'll feel that, "Ah, it's no good if I don't attend God and True Parents in my family, within myself!" This is an era that is gradually taking shape.

Therefore, it is an era one cannot but discard the old, misguided way of life and personal traits that related to the realm of heart devoid of God and

I asked him not to spare me any pain in showing me where I am lacking.

We formed a wonderfully international group with great representation from American, African, European and Asian regions. Eugene Harnett, a young AFC leader from Alaska, became our leader. I knew him from another CPL workshop where he assisted Mike Jenkins in leading our group. I wanted to stay close to Eugene but chose to not volunteer for any high profile responsibilities. I wanted to assist and volunteer for reading and lecturing.

I enjoy connecting with people and feel that I can sometimes help others by empathizing and channeling God's unconditional love to them. Meanwhile I like to move slowly through each activity, be it prayer, washing-up, meal times or buying gifts at the store. Even though I was committed to not resting until lights out, I never seemed to have enough time and was constantly behind. Several times when I was scheduled to read I didn't have the right book or the right color shirt. It was very confronting. However, where I used to become discouraged, I found that these challenges only strengthened my resolve and helped me to break through.

I noticed that Eugene and his assistants were always on time. They seemed empowered by their commitment to serve our group. My prayers moved from the repentful tears of a child longing to

True Parents. Why? Because this is not an era in which Satan's characteristics and dominion can prevail.

Hence, what is it that God is looking for? An era in which He'll welcome not only our blessed families, but the whole humankind, and the whole spirit world. So, as we greet the solar and lunar New Year of 2002, we are to witness the beginning of this very history.

So, what period is it that we are emphasizing? What is it that we are stressing in order to create such a world? From today on, it'd be wonderful if you could see Heaven. This is a period of special focus.

God said, "Although this Holy Place is not big enough, it would be good if all blessed families came here, even if they had to trickle inside. This is a period in which more spirits are cast away, even more than during the 40 and 120-day workshops."

So, it'd be better that you know this, and I'd ask you that you sincerely attend it. Those who are on a 40 workshop now are lucky—blessed. Those who are coming for the weekend workshop, there has been no chance like this one in the seven years of Cheong Pyeong Providence.

I think so, too. This morning I thought, "It'd be very good if the family members who haven't been able to establish 4-position foundation, or those who have faced serious spiritual obstacles could gather here." ❖

be close to his parent, to that of a son wanting to make a contribution to the struggle of his parents. I experienced strong spiritual growth at CPL. Everything cooperated to instruct and inspire me. I began catching up to Eugene and his leadership team. I started to make more of a contribution.

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My Holy Song sessions and prayers at the prayer hall became deeper and deeper. At one such prayer, I wept with a longing to simply be with Heavenly Father and True Father. Father is the Father that I always longed for, that all brothers and fathers have always longed for. He is the True Adam, a true Father and a real man and hero. I cried and felt that I could never let

go of this love once I had tasted it. Yet I knew that Father could make no exceptions for me, it is up to me to change. Through my tears I felt eternally connected to Father, and I was deeply touched by, and forgave my own father. I forgave him with tears and felt his and my spirit being cleansed of the resentment that had trapped us both. By accepting the True Adam in my heart, I could forgive the false Adam who had betrayed me at my conception. I felt a warm glow move powerfully down my head, neck and spine. I felt strengthened in a sustainable and permanent way.

On the seventh day I finally broke through. I read correctly at HDH. I ran up the mountain and prayed at the holy trees. I worked hard at Holy Songs and listened attentively to a passionate and inspiring testimony from Dae Mo Nim. We took group photos and prayed at the prayer hall. Then we hiked up to the site of the True Parents' Palace.

It was a long steep hike. I was already exhausted for a variety of reasons. I found myself walking and talking with Eugene Harnett. He was walking quickly but I determined to keep

## Blessed Babies: To Give or To Receive

by John McKewen

**T**here is nothing more precious than the special gift God gives to blessed couples—blessed babies! And those couples, who have been given more than one, are even more fortunate!

Sadly however, there are many couples who haven't been able to experience this wonderful process in life. Many have tried treatments with specialists but have had little success. Some couples are older and it's just not possible for them to have (blessed) babies.

There are many amazing stories of blessed couples who have offered blessed babies to other couples (some who have offered more than one!). These blessed families are now experiencing the tremendous joy of God's love, life, and lineage.

up. He shared a runner's trick don't look at the steep path ahead, rather focus on the ground in front and when you look at the distance traveled, the way appears level. Soon, we were at the top, sweaty and happy. We took pictures together. Listened to the great plans for the Palace and other projects. Hans and the other Bay Area brothers took photos also.

Streaking jets reminded us of the closeness of the DMZ. Mike Dickerson, state leader for Kentucky, joined me. I knew Mike from the Bay Area. I admire him as my elder brother. We walked down the mountain together. Mike shared a deep personal testimony with me about his experiences with True Father, in the military and at Hyun Jin Nim's recent leadership seminar. Through unity with my Abel brothers Eugene and Mike, I was blessed to receive certain qualities of Hyun Jin Nim's Abel type heart.

This experience was one of the many ways that my prayers were powerfully answered at CPL. Each track, such as Hoon Dok reading, reinforces the others. I receive a new level of heart at CPL. The Eight Day certificate followed by the Holy Wine ceremony when I returned home to my family, served to commemorate this change of heart. However, we don't go to CPL to get a piece of paper, any more than we receive the Blessing and change of blood lineage to get a certificate of marriage. We go because of the historical time period and the chance to renew our hearts at a new level of victory.

Heavenly Father made it abundantly clear to me just how He intends to accomplish this miracle of faith, hope and love in my life. I believe that He has equally or even more profound experiences ready for you when you choose to answer His call to come to CPL training center. Heavenly Father knows you better than anyone, better than Satan, better than you even know yourself. I strongly urge you to overcome the mundane obstacles and respond to His call. Grant Him this opportunity to work powerfully in your life. ❖

I know one couple who had tried in-vitro fertilization 11 times without success. Finally (and thankfully!) someone offered them a blessed baby and now they and their family are so happy!

Even my wife and I would like to have at least one more child—we went through infertility treatments for many years when finally God blessed us with a little boy. We can no longer do the treatments so we would like to adopt.

There are many blessed couples who have been blessed with the ability to have children who would like to help others less fortunate, so through this letter we would like to bring these people together.

If you would like to adopt a child, or offer a child for adoption by a blessed family, please contact Rachel Carter, Blessed Family Department FFWPU, 1611 Upshur Street NW, Washington, DC 20011-5314 E-mail: rachel@familyfed.org Phone: 202-345-0635. ❖



# DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

## How, Where and When Christ is to Return

Volume 6 \* Part 6

**T**he last historical parallel between the Old and New Testament ages involves the final years of preparation for the Messiah, first for Israel and later for Christianity. Both periods lasted 400 years.

After the Hebrews' return from Babylonia, they rebuilt the Temple and repented. Centering their worship on the Temple and the Law, they progressively celebrated their spiritual lives. The prophet Ezra helped to generate much of the revitalization of Judaism during this time and is generally regarded as having helped build the foundation for the whole of post-exilic Jewish devotion. Ezra planted the seeds for the type of Judaism which was normative in the time of Jesus and which continues today. He also helped to prepare his people's descendants for the Messiah.

Corresponding to the 400-year Old Testament preparation for the Messiah described above, a similar period of 400 years existed during the Christian era—from the time of the Reformation to World War I. As with the Old Testament epoch, this parallel age was a time of specific preparation for the Promised One; therefore, we will describe its major developments in some detail. The period begins with one particular German monk.

Martin Luther was the culmination of various trends emerging during the late medieval period, some of the more significant being those deriving from the influence of the Renaissance. Such Renaissance poets and literary masters as Petrarch and Boccaccio had celebrated humanist values with their emphasis on the glory of man and nature. Moreover, freedoms of thought and action all were stressed. Scholasticism, for example, emerged as a major factor in the dynamically changing new world. Intellectual life in general was enriched, especially by the rise of universities and the desire of the common man to read and to make his own decisions. These and other influences acted as a catalyst for the religious upheavals which followed.

The Renaissance witnessed the primacy of humanism, individualism and realism. Religiously, stress was laid on rational judgment rather than blind faith in the authority and competence of the Pope. The Renaissance was in many ways a response to an antiquated and authoritarian worldview which had been championed largely by medieval Roman Catholicism and which tended to advocate the merits of asceticism, otherworldliness, obedience and collectivism. While itself the Renaissance was hedonistic and excessively worldly, its effect in the religious domain was to open the eyes of many to the failings of an increasingly corrupt and outdated Church.

### Protestant Reformation

The temper of the time did not fail to influence Martin Luther. On October 31, 1517, this Augustinian monk posted on a church door in Wittenberg the famous Ninety-Five Theses, a detailed attack on the selling of papal indulgences. Articulating preexistent popular discontent, Luther's challenge to

the Church's authority quickly swept through Germany; entire sections converted to Luther's position. By the time of his death, his reforms had spread beyond Germany into other northern European countries.

It is important to realize that Luther's revolt reflected an effort to recapture the living tradition of early—and especially Pauline—Christianity. For Luther, this was the hope of the Church. Advocating a return to the scriptural sources of the Church and an application of them to the Church in his own time, Luther sought to lead the Church back to its original pristine state.

In terms of God's dispensation, Luther's reform was a revolutionary step forward—even though it was based on a "return" to an earlier religious vitality. Because Roman Christianity had lost much of its early fervor and strong messianic consciousness, it had lapsed into decline. It was thus necessary that reforms, culminating in the Protestant Reformation, took place. Such men as Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, Ulrich Zwingli, William Farel and others were called to reshape Western Christianity in preparation for the Second Advent.

Great reforms took place not only in Protestant Christianity, however, but also in Roman Catholicism as well. For example, the Catholic Counterreformation enlisted the support of significant saintly figures, among them Ignatius of Loyola and the Jesuits. France, Spain, Italy and Poland remained loyal to the Pope only because of the efforts of reform-minded bishops and the zeal of the new Catholic orders such as the Jesuits.

Also contributing to the Catholic revival, the missionary movement pushed the frontiers of Catholicism into the Americas, Asia and other parts of the non-Western world. This helped to prepare all of humanity for the Second Advent. Brilliant missionaries in the sixteenth century made possible the spread of Christianity not only among common folk but also among scholars and societal leaders. Many of the Jesuits, Dominicans and Franciscans were remarkably skillful and devoted men. The Catholic scholar H. Daniel-Rops tells us that a missionary to China named Mattes Ricci, for example, adopted the exotic dress of a Chinese scholar and even a Chinese name in order not to thrust cultural barriers in the way of the Asian reception of Christ.

### Great Awakening

Further revitalizing movements developed among Protestants in the eighteenth century. To help offset the Enlightenment, the Pietist movement arose led by Philip Spener and Herman Francke. Such a movement, emphasizing a personal mystical encounter with God, may be seen as a revival addressed to those forms of Protestantism which two centuries after their

birth had become arid and devoid of charity, warmth and human feeling.

Also in the eighteenth century, additional movements rekindled the declining fervor of an increasingly austere Protestantism. One of these derived from the work of John Wesley. Daniel-Rops, writing of this exemplar of Protestant piety, pays him the ultimate Catholic tribute:

PARALLELS IN HISTORY		
PREPARATION FOR THE MESSIAH	400	PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND COMING
JEWISH CAPTIVITY AND RETURN	210	PAPAL CAPTIVITY AND RETURN
DIVIDED KINGDOMS NORTH AND SOUTH	400	DIVIDED KINGDOMS EAST AND WEST
UNITED KINGDOM	120	UNITED CHRISTIAN EMPIRE
JUDGES	400	PATRIARCHS
SLAVERY IN EGYPT	400	PERSECUTION IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE
ABRAHAM		JESUS

"In England the revivalist who attempted to drag high churchmen from their routine and the Puritans from their hypocrisy bore a famous name—John Wesley.... The man was indubitably made of the stuff from which the Catholic Church fashions her saints." (*The Church in the Eighteenth Century*)

Along with the influence of Wesley, the work of Jonathan Edwards, George Whitfield, George Fox and Count Zinzendorf further advance the spirituality of countless individuals, converting many through electrifying revivals and preaching.

Since the Protestant Reformation, therefore, we see a continuing renewal of personal piety and the Judeo-Christian social ethic in preparation for the Second Advent and the messianic New Age. The Lord was not inactive when segments of Protestantism lost some of their original zeal. Rather, He continually reignited Protestantism's early regenerative spirit through an unending stream of spiritual giants and charismatic reformers.

### Industrial Revolution

Divine Principle teaches that the providential purpose of the Industrial Revolution was to improve conditions and provide an ideal physical environment in preparation for the New Age. Beginning in Great Britain, this development also aided European colonialism and imperialism, the effect of which was to propel Christian missionaries throughout the world to educate all peoples about God's nature, work and plan as revealed in the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Europe and America were transformed by the Industrial Revolution from stable agricultural societies to modern industrialized cultures. The social abuses which accompanied these changes should have provided churches with opportunities for social activism on behalf of the urban poor. Unfortunately, relatively few churchmen responded.

Nevertheless, as in the case of imperialism and the missionary activity which accompanied it, God was able to use morally flawed instruments to attain His purposes; thus, even the social ills generated by unmitigated and unrestrained capitalism were, from the point of view of the dispensation of restoration, offset by compensating benefits. Primary among these was the

material preparation of the world for the Second Advent; vast improvements in transportation, communications and general technology have helped to bind together different cultures, develop new understanding and to transmit new truth.

### Nineteenth Century

In contrast to the eighteenth century, which saw the emergence in Christian lands of Protestant luminaries who were able to reinspire large numbers of lukewarm Christians, in the nineteenth century the advances were made by missionaries sent out to non-Western lands to introduce the Gospel and make

new converts. These evangelists were particularly active in Asia, Latin America and Africa. Christianity was being extended and the nineteenth century, as we shall see, was its crowning moment.

Through this century, the time matured at last. President Henry P. Van Dusen of Union Theological Seminary has written of this period, affirming the nineteenth century as Christianity's greatest epoch:

"By any appropriate calculus—number of conversions, increase in membership, adventure into new areas, launching of new enterprises, founding of new churches and societies—this (the 19th century) was the epoch of Christianity's greatest vitality and most valuable advance. Christianity had become, at last, a world religion...." (*World Christianity*)

Christianity now has a wider geographic spread and is more deeply rooted among more peoples than any other religion in the history of mankind. For Divine Principle, of course, such a development is in keeping with a recognition of the centrality of Christianity in God's providence.

Christianity's growth in the global arena is not accident. The Church of Jesus has been God's primary instrument to educate the people of the world as to His ways and purposes. Through it, He has sought to establish a foundation for His coming Kingdom—a Kingdom which is to be precipitated by the universally significant event of the Second Advent.

The advances made by the Church in the late nineteenth century were critical preparations for the messianic age dawning in the twentieth. Consequently, we live today in the most important moment in human history: the coming of the Second Advent. In the vast span of human history, including this multilayered process of preparation, we are now at the point at which God's ideal is to dawn.

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The Historic Moment ❖**



# Funerals and The Kingdom of God Within

by Therese Stewart

We recently saw news media attention given to the passing of Congressman Jerry Solomon. Representatives from our state and federal government, including the governor, attended the services. I thought it interesting that one TV reporter interviewed a WWII veteran who was outside the church airing a complaint of sorts. The veteran complained that despite Mr. Solomon's fame and record of leadership, he thought the numbers of people attending the wake and funeral services was not impressive. To paraphrase this unhappy mourner of the congressman's passing, "Why isn't the community represented here?" he asked. "I see government representatives, but I don't see the everyday people who knew Jerry, the people whom he represented. Where are they?"

The reporter then went on to comment that when the church event concluded, about fifty cars comprised the funeral procession to the burial place for this longtime member of Congress. I was struck by this because the last two funerals I attended both had processions that rivaled or exceeded that of the Congressman, that of young Andrew Byrne this past summer, and that of my father in these last few weeks. These two funerals of so-called common people, were given extraordinary attention by the community for similar and spiritual reasons. By coincidence, or perhaps not, both the Byrne family and the Denn family are descended from Irish ancestors of County Kilkenny, Ireland. I want now to use the life and passing of my dad, William Denn, as a way of illustrating some of these spiritual principles.

I continue to digest the experience of my Dad's Ascension to Heaven. I marvel at the love and spiritual ecstasy I, and others, experienced during and after my father's passing. In my search to understand and explain the grace that Dad and family members experienced at this time, and in my

search for a message to give this morning, I decided to share some of my thoughts about what is spiritually distinctive about these events.

One thought that occurs to me is a sense that my father, in spite of humble origins and status in life, had a point of view that I would describe as extremely subjective. I am using this term now as Divine Principle uses it, suggesting a state of mind that initiates and influences others around him. One of the definitions of the word *subjective* given by the Encarta encyclopedia defines the word subjective as: "Proceeding from or taking place within a person's mind such as to be unaffected by the external world."

This definition describes my dad well. Dad would not allow himself to think he was an insignificant person simply because he was not wealthy or educated. Like the American humorist Will Rogers, a man my father admired and whose full name—William Penn Rogers sounds a bit like William Denn—Dad's humble beginnings did not prevent him from developing a homespun philosophy that served him well. I won't spend much time describing my dad's difficult childhood as I have already done that for you previously.

A simple but accurate way of describing Dad's philosophy might be to call it honest-to-goodness responsibility in the service of God, Nation and Family. He himself served each of these entities in his sincere service to his church, his wartime military contribution to his country, and his lifelong dedication to his family and friends.

I grew up hearing Dad making pronouncements like: "Make sure you're more of a giver than you are a taker" (teaching us socially responsible behavior); "Don't follow the

crowd; lead them. The crowd will usually lead you the wrong way" (teaching us about moral leadership); and "The boss is not always right, but he's always the boss" (teaching us the value of respect to proper authority).

Dad always had a colorful way of explaining these principles, using examples and jokes that emphasized his point, often packaging his wisdom in the metaphors of the construction work-site or military life. I nicknamed Dad "the Rooster," a title that became popular with several members of our family, because his communication style was akin to a rooster *crow-ing*, that is, he always appeared like he intended to rule the family barnyard, which in fact he did. For those of you who are fond of Oriental astrology, it may be interesting to note that he was born under the Chinese astrological sign of the rooster. Dad's simple *take-a-stand* brand of self confidence pervaded all his words and actions. This man, now gone to heaven, is *salt-of-the-earth* honesty and integri-

ty.

My dad would not allow himself to think he was a suffering person simply because, as a result of an injury, he experienced illness that continued the last forty years of his life. I will always remember his homey way of emphasizing the positive: "Smile and

the world smiles with you." He frequently reminded us of this by his word and deed.

My memory of him—comforting unhappy younger siblings by bouncing them on his knee while singing the Davy Crockett song—persists to this day. He has been a model I have sought to imitate with my children, regardless of time of day or night or circumstance.

I believe my dad understood one of life's critical principles, one that eludes many rich, famous and more educated people. That principle is that *we are as we think*. If we think we are miserable, weak and poor, then we will indeed be miserable, weak and poor. But if we dare to think that we are noble, happy and prosperous people, then it becomes possible to feel that those conditions are our circumstances. My father heroically demonstrated that we can be a happy, loving and grateful people even when our circumstances are difficult and challenging, as his certainly were.

Sound familiar? Of course it does. My dad didn't invent this principle; he just sincerely practiced it. Like Paul, defying the constraints of his prison cell by announcing from it that he was most fortunate of men for having known the Christ. Like an Edison, defying diagnosis by his childhood teachers that he was mentally retarded, by loving learning and discovery and making scientific history in the process. *We are as we think.*

The enduring lesson I have learned from my dad's example is that the Kingdom of God is within us and obtainable for those who think rightly. ❖

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## IN MEMORIAM

### Dr. Joseph Paige

A great and historic man of God is now making the transition to the heavenly realm. Dr. Joseph Paige was loved by all. One of the earliest of the Christian leaders to receive the Blessing of Marriage from True Parents, Dr. Paige was a crusader of righteousness and justice. In his capacity as President of Shaw Divinity School of the prestigious Shaw University, Dr. Paige spearheaded the successful effort to honor True Father with an Honorary Doctoral Degree while he was in Danbury prison!! True Mother came to Shaw Divinity while Father was in Danbury to receive this honor.

Great persecution came to Dr. Paige at that time but history will record that he never hesitated but stood strong. From his faith so many Christian leaders awakened to Jesus' anointing of True Father. Dr. Paige's church, family and life always prospered. Not only was this act a great comfort and reassurance to our True Parents but it also made a proclamation to the world that the righteous and great Christian leaders trusted in Father's holy mission and his innocence.

Dr. Paige was one of the "120" founding members of the American Clergy Leadership Conference. An historic moment was forever captured on video when Dr. Paige stood at the DMZ and wept for history. On the video docu-

menting the founding of the ACLC, Dr. Paige is seen with tears rolling down his face a pastor is praying in the background, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Dr. Paige wept for Christianity and the American mission. He stood there weeping as he was reminded of his service during that war as a Korean war veteran who lost part of his hearing during the one battle.

Dr. Paige was the embodiment of Jesus love and forgiveness. His wife, Dr. Dorothy Paige always supported her husband and our True Parents. One thing that was most notable about them, they always moved together as one.

I can never forget the dinner we shared during the 50 state tour, after True Parents spoke in North Carolina. Dr. Paige was a gracious host for that most successful evening. As we dined in the midnight hour, I can never forget the joy that we shared as Dr. Paige praised Father's "no spare key" theology and Dr. Dorothy laughed until she almost fell off her chair.

We rejoice in the surety that this Holy Man of God will find a great and peaceful place of happiness with Jesus and the saints of God in the Spiritual World. He, as a blessed couple will never leave Dr. Dorothy's side. Let us rejoice in this natural time of transition of our True Brother in Christ.

Rev. Michael Jenkins ❖

## IN MEMORIAM

### Dr. Josef Hausner

Dr. Josef Hausner died Friday January 18, 2002 in Manhattan NY. He was flown to Israel for burial on Sunday the 20th at a cemetery in Jerusalem. Family and friends were in attendance at the funeral service including students from a Yeshiva and his 2 cousins from Haifa.

There will be a memorial service 30 days after death at the grave site, as is the Jewish custom.

Josef had lived in Israel for several years and had friends and relatives there. He shall also be remembered by his friends and relatives here in NY, Philadelphia, and the Johnson family here in Montgomery County, MD. His best friend Mose Durst in California has been contacted.

I shall always remember Josef as a friend, an elder brother and as the hus-

band of my beloved sister Muriel Johnson Hausner. Whenever I visited them in the 1990's in their Manhattan apartment he was always very kind and hospitable. Muriel and Josef were deeply in love with each other.

Now they shall be reunited in love as a Central Blessed Family in the spirit world. May their hearts heal and may they be champions of God in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Josef was born in 1919 and was 82 years old. His kidneys were failing and his heart was weak. Please make up a 40 day prayer condition for his peaceful and glorious transition into the spirit world.

If you would like to write or contribute to his biography please contact me at ljcherry8@yahoo.com

Louis Johnson ❖



# CHALLENGING TIMES



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**A**s I began writing this article as America was hurting. It started as an essay I emailed to friends on the evening of September 11th, and expanded through give-and-take into a full length article.

Thousands of ordinary citizens died in the heart of our largest city, and it happened on live TV. Spontaneous expressions of grief were seen worldwide.

My deepest condolences to anyone who lost loved ones and associates in the terrorist attacks, or in the military responses. America will never lack for heroes.

Terrorism comes in bunches, but as this article goes to press (with the Super Bowl behind us), law enforcement has done an amazing job of stopping further attacks. Let's hope this success continues.

## Unity

The events of 9-11 united America in a way not seen since World War Two. Our diverse religious and political leaders showed an inspiring, unified front.

Americans expressed a variety of opinions. As the shock wore off, reactions poured in. Flags appeared everywhere, but were not always welcome. Some folks wanted to invite terrorist leaders to (what amounts to) picnics and group hugs. Other urged the extreme of "kill 'em all and let God sort 'em out," even mentioning nuclear weapons.

Fortunately our leaders have demonstrated political wisdom, and military expertise, in handling this tricky situation. Showing the true strength of a free people, Americans rolled up their sleeves.

## History

As much as its adherents would like to deny it, the early Islamic faith was spread almost entirely at the point of a sword. (As was early Judaism, but not Buddhism or Christianity.) Even so, the militants did not always dominate. Over the centuries Muslims adapted to changing conditions, and force gave way to harmony.

Can the militants be overcome again? There is historical precedent. In the twelfth century the Order of the Assassins, who were based in the Middle East, inspired terrible fear. Rumors of a stealthy visit once caused a panic in far-away Paris. Eventually they were defeated.

In recent years, America's Pearl Harbor veterans have been joined at their annual reunions by surviving Japanese pilots. After sixty years of peace, real friendships have developed.

Is it too much to imagine that, sixty years hence, former Taliban members will join in memorial gatherings at Ground Zero? Afghanistan's new Pres. Karzai is seeking to modernize his country, and that may be the first glimmer of such a bright future.

## Perspective

As a writer I have a certain perspective on these events. The World Trade Center attack was not unexpected. Tom Clancy's thriller *Debt of*

*Honor*, published in 1994, has a scene in which a hijacked 747 destroys the US Capitol building. Below is an exchange (edited for brevity) I had with Clancy in 1996, when he spoke online: << Host: Sushi, go ahead.

Sushi: You write about the future.

What about when reality overlaps your story line?

Tom Clancy: Sushi, that means I did it right. >>

Dale Brown's novel *Storming Heaven*, also published in 1994, has a similar premise. In that story the targets included San Francisco International Airport. In his Author's Note, Brown states: "I hope it all *remains* a fantasy."

Another thriller, though rather comic-bookish, almost exactly foretells the World Trade Center incident. It's titled *Empyre*, by Will Murray.

Was it a case of life imitating art? My writer's group was already discussing the possibility of "writers causing bad things to happen." As usual, we had divergent opinions. Copycat crimes are sometimes prompted by news coverage. Over a longer time period, petty criminals will imitate crimes (kidnapping, embezzlement, etc.) they saw in a movie.

Several of my friends thought that writers ought not describe terrible crimes (fictional or historic), because that could upset people, and even provoke a sicko or two to try them out. Others disagreed, saying that criminals are evil, and will do their thing without prompting from any novelist.

In my opinion, these two positions were a revealing microcosm of the 'liberal' and 'conservative' worldviews.

Our general conclusion was that realistic depictions of misfortune can make society conscious of them, and thus, able to face them squarely. The TV show *All In The Family*, and the novel and film *To Kill a Mockingbird* were mentioned.

Clancy leaves out most of the steps needed to actually pull off such an operation. The 9-11 attacks were long and skillfully planned, and carried out by four ultra-fanatics who'd learned how to pilot a specific type of jet.

## Responses

Clancy and Brown may well have been Cassandras, but many people *did* listen to them. Clancy even lectured at the CIA. I'd say *that's* what he "did right" with his novel.

Back then, officials at all levels made serious preparations. Hence the smooth and rapid disaster response in New York and Washington, nationally, and even worldwide. Grounding every airliner may have prevented a fifth hijack attempt.

Building codes will be strengthened. Scientists are discussing ways of making skyscrapers virtually fireproof.

Bill Gertz has become an authority on terrorism. Years ago he named the main supporters of terrorism, even

while most reporters kept silent, declining to ruffle certain long-favored feathers.

Experts such as Colonel Geoff Metcalf are finally getting a serious hearing. (See [www.geoffmetcalf.com](http://www.geoffmetcalf.com).) Our military and intelligence communities are gaining new, and much needed, strength.

***We're in a good position to expand our ecumenical contacts and programs. We can work against blind prejudice, and help Americans understand the noble heart of Islam. As has often been said, Osama bin Laden is no more a Muslim than Timothy McVeigh was a Christian.***

The British ruled the Middle East for decades, understood that culture, and were not afraid to take stern measures.

The United States made a careful study of Afghanistan, and even its most rugged mountains and isolated caves failed to shelter the Al-Qaida terrorists.

For the first time in history, even as bombs dropped, so did food packets for starving civilians. (These were developed and tested in Livermore, near my home.)

## Blame

America's leftists blame the United States for the attack, claiming that government and corporate policies *caused* the terrorist's resentment. Supposedly, if we dropped the sanctions on Iraq, and didn't support Israel, terrorists

would be leave us alone. Publications such as *Mother Jones* ran hand-wringing essays, filled with awkward reminders not to be "too harsh" on patriotic, well-meaning Americans.

If one reads the terrorist's own statements, they blame America for supporting *all* of the (so called) moderate regimes over there, including Saudi Arabia. They condemn us for repelling Iraq, and for spreading our democratic and tolerant way of life across the globe. There is also a fierce yet unspoken element of raw jealousy.

The real fanatics hate us for simply existing, and they're trying to obtain a whole laundry list of nasty weapons. They'd kill every American they could, and drape our surviving women in a *burqa*.

Bizarre side note: while in flight school, at least two of the suicide pilots liked to hang out in strip joints. To say the least, that took their plan to 'fit in' to unnecessary extremes!

No one respects personal rights, and dislikes governments meddling, more than I do. Even so, terrorists cannot be allowed to operate in secret. These days, our lawmen can go from being Barney Fife beat cops to Orwellian enforcers literally with the flip of a (hi-tech) switch. The 'heart' and 'inten-

tions' of these guardians are what really matters.

This would be a good time for American Muslims to take *decisive* action, tone down the complaints, and help root out the extremists that have been hiding in their midst. They can also encourage freedom and democracy among their fellow Muslims worldwide.

## Conclusion

These are challenging times. Unificationists, along with people of vision and faith everywhere, long for a better world. We've worked very hard to build the Kingdom, with wonderful results on many levels. No one thinks it's an easy road. Certain unsavory remnants of the past aren't going to just fade away.

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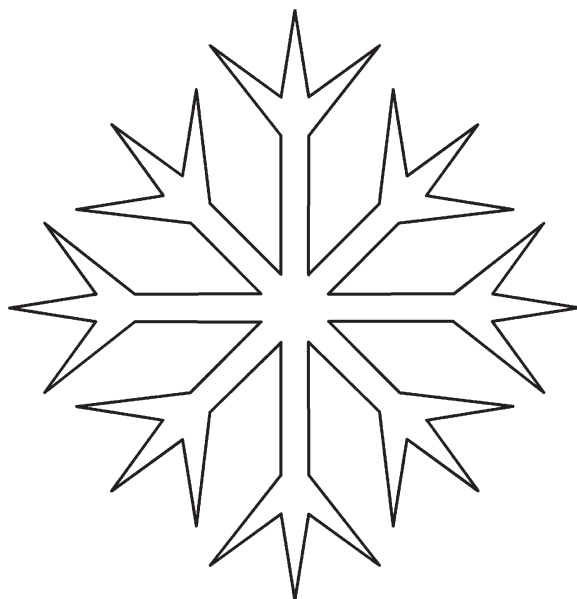
Let us continue our prayers and support for this good nation and its people. I hope that every last one of those terrorists is captured, and that the younger generations learn about peace.

As Rev. Moon and Billy Graham both stated, let's pray that from this terrible misfortune springs a great new spiritual revival. ❖

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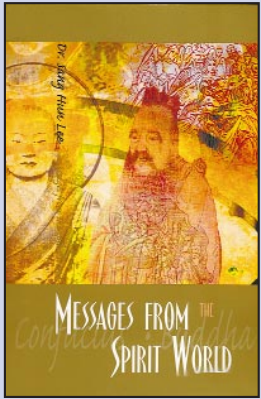
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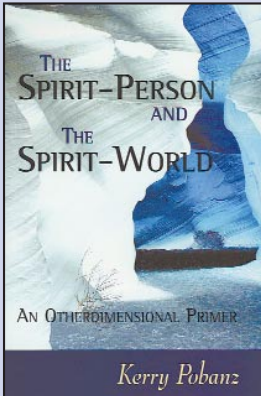
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