

Assembly 2003 at WCSF

Global Governance at a Turning Point: Innovative Approaches to Peace in A Changing World



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The IIFWP conference Assembly 2003 at WCSF in Seoul on "Global Governance at a Turning Point—

Innovative Approaches to Peace in A Changing World" was attended by over 300 top religious leaders and many former and current heads of state, the conference is like a global convention of the Cheon Il Guk. It has all the aspects of the relations of the Religious leaders, Political leaders, scholars, professionals from the Media and Academic fields.

Due to the fact that many of the participants have gained trust over the last few years of conferences, very serious and relevant presentations are being made concerning the Middle East, Governance (dealing with the relations of nations and global concepts of governing their relations through the UN and other efforts), Peace on the Kore-

an Peninsula and Human Development had a very healthy mix or world experts who for the most part have become Ambassadors for Peace and Unificationist scholars and leaders from around the world.

The presence of religious leaders from all major faiths, relating in harmony (there are of course many historical tensions, but due to their special calling and long term association with True Parents they have become the forefront of leadership for harmony and peace among religious leaders.) Rev. Kwak's opening address went in depth in terms of Father's vision concerning the Blessing of Marriage, intermarriage among enemy nations and cultures and the vision for World Peace. He called for the participants to step "out of the box!"

This was followed by presentation of the committee chairs—Taj Hammad, Antonio Betancourt, Karen Judd Smith, Kathy

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IIFWP Summit of World Leaders

The World at a Turning Point: A Global Vision of Peace and Good Governance

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

This address was given at the Opening Plenary, August 12, 2003, Seoul Korea

Gathered here for this Summit are many very distinguished religious leaders, political leaders, scholars, educators, representatives of the media, and leaders of non-gov-

ernmental organizations.

You may ask why this Summit of World Leaders is focusing on the theme of "the world at a turning point." Why is this theme also being associated with the topic of good governance?

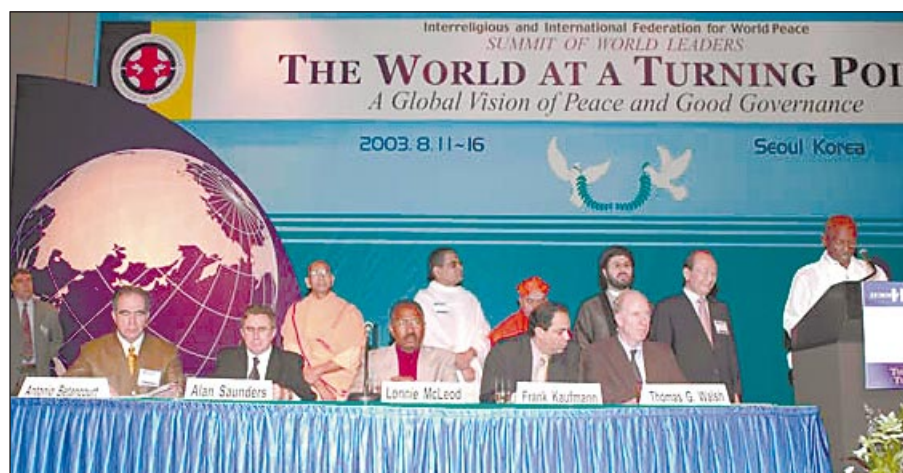
One could argue that the world is always at a turning point, and in some sense this is true. However, we also know that there are times in history that pres-

ent unique opportunities for change and transformation. History records these remarkable moments from the past. From the rise of religions rooted often in the vision of a lone prophet or founder, to the emergence of social and revolutionary movements, an informed student of history knows that there are unique times and places and people who shape history in dramatic ways at specific times,

turning ordinary history, as the passage of time, into a time of transformation.

That the present moment is a "turning point" is represented in several ways. On the one hand, we can point to the broad process of globalization, wherein trade, communications, transportation, and the transnational economy are developing rapidly, and having great impact

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This speech was given at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul, Korea. August 15, 2003, on the occasion of the signing of the Seoul Declaration.

I would like first to give thanks before God, who has left behind the darkness and melancholy of the past century to bless the new millennium with bountiful hope and dreams of peace. I have invited you to hold this conference in the Republic of Korea, the only nation on Earth where the sharp conflict between democracy and communism continues even to this moment. I state this not simply because, from the individual perspective, it is my homeland, but rather because, from the perspective of God’s providence, the Korean peninsula, though small in size, is the central country of the twenty-first century that must bring about human peace.

I will speak today on the topic, “The Owners of

Re-creation,” to help you understand God’s Providence and to clarify our mission and responsibility in building a world of peace.

Respected guests, we live in the age of a great providential revolution. All nations and religions must now transcend past ways of living, and understand that, for very practical reasons, it is necessary to live in exact accordance with a new understanding of God’s providence. This applies not only in the earthly world but also in the world after death, the spirit world, where we all must go and live when we have shed our physical bodies.

The number of new Ambassadors for Peace that I have appointed throughout the world now reaches into the tens of thousands. The newly appointed Ambassadors for Peace sometimes ask, “How should we conduct our lives?” According to an established formula, they must complete the course that the unification movement has traveled in the course of its history. They should clearly understand the reality of the spirit world and its direct link to the earthly world. Awareness of this spiritual reality naturally forms the core and guiding content for their lives. They should have conviction to live in accordance with this awareness and become one with the spirit world. They must develop confidence that this is the context in which they now live.

Over the decades, the contents of my sermons have not changed. When someone lives for the accomplishment of God’s will for the new world, these teachings form the basic standard to determine if a person becomes a principal actor in the effort to bring about the ideal Kingdom of Heaven. So we must now live according to this basic rule. If our lives have been based on vague concepts, then we must now lead lives based on awareness of this reality that brings us into oneness with heaven, including both the spirit world and physical world. We should unify the spiritual and physical realms within our own lives and expand this to the national realm. This is the only way to bring about the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven.

We must understand that the position of the owner of Cheon Il Guk, the Kingdom of Heaven, is someone who establishes a new standard that enables the peo-

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ples of nations around the world to transcend their current ways of thinking that have been based on traditional philosophies and concepts. The owner of Cheon Il Guk progresses to a new, higher dimension.

I was twenty- five when I founded the unification movement, and I hope you understand that I founded this association based on the essential points of God’s Principle. The people who joined this movement at that time lived together with the True Parents and helped usher in a new world.

Due to the Fall, humanity completely lost the world God originally created, and even lost God Himself. So in pursuing the providence of re- creation, I was responsible for bringing about the world God created but lost at the time of the Fall. That is, I was responsible to create again the position that Adam would have occupied had he not fallen. Please understand, the God of grief must be liberated to become the God of happiness.

On the foundation of the Unification Church, I established the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and, later, offered God the “Coronation Ceremony of God’s Kingship” and “The Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families for the True Love, Peace, and Unity of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth.” Since the Fall, God has been unable to involve Himself in the created world, and yet now He can restore all things through indemnity, and can perfect this world through the True Parents.

We need to understand that God is neither the owner of re-creation nor the owner who pays indemnity for Adam’s Fall. These are actually Adam’s responsibilities. So everything must be placed in its proper order within the timeframe of Adam’s generation. Otherwise, there will be no way to allow God to stand in His original position. For this reason, though He is omniscient and omnipotent, God has worked hard through the long course of history from the position of a God without true sovereignty over the creation. We need to know this mortifying fact.

I hope you each come to realize that your own spiritual development occurs only when God’s Kingdom and the realm of daily life expand through the eras of the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, world, and cosmos. In this way, you will become people capable of traveling freely between the heavenly and earthly worlds. You will be able to attend God Himself. The mission of the perfected Adam will not be completed until God’s Kingdom, starting with His palace, is created and dedicated to Heaven.

The saints and sages now in the heavenly world are not living in glory. But with that goal in mind, they have worked continuously in order to achieve perfection. We need to understand that they will continue their efforts until they achieve the true love ideal, that is, the unified realm of the liberated earthly and heavenly worlds.

C A L E N D A R
AUGUST 2003

- 1 Hee Jin Nim’s Ascension (1969)
- 4 Hye Jin Nim’s Ascension (1964)
- 16 Il Sung Il: Total Victory Day (1985)
- 17 Declaration Day Jeon-ban & Jeon-neung (1999)
- 20 Shin Goon Nim’s Birthday (7/12/83)
Shin Kwon Nim’s Birthday (7/12/89)
- 25 30,000 Couples’ Blessing (1992)
360,000 Couples’ Blessing (1995)
Chil Pal Jeol: Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth (7/7/97)
- 26 In Jin Nim’s Birthday (7/18/65)
- 27 Hwa Jung Nim’s Birthday (7/19/77)
- 28 Federation for World Peace (1991)
- 31 Pal Jong Shik: Day of the Settlement of 8 Stages (1989)

SEPTEMBER 2003

- 1 Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)
- 6 Young Jin Nim & Hwa Jung Nim’s Blessing (1997)
Hyung Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim’s Blessing (1997)
- 7 Shin Ji Nim’s Birthday (7/30/94)
- 8 Shin Joong Nim’s Birthday (8/2/93)
Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)
99.9 Jeol: Heaven and Earth Unification and Liberation Ceremony (1999)
- 10 3.10 Jeol (1999)
- 12 Hyung Jin Nim’s Birthday (8/6/79)
- 15 Hye Shin Nim’s Ascension (1971)
- 18 Foundation Day (1976)
Ultimas Noticias Established (1981)
- 21 Soon Ju Nim’s Birthday (8/15/72)
- 27 Day of Dispensational Reversal Toward Unification (1988)

OCTOBER 2003

- 3 Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World (1988)
- 4 Foundation for the Support of HSA-UWC (1963)
Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
- 5 Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification between the Physical World and the Spiritual World (1998)
Sang Ship Jeol: Double 10 Day (1999)
- 11 Father’s father’s Ascension (1954)
Opening of Cheonsung Wanlim Palace Center (1999)
- 13 Shin Myung Nim’s Birthday (9/8/86)
- 14 6000 Couples’ Blessing (1982)
- 16 In Sup Nim’s Birthday (9/11/72)
- 21 Shin Eh Nim’s Birthday (9/16/89)
777 Couples’ Blessing (1970)
- 23 Shin Mi Nim’s Birthday (9/18/77)
Shin Ok Nim’s Birthday (9/18/89)
- 25 Hwa Yun Nim’s Birthday (9/20/77)
- 27 Young Jin Nim’s Ascension (1999)
- 29 Shin Pal Nim’s Birthday (9/24/98)
- 30 6500 Couples’ Blessing (1988)



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of Re-Creation

You need to know that, if you are unable to complete this mission while on earth, you will find that when you arrive in the world after death, you will need to go through a long training process to overcome challenges, and to restore the limited realm that you left uncompleted. We must understand that the time we have on earth offers an opportunity more precious than anything else under heaven, for we have the opportunity during our earthly lives to perfect our love. It is urgent that we understand that the work we do now is for the sake of inheriting a path that is more precious than our own nation, more precious than the world we now live in, and more precious than our own love or life. The lives we lead from here on have indescribable value.

It is important to understand that it is not God's responsibility to bring about God's liberation. It is our responsibility. If this were God's responsibility, He would not have allowed Adam and Eve to commit the Fall. The staggering fact is that responsibility for the Fall lies with the family of Adam. Not a single person has fully understood this point during human history up to this point. The owner of re-creation does not refer to God but to your families. This is the reason our families are so important. The foundation of Cheon Il Guk, which is the world of God's original ideal, is the family.

Please understand that when I founded this movement at the age of twenty-five, I did so with full knowledge of all these facts. Then, as now, we need to make a new starting point from this original Adamic position.

Respected guests, do you know the main point of the speech I delivered at the ceremony marking the founding of the "Family Party", an educational movement to promote good governance? It concerned the registration of marriages and births. Here I refer not to the registration of my marriage, but the registration of God's marriage and God's birth. God never had a marriage ceremony. He never had a ceremony marking His marriage. God, as the owner of the creation of the cosmos, was never able to report His birth, or marriage. Why? It was because of the human Fall. Had there been no Fall, God's own love would have blossomed at the time of Adam and Eve's Blessed Marriage. Due to the Fall, that dimension of God's love was unfulfilled.

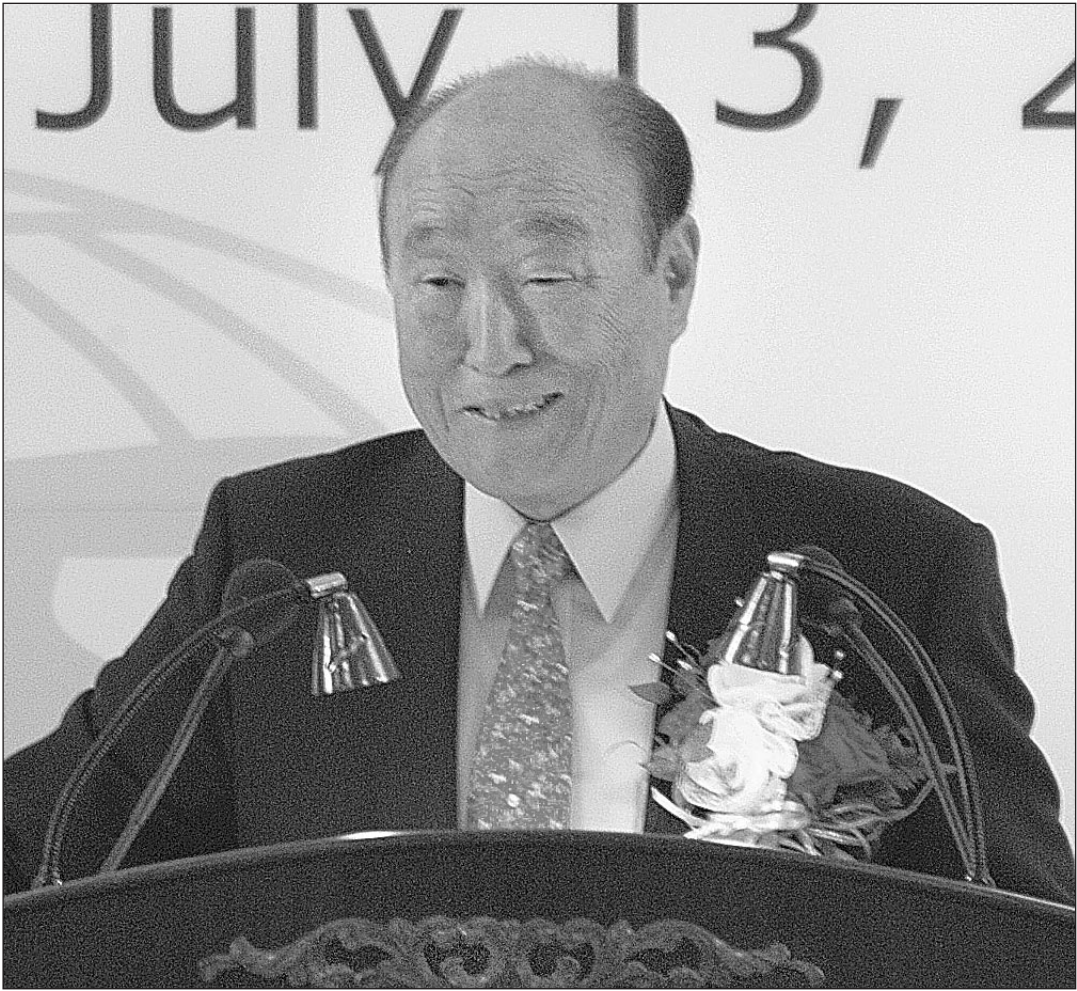
This is the reason that the True Parents must liberate God on the foundation of having offered to God the "Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship." God originally stood in an autonomous position and could do as He pleased with every object in the creation of the heavens and the earth, from the smallest to the largest. However, because of the Fall, He could not make a start as the owner of Cheon Il Guk. He could not assert Himself freely. We must understand this mortifying fact.

Because it was the family of Adam and Eve that ruined the realm of creation and freedom that was originally God's, the perfected family of Adam and Eve has to make this universe anew. So if, from this moment, you make determination with a deep conviction to renew your family in accordance with the direction of God's will, then all will go well for you.

Why do we need religion? Please be aware that religion is needed because of the Fall. However, religions are being set aside today. Rev. Moon and Mrs. Moon, the True Parents, are remaking with their own hands everything new under heaven. They have even built God's original palace, where He can be com-

pletely liberated, enter the realm of Kingship, and be restored to the rightful realm as the Owner of the Heavenly Kingdom.

If you understand this content, you should mark this day as a new beginning and become sons and daughters of God with strong conviction to fulfill your



responsibilities with confidence.

All that would remain then would be to have a family centered on God. You also should make a determination to stand with the political party that is on heaven's side and set straight the countries that until now have been associated with political parties of Satan's side that have caused heaven to suffer by persecuting religions.

You must become owners who build the original homelands and fatherlands where you would like to live. You must become people who give true love to all of nature. All things, even plants and animals, must be re-created. Because of the Fall, they lost being in the reciprocal realm of true love. The realm of true love only existed until Adam and Eve reached age sixteen, their age at the time of the Fall. After their Fall, this realm was divided. We must now take responsibility as though it was our mistake, committed by our own hands, that ruined the entire world. The blessed family that makes the determination to take responsibility to accomplish restoration will be the owner of Cheon Il Guk.

Please realize that all humanity today stands in the position of having been born simultaneously into the realms of hell and heaven. But these two realms of good and evil are now like brothers in one

family. Therefore, you need to develop a heart that is able to embrace a family where an older and younger brother are loved equally by their parents, and feel a love that, based on your own experience, deeply understands and sympathizes with this family's situation. Otherwise, when you go to spirit world, you will not be able to live in a family qualified for the royal palace. Instead, you will wander continuously around that vicinity for thousands, even tens of thousands of years.

As ancestors to coming generations, you must dedicate all your sincerity and dedication to the task of passing on a lineage of chastity and fidelity, a pure blood, and a pure love. You have a responsibility to your family that you must fulfill before you die, even if it means that you offer up your life hundreds or thousands of times before you are able to go over that mountain. You must travel this path with a constant spirit of one heart, one body, and one thought.

God has had this level of seriousness, and Rev. Moon who founded the Family Federation was so serious to establish a clear family tradition of purity and fidelity. So, like it or not, you must also do your best and run down this path with all your strength in order to achieve the goal.

A new age of heavenly understanding is coming. The age has arrived when the nations can be established based on Blessed families, that is, families that have received God's direct blessing. So you need to set everything right and be on full alert. You must become families that produce heavenly princes and princesses who are fully qualified to attend Heaven's ideal purpose of creation.

Please understand very clearly that the overall purpose is to inherit this foundation of

victory, to live in attendance to God, and return to one nation, one culture, one world, one brotherhood, and one realm that is an expansion of the one family that lives in peace on the earth and in heaven forever and ever.

How incredible it is that something such as the Family Party could emerge. Had Jesus completed the providence of restoration through indemnity, then married and formed a family, he could have established at once a foundation of marriage Blessings that would have brought the people of Israel into Heaven's realm. He could have gone on to give the Blessing in Rome. Then the Kingdom of God on

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Earth and in Heaven would have been accomplished by the time he was in his forties.

Israel and Palestine are fighting each other today because the mission of Jesus as the True Parent was not accomplished. Brothers fight and are not able to unite, because there are no True Parents. At the time of Jesus, the world should have come to have one religion, one culture, one nation, and one realm of heart. When that did not happen, Islam, Judaism and Christianity separated. You need to know that these developments put God in much grief.

Currently in America, there is a movement to remove crosses from churches and this is just starting. Jesus came as the True Parent of humanity, to establish God's blood lineage on earth; but he was killed before he could do this. The value of the True Parent is more than all humankind. Therefore, this sin cannot be forgiven even if all humankind were destroyed. The suffering of Israel over the past two thousand years, however dreadful and appalling, could not pay the price of forgiveness for the death of Jesus. It could not be forgiven even if the suffering were tens of times greater. There is actually no way for Israel or any nation to pay for the sin of killing the True Parent. Because humanity was still under the burden of the sin of killing the True Parent, God could not intervene even when Hitler committed genocide against the Jewish people. We must all learn a lesson of how valuable True Parents are - because we are in a similar period of history today.

We have arrived at a time when Judaism, Islam, and Christianity must overcome their historical divisions and unite around the world centering on Unification Principles. Restoration through indemnity reaches completion through parallel historical periods. This age is parallel to the age of Jesus, although not on the worldwide level but on the cosmic level.

For this reason, the returning Lord must be the Messiah and Savior. The Savior must turn this world into a Kingdom of Heaven of peace, and in that world there can be no discord among the religions. Also, the meaning of "returning Lord" is that this is the Lord who has come again. This is because the position of the Lord, as True Parent, was not realized when he came the first time. The Lord, having come again, must become the True Parent and bring about the liberated realm in the earthly and heavenly worlds. Humanity did not understand this historical fact, which is interwoven in the history of the Providence.

Now that you know this, you also should be able to climb over this mountain to go before God's holy presence and enter the liberated ideal realm. You need to know that it is still your destiny to gain respect and praise from the highest beings of the heavenly kingdom, to register yourselves in Cheon Il

Guk, which is the new global nation, and to enter that nation as new citizens. If you die and go to the spirit world without accomplishing this mission, you will be held back.

This is the reason that you need to sincerely dedicate yourselves to accomplishing all your tasks while you are alive. No one can take responsibility for your life or providential history if



you commit an error on the path. It is so difficult. It is not enough even if you burn your five senses, or ten senses (including your spiritual senses), hundreds or thousands of times over. Can God be responsible for this? No, He cannot. As I said earlier, if He could take responsibility, He would never have allowed Adam and Even to commit the Fall in the first place.

Who is the owner of re-creation? It is not God. It is you and your families. That is the reason we say in the "Family Pledge" to God each morning, "As



the owner of Cheon Il Guk, our family...." From the smallest animal created by God to the heavenly world and the whole universe that is more than a hundred billion times larger than the solar system, everything is arranged in a pair system. This is the orderly existence of all things within God's realm of love.

Satan divided all this by defiling the blood lineage. So the True Parents need to relate to all things again and recreate them. You also are responsible to resolve God's grief by loving the plants, the animals, and the land with God's true love, and to resolve the grief of humanity's failure to become true owners. That is the reason that a new view of life, a new view of the universe, and a new view of the cosmos are established.

Originally, there would have been no need for a Family Party. What was needed was a family that lived in attendance to God as the Parent. Because such a family was not established, however, it must be accomplished now, no matter what may happen during the course of indemnity. The Family Party was established to educate all people about the purpose of carrying out this

task. You must go forward with the self-realization that yours is a family of princes among princes, princesses among princesses, and filial children, patriots, saints and sons and daughters of God. We are pioneering the path that God would like to travel. However, we travel in His place as offerings. Even if you are able to receive God's

love and remain in the realm of His heart for thousands, or even tens of thousands of years, you will shed tears of shame when you face the God who has suffered unimaginable grief throughout the ages. Even if you shed your blood and sweat for God so that your entire being is on fire, you will still feel that you are so inadequate. This is the path that our families must go in order to free ourselves of the mistake of having failed to accomplish our responsibility as princes and princesses seeking after Heaven.

Fallen human beings destroyed the heavenly kingdom, even the heavenly palace. So we should determine to recreate everything, for God. On that foundation, our families will create filial children, patriots, saints, and sons and daughters of God, to an extent a thousand, or even tens of thousands of times greater than would have been achieved if the Fall had never occurred. If we recreate everything, then how can hell exist? The recreated world will be the core of the royal palace of the heavenly kingdom, and God will be able to dwell anywhere on earth in the same way as when He is in His palace.

I have traveled a suffering course in the process of founding and leading the Unification movement, but none of these experiences until now really feel like suffering to me. I can feel this way, because I have arrived at a place in my heart that enables me to profoundly comprehend, through my own experience, God's deep, wide, and exalted blessing, and be grateful for this. Those who have not experienced such a position will not understand.

Even though God is the Creator and is almighty, He feels He has nothing to be proud of when He sees what I have accomplished. By Himself, He could not be liberated from His irrec- oncilable grief, nor begin the process of truly loving humankind as His children. God's position needs to be recovered. That is, He needs to regain the position of True Parent so He can give and receive love with His children. Because the children committed the Fall and these things did not come about, humanity was forced to go through a history of grief. With- out the registration of God's marriage

and God's birth, the nation cannot exist. The life of the True Parents has also been a course of grief. The historical nature of True Parents' work has divine value. There will be wailing and lamen- tation day after day when the world comes to fully understand the content of True Parents' lives. People will wail the same way the people of Israel repent in tears at the Wailing Wall. We must go this way to establish the realm of liberation from grief.

We finally have entered an age when God can liberate all of heaven and earth through His marriage. Because God has registered His marriage, we, as His sons and daughters, can register our births. Because God can go beyond the realm of the three generations of God's Covenant, He is able to return to His original position.

On the basis of the realm of the victory of the True Parents, who are the Parents of Heaven and Earth, you can now completely inherit the authority to register marriages and births. I hope that you will have faith that when you make your determination to live in this



way, and become citizens of Cheon Il Guk, living with one heart, one body, one thought, and one harmony, then you will unmistakably become mem- bers of the royal family.

We have here at the Little Angels Per- forming Arts Center tonight leaders who signed the Jerusalem Declaration, the Washington Declaration, and, now, the Seoul Peace Declaration, repre- senting the unity of the eras of the first, second and third Israel. Participants in the Seoul Peace Declaration include youth leaders of the second generation who participated in the International Youth Leaders Conference held at Sun Moon University, and world leaders who have attended the IIFWP Summit of World Leaders. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all of you.

You are lead- ers of the first and second gen- erations who can inherit the realm of Heaven's cho- sen people. I earnestly ask that you remem- ber that you stand here today at the site of the Seoul Declara- tion to become one with each other in mind and body, and answer the historic call to renew the United Nations and so recreate a new United Nations that expresses God's original ideal.

I offer gratitude to God for all these things, and pray that God's abundant blessings will be with each of you, your families, and your countries. ❖



Closing Ceremony for IIFWP Summit of World Leaders and ‘Lasting Love’ International Youth Leaders Conference

August 15 is a day of national celebration in Korea, as it marks the anniversary of the regaining of independence from Japan. This year, another event of tremendous significance took place on this day. This was the Closing Ceremony for the IIFWP Summit of World Leaders and the International Young Leaders’ Conference, held at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center.

Participating were the participants of the Summit of World Leaders, a conference that had convened distinguished leaders to discuss the theme, “A Global Vision of Peace and Good Governance.” The group included heads of state and government, members of the diplomatic corps, major religious leaders from the spectrum of the world’s faiths, distinguished academics and

and respect for God. Thus, we do not need to reinvent the wheel, as the message that can provide the solution to the problems humankind faces has long been in existence. He was certain that all the participants would go back to their nations with commitment to taking practical initiative for the cause of peace.

Following the briefest of introductions by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Father came out to give the founder’s address, which was a forthright exposition of the reality of the providence. Before beginning the formal content of his speech, Father spoke with great seriousness about the importance of re-establishing the family as it was intended to be, with three generations living together in the realms of the love of grandparents, parents and children. In embarking on his prepared speech, Father frequently departed from the

men and religious leaders. True Parents presented the certificates personally. Other Ambassadors for Peace were awarded a special prize for their efforts over a number of years.

As a final parting shot, Rev. Kwak came out and spoke very quietly from his heart about the existence of the spirit world and the importance of everyone making effort to research the reality of our eternal existence. He intro-

duced to everyone some of the senior sisters who are blessed with religious leaders in the spirit world.

Finally, representing each conference, participants presented True Parents with a special gift. The evening concluded with dinner followed by a performance of the Little Angels of Korea dance troupe. ❖



media representatives. They were joined by the 900 or so younger people who had, for the past two weeks, been attending the Lasting Love Conference for Young Leaders, which was also convened under a similar theme. They were from five nations—The United States, Russia, China, Japan and Korea.

The Little Angels was full to the ceiling. With the distinguished leaders of religion and government occupying the seating in the front half of the main floor, the young leader contingent filled the rest of the arts center including the balcony levels. It was a union of two generations.

Following the invocation, three participants reflected on the events they had participated in. These were (representing statesmen) Hon. Sir Daniel Williams, Governor-General of Grenada, (representing the religious leaders) His excellency Sayyed Mohammed Musawi, President of the Ahlul Bayt Islamic League, and (representing the young leaders) David Hernandez, a history student from the University of California. Each expressed how valuable they had found participation to be, and their belief that the conferences would bear fruit in many nations.

Governor-General Williams, for example, spoke about how comfortable he had felt surrounded by so many religious leaders at the Summit, and that they represented a commonality of love

set text to add comments and to emphasize certain points. He was utterly candid in his references to historical events such as the death of Jesus and the Jewish holocaust. No doubt the religious leaders (in particular) in the audience were challenged by some of what they heard. Nevertheless, all remained attentive to the end. True Parents received bouquets of flowers from a member of parliament from Malta and his wife.

After Father’s speech, the Seoul Peace Declaration, which had been signed by the participants of the Summit of World Leaders, was presented to True Parents, who then signed it themselves to resounding applause. The Seoul Declaration was the final of three. The first—the Jerusalem Declaration—had been signed in Israel in May, and the second at a conference in Washington (representing the second Israel) in June. This third and final act of such reconciliation, taking place in Korea, seemed to portend, in particular, reconciliation and harmony between Judasim, Islam and Christianity in the era of the Second Advent.

A second declaration, which had been composed and signed by the young leaders at their respective conference, was then also presented to True Parents for their endorsement.

Next, Ambassadors of Peace were appointed: these included both states-

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Major religious traditions, including heads of state and government, parliamentarians and ministers, scholars, media professionals, and civic leaders from all continents and nations, gathered for the Summit of World Leaders to consider “The World at a Turning Point: A Global Vision of Peace and Good Governance;”

Building on two recent IIFWP efforts for peace which began by establishing a foundation of reconciliation and forgiveness among Jews, Christians and Muslims, in the holy land, and expanding to a wider interreligious assembly in America, a land founded on Christian ideals, resulting in the Jerusalem and Washington Declarations respectively, which promote the harmony of all religions; and

Affirming that God, the origin of humanity as one family, is the source of goodness, truth and love, indeed, the foundation of true and lasting peace; and

Observing that we inhabit a cosmos that has both a physical reality and a spiritual reality, which are to be unified and harmonized as a foundation for true and lasting peace; and

Confirming that peace is “the hope of all ages” and the eternal will of God, who has worked His providence in history through all religions in order to establish a kingdom of true love and peace; and

Expressing our gratitude for Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon’s visionary leadership as True Parents, True Teachers and True Owners, who founded and articulated the unifying vision and principles of the IIFWP.

We therefore:

1. Resolve to uphold the imperative for interreligious harmony and cooperation as an essential foundation for peace, security and human development worldwide, and apply ourselves most seriously to the task of building bonds of heart among believers of all traditions;
2. Dedicate ourselves to peace and the fulfillment of God’s ideal, for the sake of the coming generations, particularly through the establishment of blessed families of true love that apply the principle of living for the sake of others and go beyond the barriers of race, religion and nationality;
3. Acknowledge that we, from every nation, religion and race, have in many ways fallen short of the ideals that we should uphold, and that in some instances we have wronged one another and, therefore, must repent, seek forgiveness and initiate acts of reconciliation for the sake of peace; and
4. Support the proposal for an Interreligious Council at the United Nations, presented by Dr. Sun Myung Moon in his address at the United Nations, August 18, 2000, and which is now to be taken before the 58th Session of the General Assembly by the Republic of the Philippines, calling for the General Assembly to form a Special Committee to expedite the proposal for this council at the United Nations, as a means to significantly strengthen the effectiveness of the United Nations in carrying out its urgent mission “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.”

Signed this 15th day of August, 2003, in Seoul, Korea. ❖



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Winnings and Jones Kyazze of UNESCO. These presentations were a basic overview of what the breakout sessions would cover.

Neil Salonen, President of the University of Bridgeport then conducted a plenary session concerning the United Nations, Nation States, Religions and NGO’s. Rev. Marcus Braybrooke, President of the World Congress of Faith praised Father Moon for the vision of the Interreligious Council and stated that it is absolutely an achievable necessity for the UN. Mr. Martin Walker, Chief International Correspondent of the Unite Press International and Dr. Gordon Anderson, Secretary General of the World Peace Academy gave relevant and factual presentations.

Mr. Walker made a very clear point that the Interreligious Council will have no meaning if it only makes resolutions and gives advice, “It will be like a tree falling in the forest that is never heard.” Dr. Anderson sited the history of the relations of the spiritual order with the kingdoms of history stating, historically there have been many civilizations that have shown that if the spiritual order is accepted by the people and enlightens the political leaders understanding, then the governance by the political order will lift up the values of the spiritual— family and the well being of the state and society. He

sited the Hammurabi civilization as an example.

Rev. Braybrooke strongly responded to Mr. Martin’s challenge to the relevance of religion. Religion, if united becomes a n irresistible and irrepressible influence for positive change. The key is uniting the religions and Father Moon is achieving that.

The concurrent sessions followed: I attended the Middle East Session— Co-chaired by Dr. Frank Kaufmann and Taj Hammad. Mr. Arnaud de Borchgrave, Editor at Large, United Press International, having covered the Middle East for over 50 years was very frank. Though he has been an outstanding journalist and leading conservative thinker, he stated that America’s approach to the Arab/ Moslem world is flawed. 83 percent of young men in Pakistan believe that Osama Bin Laden is a freedom fighter. America must understand this or it will be misleading itself to believe that we are solving the problems in the Middle East through our “liberation” effort. He firmly stated that he opposed the war in Iraq because it wasn’t dealing with the real problem the reality in the Moslem world and the Moslem views. He proposed that the only real option is total normalization between Palestine and Israel, total openness and a return to a form of the pre 1967 arrangements of territory. He stated the settlements will never be removed as it

was Prime Minister Sharon who was their chief proponent. Removing some of the settlements is symbolic. His commentary set the committee on fire.

A Jewish scholar from France very honestly explained the common views held by Jews, that without a state the Jews have no home and have no place in the world. He also questioned why the Palestinians couldn’t move from their homes to other Arab territories. Imam Elahi of the Islamic House of Wisdom gave a powerful presentation that



clearly shows that the Koran, when taught and practiced according to the word guides Moslems to openness, understanding and tolerance. Mohammed in the scripture speaks and says, “what is the highest value—fasting and prayer during Ramadan or love for your brother.” To the surprise of everyone said, “The highest value that Mohammed taught was that harmony with your brother is higher than fasting and prayer. Enlightened Imams are now rising all over the world to lead the Moslem world into harmony with other religions. Father Moon is opening this door”.

Imam Kiwan jumped up and stated as an Israeli Arab Moslem in response to the Jewish scholar. “I love you, I love my home where I grew up and where my ancestors grew. I’m willing to share my land with you because I love you. However, how can I leave my home.?”

Dr. Kaufmann, with his incredible commitment to pursue the truth and his journey to find people of faith and integrity opened the door for this most meaningful dialogue.

Dr. Lilian Curaming of the Maryhill School of Theology in the Philippines did an excellent job in moderating the session on “How Could or Should Religions Contribute to World Peace” It was a most prestigious panel of the worlds top religious figures. Imam Kiwan of Israel gave a most powerful presentation of the spirit of the real Islam that is definitely being called by God to receive the Messiah and build God’ s Kingdom with respect and love for all people. Bhai Manjit Singh, Adandpur Sahib, of India and one of the four equally powerful central spiritual leaders of the great Sikh faith gave the presentation that brought a feeling and presence the Holy Man that he is. He called for religious leaders to unite in purity and love to bring about the changes that are needed. He underscored the centrality of the Family on this road to peace. The atmosphere in the room changed. Rev. Jennifer Jane Chalmers, Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Anglican Diocese, Auckland gave a very clear and strong presentation that religion is absolutely the key to solving these problems we face in a world in conflict. She referred to the question of Mr. Martin of the UPI and stated that it is clear that the governments of the world cannot bring peace, they try but the religions bring the relevance, tolerance and respect. It is the religious values that cause us to treat one another cor-

rectly and that influences our laws and societies.

Dr. Kaufman demonstrated with the chairwoman Dr. Curaming the power of the holy person in that in his life risking journey to meet the warring factions within the Philippines, he asked, “ Dr. Curaming, should we do this? She said don’t worry—you are with me. Dr. Kaufman had here stand. He stature is petite and definitely would not provide protection except for the fact that she is a real holy person of God and because of that they were safe. We will be safe in bringing the conflicting peoples of the world together if we are true to our believes and truly seeking the benefit of all.

I was asked to give the final presentation. The Jerusalem spirit came once again thanks to True Parents indemnity and grace that is covering us as well as the immense support of Jesus, Mohammed, Moses, Confucius, Buddha and all the saints from heaven. I spelled out the fact that guided by Father Moon, Rev. Kwak and the IIFWP have created a culture of peace among the top religious leaders of the world and the many key political leaders. I emphasized the teaching of Father Moon that we must sacrifice our selves and love our enemy to heal this world. Therefore Father Moon asked the American Clergy Leadership Conference to take down the barriers between Christians and Jews—the CROSS. As we showed a powerpoint presentation of the crosses coming down off of churches in America and the Pilgrimage to Israel to bury the cross at golgotha and the potters field. We could see the foundation laid by IIFWP to reconcile the first and second Israel and with it the descendants of Ishmael.

We really have to thank our Revs. Ji, Abe and Hod for the work they did to prepare the first bride of the Lord. We can feel that every time this history is lifted up it brings a feeling of hope. It was in this atmosphere that I showed the pictures of the great Jewish leaders, who inspired by the Christians taking down their crosses came to America, heard the Principle and went onto the Blessing on July 5th in Chicago. The tangible real results of the fact that a Palestinian Scholar and Imam, Dr. and Mrs. Mohammed Jodeh (who also attended the DP workshop in Washington, side by side with the Israelis), and Dr. Ben Ami and his wife (a theologian and a Rabbi) could embrace on the stage after they received the Blessing of True Parents (through Dr. and Mrs. Yang as True Parents representative). They embraced— a Palestinian Moslem and a Jewish Rabbi. Together they affirmed that the idea of a March in Palestine and Israel is from God. Then I showed pictures of religious leaders who completely changed our modern world—Mahatma Ghandi and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, through non violence and love for the enemy the overturned centuries of immovable hatred and bigotry and opened the door for the Kingdom of God. They did it, we can and will do it!!! Father Moon has shown the way, Love Your Enemy!

We concluded with announcing the March for Peace in Israel—from Gaza to Gethsemane and onto the Wailing Wall! The atmosphere was that of a very high spirit with all religious leaders and political leaders joining the theme. ❖

Assembly 2003

DECLARATION

Whereas the hope of all ages is a unified world of peace, wherein all peoples, from all races, religions, nationalities and cultures live together in harmony, mutual respect, cooperation and co-prosperity; and,

Whereas, we 250 delegates from 71 nations, and representing 10 major religious traditions, have gathered for Assembly 2003 of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, to consider, “Global Governance at a Turning Point: Innovative Approaches to Peace in a Changing World;” and,

Whereas, we joined together for this Assembly, not simply to meet with one another and discuss matters of consequence, but to generate significant outcomes which may be promoted and implemented as we return to our homes, places of work and worship, and to our societies and nations; and,

Whereas, we are deeply appreciative of the vision and commitment of the Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, who have called for an interreligious council to be formed at the United Nations in order to address the critical issues of global governance for our world at a turning point;

We, therefore, resolve:

That an interreligious council at the United Nations would add significantly to the effectiveness of the United Nations in carrying out its mission to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, and, we will dedicate ourselves to offering our advice and input, as well as supporting and promoting a resolution for an interreligious council that we believe should be presented to the 58th General Assembly of the United Nations; and,

That we will promote the vision and the resolution by going to leaders in our respective nations, including heads of state and government, parliamentarians, ministers, religious leaders, scholars and journalists, and urging the governing institutions of our nations to support and co-sponsor the initiative; and,

That, given the essential prerequisite of interreligious harmony and cooperation as a foundation for peace, we resolve to apply ourselves most seriously to the task of building bonds of heart, respect and affection among believers of all traditions; and,

That through our love and respect for God, the divine origin of all things, including the religions, we should come together in love, respect and harmony, as people from the diverse family of our worlds religions, to pray, meditate, and honor God, creating sacred spaces, places of prayer, and zones of peace that go beyond the barriers that too often divide us; and,

That, we affirm the considered recommendations that have come forth from the four committees of Assembly 2003, Global Governance and the Future of the United Nations, The Middle East: Innovative Approaches to Peace,

Peace on the Korean Peninsula, and Human Development; and, finally,

That we return to our nations with renewed commitment, hope and determination to work for peace, and to apply our talents, time, and energies to furthering the principles and programs of the IIFWP, for the sake of world peace, and to end the suffering of humanity.

Signed this day, July 13, 2003 in Asan, Korea, as a participant in Assembly 2003 of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace. ❖

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on peoples and nations the world over. We can also refer to the digital revolution, which might be as dramatic a development as the invention of a printing press was some centuries ago. Then there is the shift from the Cold War era of global ideological struggle between the communist vision or world order and the democratic capitalist vision to a new post-Cold War era.

This era is characterized by a growing series of conflict situations that have roots not only in competition over land and resources but in divergent worldviews, cultural traditions, and religious identities. As such, we find ourselves in an era that cannot be controlled simply by political, economic or military power. For ours is an age which sees political and national loyalties being challenged by the rise of cultural, religious, and moral loyalties, along with strong non-governmental affiliations. Moral and spiritual authority, to some extent, are becoming more important than, political and military authority.

Our understanding of good governance is affected by these changes, and, therefore, should be adjusted in light of these trends. And, of particular importance I believe, at least to the IIFWP, is to underscore the point that moral and spiritual authority is as important as military, political and economic authority.

The foundation of lasting peace and good governance lies in the quality of the hearts and minds of human beings. IIFWP's founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon has always taught of the need to understand peace as a continuum that develops from the individual level, to the family level, to the society, the nation and the world. At each level, there must be a development and a spiritual, moral maturity that allows us to proceed to the next level. A selfish person cannot create a good marriage or be a good parent.

Likewise if families are lacking in any public awareness, the society suffers. Moreover, if nations are centered only on themselves, there is little hope for a system of global governance that serves the interest of all people. How do we go about establishing a true and lasting peace?

Can it be imposed by a government, or through the enactment of new laws? If the United Nations General Assembly or the Security Council declares the beginning of a new culture of peace will everyone automatically follow? What kind of change will be necessary for a new culture to be established, and how would this change be carried out?

It requires the transformation of human minds, hearts and concepts. This is our challenge. This is also the challenge of establishing a new or renewed model of global governance.

At the center of the IIFWP's vision, indeed, at the center of our vision of governance, is the recognition that human beings have been created by God in accordance with certain basic principles and laws. Unless we are rightly related to God, and unless human beings come to reflect the harmony and goodness that is within God, we will not be able to achieve peace.

I make this claim not simply as a doctrine that I want others to accept on blind faith. Rather, it seems to me logical that if God, or whatever we call the ultimate Being, exists as the origin, the standard and the source of love, peace and goodness, then it makes sense that we must be rightly related to God if we are to man-

ifest true love, peace and goodness. This applies as much in thinking of an ideal of human moral development, as it does to an ideal of global governance.

One of God's most fundamental attributes is love, or we can say, true love, to distinguish God's heart of love from the kinds of superficial and selfish love we see presented in this world. True love is characterized by virtues such as compassion, humility, mercy, righteousness, and peace. True love is fundamentally other-centered. It calls us to live for the sake of others, to always serve the well being of greater spheres of existence.

Rev. Moon has always taught us that God is the True Parent, or the invisible True Parents of humanity. That is, God's heart and hope or will for the world is like the heart of a loving, caring, unselfish parent who produces children out of a heart of love, and who then loves and cares for those children, and educates those children to live rightly and in accordance with principle. Moreover, God created us as human beings to inherit this kind of heart and character of True Parents. This has been Rev. Moon's most fundamental teaching. It can be said that this concept is the essence of God's revelation to him more than 65 years ago. Even his position, sometimes referred to as anointed one, savior, messiah, or prophet, is more properly understood as that of True Parents. Further, his conviction and teaching is that each of us is to become a True Parent ourselves.

What is a True Parent? Does a True Parent work miracles? Is it someone who never gets sick or who lives forever in this physical world? Is it someone who should receive gifts and treasures? No, a True Parent is one who embodies the ideal of living for the sake of others.

A True Parent also seeks to be a True Teacher. That is, someone who always affirms what is true, over what is popular or fashionable. Someone who will face persecution, rather than compromise basic principles. Someone who cares about the next generation and who wants to guide them on the right path to true human fulfillment.

According to God's original ideal, human beings are to benefit from and have dominion over all things with a heart of true love.

Finally, a True Parent is a True Owner. Therefore a true owner is one who always uses public goods responsibly, and who refuses to be corrupted by materials goods. A True Owner never misuses public money or mistreats the environment, and always uses resources for the common good.

I believe these three attitudes and virtues, if incorporated into our character will provide the foundation for truly good governance. In other words, ultimately, to meet the challenge of our day, and to achieve world peace, we must first undergo some form of internal transformation of consciousness and heart, and not merely an external transformation. We must change our hearts and minds, sometimes even our cherished beliefs, and, on that foundation, change the way we view the world and those around us.

Thus, if we consider some of our core topics for this Summi—namely, United Nations renewal, peace in the Middle East, resolving the 50 year old crisis on the Korean Peninsula, or Human Development—these principles are applicable.

How are we to develop this kind of heart, attitude and character? According to God's original ideal, we are to learn true love within the family. The family is the school of true love. Our heart grows through the experience of true love with-

in the stages of family life from birth, to marriage, to parenting and grand parenting. The quality of our core relationships within the family forms the basis for our character and serves as the foundation for our human relationships outside the family. This is God's original ideal. Thus, when we think of true human development, we should begin with the family, for that is truly the foundation of human development.

This is the vision and purpose of the World Peace Blessing movement that Rev. Moon has led for more than 40 years. That is, the transformation of society and the world, indeed world peace itself, cannot be established if do not first establish a vision and a model of an ideal family. There is a direct link between the virtues of a good grandparent, parent,



husband, wife, etc., and the ideal and practice of good governance.

One of the central areas of focus during this summit, related to good governance, will be the Interreligious Council at the United Nations, initially proposed by the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon in 1998, and with subsequent elaborations in the succeeding years. The IIFWP has been promoting this vision for nearly five years, seeking to build awareness of its importance, and to secure wide support and activism on its behalf.

In the past few months a significant "turning point" in the development of this initiative has come about through the government of the Philippines, and particularly through that nation's courageous and visionary Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Jose de Venecia. Speaker de Venecia, has secured the support of his esteemed President, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, and in May, they presented the idea to George Bush, Condaleeza Rice, Colin Powell and others during a State Visit. President Bush stated that this was "a great idea."

I want to add a word here about President Arroyo. President Arroyo is a daughter of former Philippine President Magapagal. She is a woman of great character, substance and vision. I realize there are forces in her own country that have tried, in vain, to undermine her administration through the recent coup. She has remained steadfast, measured and committed to enforcing the rule of law. I believe President Arroyo represents many of the virtues described above and I just want to say that she has my complete support and respect, and I believe I speak for the IIFWP in this regard.

In the past few days, the Philippine government has directed their distinguished Ambassador, Lauro Baja, to submit a resolution to the 58th General Assembly for the establishment of a Special Committee to develop a proposal for the Interreligious Council as an organ of the United Nations. Speaker De Venecia has even suggested that this Interreligious Council could replace the largely defunct Trusteeship Council. In either case, the resolution, if approved, would require a charter change at the United Nations. During the past few weeks, the IIFWP

has been active worldwide convening seminars running from July to mid-September in nearly every nation around the globe. These seminars have at their center the explanation of the vision behind the council, as well as strategies for promotion of the interreligious council.

Having just returned from a world tour to attend Regional IIFWP Seminars in Albania, Russia, Uruguay, Kenya, New Zealand, and Philippines, I can say that there is widespread, enthusiastic support for this initiative. It is an idea whose time has come. This vision—and again I want to use the language of a turning point—represents a dramatic shift in human consciousness away from the severe separation of political and diplomatic efforts for peace, on the one hand, from moral and spiritual efforts, on the other hand. These must be blended in a cooperative partnership.

While such a partnership is so needed, it can only succeed if we witness an awakening that includes changes of heart and changes of practice on the parts of both religious and political leaders. Religious leaders may respect sacred truth, but they often fall prey to sectarianism and narrow-mindedness. This must change. There is no contradiction between a respect for truth and a respect for others.

Political leaders, on the other hand, may respect power, achieved through compromise and consensus, but sometimes they lose sight of core principles and values. This must change. There is no contradiction between respect for consensus and respect for principles.

If we are serious about peace, and if we are truly conscientious and sincere, we should engage in both personal and institutional self-examination. That is, both religions and the United Nations, both nation states and NGOs should engage in serious and critical self-reflection in hopes of identifying both our weaknesses and our strengths. Together we should explore and take steps toward, innovative practices and reforms with even greater urgency, selflessness and enthusiasm than those who now daily pursue change through terrorism and destruction. Working together, we will tip the scales toward world peace, and toward the end of so much needless human suffering.

At the present time the world is uniquely poised for, and in need of strong, courageous, unselfish, and loving leadership coming from each or us and from the member states of the United Nations

The United Nations, as currently structured, cannot fully benefit from the spiritual, moral and social vision that comes from people who are linked to religious traditions. This situation weakens the United Nations as it seeks to carry out its most crucial mission. To correct this imbalance, the United Nations should develop a council of men and women who are uniquely and specially appointed to the task of representing universal, spiritual and moral principles that are related to the issues under consideration by the General Assembly.

Many of these representatives can be religious leaders, and others may be lay professionals in various fields, but who are known for their spiritual wisdom and exemplary character. Some could be nominated for a position on the Council by United Nations member states and others by their religions. The selection process should be untainted by narrow or special interests, and, if necessary, the final selection should be carried out by a lottery system of some kind. The process

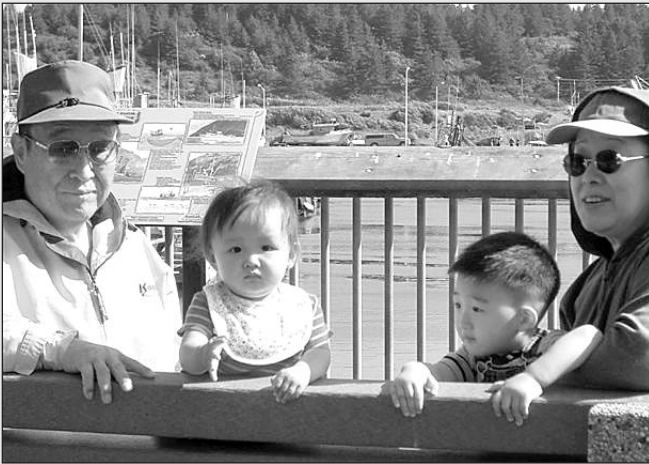
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be here in DC. We have to think about the development of America. If you cannot accomplish this the world will perish. Centering on this 2400 people you should move America. In small nations I want to make a training center of living for others.

Lasting Love Conference must be done in every university. Abel UN has to be made. The Washington Times and UPI must be responsible for this. In the summer it will be golf and fishing all the time. A world level movement has to be developed centering on 4 to 5 countries. We have to have peace tour centering on the UN concept. We have to develop education centering on this concept. Sun Moon University, and the Media foundation must be used well. You can organize everything through the internet and email. All nations have to accept Unificationism. Now the time has come to make a universal city and reach all the highest realms of every government and structure.

What is the holiday for the 7.8 Jeol. That was the foundation to make the new UN. That occurred 7 years ago. You must make a tradition of Hoon Dok Hae with your family. This is very important. We must connect through Hoon Dok Hae. You must do Hoon Dok Hae and bring three families together for it. 30 minutes husband can read, 30 minutes the wife can read. No matter what happens you must establish the condition of Hoon Dok Hae at your home. Sometimes you can finish in one and one half hours. You must establish Hoon Dok Hae in your home. My words are not my words. They are God's words. Heavenly Father and the spiritual world teaches through Father. Content of a proclamation is not a temporary word. It's not my word. Sometimes, I can't find the theme of my speech even 5 minutes before, then suddenly when I speak God comes. Many of the things that I teach I do not know but then these contents are revealed by God. Just eating and playing around is not the right thing to do. You must do hoon dok hae. with your children. ❖



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should stand above any nationalistic or sectarian self-interest. For we stand at a turning point in history, and, if we are serious about peace, we must move to a new level in terms of both our vision and our practices.

During this summit I hope you will consider these points. In each committee I hope you can consider the way in which this vision of global governance, and particularly the interreligious council, can contribute to your area of concern. I think it has tremendous relevance to the situation in the Middle East, but also to South Asia, Southeast Asia, and other parts of the world. It also has great relevance to human development issues. Don't you think that religious leaders and believers could and indeed should contribute to solving the HIV/AIDS pandemic, to solving illiteracy, and poverty?

I hope many of you will support this very important initiative. The time is right and the need is great. There is too much at stake to allow for delay. This is an historic moment—a turning point.

The IIFWP has launched a major, world-

wide campaign to raise awareness about the need for this interreligious council. In the course of this summit we will share with you our plan of action for reaching out to heads of state and government, to parliamentarians worldwide, to religious leaders, scholars and NGOs, raising awareness and garnering support and co-sponsors for the Philippine initiative. As we depart from this summit I hope we will go with a clear vision, and a personal plan for action grounded in a powerful sense of purpose and mission. Let us turn ordinary history into a transformed history. Let us turn conflict into peace. Let us commit our time, our talent, our resources and our lives to this noble task. Let us live lives that those who follow us—our children, grandchildren, and people 50 or 100 years from now—will look back and say, "these were truly great men and women. That was my grandpa. That was my grandma."

IIFWP, on the foundation of its vision and the investment of decades, is truly becoming a global movement for peace. If you have not already begun to recognize this point, I am sure you will. The Ambassadors for Peace worldwide are providing responsible and visionary leadership to the peoples and nations of the

world.

God's eternal longing is for one worldwide family of true love, where all men and women live together in mutual respect, harmony and cooperation: one world under God. The era of interreligious conflict and disharmony must come to an end, just as the quarrels among nations must come to an end. In this respect, all religions and all nations should repent for past mistakes, and make a new determination for peace. It is precisely through the establishment of an interreligious council at the United Nations that the entire world can show its resolve in starting a new history of peace, and in ending the suffering caused by war, disease, poverty.

In God's ideal, wealth, technology, and quality of life should be enjoyed by all people. There should be no discrimination based on race, religion, economic status or nationality.

We are at a turning point in history. Let us work together for peace. Let us work together to fulfill God's will for all humanity, and let us work together to establish an interreligious council at the United Nations. In this way we can help solve the world's most critical global problems, and end the suffering of millions

around the world.

As we begin this Summit, let us be reminded that the success of this event depends not only on the external arrangements, but, rather, on the attitude and practices of each of us. Do not lose sight of the fact that the world needs us. The world needs each one of us at this time. The world needs us, working together, hand in hand and heart to heart, with a vision, and the commitment to carry out that vision.

Although we all have much in our lives that we have accomplished, I want to say to you today, that there's much more that lies ahead. We are going to see dramatic and profound changes in our world. I firmly believe that the IIFWP and many of you are going to be at the center of these changes. Please have hope, have confidence. God is truly alive and wants to be active in our lives, and God's hopes and aspirations are far, far greater than our own. We are at a time of harvest and a time of hope. We are at a turning point in history, and we have been called at this time to provide leadership, guidance and a path to peace. Let us take our mission with great seriousness and with enthusiasm. Time is short and the need is great. Let us work together. ❖

RESTORATION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED

These are from notes taken by Rev. Jenkins on August 6, 2003, North Garden, Kodiak, Alaska

In order to support the Interreligious Council (IC) we had to bless 13 presidents in the spirit world. In the Buddhist realm we must mobilize the good spirits. Centering on Confucius and the saints including Jesus—all are asked to come down and work through their followers. The more you are persecuted the more you will go up. The responsibility of the blessed families in the spirit world and physical world is going up. All the tribes have to be gathered and come to the place where we could declare Kingship. I was able to unite the Moon clan. Without that we could not move.

Before I was 16 any connection to the false lineage was cut off. You have to break down the walls in the neighborhood with Tong Bang Kyok Pa. I started this when Kim Young Sam was president. You must establish Tong Bang Kyok Pa and bless all the neighbors. Then educate. In this age of confusion this is the process of raising them up. There will be many problems and difficulties. You have to make three people that can inherit your mission. Without uniting the three you can't succeed. The 36 couples were key. To create the industries I invested my bone, blood, life and heart. Because the 36 couples could not complete their responsibility much was lost.

When I was born, I became famous in that area. You need training, in Judo, Won Hwa Do and all ways of strengthening. From now on will be a scary time. My body has to be able to manage this time. Dr. Lee (the Dr. who has been providing a special treatment for True Parents and our leaders) where are you going. You have to follow me around everywhere. Even if I go to prison. Through exercising in prison I could keep my health. You must exercise to keep your health. (Father demonstrated exercise against the wall like he did in prison. With his hands on the wall he pushed as hard as he could and he marched with exaggerated steps.) Mother said laughing, "Abonim, is this hoon dok hae or exercise class—everyone laughed." Father then taught us many exercises.

Even if you have to skip your meals, you should be longing to be with True Parents. You must bring your children, you grandchildren and all your family. Who is the leader of the family, the grandmother brings all the food when the family gathers and the grandfather directs the family. In the world until the second advent there is no true husband.

In the Unification Church at first there were many grandmothers. I was like their grandson. Many were asked, why are you going to this young person? To correctly establish the family of God we must have exchange marriage or marriage beyond race and culture. I married so many couples from Japan and Korea together. Without that Japan would have no way to go. Because of this several thousand individuals came and married in Korea and became residents.

Centering on the parents of heaven

and earth the whole cosmos is being unified. You must believe in the Unification Church. It's not only the Unification Church, we need the media. True Love is the key. When you go home you should embrace your parents, embrace your object and give love.

Exercise is important. Taking out the bad physical blood is important. (Dr. Lee's treatment). In breathing, no one can beat me. When you walk there is a pattern for walking. I used to walk 20 km per day. I also never lie. You cannot lie and deceive people. If you plant a seed it blooms and grows. The smell and colors are completely different than the seed. When I go up to Sorak mountain, even if it is raining I go to the top. From the top I said I am the owner. All things respond to me.

The white people are white and black people are black—centering on the true Christian teaching they can be connected and go up together. This is the principle.

Concerning Maria Park, the Presi-



dent of Ehwa University. She persecuted and opposed us. Father found her with her son and husband in the worst hell in the spirit world. Father is liberating her.

From now, even though people know the truth they will go the opposite way. Some came to the Unification church but came only for their own benefit. They will walk the wrong way. What is the Eve nation, why can't I forget about the Eve nation. Even going to the prison to give all of my inheritance is worth the price. Centering on the economic aspect Eve has to support Korea. Through the third generation, restoration can be accomplished.

When I feel any area of my body going down, I immediately begin to work on it. I treat and exercise it to make it strong again. Rev. Hwang you have an interesting wife. She is a person that will serve at any time even in a train. Who is Rev. Hwang.

If some part of your body is painful, you have to keep moving it and eventually it will heal. Now True Mother is going through healing and her body is recovering as well as mine.

Everything that I do I must watch carefully. Everything must be according to the principle. I'm doing this all in front of Jesus. Ms. Chang—you must go in front of the public now. Within the realm of blessing we are going forward.

In the early days the if the early Christians that connected with us they would have received so much blessing from God. In prison, everyday, I cleaned my body with cold water. I used part of my one cup per day to clean my body.



I did it very quickly when no one was looking. They used sewage water for showers. I didn't use that. I wiped my body with drinking water. I didn't live as I wanted to live. I received the name Holy Lamb of Prison. Think of the messiah in prison, what kind of miserable things I went through. That's why no one could judge me. Coming out of Soh Dae Mun prison. I talk about these kind of things because now is the time to go back. You cannot have the mind to develop your business in my name. The person who went to develop his own business in his own name, his children went to all different universities and they all fell. That's why you must live according to the principle way.

The reason why I like Kodiak. There is no owner here. In the winter, everyone runs away. I can make a training center here.

You can fish and go to the ocean. You can sell the fish, this is a tremendous place for training.

How about soccer. How many are interested in soccer. On the surface or in depth.

Now the fishing limit has been extended to 200 miles off of the U.S. shore. Who went into the water? One boat had



a problem yesterday and sank. Several key leaders went into the water. Father gave a lot a guidance about it.

Realm of Israel is being created by the unity of the first, second and third Israel. The mission of the ACLC Christians with Israel is very crucial right now for the completion and unity of the third Israel. We must fulfill. As the mother of the chosen people (Ms. Chang—the bride of Jesus) you have to participate in all these events. You must go to Rome and to Israel. If you

don't go you don't know what will happen.

Rev. Kwak's mother went to a very high place with the saints.

Concerning Soccer: The world should be divided into 6 continents centering on the church leader. Don't use the public things horizontally. Each continent has 51 Africa 37 in Asia 36 in ?—each should compete and form teams for every nation and form and all continent teams. Make two teams in Africa, North and South uniting, east and west uniting. Through soccer you can unite all peoples. On our teams there is no recognition of western and eastern. They play as one and develop one heart.

On Attendance: To attend True Parents on your own is 20 times more valuable than being told to come. Attendance to True Parents is the key to the victory. Whatever I do, in Alaska or around any part of the world. I am able to teach God's way of life and about the future. If I go somewhere then Mother will follow. Mother has to be able to follow Father. The elder children must unite with their parents. The elder daughter and Father must become one. The daughter likes the Father and the Son likes the Mother it makes a good foundation for the other brothers and sisters.

When you catch the fish that lived in the Ocean for 20 years then you catch a 500 lb. Halibut and then offer it. How wonderful it is. In just one hour you can catch your dinner. Then your wife can cook the delicious dinner and its better than any hotel how wonderful it is. If the wife cooks and makes such a delicious dinner but doesn't eat until the husband comes home, how happy it is.

Three nations centering on Korea, Japan and America. You have to make 12 soccer teams. Through this we can educate the highest level people.

Up until the age of thirty is when I discovered the principle and developed it. Now the principle, 50 years later has not changed. That's why it is so valuable and fundamental. I've been doing this by declaring and understanding.

Hobby Industry is going to be very important for the Kingdom of heaven. Fishing, Hunting and outdoors adventures. We will go to the real living museum. That will bring great fulfillment in life.

Now is the time for harvest. Christianity and all the religions are being mobilized. Now is the time that we can unify the world.

Here in Kodiak, you must reopen the processing plant. Kodiak will develop from now.

Dr. Yang—the first and second Israel unity is crucial isn't it. When we make the Israel declaration there will not be any opposition. All of this came on the foundation of Father's declaration at the Washington Times. Without money many things you can resolve. Dr. Yang you need money to do all these things. All money raised must go for the sake of the nation and the world.

To develop America ten times more money that was made in Japan has to be made. I don't know how long I will

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Special New Holy Wine Condition



REV. MICHAEL JENKINS

Rev. Jenkins is the President of the American Church

Based on the foundation of the first, second and third Israel becoming one Father is conducting a new Holy Wine Ceremony on August 20th. The Continental directors of each continent are attending a special ceremony officiated by our True Parents. In this ceremony they are receiving Holy Wine for all Blessed Central Families throughout the world. Also, a special condition is to be made in which the participants of the Jerusalem Declaration, Washington Declaration and the Seoul Declaration will all receive this Holy Wine and blessing.

Father said that this condition is connected with Father's liberation from Danbury on August 20, 1985. The fulfillment of the repentance of the first Israel with the Second Israel for not properly understanding and embracing Jesus set the condition for Israel to be forgiven and to be allowed now to go forward in reconciliation with Palestine. (Ishmael). The repentance by the third Israel (Unification Movement) after Father's trial of March 16 - May 1 allowed for a condition of total forgiveness on May 31, True Day of All things. During Father's 7 hour speech Father passed through a "symbolic" 7 days of creation and then went through a course to "reestablish" all the conditions in Father's course since 1945.

On May 31st Father forgave and "reestablished" the 36 couples, he went a recommissioned UTS and commissioned the world movement through a "providence for the start" centering on the "Word". The 21 day condition that all Blessed Central Families participated in centered on a condition of continuously doing Hoon Dok Hae centering on the God's "Word" given through Father's May speeches. Through this course Father set the conditions to "touch" and restore every

aspect of his historic ministry. On this basis Father could extend the unity of the first and second Israel in the Jerusalem Pilgrimage through the IIFWP Conferences in June 27 - 29 in which the Jerusalem Declaration was reaffirmed in the Second Israel through the Washington Declaration. Through the IIFWP Conference in Seoul on August 11 - 15, "The World at a Turning Point", the Seoul Declaration

August 11 - 15th conference. One major world Muslim leader signed the declaration and proclaimed the success of True Father in bringing true peace through the unity of the world religions. In addition, this unity also opened the door for the world religions to unite. Therefore, this most historic conference also set the condition to "commission" the world religious leaders and the Ambassadors for Peace world-

Seoul). Father has now commissioned a new Pilgrimage to Israel on September 16 - 23rd which will bring a new level of unity between the first and second Israel together with Islam. Father has called for a Fourth Declaration to be crafted. Since the condition of repentance removed the condition of enmity between Palestine and Israel the reconciliation and unity of Israel and Palestine will

be secured from this time. (This was not possible before we set this condition of the Jerusalem Pilgrimage and extended that victory on to Washington and Seoul which include all the religions of the world. All of these events are directly linked to the establishment and expansion of Cheon Il Guk.

Father said that through the reconciliation and restoration of the unity of the First (Judaism) and the Second Israel (Christianity) The condition is set for the wall between Islam, Christianity and Judaism to come down. On this basis the wall between North and South Korea will come tumbling down. The resolution of the division in Israel through the past conditions and Declarations, and the new Pilgrimage will open the way for the Third Israel of Korea (External) to be unified. Also it allows for the third Israel to unify as one nation and then come into the proper relationship. These conditions set by True Father are also opening the door for the proper relationship between the Unification Movement (third Israel) and Christianity (Second Israel) as Abel and Cain. (Jacob and Esau). On this foundation the religious sphere can become the internal foundation to guide the Family Party of Ambassadors for Peace as the (Diplomatic) or external foundation of Cheon Il Guk.

The Holy Wine is an enormous condition of grace and allows for a new beginning for Cheon Il Guk (The Kingdom of God on Earth).

Let us go forward in preparation to receive this Holy Wine Ceremony and a new condition of cleansing for the further solidification and expansion of the Cheon Il Guk. ❖

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Have Your Name Added to the Plaque of Honor



United Federation of Churches Building

The efforts of the American Clergy Leadership Conference and the United Federation of Churches in educating clergy of all faith traditions in the teaching of the Divine Principle, continues throughout America as hundreds of clerics study the profound teachings of the Principle. The testimonies of the clergy who have participated in these seminars, affirms the hope and belief that only through loving one's historical enemies can we end conflict and strife. It is with a deep sense of gratitude that we thank all those who have contributed to the UFC Building Fund.

To date nearly 500 families have accomplished the goal of contributing \$1,200 to the United Federation of Churches Building in Washington, DC. Hundreds more families are making their offerings in installments as a way of attaining the goal and having their names inscribed on the beautiful UFC Plaque that adorns the lobby of the UFC building. The inscription of the UFC Plaque reads:

Dedicated by the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, the United Federation of Churches building of the American Clergy Leadership Conference was created as God's embassy for all religious leaders of every race, faith and nationality in order to advance and expand the Cheon Il Guk. The families whose names are listed responded to the call for Patriots to rekindle the same spirit in which the American Pilgrims sacrificed themselves to establish as their very first building a common house to be used for worship in honor of God. The sacrifice of these families has liberated the heart of Jesus and created a base for Christianity as the Second Israel and America as the Elder Son Nation to bring the Kingdom of God on Earth.

We encourage all Family Federation members to contribute to this most noble effort, and in once you have attained the \$1,200 goal to be recognized with your family's name inscribed on the UFC Plaque for posterity.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang
Continental Director N.A.

Rev. Michael Jenkins
President, FFWPU

was affirmed which allowed the Jerusalem Declaration to be affirmed in the third Israel, with Judaism, Christianity with the spiritual third Israel the Unification Movement (FFWPU). In addition through this unity (first, second and third Israel) the gate was opened for reconciliation with Isaac (Judeo-Christianity) and Ishmael (Islam) and therefore the Muslim World Leadership could play a most historic role in the

wide to issue a call for all their nations to support an Interreligious Council for the UN.

The day after the conference finished on August 16th Father announced that a new start and total purification would be achieved through the distribution of Holy Wine world wide for all blessed couples and in particular for the participants of the three historic declarations (Jerusalem, Washington and



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Father has asked that we complete two more pilgrimages to Israel. He emphasized the importance of the next Pilgrimage to Israel which will include an historic march for peace for Moslems, Christians and Jews and will be held from September 15—22nd. It will be totally religious in nature.

We sincerely ask your prayers and support at this time. Donations have been pouring in for the Geth Semane Stones. They are stones picked from the exact area that True Father identified as the place where Jesus prayed. They are being mounted on a natural Olive wood base with a plate with Father's signature and acknowledgment that your family directly supported the historic dispensation to unite the first and second Israel.

Please support this dispensation immediately. Please give your support in prayer and in substance. Upon the foundation of your sacrifice we can fulfill Father's next direction for the Second Pilgrimage and the march from Gaza to Geth Semane and on to the Wailing Wall. Our Moslem world leaders are deeply praying and supporting this historic event in which we want to heal the pain of history through atonement and reconciliation of Isaac and Ishmael.

Father said the three Israel's are now one in God's eyes and that this oneness includes the embrace of the Moslem family and all the religions of the world.

However we must solidify and deepen the relationship of the three Israels with each other and bring all the Abrahamic faiths together through the Blessing and continued education and dialogue. Through the victory of the Jerusalem, Washington and Seoul declarations the conditions have been set that have unified Israel as one. The Seoul Conference of IIFWP was of particular importance because major world Moslem leaders also played a key role in bringing unity and understanding among the world religions. Father emphasized continually that these events are on such a solid course due to the support of the major founders the great religions from the spirit world. Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius and Hindu leaders and all the saints of the Jewish and Christian traditions are pouring down spiritual support and revelation from the spirit world. We can see a miracle occurring right before our eyes.

As an example of this spirit, In the Middle East panel of the IIFWP conference led by Mr. Taj Hammad, Rev. John Winfrey of ACLC, a white Southern Baptist minister said, " Many call me Brother John and I'm a Baptist minister. That's right John the Baptist !! I am here to testify that this is totally real. This is the time of the Second Coming, there is no doubt in my mind that we must go forward now with tremendous faith. We have the mandate and the authority to bring peace in the Middle East. God has blessed this effort and we will not fail. Through this America must become a new country. Christians must rise above their own differences and in the love of Jesus come to understand that God has created the Jewish faith, Moslem reli-

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gion, the Hindu religion, the Buddhist religion all for His Divine Purpose. If we go forward with the love that Jesus had for all humanity all the barriers will crumble before our eyes. That's why the movement to take down the cross will expand. We feel the anointing of the Lord on our effort. The cross has as a symbol doesn't convey the essence of Jesus and that is his victory in Love and his victory over death through his oneness with God. We now must become one with God and receive our crown. Father Moon is truly being guided by God in this dispensation with the anointing of Jesus. When we do we will achieve victory over death and with this power we will end the bloodshed in the Middle East. That time has now come upon us. We are going again to the Holy Land and we are confident in the Love of God."

Rev. Winfrey mentioned a scene in Raiders of the Lost Ark where one is asked to choose which cup to drink from, and the person made the wrong choice and was told, "you chose poorly". He went on to explain, "I am telling you in faith today that we have a choice today. If we chose to trust in the Lord and allow our faiths to become one then we will chose the right way. If we "choose poorly" and remain separate and fail to head the call of God, then we may miss our chance to be a part of the coming Kingdom of God. "

I was sitting with one Jewish leader who said after Rev. Winfrey's presentation smiling, "He is good, he is sincere and I like what he is saying. I can support this."

Then a key leader from Syria spoke. He gave a powerpoint presentation that was very deep. Reciting verse after verse from the Koran in Arabic an in Aramaic (the original language that Jesus spoke). As he spoke in English and recited incredible verses from the Koran in English and Aramaic the atmosphere changed. It was a spirit of God. Truly, when we go deep into the scrip-

tures that God revealed in the major religions we find the spirit of the Lord is there and is working to bring us all together. This is the work of God.

Dr. Wilson gave another brilliant presentation on the fact that if Jesus had been received he could have created a family and the Kingdom of God could

have come. Because that didn't happen the Abrahamic family divided into Christianity, Islam and Judaism. They were meant to be one. Now we are achieving the time when they will become one again and the Kingdom of God will come. What is needed now is repentance on all sides.

Mr. Taj Hammad was called by God for such a time as this. He has a very special role in the dispensation as a Moslem—Unificationist. He immediately creates an atmosphere of understanding and trust. As he was the Chairman of this panel you can feel how God called and prepared certain people to come to Father and be the bridge for the Kingdom. Taj conveys the heart of God and True Parents with such depth that you can feel that the Christians, Muslims and Jews feel a sense of peace from him. We thank God for Taj.

My brothers and sisters, please support the next pilgrimage. History is opening before our eyes. Through the IIFWP and Rev. Kwak and Dr. Walsh, God and the network of national messiah's throughout the 193 nations of the world, God has created the foundation in which all the major religious leaders of the world are coming together now. Being guided by True Father they are coming to see the possibility of the cooperation between the religions with each other and the nations of the world to usher in the Kingdom of God. Through True Parents indemnity course and victory over death the world is now rapidly moving into the Kingdom of God.

Rise up America and become the moral and religious force that God prepared you to be. Help us find the Christians who will end the cross and build the Kingdom. Help us find the Rabbis and the Imams who hear the voice of God in the Last Day. Rise up America, support the healing of the Middle East and bring that victory all the way to the Fatherland at which time we will see our conditions cause the walls of the DMZ to come tumbling down. ❖

Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the Future Church HQ in Korea

21 July 2003 • Cheongpa-dong Yongsan-gu Seoul

True Parents officiated at the historic ground-breaking ceremony for the future Church Headquarters at the site of the now demolished formed HQ building complex in Cheongpadong on Monday 21 July 2003. The ceremony marked the beginning of construction work on the Sunhak Building which is projected to be completed by 25 January 2005.



Japanese members attending WCSF 2003 at a workshop in Korea



by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Rev. Levy Daugherty as executive director of the ACLC did a fantastic job at developing and coordinating a second of a series of theological conferences that Father requested concerning the movement to end the era of the cross.

Rev. Phillip Schanker opened and moderated the conference citing that this is an historic time in which the faiths of Abraham are becoming one. Rev. Schanker talked about the pilgrimage to Israel and how he is now preparing for an even greater pilgrimage now. Rev. Schanker is playing such a key role in educating the clergy and the scholars through teaching and through the powerful documentary film-making he is doing with Simon Kinney. He is creating such a powerful tools through the videos to capture the spirit of this historic march to the realization of God’s Kingdom. We are grateful for his contribution. When we showed the video today “Beyond the Cross”—people were overwhelmed by the interviews and the scenes of the greatest movement of reconciliation in all of history. Rev. Schanker is on the cutting edge.

Another historic seminar was successfully completed recently at Union Theological Seminary. A theological revolution is in the making because the more we pursue the issue the more it becomes clear that we are on very solid ground Biblically, theologically and in terms of the heart of reconciliation with the First Israel.

Rabbi David Ben Ami and myself opened the session giving an overview of the movement to end the era of the cross opening to receiving the crown at the time of the return of the Lord. I gave the overview of the movement that began with Father Moon’s call to end the era of the cross at the Washington Times 20th anniversary.

Archbishop Stallings led the way on December 31st in taking the cross down from Imani temple. Through the Divine Principle convocations understanding spread so that on Good Friday this year, 123 churches removed their crosses. It was discovered that God had already prepared the way when the Hymn “The Old Rugged Cross” revealed a fundamental principle which the majority of Christians support—that when the Lord comes we will one day exchange our cross for a crown.

This opened up the door for hundreds of churches to follow. Little did we know at that time that this would be part of the key conditions to bring reconciliation between the first and second Israel. Suddenly after the Easter victory and resurrection experience Father directed the ACLC to go to Israel and begin a movement of repentance, reconciliation and atonement. This led to the overwhelming breakthrough of response from Jewish leaders and the repentance of the first, second and third Israel combined with the embrace of Ishmael and the Muslim family. Now we are going to Jerusalem to “March for Peace” We have the mandate and the anointing of the Lord. Now the Moslem leaders are continually playing a key role in the process—Therefore an additional focus of our conference is reflected in the conference title—Harmony and Peace in The Middle East: Among the Children of Abraham—Jewish, Christian and Muslim Reconcilia-

tion.

Rabbi David Ben Ami (who first stood with us during the religious freedom era), was deeply inspired. He said, “This is the movement—the IIFWP, the ACLC and the movement of Rev. Moon—this movement is the most committed and realistic movement in the world at consistently respecting and embracing and unifying all religions to work together harmoniously. He testified that he is confident and committed to open the hearts of the Jewish leaders in America and throughout the world. He said that once they really understand Rev.



Moon and the way God is working through this movement they will feel comfortable. Many will feel that this is the time of the Messiah that the Jews have been waiting for since the time of the prophets.

Dr. Lonnie McLeod, was so excited. Last night he shared with me that he was discussing this with a prominent German Theologian who has been his life long mentor. He said that as they discussed the issue of the cross more and more the German theologian said that this is an historic and Biblically and theologically correct move in history. The cross, though endearing to the Christians, actually was not the symbol that the Christians chose, but rather became their symbol through Constantine the emperor and began as a symbol of Conquest. It is definitely a wall that must come down if the Jews and Christians are to ever reconcile. And reconcile they must if they are to ever realize the fulfillment of scripture. Without this reconciliation and the unity of the Abrahamic faiths the world is in grave danger of being torn apart by those who deny God and want to rule by violence and terror. Dr. McLeod was deeply pleased with his mentor’s response. He shared with me that this is a much bigger revolution than people can imagine. Rev. Moon has discovered an emotional attachment that is not theologically grounded.

The first session was on “Abraham, The Father of our faiths”—Dr. McLeod, Dan Fefferman, and Imam Ameer Salahuddin were the presenters. UTS President, Dr. Tyler Hendricks moderated.

Dr. Lonnie McLeod of New York Theological Seminary shared he sees the major road to reconciliation of the Abrahamic faiths in that the cross must be overcome. He stated that for Christians the cross has become a place of residence instead of a stepping stone to the resurrection, victory and joy. “We are focusing on the misery and suf-

fering instead of the resurrection and victory. This will not heal or lift up the people. It’s time to move beyond the cross.” Dan Fefferman did a masterful job at highlighting the special nature of Abraham as the father of faith, citing the time when Abraham cried out to God because his conscience caused him to ask God. “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” Dan went on to say this was a great quality of Abraham—his conscience allowed him to have a sincere and honest relationship with the Lord. Then Dan explained that this is one of the great teachings of Rev. Moon—that your conscience must be above all. You must be guided by your conscience. Centering on your conscience you even have the right to discuss the way of righteousness with God. Dan also shared how he came to be a follower of the teachings of Jesus through the late Dr. C.L. Franklin, the famous Detroit preacher who was the Father of Aretha. Dr. Franklin stated that he didn’t care if Jesus was historical or just spiritual but for him, Jesus is real because he lives in me. Dan went on to say that Abraham is real because he lives in me.

Imam Salahuddin is a courageous Moslem Imam who is totally tearing down the walls. He cited the common ground that the Messiah is consistent with all Abrahamic faiths. He made it clear that the scriptures call for one man to fulfill the role of the Messiah and that the one man is coming to be the Jewish messiah, the Muslim messiah and the Christian second coming. He went on with confidence to say that it is clear by the fruit we are seeing that this ONE MAN IS HERE. That’s why we are now coming together.

After our luncheon the second session began entitled “Root Causes of the Divide: The Cross Reconsidered” Bishop Stallings, Dr. Andrew Wilson and Rev. Jenkins, Moderated by Dr. Frank Kaufmann. Dr. Wilson led off. It is really amazing to see how God is working through the Unificationist scholars. This is the time that God has prepared them for and they are stepping out into the cutting edge of history. Dr. Wilson laid it out. If we don’t deal with how the real stumbling blocks between the Jews and the Christians we aren’t going to accomplish anything. The stumbling block is that Jesus was rejected. This has to be reconciled. Also Christians don’t live up to the Gospel and persecute the Jews. The real issue is to take away the real cause of the problem. To do that the Christians are repenting for having lifted up the cross which is the symbol of pain to God and incorrectly having exalted it as the ultimate purpose of Jesus. His ultimate purpose was to bring the family of God and to restore Adam and Eve. These repenting Christians are sincerely going to Israel and this is moving the Jews. Now the Jews must respect and honor Jesus as a Man of God. This will heal the historical pain and liberate the sons of Abraham.

Bishop Stallings, ACLC Chairman of the Executive Committee is the practicing theologian of the revolution. He took it to another level when he showed

that we must understand that Jesus came for Restoration. That is the restoration of what Adam and Eve failed to accomplish. The family of God that was obedient to his word. We must understand God’s heart when he saw the rejection of his son. The Truth is that the cross is a source of enormous pain to God. Yes we must do as Jesus said, Deny ourselves, pick up the cross and follow him. But he didn’t mean to pick up a literal wooden cross. The redemptive power of sacrificial love is always healing and that was the teaching of Jesus. The fact that he had to go the way of the cross came about due to the lack of faith, in his family, disciples, John the Baptist and ultimately the leaders of that day. Father Moon discovered this truth. There is no denying it. That is how it is and this has liberated Christians, Jews and Muslims.

I gave a power point presentation on the movement to take down the cross and the door that was opened in Israel through this process. He cited that these historical meetings often do not seem that historic or important from an outward appearance but you never know what is going on in the hearts of the people. He cited the testimony of Bishop John Witherspoon, ACLC co-convenor in Wisconsin. Bishop Witherspoon shared honestly that during Bishop Stallings keynote sermon in Jerusalem he suddenly was filled with negative feelings toward the Jews. He suddenly started remembering negative stereotypes and his own experiences with his landlord in Milwaukee. Suddenly he was filled with negativity just as Bishop Stallings was repenting for Christianity not having the right heart to the elder brother of Judaism. Suddenly, Bishop Witherspoon was overwhelmed and felt that he must repent. He is here to reconcile, how can he allow these old prejudices to remain in his heart? He repented. Just as he did a prominent Jewish woman—a well known artist—came to him saying I think I should be with you today. Their hearts were both touched. She sent him a letter later testifying to the enormity of the impact on her life. Christians coming with a mission to repent and forgive. Especially African Americans who like the Jews were slaves—“How we must respect and be grateful for the nobility of your souls.” Bishop Witherspoon was in tears when he received this letter saying, “my life has been healed and changed forever”.

The final session was moderated by Dr. Tyler Hendricks. Dr. Kaufmann and Dr. Joseph Puder—director of the American Jewish Congress of Pennsylvania and New Jersey were the presenters. Dr. Kaufmann was deep and very serious. He analyzed in a profound way that the political systems of man have been developed to their highest level of sophistication but they are unable to bring peace. No further political development alone will solve the problem. The violence between Abel and Cain is one of a religious nature. It was based on their offering to God. Therefore the real restoration of the problem can only be religious. Politics is needed and has its place but to reconcile the problem

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Celebrating the Declaration of the Realm of The Cosmic Sabbath

The ceremony was held August 4, 2003 at North Garden, Kodiak, Alaska. In Alaska the sun goes down at 11 pm at this time of the year therefore Father can go out much longer or at anytime. Suddenly he went for fishing at 5 pm on Sunday night the night before pledge service. Father and Mother came back at around 7:30 pm and the leaders from around the world had dinner and closed the evening.

We gathered for the main pledge service at 6:30 in preparation for the 7 am pledge service. Rev. Sun Jo Hwang International President of the FFWPUI and Dr. Yang, North American Continental director worked to make sure everything was prepared for our True Parents. Rev. Hwang went over the procedures for this holy day pledge service. Representatives from the three primary nations of Korea, Japan and America as well as all the major religions of the world are all represented by Blessed Couples. One unique aspect of pledge that began on May 31 with the True Day of All Things is that Dae Mo Nim (Represented by Hoon Mo Nim) now bows together with True Children. Today, Mrs. Chang (the bride of Jesus) also was asked to bow with True Children. This means that they are representatives of the True Family before heaven. Also representatives are chosen from the Cain world and the Abel world as well as the spirit world.

At Pledge the offering table was a beautiful and rich offering before the Lord. All the fruits of creation are perfectly stacked in circular towers. In addition, candy, cookies and every imaginable representation of the creation is there as

well as prepared dishes for God.

Father and Mother entered and the room was silent and holy. We wore Sunday dress for pledge with no holy robes. Father began with lighting the

candles. First the one on the far right, then the left then back and forth toward the center. Some of the candles were not so easy to light so Father asked Dr. Yang to bring the far right candle

that was burning. Then True Mother took that candle with Dr. Yang's help and continued to light the candles. True Parents stood side by side facing the altar and offered prayer before heaven. Then True Parents bowed. One interesting thing at this service was that Father and Mother together went to their places behind the altar. Then the True Family members came to bow with Dae Mo Nim and Jesus' bride. Then all blessed couples bowed. Then the three primary nations and then the representatives from each continent. Dr. Yang (North America) and many more. Rev. Eugene Harnet represented Europe and Rev. Ernie Ho represented Africa. Then the various representatives came and bowed.

Father is at 100% full power. Father wore a dark blue suit with light blue shirt and maroon tie, Mother wore a green knit suit with stripes of black and white trim on the cuffs and the front. Mother and Father are the Parents of Heaven and Earth and they are standing with such an air of dignity and heart. After the prayers True Parents cut the holiday cake and then Dr. Yang led three cheers of Ok Monsei. True Parents distributed the offering table to True Family, including Dae Mo Nim and Jesus' bride. Then to everyone through Rev. Hwang and Dr. Yang. True Parents chairs were brought out to the right of the altar and we began our Hoon Dok Hae. ❖



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of the religious conflict between Cain and Abel we need Repentance, Forgiveness and Reconciliation. No Justice, No Peace is correct but we must go deeper. There can be no justice without the qualities that allows all sides to repent, forgive and reconcile. This is not something Governments can do—this is the role of religion—therefore the work we are doing with the Abrahamic faiths is this path and will lead to both Justice and Peace.

Dr. Puder was gave a very important contribution to the effort. He is from Israel and is the son of Holocaust survivors. He was honest and real. He stated that without the religions there

can be not peace. The problem is not about land, its rooted in religion. He felt that unless we get to the real source of the motive behind the radicals we will never solve the problem. Therefore the misuse of scripture of ill purpose to vent hatred must be uncovered. We must find Scriptural common ground to bring peace.

Rev. Jesse Edwards gave a powerful testimony of his experience in Israel. He shared that he saw the sacrifice of taking down the cross as the power that opened up the door of brotherhood. He said, "Folks, God

is doing this. I saw with my own eyes in Israel that the Jews, Christians and Muslims are all from the same Abraham and from the same God. We are true brothers. Now we are becoming brothers in heart. This will bring the Kingdom of God."

Archbishop Moses De La Rosa gave a moving testimony of his life changing experience. Rome, Israel it is changing. He testified that he never grew up with a cross, however a church he was called to pastor had a cross. Before this move-

ment was started he received in revelation that the cross must come down. He had the ceremony with his mentor and the Bishop that trained him. He said it made controversy but it didn't matter because "It's my church that God is guiding me to pastor". God is leading the way. His wife, Bishop Margie De La Rosa is an American Indian who was commissioned by Father Moon to bless all the tribes of Indians when she came back from Israel. She said, "The Holy Wine has the Power—it is an awesome power. They drink the holy wine communion and their marriage is strengthened and sanctified. The Holy Wine—Oh my—such a power it has!!!"

We prayed and sang with Rev. Daugherty. It was a beautiful victory for God and True Parents. ❖

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Culture of Heart Alive in the Northwest

by Rev. M. Yakawich

The 9th annual Blessed Children's summer camp, Camp Tongil Northwest 2003, reached a new height in heavenly spirit and true education. The theme, "Creating a Culture of Heart", was directly inspired by the heart and words of Hyun Jin Moon.

Over 125 blessed children from 3rd to 8th grades participated in the camp, July 6 - 12, 2003 at Cornet Bay, WA, coming from Alaska, Canada, Montana, Oregon, Washington and as far away as Boston. The camp was lead by Mr. John King and Mrs. Jane Bowman. This year was special as the baton of leadership was passed from Mr. Jeff Gledhill, who together with Mrs. Toni Lee Curry and many others had pioneered this camp.

Out at Cornet Bay, Washington, youth and staff shared in one of the most high-spirited, educational, and fun-filled weeks ever. Rev. Gerhard Wiesinger (Washington Vice-Regional Director) started the program with inspiring words to the workshop participants.

The children enjoyed a full schedule each day that began with morning service, and included Divine Principle Seminars taught with great enthusi-



asm by Rev. Mike Yakawich and Mr. Steve Pecarsky. The afternoons were filled with sports and games, hiking, art, swimming and canoeing. In the evenings there were testimonies, skits and musical entertainment.

Our youth were deeply touched by the beauty of the creation. Eagles, blue herons, pine trees, lakes and the ocean coast all provided opportunities to touch the heart of God. Walking in the woods or along the beach, canoeing or swimming, the children were able to share in the culture of heart.

Testimonies abound of our youth

who had tearful prayers, spiritual experiences and deeper insights into the Divine Principle during Camp Tongil. In one testimony, one of the girls' teams was talking one night in a negative way about someone. They started to feel a heavy spirit and felt that evil was tangling around them like a rope. They began to cry, repenting for one hour for their attitude. Finally, they felt that the rope was cut away and they were cleansed of these evil thoughts. They testified that a flowerpot with dried up flowers in it came back to life. During that evening, they



also reported that a little girl came to them in spirit. They felt that their prayers liberated this girl also. Certainly, the spirit was moving all over the camp.

Our eighth grade group spent two nights and two days hiking on Mount Baker as part of the off site "Mountain Challenge" program. They were truly challenged by the height and breadth

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Camp KOHOE (Kingdom of Heaven on Earth) in MI

by Mark Callahan and Mary Anglin

We were blessed at the end with a visit from Rev. & Mrs. Ki Hoon Kim as they came to bid our Middle School Campers farewell and congratulations July 30, 2003, on the completion of a great 3-day Divine Principle Camp. Eighty-two children from the fifth to eighth grades just completed the summer session at Benton Harbor, Michigan on the outskirts of Chicago. Twenty-three second generation high school-age students fulfilled staff roles under the watchful eyes of ten first generation parents. It is an incredible inspi-



ration to see how our teens have grown into such responsible young men and women. They truly took ownership of this workshop!

Initially, both Mrs. Kathleen Sometani (organizer and lecturer) and Mr. Dieter Jesper (campsite owner and administrator) were concerned about the large amount of children registered this year. It had nearly doubled over the previous record with children coming from Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio, Maryland, Minnesota, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Maryland (some driving as many as 12 hours to attend!). When Rev. Kim visited the first night, "Aunt Kathleen" asked him to please specially pray for this record-breaking situation. She shared during the workshop that she knew he must have passed on that request to the parents as well, not only because of the peace she felt, but because of the complete harmony and smoothness of the workshop.

When Rev. Kim returned, he shared how the Japanese Missionaries had taken it upon themselves to do a three-day continuous 72-hour prayer vigil for the camp. We are so moved by the hearts and faith of these beautiful missionaries!

Aunt Kathleen played both affectionate mother and commanding gen-

eral. The theme this year was "Respect & Living for the Sake of Others." Along with Divine Principle lectures, her



approach to camp is to provide the second generation with an environment that not only teaches the theory of a principled heart, but also the "lab" of games, sports, crafts and skit-making to actualize those abstract ideas. Kids have the chance to observe and experiment how to live for the sake of oth-



ers. The youth staff had the opportunity to put into action this principle which they've studied for years.

In reviewing the reflections written by the campers, it became clear that the most valuable things they learned came from what had been shared by the 2nd generation staffers, particularly John-Oppa and Leena Onni, who gave internal guidance and morning service, respectively. Elder brother John shared many lessons he learned on STF, explaining in an easy to understand way the sorrowful heart of God since the Fall. He strongly encouraged all of them to attend STF for their own growth and divine relationship. Leena Onni spoke passionately about purity, which left a deep impression on the hearts of the campers. We could see how important the "older" kids are to the younger ones!

Another great experience they had was the opportunity to meet BC's from other states. Making friends with new brothers and sisters was a precious, and very important, experience.

Uncle Dieter shared tonight what a deeply joyful moment he and his wife experienced as all the campers from throughout the Midwest congregated that first night. Finally their heavenly vision, after all these years was coming true.

We believe this was God's joy as well; for how many millenniums has he yearned for the children of this pure lineage—and now he can see their advancement and growth!

We thank and bid blessings to all those who contributed to this victory, and to all the campers who shared their beautiful spirits with us these past three days! ❖

PA Summer Camp: A State of Mind

by Laurel Sayre

My experience at family camp starts nine years ago. I have been a camper all my life. I can't remember a summer that didn't include a hike on a hot summer day, cooking stoves and lanterns, and a pitch tent or cabin.

Growing up as the daughter of two of the PA Family Camp pioneers and the eldest blessed child in Pennsylvania, I took on responsibility as a group leader, song leader, lifeguard, coordinator, and more recently, group leader advisor. Throughout my nine years at family camp, I have begun to catch on to the vision of what my parents have built.

It's often hard to imagine what something will become when it is first starting out. It all began with a few local

families in tents and has turned into a two week camp with almost a hundred families attending from all over the United States and even internationally.

It was this past year that I started noticing the real impact of family camp. I have watched children grow into young adults. Kids that I had in my groups are now in high school and leading groups of their own. I am constantly amazed at the transformations of my peers from year to year. For many, their most pivotal and deep experiences have occurred while at camp and the most important part about it is that the whole family is there to experience it together.

God has blessed us with so many things over the years. One of which is our location at Camp Shehaqua, a part of Hickory Run State Park in Eastern Pennsylvania. The beautiful scenery, facilities, and uplifting atmosphere make it the perfect place for any kind of workshop. Forgive the "Travel channel description" but I really have come to

think of it as a second home. It is a place where God is able to speak through the creation and through all of the people there. When I return back to the camp, I can still feel a part of the spirit that was left there from the year before.

The camp provides divine principle education from toddlers to teens and also includes adult education headed up by one of the camp parents. This year I was fortunate to take on an immense responsibility of being the advisor for all of the second generation group leaders. This was the second time I have played this role at camp. The significance of this for me

is great because of my experience in working with second generation over the years. I remember how much I looked up to my older brothers and sisters, and how important it was for me to have those kinds of role models in my life. I was given the position of older sister in my own family and have tried to expand that role toward the larger community. It was such a profound experience taking care of my younger brothers and sisters, and especially watching them love and take responsibility for their younger brothers and sisters. Knowing many of them from years past it is amazing to see **see PA CAMP on page 16**



Camp Aurora New Hampshire

by Heather Thalheimer and Marjorie Buessing

Our camp was held at Geneva Point Center June 21-27th, 2003 on beautiful Lake Winnepausakee, in New Hampshire. 122 children and 27 camp counselors, 13 of them 2nd Generation, attended Camp Aurora for our eleventh annual Blessed children's camp. Camp Aurora is a collaborative effort. Our volunteer staff represents five regions and over the years children have attended from fourteen states. We were blessed with perfect weather and everyone felt it was the best camp ever!

The camp provides a wide variety of activities such as the water sports carnival, canoe lessons and trips, swimming, ropes courses and team building activities, nature center and crafts. Geneva Point staff support our camp and help us take advantage of the many wonderful activities they offer. The camp is on 200 acres of lakeside property with many hiking trails. A lakeside outdoor chapel hosts our early morning services. They have ample space for the various age appropriate Divine Principle presentations. A restored barn, with a stone fireplace for campfires, is available for the camp theater and evening activities.

The wonderful facilities at Geneva Point enable us to host all three camps concurrently, Kids Camp (grades 3-4, 22 participants), Youth Camp (grades 5-7, 45 participants) and Teen Camp (grades 8-11, 55 participants). Camp Aurora is



strengthened through the contribution of our second generation. We welcome high school seniors and college students as camp counselors and presenters. Hosting all three camps together ensures all groups a powerful, spirit filled experience as they come together to create music and share in certain activities collectively. Every year we hold a huge, multi-age capture the flag game. Campers are paired oldest to youngest. Seeing the pairs running around the field together is a riot. Interactions like this help the older children develop a parental heart toward the young campers. Our singing and music raised the roof! The pure spirit, enthusiasm and good behavior of our children received a lot of praise from Geneva Point staff. The Direc-

tor of Geneva Point Center asked, "Where did you find these children? We have many groups passing through this facility but your children are exceptional; their behavior and the way they cooperate together is very special."



A theme that permeates each camp we run has its origin in Father's guidance to us concerning Blessed children's education. About 12 years ago Heather Thalheimer, who co-founded Camp Aurora together with Marjorie Buessing, attended Belvedere for Sunday Service. At that particular service Father asked all the Blessed couples to stand up and scolded everyone for not educating the 2nd generation about the history of Israel and the unsuccessful settlement of Canaan by the 2nd generation of Israel. Helping our second generation understand how Israel became weakened as it was absorbed by the surrounding culture has always been a focus at our camps. We look at the forces today in American culture that try to drag us away from God's lineage, tradition and culture and how we must be spiritually clear and **see AURORA on page 17**

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of the mountain. They dealt with snow and rugged trails with the heart of true sons and daughters. They felt God especially when they conquered their fears and doubts in climbing to the crest of the mountain. This gave them great confidence and a deep sense of the living God. They returned to camp tired and dirty, but in good spirits. When we looked at their photographs we were amazed to see many orbs of light. Some people believe these are angels.

We had an unexpected blessing of kindness when Mrs. Lee, wife of the Washington regional leader, drove in from Seattle one day to prepare a delicious Korean lunch for the entire camp.

Another powerful moment occurred in the middle of the camp schedule. After a presentation of the Mission of the Messiah, the BC's held a ceremony to bury the cross. It was a deeply moving experience as three children laid the cross in the ground. Another laid the FFWPU Flag over it and then buried the cross. Many expressed a profound feeling of liberating Jesus' painful heart.

What added to the dynamism of this camp was the 20 BC teenagers, of 10th grade and older, who poured out their energy, heart and enthusiasm to lead the younger children. We were proud to see how much talent, effort and hard toil these teens put into the camp as they took on the responsibilities of counselors and role models. In the background over 35 wonderful parent volunteers served, supported and guided the whole camp experience.

We can testify that many of the organization, plan-



ning and management skills that make Camp Tongil successful have filtered down directly from the national projects and world level conferences sponsored by True Parents. Elder brothers and sisters who were trained in our movement's diverse and visionary projects have contributed these valuable skills at the regional level to benefit the blessed children through Camp Tongil.

There was some incredible music lead by Mr. Brian Granstrom with technical assistance from Mr. Steve Sechrist. There were many second generation performances as well. An added treat came one evening when the camp's Park Ranger, "Ranger Henk" gave a superb performance of classical guitar music to the entire workshop. He was deeply touched by the spirit of God through the way the BC's welcomed him. He commented that he never comes back to work after hours to play music with guests, but in our case he was happy to do so. And the powerful cheering and appreciation from the BC's literally almost brought down the house.

At the closing ceremony we heard inspiring words from Rev. Kim (Regional leader from Oregon), Rev. Lee (Regional Leader from Washington) and Dr. David Burgess (Regional Leader of American Family Coalition). They touched on the warm spirit and

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how much each person grows, developing themselves into a true son or daughter of God and then spreading that love and experience to help raise up others. My heart was full of pride and love for all of my group leaders this year and I thank them just for being the outstanding people that they are.

In terms of the overall program, there are three things that I feel make the Pennsylvania camps stand out. I have learned valuable lessons from each one of these trademarks of family camp.

First, everyone comes with their family. While I have attended many workshops for second generation only and have valued my time there, I have come to understand more and more the importance of community and family through my time at family camp. We are all God's children, and therefore, we are all in it together. Often the parents seem to get more out of camp than their children. I have found in my own experience that the best way for a child to grow and understand principle is to have unity within the family.

Second, everyone works at Camp Shehaqua. From older second generation staff as group leaders to parents that work in the kitchen, everyone that comes to camp has a specific role or responsibility to fill. This is what makes the whole camp function physically as well as spiritually. Everyone works together to make the camp happen. We are a part of the bigger family and community working together to accomplish a higher purpose.

And of course, Joy. The three purposes of camp has always been joy, joy...and you guessed it!

heart of the camp, inspiring us to keep the true family culture alive in our hearts and homes. Rev. Kim talked about the importance of heavenly lineage and Rev. Lee encouraged us to continue to develop a sensitive heart towards God. We should develop a discerning knowledge of good and evil and grow true love in our lives, he said, bringing back what was learned to our homes.

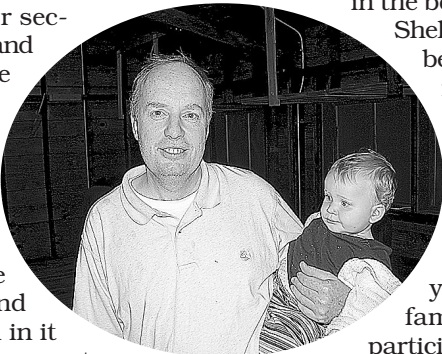
We are grateful for all the leaders from Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana and Canada who have supported this precious camp. We are also deeply grateful to all the local members who invested time and effort to make Camp Tongil such a great success. We are indeed deeply grateful for our True Parents who have paved the way to the Culture of Heart and inspired us in the education of our Second Generation. ❖

Joy! It is God's joy as well as ours to see all these families coming together as brothers and sisters, a place where he can dwell and live. One of my favorite things to say is, "PA is not a state, it's a state of mind." the joy and love that we experience at camp, we take with us back to our own communities.

In our lives we are a part of something much greater than ourselves. Father has always said that we enter the kingdom of heaven not as individuals, but as a family. Every year, I have experienced a little piece of that kingdom within the bounds of Camp Shehaqua. I cannot begin to describe it in words, all I can say is come and see for yourself.

There were two sessions of Camp this year with 46 families and 200 participants in attendance at each session. Our plans for next year may include more sessions, the development of a standardized 7 day program for families and teens and other ideas have been kicked around as well. Our programs are 100% self funded and we use three simple rules in developing any program:

First, every program needs a champion. Second, every program needs a plan that makes sense and third every program must pay for itself. There is a high degree of ownership in our programs. . For more information about the PA Family Camp, visit our web-site at www.live4joy.org. ❖



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Testimony: Camp Sunrise for Middle School

by Soniyae Stephens, 12

This year I think meant more to me than last year. That's because this year I mostly understood the lectures and since I was in the elementary one last year, to tell you the truth, I didn't really pay attention at all. And since I didn't do very well last year, I had a goal to do much better this year. Well, I think I accomplished it because I have a lot of notes.

Anyway I think I am supposed to talk about the key points that I learned. Well that is kind of hard to say because I have learned a lot and I have learned things that I have heard before, but even those I understood better. Some of the things I have learned were about what it means to be an ideal person, what is an ideal family, and what is perfection.

Even though I have heard all this before I think it really meant more to me than the last time I heard this. I think when my dad said "the more you hear it the more you get out of it" is really true.



I also learned a lot from an activity that we had to do as a unit. It was where we had to write the "What, Why, and How" about Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, etc. Our unit (unit 1) had Adam and Eve. We wrote a lot about



Adam and Eve. For example: What happened? God told Adam not to eat of the fruits of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Adam didn't pay attention to Eve, which caused her to fall with Lucifer. Eve tempted Adam, and he fell with her. Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden and had Cain and Abel. Because Adam sinned then Cain killed Abel.

Why did it happen? Adam wasn't strong enough and Adam gave in. Cain killed Abel because God made it look like he loved Abel more than Cain. But God wanted Cain to not get jealous but to love Abel anyway.

I think that activity helped me a lot because I knew what happened but I didn't really know why it happened or how does it relate to us. Now I understand what caused them to do the things they did.

I had a really good experience



there. I think it is because everyone is a BC and I feel more comfortable around him or her. When I was there, I could sleep really easily, and I don't sleep easily when I am somewhere else than home, but now I am OK with sleeping over at people's houses.

I also felt more energetic and happy while I was there. Personally, I think the good thing was that the whole camp wasn't just about the lectures. They weren't bad, I'm just saying that it had a lot of fun games like that sort of Olympics thing. That was when we got to play a lot of different kinds of games. Also we had to do skits and those I thought were a lot of fun. I am planning to go next year. ♦

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not become absorbed by the by the larger secular culture.

The theme this year was, "The Dream Starts Now!" We emphasized how what we do today determines our future. Even the biggest dreams, such as building Cheon Il Guk, all start with a small, but significant step toward the goal. Campers were guided to take initiative to create goodness starting now, today, in every little action they take. Many of the children had breakthrough experiences and felt reborn through their time at camp.

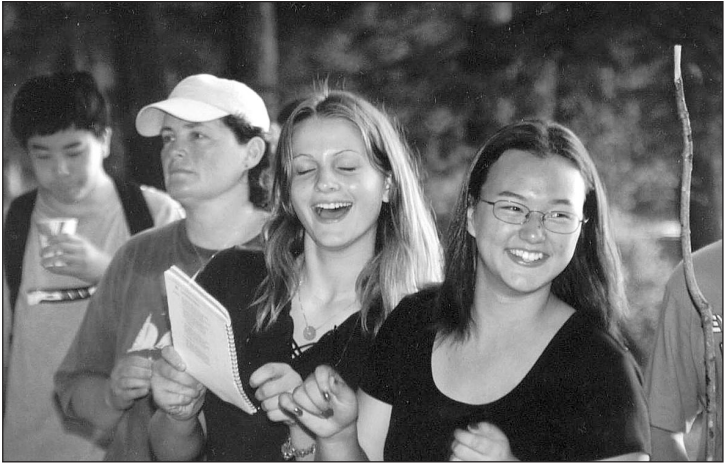
Camp is so important for the Blessed children because it creates a pure environment where they are not afraid to be themselves. One camper wrote, "I love being at Camp with Blessed friends because I can be myself. In other places, except home, I feel I'm not myself." Other campers added their thoughts, "being here is so refreshing! I feel closer to God" and, "I got a taste of the Kingdom of Heaven here, I hope to take it wherever I go."

Camp Aurora also empowers the kids in meeting the challenges of a culture that doesn't understand the value of purity. After one of the sessions one girl shared that hearing other girls be clear with their friends about why they don't date gave her the confidence to do the same with her friends in the coming school year. Another camper shared that he better understood the value of his existence and that he needed to influence his friends rather than allowing everyone to influence him. At camp teens get an opportunity to share honestly with each other about their challenges but also their successes. They learn they are not alone and find support from each other.

Keiko Park gave a presentation on Jacob's course and it's practical applications for our life of faith. The teens gained a lot from the presentation. One student reflected, "Keiko inspired me to

be more like Jacob and prepare myself for what God wants me to do." On many different occasions it was encouraging to see teens awaken to an awareness that God needs them and is calling to them.

Many of the presenters integrated personal testimony along with Divine



Principle. The campers appreciated real life examples, "The testimonies make it all real and it always stays with you." (Camper, 15yrs.) Matt Jones was the main presenter for teen camp. He shared honestly about his struggles in high school and college but more importantly, how he won the victory. The 2nd generation presenters could reach the campers on a very deep level because they've been through it and understand the kind of support and education that's needed. Camp Aurora works hard to reap the benefits of shared leadership and expertise by building a strong collaboration between 1st and 2nd generation.

Camp Aurora has benefited from the sharing among camps, facilitated by the national 2nd Generation Education Conference held last October at UTS. We were able to share what's worked for us and get new ideas. This year we added a candle light vigil to our program. We also emphasized prayer with all three camp groups. Kids and Youth camp had

designated prayer trees: the "Tree of New Beginning" that helped campers talk with Heavenly Father about what they were sorry for and the "Dream Starts Now Tree" to help them focus their energy and pray to accomplish for Heaven. Suggestions included: today I will do something good for someone else, try

my best at everything etc. The trees were helpful as they gave campers something to focus their prayer on. Teen camp had daily prayer in nature and journal/reflection time at night to help them process their experience and learn from it. Some campers received answers to questions posed in prayer and this encouraged them to maintain personal, regular give and take with Heavenly Father.

This year we gave the teens a Divine Principle test so that they could self assess their knowledge base. This was a great springboard for discussion and helped everyone realize how we need to study the Principle throughout the year. This fall we are beginning a Camp Aurora Extension Program for high school and college students who would like to study the Divine Principle in depth and train to become presenters. There is tremendous talent waiting to be cultivated!

The Camp Aurora Leadership Program fosters leadership through giving students, 11th grade and up, the training and opportunity to be a group leader. Every year

we award an outstanding counselor with the Camp Counselor of the Year Award. This year the award was given to Keinan Greene. He was a great example of a true Able to his campers. Camp Aurora also offers the "Living for the Sake of Others Award" to promote this core value. This year the award was given to Katherine Li Greene who was always encouraging others and an enthusiastic, helpful participant. These awards help set the standard for our camp.

Camp Aurora works in collaboration with Service for Peace in Maine to provide a weekend service experience for teens following camp. The teens left Camp Aurora so full of energy and inspiration and were able to channel that into their service project. In closing we'd like to leave you with some words from campers themselves: "I feel safe and happy when I'm at Camp Aurora," and "I had one of the best experiences in my life here!"

Thank you to all the campers who came and made it the "best camp ever," and much gratitude to our hard working staff, many of who sacrificed their vacation time for camp. We also appreciate our ten prayer ladies who prayed daily for each child by name and special thanks to our Regional Director, Rev. Jung who loves the Blessed children and lends his thoughtful guidance and support to Camp Aurora. ♦



Phoenix on fire in the Spirit of the Lord

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Phoenix is like Israel. It is a hot desert that supports civilization only through irrigation. Like the temperature of Arizona (which was 110 degrees while I was there) the Phoenix family is hot. On Saturday, July 26th about 100 clergy and religious leaders gathered for an IIFWP/ ACLC gathering entitled, Uniting The Children of Abraham. The focus was on the unity of the Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders who were there.

Rev. Forrest Lee Melton of the Baptist Church has been playing a major role in the work to bring unity of the Body of Christ in Phoenix. He is a fine Pastor who is doing work not only with the Christian church community and ACLC but has a special calling to work with the Indian Community in Phoenix. His son, Lee is going to the Lasting Love Conference. He mentioned to me how excited he was to be with ACLC and the feeling that came when Bishop Stallings visited last time. God is working through him to bring many different elements of the religious communities of Phoenix together. Rev. Melton was the MC for the special prayer breakfast entitled Abraham's Children The meeting was powerful. At 9:30, our starting time, the room was full with our guests. Immediately upon entering, I felt how special Phoenix is. The cooperation of the family there is outstanding. Senator Mark Anderson brought one of our former AFC President and founding member of AFC, Mr. Gene Hutloff. Also, key leaders, such as Joyce and others who are influential in the community came with the Senator. The meeting reminded me of the Ambassadors for Peace / American Leadership Initiative. The diversity of leaders assembled was a sign of the change in the providence. From the beautiful participation of many Sikh leaders, to Rev. Leon the American Indian Christian to Rev. Bette Tatalajski who has went on the Pilgrimage to Israel in May.

The breakfast opened with a prayer from Rev. Lee Melton. Mark Hickler and Dan Fernelius created a beautiful atmosphere with inspired music, Arizona style. Down home, clean, powerful and honest! Rev. Melton's anointed and enthusiastic spirit permeated the whole atmosphere. Rev. Melton and Rev. Nora were particularly inspired because Rev. Melton's son Lee (a college student) and Rev. Nora's grandchildren (Kelsey and Logan—also outstanding college students) are going to the Lasting Love Conference. The feeling in Phoenix is that everyone from politicians, to students to clergy to professors all have a place in the Ambassadors for Peace movement.

Rev. Kwon opened with a very thoughtful written address highlighting Father's words concerning the unity of religions and the path of peace. He read from True Parents keynote address at the 9th WCSF, July 10th in Asan, Korea. "In the present age many countries are realizing that the security of their nation is not an issue that can be addressed by any country alone. No country is free from Interna-

tional Issues of war, terror and the threat of nuclear weapons. World leaders agree that harmony and cooperation among religions is necessary for the state of world peace, as this is even more important following September 11th. For the past three years, I have warned about the dire threat of conflict among religions and finally now people are beginning to understand the seriousness of these issues." This set the tone and spirit for the gathering.

Then the powerful new 20 minute video "Beyond the Cross—The Road to Victory in Jerusalem." had people in the audience in awe. Seeing 132 Christian leaders carrying the cross to the Potter's field in slow motion and then laying it down proclaiming that this will mark the end of the history of bloodshed and strife

they felt genuine real love from Christians. For ourselves as Christians, we were overwhelmed with the feeling that we had found our long lost relatives." She said the trip was hard work (which it was) but rewarding.

Rev. Bette (she prefers we call her this because no one can pronounce her last name except her relatives and members of the her church) had brought several key leaders there. They were Rev. Nora Allen, Rev. Sally Phillips, Rev. Carolyn Larabee, Rev. Kristine Fossatti, Rev. Barbara Burloch. These women spiritual leaders are very pure and serious about the gospel as well as the need to respect and understand the spiritual world. These Christians are very, very important. They are very serious about the Divine Princi-

strong on marriage and family and spiritual laws and covenants from the scriptures. They also are led by the love of Jesus to see and experience Divine truth in all sincerely religious people. They help bring unity. They are beyond race as their movement embraces and has members from all races and backgrounds. Their presence is blessing and provides a very good base of prayer and blessing for the ACLC in Arizona and throughout America.

We who seemed to be strangers we not strangers, of course. Our spirits recognized each other. In each sacred place tears flowed freely as we were touched, lovingly, by the spirit of friends from long ago. The martyred Christians were happy to receive us, and to be freed, liberated from their despair. Thank you, ACLC, for this precious experience.

A MOST INSPIRING MOMENT was when the Rabbi said, "This embracing of Christians, Muslim and Jews is the greatest moment in two thousand years." That moment, for me, was the high-light of the trip. Second to that was placing my signature on the Peace Proclamation, the Jerusalem Declaration that created a new bond of love between all the sons and daughters of Abraham. "Thank you, God." Meeting the Jewish man whose nineteen year old son was killed in a suicide bombing and whose organs were donated to a twelve-year-old Palestinian girl was of such magnitude that our hearts will forever bear the memory.

The gratitude of our Jewish and Muslim guests and our easy and quiet connection with them was magical. One couple encouraged us to return to

Jerusalem on the 4th of July as their guests. "We want to celebrate American Independence Day with you. Our prayers are being answered," they said.

The ritual of Taking Down the Cross and its burial in Potter's Field was stunning. Another great benchmark in human history. I'm certain that it

stirred the hearts of the many in spirit who were slain by the sword—as they perceived it to be the Cross of Christianity, the Cross of Conversion. Symbolically it brings relief to Jews and Muslims alike; and it brings peace to our hearts to replace this cross with a crown. The dove of peace, representing the Holy Spirit, encircles that crown.

Thank you, Father Moon, and ACLC, for holding your vision; for using your energies and resources for the good of humanity and for allowing us to participate in this most powerful and important happening in the history of humanity for the past two thousand years." Thank you Rev. Bette. At this point Rev. Lee Melton was deeply inspired with joy to see this kind of testimony and outpouring. He

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Ministers Appreciation Fishing Competition

by Rev. Bismarck Bamfo

The Ministers Appreciation Fishing Competition was held on Saturday July 19 and Monday July 21, 2003 at Gloucester, Massachusetts. Although the number of participants were not

big (19 people) and even though the size of striped bass we were looking for was not met, the internal goal was successfully accomplished.

The goal of the competition was to maintain the consistency in connection with our monthly conference and to introduce "Beyond the Cross the road to Victory in Jerusalem." Most of them who did not have the opportunity to go to Israel are preparing for the next trip in September, 2003.

Moved by the spirit, after watching the above video, on Saturday July 19, Rev. John Kingara, from Worldwide Greater Mission Church, the first minister to take the cross down in our region, currently a student at UTS challenged the ministers the possibility of failing to recognize the messiah when he comes without clear understanding of Divine Principle.

On the Monday July 21, Bishop Skyers, Rev. Fakiyeshi and Rev. Father Cozier who also went

between the Abrahamic Faith traditions. To see the sights of the suffering history of the children of Abraham and to pray there and finally to bury our enmity there created a tearful atmosphere of reverence and sincerity.

Then Rev. Bette Tatalajski, a pastor from a power movement of Christians in Tucson gave a testimony and an introduction to myself. Her testimony was so real. She said how astonishing it was. She had been on "tours" with Christians before to Israel but she heard that Father Moon said this was a "Mission" — a "Pilgrimage." She said, "Father Moon was right, this was no sightseeing tour. This was a mission. I never dreamed in all of my life that I would see with my own eyes the Rabbis and Jewish leaders in tears because for the first time in their lives

to Israel in May, all testified about the trip and the vision of Rev. Moon. Bishop Skyers emphasized the role of True Parents – as one who is constantly challenging existing traditions and beliefs. Rev. Fakiyeshi confessed his past misconception about True Parents and the Unification Movement. Fr. Cozier also testified about

his reality of the existence of God in his own daily life since he started associating with our movement.

Rev. Kil Hwan Kim had the opportunity to share with them about True Parents recent providential activities and the United Nations.

Rev. Jasmine who stop attending our conferences after September 18, 2002, True Moth-

er' Speech (The announcement of the Clouds of Witness) at the Sheraton Back Bay Hotel. It was therefore very significant that he and Rev. Joseph Brown were there to hear and learn directly from other minister about out movement.

They all returned home filled with the love and word of God. To achieve the external goal, some of them proposed that another day should be organized to catch striped bass. As a result of that proposal August 2, 003 will be the final day. It is our hope that the good Lord will bless us all with great catch. Amen! ❖

ple. Having attended the convocation in LA they immediately understood and received confirmation from the heavenly realm that it was true. Father and Mother Moon are anointed for this age. They have stood very strong since that time, taking down their cross and going to Israel on the Pilgrimage. Rev. Bette along with Rev. Nora Allen (her physical sister) are very loving of all races, religions and peoples and sensitive to the Holy Spirit. They love God and live according to His word. They and their movement which is called the Temple of Universal Understanding remind me very much of the spiritually-oriented Christians that first supported Father Moon in the early days of the movement from the Inside Belly Church. It seems that this pattern is repeating itself in America. These women leaders are



LA Monthly Prayer Breakfast a Victory

by Rev. Timothy L. Henning

Saturday, July 26th at the McCarty Memorial Church (Disciples of Christ), Los Angeles, the first ACLC monthly breakfast held at a church was a big success. The atmosphere was full of excitement as volunteers had cooked-up a wonderful breakfast and the ACLC Choir and the Unity Singers warmed-up for their performance.

The program started with readings from the Bible, Koran and the Founders Address at the WCSF; all highlighted by PowerPoint slideshows in the background. 120 guests sat down to breakfast with 30 members and staff and over seventy churches and ministries were represented. Following a sumptuous meal, the video “Beyond the Cross: the Road to Victory in Jerusalem” was shown. It was interrupted by cheers and applause when the Rabbi, Imam and Archbishop embraced.

Dr. W. E. Manley testified to the power of love in the ministry of the True Parents as witnessed at the American Leadership Initiative Conference in Washington DC. His powerful testimony of personal transformation set the pace for the speakers. He was followed by Imam Haitham Bundakji of Orange County who reflected on Rev. Moon as a man of “guts” to stand in the middle of conflict and mediate peace.

His memories of the MEPI conference also stressed crossing barriers of heart to love those who had until then been regarded as enemies. Rev. Williams of Greater Victory Baptist Church brought the theme “a ministry of reconciliation” from 2 Corinthians

5:18 home with a testimony of how the love of Christ manifested at the MEPI Conference and how we can live it at home. The keynote address by Rev. William shared about True Parents’ vision to reconcile the sons of Abraham and how the effort of Rev. and Mrs. Moon over the past forty years have provided a foundation for world peace to be realized.

The combined effect of several speakers with enthusiastic testimonies and the excellent video presentation and musical performances made a great impact on those who attended. The president of the Board of Trustees for the hosting church said he was truly impressed and inspired to work with ACLC to bring revival to Los Angeles. His wife volunteered to join the ACLC Choir. Mr. Barry Fasman, writer and producer for the Broadway musical FAME, has a Jewish heritage and said he was glad to be a part of it. He finds the spirit of God in this work and the same vision that lead him to organize the Unity Singers. Mr. Jeffery Miles, an organizer of the “Love LA Gospel Festival” at the Coliseum, August 30th, said he had no idea how Rev. Moon had been doing such a great work to bring Christians together beyond race and denomination and unite world religions. “This changes my whole view of Rev. Moon”, he said. Imam Haitham Bundakji said he was truly proud of what Rev. Moon has achieved in the Name of God for world peace. Rev. R.

ica from all races and religious backgrounds and they always had a spirit of harmony that you can’t find. in such a situation. It touched me and it changed me. I’ve seen it before but this time I understood something. Rev. Moon is special in this way. His work leads to real peace. I then got my dictionary and looked up Ambassador and Peace. This time the definition fit. I am proud to be an Ambassador for Peace. I’m proud to be a part of this movement. America needs this movement. Thanks Senator Anderson. I’m an Ambassador for Peace.”

We broke into round tables for greeting and deepening our friendship through dialogue then I was introduced by Rev. Bette. Using the powerpoint that summarizes the Israel Pilgrimage the theme of loving ones enemy was developed. Through the pictures and testimonies the Ambassadors for Peace could understand the living Divine Principle. The Divine Principle in practice—that of loving ones enemies. Through the powerpoint the story of Jacob and Esau could be told and demonstrated through the embrace of Christians, Muslims and Jews. Also the Blessing as the key to solving the problem of family breakdown was presented. The blessing movement is growing and expanding in a most profound way. From the healing of marriages to the way the heart of World Religious leaders like Imam Kiwan from Jerusalem was moved to pray over the young couples. Now, through the July 5th Blessing, we could see that the Palestinian Moslem leader Dr. Jodeh could be moved to embrace Rabbi Shuki Ben Ami the Jewish leader. The Blessing has the power to heal the family, the nation and the religions of the



W. Taylor of Opportunity Baptist Church said he is excited to host the next monthly prayer breakfast on August 23rd. “I believe our facility was designed for this very purpose,” he said.

I want to thank all the volunteers



who prayed for this event and worked so hard in outreach and service work to make it a success. The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident as those who attended were inspired and the speakers were moved to refer to Rev. and Mrs. Moon as “Our True Parents”. I pray this kind of development will encourage True Parents to visit LA. ❖

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said, “I have one thing to say, I’m going to Israel with ACLC on the next trip. I want to be part of this history of the work of God.”

To highlight the diverse backgrounds of the participants another important leader was asked to give testimony about her recent experience as an Ambassador For Peace and the program that was launched by IIFWP on Capitol Hill. Mrs. Joyce Downey, a most sophisticated lady, who’s work is in politics shared very honestly, “When Senator Anderson asked me to be an Ambassador For Peace, I thought to myself, you have the wrong person. I work in politics and politics, from my experience is war. You want me to be a diplomat (ambassador) for Peace. Most organizations that have peace in their names are extreme liberal groups that want peace by eliminating all who are not liberal. I don’t even like the word peace because of this and you want me to be an Ambassador For Peace? (The audience was enjoying this!) Then she said, I have to admit, I began to think, well I don’t mind going to Washington. I must say that the different trips that I’ve gone on with the many organizations that were founded by Rev. Moon were first class. So I decided to go. I want you to know this particular trip was an awakening for me. It was similar to gatherings I’ve attended in the past but somehow it dawned on me that all the many conferences and events I’ve attended for the last 15 years have all had one common thread. They always had very good people from Amer-

world. The Ambassadors for Peace were so open hearted that I could freely tell how we must have faith at this time. We could teach about Abraham and that when he lacked faith his son had to be offered instead of a dove and pigeon but when he showed faith in his heart, his heart became the offering and his son did not have to die. The Ambassadors for Peace and the ACLC are like two giant movements of God, one representing the diplomats and the other representing the prophets. We have the power to transform America. We could feel it in Phoenix. Rev. Leon the American Indian Christian as well as the beautiful Sikh leaders were all one in heart by the end of the program.

Senator Mark Anderson concluded with encouraging words concerning responsibility and commitment to create a culture of stable families through legislation and social and community developments in cooperation with the state. The Senator will be coming to Washington soon. (My prediction) Senator Anderson invited the special leaders up to become Ambassadors for Peace and commissioned them together with Rev. Jenkins and Rev. Kwon and Mrs. Kwon. The final photo and follow-up lunch with key leaders could be summed up in one word: JOY.

Phoenix is 117 degrees in the daytime. But in the spirit is much hotter. In fact you could say its on fire. Go forth Phoenix and lead the revolution in America. ❖

New Eatery at New Yorker

Restaurateur August Ceradini, Jr., who runs the maritime dining conglomerate World Yacht, is teaming up with New Jersey restaurateur Carmine Cabell in a new venture: a restaurant at the New Yorker Hotel

With a working name of *My House*, to open in mid-2004, the eatery is intended to become an upscale supper club and event palace where the glass-walled kitchen can be used as a TV studio. The 25,000-square-foot space is spread over four levels and includes the former sumptuous brass and marble Manufacturers Hanover Bank space.

“It has floor-to-ceiling 30-foot windows and a vault in which 20 people can dine,” said Andrew Pitel of Garrick-Aug Store Leasing who repped both owner and tenant.

Kevin Smith, general manager of the hotel, said he is excited about the cross promotions with the Ramada franchise. He said they consider this a great addition to the hotel, which also just signed the Barbizon School of Modeling to a portion of the office space. “We want to make sure it stays a high-level up-standing establishment,” Smith said. “We want to keep everything upbeat.” ❖

ACLC Prayer Breakfast in Florida

by Rev. Gary Chidester

On Saturday July 19, we held our monthly ACLC prayer breakfast in the Florida Region. Even though we held these kinds of meetings monthly for over three years, this was special in that it was volunteered, led by, held by our ACLC ministers. They even brought new ministers. In the past we had to do all of the work, and ministers just sort of “showed up”. Now they are taking responsibility, clearly inheriting more of their true position and knowingly following Father’s direction.

This was so inspiring, especially to the central blessed families who had sacrificed all of these many years to finally see how Christianity was supposed to act in being the direct foundation for our True Parents to stand! Rev. Byron Filus, one of the original founding 120 ACLC ministers who had gone to Korea, brought 7 new ministers himself, and held the monthly prayer breakfast in his church.



and brought 6 members of his congregation as well. He cried as he watched the video on the pilgrimage to Israel, as he had gone with us. He said to be with ACLC is to truly to walk in the steps with the Messiah! He has already gone through two cycles of Hoon Dok Hae of the Divine Principle, and now wants his congregation to begin.

Pastor Yalinka Castor volunteered her church for the August prayer break-

fast!

Our brother Yasuhiro Ida, who graduated from UTS, and is our team leader for northern Broward County, has two ministers who want to take their crosses down from their churches. This Sunday, July 27, 2003, I will be going to the AME church of Rev Owens in Pembroke Pines, Florida to give the sermon, and to take down their cross. Then we will go to Rev Wadham’s church in Pompano Beach, Florida (the Unity Church of Pompano Beach). She is the white lady minister who came to Ocean City for this last Divine Principle Conference. Her congregation is older, upper middle class white people. She has also gone through two cycles of reading Hoon Dok Hae style Divine Principle.

Rev Filus came from the sacrificial foundation of Hideko Ishida, wife of one of our fish business brothers. The two ministers to take down their crosses is due to the efforts of Yasuhiro Ida,



whose American wife, Jackie, runs our Sunday school and second generation program. We are always grateful for our Japanese brothers and sisters, as well as our heartistic leadership of Rev Dae Hee Hong here in Florida, who gives us such a rich example of attendance to True Parents. We are grateful for your continuous prayers and direction. ❖

Jesus Visits New Jersey ‘New Jerusalem’

New Jersey outreach members are praying, fasting and working very hard to respond positively to Father’s direction of exchange the cross for a crown.

It is a difficult task to convey to the pastors the idea of going beyond the cross. There are 2000 years of history to be considered and for many pastors the Cross and Christ are married, they cannot be separate, others think that without the cross there is no salvation and for some it is against all biblical principles. It is also true that for 2000 years we did not receive revelations about removing the rugged cross.

Some pastors accept Father Moon’s revelation by faith and act quickly to fulfill it.

In deciding to take down his Cross, Elder James P. Paige, founding pastor



of Evangelical Reformed Baptist Family Church, prayed and cried a lot. After much deliberation and after attending two of our 4 day Divine Principle Seminars, God gave him the inspiration to go forward. Rev. Dairo Ferrabolli, also prayed

and fasted for the same purpose and set a meeting with Elder Paige to discuss deeply about the providential meaning of removing the cross. On the Sunday following this meeting, and immediately following a 2 hour, powerful Divine Principle presentation to the Board of Directors, Assistant Pastor, Deacons and Congregation, the Cross came down. Elder Paige along with Rev. Ferrabolli and church leaders marched out of the church with the Cross. They then exchanged the “Old Rugged Cross” for a Crown and re-entered the church, presenting the Crown to God, Jesus and the congregation.

Following a short talk by Rev. Ferrabolli, 3 of our Japanese missionary sisters saw a bright red and

orange light behind Elder Paige. Mrs. Emiko Kataoka, one of the three who saw this light, also saw Jesus standing behind Elder Paige. Just prior to this experience, Jesus came to Mrs. Kataoka and she felt heat in her body and after that, her irregular heart beat and palpitations were miraculously healed. She had struggled to accomplish her work suffering with daily fatigue and weakness. After Jesus’ healing, she is filled with the Holy Spirit and has much energy to work for God

One new couple attending the service decided to become members based on this inspirational experience. This work could not have happened without the pioneering work of our Blessed Central Families. Mrs. Kathy Sato and Mrs. Misayo Bien have loved and served Elder Paige for more than 2 years. This victory is a testimony to the value of True Father’s one family, one church program. ❖

God’s Blessing Flows in Seattle

by James Oberg

Another one-day seminar for clergy was held at the New Holly Neighborhood Campus on Aug. 2, 2003, Seattle, Washington. Success is beginning to take hold as the foundations made by Seattle brothers and sisters are coming to fruition. Rev. and Mrs. Hun Suk Lee, Regional Director for the Pacific Northwest, have poured their heart and soul into this region. With this seminar, the fruits of their efforts and love for God and True Parents are beginning to manifest through ministers accepting the revelation of Father Moon. Once again our powerful and loving



brother in Christ and Pacific Northwest Chairman of ACLC, Dr. H.G. McGhee from New York State, came as Keynote Speaker to grace the gathering of ministers with his moving

testimony of love for God and True Parents and the inspiring message, “Be Ye Therefore Perfect”.

With zeal and determination to bring God’s message of hope for mankind to an enraptured audience, Dr. McGhee’s voice was like thunder from Heaven, shaking the very foundations of our souls. Some of those in attendance, Rev. Leroy York of Evening

Star C.O.G.I.C., Rev. Donovan Rivers of Mt. Calvary of Faith Church, Rev. Debra Lajimodiere of Interfaith Community Church, Rev. William Johnson of House of Holiness Pentecostal, to name just a few, were alive with “Halleluiahs” and “Amens” from the outset of Dr. McGhee’s message.

Rev. Donald Ward Sr. of Daystar Baptist Church, who struggled with the message at the time of True Mother’s visit, was so inspired that he invited Dr. McGhee to preach at his church the next day. He is now very interested to



study Divine Principle and to become a member of ACLC. A powerful presentation on the Essential Points of Divine Principle was given by our own Rev. Eric Sylte of Seattle. Rev. Sylte invests all his heart in bringing together key points of Divine Principle, which were well received by all. In closing, Pastor Gerhard Wiesinger, Coordinator of ACLC Pacific Northwest, challenged ministers to seek diligently God’s Heart and direction to bring together the body of Christ to re-awaken the Christian Spirit and help to build the Pacific Northwest into a shining beacon of light and love for the rest of this nation. ❖

ACLC DC Welcomes Home Champions of Peace

The ACLC in Washington DC sponsored a lunch July 24, 2003 to welcome home the Interreligious Sports Peace Festival (ISPF) Silver Medallist Basketball Team representing Washington, DC and the USA. These are the remarks made by Father Adrien Bayo

W e the ministers, members and friends of Greater Washington American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) gather today to celebrate family, the community of the faithful, the community of men and woman of God, who are championing the spread of parental love beyond race, class and religion here in the Washington metro area.

Today because of such parental love extended to 14 young men through your contributions to help Pastor Greg Thomas be the best spiritual father in the south east section of Washington DC.

The ACLC stands with Pastor Thomas, Ed Crawford -Coach and the Silver Medallist basketball team that represented not just SE D.C. but the nations capitol and United Sates as a whole, in the World Culture Sports Festival / Inter religious Sports Peace festival held in South Korea from July 5 - July 15 2003. With Heavenly pride for our youth, we salute and congratulate you on this remarkable achievement on and off the basketball court.

The Bible tells us to bear fruit that will last, this is the fruit that will last; when we train up our young in the way of the Lord. When we raise the youth to belong and praise the youth for standing Strong on life's lasting values, true love that transcends space and time and embrace all humankind. Through Godly, association and healthy loving peace seeking competition with emphasis moral in Christ like responsibility. (True love)

Even when many thought they are wrong, they pushed on pressed pass the scorn.

Today we pray for our youth to forge on with vigor, strength and the joy of Christ love as we help channel their passion and compassion for life to overcome prejudice, pain and fear. As we raise a New

generation of Faith leaders, to continue to Rebuild the Family, Restore the community and help renew the nations of the world.

Again congratulations to

our Washington Champions for Peace for soaring high on eagles wings we dub you the ACLC Washington Youth Eagles. We love you and God, Jesus the Christ and True Parents Love you even more. ❖



New Hope Singers International 30th Anniversary

Washington Family Church - August 3, 2003

The New Hope Singers International choir was founded by True Parents in September 1973. The choir gathered in Washington on August 3 to celebrate its 30th anniversary.



Video Update: "Beyond The Cross: The Road To Victory In Jerusalem" Extended Version for Clergy Education

by Rev. Phillip Schanker

As promised, the video "BEYOND THE CROSS: The Road to Victory in Jerusalem," has been updated and developed for the purpose of educating ACLC clergy and testifying to new clergy about the movement to take down the cross. While the first version was made quickly, and focused upon True Parents for the May 31st celebration of the "True Day of All Things," the new version is more appropriate for clergy, and focuses upon the ACLC mission.

The new video is longer, about 20 minutes in length, and filled with educational excerpts from the Georgetown University symposium and the reconciliation conference in Jerusalem. It also contains more moving footage from the pilgrimage experience itself, as well as commentary from ACLC clergy. It is specifically designed to explain to Christian clergy the significance of taking down the cross and reconciling the children of Abraham. It should prove to be a respectable and effective witness to top Christian clergy about the heart and mission of ACLC.

The format is original quality VHS. And, for the first time, CD and DVD versions will soon be available:

VHS: \$12. for one, \$30. for three, \$50. for five, or \$7. each for ten or more copies.

Shipping is additional. Please contact Sheila Song by phone at (202) 319-3200, by fax at (202) 299-9496, or by Email at publicaffairs@familyfed.org. ❖

IN MEMORIAM

Homer Charles Boutte

Life, Death, and Seung Hwa Ceremony

Homer Charles Boutte, son of Alice and Thomas Boutte (part of the 74 Couples Blessing), died in a rock-climbing accident on June 11, 2003. He was born in the Bronx in New York City, May 2, 1982. He was named for the Home Church mission that my sister Alice was doing before the time of his birth. He lived almost a year in the Bronx, eight years in McLean, VA and moved to Keene Valley, NY at the age of 9. Keene Valley is a small village in the center of the Adirondack Mountains. It has always been our summer home and gathering place for relatives. He, Tierson, Cara, Christal, Jacob, and his parents went there to do the tribal messiah mission in 1991. He graduated from high school there in June 2000, part of a class of 18 students whom he had spent 10 years with in school. (This June 27 at the Keene High School graduation, the PTA announced that it had renamed its annual scholarship the Homer Boutte Award, “given to a senior in recognition of the qualities of character most treasured by members of the school community.”)

Homer’s character was always sympathetic to others, supportive, and serving. He especially loved plants, trees, animals and birds, and younger children, and he always enjoyed games and sports and was a real “team player.” (See attached article and obituary) He loved to plant seeds and watch them grow whether it was in his college dorm in a bucket or his room at home in the middle of winter. He liked taking photos of flowers, identifying trees, and observing animals and especially birds. He was enthusiastic about any church and family activities or outings. He made deep friendships in the village as well as with other blessed children. Homer was a loved counselor at Camp Sunrise and a participant in PLA 2000. He also went for a week with members of the Keene Valley Congregational Church to participate in a service project at an Indian reservation in South Dakota the day after he graduated from H.S. For his blessed cousins Adonia and Felicia Bratti, he was like an elder brother who encouraged their participation in church activities and service to the community.

After high school Homer decided to join STF and delay college. He stayed on STF from August 2000 to August 2002. He fundraised, participated in the We Will Stand campaign in numerous states and brought a spiritual child in Moscow, Russia where he worked with CARP for three months during his second year on STF. However, his health deteriorated in the spring of 2001. He struggled with a serious bladder infection, had trouble sleeping and keeping his mind focused on the task at hand. He went home for medical care and rest finally in May-June 2002, and recovered enough to insist that he wanted to join Service for Peace in Washington, D.C. This he did, went to a Blessing Candidates workshop and graduated from STF at UTS in August 2002.

Even during his rest time at home in May and June 2002 he took Hyun Jin Nim’s words to heart about the value of service and loving one’s family. He organ-

ized and completed three service projects in his town with the help of his two younger siblings and about 8 other kids whom he had gotten to sign up and volunteer for the projects through the school. He received a written letter of commendation from the town supervisor (like a mayor) for his volunteer work and inspiring other young people to do the same. However, physically, emotionally, and mentally, he was struggling to bring his inner and outer worlds into harmony, on the individual, family, tribal and church levels. He began study at the University of Bridgeport in September, 2002. But with the onset of symptoms from mental illness (or becoming too spiritually open as we would say) he had to leave in November. He spent the last seven months with his parents in Keene Valley.

Homer’s situation was borderline mental illness, so it was difficult to diagnose or know always how much care was needed. He was responsive to counseling, freely wrote in his journal, recorded his dreams, and took his medication responsibly every day. He took and finished a welding class and worked part-time in the village. Homer’s mental illness was not depression. He had too much faith to despair. It was more a case of disturbed, confused and intensified thoughts and dreams causing sleeplessness and extreme sensitivity to stimuli and people around him. He was happy to pray, do Hoon Dok Hae and participate and help with church activities, including helping with flower-selling in Albany for Easter and Mother’s Day and helping to relieve Traudl Byrne for a week-end at her sunglasses stand south of Albany. Plans were being made for him to go to Cheung Pyeung Hospital for treatment as soon as they were more fully staffed.

He always supported any outreach to Blessed Families and participation in providential activities. He was especially happy that Alice and Tierson (his older brother) could go to Korea in February, even though he couldn’t himself. Also he was happy for any meeting or visit with church members. He was always eager to support True Parents and never wavered in that role in spite of disappointments in family life, church leadership, or his own limitations.

Homer died when he fell from a high waterfall he was attempting to climb not far from his home in the early afternoon of June 11. He had apparently jogged there for a quick break before his work began at 2 p.m. Physical evidence from the local police investigation, as well as dreams from both a neighbor in town and a neighboring FFWPU member, and especially Homer’s own message to his family later through Beatriz Steeghs, testify to the fact that his death was accidental. He was simply seeking a beautiful place to commune peacefully with nature when he lost his footing and went very quickly to the spirit world. In his



message from spirit world Homer said he cried for a long time to be so suddenly separated from his family, but that he was comforted by Andrew and Shawn Byrne, who acted as guides, brother and father to him. He reassured his family that he was free and where he belonged and expressed deepest gratitude for his life and the love he received.

God had his reasons for calling Homer home at this time. We can’t understand them all, but a few things are evident. Homer’s death happened 40 days after his 21st birthday. He was the Bouttes’ second son and died on the second day of the 21-day condition for Blessed Families that Father requested us to do from June 10 – June 30. Also, he died the same day the first 240 Japanese sisters (out of the 2400 due to come) arrived in America to work with Christian ministers which was three days after Alice had offered, after three months of planning, a formal (bath, dinner and testimonial) thank-you to the Japanese sisters in her region for their years of sacrifice in America. Also, Homer’s Seung Hwa Ceremony was on June 14th, the same day that Father first approved the matches of the American second generation who will be attending the upcoming blessing in July.

Also, Homer kept a regular dream and reflections journal, discovered by his mother after his death. He frequently had dreams of Father and of Hyun Jin Nim and the second generation as well as of his hometown classmates and family. Three of his dreams have already come true. Perhaps more significant than his dream (Dec. 22, 2002) of his parents’ reunion with some of the earliest Japanese members in America (which began on Dec.28 at East Garden and culminated in the Sunday outing and dinner with the regional Japanese wives on June 8) was his dream about three days before he died which he reported verbally the same day to the Bouttes’ closest Family Federation neighbor, a blessed Korean sister, named Gong Shim An Mayr. He told her that he saw many people going back and forth between his town and Westport where the Mayrs live (in between is the town of Elizabethtown where Homer’s father works) and then after all this movement of people took place there was a gathering in our hometown of Keene Valley of all these people in some kind of “gathering or ceremony”. Homer did not report any other dream to this sister, only this one. He must have wondered quite a bit what it meant to have reported it to her. Mrs. Mayr remembered the dream during the prayer vigil time when she saw so many people coming from Westport and particularly from Elizabethtown where many of Thomas’ fellow workers and Alice’s friends traveled to participate in both the prayer vigil, travel home, and then come back again to Keene Valley for the Seung Hwa. When she saw how many people came to the Seung Hwa at the Congregational Church and had to stand

outside or in an adjoining room she began to feel that Homer had been given this dream and reported it before he died so that he and his family and church community could have greater faith that Heaven might have been preparing him to be an offering for its purposes in this world and perhaps really needed him in the spirit world more than on earth. Over these 40 days since Homer’s passing, this dream has indeed helped the family and church community to better accept that his death may be serving God’s purposes.

The Seung Hwa Ceremony, held June 14th at the Keene Valley Congregational Church, was a living testimony and celebration of Homer’s love, goodness, faith and sincerity. There was a tremendous outpouring of support from the town and the local church in Keene Valley as well as from the Albany and Red Hook Family Churches, CARP and STF members from Washington, D.C., Bridgeport and UTS and, of course, many family relatives and friends from all over the country. According to one of the older residents in the Valley it was the largest memorial service he had ever seen in his lifetime. Scores of people had to stand out on the lawn or in other rooms of the Church for the service. The local PTA (which, after two years of inactivity, had just gotten started up again with Alice’s presence and encouragement) provided, through coordinating the community’s desire to donate food, all the food, drinks and paper goods and organized, served for and cleaned up after the very large reception which followed at the family homestead after the burial. All of Homer’s classmates from high school attended, two of them as pallbearers. Homer’s Seung Hwa brought together the three faith communities of the Congregational Church, the Albany and Red Hook Family Churches, and the local Catholic Church. Clergy from all three faiths participated in the Seung Hwa Ceremony. The Bouttes had developed close relations with the local Congregational Church over the years by regular attendance and Alice’s role in developing the Christian Education program there, and with the Catholic church through promoting abstinence in the local school. All were graciously and warmly embraced by Farley Jones as the Master of Ceremonies. In addition to the Welcome and Benediction by the Congregational minister, Rev. Milton Dudley, Scripture readings by the Catholic priest, Fr. Alan Lamika and former STF leader, Mo Sook Park, there were Holy Songs and about 10 testimonies and tributes to Homer given, several spontaneously by people who knew him locally including a teacher, one of his coaches and a mother who read a poem she had “received” that morning about Homer. Thomas Boutte made wonderful concluding remarks thanking everyone for the support and food, and said that he hoped all religions would become one - or done away with altogether - because, after all, we are one family. No one, even the many non-believers present, could disagree with that!

Tierson, Homer’s older brother, testified at the Seung Hwa:

“Homer has a beautiful heart and he loves everyone of you. Homer’s so kind.

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Asako Kimura



The passing of Asako Kimura on February 11th, 2003 in Jackson Mississippi from a long sickness. Her Seung Hwa took place in Mobile Alabama on February 13th, 2003.

She was born on September 13th, 1920 in Yokohama City , Japan. She was the daughter of Senji and Koyuki Sato. She did have three sisters and one brother. She joined the Unification Church in 1965 in Nagoya, Japan. She was married to Kurazo Kimura and together were blessed in 1976 in Seoul, Korea. She worked as a house wife. She has raised up her daughter Fumiko Demura who is in Business mission with her husband Tomio Demura.

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The story of Asako Kimura is filled with sacrifice and obedience. She was a model, she has donated every thing the Church needed in her City of Japan, from food to materials and money. She sold even the Family house in Japan in order to pay for Church debts. When she came to America in 1996, She donated the

whole money she had to start the restaurant business. two month after her arrival, her husband Kurazo Kimura went to the Spirit World.

When she was healthy, every time she attended True Parents, she did every thing to be shoulder to shoulder with True Parents. She got many pictures souvenirs with True Parents. For those who knew her, sick-

Tortured in the Orchard

by Jon Wason—La Crescent, WI

live in La Crescent, the Apple Capital of Minnesota. The limestone bluffs rising from the banks of the Mississippi River create an ideal location for growing apples. Rows of fruit trees are snuggled into valleys, protected from hail storms, damaging winds and early frost. Orchards cover entire hillsides.

In the autumn, workers come to harvest the fruit. Apple picking is hard work. Not only is it draining physically but it can be a workout for the spirit, too. A person needs to get psyched up and keep a positive attitude to be a good apple picker.

My friend Tim got a job as an apple picker, but he lasted less than a day. The reason was his pessimistic think-

ing.

Tim was using a half-bushel picking sack. The apple picker fills the sack with apples and empties them into a wooden bin which holds 20 bushels. It takes approximately 40 bags to fill the bin. The worker is paid by the number of bins filled.

That morning, as Tim started working, he kept looking at the bin. It looked so huge. It looked so empty. He picked a few apples and put them in his bag, while glancing at the box and pondering its great size.

When Tim's bag was finally full, he emptied it into the box. The sound of apples thudding on wood echoed inside the empty bin.

Tim figured if he did that 39 more times the bin would be filled. He felt discouraged, but kept toiling away. He was thirsty and sweaty. Bugs were biting him as he reached for more apples and twisted them off the tree.

One more bag filled and dumped into the big. It still looked empty.

The shade under a large apple tree in the next row looked appealing, so

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He loves children and he loves animals. And his heart reaches so much further than I was able to see while he was here. A few times I was trying to convince Homer that there were other things he needed to pursue in life, you know, 'cause I cared about Homer and was worried about him a little bit. But Homer knew I was wrong all along. Homer was stubborn and pursued his own dreams. And his dreams were far deeper than most any of us really reach. Homer reached further than me and he reached further than all of you. And I love my brother and I'll keep him right here forever."

Also, Homer's best childhood friend and classmate for 10 years, Asa Thomas-Train, after sharing warm and humorous memories, said:

"Homer is always too deep a person, wonderful and ever mysterious in too many ways to even begin to describe the things he taught me.....I remember you going on and on about how much you loved trees. The life you lived and nothing less is the best lesson you could have taught any of us. I hope as I grow older and wiser I can better learn to see the world as you did. Because it seemed that to you it was always a beautiful world and everything in it was deserving of the utmost love and respect. I hope now you can wander in peace as you always did through endless groves of the most beautiful of the trees you loved so much. But come back and visit us often and keep sharing your wisdom or we will not be able to bear the loss of you. Thank you, Homer....Rest easy."

Susumu Kotegawa, the University of Bridgeport CARP leader, who knew Homer

for about two months while he was at UB last fall said:

"Homer was a young man of unified and harmonized culture. In Japan there are two most important virtues: 1) loyalty and filial piety to Heaven, elders, youngers and leaders as a vertical virtue and 2) harmony and friendliness as a horizontal virtue. In Homer we can see these two virtues together, representing unity between East and West. Homer had a lot of Japanese friends. Oriental people felt comfortable with him. One final thing I want to mention is that Homer had another special gift. He could feel the spirit. Many times when we walked around together on the street, Homer told me, "Susumu-san, I see this person is struggling. Should I do something for him, or for her?" He can feel it. He can feel people's heart and spirit. He had unified culture, not only between East and West, vertical and horizontal, loyalty and friendship but he can be a bridge between spirit and earth. Thank you, Homer, for showing us the way. Thank you, Homer, for providing us with these important virtues. He was a young man of loving the world. He's a young man of harmonized and unified culture."

Betsy Jones, the region's elder sister from Albany, who counseled Homer in the last few months, also testified about her experience sharing and praying with Homer:

"Because of our bond of love with Homer, all of us, we feel like one family – everyone coming together, bringing food, sharing love for Homer. He's like a common bond for all of us. And this is what Homer desired so much to see – no separation between his community, no separation with his family, with his neighbors and friends, with his own church community. He loved us all so much.

And what happened in the last few days with all the outpouring from all of you about Homer is truly the fulfillment of his life, of his deepest heart. He takes everyone's love with him into the eternal world. And therefore he becomes like a tangible link to that world because of his golden heart..... I believe he is in a glorious place with God, with Jesus and the great saints.....He suffered a kind of loneliness, I believe, because he felt called to be a defender of truth, a defender of God.....He was desperate to give back to others but sometimes he felt inadequate. One time he said, "I feel responsible to change the world, to make a difference with my life. I want to witness. I want to speak about God, yet I'm not a great person yet."...

"Sometimes during our discussions we would end with a prayer. When it was his turn to pray I often felt moved to tears by his prayers, touched to the point of sobbing. And I thought I was supposed to be the counselor but it didn't look like that, at that moment. They were kind of joyful tears to find such a beautiful spirit, a beauty in his smile amidst his struggle. I wanted to bow in humility to him for manifesting such a great heart, for becoming such a true man as that.....So although we all wished for him a longer life, let us join with God in prayer and action for the fulfillment of His and Homer's deepest desires for his life."

For many in Alice's and my hometown, it was their first contact with our church Family members and their heart and spirit. Many relatives and local residents said that it was the most beautiful service they had ever been to. They were really touched by the deep heart, faith and support that our spiritual Family gave to everyone. Homer was buried at the Norton Cemetery in the Cheney family

ness did not take away her heart of love, when she could not walk anymore, she requested to see every blessed child born in Mississippi. She taught all of us a good example in tithing , she did give always her tithes until her last breath even when she could not pay for her medications.

She was even very obedient to her own daughter Fumiko Demura, she never rejected her daughter opinion no matter what.

Go in peace "Obatcha", we will always be thinking of you.

Reverend Hubert Mahoungou, Jackson, Mississippi. ❖

Tim sat down and started thinking about the situation. The orchard pays workers for the number of bins filled. He had no bins filled. He figured he was getting nowhere.

By then he was so discouraged he decided to eat his lunch. As he bit into a salami sandwich he looked at the big bin once more. It seemed it would take forever to fill it.

A sad Tim stood up and started to pick some more apples. When the bag was full again he emptied it into the bin. It looked so empty. Apples didn't even cover the bottom.

Tim took off his picking sack, walked down the hill, got in his car and drove home.

A negative attitude is dangerous for an apple picker. ❖

plot at the conclusion of the Won Jeon ceremony, conducted by Rev. David Carlson, pastor of Red Hook Family Church.

Many people testified to Homer's gentle and kind character as well as offered prayers, support, flowers, gifts, and food – all of which was deeply appreciated by the family. In memory of Homer, his sister, Christal, along with his brother, Jacob's help, has since organized another set of community service projects, as Homer had done last June, which were successfully completed on this July 14 along with about 8-10 local kids, four parents and the town supervisor who wanted to volunteer in Homer's memory as well. Other service projects are being planned in his memory by his two siblings who are still at home this summer.

I believe God had His reasons for allowing Homer's death at this time and it's important for all of us to offer him up with gratitude for the victories of faith and heart he won as a blessed child, as well as repentance for the suffering he endured trying to harmonize with this still stressful and divided world. Please keep the Boutte family in your prayers and honor the memory of Homer, who sincerely and quietly lived, loved, and suffered for God and True Parents as well as for his family, his hometown and for the second generation.

Note: The Boutte family and the Second Generation Office would like to collect reminiscences of Homer to create a Web site or other form of memorial. Please send your reflections of being a team mate on STF or other memories of Homer to Matthew Jones at: mattyj777@yahoo.com or the Boutte family at: boutte@kvvi.net. Mailing address: Bouttes is P.O Box 525, Dunham Lane, Keene Valley, NY 12943

Mary Cheney Bratti (Homer's Aunt)❖

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The sanctification of families through International Marriage Blessings was the third prong in the movement's program for world peace and unification. Sanctification within the Christian tradition referred primarily to the transformation or perfection of individuals. However, Unificationists understood that a whole new historical epoch had begun in which there had occurred a fundamental shift in the order of salvation from the individual to the family. Therefore, the movement's understanding of sanctification related mainly to the family and family formation. The gateway to the sanctification process was the Blessing which became a major point of emphasis for the movement during the middle and late 1990s.

Sanctification was an important complement to movement-sponsored dialogues and reconciliation efforts. The first two prongs in its program for world peace and unification essentially dealt with conflict-resolution. The third prong, the sanctification of families through the Blessing, was understood to eliminate the root cause of human conflict and division. In essence, it was a process through which men and women came into union with one another, engrafted into the True Parents, reconciled with God, and thereby reconstituted themselves as a new humanity. In this process, there were important internal and external components. Internally, the Blessing was understood to cleanse couples and their future progeny from the taint of original sin. Externally, blessed couples were to exemplify world peace and unification. The movement encouraged international, intercultural and interracial matches in large International Marriage ceremonies dedicated to "World Peace Through Ideal Families."

Prior to the beginning of the Completed Testament Age, the Blessing was a narrow gate. It was restricted almost exclusively to Unification Church members. However, the situation changed dramatically after 1993. The essential difference was that the Blessing became open, and Rev. Moon stated his intention of blessing hundreds of thousands and even hundreds of millions of couples before the year 2000. This shift and the accompanying goals were the result of altered circumstances. The collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union as well as the movement's access to communist leaders and breakthroughs in both communist and post-communist worlds were all crucial. However, Rev. and Mrs. Moon's public declarations of True Parents, messiahship, and the Completed Testament Age were equally important. As a consequence, Rev. Moon had every expectation that a new messianic age was about to dawn. The most visible sign of this was what members came to call the globalization of the Blessing.

The globalization process affected movement practices and eventually members' thinking about the Blessing. Prior to the CTA, members endured lengthy preparation periods that extended from the time they joined the movement until they were blessed. During this time, they were strictly celibate and fulfilled regular membership duties as well as special conditions associated with the Blessing, such as bringing three new converts and completing a seven-day fast. All were "matched" by Rev. Moon and required official permission to "start their families." A major departure after 1993 was that these conditions did not apply to the overwhelming majority of those being blessed. The reason for this was simple. They were not Unification Church members. For most of these couples, there was no formal preparation at all. In most cases, the Blessing came as suddenly as a knock on the door. In fact, as the numerical totals climbed into the millions, the majority had

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where according to accepted formulae. However, there also were adaptations and eventually innovations that bore only a faint resemblance to the original tradition. Some couples refused wine. In these cases, members distributed grape juice referred to as "holy nectar." Others had compunctions about accepting drinks from strangers. In these instances, it was sometimes maintained that sniffing the wine or dipping one's finger into a cup was sufficient. Once again, as numbers accelerated into the millions, enterprising members distributed holy "lemonade" to thirsty beachgoers or downtown pedestrians, usually with little or no explanation of its benefits. Others distributed holy candy with printed blessing affirmations.

Globalization, in effect, resulted in the spiritualization and democratization of the Blessing. Whereas eligibility had been interpreted previously in literal and

only the most limited and rudimentary understanding of the Blessing if, indeed, they understood that they were blessed at all.

There also were departures from basic ritual practices. For most Unificationists, the Holy Wine Ceremony was the centerpiece of the Blessing. It signified the cleansing of original sin, or in Unification terms, the "change of blood lineage." As far as possible, members preserved the integrity of this ceremony. They offered holy wine in living rooms, on beaches, at county fairs and else-

ment's first avowedly open Blessing. In 1992, forty-three Muslims and twenty-eight long-time contacts from seven different religious traditions participated in two Blessing ceremonies. However, their presence was not widely publicized. This time, the movement made a public commitment to transcend religious and denominational distinctions. Apart from this, there were practical reasons for reaching out to already married couples from diverse backgrounds. The 30,000 Couple Blessing conducted at the First World Culture and Sports Festival in 1992 was challenging but within reach as there were enough blessing candidates among the membership to meet the goal. There were not enough member candidates to make up the 360,000 Couple Blessing. As a consequence, the movement moved into uncharted territory.

Rev. Moon's initial strategy for accomplishing the 360,000 Couple Blessing was to have all of the 30,000 Blessing couples bring twelve additional couples each. He soon supplemented this with the direction that all members bring twelve couples. In addition, the movement undertook high level witnessing among the many contacts established through the "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age" world tours. There also were hopes that many in the various federations for world peace and among the 4,000 American women matched with Japanese counterparts in sisterhood ceremonies would either participate directly or aid the cause. Finally, the movement cultivated contacts among religious leaders, particularly among independent African-based churches, ICC ministers who had previously gone to Korea, and representatives of non-Christian faiths who had attended one or more of IRF's or IRFWP's interreligious conferences.

There were breakthrough encounters with leaders of the Nigerian Celestial Church of Christ and the Cherubim and Seraphim movement, also Nigerian-based. There also were breakthroughs with representatives of the world's religions based on the movement's nearly two decades of interreligious activity. In late 1994, the movement's International Religious Foundation (IRF) produced a Blessing video, "World Peace Through Ideal Families," hundreds of which were made available; an attractive Blessing brochure, "Marriage, Family and World Peace," thousands of which were distributed worldwide; an educational manual, "Introducing the Blessing to Members of Other Faiths" which was distributed to movement leaders and missionaries; and a lecture slide program, "The Loving Family and World Peace." From December 1994, IRF leaders gave forty-three VIP Blessing education seminars in eighteen countries. Six months later, Dr. Frank Kaufmann reported, "several hundred social and religious leaders, and more than 100,000 couples from the world's religions have signed up for the Blessing."

With an event of this magnitude, there obviously were innumerable glitches and problems. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, who had overall organizational responsibility, commented, "Anything you can imagine happened at the blessing." He noted, "Bridegrooms and brides came to the organizers right before the start of the ceremony saying they could not find their spouses." Despite the Korean rainy season and typhoon-like conditions and flooding in the days leading up to the event, there were no accidents with vehicles, including the hundreds of chartered busses bringing participants to the stadium. Members also counted it a miracle that the rains stopped just prior to the ceremony and resumed again afterwards.

Rev. Pak reported other "amazing miracles" throughout the world. In the Ivory Coast the transmission company restored a connection at the last moment despite the country's "terrible track record of not paying for satellite service." Two weeks before the Blessing, through



During the mid-'90s the Blessings expanded to local ceremonies at Christian Churches all across America

legal terms, the movement now incorporated symbolic content and a more accentuated theology of grace. There was significantly more emphasis placed on benefits available through "the merit of the age." The grace of the Blessing was understood to accrue to people regardless of their effort or even their awareness. Rev. Moon stated that those born after the True Parents' Holy Matrimony in 1960 were already blessed. He later extended the period to include those born after he began his public ministry in 1945. Given this understanding, excessive preoccupation with ritual or legalistic niceties was clearly misplaced. At the same time, continental leaders, tribal messiahs and eventually ordinary members were empowered to bless couples. This led to further experimentation and innovation.

Blessing '95

Rev. and Mrs. Moon officiated at an International Holy Wedding for 360,000 couples on August 25, 1995. The main site was at Seoul Olympic Stadium where 36,000 Couples and additional onlookers gathered. The remaining couples were simultaneously linked to the main ceremony at more than 500 satellite locations in 160 nations throughout the world. This was the move-

The Globalization

of the Blessing

the work of a former President, Mali “[q]uickly...offered 15,000 couples.” In Brazil, “on the eve of the blessing all the participants put on their ceremonial gowns and paraded in cars on the streets of Sao Paulo” with local media inflating the blessing total to 400,000 couples! In Papua, New Guinea, the satellite broadcast was carried on prime-time national television, and in Taiwan, the head of the Cultural Revival Association, a government organization seeking to restore traditional moral and family values, “sent out a personally-endorsed government notice to 5,000 heads of district and local organizations encouraging participation in the blessing.” As a result, two city stadiums were prepared and “nearly 10,000 couples were blessed.”

Apart from its work with VIPs, the American movement did not play a major role in the 360,000 Couple Blessing, particularly at the grassroots level. A number of staff and blessing candidates from among the membership traveled to Korea to support or participate in the main ceremony. Other couples took part in the “satellite blessing” at various locations. However, the locales and precise numbers were unclear. The *Unification News* published “partial” lists of couples blessed in Korea and by satellite which approached 1,000. Even if these lists represented only one-tenth of the actual total, the U.S. would have fallen well short of its national goal of 40,000 couples.

Blessing '97

Blessing '97 presented a different set of circumstances and confronted the American movement far more directly. Previously, members had assumed that Korea, as the birthplace and holy land not only of Unification faith but of an expected new global culture, would be the site of all future World Culture and Sports Festivals and International Blessings. After the completion of Blessing '95, many were surprised when it was announced that the Third World Culture and Sports Festival and the main ceremony for an International Holy Wedding of 3.6 Million Couples would be held in Washington, D.C. at RFK Stadium on November 29, 1997.

The rationale for the decision to hold Blessing '97 in the U.S. was not entirely clear. There was a sense that Rev. Moon wanted the next Blessing to have a more substantial global impact, particularly in terms of media coverage. Although Korea was regarded as the future center of world civilization, that was not the case at present. In this respect, the U.S. offered intriguing possibilities. Rev. Moon's attention already had been drawn to South America as an alternative starting point for a new global culture. It may have been that he wanted to draw upon the resources of the entire Americas. Or it may have been that he simply wanted a more substantial return on his investment in the American movement. There also was evidence that Rev. Moon relished a challenge. Having been there and done that in Korea, he may have wanted to test the movement's mettle in the capitol of the world's only remaining superpower.

Whatever the reasoning process, the American movement was left with responsibility to spearhead Blessing '97. This would be a time of testing for the membership. There were ongoing anxieties, frustration, despair and agony over lacking or slow results, dramatic shifts of strategy, significant breakthroughs, and eventual vindication. In the end, members learned an important lesson about the Completed Testament Age. It was about members, themselves, taking responsibility. As early as 1980, Rev. Moon proclaimed that the era of the leader-centered movement had ended and

that of the member-centered movement had begun. It took most members more than a decade and a half to realize and experience the meaning of that proclamation. Even then, it was a lesson easy to forget and one that required continual reinforcement. Once the 3.6 Million Couple Blessing total had been attained, an event which he sealed with the blessing in marriage of his two youngest sons, Rev. Moon proclaimed the “Era of the Fourth Adam.” Although once again there was ambiguity about the precise meaning of the proclamation, essentially it indicated that the mission of the



Third Adam, the Lord of the Second Advent, was complete and that humankind as a whole, the Fourth Adam, was ready to inherit their birthright.

However, this all lay in the future. The immediate concern was how to prepare for Blessing '97. Initially, the American movement attempted to work from its perceived strengths. The leadership believed that the movement's major asset lay in its ability to mobilize elites. Literally thousands of scholars, religious leaders, media professionals and civic officials had attended conferences or lent their support in one or another way since the late 1970s. Therefore, it was logical that the movement should start from them in mobilizing support for Blessing '97.

For Blessing '97, Christian ministers were the specific targeted elite. The movement had been quite successful in mobilizing thousands of them to Korea during the late 1980s. The assumption was that not only ministers but their entire congregations could be mobilized for the Blessing. To that end, the movement sponsored three-day, expenses-paid “Empowering Christianity Through True Family Values” seminars at the Sheraton National Hotel in suburban Washington, D.C.

weekly between June and December, 1996. Several seminar sessions were based on Rev. Joong Hyun Pak and Dr. Andrew Wilson's book *True Family Values* (1996), a text that presented the movement's teaching on marriage and family as a faith-based message “addressing issues faced by individuals and in today's society.” Dr. Tyler Hendricks, President of the Unification Church in America, led a team that adapted the text into workbooks of the “fill-in-the-blanks” type which were completed by participants. The movement's top lecturers from the earlier ICC Minister Conferences also spoke.

The seminar series was remarkably successful. More than 4,500 clergy and religious leaders from all regions of the country and virtually every religious denomination attended. A large number expressed interest in the Blessing. Some indicated that they might like to hold a blessing in their church. This was consistent with Rev. Joong Hyun Pak's “Five-stage strategy” for success at RFK.

These stages included the:

- True Family Values education of ministers;
- education of members to become True Family Values presenters;
- teaching of True Family Values in churches;
- giving of pre-Blessings at True Family Value Festivals; and
- bringing of pre-Blessed couples to the main Blessing event.

The major innovation in this formula was the concept of pre-Blessings and pre-Blessed couples. Basically, this meant movement leaders began to conduct Blessings, with all the ceremonial components, on behalf of Rev. and Mrs. Moon. The only missing element was True Parent's prayer of consecration which would be given November 29th at RFK Stadium.

In December 1996 and January 1997, the movement conducted seventeen True Family Values Festivals in thirteen North American cities. These resulted in eighty pre-Blessings or an average of slightly more than four at each. This level of result continued through February and March 1997 at which point the movement had held 50 True Family Festivals nationwide and pre-Blessed 200 couples, still an average of four per festival. It was encouraging that the first round of pre-Blessings in December and January included thirty Christian ministers, two Muslim imams, and three Native American chiefs. By mid-March, the total of 200 included 85 ministers. However, there was little evidence that ministers were bringing their con-

gregations. There were two main reasons for this. First, while ministers might be open to the promptings of the spirit, congregations and review boards tended to be more conservative or at least less adventuresome. Second, the True Family Values Festivals format was too unwieldy. It simply was expecting too much that ministers and their congregations sit through several hours or even a full day of True Family Values lectures, then change their attire and mindsets to be pre-Blessed.

While there may have been some limitations of strategy, the more serious problem was that the UC membership had not yet caught the spirit. In an important speech, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak emphasized that members, like the early Christians, needed to make the transition “from Disciple to Apostle.” Pentecost was the “turning point” in this shift for early Christians. Unfortunately, the general membership had not yet experienced pentecost. Some were intimidated by the prospect of facing ministers and congregations. Others, having barely been exposed to the True Family Values material, were equally intimidated by the prospect of having to lecture it. ❖

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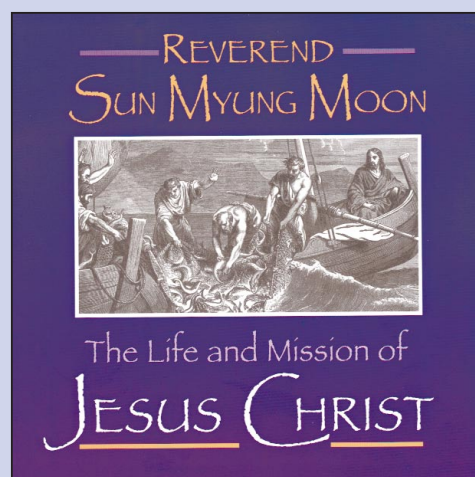
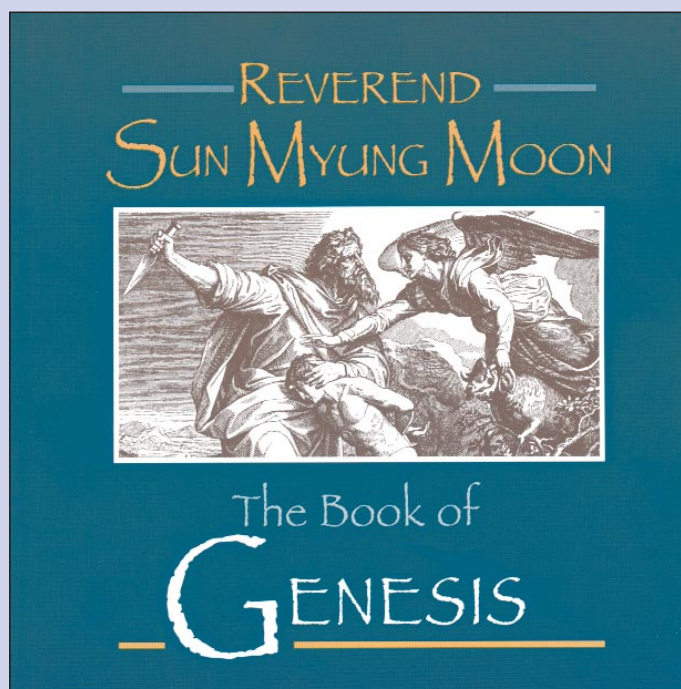
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