

UTS - TWENTY-EIGHTH COMMENCEMENT



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In Korea, True Parents continue to offer their sincere devotion for the complete settlement of God's fatherland and the Peace Kingdom. In particular, they are devoting themselves to building up a new tradition of the Ahn Shi Il Day of the Attendance of Safe Settlement, which will come every 8 days after May 5. On May 5, 2004, Father proclaimed the Ssang Hap Sip Seung Il, which was the first Ahn Shi Il. On the second Ahn Shi Il, Father held the "Rally for the Harmony and Unification of Yeongnam and Ho-nam Regions" at the Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu, where 4,300 people gathered. On the third Ahn Shi Il, Father held the "Declaration Rally for Absolute Value for the Sake of Harmony and Unification" at the Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu. Then, 15,000 people attended this rally. A brief summary of these events follows.



May 5

Father proclaimed the "Ssang Hap Sip Seung Il" on the first Ahn Shi Il at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu. The meaning of this day is that "The vertical 5 for the month of May and the horizontal 5 of the 5th day come together, and become 10 on this day." Ssang Hap Sip Seung Il is the day when good restores this world which began from evil, and when the era of the evil satanic kingdom is cleansed and the era of the kingdom centering on true love is restored. God has prevailed over all things of the "era before heaven" (Seon Cheon Shilae) which began from the fall. We can now begin in the "era after the coming of heaven" (Hoo Cheon Shilae). Ssang Hap Sip Seung Il is the day when the "era before heaven" and the "era after the coming of heaven" are combined. On this day of May 5, the era changed from the "era before heaven" to the "era after the com-

ing of heaven." Originally, centering on Jesus, the "era before Jesus (B.C.)" and the "era after Jesus (A.D.)" should have combined; but Jesus was crucified, and it was not fulfilled. True Parents stand in the position to restore this through indemnity.

May 13

Father held the "Rally for the Harmony and Unification of Yeongnam and Ho-nam" (2 provinces in Korea) on May 13, the second Ahn Shi Il. Yeongnam is another name of Keongsang-do, and Ho-nam is another name of Cheolrado. Historically, the relationship between Keongsang-do and Cheolrado has not been good. People of each region have hated each other. The rally started with 4,300 members from Yeongnam and Ho-nam regions. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak read messages from the spirit world and then gave a lecture about the way of unification of Yeongnam and Ho-nam regions and the unification of North and South Korea. Father gave a speech titled "What is the Origin of Unification and Harmony?" saying, "The origin (God) is the treasure which never changes for tens of thousands of years. If it is visible,

people will struggle with each other in order to get it. If Yeongnam and Ho-nam try to unite with each other by themselves, it is difficult; but True Parents, the savior, the Messiah, can help make them unite with each other; it is possible. Everything will be solved in this way."

May 21

True Parents hosted the "Declaration Rally for Absolute Values for the Sake of Harmony and Unification," which was held on the third Ahn Shi Il in Yeosu, with a gathering of 15,000 participants. On a very beautiful and shiny day, Father spoke to the people with the title "Declaration of the Absolute Values for the Sake of Harmony and Peace." He said, "We have to complete the family with true love by which we can sacrifice and devote ourselves for the sake of others, and with the absolute value that we can become the owner of love only with my object partner. Then we need to extend the family to the level of society, nation, and cosmos. This is the core thought of the ideal kingdom in the 'era after the coming of heaven' (Hoo Cheon Shilae). So, we cannot live just freely as we like."



With this providential start True Parents declared the "elimination of the Cain-Abel era" and have been setting conditions in Yeosu and laying a foundation for kicking off the traditions of the new world of God's sovereignty in the era after the coming of heaven.

The main points that Father made during hoondokhae ses-

S E P T E M B E R

Ahn Shi Il • 2nd, 10th, 18th, 26th

- 1 Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)
- 2 In Jin Nim's Birthday (7/18/65)
- 3 Hwa Jung Nim's Birthday (7/19/77)
- 6 Young Jin Nim & Hwa Jung Nim's Blessing (1997)
Hyung Jin Nim & Yeon Ah Nim's Blessing (1997)
- 8 Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)
99.9 Jeol: Heaven and Earth Unification and Liberation Ceremony (1999)
- 10 3.10 Jeol (1999)
- 14 Shin Ji Nim's Birthday (7/30/94)
Interrreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony (2002)
- 15 Hye Shin Nim's Ascension (1971)
Shin Joong Nim's Birthday (8/2/93)
New Hope Singers International Established (1973)
- 18 Foundation Day (1976)
Ultimas Noticias Established (1981)
- 19 Hyung Jin Nim's Birthday (8/6/79)
- 27 Day of Dispensational Transition Point Toward Unification (1988)
- 28 Soon Ju Nim's Birthday (8/15/72)
Chusok — Korean Thanksgiving (8/15)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

J U L Y

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 1 Chil Il Jeol: Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (1991)
Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)
2075 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 3 Interreligious International Blessing Ceremony (2002)

C A L E N D A R

- 4 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
- 13 Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)
- 15 Shin Kwang Nim's Birthday (5/28/01)
- 18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim's Blessing (1973)
- 24 124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
- 26 Youth Federation for World Peace Inauguration (1994)
- 27 Hye Jin Nim's Birthday (1964)
Shin Ha Nim's Birthday (6/11/98)
- 30 Kook Jin Nim's Birthday (6/14/70)
- 31 Sun Jin Nim's Birthday (6/15/76)

A U G U S T

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 1 Hee Jin Nim's Ascension (1969)
Day of Returning to the Home Country (1993)
- 4 Hye Jin Nim's Ascension (1964)
- 7 Unification Theological Institute (1971)
- 16 Il Sung Il: Total Victory Day (1985)
- 17 Declaration Day Jeon-ban & Jeon-neung (1999)
- 20 Declaration of the Providential Age of Salvation by Love (1989)
- 22 Chil Pal Jeol: Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth (7/7/97)
- 25 30,000 Couples' Blessing (1992)
360,000 Couples' Blessing (1995)
- 27 Shin Goon Nim's Birthday (7/12/83)
Shin Kwon Nim's Birthday (7/12/89)
- 28 Federation for World Peace (1991)
- 31 Pal Jong Shik: Day of the Settlement of 8 Stages (1989)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Hyo Jin Nim's, Un Jin Nim's, Yun Ah Nim's and Shin Choon Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2004. Dong Sook Nim's birthdate (1/30) and Shin Ji Nim's birthday (7/30) does not exist in the 2004 lunar calendar; as with other leap days, it is celebrated the following day (as listed above). Every attempt has been made to create an accurate calendar, and I'd like to keep it that way. If there are discrepancies, please feel free to contact me. A lot of work and effort goes into this calendar's creation (annually for the past ten years)—including learning Japanese to be able to read an accurate lunar-solar calendar source, and gaining an understanding of the workings of the lunar calendar—Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

True Parents' Life in Korea

sions in June can be summarized as follows: First, the sexual organ is the palace of love. Second, the mind precedes the body and is eternal. Third, he emphasized the importance of the blood lineage.

On each Ahn Shi Il, pledge service was held with all the Korean leaders from providential organizations. On July 6th, Father explained the purpose of his stay and conditions in Yeosu. He said that the eighty-day period until July 16th is the time for writing the introduction to the great transition, which is connected to the establishment of Ahn Shi Il, which goes beyond the number eight. Father stated that by fulfilling and eighty-five-day period (symbolizing Father's age of 85 years) until July 21st, he was offering a condition to dissolve everything that may obstruct the start of the number eight.

From June 7th, a three-day special gathering for Korean leaders was held at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu. In a speech that he gave, Rev. Sun Jo Hwang stated, "2004 is proceeding through providential situations that are different from the previous age." He went on to explain four major changes that True Parents had recently initiated—the designation of Cheon Seong Gyeong (Holy Scriptures of Heaven), the establishment of the laws of Ahn Shi Il, the perfection of the Family Pledge, and the declaration of the era of being completely free.

During the hoondokhae on June 17th, Father spoke anew about the returning number (10) saying, "Since the number 1 is the number of a new start and the number 10 is the number of return for a new start centering on the number 10 of Ssang Hab Sib Seung Il, if we failed at the number 1, we can return (to the original point) at the number 10; if we failed at the number 10 we can return at the number 100 through ten-fold hardships. The Day of the Victory of the Number Ten as the Combination of Two Parts is the day when the Cosmic Parent, the Parent of Heaven and Earth, and the Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind grasps the era before heaven with his left hand and grabs the era after the coming of heaven with his right and makes sets on the proper course that which had rotated in reverse. If this goes around in one circle, the tail from the past becomes the head of a new age, and the head of the satanic world becomes the tail in the new age."

The celebration for the 42nd Day of All True Things was held the next day (June 18th). After pledge service Father said, "We have inherited the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven, the world after the coming of heaven. I pray that you will become flag bearers and representatives who can establish the honor and dignity of owners and heirs, and this I offer before Heaven, along with the 42nd anniversary for the Day of All Things in this new era after the coming of heaven. Amen." Father had the audience repeat all of that after him.

June 9

Some 400 leaders from around Korea gathered at the hall of the training center by Blue Sea Garden for morning hoondokhae. True Parents entered the hall at 4:52 and sat down in the chairs prepared on the platform. After participants offered their bows to True Parents, Won-ju McDevitt began to read from the book "Heung-jin Moon: Commander in Chief of Heaven". 40 minutes into the hoondokhae father began to speak to the audience:

"You must understand these things. Spirit world was turned upside down and now must be turned right-side up and overhauled. Your responsibility is to overhaul that which was turned upside down. Heung-jin straightened out the things that were reversed in spirit world. You who are on earth must return everything that was upside down back to the position of the parent centered on man with the Cosmic Parents, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Mankind.



they must be absolutely obedient to Heung-jin and be absolutely obedient to Father. Thus, they can remove themselves from the position of having opposed the son and God and or the first time our ancestors can receive the blessing. No longer are they in the position of the archangel. The archangel can gain the right of ownership which he did not possess before, and can be connected to the spirit world through the family of the Abel-type True Parents on earth.



"The incorporeal God was the center of the cosmos. He was to settle down centering on the substantial family of love in a substantial body. So the family stands on the foundation of the position representing man who possesses intellect, emotion and will, and also around the values of truth, goodness and beauty. The fruit of truth, goodness and beauty, and the fruit of intellect, emotion and will constitute the family. But spirit world and physical world did not pass above the foundation of the family, so through

you, the elder brother, the elder brother can come down to the earth, and the archangel can reverse that which was in the position of the elder brother, and the position of Cain. By serving in the position of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience the spirit world can make itself right.

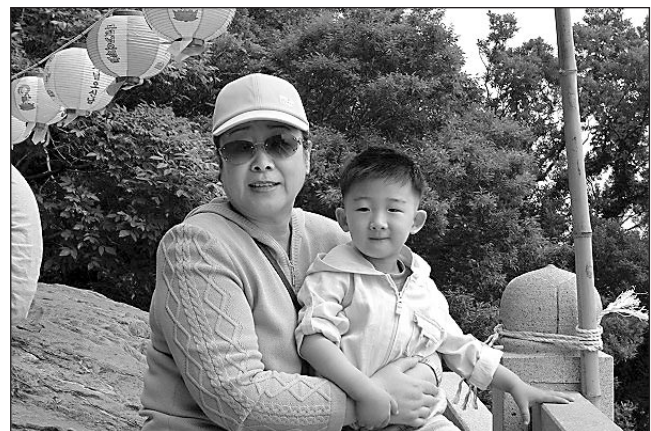
"The fact that you who are on this earth did not receive the blessing within the satanic world means that the position of Cain has found itself in the position of the younger brother of the blessed family of Abel. With this the realm of Adam's family centered on God is unrelated to the fall. "The archangel does not need the blessing" should be put on hold. The archangel should safeguard the whole of humanity like how he safeguarded Adam's family, and graft into the realm of the family of True Parents. He carries this out in the heaven and earth in your stead, this becoming a position of unity between Cain and Abel. That is why the time has come for the era of Cain to disappear.

"When did I announce the elimination of the era of Cain and Abel? Since I eliminated the realm of Cain the archangels must be absolutely obedient before Adam, spiritually

"Finally the realm of the archangel in spirit world can have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience which the archangel did not have before. Thus the archangel can come down and in the position of the younger sibling he can engraft to the spirit and body of the parents and the children of the parents and stand atop the foundation of the kingship on earth. This time of overcoming this standard, this time of struggle is the time of the construction of the Peace UN and time of going into God's fatherland and the era of the peace kingdom. You must know that the kingdom of heaven on earth has already begun. Do you understand? [Yes!] This must not be vague to you. If you go to spirit world without knowing these things you will not be in alignment."

True Father then explained that all members must bring their brothers and tribe to the blessing, even if they have to use force. Father said that we must transfer our ownership to the church, and that tongbang kyokpa must be completed without fail.

In the morning Father went out to sea with Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, Kim Boo-tae, and Kwak Hee-gu. Father



left even before those leaders who were supposed to join him could prepare. That day Father caught a 65-cm muller and returned before noon. In

the afternoon he told the other leaders to go out and fish. Father then spent time with Ye-jin nim who had come down from Seoul.

The leaders who went out to rock-fish in the day returned in the evening for a meeting where they shared best practices in the hoondok church activities in the town, rural district and block.

June 30

On June 30, the eighth Ahn Shi Il pledge service and hoondokhae was held at the assembly hall in the training center at Blue Sea Garden with some 600 members—who included 430 FFWPU leaders, elder church members, leaders of providential organizations, and core members from Japan.

After entering the hall, True Parents, Hyung-jin nim, Yeon-ah nim and the True Grandchildren (Shin-kwang nim, Shin-goong nim, see PARENTS on page 4



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Shin-wol nim, and Shin-joon nim) lined up in front of the stage to pray. After their prayer True Parents offered a bow together. Father and Mother then went on stage and sat before the members gathered in the hall.

Hyung-jin nim, Yeon-ah nim and the grandchildren first offered bows and then the members offered bows. Before the recital of the Family Pledge, Father made the proclamation for "Cheon yo-il" [a day of the week which in English could be translated as "Heavenday"] saying, "The Sabbath day has been a central point of philosophy in history up until this month of June; now the eighth day after the other days will be Cheon yo-il (???). Repeat after me. [Cheon yo-il!] Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, all the way to Saturday, Sunday, Cheon yo-il ["Heavenday"]. This gathering is to commemorate the implementation of this day, which will begin from tomorrow. Behold the start of this day in heaven and on earth. The world will become different now. Do you understand? [Yes!]"

Following the recital of the Family Pledge Rev. and Mrs. Kwak offered the representative prayer. After the prayer Father kept the members standing up and spoke to them:

"The text for hoondokhae this morning comes from the declaration that Father made during the international gathering at the time of Father's 80th birthday. The content of the declaration that day was one representing the coming of a new age. Please connect with and receive those contents at this present time. Since five years have gone by, making Father's age 85, the days to indemnify this five year period should be added — five days to July 16th, the tenth Ahn Shi Il — to indemnify and go beyond the number eighty-five.

Designating this day of proclamation in this way, Father will spend his time [here] for one month from that day [July 21] until that day [August 20]. I proclaimed the Nation of the Fourth Israel at Sun Moon University [on August 20, 2003]. Thirty days from July 21 to August 20. Thirty days since July is an odd month. Please understand that I am offering devotions in this place to commemorate this act of liberating, freeing and clearing away everything that pertains to this number that goes beyond the Old Testament era, New Testament era, and Completed Testament era ?centering on the number thirty, three times ten. I came here [to Korea] on April 21, and during my time in Korea until now, I have been offering a special period of devotion. This period in which I offer this devotion to usher in the age of liberating and completely freeing through indemnity all things in heaven and on earth should become a historical period during which you all can visit the holy land of the Korean fatherland.

When we think about the fact that Moses, who was eighty years old, like Father who is eighty years old, took forty years to make the journey to that place, a journey that should have just taken three weeks — going to the land of Israel from Egypt doesn't even take a week. You all are new citizens of Cheon Il Guk, and must liberate and free God's heart in relation to the providence of restoration for fallen humanity, which began with the purpose of testifying to the glorious beginning of the liberated and free world of original love."

After Father's words, Rev. Kwak read from "World Unification and the Reunification of North and South Korea through True Love"; paragraph one, chapter six, from the book of "Liberation of the Fatherland of the True God" in the "Holy Scriptures of Heaven" for forty minutes. Rev. Kwak ended the hoondokhae with a prayer.

After the prayer, Father came down from the stage and walked amongst the members as he spoke to them, at times in Japanese. Father asked Rev. Oyama to sing and Rev. Sudo and some of the women leaders to dance.

The eighth Ahn Shi Il pledge service and hoondokhae lasted for about three hours.

After breakfast, True Parents and Hyung-jin nim took the leaders out for fishing to offer devotions out on the sea. True Mother and Hyung-jin nim returned first to Blue Sea Garden a little past noon. Father returned from fishing at 5 pm.

In the evening True Parents spent time with the leaders in the living room of the guest house, and gave guidance on the schedule for July 1. Father had Dr. Seuk Joon-ho give a report on the activities in China.

July 9

Morning hoondokhae at Blue Sea Garden Training Center with 500 members from North and South Jeolla Province and South Gyeongsang Province.

Rev. Moon Pyeong-rae (former region director) leads all members in offering a bow to True Parents. True Father asks where the members are from. Rev. Moon Pyeong-rae answers that they are from North and South Jeolla Province and South Gyeongsang Province. Father asks from what districts of the provinces the members are from. Rev. Moon replies that they are mostly from the cities of Jeonju (N. Jeolla Province) Naju (S. Jeolla Province) and Changwon (S. Gyeongsang Province). Fathers Words:

"In the future you will not be able to meet Father when you want to. Just because you need Father doesn't mean that you will be able to meet me. You will only be able to meet me when I call you because I need you. We should have an even number of members participate from each county. You have to give the Blessing to your tribe even if you have to do it by force. Those who haven't become tribal messiahs to their tribe must be driven out.

In the future you will hear people say that Korea has the most elegant grave sites. I instructed you not to use cremation [for Seung-hwa ceremonies].

I talked about this yesterday; man was created with the precondition of woman. The eyebrow exists because it was known that the eye had to be protected when it rained; eyelashes exist because it was known that the dust had to be kept out; our eyes blink because it was already known that the evaporation of moisture has to be prevented. When we observe these things we can see that cognition precedes existence.

The marriage blessing in July will be a cross-cultural (kyocha) marriage. The sons and daughters of enemies will become couples and live together in happiness. Father is the only person

who can accomplish this feat. If an ideology that can make enemies marry each other emerge it will become the ideology for peace.

Using your legs is good for your health. Walking, which uses your two legs, is a way to maintain your health. From the past to the present day, the word "robust" has meant being healthy. The word healthy is one for the present times. It is good for your health to swing both arms as you walk. Last year I had two operations. I cannot be healthy forever.

Some religions call for people to live a celibate life, but the Unification Church is against the practice of

remaining single."

True Father instructs Wonju McDevitt to continue hoondokhae from where she left off the previous day. Mrs. McDevitt begins to read from the Holy Scriptures of Heaven (Cheon Seong Gyeong): paragraph 4, chapter 1 from the section "The Life of an Owner of Cheon Il Guk."

After finishing chapter 1 Father had her read from the messages from Pak Maria and Kim Hwal-lan in the spirit world. Father comments "It would have been good if [they] had testified like this during their lifetime."

Father then had Rev. Yoo's family come up and sing. He also had Yeon-ah

and her father Rev. Lee Seung-dae come up and sing together. As they sang some of the leaders began to dance. With the rising festive atmosphere Father also began to dance.

To wrap up the morning, Mrs. McDevitt sang the first verse of Rock of a Thousand Years and everybody sang the second verse together.

July 10

Morning hoondokhae at Blue Sea Garden Training Center with 600 members from Guri (Gyeonggi Province), Cheongju (North Chungcheong Province) and Chuncheon (Gangwondo). Rev. Kwak leads all members in a bow to True Parents. Father's Words:

"I exercise on the horizontal bar. Even this morning, I did some exercise before coming here. Even now I walk with my back straight so the soles of my shoes are worn down evenly. I had to walk 20 ri (approximately 5 miles /8 km) to get to my elementary school.

I developed a new method for catching mullet. The biggest one I caught so far is 77 cm (30 inch). I need to catch one that is 81 cm but I haven't yet. My conclusion: there are no fish longer than 80 cm here. (laughter)

In the past when I told the Unification Church members that they had to engraft to me they didn't

understand. Jesus was the bridegroom. He came to find a woman. There are many women here today. Rev. Moon's job is to save the women, so they must say thank you to me. We need to educate people in purity, pure lineage and pure sexual relations so they do not stain their lineage. Unification women all received

education on purity. Now I publicly announce that I am the Savior, Messiah, Second Coming [of Christ] and the True Parent. It is because God told me to do so."

For hoondokhae Mrs. McDevitt read from the Holy Scriptures of Heaven (Cheon Seong Gyeong): paragraph 1, chapter 2 from the section "The Life of an Owner of Cheon Il Guk." Rev. Kwak also read from "The Bald Man and the Strawberry," a book written by Hyung-jin nim. After reading from the book, Rev. Kwak introduced the depth of Hyung-jin nim's heart that he found through this book and informed the members that the book will soon be published. Rev. Kwak then went on to explain about his visit to his alma mater, Gyeongbuk High School and gave a report on the lecture he gave to the principal and teachers there on Father's philosophy of peace and achievements. Rev. Kwak also gave a report on his meeting at the Daegu Grand Hotel with the local soccer officials in Daegu for the 2005 Peace King Cup Tournament and Yeongnam Area Peace Cup Tournament.

Father then asked Professor Moon Sung-jae of Sun Moon University to witness to the other professors at the school. Rev. Peter Kim then sang a song that he said he sung to his wife in bed to teach her Korean.

17:00 ?True Parents returned from their fishing.



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Even now True Parents are offering sincere devotion through fishing. Members in charge of fishing at the Okjeok reservoir are also participating in this condition. President Moon Yong-hyun, President Moon An-seok and his wife, Kim Yong-woo (reporter) and Peace Ambassador Moon Doo-myung are offering devotions day and night by the fishing site. Hearing that Moon An-seok's wife had begun a seven day fast, True Mother sent Mrs. McDevitt and Lee Sang-su to dissuade her from the fast. At night, those people who work closely with True Mother visited Okjeok reservoir to convey Mother's encouragement to the members there.

July 11

Morning hoondokahe began with the same members as the previous day. Mrs. McDevitt read from the Holy Scriptures of Heaven (Cheon Seong Gyeong): paragraph 2, chapter 2 from the section "The Life of an Owner of Cheon Il Guk."

Thirty minutes into the reading True Father began to speak to the members:

"The Fall! The Fall means falling away from one's original position. The Fall overturned the blood lineage. Instead of receiving God's lineage fallen man received the satanic lineage. A person centering on God cannot have a struggle between his mind and body. You must know that the blood lineage of the enemy is planted within you through the union of the love and life of the enemy. This is what Father discovered. I fought with this and resolved it. Unless you know this and unless you pass that gate you cannot go before God. The path where the body and mind are one for eternity is the path of heaven. That is why Rev. Moon has proclaimed that before you desire to have dominion over the universe you must perfect dominion of yourself."

Then Professor Moon Sang-hee gave a testimony on how she acquired her doctorate degree. Members offered their bow to True Parents to end hoondokhae.



But then Father began to speak again with the members standing up. Summary of Father's Words:

"The kingdom of God on earth and in heaven can be established when God becomes the God of character and multiplies children through the body of man. The cosmos is the house of God. God does not have any form. In the Unification Principle God is described as the harmonized subject of dual characteristics and exists as the subject partner with the qualities of masculinity. That is the essence of the entire introduction [of the Unification Principle]. The cosmos is the intangible God and has the form of a house without an owner. The Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind became the owner, thereby becoming the God of character. The minds and bodies of the cosmos, and of heaven and earth, became one in the position of the owner as the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Through their love, man and woman can be brought together to establish the family that can generate a new lineage. From there, centering on the children, the basic unit of the heavenly nation can be estab-

lished from the family to the tribe and nation (people)."

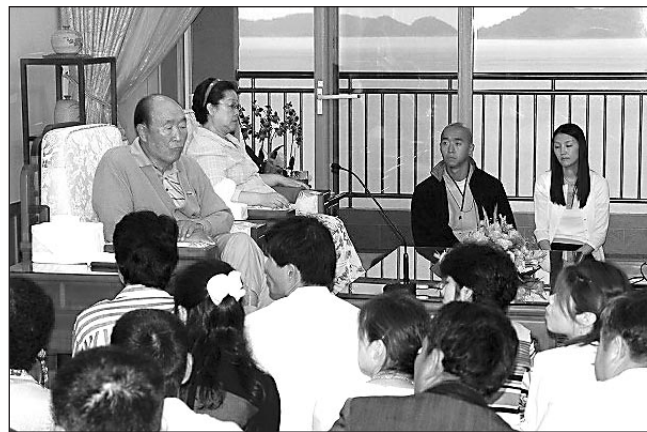
Rain began to fall in Yeosu as the seasonal rain front (i.e. the rainy season) from China began to advance towards the Korean peninsula. Even in the rain True Parents went out to offer devotions at the sea. Now only a few days remain until the end of Father's 80-day condition. True Parents are waiting for that day when they can offer an 80 cm fish to heaven. Those attending True Parents also went out to sea on a different boat to be part of this condi-



tion period with True Parents.

Focusing on the True Parents' will with the same heart itself can be seen as an offering. Catching the big fish and ending this offering period is of course important but the process in which all participants work toward the same goal with an ardent mind—this is also as important as the end result. We all still need more training to have a more sincere heart. In the evening in the living room of the guest house, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo and Professor Son Dae-oh gave a report on their three day trip to Inner Mongolia in China. Professor Son reported that the event hosted by the "Ideal Family Federation for Peace in the East," which is registered in the autonomous region of Inner Mongolia, was a success. He said preparations for the upcoming rally were underway with the cooperation of the Wives Association under the Chinese Communist Party and the Office of Civilian Affairs. Professor Son gave a detailed explanation of the rally to Father. Rev. Hwang said that this trip felt like a trip to his hometown, and gave a report on the lecture he gave to the people there. Father listened attentively to the report and gave instructions about future activities in China.

Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, who arrived a little late to this meeting, gave a report on his trip to Namhae that day, where he conveyed Father's philosophy of Peace to his tribe as a part of tribal restoration activities. Kim Jung-su, National Messiah to Costa Rica presented a turtle gift made from a 1,000 year old yew tree to True Parents. Father spoke until 11:40 pm. ❖



UTS Holds Twenty-eighth Commencement

The Unification Theological Seminary held its 28th commencement exercises on Saturday, June 26, at 11:00 a.m. on its Barrytown campus. Sixty-two students received Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.) degrees, thirteen students received Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degrees and one student received a certificate in Unification Leadership. The 76 graduating students comprise the largest graduation class in the Seminary's 30-year history.

A highlight of the ceremony was the graduation of Mrs. Yeonah Choi Moon, wife of Mr. Hyo Jin Moon, eldest son of the Seminary founder. Another highlight was the conferring of four honorary master degrees in pedagogy to Revs. Young Suk Song, Heung Tae Kim, Pyung Rae Moon, and Bong Tae Kim. These are the first honorary

masters degrees ever bestowed by the Seminary. In addition, UTS offered its first "Trustees Award" to Rev. Tae Haeng Yu, leader of the Unification movement in Japan, for his commitment to global religious education.

Included among this year's graduates are seminarians from Korea, Japan,

the United States, Peru, Nigeria, Greece, Cameroon, Canada, Zambia, Rwanda, Trinidad, Pakistan and India. In the words of Seminary President Dr. Tyler O. Hendricks, "I see God's love in them, love that can bridge boundaries and bring enemies together."

Ten of the graduating students com-

pleted the majority of their work at the UTS Extension Center in Manhattan. The Extension Center was established in 2000 and has grown to an enrollment of 61. Approximately 120 students are enrolled at the Seminary's main campus in Barrytown.

Unification Theological Seminary prepares men and women for leadership in ministry and religious education. Established by Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon in 1975, UTS educates substantial portions of the Unification movement's international leadership. Through its Extension Center, the Seminary opens its doors to students from all faiths. Eight seminarians participating in this year's graduation hail from denominations other than the Unification Church. The Seminary's degree programs are chartered by the New York State Education Department and accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. ❖



Interfaith Leaders Address 'Crown' Controversy

by Rev. Mike Leone

Some 20 Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Native American religious leaders joined in a statement of support for Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon's global work for peace, speaking out in a June 30, 2004 Press Conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The group praised the 'Crown of Peace' Awards Ceremony held on March 23, 2004 at the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in which the 84-year-old religious leader and his wife were honored as the "King and Queen of Peace," for their lifetime efforts for interreligious reconciliation. Some media reports have criticized the Capitol Hill event, because ceremonial robes and crowns were awarded to Rev. and Mrs. Moon. A video of the event, shown on the internet, led some critics to dub the event a "coronation" of Reverend and Mrs. Moon.

Among those who disagreed with that assessment, and spoke out at the Wednesday Press Conference were Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, an event organizer, Rabbi Mordechai Waldmann from Detroit, Michigan, who blew the shofar or ram's horn at the awards ceremony, and Imam Pasha Salahuddin, an American Muslim leader from Patterson, NJ who also attended the Capitol Hill ceremony. Joining the Christian, Jewish and Muslim clerics at the event was Native American leader Jayokla Nichi Ayala from Los Angeles.

Testifying to the genuine character of Reverend Moon's interfaith and reconciliation work in the Middle East were 2 representatives from the Holy Land: Father Abous Hatoum, an Orthodox Christian Priest from Nazareth, and Dr. Joshua Ben-Ami from Jerusalem.

Intense media and public interest were generated when freelance journalist John Gorenfeld, who maintains an internet blog focusing on Reverend Moon's activities, displayed a video of the March 23rd event on the internet, claiming that the award had in fact political significance, and that it violated the principle of separation of church and state. The film, assembled and edited in Korea, begins and ends with scenes of the Rev. and Mrs. Moon receiving the ceremonial robes and crowns, giving the impression to some that the entire banquet and awards ceremony was focused on that award. It also depicted a number of US senators and congressional leaders present at various moments during the program.

Gorenfeld, author of reports criticizing the event that were published in Salon.com, The Gadflyer, and elsewhere, mobilized a host of bloggers and web-based advocacy groups, who confronted each lawmaker who attended, or their staffs, portraying the event in a sinister light and questioning the participation of the congressman. Some explained they attended only briefly in between congressional debates to honor their constituents (a common practice when congress is in session) among the



nearly 100 state and national "Crown of Peace" awardees that evening. Others claimed they had no knowledge of Reverend Moon's participation in the event. Virtually all distanced themselves from any religious affiliation with the Reverend Moon.

In their crusade to "expose" the event as an inappropriate expression of religion in a government setting, some critics, such as Ron Gunzburger's "Politics1" website, even contacted the political opponents of congressmen who attended, encouraging them to use their opponents' participation as a campaign

the hatred and separation that is causing so much bloodshed. Rev. Moon is teaching about the one true God, the God of our common father Abraham, and causing his children to come together," said Rabbi Waldmann.

Those who came from Israel agreed:

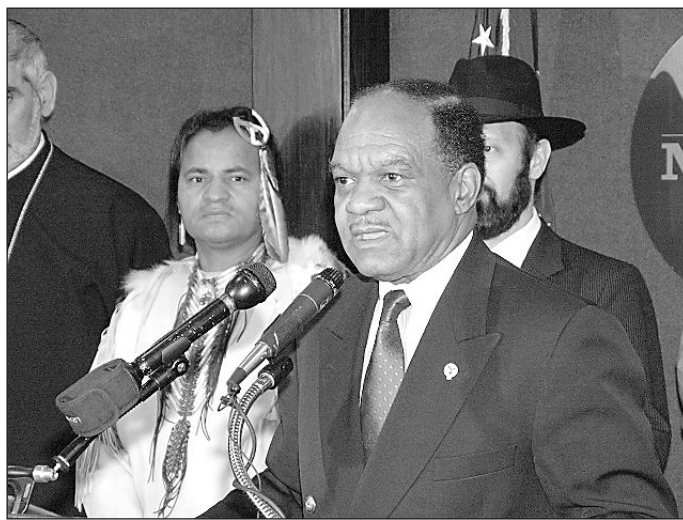
"Interfaith work is common in the US," said Dr. Ben-Ami, director of the Emil Frank Institute. "But Rev. Moon has brought thousands of Jews, Muslims and Christians to the Holy Land as Ambassadors for Peace. These delegations have been to Gaza many times, and are the only interreligious group allowed to enter the Al Aqsa Mosque in these difficult days." Father Hatoum

added, "Rev. Moon has given us strength, hope and support for peace in the Holy Land. They have moved the hearts of so many. This kind of work changes the spirit, the atmosphere. We need it badly. We have centuries of bitterness and pain to overcome."

One-by-one, speakers denied the various claims made by critics of the event. The original invitation letters were pro-

awarded on the Hill. Others were invited to speak as experts on international relations. We never claimed that they had any religious affiliation with Rev. Moon." Jewish leaders present were adamant that the movement fosters no anti-semitism, and asks no one to convert.

As to Reverend Moon's claim to have a messianic mission, each seemed to understand it in their own way. "Judaism teaches that the Meshiach (Messiah) will only come when we have created the right conditions of righteousness, healing and preparing the world," said Rabbi David Ben-Ami of Harrisburg, Pa., director of the American Forum for Jewish-Christian-Muslim cooperation. "Rev. Moon is gathering religious leaders to reconciliation. Judaism calls this 'Tikkun Olam,' repairing the world. When we do this, we hasten the Messiah's coming." Added Rev. Carl Rawls of Alabama, "Messiah means 'anointed one.'" Rev. Moon is not Jesus, nor does he claim to be. But he is anointed by Jesus, and is calling us all to be "messiahs." Leone pointed out that every one of the 100 awards given that



issue. Some organizers of the "Crown of Peace" awards assert that the motives of Gorenfeld and others are pure politics, taking aim at Reverend Moon's pro-family, conservative positions.

Gorenfeld claims that Reverend Moon seeks the "extermination" of homosexuals, the "conversion" of Jews whom he blames for the holocaust, and seeks to take over America and the world. Participants in the June 30th Press Conference, nearly all of whom attended the March 23rd interfaith event, and said that nothing could be further from the truth. They pointed out that Gorenfeld had never even tried to get their side of the story.

"I experienced a miracle on March 23rd," said Rabbi Waldmann. "I have never experienced Jews, Christians, and Muslims united in such a strong commitment to unity and peace. These people are simply coming together as brothers and sisters, breaking down

vided, clearly indicating the presence and awarding of Reverend Moon at the Capitol Hill event. "No one was 'duped' into attending," said IIFWP spokesperson Mike Leone. "But let's be fair. Some congressmen simply came because they heard that a constituent was being

night were emblazoned with a crown. "It wasn't only Rev. and Mrs. Moon," he said. "Everyone received a crown of peace."

Dr. Chang Shik Yang, representative of Reverend and Mrs. Moon in North America, read a brief statement from the founder, expressing gratitude and love for America and its people. Rev. Moon thanked the religious leaders who are standing with him, and expressed confidence that their solidarity would allow God to work to heal the nation and realize peace. Rev. Michael Jenkins, Co-Chairman of IIFWP- USA addressed the church-state issue, noting that America was founded upon the "self-evident" truth that its rights are "endowed by the Creator." "From the abolitionists of the 19th century to Dr. King and the civil rights movement, religious leaders have often served as the conscience of the nation," Jenkins expressed, "calling us to return to those self-evident truths. That is why Rev. Moon comes to Capitol Hill. To call the nation to its founding principles." ❖

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Statement on the 'Crown of Peace' Program

Intense media and public interest has arisen concerning an event held on March 23, 2004 at the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC. The event's main sponsor was the Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC), a project of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) founded by Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. IIFWP has a global network of some 50,000 Ambassadors for Peace in more than 160 nations, who are leaders from diverse professional and faith backgrounds dedicated to overcoming barriers of religion, race and ethnicity.

Among the nearly 100 "Crown of Peace" awards presented to civic, religious and diplomatic leaders recognizing their significant contributions to peacemaking, Rev. and Mrs. Moon were honored for their lifetime work with an international "Crown of Peace" recognition. This was presented in the context of a "Ceremony of Reconciliation" among Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders and included the presentation of ceremonial robes and crowns, with the affectionate honor "king and queen of peace." In heartfelt remarks following the presentation, Rev. Moon passionately described the global significance of his mission, and challenged all present to take up the work for peace and reconciliation with equal sincerity and commitment. Many experienced it as a sentimental and urgent farewell after 30 years of investment in America.

Some media reports of this event were filled with misrepresentations, distortions and outright falsehoods. Rev. Moon, a controversial leader of a young, minority religious movement, is an easy target. But claims that the event was about one person, that legislators were "duped" into participating, or that their involvement signifies any religious commitment or affiliation with Rev. Moon, may feed the frenzy that critics seek to create, but they are patently false. A simple review of the documentable facts makes this clear:

Purpose Of The Event

The March 23rd evening celebration was the culmination of an international conference on the theme: "Forging a Path to Peace and Reconciliation at a Time of Global Crisis" held at the Washington Plaza Hotel, at which distinguished participants addressed substantive issues crucial to the search for peace. It was one of a series of IIFWP events that have included six interreligious pilgrimages to the Holy Land in 2003-04 involving 4000 representatives from nearly 70 nations, interdisciplinary conferences in Jerusalem, Gaza, and worldwide, and a women's peace initiative.

The banquet included a special presentation of reconciliation to a Native American leader, plus a "Ceremony of Reconciliation" among Jewish, Christian and Muslim clergy, including religious leaders from war-torn Israel and Palestine. More than 90 activists and leaders from virtually every state were presented with "Crown of Peace" state level awards for their work. National awards were presented to Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders, as well as to a Native American. While the IIFWP founders were honored for initiating and sup-

porting these efforts, this was not at all an event to recognize one individual or couple alone.

Invitations To The Event

A number of media reports, including the Washington Post and New York Times, have correctly reported that an invitation letter sent initially to every Congressional office clearly identified Rev. and Mrs. Moon as the founders of the IIFWP, and stated that they would participate and be honored at this event. The organizers are proud to honor Rev. and Mrs. Moon for their lifetime achievements and sacrificial efforts to promote world peace, and no effort was made to hide their involvement.

IIFWP has sponsored multiple events on Capitol Hill in the last year, all of which emphasized the "Ambassadors for Peace" initiative. All follow-up notices and reminders for the March 23rd event mentioned Ambassadors for Peace. It is simply untrue that the organizers misrepresented the sponsorship; on the contrary, significant effort has been made to foster name recognition.

It should be noted that many congressional leaders participated in the event for a variety of reasons. Some were invited to address the conference or banquet as experts on international relations or Middle East peace efforts. Some are longtime friends more familiar with the goals and initiatives of the IIFWP, while others stopped by for a few minutes simply to honor a constituent being recognized for their contributions to the community.

Some critics of Rev. Moon's work wish to exaggerate and malign these leaders' association with the event. These attacks call to mind those leveled at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was initially feared, maligned and labeled. Dr. King's detractors, some out of ignorance, and others driven by pure racial prejudice,

feared his message of integration and its consequences. He was misrepresented in the media, indicted for tax fraud, and arrested time and again. And many who associated themselves with his work were attacked for refusing to separate from him.

why they participated, and not to shrink from vicious attacks from scurrilous individuals who mischaracterize their good intentions and misrepresent the work of Rev. Moon.

Biased Sources

In contrast to the efforts and integrity of much of the mainstream media, the momentum for this "story" was provided by independent "journalists" and "blog" writers who have made no effort to contact the event organizers for a balanced presentation of both sides of the story. They ignore or ridicule any genuine religious motivation, discount the broad-based interreligious participation and distort the aims of Rev. Moon as purely political, with no appreciation of his many achievements. Their sites are a volatile mix of selective information, subjective opinions and distortions, fraught with factual error and having no accountability to standards of journalistic integrity. They have targeted event participants, confronting them with exaggerated claims and misinformation, distorting Rev. Moon's ideals and teachings. They seek to multiply their own bigoted and paranoid views by creating public reaction, attacking the credibility of all who associate with the ideals and work of the IIFWP, and besmirching the good people who were honored for their hard work and commitment to the ideals of peace.

In the process, the purpose of the "Crown of Peace" awards, and the life and work of Rev. and Mrs. Moon, have been seriously misrepresented. These deserve clarification:

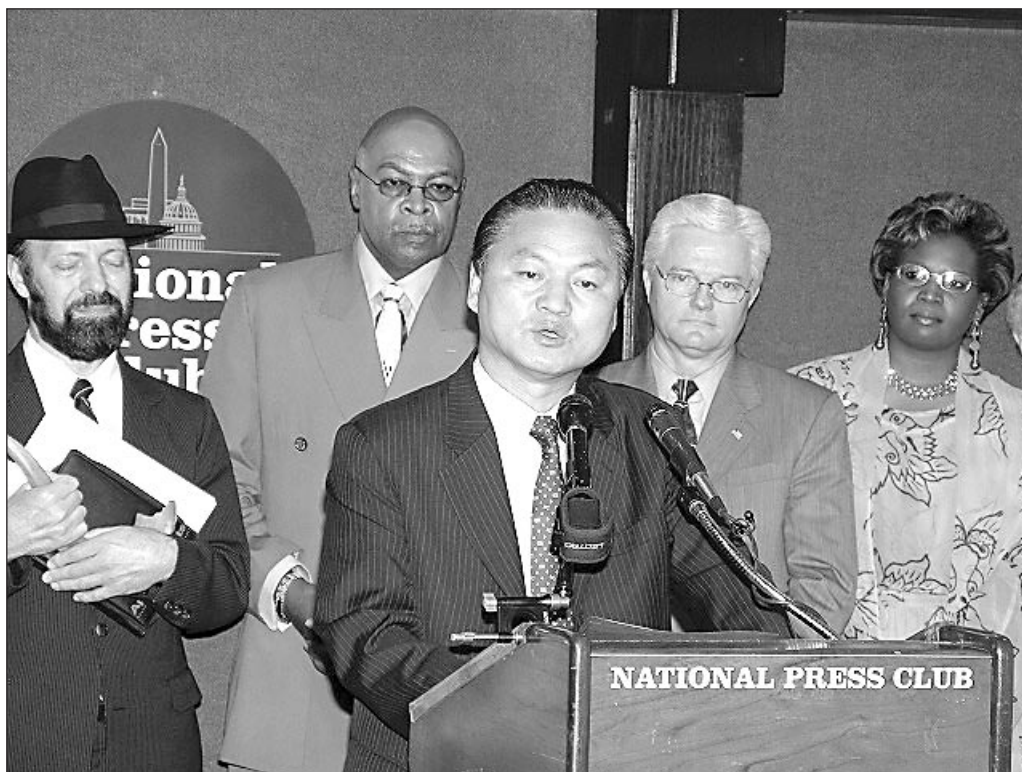
The Awards

The crown is used in our society not as a symbol of political power or authority, but rather as the symbol of victory or ultimate achievement. A great accomplishment might be referred to as the "crowning moment" of one's career. Thus the "Crown of Peace" award was designed with the meaning of "champion" of peace, given to those who have demonstrated success in overcoming the racial, religious and cultural barriers that so often divide us. Nearly 100 representatives from across the US and around the world were honored with this award on March 23rd, and each one received a crown emblazoned on the award given to them. Rev. and Mrs. Moon received the international "Crown of Peace" for their lifetime achievements in promoting peace and reconciliation.

The spirit of this award is beautifully conveyed in the poem "Crown of Glory", written by Rev. Moon at age 16 and printed in the program. It makes clear that those who can love their enemies, even when betrayed, will gain the "crown of glory." Given Rev. Moon's legacy of respect for all faiths and support for interreligious and interracial harmony, his personal example of love toward those who have maligned him, and the global work these efforts have inspired, such recognition is quite understandable. Throughout the event, reconciliation ceremonies featured Jewish, Christian and Muslim clerics in ceremonial robes. In earlier ceremonies, robes and crowns were presented to honor Moses and Judaism,



Likewise, many prominent citizens have appeared at events with Rev. Moon in the past, including former presidents, vice presidents, members of Congress, and religious leaders. Why? Because the work is viable, inclusive and relevant to reconciliation, peace and the building of faithful families. There never was any suggestion that their participation reflects an endorsement of Rev. Moon's theology. We are saddened that the very religious intolerance and bigotry that divide the "children of Abraham," and which the IIFWP works to overcome, has once again reared its ugly head. We urge the civic and religious leaders who participated to be clear and forthright about



INTERFAITH LEADERS ADDRESS “CROWN” CONTROVERSY

Support Recognition of Rev. Moon at Capitol Hill Ceremony

Rabbi Dr. Mordehi Waldman - Michigan

On March 23, 2004, I experienced what I feel was a great miracle! I was witness to hundreds of Christians, Muslims, and Jews from many nations and all races who gathered together under the aegis of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's movement to promote peace (shalom) and reconciliation between the children of their One Father, Avraham Avinoo, Abraham, our Father.

To see this, to me, as a peace-loving Jew, was and is a miracle. I was so moved that I sounded my shofar so that the sounds would rise to the throne of G-d Himself in Heaven to remember the greatness of our Father Abraham; and that angels, when they hear the sound of the shofar by a Jew, will scurry to the throne of G-d to ask "Is it now time for G-d to finally after thousands of years reveal Himself as the only one true G-d of the universe and finally send the true, Jewish Messiah for the first, last and only time now? The world needs peace and justice forever.

Imam Ameer P. Salahud'din - New Jersey

I have had an opportunity to make three trips to Israel to work for peace. I witnessed the sincerity and commitment and spirit of Rev. Moon's movement. Rev. Moon in his charitable way donated computers to both the Jewish and Palestinian children. He teaches living for the sake of others is the real love. This is indeed the way of the prophets and agreeable to all Muslims. I see Rev. Moon as a universal teacher of truth, calling all who can hear to what is right. God bless Rev. Moon.

Imam Marzuk A. Jaami, Texas

I am here in support of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace that was founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon to bring together Jews, Christians and Muslims to work together for peace in our nation and in the world.

On behalf of all of us who make up the Unification Movement, we are grateful to G-d and His true and righteous Prophets and Saints of our common spiritual tradition who prepared the foundation on which we stand and organize our struggle. Peace under G-d and the father of those faiths. Now we have been blessed to work in Jerusalem with Israelis and Palestinians and throughout the world. May God continue to bless the Unification Church and Rev. Moon.

Bishop Dr. C. Phillip Johnson, Washington, D.C.

Working with ACLC and Rev. Moon has helped me to move to a different

level of ministry, namely that of moving beyond religious tolerance to a gospel of inclusion. The work that we are engaged in focuses on bringing together the Abrahamic faiths and the ushering in of peace initiatives for the entire world. This principle is not being taught in our seminaries today. The time has come for a new and bolder leadership that is not restricted by religious and denominational traditions.

Minister Steve Muhammad

As a Muslim and believer in Allah (God) the Supreme Being, Creator of the Heavens and Earth, I feel that Rev. Moon's effort to break down barriers among the three faiths of Abraham and bring together Christians, Jews and Muslims is very important to world peace. At a time when the world is polarized on issues of faith and religion, it is heartwarming to see a man of God teach unity and love when the world is teaching division and hate.

Rev. Carl V. Rawls - Selma, Alabama

I was honored to attend the March 23 ceremony. It was a warm and loving feeling to see all people, the three faiths (Christian, Muslim, and Jewish) come together for one cause. That was peace and reconciliation. Before I attended the event, I was a part of a team that delivered the letter of invitation to congressional members and expressed a personal desire for them to attend. Some congressional members were unavailable and invitations were left with their staff. So this letter was not only faxed but also hand delivered.

I joined the ACLC a year ago. I have never seen anyone spread the message of peace like Rev. Sun Myung Moon. He is the only religious leader that I know that has brought together the Abrahamic faiths. I have been a part of all five "Peace" pilgrimages to the Holy Land. It's nothing that I'm told or reading about, but I'm a part of a great divine movement of peace and reconciliation not under Rev. Moon, but as he states, under one God. I've been richly blessed since I've become a part of this spiritual movement. No one has put a gun to my head and made me denounce Jesus or that he's the Son of God. No one has told me that I must denounce Missionary Baptists. And certainly no one has "brainwashed" me. I Thank God for choosing me to be a part of this movement: a movement of knocking down barriers and spreading peace and love. How befitting it was on March 23 to acknowledge the man and woman who are leading this wonderful movement: the Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. ❖

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Jesus and Christianity, and Mohammad and Islam in similar fashion.

Church And State

The "Crown of Peace" awards were held at the US Capitol both to inform legislators about the important work being done by peacemakers all over the nation, and to encourage these heroes through their recognition by our nation's leaders. Like the Pope or the Dalai Llama, Rev. Moon is concerned about the prevalence of conflict, violence, injustice and moral breakdown in our world, and wants to convey those concerns to leaders everywhere. The IIFWP events on Capitol Hill were intended to focus attention on these concerns and inspire participants to pursue peace through interreligious reconciliation, not to seek any temporal power. While the framers of our Constitution sought to prevent the tyranny of a state-sponsored religion, and protect minority religions from government intrusion, they never sought to remove religious ideals from the public square.

Some media, echoing the bloggers' themes, have referred to Rev. Moon's religion as "bizarre." In fact, virtually every established religion has sacraments and ceremonies that seem "bizarre" when viewed by non-believers, as well as expectations and beliefs based upon faith alone. Early Christians were persecuted as cannibals for the sacrament of communion, which symbolizes taking the flesh and blood of Christ. From God's presence in burning bushes or the resurrection of the dead to the ascension of sanctified prophets, it is not easy to understand the meaning of these events. To understand the bold asser-

tions made by the Rev. Moon, they must be considered in a religious context.

THE SPIRIT WORLD- The claim that passed-away saints and religious leaders are coming together in the spiritual realm, or historical rogues such as Marx, Lenin, Hitler and Stalin have "been reborn as new persons" through Rev. Moon's teaching seems hard to swallow for some. But it is based upon some fundamental precepts familiar to people of diverse faiths: that the heart, consciousness and character of a person survives the death of the physical body; that the original goodness in each person is ultimately redeemable; and that whether or not we are aware, our lives and efforts on earth are intertwined with the realm of spirit. To be sure the Bible, while condemning worship of the dead, acknowledges the presence and influence of both good and evil spirits in our earthly lives.

THE MESSIAH- Perhaps most provocative is Rev. Moon's proclamation that he is "God's ambassador... sent to accomplish His command to save the world's six billion people, restoring them to heaven with the original goodness in which they were created." He reports testimonies from the spirit world that he is "none other than humanity's savior, messiah, returning Lord and True Parent." These terms are loaded with meaning, and open to vastly different interpretations.

Does Rev. Moon mean that he is God, or Jesus? Not at all. Rather he claims an anointing from Christ and an inheritance of the mission and responsibility to restore the whole of humanity. His messiahship is not about power or control, but about service, sacrificial love, and responsibility. His wholehearted, unchanging commitment inspires those who know him. The testimonies of those

religious leaders at the event who proclaimed that Rev. Moon is the messiah, can best be understood using the Hebrew meaning of the word, as one "anointed by God."

In the same message on March 23rd, he pledges - at the age of 84 - to continue to work harder than anyone for the cause of peace and the unity of the human family. He challenges every person present to take up the same mission. While he sees himself as a pioneer and trailblazer, the messianic role is one which he longs to share. Sadly most are unaware of the fruits of Rev. Moon's work in 191 nations, or the transformative power of his teaching to eliminate the barriers of race, religion and nationality, inspiring people of good will everywhere to acknowledge our common destiny and come together as a human family. Once, when asked if he was the messiah, Rev. Moon replied, "I live every day of my life as if I am... and so should you."

Let's Set The Record Straight

Whatever one may think of Rev. Moon's proclamations, they ought not to be dismissed lightly. Similarly, media professionals who value truth and fairness should take care not to base new stories upon old prejudices and misinformation. Through selective and out-of-context quotations, mis-translating or out-and-out falsehoods, Rev. Moon's critics have portrayed serious distortions to the mainstream media, which demand to be addressed. Central among these are:

· Assertions that he is anti-semitic, or seeks the conversion of Jews are false, and calculated to antagonize. A lifetime of interreligious work, wholehearted investment for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East, volumes of his speech-

es, and his clear record of respect for all faith traditions demonstrate the opposite.

· Rev. Moon's affirmation of Jesus teaching on marriage: "... God made them male and female, and for this reason the two shall become one flesh, and what God has joined together let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:4-6), has been wrongly twisted into a hateful position. He would never advocate violence or forcible restraint upon homosexuals or any other group. The revolution that he proposes begins in the hearts of men and women, and its authority is the power of true love.

· Those who dismiss Rev. Moon as a "tax cheat" should consider the position of the National Council of Churches concerning his 1982 conviction: "...the whole appalling story of how Sun Myung Moon and his accountant were framed by the government of the United States... should be read by every American who values religious liberty and wants this miscarriage of justice never to be repeated" [Rev. Dean Kelley, Exec. Dir. Of Religious & Civil Liberty, NCC]. Few are aware that he was criminally prosecuted for a tax liability of just \$7,300., on proceeds from an account that the church considered public; or that three levels of Justice Department lawyers acknowledged in internal memos that there was no basis for criminal prosecution. Why did 40 church organizations representing 160 million Americans join the NCC in urging the Supreme Court to overturn Rev. Moon's conviction?

The issues and questions raised by the "Crown of Peace" awards ceremony should be given fair and frank consideration by an unbiased media, before subscribing to the "witch hunt" that this issue has become. ❖

The Religious Underpinnings of Our Great Society

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

One of our nation's founders, John Adams, said, "Statesmen may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is religion and morality alone, which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free Constitution is pure virtue. Our Constitution was made only for a religious and moral people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other."

The religious underpinnings of our great society are essential to the health and well-being of our nation and all humanity. The Declaration of Independence's self-evident truths that "all men are created equal" and are endowed with unalienable rights by our Creator, indicate that the very founding of this nation and the rights we share are dependent on our faith in God. Religious leaders and people of faith have served as the conscience of society, often reminding our nation's leaders that if we wish to preserve the blessings of liberty we must remain true to these principles.

Abolitionist religious leaders and the advice from Frederick Douglas gave Abraham Lincoln the strength to rely on the "self evident truths" and stand with faith in God to challenge slavery. Drawing upon these same truths, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. could rise above the division and hatred between races and move the hearts of the American people and the consciences of elected officials. As a religious leader, Dr. King not only touched the president of this nation

but moved the leaders of the world. His teaching created a revolution in racial reconciliation that continues throughout the world today. In this spirit, Dr. King marched without prejudice in his heart. The love of God flowing through him changed history; a black Baptist preacher broke down the barriers of race and religion, inspiring white students and Jewish rabbis to stream down to the South, risking their lives to stand together with black Americans and the "movement" as Christians and Jews. Rabbi David Ben Ami, who stood with Dr. King in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, stands with Rev. Moon here today.

When religious leaders join hands together across traditional boundaries to walk for peace and justice, America's greatness shines. When these inter-religious leaders call upon America to return to its founding spirit, it is likened to Isaiah speaking the truth before Israel. So it was with Dr. King at the March on Washington in which he said, "I have a Dream". It was there that the soul of the American people was inspired and the direction of the nation turned toward an affirmation of equality. Because this was achieved in America, this affirmation could begin to expand throughout the world.

It is in this same spirit that the Rev. Sun Myung Moon has repeatedly

addressed our nation's leaders on Capitol Hill concerning the core values of this nation's founding spirit. Many of these events over the last 30 years not only lifted up the Godly principles that are the foundation of this nation, but also honored the sacrificial people from all 50 states who have best embodied them.

That's why the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace joined with many Senators and Congressmen on March 23rd to honor 100 people of all races and faiths with the Crown of Peace Awards, for living according to the fundamental values essential to people of faith. What are those core values? That God is the Parent of the entire human family; that the family is the school of love; that marriage between a man and a woman is the Biblical model for God's image of an ideal family; that fidelity and faithfulness in marriage are essential to preserving that ideal; and that the free expression of faith is essential to strengthen the moral foundations of the family and the nation. Religious leaders are commissioned by God

man who affirms with grace and dignity that he was there and that he, along with other congressmen and religious leaders, gave the honor of "King of Peace" to Rev. Moon. Congressman Davis said in one interview that he

anointing that comes from Heaven. Therefore, Rev. Moon is not God and he is not Jesus. Instead, he is a man anointed by God to stand as the True Parent.

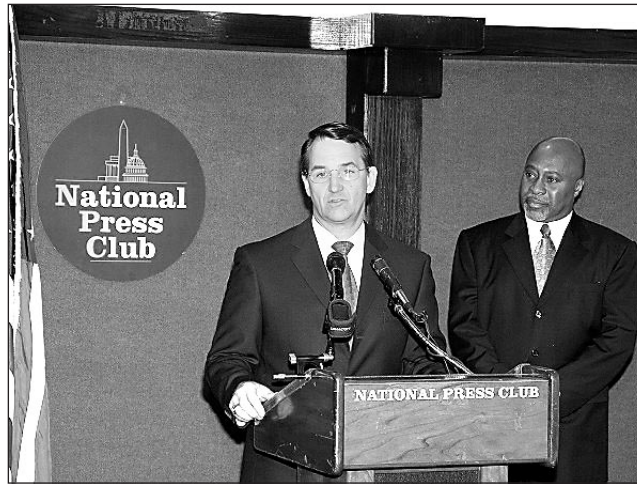
As "Messiah," Rev. and Mrs. Moon stand as True Teachers, True Parents and True King and Queen. They stand as religious leaders. There is no secular or political power for their role.

If he is "Messiah," why the controversy? Historically, all great men and women anointed by God have endured hardship and suffering to bring God's message to this world. Their words are not always easy to receive. Jesus said, "If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out... And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off." (Matthew 5:29-30). Jesus also said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." (John 6:53) These shocking words cannot be understood literally, but rather only in the spirit. And so it is with Rev. Moon's words. Religious leaders speak in hyperbole and can only truly be understood in the heart and by the spirit. Especially the role of the "Messiah" must be understood in spirit.

Some would say, 'how' can the "Messiah" have been convicted of a 'crime'? Yet again we are reminded of Dr. King, Gandhi and Jesus, each of whom faced imprisonment and even death. Jesus was accused of coming only to destroy the law. Unfortunately at the time of Jesus, there were no religious leaders to defend his innocence. America did not repeat the same history when Rev. Moon was being persecuted; religious leaders stood up and defended him. What the world should know is that the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., the American Baptists, the Catholic League, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the ACLU and the Honorable Senator Orrin Hatch proclaimed in their Amicus briefs that Rev. Moon was innocent. In addition, the Rev. Dean Kelly, representing the National Council of Churches wrote, "... the whole appalling story of how Sun Myung Moon and his accountant were framed by the government of the United States ... should

be read by every American who values religious liberty and wants this miscarriage of justice never to be repeated." Religious and civic leaders are here today standing strong for the work of Rev. Moon. They know the man and his work and know that it is the work of God.

Rev. Moon affirms that America is called by God to set the example of cooperation between the sacred and the secular, and to be the leader of a world in which all of God's children can sit at the banquet table of freedom, peace and happiness. ❖



joined in recognizing Rev. Moon for his work for world peace, and he made no apology for that. He said that for many, the event honored Rev. Moon as a True Parent. That is a statesman standing on faith and principle. Others too easily say, "I never knew."

At the Crown of Peace Ceremony on Capitol Hill, an atmosphere of peace was created through the reconciliation of religious leaders. The Congressman there honored their constituents and an atmosphere of respect for all religions and peoples crystallized. Therefore the message that IIFWP USA brought to America was not only one of faith but also one of action. Rabbi Mordecai Waldmann said that when he saw the love and unity of Jews, Christians and Muslims from all 50 states, he felt it was a miracle, and for that reason he blew the Shofar. Because of the IIFWP work in the Middle East, these inter-religious leaders came not only from America but also from the Holy Land for March 23rd. For this consistent work, and a lifetime of dedication and commitment to the principle of living for the sake of others, Rev. Moon was honored as the King of Peace.

These leaders respect Rev. Moon as a great man of God and a man of peace. Some of them (including some of those here today) honor him as the Messiah. The question is, "Is Rev. Moon the Mes-

to set the example by living and teaching of love and faithfulness in marriage. They also should best demonstrate the path of reconciliation and love for all people by transcending racial and denominational barriers. This is what Jesus did. He saw no boundaries.

The IIFWP promotes the theme of "good governance" which is consistent with the vision of the founders of America. For there to be a healthy society, there must be a natural relationship between the religious leaders and our elected officials, based on the moral and spiritual underpinnings and constitutional principles of this nation. The religious leaders should inspire these values so strongly in their communities that they are naturally reflected in the representatives that the people choose. For a truly great society, there must also be a free press that is guided by those same ethics and moral values.

It is upon this foundation that statesmen have emerged who put principle, ethics and morality and the well being of the nation ahead of personal profit or gain. So it is with the Honorable Danny K. Davis (D-IL), a true states-



siah?" As for me, I affirm that he is the Messiah, Savior and returning Lord who was anointed by Jesus to fulfill that mission. The term "Messiah" is used here in the Hebrew context and means the one "anointed," and it is an

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REV. MICHAEL JENKINS

Rev. Jenkins is the President of the American Church

Chicago: My Hometown

I had the blessing of going to my hometown. First stop was with Bishop Kim and the ACLC monthly breakfast meeting. 200 clergy gathered as the ACLC monthly meeting in Chicago has become self sufficient and empowered with the same respect from Clergy and Politicians alike as that commanded by the major Ministerial Associations. In fact many believe it has become the central religious body of influence as the Mayor, Congressman, U.S. Senators and the Alderman of the city have grown to respect and love Father Moon for the amazing vision that launched ACLC.

In Chicago the dream of Father Moon has taken on a permanence and influence that is not something that comes because there are directions to work with clergy but rather an embodiment of the reality that a unified group of religious leaders, especially when crossing racial and religious lines has tremendous impact and stability in this modern day. The old alliances that were ethno or religio centric have lost their power as the diversity and need for understanding far and wide is the Dream that Dr. King saw for America and it is the mandate that heaven demands.

ACLC Chicago fulfills all this. Results? What is the meaning of such influence. From Civil Rights leaders to the attraction that brought True Parents directly to Chicago of three occasions on a single event venue (never done at any time or in any other city or country in the world). Chicago has the first Christian Church that welcomed our True Parents on a public speaking tour. Breaking through the religious lines led the Chicago movement to bond with the Minister and the Nation of Islam opening the door not only to the Million Family March but to Al Aqsa Mosque. Detroit (part of Chicago Region under Bishop Kim) have brought very central and important religious leaders who stood on the stage with True Parents in the Coronation—Imam Elahi and Rabbi W. The good Rabbi of Chicago Region was the one who said “this gath-

ering of Muslims, Christians and Jews is in a harmony here at the Capitol that I must say can only be because the Messiah has come.”

With that profound announcement the Rabbi stretched forth his hands, reminiscent of Isaiah, over the congregation of the Lord and offered the blessing of God for his diverse Children. Then as a cosmic moment forever indelibly etched in eternity he blew the Shofar—sealing the Messianic proclamation. Results, it was the Chicago member of Congress who having been at the ACLC meetings since 2000 and having seen the unity of Clergy movement

Something that Jesus dreamt of 2000 years ago and ever since.

founded by Father Moon since the eighties was absolutely solid and deeply grounded in his faith in God as he lead the prestigious procession of the Coronation with Republican and Democrat, Protestant and Catholic, Muslim, Christian and Jew. This is real and the results are the tangible manifestation of the Mainstreaming of the Son of God. Something that Jesus dreamt of 2000 years ago and ever since.

As I brought the message I felt a sense of “heart” that was deeply comforting for one who wails over the suffering of God’s children. From Rafa in the Gaza Strip to the streets Tel Aviv to the bloodied streets from Baghdad to Chicago. Please God, forgive us for not moving faster. If we just could move faster and proclaim and realize more successfully the cry that must be fulfilled at this time in History “ Let My People Go!!” Our people are God’s children, Christians that we grew up with, Jews that we have now repented with and our dear Muslim brothers who we now weep and march together with. Let our People Go. Just when your shout seems not to be stopping the bloodshed and violence, I find myself looking at God face to face — in the face of A.I. Dunlap. Who 40 years ago as a youth and young A.M.E. Pastor faced another monster who many believed would never lose their legal sanction to kill in the name of the false superiority of one race. It was there in Danville, Virginia that Rev. A.I. Dunlap

led a group of students on a march and met the white robed men with a Cross emblazoned in a small circle on their chests. These KKK with their pointed white sheet hats had Thompson Sub Machine Guns. As they faced down Rev. Dunlap and the youthful marchers the Holy Spirit came, as she always does in the moment of life or death, and gave Rev. Dunlap a scripture which he cried out:

Psalms 121:1—4 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he

that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Upon reciting this verse a tremendous sense of power and energy from God swept over him (the same thing happened to David before Goliath), he then faced the Devil with a profound sense of inner peace and said, “Go Ahead and Shoot !!! For You Can Kill My Body But Not My Soul”. Stunned in disbelief as Dunlap began walking directly toward the central man they visibly shook and miraculously parted allowing the humble marches to walk right through silently. God made a way out of no way.

This is the A.I. Dunlap that I saw there at the Chicago Prayer breakfast on Tuesday morning. God sent me there so that I might gain strength as we go to Gaza. This is the Dunlap that when the Chicago Tribune smeared our work on the front page in 1987 saying “DuPage Officials Linked to Moonies.”. The devastating headline caused the Superintendent of Schools (later state superintendent) who had been to 4 CAUSA conferences to immediately claim that “they lied to me” “I didn’t know Moon was in it.” A football star, a hero, a great politician, a popular guy. the superintendent with one word “MOONIE” became jelly.

Like Peter, just one week earlier at the state capitol at a conference for ALC this important person proclaimed in

front of a bi-partisan conference of 29 State Legislators that this group founded by Rev. Moon was one of the “most important educational organizations to help the legislators know the “Constitutional Roots” of the great American Republic. It was hard to imagine when I called him the morning of the headline his saying to me, I can’t be part of this, it will ruin me. I’m sorry, I’m sorry. In interviews he claimed he knew nothing. Four times with Dr. Pak, four times watching the film on “Truth is My Sword” concerning the time when Donald Frazier held congressional hearings to try to destroy our True Parents. Did the superintendent know? You bet he knew. But in the moment of trial, he chose to save his own life. It was very, very sad. I will not recount the immense tragedies that befell this pour soul after this choice. However, this is real and it is history. He later repented to me and we embraced. He is forgiven. Lord let him be blessed now for he truly suffered great tragedies after his mistake.

That was the “Moonie” headline when read by Rev. A.I. Dunlap that caused him to say on his porch that August evening in 1987, “Mike, you want to picket the Trib?” I was stunned. When I asked others what they thought, they like me thought this idea was crazy.

When I looked out into the audience all these memories came back to me as I preached about the reality that we must build families in the image of God. That we must realize that Father Moon is the Messiah, that we must build the Peace Kingdom. Looking at A.I. my heart went back to where I came from and how God took me through the streets of this very tough city only to one day find myself walking side by side with some of the same Clergy—like Rev. Levy Daugherty, Rev. Leroy Eliot and Rev. Jesse Edwards and Bishop Stallings and women like Bishop Margie Dela Rosa—side by side in Gaza. Chicago was the training ground, just as God put each and every one of us in the training ground that he knew would best prepare us for the future. Looking at A.I. and Bishop Kim my soul was comforted and strengthened, then I saw

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Chicago Sisters Respond to Cheon IL Gook

by Gica Porter

Since last December in conjunction with the age of the Cheon IL Gook, my husband Johnny and I wanted to have a meeting for our neighbors at our house. Finally, on March 30th it became a reality. It was for Spanish people.

We had support from my sisters group that even though without speaking any Spanish the following persons came: Mrs. Ilse Sutchar, Mrs. Barbara Vinzenz, Mrs. Hiroko Scheffer, Mrs. Noriko Cooper, Mrs. Maria Ogden, Mrs. Maria Quintanilla with her Japanese husband and my brother and sister in law Alan and Gwen Porter. We had 3 guests at the first meeting. We invited Rev Jon Acevedo and his wife Marina to be the speakers. They are responsible for our hispanic community in Chicago and

they have quite a bit of success and experience.

We sang holy songs, prayed together and Rev. Acevedo gave a short lecture talking about family. The atmosphere was great and we gave them holy wine.

My intention in the beginning was to have the 1st experience and to know our neighbors better, but Rev. Acevedo asked if we could meet the following week and promptly a guest offered her house for the next meeting.. Since that time, we are meeting at different houses each week. Our guests have the opportunity to have their families involved. When we have new guests we toast with holy wine. Each time we have different experiences.

Some times not so many people can come, but we keep going.

Our last meeting was the most amaz-



ing experience. We had a total of 16 people, 6 new guests. The host prepared delicious food. We sang typical songs from different countries. We had people from Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Philippines, Austria and Guyana. We could see our

differences in traditions, customs and beliefs, but in spite of our differences we could feel one thing in common - we are all God’s children. We concluded that this is the meaning of our meeting, to bring people together as one family.

Each person had the opportunity to pray. We felt repentance, gratitude and love in each prayer. We prayed for each other, for unity, love and peace. We embraced each other and celebrated our families with cheers and holy wine. Certainly each individual went back home a different person.

My husband and I would like to thank to Bishop Kim, Rev. and Mrs. Acevedo and our sister group for their support.

Thanks to God and True Parents for the beautiful experience with our neighbors. ❖

Chicago Leadership Summit on Witnessing & Education

Empowering Tribal Messiahs, Growing our Church

by Mary Anglin

This is how the Midwest block summit began June 21-23, 2004 - Chicago, IL, as we were greeted by Rev. Michael Jenkins: "This is a very special time in history. We're living in the time when we're directly serving True Parents and installing the Peace Kingdom. Our task is to address the fundamental providence of God, so that the 2nd Israel and Elder Son Nation can fulfill its mission.... From that point of view you are very special people. God chose this nation to be the Elder Son in relation to the Mother & Father nations. Our identity as Blessed Central Families is crucial. You cannot analyze your status without knowing your identity. We're the Leviticus group within the chosen people. We should be more holy, true and sacrificial than any people on earth."

The National Level Leadership Summit was held in Ocean City, Maryland immediately following the Capital Hill event of March 23rd. That Summit was a standing room only event, with members crowding in from all over the nation. It was decided then that every Block would hold a similar event, allowing many more members to take part.

The Midwest Block convened June 21st through the 23rd in Chicago. Participating states included: Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

Three days was definitely not enough to properly examine and digest the incredible presentations given by Rev. Jenkins, Rev. Schanker, Dr. Hendricks, Rev. McCarthy and Mrs. Poppy Richie,



who were the National Level presenters. Dr. T.L. Barrett gave a rousing presentation, the moral being, "have no fear". Rev. Bruce Sutchar of Chicago gave a talk on the heart of witnessing.

Honest and frank reports were offered by each state present. We touched on the realities of blessed family life, methods of outreach, church development, community development, and the stumbling blocks we recognized within our own areas.

It was a time of honest sharing, in



which we didn't worry about how good or bad we looked. It was very clear that this summit was not a time for 'look-good' reports, but a time to truly empower the Tribal Messiahs.

Rev. Jenkins gave a very deep explanation of the course in America through the past 21 years. "We have not touched the witnessing providence with the full providential force since 1983. At that time we began the course to unite with the Fatherland, Motherland and Elder Son Nations. We had to make a foundation of substance with Christianity at that time

as well. There was no ministerial outreach before 1983. We've been in that course for 21 years. We're going according to Heaven's mandate & providence." Many members feel we've been in a barren desert the past 21 years, so miserable that no one could join. To hear Rev. Jenkins explain that we actually brought victory on the assigned course (uniting with the Father & Mother nations) was an incredible liberation. Now we can pick up the witnessing mantle again and see incredible growth, incredible new life.

Rev. Kasbow from Michigan reported that though he decided to hold events for those from the secular field, his events kept getting filled with their Religious-Leader contacts. Rev. Hernandez from Texas compassionately reported how much he is pulled to do 'in-reach' before outreach. Rev. Anglin from Kansas reported about instituting daily inspirational e-mails as a way to be in constant communication with her tribe, giving them spiritual food daily. Rev. Sakai from Wisconsin reported humorously how they finally have been able to move into the realm of 'guest-friendly' Sunday Service. Rev. Triggol from Indiana reported about setting up groups of sisters under her tutelage who can take care of the families, even when the leader is away. Rev. Ngo-

ran from Oklahoma testified about moving to his wife's hometown and the great assistance of the spiritual world there. Rev. Bard from Minnesota shared about how his Regional Director has been teaching intensive 30-hour one-on-one workshops, having a success ratio of over 90%. Mrs. Maria Kartel from Iowa shared the realities of working in a state where the Blessed Families live so far from each other, each needing to discover and implement the most effective ways they can work alone. Rev. Swearson from Missouri gave moving insight about how we must be as Father

described himself when he first came to America, as a firefighter or doctor, to save the broken people. Rev. Vincenz reported how, even though his mission is business, spirit world is



guiding him to good contacts to whom he's able to teach Divine Principle. Mrs. Jeanette Tanaka gave a report on the very well-organized sisters groups in Chicago, and how they've been able to outreach within their neighborhoods. Rev. Lester Reese reported how much of a rebirth experience the Ocean City Summit had been for him, and that he's been working to incorporate the 'gifts-based ministry' concept in Ohio. Rev. Orikasa in Oklahoma has just begun using Rev. Seo's one-one-one teaching method which he feels makes a very strong emotional connection between student and teacher.



Rev. Sung Jong Seo gave a presentation on his teaching method of intensive one-on-one three day workshops, his tools being the color-coded Divine Principle book, and a lecture on Father's Life Course. This has brought incredible result. Rev. Jae Suk Kim focused on how necessary it is to take care of our brother and sisters. He had many points of insight on how we could become more profession-

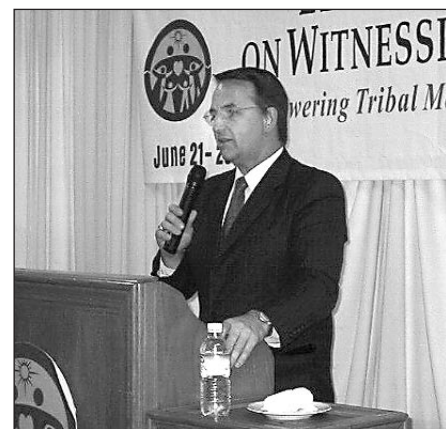
al externally, and more effective internally through a committed heart. Rev. Gi Young Shin offered quiet support throughout the summit. Bishop Ki Hoon Kim offered wisdom and insight on various points throughout the workshop.

A very moving presentation was made by a local Chicago couple, Rev. Jhon and Mrs. Marina Acevedo. Doing Tong Bon Kyok Pa in Chicago's Spanish community they've gained over 70 members in the past year. Through their incredible unity as a blessed couple, and dedicated effort they've brought new life to many people. They've offered to travel to any area to assist families in setting up Tong Ban Kyok Pa outreach.

As the summit was drawing near its end, Rev. Anglin admitted that she didn't want to attend Ocean City. She was tired, burned out and not wanting to just sit and listen for three days as leadership dictated more instruction. In attending, she discovered then that our movement had changed. The leaders were wanting to hear honest opinions, situations, and suggestions from the

field. A new day was dawning as headquarters fashioned itself as an organization committed to assisting Tribal Messiahs gain victory. Hallelujah!

The final presentation of the summit was from Dr. Yang, who immediately flew to Chicago after arriving in America from Korea. He reported on Father's current activities in Korea. Dr. Yang gave great support to Rev. Seo's method of one-one-one teaching. He asked us how we can keep our mouths shut when we know the truth, and he told us that, "by practicing the truth we will be resurrected. People are completely changed by the truth. Let us start in this room. Each of us, if we change and show a new standard of



faith and confidence the membership will change. We should show standard and then people will follow us. The 3,000 Blessed Families in America are really Chosen People." ❖

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Cross-Country Walker for 'Reconciliation and Peace'

by Jim Flynn

After crossing the desert from Reno, Nevada, Mr. Matsuo Machida arrived in Heber City, Utah, on Friday evening, June 25. This leg of his cross-country walk for "Reconciliation and Peace," which began June 1 in San Francisco, brought him close to the 800-mile mark. After walking through the desert for days, Mr. Machida was understandably very happy to walk through mountains, past rivers and waterfalls. He and his young traveling companion, Jesse Berndt, then drove to Salt Lake City, where they were hosted by Michael and Wendy Stovall and treated to a Japanese meal at the Sakura Sushi Restaurant.

Mr. Machida, who lived in the United States for 14 years, made his determination to undertake this walk after September 11, 2001. He said, "I had visited the World Trade Center many times. When I saw the victims and the collapsed buildings that were full of memories, I asked God desperately, 'Why has this happened? What should America do?' God answered me, 'America, love your enemy.'" He is praying that America will turn to God at this time and find the way to peace.

On Saturday morning, more than forty guests gathered in the Stovall's garden for breakfast to welcome Mr. Machida to Utah. Mrs. Stovall, Utah Coordinator for the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, officially welcomed him, and Rev. Sung Jo Hwang of the Utah Family Church gave an invocation. Then guests mingled and had breakfast and took photos with Mr. Machida. The children present were especially inspired by Mr. Machida's marathon effort and that he took the time to speak to them personally.

Mrs. Stovall presented Mr. Machi-

da with a commemorative gift and two proclamations. Mr. Machida was also presented with a yellow Utah tee shirt and a book entitled "Utah on My Mind," which all the guests signed.

Following the breakfast, the guests were invited to join Mr. Machida on a symbolic walk in Salt Lake City from the Capitol to the Temple Square of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints and along to City Hall. We then drove to a site that overlooked the city where a concluding prayer was given.

Because Mr. Machida's right leg had become slightly swollen during his walk across the desert, he had it checked. The doctor said that he had developed an infection and that he should come back on Sunday for a check-up. Although he had been planning to leave on Saturday,

news that Mrs. Yasue Erikawa was flying into Salt Lake City late that night to see him, helped Mr. Machida decide to rest his leg.

The following morning, after the doctor confirmed that his leg was much improved from the rest and medication, we went to the Utah Family Church where Mrs. Erikawa gave a Sunday Service and introduced Mr. Machida, who gave a short talk about how he first met Rev. Moon years ago in New York state. At that meeting, Rev. Moon talked to him for a long time in Japanese. "Father and Mother Moon have taught me the way of repentance and how to live beyond national boundaries," he explained. "It was because of them that I came to America and grew to love this great country."

"Both in Japan and in America, we are worried about our youth and the breakdown of our families. We feel that we need God. ... Father Moon is asking America to turn to God at a time when this country is so challenged from within and from without."

After lunch at the church, we finally bade farewell to Mr. Machida and

Jesse. Mrs. Erikawa and Rev. Hwang accompanied them back to Heber City, where Mr. Machida re-commenced his walk along Route 40 to Vernal, Utah, and then headed into the mountains on his way to Denver, Colorado.

Denver

by Peggy Yujiri

Mr. Matsuo Machida arrived in the Denver area late on July 11th. He stayed just west of Denver in Golden, Colorado and then continued his cross-country trek at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. By 7:00 am he had reached the Denver Family Church where he stopped for a quick breakfast. From there, he was accompanied by Rev. Shang Seon Park and several second generation youth. They walked all day across Denver, into Aurora and almost to the outskirts of the city.

In the evening, after finishing his walking, Mr. Machida was brought back to the Denver Family Church for a reception in his honor. Dr. Chang Shik Yang and Mrs. Yasue Erikawa had flown into Denver to greet him and to encourage him in his goal to walk across all of the United States, promoting peace and reconciliation.

After dinner the Denver church members and local Ambassadors for Peace gathered in the sanctuary to hear Mr. Machida's moving testimony. He was introduced by Dr. Yang, who shared with us that True Parents had been deeply moved by Mr. Machida's determination and had asked that American members also support his trip and walk together with him. Mrs. Erikawa shared something of the background and history of the Machida family. She told us that God's spirit was with Mr. Machida and that thousands of angels were following him on

his way.

Then Mr. Machida shared with us. He told us that his power comes from his deep gratitude to True Parents for the love they have shared with him. He told us all a story of his encounter with Rev. Moon at Jacob House in the early 70's. He also explained that he was present at the final sermon of Rev. Moon before he was incarcerated in Danbury prison. At the time he felt such anguish to see this great man who had sacrificed so much being unjustly imprisoned. He determined that some day he would do something to try to demonstrate Rev. Moon's genuine heart for reconciliation and peace, and to work to clear up the misconceptions. Now he feels that he finally has the opportunity to do just that through his cross-country mission of peace. His walk is an act of prayer that all people can understand the heart of God at this time, calling us all to recognize that we are one family under the parenthood of God. He has determined to carry out this cross-country walk no matter how difficult.

Mr. Machida wears True Parents' picture on his chest and also carries a sign which proclaims his support for

Rev. Sun Myung Moon's message of reconciliation and peace on his backpack. He is always proud of his affiliation with Rev. Moon and he wants the world to know. Beyond the language and culture barriers, he is bringing this message to America.

Today Machida recommenced his arduous journey at the eastern edge of Denver and out onto the Great Plains, heading toward Kansas City. Mrs. Erikawa, Rev. Park and many of the Denver Church members joined him this morning for today's walk in almost 100 degree heat under a blazing sun. We will all be praying for his success in his noble journey. Thank you Mr. Machida! ❖



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Rev. Bruce Sutchar, true blue, always here, always brilliant with great wisdom about the city, the history, the Jews, the law and the clergy. Looking back further at the Prayer breakfast was Rev. M.E. Sardon.

The first day I arrived in Chicago in 1983 on IOWC I was taken by David Caprera to meet the clergy that was on the Project Volunteer Board, Rev. M.E. Sardon. The first pastor I met in this great city. Rev. M.E. Sardon, with us then and now 21 years latter at 92, with us now. It is amazing. This great civil rights leader was the first to say Amen when Dunlap said, "Let's Picket the Grib." Sardon and Dunlap were known names in Chicago. Before anyone heard of Martin Luther King Jr., Rev. M.E. Sardon was picketing the bread companies because they refused to hire black drivers even though the majority of their sales in that area was to black

drivers. The Mayor at that time (we won't name any names), but it was in the 50's, asked Sardon to let go of the protest and said to him, "We can work this out with the Bread companies." So he went with the Mayor to one of the main bread company and was invited into the President's office.

It was there that the President pulled out a check saying, "Rev. Sardon, here is a check for \$30,000 dollars to help your ministry and your fine work for the community—all you have to do is call off the march." "Well, my, my, my" Sardon said. (Sardon is big man around 6'2" and 260, a former Captain in the Army Corp of Engineers in WWII and one of the few black officers to serve under Gen. Mark Clark.) "My, my, my. I'm sorry I just can't do that for we just want fairness and ask that you allow our certified black drivers to apply for work at your company. I'm sorry I just can't accept this check, what I really want is a chance to show you how well our young men will do under your

employ." With that he tore up the check and before the disbelieving Mayor and Company President, he walked out the door, picked up his picket sign and took his place in the line.

The next day on the Picket line the police came roaring up in a squad car and handcuffed Rev. Sardon and took him to jail. He was booked on Felony charges of running a racket of "shacking down" the stores on the street that wouldn't hire blacks. Things became real dark in his life. A Felony Charge. Even family and friends and some clergy wondered if he had done something. Finally after many weeks in jail, he was brought before the judge. The case was presented and it just happened that the judge looked at Sardon and immediately upon hearing the presentation of the prosecuting attorney said, "Case Dismissed." "What" the prosecutor replied. The judge said, "I've known and watched Rev. Sardon work in this community for many years and know that there is no way he has anything to do

with this allegation. — Case Dismissed !!" We serve a living God. Sardon went on to negotiate many, many opportunities and jobs for qualified black men. Sardon was now walking on the Trib to decry the discrimination of Rev. Moon.

At the Prayer breakfast Tuesday, I looked over further and there was Rev. James Bevel, now a special advisor to Minster Farrakhan, and one of the most known and written about young civil rights leaders who walked with Dr. King. Jim taught me for many years the principles and ways of inclusion and non violence. Jim was the one that after the Dr. King was jailed in Birmingham and the adults were afraid to keep going he organized the Children's crusade and marched with students against Bull Connors fire hoses and police dogs. He taught the children, some grade school girls, "when you look into the policeman's eyes, do not fear, love him. Imagine that he is just like your uncle and say I Love You !!" These children won

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Missouri ACLC

by Rev. Charles Cherutich and
Rev. Carl Swearson

‘M’arriage is not an ice cube. You cannot dissolve it, for if you do, there will remain a residue of bitterness and a stain on God’s Plan”. So began Bishop Cannida of the Greater True Vine Ministries, June 26, 2004. She was the keynote speaker at the Missouri June ACLC Prayer Breakfast. The title of her speech was “The Woman’s role in creating a Peaceful marriage”. In her address to the fifty

participants gathered at the Salad Bowl Banquet Center on June 26th, she gave a passionate plea for young men and women to remain abstinent before marriage. “Dating creates a tired, unstable personality. A bride that lacks inner peace will be an unhappy wife”.

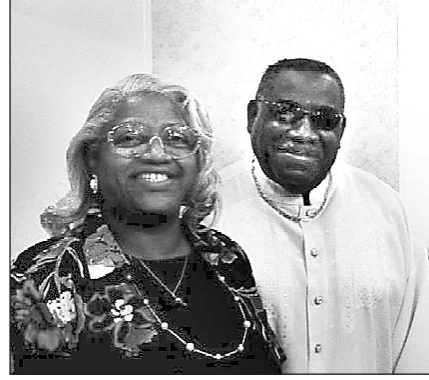
She encouraged married couples to do the constant, heavy work of maintaining a healthy and peaceful marriage. She reminded the audience that it is not whom you marry, but how you marry, and that women set the tone in the marriage relationship.

The theme of this month’s meeting was

“Parenting and the Role of Marriage in Today’s Society.”

The new video “In Search of an Ideal: An Introduction to the Unification Movement” was presented by Rev. Carl Swearson, AFC director. It was well received, with several guests being impressed particularly with Rev Moon’s peacemaking in the Middle East.

Rev. Earlice Wrice, ACLC-Missouri Executive Director, did an impressive job as MC, and encouraged the audience, including several new attendees, to continue working for strong families and effective parenting. ❖



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the day and the heart of America was turned. Jim also strategized and led the March on the Trib to clarify that the word “Moonie” was a label that was designed by haters to destroy the work of the man of God. Some Unificationists protested and said, we like this name, and Rev. Bevel would teach, “Who came up with it?” We answered that it first appeared in Time Magazine. He said, you don’t realize do you that these terms are designed to isolate, ostracize and destroy you. That’s why “Nigger” could cause people that normally would come to black peoples aid to tremble and run. No one wanted to be called a “Nigger Lover”. These hate terms can kill. They cause death and destruction. “No, No, No he said. We have to do a movement to educate the Publisher and the editors about this.”

Thus the march on the Trib began. With these Civil Rights leaders that were convinced to their life’s blood that another “King” was on the planet. Another “Martin” had been sent by God. Only this time God was being even more clever, he sent this preacher from Korea and gave him a name that has the Sun and the Moon. With this kind of preaching in New Macedonia Baptist Church our hearts became light. About 40 gathered that first day of our rally and march on the Trib. We were encouraged. Then a new experience came about for Bruce and I that day... Everyone was excited, everyone was ready... We preached and worked all day and clarified the violation of the Trib and the hate behind the word. We wrote our statement and Rev. Bevel gave it a title Are the “Moonies” our new “Niggers” Wake Up Your Hearts. We all protested the title. “Jim”, I said, “this is too strong”. He said, it doesn’t matter if its strong or not, it is true.

We went down to the Trib, leaving in many cars to carry the 40 preachers. When we go to the Trib, No One Showed Up!! Just Bevel, Sardon, Rev. Jackie Roberts and Dunlap, Bruce, Rev. Tommy Watson and I. “Man”, I thought to myself, “We’re going to get creamed by the Trib!!!” Rev. Watson, Bruce and I stayed outside with the picket signs (as Rev. Bevel requested). Sardon, Bevel and Jackie went in to see Jim Squires the managing editor of the Chicago Tribune. They discussed the whole term and Squires was unconvinced claiming, “I can write whatever I want to.” Rev. Bevel said no, your privilege to write doesn’t supersede our rights in America. You cannot violate other people and get away with it. If you keep violating minorities and discriminating against people of faith you eventually will make our community angry. You don’t want our com-

munity to get angry believe me. The meeting ended in a deadlock. That night Mr. Squires called Rev. Bevel and said, “Jim, I’ve been following your career for many years. You have done a fine job and we wouldn’t want to see you good name ruined. What are you doing with Moon. You don’t know what I know. We have sources as a newspaper that give us in depth information. Moon is no good.” Rev. Bevel said, “ Oh I see, what is that information. I would like to know about this for if this man is as evil as you say he is, I would like to be the first to pick up a stone and join in the stoning. If he’s that evil I need to know. Let me see what you have on him “ Then Mr. Squires said, “It’s confidential information that I can’t let you have, just know that it is very bad.” Rev. Bevel said, “If its that bad we should bring it out.” Mr. Squires said, “Listen Jim, if you don’t hear me we may have to dig up your background.” Jim said, “Fine, please do, if you’ve got some dirt on me we should put it all on the table so I can clean myself up.” The threats failed. Jim was standing on faith and principle. Rev. Moon was like Dr. King. Cut from the same cloth. He was sure of it.

The next day our rally at the church grew, we broke through and eventually 100 gathered at the Trib. Dr. Pak and old warrior for justice gave incredible and courageous advice each step of the way, he told me, “Michael, what ever you do don’t let this cool down. Keep up the pressure.” The local Family Church leaders totally understood and did not allow the fire to dwindle.

A sit in at the Trib was organized and Bevel, Sardon, Roberts and Dunlap were arrested. At the jail I went with Rev. W.M. Johnson to post the bail and as we walked through the doors you could here them singing at the top of their lungs old spirituals. The Jail house was rocking, the police were smiling.

This led to a four month court battle. The first court appearance, everyone said, would be just a day to through out the case. Nobody cares about a misdemeanor trespassing charge. We went in kind of carefree that day. Bruce Sutchar though I better call Don Kaplan my best friend and Jewish Lawyer. Don showed up. (Thank God). We got there and two well dressed attorney’s were there for the Trib. I asked them, you’re going to throw this out aren’t you. They said, “No, we want a conviction.” A conviction, woa. They wanted to humiliate the clergy. However as we stood before the Judge, the clergy were very seasoned over many years. The bailiff called The Chicago Tribune vs. Sardon, Bevel, Roberts and Dunlap. Then again, I watched the history unfold. They were there willing to go to jail for Father Moon. This set a different kind of condition. Amazingly the 30 or so clergy that came

with us to the court that day all knew what to do. They all stood up and walked through the wooden gate of the Perry Mason style old Chicago courtroom. 34 ministers stood before the judge. All the clergy had the clerical collars on. Then the judge said, the Trib versus all these clergy. I don’t know what this is all about but there is no way I can win in this situation. I recuse myself from this case. The court date was continued. The next time the Judge didn’t show up. The next time the judge was sick. Don Kaplan, a pro bono Jewish tiger attorney had a subpoena served on Mr. Cook the Publisher of the Trib. His lawyers frantically fought to dismiss this subpoena but it couldn’t be done. The Publisher of the Trib was going to have to face these civil rights leaders and explain why he wouldn’t meet them the day they came. (Because of his refusal to meet they sat in on the Tribune).

Each court date was electric. The word was out in Chicago. 10 to 15 TV and print media would come with cameras clicking away, but each time there was nothing in any paper the day after!!! Wow. The Trib had collective power with the media. The clergy were most surprised that the Chicago Defender reporters article got spiked. They called the owner who sheepishly told Rev. Dunlap, A.I. I’m sorry. We get all our newsprint paper from the Trib and they threatened to cut us off if we weren’t silent.”

Man, more goes on than meets the eye.

The Trib lawyers fought with Don Kaplan and then Don hit with the Rap sheets of Bevel, Sardon and Dunlap. All deep in the Civil Rights history. Countless arrests between the three of them. All for civil rights. No crimes, just righteousness.

The Trib realized that the clergy would gladly go to jail. They were going to take this one all the way. They were having a religious experience dealing with injustice.

The Trib called back. We drop the charges, but on one condition, the clergy sign a waiver saying they won’t sue the Tribune for false arrest. The Clergy refused, the case was dropped anyway.

We sent a Christmas Card to Mr. Cook renewing our request for a meeting. One month later our delegation met in the top floor of Tribune Tower in the office of the Chairman, CEO and Publisher of the Chicago Tribune. Like Rev. Bevel always taught most of the people in leadership that are doing us wrong are just good people who have been misinformed. Some are hateful bigots, some are just ignorant and some are communists committed to destroy God’s people. Mr. Cook was a very fine man, he had the wrong information. He knew from that day on that Rev. Moon was

real preacher. Like Rev. Sardon said, “Rev. Moon reminds me of Dr. King. In fact this is the first time I really felt that Martin was around again.”

Mr. Cook set the policy. The Trib never used the word “Moonie” again. With this spiritual victory, the rest of the media let this pejorative fall without a fight. Injustice and hate eventually, when uprooted with love and sacrifice will eventually fall. It was a classic Jacob and Esau battle. Jacob can only give God’s love and heal Esau, not from a position of weakness, but only from a position of victory. When we won the court battle we could have sued the Trib. However, we wished Mr. Cook a Merry Christmas and assured him that we meant no harm but only to discuss with him how we might work together to build a better city. His heart opened because from a position of strength we chose to love.

I sincerely thank God and True Parents for those clergy and for Bishop Kim who has grown the movement into the most real and viable living witnesses that I know of.

Thank you Chicago. Now I’m ready to March with the Women of Faith into the heart of Gaza, Jerusalem and Ramallah.

America, is the only nation truly prepared by God to be the Elder Son. We must cleanse her now. The False (Gay) Marriage teaching and practice will dissolve in our path, the immorality and hate in America and throughout the world will dissolve in this path. How important is the Interreligious Council and the work of the Prophets.

Rise America. Land of Ancient Dreams. Send Forth Your Light In Sacred Holy Beams.

America—Your light is you beautiful Holy Daughters that will fly across the Atlantic and the Mediterranean today to meet our destiny. Alexa and Karen lead us on. Dr. Yang will give True Parents heart and spirit on the front line there. True Parents and Rev. Kwak will pray for our victorious walk. Pray for Dr. Abe, Hod and all our Israeli brothers and sisters and Ambassadors for Peace. Pray for the Fatherland, Motherland and Elder Son and Younger Son (European) Women as they walk in total faith. Who would send the best women of the movement into the fiery furnace. Only the Lord would do this because he knows that just as Shadrach, Meshak and Abednego went into the fire and survive, they also found one more there. That one more is Jesus. Jesus is waiting for us now. The King of Israel and Palestine. Glory to God. We serve a living God. ❖

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Hundreds in D.C. Catch the Outreach Fire at the First-ever Quarterly Community Service

by Rev. McCarthy

Over the past year, the Washington Family Church has been undergoing a quiet revolution. Well, it's not so quiet anymore and it seems that it's starting to get downright noisy. Witnessing is about to catch on.

The beginning of the quiet revolution was the gradual process of extending more responsibility to the local community through establishing local elder's boards. This process began under Dr. Chang Shik Yang's and Rev. Phillip Schanker's leadership. In 1998 they challenged the local communities to take responsibility for a local Sunday Service once a month.

Under Rev. In Hoi Lee the process continued and on July 2, 2000, two



days prior to Independence Day, Rev. Lee proclaimed "Interdependence Day." This extended more responsibility to the community with three local services and one main service at Columbia Rd. each month.

July 4, 2004, Rev. Jeong Phyong Hong has moved the bar even higher. Each community church will develop outreach efforts around a consistent local Sunday Service schedule. Rather than leaving the local church each month to participate in a main service at Columbia Rd, local services will be held every week. In addition to that, every three months, a community-wide celebration service will be held, hosted by a local community on a rotating basis.

Our first quarterly community-wide service was held July 4th. at W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax, Virginia. Our service was hosted by our local Northern Virginia Family Church community pastored by Rev. Hiroshi Goto. Over 600 members and guests from around the Washington Metro area were in attendance.

This was our opportunity to provide a celebratory, uplifting, exciting service that would touch the hearts of new guests and, at the same time, display our wonderful heavenly tradition in a manner that expressed

a quiet confidence in what we believe

The service was a collage of sounds, images, uplifting music, multi-media, choirs, beach balls flying into the crowd, candy mint projectiles dangerously hurled at people's heads nearly putting out everybody's eye. It was heavenly. . . and the kids had a great time, too! (especially throwing mints at old heads!)

Most inspiring were the compelling testimonies from new members, and a touching new video produce by Columbia Rd. Productions.

The video presentation, "Crown of Glory," beautifully blended historical photos of True Parents with the lyrics of Father's poem, "Crown of Glory" written when Father was just 16 years old. The video was set to a moving musical piece that created such a holy and touching atmosphere. Many were moved to tears, including guests.

The high point of the service, however, was the video presentation, "What Brought Us Here." This was a fifteen minute video presentation of the testimonies of six people who recently decided to join our family. They told the story of what it was that led them to our movement and what caused them to join.

Those involved in outreach couldn't get enough of those precious fifteen minutes and those not yet involved in outreach found new inspiration to try again. Most importantly, those new guests in attendance could hear a most significant message and could begin to recognize the same voice calling from within.

It is clear that God is leading a new generation of Americans to our True Parents. We must value them and thank God for each person who responds to the Principle, many of whom are now reporting of visions and dreams of True Parents. If we don't reach out and embrace the people God is sending how can we have hope to evangelize those

that are still laboring under the popular misconceptions of our movement?

There is a growing confidence spreading in the Washington region. It is being fueled by two elements. The first is a growing awareness that God is leading people to our movement and, secondly, that regionally and

locally we are investing in quality programs that can bring those people to a full commitment to our True Parents.

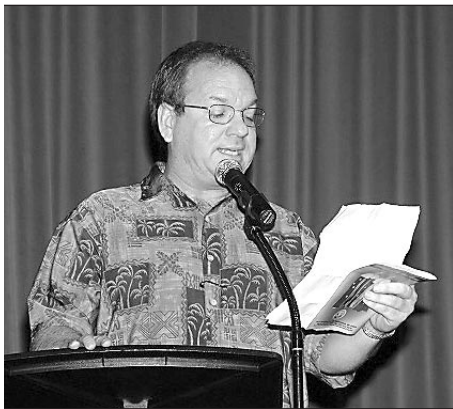
In a prepared message deliv-

ered by Rev. Phillip Schanker, Dr. Chang Shik Yang challenged all present with the following words:

"Let us prepare for company! As more and more people realize the beauty of God's ideal, the reality of the fall and the hope of restoration, America can rise to fulfill its original purpose and destiny in God's providence."

We have to be ready to turn America around one person at a time.

Our next community-wide celebration service will be in October. One proposed change: no more flying hard candies... next time, try gummy bears! ❖



New Directors of BFD

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification of the United States is happy to announce the appointment of Jim and Hiromi Stephens as directors of the Blessed Family Department, as of June, 2004. They will work under the authority and guidance of our Continental Director, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, and National President, Rev. Michael Jenkins, and with the support of the Education Department, overseen by Rev. Phillip Schanker.

Among the first objectives are: organizing and supporting the preparations for US participation in the July 26th Blessing in Chonan, Korea; assisting the Continental Director in appointing a Blessing Committee to advise and support the department's work; providing guidance and support for parents in the matching of their children; development of ongoing education, counseling and family enrichment for spouses, parents, and young people; and identifying representatives to coordinate the ministry in each region. Future plans include publications, educational videos, web-based support services, and special ministries to support the variety of needs within the growing community of Blessed families.

Your suggestions and participation are welcome. Jim and Hiromi can be reached personally by Email at jimstephens5@comcast.net or ommahiroimi@hotmail.com, or by phone at (410) 997-6450. To reach the Blessed Family Department, contact blessing@familyfed.org, or call Mrs. Rachel Carter at (202)345-4888.

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Los Angeles ACLC Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Henning

Saturday, June 19, 2004, at the McCarty Memorial Christian Church in Los Angeles the monthly prayer breakfast celebrated the victory of the Women for Peace activities in Jerusalem and introduced new contacts to the Unification Worldview Seminar through a sample presentation by Rev. T. L. Henning entitled "The Restoration of True Lineage". The event turned out to be a musical extravaganza.



Origin, the choir, opened the meeting with a medley of songs, followed by a special memorial rendition of "America" in the style of Ray Charles, performed by Rick Joswick. (The funeral for the Ray Charles had been held just the day before in South Los Angeles.) Several were astonished at the voice and keyboard style of the famous singer coming from our brother. Next, Rev. Nathan Nolen, President of the



Mt. Zion, MBC congregation where Dr. E. V. Hill had pastured, gave the invocation. His wife, recovered from cancer, attended this event to the great joy and relief of all who know her.

Readings, representing the sons of Abraham and emphasizing God's desire for true peace, were read from the Psalms by Rev. Millsap, from the beatitudes by Rev. Ashley, from the Qua'ran by Dr. Taj and a Founder's Message from the 50th Anniversary of the Family Federation speech read by Rev. Brown. After a few remarks about the recent State Supreme Court decision to reject the lawsuit against schools reciting the "one nation under God" clause; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the food was blessed by Rev.

Wright.

A wonderful breakfast featured ham and eggs and hash browns, plenty of fresh fruit salad and assorted pastries. Brothers and sisters served their guests hot and cold drinks. Volunteers had prepared in the kitchen from 6:30 that



Rueter of the Los Angeles Family Church introduced Mrs. Norma Foster, our keynote speaker. Her report and testimony, illustrated by 23 slide pictures, showed how significant the women's work in Jerusalem can be for realizing a lasting peace in the Middle East.

Another major purpose of the program was to bring ministers into the Unification Worldview Seminar program being taught now

three times a week in three locations. Rev. Henning gave a presentation packed with new insights from Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon on the preparation of Jesus lineage and the reverse course of the human fall carried out in the lives of key figures of Biblical history. The ten-minute presentation was challenging and yet very Biblical. [Several new ministers attended the Monday class yesterday to hear the presentation on the Human Fall. We expected five ministers and eight showed up.] The meeting closed with prayer from our host, Dr. Peavey.

The Prayer Breakfast inspired several ministers to offer their gospel bands and choirs to support our future events and several are busy inviting their colleagues to our upcoming events. The Spirit is moving, the excitement is spreading. Let's proclaim the Sovereignty of God and the Era of the Peace Kingdom! ♦



morning and Mrs. Henning headed up the kitchen staff. The food may seem like an incidental point, but when there's plenty, it's delicious, and presented beautifully, the atmosphere of the meeting becomes joyful and celebrative. This event was another very happy occasion and everyone seemed very pleased.

Magdeline Millsap's voice added so much to the atmosphere as she sang "Amazing Grace" and "Walking in Jerusalem" backed up by the Sadoc Christian Singers. After the "Path to Peace" video presentation, Rev. Sheri



A 'Thank You' from WFWP

by Alexa Ward

Thank you for your very generous support of the Women of Peace program in Israel, May 22-28, 2004. American sisters responded to the call and we were easily able to make our goal of 120 participants. Many of you helped others with airfare and program fees. Many of you contributed to the expenses of the eighteen Task Force sisters. Some of you even sponsored other sisters. More than one hundred and fifty sisters sent \$50 to WFWP to help with expenses.

As we bring closure to this program and move forward with other activities, WFWP is still in need of an additional \$13,530 to cover expenses incurred during the Women of Peace program. I have prepared a brief income and expense report so you can see what our needs are at this time. I would like to encourage you to help WFWP by sending in \$50 at this time.

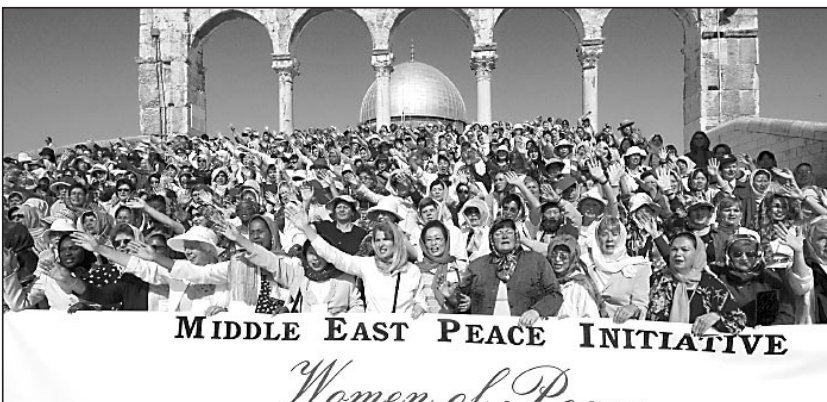
What made the Women of Peace program special and unique? From the beginning of the planning stage, we felt that the mother's heart was key to the success of this program. The mother's

heart is above religion. The mother's heart brings deep parental love, compassion, empathy, and healing.

True Father gave the direction for the sisters to go door to door, to find those who have been victimized by the ongoing violence in Israel, and to comfort them. This is the essence of the mother's heart. Many deep experiences resulted from that direction.

There were many aspects of the Women of Peace program that were uniquely suited to women. Caroline Betancourt and Donna Selig organized a moving spiral prayer at the Sea of Galilee. Angelika Selle, Debbie Taylor, Claire Daugherty, and Juanita Pierre Louis guided a session on reconciliation one evening. Visits to Hadassah Hospital and Yad be Yad Bi-Lingual School, organized by Norma Foster, gave us an opportunity to share our mother's hearts where they were most

needed. Several hundred sisters participated in a Bridge of Peace Ceremony, that, through the Israeli and Palestinian pairs, gave new depth to the realm of sisterhood. Five hundred



sisters from thirty three nations went door to door in and around Jerusalem with a heart to comfort.

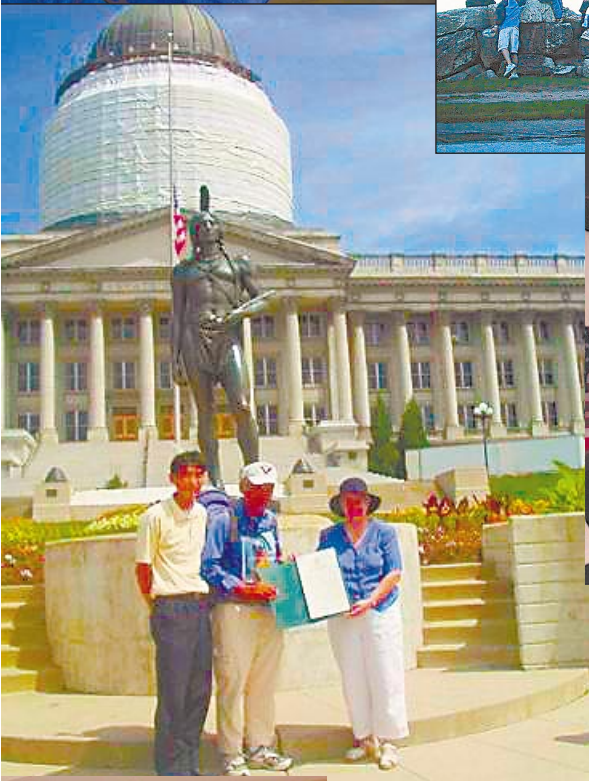
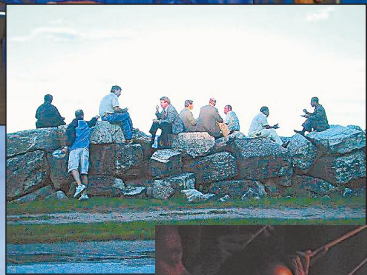
We are grateful to God and True Parents for the opportunity to participate in the Women of Peace program in Israel. We pray that our involvement could help to heal and

bring resolution to the sons and daughters of Abraham.

For those of you who are able to help WFWP at this time, please make your checks out to WFWP, USA and send to WFWP, USA, 3224 - 16th Street, NW, Washington DC 20010.

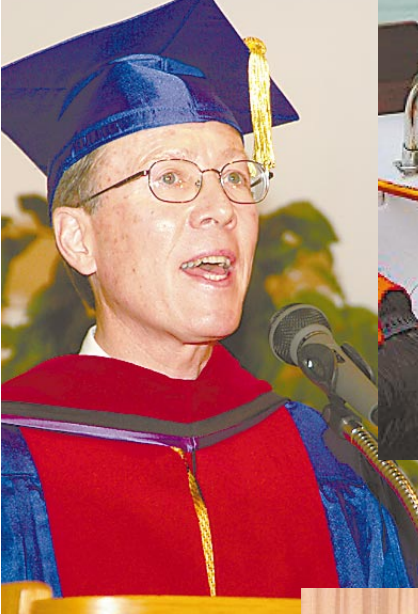
If we are able to make more than the level of our outstanding debt, we would like to make a brief video, as well as further develop the website. For more information, please contact Betsy Hunter, Administrative Director, at bhunter@wfwp.us or by telephone to 202-319-3200, extension 150.

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OUR GIFT IS FOR GIVING

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks

This sermon was given at Red Hook Family Church on April 11, 2004

A great church, business or organization is a team. It is not one person doing a hundred things. That leads to burnout. It is a hundred people doing one thing each... the thing they have been gifted to do.

"He gave gifts to men." And he gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ." Eph 4:9, 11-12

The Purpose of the Church: The church is a spiritual community that supports the mission of Tribal Messiahs. Tribal Messiahs extend true parental love to all corners of society in many ways. We engage in various styles of "witnessing;" confrontational, invitational, service-oriented, personal and testimonial. The essence is to give what God has given us, our gift, to others. The goal is to develop an authentic relationship of trust with a new person in order to open them up to True Parents' love and truth in our community.

"The role of the leader is not to corner the market on ministry but, rather, to equip God's people to do the work

of the ministry... Under the traditional template of how church is done, the pastor does the work of the ministry and he gets as many people as he can to help him... In doing church as a team, the people do the work of the ministry—and they get the pastor to

tant; each is key to fulfilling God's plan. Each piece is necessary in the puzzle. Each family develops a strategy that fits their resources, vision and abilities. This is their "gate ministry" or "gift ministry." We express God's love to others through our passion, our God-

are mutually supportive and of equal value. New people connect to either or both. National agendas do not lead to increased membership, but local work leads to Tribal Messiah success. This is our Community and neighborhood outreach ("Tong ban kyok pah"), with the underlying effort to bring new members. It includes implementing the global trend locally, such as creating dialog and fellowship among Christians, Jews and Muslims locally.

This approach should maximize all members' gifts. With this expanded understanding of ministry, we maximize our church's impact and allow more members to give from their gifts for True Parents.

As Rev. Cordeiro puts it, "The Fastest Way to the Throne is through the servant's entrance." He quotes Mother Teresa, who said, "What we do is something small, but we do it with big hearts. At death, we will not be judged by the amount of work we did, but by the amount of love we put into it... We do not strive for spectacular actions. What counts is the gift of yourself, the degree of love you put into each of your deeds....Do you want to be great? Pick up a broom and sweep the floor."

"When you serve, serve with your heart. Whether you teach, sing, pass out bulletins, play an instrument, set up chairs or clean tables, always remember: It's not the size of the task but the size of the heart you put into the task that makes what you do something beautiful for God!" ❖



help them!" These great insights are given by Rev. Wayne Cordeiro, pastor of the New Hope Community Church in Honolulu, in his book *Doing Church as a Team*.

The leadership facilitates: The leadership wires together the members' gift ministries. For what purpose? To express God's love to others. "That's how churches grow!"

Each person preaches the gospel through their gift. No one is unimpor-

inspired hobby. It is a family-based strategy. The church supports members' ministries, and strategizes with each to link it with the core church community—i.e., to bring spiritual children.

Ours is a Multi-track Ministry. One track is from national or world HQ in line with True Parents' leading agenda. The second is our local gift ministries: community-based and geared to serve as gates for new people. These

Camp Sunrise Elementary Camp

by Mereth Huemer

One hundred and ten elementary school Blessed Children from 4th to 6th grade attended a one week camp program July 2 to 9 at Camp Sunrise in Upstate New York. The children were mostly from the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut area, but some came from as far away as Kentucky and Texas to attend

the camp program.

Mr. Brian Sabourin, Youth Pastor from the New Jersey Region directed the program. He called in older Blessed Children from all over the country to act as Counselors and "CIT's" (Counselors in Training) The younger children learned the basics of Divine Principle, about how to serve one another in practical ways, and how to live for the sake of team unity among other things. The older ones learned leadership skills, coping skills, how to dominate one's body when overcome with tiredness and one of your campers gets sick in the night or has a bad dream. This provided wonderful training for the older Blessed Children in leadership and practice for their future role as parents. They learned a lot about loving smaller children and skills to deal with the occasional behavior problem. It was inspiring to see the counselors carrying campers piggyback, taking a group of boys fishing in the morning after Pledge, and deeply talking one on one with campers at various times

As a parent of one of the campers, I was inspired to hear the reflections of the counselors and CITs during the evening staff meetings, both the good experiences and the challenging ones. It was interesting to hear some of the strategies they came up with to handle difficult situations.

One whole day was dedicated to celebrating God and True Parent's victories and the campers and staff spent the whole day playing competitive games including Matinage, a dodge ball type game, and ending with the traditional Camp Sunrise carpet race. During the rest of the week, the children played games, swam, did arts and crafts, heard lectures, wrote in their personal journals, did individual team activities, hiked, ate "S'mores at the campfire one evening, sang, wrote and performed skits, and at the closing ceremonies on Thursday evening, many

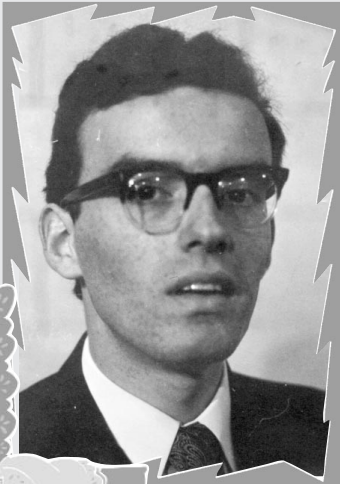
cried because it was time to say goodbye for another year. The campers

departed with pictures, addresses, e-mail addresses, suntans, a few mosquito bites, great memories and promises from their fellow campers and counselors to keep in touch.

It was definitely a fun, enjoyable and educational week that we hope to repeat next year!

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administration and delegation, etc.) Realizing that proper training requires a clear job description, the group recognized the need for a clear organizational identity and mission statement for FFWPU, job descriptions for RD, VRD, etc. HQ was urged to lead this process, and support with materials development and leadership training. Because of the large membership in this Block, regional summits were suggested, rather than a Block-level gathering. The first 1-day leadership training was organized for June 5 in Region 2, with cooperation from HQ.

All regions and Tribal Messiahs are encouraged to consider the resources available from these regions, such as a clear strategic planning process from Region 4, ideas for manuals and how-tos from Region 3, leadership training ideas from Region 2, and ideas for witnessing through movie nights, bible studies, video centers, and community-interest programs like language education. Dr. Hendricks and UTS are a valuable resource for leadership education, and Dr. Jung Chang Choi, director of the Research Institute for the Integration of World Thought at UB, is highly regarded for his seminars on preaching and sermon development, already scheduled throughout the northeast. ❖

by Rev. Phillip Schanker

Northeast Block Leaders Summit on Witnessing

The Northeast Block, comprised of Regions 2 (Metro New York), 3 (New Jersey), 4 (Boston), 5 (Connecticut), 6 (Northern New England) and 22 (Upstate New York), held a leadership meeting on May 18-19, 2004 at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, New York. The meeting's purpose was to evaluate the first 40 days of witnessing and outreach, to share each region's ideas, innovations and challenges, learn from each other, and make necessary adjustments for the coming 40 days. In addition to each Regional Director and Vice-Regional Director, key Tribal Messiah leaders attended from each region, making a total of around 25 participants. Reverend Phillip Schanker attended on behalf of National HQ, to dialogue, support and understand the field situation more deeply.

Beginning with lunch on Tuesday, May 18, each region reported its 40-day developments fully and freely, welcoming questions for clarification and understanding. The following morning was dedicated to discussing the challenges each region faces that may limit witnessing development, and considering strategic adjustments to meet those challenges. The meeting ended with lunch on the 2nd day, after viewing the new video from HQ, "In Search of an Ideal: An Introduction to the Unification Movement."

Rev. Kil Hwan Kim, the Northeast Block leader, emphasized that the meeting's purpose was not to measure success or compare results, but to have an honest discussion of what was or was not accomplished during the first 40 days of witnessing, compare strategies and learn from one another. Some exciting and effective developments were highlighted, and a number of good ideas for improvement were expressed. Among the highlights were:

Activities and Highlights

Region 2- In addition to a focus upon developing a strong, guest-friendly Sunday Service, one-day workshops have been held each Saturday in Manhattan (43rd Street) and the Bronx. The first 2-day workshop for new guests was held last weekend, with 14 guests attending. A second 2-day for new guests is planned for the end of the month, followed 2 weeks later by an advanced weekend, and a Blessing candidates workshop 2 weeks after that. A video center was established in Westchester County in March, and opened at a new location on April 1st, with nearly 100 guests since its inception, and a staff of 2 to 4 volunteers. They solve the problem of whether to hold member or guest-centered worship by scheduling a guest-friendly service on Sunday afternoons at the video center. English language classes twice a week attract many Hispanic guests, and most stay for the 20-minute presentation of the organization's ideals after each class. The emphasis is on encouraging each member's unique inter-



est and passion, and every Tribal Messiah, however busy, is encouraged to invest a minimum of 3 hours per week in witnessing. Some have begun re-visiting their communities, giving Holy Wine and re-connecting to contacts. A 1-day leadership training for community leaders is planned for June.

Region 3- Inspired by Rev. Dong Woo Kim's detailed strategic vision, the New Jersey is investing in the rebuilding of the church community as a foundation for "multiplication." Three pillars have been identified as central to this reconstruction: Sunday Worship, Family Department (to support Blessed Families), and



Parents' Association (to support Second Generation). Strengthening these through empowering strong committees and encouraging broader participation is stage one. Through the outreach of these committees, counselors, etc., families feel the support and investment of the community. Stage two is the encouragement of local "Tribal Messiah Groups," building heartistic bonds in the community. These are encouraged for any purpose: sports, study, cooking, etc., provided that the ultimate goal is outreach to new guests.

The church provides strategies, materials, and education for leaders. A 21-segment course of introduction to the DP is being developed, and manuals for community leaders, how to run a Sunday Service, etc. are in nearly complete. E-news is distributed 3 times a week, highlighting both outreach and "in-reach" activities.

Region 4- Boston's strong contribution to witnessing development is their embrace of a detailed strategic planning process. Rev. Kil Hwan Kim took the directions and suggestions of the Ocean City Summit very seriously, and immediately established a planning team, guided by long-time member Jim Edgerly, who is a professional business consultant and strategic planner. The committee began meeting each Sunday after church, and identified 4 main areas to focus upon for development, based on the HQ's guidelines: Sunday Service, Witnessing, Education Program, and Tribal Messiah Community Outreach. Beginning with the first category, they followed 4 steps: 1) Situation Analysis (using S.W.O.T.), (2) Establish Task Force, (3) Appoint a Manager, (4) Develop and implement an Action Plan. The Sunday meetings often lasted 6 hours or more, but members were eager to participate and contribute to church development, and were inspired to see Rev. Kim participate in every meeting and support the process. While planning continues for the later categories, the Sunday Service action plan is focusing on improving 4 areas: sermon, music, management and spiritual preparation. The witnessing plan includes a regular bible study, conveying the DP through a familiar medium, and movie night, utilizing films to highlight key points of the Principle.

The smaller regions are also developing their strategic plans and priorities. Region 5 established a steering committee, which prioritized 2 areas, Sunday Worship and youth education, which is logical in the Bridgeport area. A Sunday Service Committee is working on developing a guest-friendly, but clearly CTA, Unificationist service. Elder 2nd generation are being raised and trained as leaders to work with

their younger fellows. The community has been organized into 12 tribes, and Tong Ban Kyok Pa areas have been assigned by lottery, with the results still to be evaluated. Region 6, though challenged with a small, widely-dispersed community, is finding the strength and independence of their families to be a resource. Regional Director Rev. Hae Chul Jung shares a passion for nature with many of the families there, and so activities using the outdoors for education and fellowship are popular. Rev. Jung has trusted and supported the members'



desire to hold a guest-friendly service each Sunday, and is developing other venues for sharing internal guidance and TP's tradition more deeply with the church community. Region 22, whose members include UTS students who stay only temporarily, is challenged with reaching a population that still looks at our movement skeptically, despite the long seminary presence and many outreach activities. Developing a strong, music and spirit-filled worship experience relevant to the target audience is the primary focus, and a weekly radio ministry has also garnered response.



Challenges and Proposals

The discussion of challenges to witnessing was summarized into several categories: members' mindset (fear, distraction, lack of confidence, shifting from obedience to ownership, etc), members' situation (responsibilities, kids, financial and time limitations, etc.), lack of educational and witnessing materials, lack of an up-to-date education track, and inexperienced leadership. Leadership education was determined as an urgent priority, and key skills were identified (preaching ability, small group organization, financial management, see **NorthEast** on page 18

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North Dakota Crown of Peace Awards

by Cindy Pfeiffer, John Foss

On Sunday, May 16, North Dakota held The Crown of Peace Mini-conference at the Holiday Inn Fargo. Although, our group was small in number (17), it was large in quality of heart and spirit. Dedicated participants travel as long as 6 hours from the farthest points of North Dakota and the Lake Region of Minnesota. Wayne White Eagle, representing the Three Affiliated Tribes, traveled 6 hours from New Town, ND Jim & Bernadette Ehlers and Randy Mertz traveled six hours from Minot, ND. Joan McCaslin came from Calaway, MN and Rev. Terry Filton from Breckenridge, Minnesota. Masters of Ceremony Cindy Pfeiffer (AFC director) coordinated the program. Rev. Terry Tilton from Breckenridge Methodist Church opened with a prayer for peacemakers to come forth, for us not to feel secure behind weapons

but rely on the love and truth of Jesus. John Foss (FFWPU director), who attended the December 22 Heart the Heart Rally, presented a summary of video clips he called "footsteps of Jesus" showing historical sites he visited up the Jordan to the Galilee, and the holy sites around Jerusalem. He concluded with the March and Rally, making a special effort for all to understand the historical significance of the Temple Mount Reconciliation and the Coronation Ceremony of Jesus. Larry Olson, North Dakota's MEPI representative added his deep personal testimony, recalling the moving experiences of the holy sites, spontaneous prayers and the singing of hymns, and

his personal experience of reading the beatitudes on the Mount of the Beatitudes. Cindy's heart-filled introduction of Wayne White Eagle brought him forward to receive the Ambassador of Peace Award. She called for repentance and forgiveness to bring us together as one family. Wayne was especially moved by the embrace of the Muslim and Jewish leaders on the Temple Mount. His deep and sincere testimony spoke of his spiritual journey from a life of suffering and sickness, to the same awakening spiritually he saw taking place in Israel. He poetically called it "stepping stones to Heaven".



Larry Olson and Bernadette Ehlers were given special honors for their participation in events in Korea and the Holy Lands. Larry, Wayne White Eagle and Bernadette embraced in a Bridge of Peace. Our own "Reconciliation Ceremony" became the center point of our event. After lunch and a celebration cake, all witnessed the wonderful the video of the March 23 event. Some in attendance were wiping tears. Bernadette lead us all in three "O Mansei's". Special thanks to Judy Pfeiffer, Jenny Wiebesick and Rygo Foss. Judy and Jenny provided beautiful flute music before the program and during lunch. Rygo set the stage and equipment. Thanks to Keiko Foss and Joan McCaslin for Hospitality and for Registration. We give thanks to God and our True Parents for their constant love and effort made to complete our lives. ❖

North Carolina Crown of Peace Event

by Rev. Burgi Hutcherson

On Monday May 24th in the evening, we held our NC Crown of Peace Event at the Hawthorn Inn Conference Center in Winston-Salem. The event was a wonderful success on the foundation and support of our ACLC Ministers. We had over 100 people (about 74 guests and 26 FFWPU members) attending. There were at least 12 different churches and mosques participating. People came from Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro and Winston-Salem and vicinity.



celebration of HSA-UWC. While a delicious dinner was served Mrs. Yasuyo Hattori Cho, wife of the Rev. Byung Seok Cho, delighted us with some songs played on her keyboard. Then Vocalist Cynthia Hill sang from all her heart the song: "In All of His Glory". Next the Youth Choir of the Christ Rescue Temple treated us to two songs. The 16 committed singers and players poured their heart out to a filled room. Then the Mayor of Pro Tempore of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Vivian Burke took the podium and brought "Greetings from the City". She spoke embracing and appreciative about the work of bringing unity and harmony amongst all faith and the building of godly families. I was happy that she had accepted our invitation despite some conflict in her schedule. She also received proudly and gratefully the Ambassador of Peace Award.

Minister Willie Muhammad, Assistant Regional Minister of the Nation of Islam and local Minister of Greensboro Mosque # 92, shared a testimony about Father Moon and his work. He is a committed to the pathway Father is teaching and recognizes and accepts that pathway as the only pathway for all humanity to go.

He was well received and understood. Now we had arrived at the very special moment when we could show the video "True Parents' Crown of Peace Ceremony". Everyone was really attentive to the overwhelming pictures shown on the video. How could anyone watching that video deny the magnitude of True Parents work in the world? I felt so proud about True Parents.

Then Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr. - a native of NC - took the microphone and gave the keynote address. He could touch the heart of the people. "He is so real" Cynthia Hill commented. "He is at his absolute best!" others stated excitedly. He could break down walls and bring all people into one accord. He was doing an extraordinary job embracing the peo-



ple present. Most of them were either of Christian or Moslem faith. In celebrating the reconciliation and peace of all people Bishop guided us in a "Celebration Toast." The Holy Spirit filled the room. There was peace and joy present. Then we recognized six more new Ambassador of Peace, leaders in religion and business. The event concluded with the song "Let there be peace on earth" lead strongly by Archbishop Stallings, a closing prayer given by Bishop Willie Davis, Jr. and "Three Cheers of Mansei" by Mr. John Pace.



I appreciate the prayers and support of the FFWPU families centering on our Regional Leader Rev. Byung Seok Cho, the overwhelming support of the ACLC Ministers, especially Bishop Willie Davis and his youth choir and staff members, Minister Willie Muhammad from Greensboro and Minister Mikal Muhammad from Winston-Salem for coming and bringing a great delegation from their mosques. I am deeply thankful the support of the Mayor Pro Tempore, my parents-in laws, other relatives, friends and neighbors. ❖



IIFWP Announces the Winners of the 2004 Peace Song-Writing Contest

by David Eaton

The concept of music as a vehicle for promoting moral and ethical change has been with humankind since the ancient cultures of China and Greece. It is in the spirit of the ancient's attitudes regarding art and music that the International and Interreligious Federation (IIFWP) for World Peace sponsored its first annual peace song-writing contest in 2004. The songs on the recently released CD represent efforts by a variety of international singers and songwriters to utilize their talents to promote a vision of a world free from conflict and hostilities, a world where God's love and wisdom are forever realized. The CD was premiered at the World Culture and Sports Festival in July, 2004 and it is the hope of the executive producers that the WCSF Peace Song Contest will be a fitting tribute to the vision of the Festival.

IIFWP offers its congratulations to Laurel Sayre, Chris Alan Deflinger, Bobby Maull II, Jena Eisenberg and Sunmarie Allen for their prize-winning entries in the IIFWP Peace Song Writing Contest. In addition to the contest winning entries, the CD, *Peace Is In Our Hands*, included songs composed and produced by altruistic musicians from around the world whose music echoes the ideals of the WCSF and IIFWP.

The opening track, *The Cup of Peace* was produced to commemorate the inaugural Sun Moon Peace Cup Soccer Tournament in 2003. *Heart to Heart* is the title track from the Middle East Peace Initiative/Songs for Peace CD produced in March of 2004 by the American Family Coalition to celebrate in song the historic "Heart to Heart" peace and reconciliation rally in Jerusalem. *Gaya*, one Israel's most renowned music groups (and guest performers at the "Heart to Heart" peace rally) has offered their hit, *A Song for Love*, which has become a popular peace anthem in their homeland of Israel.

California singer/composer Tes, the

daughter of Holocaust survivors, offered her moving *Peace in the Middle East*, which was inspired by her desire to see peace in the Holy Land. Persian-American singer Laleh has been on a quest to bring a higher consciousness to people wherever and whenever she sings and this is most evident in her dynamic song, *Sacred Circle*. Miyuki Harley's *God Never Forgets* is a poignant expression of God's love and hope for His children. Brazilian producer, Diego Costa and American guitarist Kurt Garrison, composed *Peace in the Hearts of Men* especially for this album.

It is the hope of IIFWP that these songs can be a source of inspiration and joy as we move towards the day when all people can live as family.

The Executive Producers wish to express their gratitude to all who contributed to this effort: Executive Producers: Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Dr. Thomas Walsh. Song contest producers: David Eaton, Diego Costa, Brian Hardgrove. Mastering: Roy Clark. Design: Jonathan Gullery

Special thanks to Alistair Farrant, Josh Cotter, Kurt Garrison, Daniela Costa, Pico Garcez, Dirk Anthonis, World CARP, the New Jerusalem Band, the New York City Symphony and Artist Association for World Peace.

For additional information or to purchase the *Peace Is In Our Hands* CD contact:

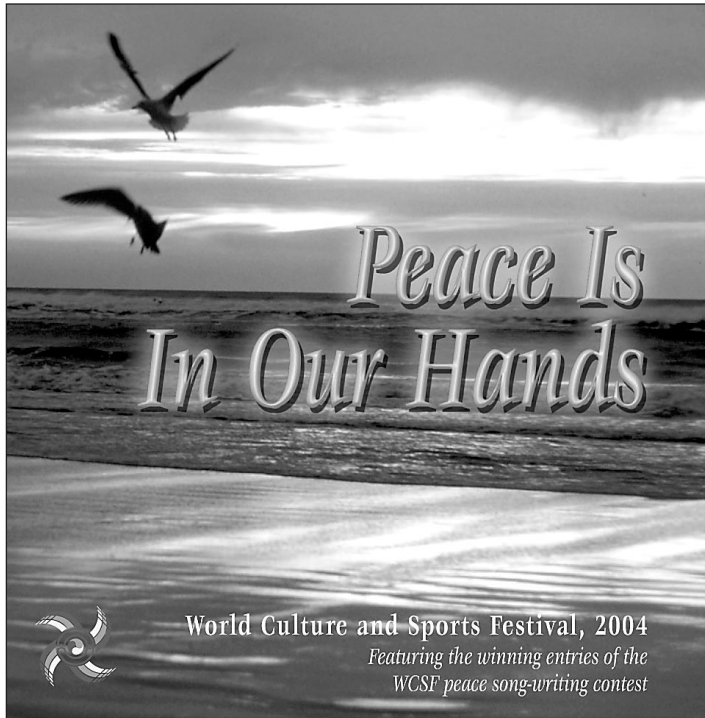
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Peace Is In Our Hands

Peace Songs of the World Culture and Sports Festival, 2004

Featuring the award winning entries of the IIFWP peace song-writing contest.

1.) *The Cup of Peace* (3:20) (David Eaton/Diego Costa/Kurt Garrison)



Vocals by Raoul Joseph & Laleh

2.) *We Are** (5:06) (Chris Alan Deflinger) Vocals and Piano by Chris Alan.

3.) *Peace Is In Our Hands** (4:27)

(Laurel Sayre) Vocals by Laurel

4.) *Truth Brings Peace** (3:31) (Sunmarie Allen) Vocal by Laleh

5.) *Sacred Circle* (3:28) (Laleh/Barry Goldstein) Vocals by Laleh

6.) *God Never Forgets* (4:04) (Miyuki Harley) Vocal and Piano by Miyuki

7.) *What Would Peace Be Like?** (4:14) (Bobby Maull II) Vocals by Bobby*

) *In God's Eyes** (4:07) (Jena Eisenberg) Vocal by Laleh/Piano by Jena

9.) *Peace in the Middle East* (5:54) (Tes) Produced and performed by Tes

10.) *Heart to Heart* (4:02) (David Eaton/Laleh) Vocals by

Laleh

11.) *Peace In The Hearts of Men* (3:49) (Kurt Garrison/Diego Costa) Vocals by Diego

12.) *A Song For Love* (4:00) (Gaya) Produced and performed by Gaya

*Denotes an award winning entry of the 2004 World Cultural and Sports Festival Peace Song-Writing Contest.

"When the world is at peace, when all things are at rest, when all obey their superiors through all life's changes, then music can be brought to perfection. Perfected music has its effects. When desires and emotions do not follow false paths, then music can be perfected. Perfected music has a cause. Justice arises from the true purpose of the world. Therefore one can speak of music only with one who has recognized the true purpose of the world." From "The Spring and Autumn," Lu Bu Ve. ❖

FFWPU Releases New Hoon Dok Hae Audio Editions

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, North America is proud to announce a new series of audio Hoon Dok Hae speeches produced in the Compact Disc format. The initial series of seven CDs is a compilation of 13 historical speeches including Father's Madison Square Garden speech (The New Future of Christianity) as well as the historical series of Hoon Dok Hae messages given at East Garden in May and June of 2003.

Recited by Mary Anglin, these audio versions are a great addition to the HDH materials that are so essential to our life of faith. Having the portability of CDs allows for listening to Father's words while traveling, at work and home.

Individual volumes are priced at \$10 each (plus \$3 for U.S. shipping and handling.) The complete seven CD set is \$50 (plus \$5 per set for shipping and handling.) To Order: Write HSA-UWC Financial/HDH CDs, 4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036. You can also fax your order to 212-575-5105 or e-mail your order: account@hsanahq.org

Volume 1 "The New Future of Christianity" (77:04) September 18, 1974/MSG, NY

Volume 2 "The Future of Christianity" (68:15) October 28, 1973/New Orleans, LA

Volume 3 "God's Hope for Man" (51:40) October 20, 1973/Washington, DC, "The Owner of Recreation" (25:15) May 2, 2003/East Garden, NY

Volume 4 Hoon Dok Hae (39:28) May 17, 2003/Washington, DC, Pledge Service (26:31) June 1, 2003/Washington, DC ACLC Clergy Return From Israel (11:05) May 20, 2003/East Garden, NY

Volume 5 "God's Hope for America" (51:40) October 21, 1973/Washington, DC. Hoon Dok Hae (21:44) May 24, 2003/East Garden, NY

Volume 6 Hoon Dok Hae (38:47) May 10, 2003/East Garden, NY. Hoon Dok Hae (20:55) May 22, 2003/East Garden, NY. "Declaratory Prayer for the Day of the Great Transition to the Realm of Dominion of the Ideal of Creation" (11:06) May 4, 2003/East Garden, NY

Volume 7 Pledge-41st True Day of All Things (36:36) May 31, 2003/Washington, DC. "God's Way of Life" (33:00) September 17, 1974/New York, NY

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When you look into yourself, you will find something of vast value, which is something like the Source, the Origin, God
Sun Myung Moon

Spring Picnic Service in Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Peace Family Church held its Spring Picnic service last Sunday May, 16th, 2004 at the Whittier Narrows Park. We hold a picnic service twice year. Once in the Spring and the other in Autumn.

It was a beautiful day and the message Rev. Henning gave was appropriate. Rev. Henning spoke on Psalms 19 and he added that we strive to be a living testimony to TP, by realizing the goodness of God in the creation.

Several guests also came to be part of this joyous occasion.

The park and its surroundings itself reminds us of the goodness of God and the beauty of creation. Towards the end of the service, all those who were born in May, were asked to come up and cut a huge Birthday cake. It was also Mrs. Elizabeth Henning's actual birthday.

After the service, we had an entertainment contest. Families and impromptu



tu groups sang with hearts out. Appreciated for their efforts, all of them received a rousing applause and cash prizes.

Food was aplenty, where each family brought enough to feed themselves as well as to share with others. Rev. Henning grilled 100 hamburgers and fed the multitudes.

We had several games for all the sports minded; namely soccer, soft-ball, volleyball, Frisbee competition and even croquet.

For the younger ones, a bouncing



jumper was set-up. They loved jumping in it and would not stop. Everyone enjoyed



the picnic and are looking forward to the next one in Autumn. ♦

by Shinchun Lee

As members of this church, as 2nd generation (blessed and Jacob's children), the most challenging first step in our lives of faith has been to just understand our identity and our purpose. The fact that many of us never knew or understood ourselves has been a major reason that we wander away from the right path. We did not know the suffering of our True Parents nor the 1st generation who paved the way before us and for us. Many times, the task of finding out who we are has been so great that we forget the even greater mission in our lives that God is preparing for us.

With that in mind, the directors of this summer camp—June 7 - 13, 2004, Dallas, Texas—chose the theme "I'm a Builder of the Peace Kingdom." We gathered from all over the region and came together in North Texas at the Hidden Cove Park from June 7 to the 13th. Our main lecturer Rev. Kille spoke on important points concerning original value, freedom and the Fall, the parallels of history. He clearly addressed the many challenges in a life of faith and gave his own testimonies of fighting against feelings of lack of love, temptation, and of course his experiences in Cain and Abel relationships. He approached each lecture with the heart to testify to the greatness of God and True Parents while finding ways to connect and relate it to the young participants of the camp.

After each lecture, the teams were given a discussion time to share their feelings and inspirations they received. Many times members had questions about the lecture and this was a good opportunity to clarify any puzzling thoughts. Also, it was a chance for participants to get to know their team members better and come closer together. The teams were led by the 2nd generation, but had a parent-

Texas Region's Summer Camp



assistant that was present to help care for the team and initiate discussions. The directors wanted to help create a bond between the 1st generation and the members, but also knew that these parents had great experiential knowledge and an understanding of the lectures.

During the camp, we received lectures and testimonies about Unification tradition and also the history of our church from the early years in Korea to the beginnings of the American movement and the Mobile Fundraising Teams. It was imperative that we learn the way of the early members and True Parents

not because they wanted to be honored or glorified, but so that the 2nd generation could understand how precious our lives are and how much was sacrificed and prepared for us.

Through out the camp, we had many

opportunities to practice team work and living for each other. For a few days, there was strong thundering and rain that prevented us from having activities on the lake. Instead, there was a junk-art competition between each team and everyone worked together to bring out their best skills. After, some participants were encouraged by the rain and challenged themselves to continue sports outside with either a boxing competition or 'matsunage.'

Team spirit was strengthened by a pedal-boat relay race across the lake. Each team was separated into two groups and placed on opposite sides of the lake and cheered their members on and encouraged them to not give up. Though the rain had stopped, the wind and waves were strong and made pedaling quite a challenge. Some

boats filled with water and began to sink, but team members were able to work together and found a way to finish the race. Those who have paddled know that it's very tiring and one must be able to push their minds to push their bodies to continue paddling the boat even though there seems to be no strength left. Members had to think of their teams before themselves and did not give up. After

the race was over, we ended the activity time with an exciting ride on the jet skis.

Each night there was a special video presentation that concentrated on True Parents' and True Family's lives. Some of the most moving parts of the video came from a scene when True Father returned to His home in North Korea. Father Himself spoke in the video and shared His heart of longing to see His family. Participants couldn't help but be reminded of how much True Parents have been working for the sake of all people at the sacrifice of their own family and were moved to tears.

Our camp was also blessed to receive

2nd generation director InSoo Kim and the Washington D.C. youth minister David Stein. Director Kim spoke on the topic of 'Owning

Core Values' and David Stein shared the main points of junior STF, both of which many of us knew nothing about. Before giving their presentations, however, they involved the participants in a song and also gave a testimony.

The focal point of the summer camp was probably the Father's Course activity that was held from about 10 P.M. to 3 in the morning on June 11. The directors of the camp, including the leaders from the 2nd generation department, organized an activity for team members to come closer in heart to True Parents by going through a physically challenging experience. Though one can never completely understand the anguish and trials of True Father and Mother, it was an opportunity to at least try and connect heartistically with them.

There were four posts spread across the park and members were blind fold-

see TEXAS on page 25



TOOLS AND IDEAS FOR WITNESSING

by Rev. Phillip Shanker

As we work to renew our commitment and connection to witnessing, outreach and sharing our faith, some successful models are already emerging. One of those is in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Here is a good example of Tribal Messiahs who did not wait for videos, new lecturing materials, or Power Point. They simply began with personal relationships, DP, investment, and sincerity.

Under the guidance of Regional Director Rev. Seo, TMs began inviting friends, neighbors and new contacts to attend and experience a personal, 1-on-1 3-day seminar of the Principle. Impressively, out of 10 guests who have completed this course, 9 have become members of our church!!! Let's look at the process more deeply:

1) The 10 guests have included 1 Jewish man, 1 strong Christian, 1 professional model, 3 international students, 2 other friends of members, and 2 encountered on the street (at least 1 Ambassador for Peace is included in this group)

2) The seminar has so far been taught by Rev. Seo. The entire Principle is cov-

ered in 3 days, using the color-coded Divine Principle book. Guests read the red and blue sections, followed by explanation & amplification from the "teacher," using the yellow or remaining text, diagrams or scriptural references. Questions are entertained whenever they arise. Each day includes 10 hours of study, plus meals, discussion, breaks, etc.

3) When Rev. Seo explained that the most difficult aspect is the dedication of 3 full days to each person, when there is so much other work to do, I asked why he didn't have others teach, or combine the guests into a group. He explained that he is simply establishing a successful pattern, even with his broken English, and will encourage others to follow. About his insistence on a 1-on-1 process, he explained that it was better:

A. Intellectually- it is possible to "tailor" the contents to the listener's foundation & point of view, and to separate open-hearted, "Abel-type" listeners from more critical & skeptical "Cain-type," in order to better educate both.

B. Spiritually- The content, spirit world, and atmosphere will be built around a particular person's foundation, and through 3 days of total invest-

ment and sincerity, the spiritual realm can support and special things can happen.

C. Heartistically- the investment, the 1-on-1 eye contact, and the deep dialogue and question and answer helps touch &

move the heart of the guest.

4) At the end of the 3 days, a closing ceremony is organized, with the participation of spiritual parent and others to support. The "graduate" testifies about their experience, their commitment to the Principle and our church. They drink Cheon Il Geuk Holy Wine to sanctify their commitment, and are assigned to a 40-day period of study and worship. Through reading "God's Will and the World," personal meetings and further study, and Sunday Service participation, they will be raised up internally. They are anxious to receive a clear membership form from HQ, which will be issued this week.

5) Additional notes: after 3 days, it is easy for guests to be inspired by the Principle, but not easy to understand True Parents' messianic mission. So a 1-day extension on Father's life course has been added when possible. Also, Rev. Seo uses diagrams from the House of Unification material, as well as others developed in the region.

There is more we need to learn from this model in Minneapolis. While it seems that members are inviting either acquaintances or new contacts, the question still remains as to how such a deep commitment to 3-days of vertical study can be gained so quickly. But at the very least we can see

that the spirit world is ready to cooperate and support our total investment and sincerity. These elements are far more essential than the tools we choose to use. ❖

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Suzie Spitz

Mrs. Suzie Spitz wife of Mr. Bob Spitz has made the transition to the next life. We are deeply grateful for their blessed family and the life of sacrifice Suzie made for the providence.

Danory Spitz, their son just returned from serving on STF. Mr. Robert Spitz is the AFC Director in Southern California. Mrs. Suzie Spitz is the younger sister of Tiger Choi, one of the 36 Blessed Couples and a beloved leader in our movement in Korea.

The Spitz family stands with great honor before history as an internationally blessed couple bringing Korea and America together. They faithfully lived the Way of the Principle and brought joy to Heaven and our True Parents. We are grateful to Suzie and her family and wish her well on the beginning of her new life in the Heavenly realm.

As always, with the understanding of the Principle, this is the natural transition that occurs in each of our lives. The Blessing is the most essential condition for that transition to be secure in the next life. Therefore we extend our comfort and condolences to the Spitz family while at the same time we rejoice in the completion of a victorious life on earth and the transition to the next life which is filled with eternal joy.

Ocean Providence at Master Marine-Alabama

by Steven Roppoli

Ocean Providence activities continues at Master Marine shipyard in Bayou La Batre, Alabama, as they turn over and set-up a new 45 meter steel hulled offshore supply vessel.

The 205 ton (411,000 pound) main hull section was carried into place with large cranes awaiting the second and third modules, the upper house, deckhouse and pilothouse. When fully completed the vessel will be used to carry supplies to oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

Master Marine is also involved in repair and overhaul projects with the United States Coast Guard and US Navy.

Recently Master Marine received the highest award for quality work and on-time performance from the US Coast Guard HQ in Norfolk, VA.



IN MEMORIAM

Ipolito Zapata

Our beloved Blessed Brother Ipolito Zapata was called to heaven. He and his brother Francisco died in a car accident about three hours from Denver.

He and his blessed wife have one child that has just turned one. His wife Yvonne is pregnant with their second child. They are an outstanding Blessed Central Family of the Denver Region. We give our deepest condolences for the family and friends of Ipolito and his brother.

We are grateful that he and his wife established the Blessed Family securely through the Blessing. Their eternal bond will be the foundation of eternal happiness for their family and lineage.

We give our comfort to Yvonne at time. We encourage all to help support her at this time of loss and also encourage everyone to offer support for her family and children. We also are confident in the absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience that established this family and led them to the Blessing and gave them blessed children. Ipolito will have a great mission in heaven.

His life will be marked as one that was given at the most central and historic time of True Parents dispensation. The time of An Shi Il - The time of the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Blessed Family Camp in Kansas

by Barbara Karnowski

The Kansas blessed families got together for a 2-day camp in Council Grove, Kansas, where the prairie was still full of wild flowers on Memorial Day weekend.

Older second generation children took responsibility for the younger second generation. All parents pitched in for the different tasks necessary to make the camp successful.

One night the kids were able to experience the majesty of God's creation through the vastness of the stormy sky off in the distance.

Parents and the older second generation got to teach the Divine Principles. The many breaks were filled with exciting activities like an obstacle course.

Parents were able to reminisce about the good old days. Everyone enjoyed singing around the campfire.



Everyone wants to have the camp again next year as the campgrounds and lake were so beautiful. We welcome more families!

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UTS Commemorates HSA's 50th with President Emeritus, Dr. David S. C. Kim

In commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, UTS students gathered with seminary president Dr. Tyler Hendricks and the first president of UTS, Dr. David S. C. Kim, who arrived from Poughkeepsie with his wife to rededicate a granite bench to the Cosmic Parents of Heaven and Earth. Also present were Mrs. Hendricks, UTS Vice President Dr. Michael Mickler and Dean of Students Jang Hoe Kim.



The gathering began with a reading of a moving letter from Heavenly Father to True Parents in 2001, expressing gratitude to True Parents for their endurance and dedication to God.

As the only living member of the

original five who signed the charter bringing into existence the HSA, Dr. Kim prayed with deep reverence toward the Cosmic Parents, reflecting the close relationship he shared through his many years. In prayer, Dr. Kim shared that the original bench, made of wood,

had been presented to the Cosmic Parents by the UTS graduating class of 1979. The bench had disintegrated but a granite chair was being placed on UTS grounds to give eternal honor to the Cosmic Parents in honor of the Golden Anniversary of the HSA.

Dr. Hendricks presented Dr. Kim with the book *The Moment*, given on behalf of the seminary for the 50 years of "blood, sweat and tears" Dr. Kim shed during his life dedicated to the Cosmic Parents. A UTS hat was also presented. Dr. Kim quickly retorted, "I have so many hats."

After a round of manseis, Dr. Kim bade all gathered to sit on the ground. He also sat down and gave some words of guidance:

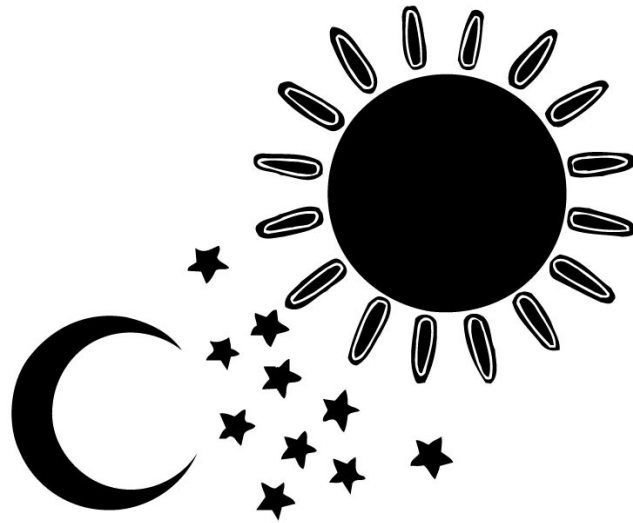
Unificationists are not immune to temptations. That's why you have to

work hard. Even if I look at a Christian magazine they do well and say never talk about sex. But Father talks of the perfection of sex. Holy Sex. Long way to go. Please keep in mind we have to go through perfection though struggling and with the relationship between husband and wife.

All gathered enjoyed Dr. Kim's quick wit and jokes as he warned against sitting on the bench: "Don't sit there. You get in trouble. Sit here (pointing at ground); that's fine."

Despite his 90 years Dr. Kim was energetic, joking while taking a group picture, and warmly speaking to Dr. Mickler and other UTS students. Dr. Hendricks thanked Dr. and Mrs. Kim for making the trip to UTS to spend the 50th Anniversary with seminary staff and students. ❖

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Women of Peace Together in Washington

by Angelika Selle

This is the headline of an old pamphlet of the WFWP: "If the women of the world can become sisters, the men can't fight wars..." Mrs. Caroline Betancourt held up this precious piece of literature, which she had found by accident just the day before a joint breakfast meeting in Washington DC on May 15 among women of the ACLC and the WFWP. Women, sisters and mothers had come together in unity, love, prayer and fellowship to prepare for the upcoming historic journey to the Holy Land. A spirit of peace and joy was already present in the conference room of the United Federation of Churches (UFC) Building which is also referred to as "God's Embassy of Peace" as the women walked in the door each bringing a dish for breakfast. There were exactly 10 women in attendance, representing different races and nationalities, a miniature United Nations gathering.

Rev. Debbie Taylor, executive director of the newly formed ACLC Women's Auxiliary Ad Hoc Committee, greeted everyone warmly and invited Mrs. Caroline Betancourt, the chairwoman of the Washington, DC WFWP to introduce the WFWP and update everyone on the upcoming journey.

Mrs. Betancourt shared about the role of women in history and their contributions, and explained about Mother Hak Ja Han Moon as well as the founding of the WFWP, which upholds the theme of "Living for the sake of others." She explained about the "magic" and power of the "Bridge of Peace," a project of WFWP, that has brought thousands of women of different races and religions together in tears and helped create bonds of love and friendships among former enemies.

Rev. Taylor then read inspirational words from the book "Philosophy of Peace" by True Father, whose words reminded us that peace cannot be realized without God "Losing God was a fundamental mistake"...(p 171)

"Peace begins with me," Rev. Taylor said, and, "How pleasant it is for sisters to dwell together in unity." Rev. Taylor also emphasized that men alone didn't mess up, yet that it was now the women whom God is calling to fulfill a unique role in the process of reconciliation that only they can fulfill as mothers. Rather spontaneously, Rev. Taylor then asked all women to line up on both sides of a cardboard bridge that was set up in the room by the WFWP.

There was no particular sequence as to who should be "matched" with whom. Mrs. Betancourt and Rev. Taylor embraced, representing the two newly matched organizations, one of a more internal and spiritual nature (religion) and the other more horizontally established and broad (politics); they also embraced as women of the black and white races bridging in heart and spirit the gap that still needs healing.

Everyone had a "new" sister and joyful chatter filled the room.

After that we showed "The Path to Peace" film as an introduction for the ongoing ACLC efforts in the Middle East which brought many women to tears. Minister Angelika Selle

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mented on the first trip to Jerusalem and the internal nature thereof. "Even though we are going there as women participating in various social activities, this trip, too, has a very deep internal meaning to it." She pointed out that in order to move the women in the Middle East to forgive one another and to bring reconciliation between Sarah and Hagar, "we women here in this room need to put aside all our differences and unite together in love. Prayer, tears and repentance was the foundation for the very first trip to the Holy Land, and as we open up a new level of God's providence as women we need to begin again from this very humble position. Prayer and our unity will be the key to overcome the seemingly impossible obstacles. As one of our women clergy told me, "The heart of the matter is in the king's hand, but the heart of the king is in God's hand!"

Dr. Atiba Haupt then took the women to another level, explaining about why women are being called at this time in history to bring healing. Women, representing the divine feminine aspect of God of the Elohim, meaning "He and She are We" which is the Hebrew term for the divine thus, "let us make man in our image", hence also the term "Father Mother God", are now being recognized in their feminine essence as

healers and nurturers to help facilitate the process of healing bringing a mother's heart into every situation that will dissipate, melt and balance the aggressive elements in history. Dr. Atiba confirmed that indeed this trip is of a very internal nature in its mission, and each woman, each daughter of God,

needs to be a portal, an instrument, for the Most High and be willing to be "used" in a divine way. She also highlighted the significance of the place of our activities, the city of Jerusalem, by explaining the deeper meaning of the energy sound of each syllable of the word: Ja-ru-salem. Ja stands for the heart place where God's heart is to be. Ru means I am open and receptive, and Salem means the heart and womb of humanity, all together meaning a new recognition

of the heart of God, the divine feminine and the divine masculine balanced and integrated, whole as one.

Very inspired by her message, all women collectively read the jointly produced "Women of Peace" Declaration and signed it.

Mrs. Claire Daugherty, wife of the national executive director of the ACLC, pointed out the parallels of history between, on the one hand, the Jewish people and the Palestinians in Israel and, on the other, here in United States between the Native Americans and whites as well as between the black and whites. "Christians from Europe were called to these shores to bring Christ to this land," she said. "The Canadian French and the Native Americans in many cases intermarried and created a harmonious blend. The English, however, brought violence, imposing their culture on the native people. They didn't recognize the deep spirituality of the Native Americans. Pocahontas was one Native American woman who is remembered in history who did cross the barriers of race and established an exchange marriage."

The Africans who came to these shores were sold off into servitude at first with the promise that after 7 years, just like the whites, they would receive and own their own land. If that promise would have been kept and that

plan followed, all African-Americans today would be prosperous. We Christians got in the way and we need to repent to them for that...

In that light, the plight of the Native Americans and African-Americans strike a deep chord in the hearts of the Palestinians and Jewish people because of their common course of suffering.

Mrs. Daugherty also highlighted the spiritual leadership of Harriet Tubman, who was called the Moses of her people and brought many slaves into freedom through the Underground Railroad. Harriet, a woman of great faith, relied totally on God's guidance and protection as she went countless times, facing great danger, straight into the lion's den (South), but stayed alive and unharmed. Mrs. Daugherty called on the women who are about to go on this trip to take Mrs. Tubman as an example of a woman who risked her life in order to save her people.

Finally, Mrs. Reiko Jenkins, wife of the president of the FFWPU and co-chairman of the ACLC, who had just come back from a 6-week sabbatical in Korea, graciously thanked all women, saying that what was most important, that we women become pure in heart and mind in order to be better vessels for God. Even though women are called to play a historic role at this time, God cannot use us based on our own opinions, positions, titles, etc. but based upon our sincere heart, sacrifice and pure motivation. ❖

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Birthday Salute to America

by Bento Leal

"We hold these truths to be self-evident,"
Is how the paragraph starts
Within the Declaration that is sacred and dear
To all Americans' hearts.

"That all men are created equal,"
The document continues to ring,
And issue forth its noble hopes
That freedom will one day bring.

"That they are endowed by their Creator
with certain unalienable Rights,"
Reminds us of our God above
Who wills us to greater heights.

"That among these are Life, Liberty,
and the pursuit of Happiness."
Truly we are a nation prepared,
And a people, O so blessed.

Today is the day we celebrate
The birth of our United States,
That was birthed on the lives of heroes
Who gave all for others' sakes.

We are proud to be Americans
And all the good that title means.
Let us vow to realize our purpose
And fulfill our Creator's dreams...

To grow and become a nation
Where truth and love will never cease,
And be that "City upon a Hill"
And help build a world of peace.

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ed and led by their team leaders to each station; upon arriving, the members were allowed to remove their blind folds. They then were asked to do 40 Kyungbaes in unison, as a team. They had to carry each other on their backs along the bank of the lake (as Father did coming from North Korea) and then washed each other's feet. They had to push their physical limitations. Though it was very difficult, the participants found it to be the best experience of camp. The feeling of overcoming the challenges for something higher

than themselves and working as a team was brighter in their hearts than the trial itself.

This summer camp was very significant because it was our first that brought the whole region from all over Texas as well as Arkansas and Oklahoma in 8 years. Also, it was the first time that the 1st and 2nd generation united and worked together in the organization of a project. The 2nd generation were able to take more of a leadership role with the strong support of the 1st generation's experience and wisdom. Though we feel it was a success, there is always room for improvement and we are eager see how we can make next camp greater. ❖

by Dr. Michael Mickler

Dr. Mickler is Vice-president and Professor of Church History at the Unification Theological Seminary.

The stake-setting expedition also was no idle exercise as Rev. Moon began buying up properties along the Paraguay River. He was especially fascinated by the Pantanal which was regarded as the world's largest wetland, extending over 200,000 square kilometers. While "regular" members visited New Hope Farm, he called the movement's National Messiahs, husbands only, further north to Fuerte Olimpo where they took part in a forty-day workshop under more challenging and primitive conditions. Rev. Moon remarked that fish were the only creatures that did not partake of the flood judgment at the time of Noah and in this respect were still part of the original creation. He asked all National Messiahs to exercise dominion over the fish world by catching requisite totals of South American fish with such romantic sounding names as bacu, poga, dorado and pinado.

As one National Messiah wrote, "Every day we rose at five and soon after had breakfast and went out to the river by boat. It was very hot and we wanted to bathe in the water. But we could not because piranhas would come. It's a big problem! Also there are problems with ants. One national messiah became very sick from an ant bite. It's a dangerous place. There are all these problems, but Father just says, 'Ah, the purity of nature!'"

The Pantanal was all things to Rev. Moon. He said he chose to work there because it was the least developed place on earth, and, hence, closest to the original creation. However, it also was a swamp. The Paraguay River had little downward slope, so it was prone to flooding which created the massive wetland. If the Kingdom of Heaven were to begin from here, it was to begin from a swamp. In this respect, heaven and hell were in close proximity to one another. Rev. Moon spoke admiringly of the alligators that wallowed their prey whole, not bothering about feathers, bones, gristle, or dirt, and it was in this environment that he prayed for the criminals of history, hoping to similarly digest their wrongdoings. Based on these struggles and victories, he set up the holy ground of holy grounds" not far from the Hotel americano, a clapboard structure on wooden pillars, a priver from Fuerte Olimpo on July 27, 1999. This, he explained, was not conditionally claimed land, but land completely separated from the fallen world, the first foundation of God's blessed nation. Now, he said, the movement could begin to build up a new Eden.

The Pantanal, too, was a stepping stone. Still ahead of the sprawling Amazon, the lungs of the world. At decade's end, it wasn't clear whether Mato Grosso do Sul, Jardim, the Pantanal, the Amazon or some other locale would be the primary site for the movement's nation-building if that indeed was Rev. Moon's intent. However, what was clear is that the movement was locked into its permanent quest to reclaim Eden and that this would provide the impetus for further forward development.

Educating the Second Generation

Transmitting its identity to the next generation was an exceedingly live issue for most Unificationists at the end of the century. It also was an area in which the American movement seemed poised to make distinctive contributions. By the late 1990s, the movement had proliferated a broad range of educational and religious identity-transmitting options. Some of these were aimed at the wider culture with the assumption that if the moral climate of society were raised, all would benefit, including the movement's second generation. Another cluster of initiatives offered value, character and faith-based service programs which, while not exclusively targeting movement youth, nevertheless more closely reflected movement assumptions and the Unification ethos. A final group of institutions, organizations, programs and activities were dedicated to the religious education of the movement's second and, in some cases, its first generation.

This is the thirty-fifth in a series of excerpts from the book *40 Years in America: An Intimate History of the Unification Movement 1959-1999*. The editor is Michael Inglis, the historical text by Michael Mickler. The book is available from HSA Publications for \$70 + \$8 s&h. Contact them at: 4 West 43rd Street, NY NY 10036; tel: (212) 997-0050 xt250 or at their web-site: www.hsabooks.com.

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The American movement's big-ticket items, *The Washington Times* and the University of Bridgeport, were enterprises aimed

at raising the moral literacy of the general public. Although their links to the Unification Movement were well publicized, both were avowedly non-sectarian, and the overwhelming majority of paid employees at each were non-members. Throughout the 1990s, well under ten percent of the student population at the University of Bridgeport were members and there was little sense that it was becoming or ever would become the Brigham Young or Notre Dame University of the Unification Movement. These realities raised questions in more than a few members' minds as to why the movement was spending tens and even hundreds of millions of dollars for

Richard Panzer. In an important article, "Going beyond the Cultural Wars, Re: Love and Sex," Panzer referred to a profound change in his thinking.

As he explained it, "I began to ask myself, 'What can be known and understood by everyone?' Instead of asking people to make the effort to understand and accept what I believed, I asked myself, 'Where are people at now? How can I relate to where they are in a meaningful way, reach their hearts, awaken their consciences?' Sometimes we become rigid and think people should accept everything we believe, but I think half a loaf is better than no loaf. To promote dialogue is the point."

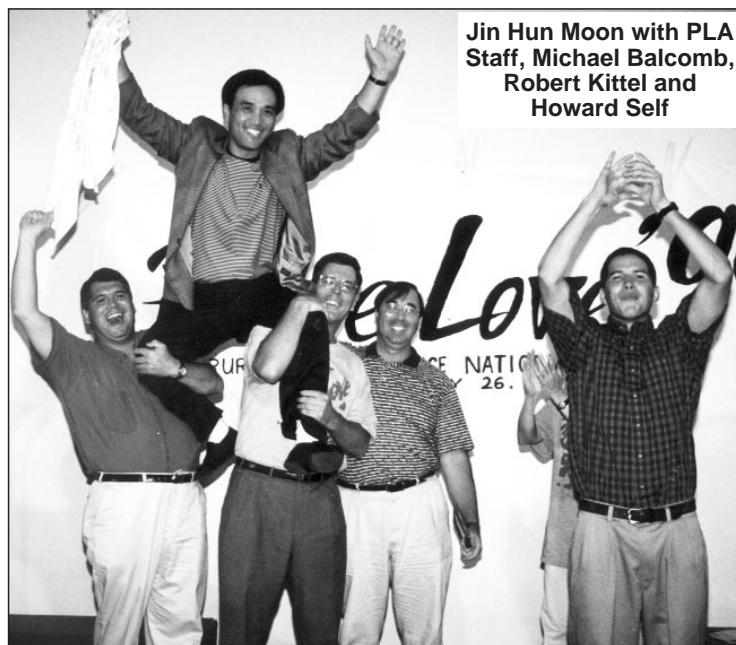
Out of this sea change in his consciousness, Panzer created the Center for Educational Media, produced "Surviving the Sexual Revolution," an effective AIDS prevention program, and authored a variety of publications including *Condom Nation: Blind Faith, Bad Science* (1997) and *Relationship Intelligence* (1999). Free Teen chapters were established in a number of U.S. cities, and the organization was able to gain government funding in several of them.

As noted, another cluster of initiatives offered value, character and faith-based service programs which, while not exclusively targeting movement youth, nevertheless more closely reflected movement assumptions and the Unification ethos. New Hope Academy in metropolitan Washington, D.C. was a good example of a model established along these lines that worked and inspired similar efforts by others. Founded in 1990 by local members dissatisfied with daycare and public school options, NHA grew to 100 elementary students (grades 1-8) and 60 daycare children by 1995. Having made a conscious decision not to teach religion, regarding that as the job of parents and churches, forty percent of the children were non-Unificationists, coming from twenty different religions and churches and thirty nationalities. According to the principal, Joy Morrow, "regardless of race, nationality or religion, conscientious parents wanted the same things for their children: an excellent academic program and an atmosphere which supports a child in their development into a moral, deep-hearted, good person." Still, the school's commitment to underlying Unification principles was apparent in the decision of its founders to establish a National Association of Shimjung Schools, "shimjung" being a term immediately recognizable to Unificationists as the Korean word for heart.

In addition to formal academic programs, the movement promoted service-learning projects. The most important of these was the Religious Youth Service (RYS). RYS was an outgrowth of the movement's 1980s interfaith work, particularly the Youth Seminar on the World's Religions (YSWR) which sponsored annual pilgrimages to religious sites. The service-learning component was added in 1985 and in mid-1995, RYS completed its fiftieth project. Over the next three years, RYS undertook service projects in Ghana, Taiwan, Romania, Bangladesh, the Dominican Republic and Haiti, Guatemala, Slovenia, Thailand, South Africa and Honduras. Initially, these projects involved YSWR alumni, Unification Theological Seminary students, new members in mission fields, and movement contacts. Increasingly, during the 1990s, RYS sought to find placements for the movement's second generation.

According to RYS Director John Gehring, "We have to create things for the second generation to jump into. It doesn't have to be the same battles. We can't say, well, now you have to go and live in a center. Their destiny is not to be church members but to be their brothers and sisters' keepers. We have to create ways that they can enter into life and contribute in that way. As first generation members, the biggest challenge is whether we can create a path for the second generation to walk on through which they can contribute. RYS is helping to do this, as are other projects. We have to really invest much, much more in the next decade to help create the second and third generations' path for them."

The RYS approach, though faith-based, was intentionally non-sectarian. There were no Principle lectures



Jin Hun Moon with PLA Staff, Michael Balcomb, Robert Kittel and Howard Self

their support. The answer was not simple. However, it was a fixed principle of Rev. Moon to spend the major portion of movement revenues on projects for social betterment. Skeptics and critics, of course, some of them within the movement, suspected ulterior, perhaps self-aggrandizing motives or that this support was the price exacted for public legitimation. In any case, both of these American-based and run flagship enterprises served as models for similar efforts throughout the world. This was especially true of *The Washington Times* which spawned sister newspapers in Korea, South America and Europe, many of which were subsidiaries. It was less true for the University of Bridgeport, although Sun Moon University ran along similar lines in Korea.

Apart from the *Times* and UB there also were grassroots, member-initiated and self-supporting organizations created to educate the public, primarily in the areas of character and abstinence-based sex education. The most impressive of these was the International Education Foundation (IEF), an outgrowth of the movement's CIS mission which produced religious education and character education curriculums and texts on a mass scale in the former Soviet Union. IEF texts such as *My World & I* and *Love, Life and Family* (1999) helped fill the ideological void created by the collapse of Marxism-Leninism. Teams of Americans and Europeans, most of them Unification Theological Seminary graduates, with the help of Russian members and educational consultants, wrote and edited the curriculum materials. The enterprise was entirely self-supporting, funded by book proceeds and fundraising. IEF assembled an impressive Board which included some of America's leading educators and by the end of the decade had conducted hundreds of conferences in mainland China intended to promote character-based sex education.

In the U.S., the most effective organization of this type, Free Teens, was begun by another UTS graduate,

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or pressures to convert at the sites. Still, as Gehring noted, RYS demonstrated "the public face of what religion can do and what our movement is capable of doing."

A third group of institutions, organizations, programs and activities dealt much more directly with the religious education and mobilization of the movement's first and second generations. Among the movement's educational institutions, Unification Theological Seminary occupied a central position. Apart from being a wellspring of the movement's intellectual life, since the mid-1970s, UTS had sent out 23 graduating classes, more than 1,000 graduates in all. Only a handful were non-members. Data on mission assignments indicated that Seminary graduates were broadly represented in leadership roles throughout the movement. In the early 1990s, the vast bulk of the movement's campus ministry, social service/community action and interfaith

personnel as well as significant numbers of overseas missionaries, especially in the CIS (and later, Brazil), were UTS graduates. In addition, more than fifty graduates were serving as "city leaders" and thirty as "state leaders" in the U.S. The presidents of the Unification Church in the U.S., Japan and Korea were each graduates. Additional graduates were involved in the movement's journalistic endeavors: forty alone were associated with *The Washington Times* and its allied projects. Twenty graduates were listed in the early 1990s as pursuing further graduate study and seventeen were employed as faculty or administrators at the Seminary. These placements did not indicate performance levels, but they demonstrated the close association between the Seminary's educational program and the assumption of leadership roles in the wider movement.

The vast majority of Seminary graduates were members of the movement's first generation. However, there were a number of church-run daycare, elementary and secondary schools, notably Jin-A nursery in New Jersey, a one-year Western Students General Orientation Program (GOP) for middle schoolers at the movement-run Little Angels School in Korea and New Eden Academy (NEA) on the campus of the University of Bridgeport, which unlike the New Hope or RYS models, consciously attempted to socialize members of the second generation in Unificationist faith. In 1995, the movement created a "Second Generation Department" through which it hoped to facilitate "a series of educational programs geared toward meeting the spiritual needs of children." This series included "a national Sunday School curriculum, a national approach to establishing Unification-based schools, educational workshops and summer camps, educational/spiritual resources—books-manuals-videos, and more." The movement conducted its first National Sunday School Training Workshop in August 1995 and published a Sunday School curriculum. However, it was difficult to develop a coordinated

national strategy. Members and movement communities tended to plunge into *ad hoc* efforts in response to immediate local needs.

This was less of a problem for movement organizations dedicated to mobilizing older second-generation members. The Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles or CARP, more properly World



Rev. Moon calligraphy at New Eden Academy, Bridgeport, CT.

CARP as it came to be called, developed several highly innovative and effective programs during the mid-1990s. Rev Moon's son-in-law, Jin Hun Nim, became President of World CARP in late 1994 and began to revive the in-your-face confrontational spirit and activist revolutionary elan which had characterized CARP during the 1970s and 1980s. However, rather than communists and radical leftists who were barely visible, World CARP took on a revolution of a markedly different stripe, mounting an all-out war against "Free Sex."

Jin Hun Nim's first move in August 1994 was to create the World CARP Special Task Force (STF). STF was conceived as a one or two-year program of activist education for new members or high school graduates before they entered college. There was an effort in 1995-96 to integrate STF with the World CARP Academy, headquartered in Boulder, Colorado, but this was financially untenable. Essentially, those who joined STF replicated the intense regime that first-generation members had experienced during the earlier period. They lived in centers, fundraised, witnessed, studied and lectured the Principle, adhered to public schedules, were encouraged to adhere to "public attitudes," joined demonstrations, canvassed for Rev. and Mrs. Moon's speaking tours, attended workshops and attempted to break through personal barriers. For second generation members who had done none of this before and whose faith

was largely conceptual, this was difficult.

In an early speech entitled "Challenge Yourself," Jin Hun Nim stated, "A couple of people I know very well have been calling me to ask, 'Can I go back to my school? This is the toughest time in my whole life.' They cry on the phone, begging to be allowed to go back."

The experience was tough, but those who persevered offered grateful testimonies acknowledging their spiritual growth. Michael Balcomb, one of a team of UTS graduates who assisted Jin Hun Nim, spoke for the earlier generation when he stated, "every person needs to have his or her direct conversion experience with God" adding that, "For our children as it was for us, that experience is to be found on the front line."

Although its numbers doubled each year during the late 1990s, STF was primarily for an elite core of second-generation members willing to commit one or two years as full-time missionaries. In 1995, Rev. Moon expressed his desire that World CARP initiate a more broadly-based purity movement. The result was the Pure Love Alliance (PLA). During the fall of

that year, World CARP sponsored a series of Pure Love Rallies. Jin Hun Nim sounded the clarion call for an alliance against a society "saturated with impure lifestyles," and "real tragedy" that it was a real tragedy "to talk about pure love as merely an alternative." He forcefully stated, "It should be the norm, the mainstream, and totally natural. Pure love should be our true reality." PLA, in his words, was "calling for nothing less than a revolution." In the initial phase of its program, which had the purpose of raising public awareness, PLA utilized confrontational tactics reminiscent of those utilized by CARP in its opposition to communism during the 1980s.

A picture of a PLA member smashing a television set with a sledgehammer during a Washington, D.C. rally afforded the alliance its "first taste of being in the print media." The alliance's "first evening news spotlight" covered its protests in Chicago over "hard core pornography...being sold in campus bookstores" and its rally outside Playboy Enterprises national headquarters where a large stuffed bunny was burned in effigy. PLA grabbed international media attention when eighty members camped out for three days to get prime bleacher seats for their "No Oscars for Porn" demonstration against

Milos Forman, director of "The People vs. Larry Flynt" at the Hollywood Academy Awards.

Robert Kittel, President of PLA, expressed confidence in early 1997 that "the Sexual Revolution was a relic of the past." He compared it to "the facade of the Communist utopia which suddenly and unexpectedly met its demise" and expressed confidence that the same class-action lawsuits that numerous states jointly filed against the tobacco industry would in the future be levied against the sex industry. He proposed "Absolute Sex" as a counter to "the free sex belief" and strongly defended the "A" word, noting that "[t]here are absolutes in life." He contrasted the "I do what I want to" philosophy of free sex over against "living for the sake of others" which was "the guiding principle of absolute sex." He also noted, "Happiness attained on the immediate gratification theory quickly tarnishes...[while] those who care more about the well-being of others, find a lasting joy that shines forever undimmed."

The conclusion was simple, "Monogamy works!... Happily married couples live longer, are better off financially, have fewer mental illnesses, have a more fulfilling sexual relationship and thus a much lower rate of suicide.... The heterosexual two parent family is... [also] the most economical and most successful model used in raising children. PLA refined and systematized its presentations, but these sentiments remained at the core of its teaching."

Pure Love summer tours, which PLA conducted beginning in 1997, culminated the public-awareness phase of its efforts and allowed more second-generation members, down to the age of fourteen, to participate in front-line experiences. According to one testimony, "Thousands of people in America ... heard this message as 300 young people stormed 25 North American cities on the Pure Love '97 Absolute Sex National Tour." As with the previous rallies, the intention was to "ruffle the feathers" of America and ignite a "new sexual revolution." Tour participants practiced three-minute Absolute Sex speeches, posed the provocative question, "Who owns your sexual organ? (answer: your spouse), and fundraised "dollars for decency." In every city, there was a Pure Love march in which members hoisted placards and raised chants of "Make It Sure, Keep It Pure" or "Absolute Love, Absolute Life, Absolute Sex, That's Right!" Marches were followed by energetic rallies featuring rock music, hip-hop dancing by the PLAettes, dancing STD's (sexually-transmitted diseases), martial arts, music by the Funky Gals of PLA, and body surfing in the audience. Tour organizers were determined to demonstrate to the public, as well as to the movement's second generation, that pure love was not boring or nerdy. Apart from the requisite protests at Playboy headquarters in Chicago, the Kinsey Institute in Bloomington, Indiana, and SIECUS in Manhattan, '97 tour participants visited Yellowstone National Park and went white water rafting on the Colorado River. The '98 tour went international, spending eight days in Japan where members conducted strenuous rallies but found time to hike up Mt. Fuji, tour Osaka castle, and visit Hiroshima. The '99 tour hit the southeastern seaboard and southern U.S. states (missed during the '97 tour) and added a social-service component to each stop with participants cleaning dilapidated buildings, gleaning fields, picking up garbage, painting and landscaping. ♦



PLA marches in Washington, D.C.

Acts of a Tribal Messiah: Mark Denni

Mark Denni decided at some point that he should challenge himself and go out and be involved in inter-faith activities. This was clearly what Father was calling him to do and to not be involved was frustrating and sad. He started to go to visit churches and mosques. At first it was a chore, something that he had to do but as he kept at it he found that he began to enjoy the dialogue and the connections that he made. He was involving himself in a bible study at work and he was introduced to a local inter faith group by our sister Bruna Allen which included Bahai and Muslims as well as Christians.

Despite his busy job schedule and the raising of four children he made the time to put this inter-faith outreach into his weekly schedule. It often means sacrifice, having to attend meetings when he would rather

do something else, sit through long meetings that sometimes aren't always joyful or even wondering about the value of the content. However Mark kept at it. He has been an inspiration to me and others to see a generally mild mannered faithful brother step out in faith and bring victories to God and True Parents.

Mark, His wife Kinnuyo and heir two boys Nathan and Jonathan took on the inter-faith ministry as a family affair and have been making friends and relating with people ever since while experiencing God's blessings in their family life.

On June 20th Mark and his family hosted an event at the Bay Area Family Church entitled the "Prayers And Blessings Of Abraham". Together with Dr. Hanif Koya of Ahmadiyah Move-

ment of Islam, Mark came up with the idea of inviting speakers of the 3 Abrahamic faiths to share their views on our common father Abraham. This was especially poignant seeing that this was Father's Day. Rev Bento Leal acted as MC for the evening and did a sterling job of keeping the program moving and on target.

Dr. Mose Durst, former President of HSA-UWC and now the Chairman of the Board of Principled Academy gave very wonderful remarks about the Jewish faith in which what you do is more important than what you believe.

From the Christian tradition Pastor Ben Daniels of Foothill Presbyterian Church of San Jose, an author and radio commentator, spoke about the grace of God who could use a man like Abraham and turn him into a champion of the faith. This gives hope that

God can also use men and women such as ourselves.

Dr. Hanif Koya then gave a Muslim viewpoint, reciting and translating prayers of the Koran.

This was followed by a time of questions and answers from the audience which was very stimulating and could easily have gone on and on except for time constraints. Kevin Thompson gave some concluding remarks to bring the evening to a close before we were given a blessing prayer from each of the faiths. A sign of how enjoyable the evening was could be seen in the fellowship afterwards where, despite the lateness of Sunday night it seemed that no-one wanted to go home.

Mark was the inspiration and the organizer of the program, Kinnuyo was a gracious hostess, Nathan was soundman and Jonathan was photographer. A family affair indeed. Congratulations to the Denni family on your Tribal Messiah work. This is an inspiration to us all. ❖



Horsemanship Seminar

by Lesa Ellanson

There has been much interest in the Chung Il Guk Horsemanship Seminar. We have had such an overwhelming response from families who wish to expand God's presence on earth as we work and love His creation.

Unfortunately, we will be limiting enrollment to 12 participants for the following reasons: This is our inaugural year. As such, we will be building

upon this year's foundation for future horsemanship seminars. We have limited this year's enrollment to those Second Generation who are more experienced with horses to prepare them to be future teaching assistants and team leaders for subsequent seminars. Thus, for those who are beginners or are inexperienced with horses but wish to learn and work with them, take heart!

Finally, if there are any Blessed Cou-

ples, older Second Generation, or older Jacob's Children in good standing who wish to volunteer as seminar staff to share in the cooking, driving and in the lectures, please contact Lesa Ellanson at nhfarms@warwick.net or call 845-856-6792 or 845-856-8384(to leave mes-



sage). Your room and board will be provided. ❖

by Bruce Sutchar

Over the years, I have found it harder and harder to find a good movie on a Saturday night. When we were on MFT, we would usually all go at least once a year—usually to some blockbuster like Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back, Ghandi or On Golden Pond.

There were so few that I probably remember every one. When my wife and I first started having children, movies were about the only entertainment that we could physically afford to go to. We would leave the children with the baby sitter, zoom right to the local theater and then zoom home immediately upon the conclusion—all the while hoping that the little sweeties and the baby-sitter were all still in tact.

When they got a little older, we risked everything (even the embarrassment of letting the children know that we were actually going out, not to a Church banquet or True Parents Speech, but to merely entertain and enjoy ourselves (Oh my God, forgive me)! Now one point is important to mention and that is that during the time that my wife was pregnant (basically from 1985-1993 with each of our 5 children) she was very spiritually sensitive. Therefore, we had to hone our cinema choices down from the very few good movies out there, to the fewer that had no violence, no sex, no scary parts and

HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG

really no intense action. That left films like *Sweet Lorraine* (about a girl who goes up to the Catskills to work with her aunt during the summer season at a Jewish resort). I would last about 5 minutes (luckily, I did not snore much in those days). However, I must admit that *Sweet Lorraine* has remained as part of our current vocabulary, as a way to describe the value of a current movie.

So the other night, my sweetheart and I tried to see a movie, but the one that I most wanted to see, *The Legend of Bobby Jones*, actually received zero stars (I never really heard of that—even Steven Seagal or Adam Sandler get at least one star). So on a whim, I stopped at the local video store and actually came home with a video. It was called *The House of Sand and Fog*. My wife was pleased because her piano lessons, clothes shopping for the children and food shopping had already caused her to miss both the 7pm and 9pm features that evening. So right about 9:45 (I had to postpone the showings so she could make sandwiches for our helpless teenagers, who were downstairs slaving over their video games), we sat down together to watch the DVD.

I chose this particular one because I had seen the previews (the previews are always great, even for the worst movies aren't they?). and it looked interesting

and included Ben Kingsley, an excellent actor whom I have enjoyed ever since he played Ghandi.

In retrospect, the film was probably pretty well done. There was some beautiful scenery from San Francisco, showing the fog rolling in over the Golden Gate Bridge. There were some emotional scenes concerning Kingsley's family (who had escaped post-war Iran with little more than their lives) and there were some attempts at understanding the meaningless character of Jennifer Connelly and her "wife-abandoning, looking for an adulterous affair, spineless Deputy Sheriff boy friend. When it was finally over (and believe me I fought off sleep several times and once even announced that I was going to bed)—I also struggled with missing the initial sketch of Saturday Night Live which my wife and I usually enjoy (a big mistake on this Saturday night).

So when it was finally over, my wife asked me to explain some of the details and nuances, but I was really too emo-

tionally drained to say much. I have never seen a movie quite like this one. There is neither a hero nor even an anti-hero.

No one wins and everyone loses (either their physical life or any semblance of honor or credibility in their cinema lives). So I really wondered, why was the screenplay ever written and why was the movie ever made. Was my life in any way whatsoever improved or stimulated? Am I in any way better off having seen the movie?

Would I have missed anything, if it had not been written?

Well, of course there is art for art's sake. And I guess there was some quality acting in the film. Yes, viewing the DVD did stimulate me to write this editorial comment, but I have to wonder, as the weather gets better, and thoughts

of walking along the local golf course on a beautiful spring or summer day come to mind after a long, long winter, that maybe we would have been better off if we had gone to see, *the Legend of Bobby Jones*, even with its rating of zero stars.

At least maybe there would have been a few nice golf shots. ❖



Colorado Youth

by *Tomeo Wise*

I just wanted to give everyone a run down on the what's happening in Colorado. So here's the scoop. Yongil and I have been working feverishly to try to establish CARP, a solid BC youth group and juggle around school. Between the two of us we are taking 44 credit hours this semester. So yeah kind of crazy...

Anyway, we decided to get CARP started first, and then try to build a strong youth group second. At first we met many obstacles. While trying to find people to sign the petition for CARP, one of the Campus Ministers started to persecute the Moonies and said he didn't want us recruiting Christians from his group. I was so happy... Finally some persecution!!! This meant Satan was scared

and on the run. So, the next obstacle was finding an advisor. But once again God provided and we found an advisor almost immediately. In the end we managed to get CARP started. Now our goal is: under the banner of CARP we plan to give this campus a swift kick in the butt. But we also know we got to take baby steps, right?

Next on the list was a Colorado BC Youth Group. Growing up in Colorado I didn't have any older BC's to look up to. I always promised myself that when I was older, I would be the older brother I never had. So I talked to the church leader and told him my proposal for a new youth group. He was so happy! He said he was

waiting for one of the older second generation to take some initiative. We decided to model our youth group after the youth groups on the east and west coasts.

Special thanks to Mantoku Hyung for his advice. So we managed to get it started and now it's been going strong for two months. We meet every Saturday night and on average we have about 20 kids show up from 8th to 12th grade (which is about 95% of all the high school BC's in Colorado). Several parents have recently come up to me and said that this youth group is saving their child's life. I'm so happy to see our second generation have fun and at the same time, gain a stronger connection to God. ❖

Texas Fundraising

by *ShinChun Lee*

Through several weeks, Dallas BC volunteered to do fundraising while earning some money themselves. We helped work at a local minor league football game.

We meet around 4:00 pm at Clark Football Stadium in Plano, TX and worked until 9:00 pm. We did all types of jobs such as selling tickets, selling t-shirts, monitoring the field, and even went on the field to be water girls (boys) and down marker holder. It was a lot of fun even though one day some of us got wet because it rained.

We had already volunteered four times and we will

have at least 3 more games to go to. Each person earns \$8.00 per hour but half of what they earn go into our youth fund. We have at least ten people go to each game and work five hours. If we go to the final four games, our youth group will raise at least \$1,200.

We know this is not a typical fundraiser but we were fortunate to run into something like this that did not require us to invest money or a lot of time. And we are also planning another fundraising event for this summer activity such as regional camp, SFP, and a Junior STF. ❖



Texas SFP

by *ShinChun Lee*

On April 23, Service for Peace volunteers from across the state of Texas gathered for a three-day teach-in to take the next step and train to become service leaders and Peacemakers in their communities. The training was a great success and a launch pad for upcoming Summer of Service activities in Houston, Austin and Dallas, Texas.

These energetic youth engaged in 10 hours of volunteer service over the three-day training. Their dedication and hard work earned them the title "rock stars of volunteers." Through hands on service compli-

mented with service learning seminars youth realized the power of service as an educational vehicle and gained concrete volunteer education and community outreach skills.

Community outreach in preparation for Summer of Service has already begun. These young people are dedicated to building a culture of peace through service.

New volunteers are invited to join in service projects leading up to the Summer of Service planned throughout the month of May. For information on how you can become involved call 281-426-



6114 or e-mail texas@serviceforpeace.org. ❖

NY Three-Day Workshops

by *Rev. Chen Lawrence Fong*

New York regional headquarters so far has sponsored 2 three-day Divine Principle workshops for beginner on May 14-16 and May 28-30 at UTS. Heaven blessed us with wonderful guests, fine staff unity, good

lecture presentations and fine spring weather.

The first Three-Day Workshop was the fruit of the first forty day witnessing condition. We invited our neighboring regions, New Jersey, upstate NY, Boston, their guests to participate with us. This created a richer spiritual and social environment. The second workshop hosted Hispanic guests. All presentations had Spanish interpretation for guests. Before each workshop I asked our workshop committee to prayed for all known guests.

The two workshop program ran smoothly. I was surprised there we no apparent negativity only seriously opened-minded guests who were prepared to listen. I was very pleased and grateful for the staff's cooperation. They were

united in creating a welcoming, friendly, spiritually alive atmosphere. The staff members had a mature understanding that taking care of guests is the foremost of our responsibility.

I see all the time members casually engaging in conversation with guests. The lecturers made heartfelt clear presentations and expressed mature understanding of the topics. On the second day of the second workshop the guests began to ask many questions eagerly engaging in discussion. Certain answers need to be deferred to a future advanced DP workshop creating the need for further study. The first workshop, the video of the Middle East Peace Initiative was shown during dinner augmented by members testimonies if Israel. I never felt prouder of our faithful members, True Father and our movement. We had discussion on the value of creating personal prayer time and members shared their life transforming experiences because of prayer.

I look forward to improving future

workshops where we will be more effective educating while creating a richer spiritual atmosphere. This past Memorial day weekend was exactly 30 years ago that I first attended workshop at UTS. It is a privilege just to be part of God's rebirth of future spiritual children. I experience a second rebirth through them.

But my sadness is the difficulty to find manpower organizing the staff of the second workshop. It almost didn't happened. Surely there are members who want to help teach, coordinate, tech support, play music sing, lead in games and sports, prayer HDH, etc. Since the 70's we members have experienced God and True Parents a lot and grown a lot. Each of us have something to offer to our spiritual posterity. Also, we encourage members to attend the weekend workshops. One doesn't have to be part of the staff. If there is more manpower and for those who want it I will facilitate separate sessions coaching members to teach DP in these workshop. ❖

The Second Generation Section

The **Unification News** is adding a new section for all 2nd Generation youth ministries. It will include a variety of reports, articles and testimonies from regions all over the nation. We hope this section will help in the development of your youth ministry.

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Wired World

er and faster became the order of the day.)

Everyone old enough to read this article can recall the lightning-fast spread of the Internet, and the dot-com boom that rode its crest. In the course of my job, I made deliveries to numerous Silicon Valley high-tech firms, from IBM to new little startups. Many failed, and sometimes I took back their computers. But a few, such as eBay, didn't let that happen.

Third World

Smart corporations are learning to do business in the world's poorest areas. Avon ladies sell deodorants to Amazon jungle tribes, and British companies market tiny suntan lotion packets to Calcutta's hard-working women. Also, business microloans are helping them become financially independent.

Communications are at the center of this new type of business. Affordable, prepaid cellular phones are sold nearly everywhere in the world, and their growth rate in Africa far outpaces that of the United States. Entire regions now rely on cellular links, sidestepping the copper-wire phase of communications entirely.

These aren't shoddy phones, either. In India, semi-literate villagers don't like to use text email, so providers are jumping directly to video-capable cellular systems.

In South America, new 'wi-max' digital links (successor to the popular 'wi-fi' 802.11 wireless standard) will soon give telephone and Internet connections to isolated mountain and jungle hamlets. One wi-max base station is able to cover several square miles.

Crime

Our wired world has affected crime and policing. *America's Most Wanted* has expanded into radio and the Web, rounding up hundreds of bad guys.

Cybercriminals are finding ways to rip people off, and most of it remains as dumb (yet effective) as that old Nigerian Bank Account money transfer scheme. The smarter crooks are exactly duplicating bank and credit card company web sites, and tricking people into disclosing their financial information.

Even so, brilliant evil hackers are more common in movies than in real life. In a stranger-than-fiction twist, it's been reported that the (all too realistic) Will Smith thriller movie *Enemy of the State* is a favorite of Federal agents.

A few years ago, in San Francisco, radio station KGO helped catch a nasty carjacker, in a scenario that's

destined to be repeated many more times. A mother ran into a convenience store, "just for a minute," leaving her minivan running and a baby inside. A carjacker jumped in and drove away. The terrified mother called the police, who sent a bulletin to their officers.

KGO heard the bulletin on its police radio scanners, and decided to pass along the news. Several miles away, a utility company worker heard the breaking story and looked around. The minivan pulled in behind him, and the driver went into a nearby house. The worker checked, and the baby was still inside the vehicle.

He radioed his company dispatcher and the police converged. Within minutes the carjacker was in handcuffs, and the baby reunited with its mother.

The national Amber Alert program has streamlined and expanded this process, and stopped numerous kidnappers cold.

Effects

Perhaps they can't say exactly why, but today's parents worry that excessive video game playing is harmful to their children. Researchers say the story is mixed. The military allows its people to play video games, on a limited basis, to increase their marksmanship and piloting skills. Surgeons can also benefit, with improved dexterity.

Opposite this, neuroscientist Antonio Damasio has shown that adopting too much high tech, too quickly, *does* profoundly affect our character and relationships. It seems that our rational brains *can* keep up, but our emotional selves only develop gradually. This important personal aspect can be left in the dust, so that people become colder and less empathic. Away from those glowing screens, this new type of 'wired' individual doesn't get along very well.

On a social level, a group of science fiction writers and their colleagues hope to avoid an Orwellian future, not by resisting technology, but by making sure that surveillance and tracking become even more widespread. For starters, they're launching a grassroots "watch those government officials" project. That way, ordinary citizens can be just as snoopy toward powerful officials as their enforcement agencies are toward us!

In the Third World, activists are watching, and reporting on, corrupt dictators and greedy aristocrats. The world's attention has, in most cases, kept those brave folks alive and free. But, their impoverished offices may be relying on pirated software. To avoid legal risk, many are switching to Linux. Also, such open source programs are easier to check for 'back doors' and other spyware.

The Future

We humans are in the spiritual 'midway position,' with mixed good and evil natures. Thus, any new technology will be put to good *and* evil uses, and sooner rather than later.

Marshall McLuhan's prophesied Global Village is truly coming to pass. The Principle's prediction about the merging of historical cultures is happening faster than most people ever imagined. Kids can do their homework with the resources of all the world's libraries and museums at their fingertips. Better still, people in impoverished areas will no longer be left out.

For most people it's a tremendous benefit. However, due to a few extremists raised on hatred, there is a downside. We see Al Qaida using the Internet to brag about its horrific crimes, and Hezbollah using cell phones to remotely detonate suicide bombs. (In case the bomber has last minute second thoughts.) Fortunately, the good guys can often trace these communications to their source.

The Internet has been flooded with the vilest sort of pornography. The world, and its leaders, are in a quandary on how to respond. Spain doesn't even try, and allows its children into X-rated movies. The USA splits the responsibility between parents and Federal agencies. We hardly restrict anything, and then it's mainly for the sake of our children.

China does block communication, ham-handedly, and for blatant political reasons. This also hinders immoral material, yet in the event, this suppression is widely evaded. North Korea, in the process of going backwards as fast as they can, simply bans all private communication...

For good or ill, and whether we like it or not, the wired future is upon us. How would Heavenly Nation handle these issues? ❖

This article is about communications technology, and how it affects us. Its development is rapid and increasing, and has now reached even the poorest areas of the Third World. I might've titled this article Wireless World, except that 'wired' has more than one meaning.

Most folk's perspective on life begins with their own childhood, if not with the latest big fad. History can be fascinating, and its study will illuminate current events like nothing else.

Behold: clever amateurs invent amazing new devices, and become wealthy and influential. Reports and commands flash between distant war fronts and home capitals, requiring the improvement of secret codes. Companies, some brand-new, exchange news and information remotely, compelling them to standardize across wide regions. Friendship, and passionate romance, flourishes between unseen chatters. Undersea cables are laid, and nations draw closer together. The world really gets 'wired up.'

This was the 1830s, and Samuel Morse's telegraph was the device responsible. Humanity went from needing days to make contact between cities (and *weeks* between continents), to mere seconds.

Morse's wife had died while he was overseas, and he vowed that no one should ever suffer in loneliness again. Though an amateur, he studied and tinkered until he had a working model. The first telegraphed words, "What hath God wrought?" were wonderful. (And would've brought today's ACLU down on his head!) British author Tom Standage's book *The Victorian Internet* recounts this history well.

My own grandparents saw automobiles and radio make their debut. My father told me about the first TV sets, and how he and some buddies rented a large wooden cabinet with a tiny screen, so they could watch sports one weekend.

I myself saw the end of vacuum tubes, and the first personal computers and cellular phones. (In almost every case, small-

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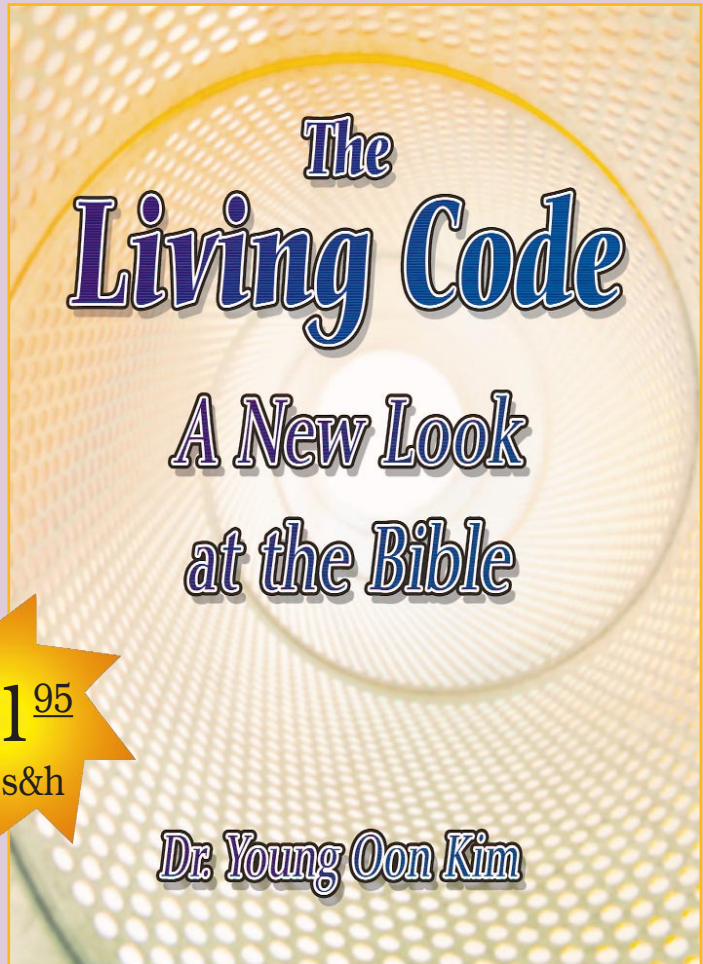
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