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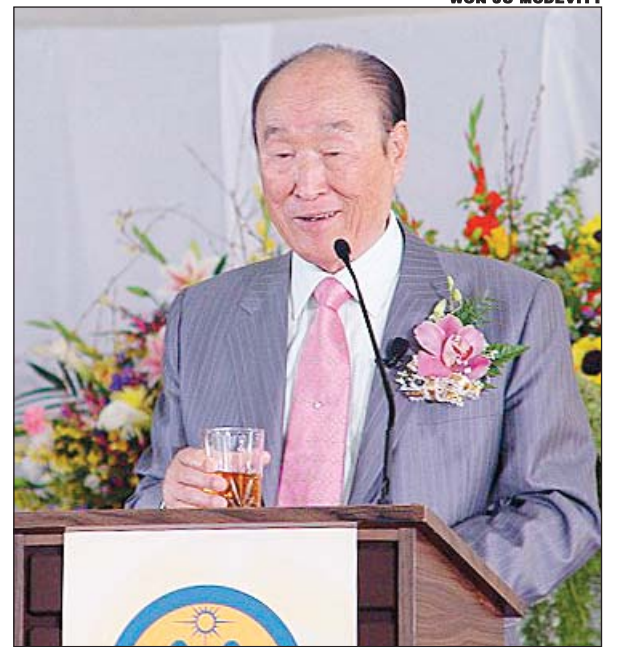
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LEADERSHIP FOR GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION: EXPLORING THE VISION, THE PROVIDENTIAL PATH TO TRUE LIBERATION

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I stand here today with solemn determination. The final moment has come. That is, the moment in human history when we can no longer stand by, allowing humanity to continue on its present course. It may not be apparent to you, but I can clearly see the future of the world's six billion people. Please look around you—front or back, left or right, east or west. You cannot deny that the world rampant with war and disease, ethnic conflict and religious struggle, immorality and corruption, is running full speed towards despair.

Among the two hundred or more countries spread across the globe, do you think even one of them has the capability to solve the problems we

face? Do you think the United Nations has the power, or the conscience, to take responsibility for this world as it speeds toward ruin? Where can we find a hero for this age, a person capable of bringing the world together for the sake of our future, a person who can guarantee peace among the nations?

Humanity, having descended from the fall, is incapable of accomplishing this task by itself. Above all else, humanity needs the grace of God, which is available to those who attend God as the eternal True Parent. Heavenly power

does not come to just anyone, simply because they ask for it. It can only be received through the True Parents, who know Heaven's providence, understand the urgency of the time in which we live, and are able to align humanity to the powerful workings of God. For this reason, the title "True Parents" signifies the Savior longed for by the whole world. "True Parents" also encompasses the meaning of the term, Messiah, used in Christianity to refer to the one who brings salvation, delivering humanity from the world of sin and evil. It also

includes the idea of the "returning Lord," who comes again because the Messiah at his first advent left this earth with the last stage of God's work remaining to be done. Finally, "True Parents" includes the position of the King of kings, or Peace King, who will unite the spiritual world and physical world and reign over the eternal king-

dom of peace.

I am taking this opportunity today to declare and give warning that God's intervention is rushing toward us like a tidal wave. My subject, "The Providential Path to True Liberation and Complete Freedom," is about the things that every family must fulfill. It is a most serious and important message, one that each of you should carve into your hearts and put into practice.

The Standard of Perfection in the Family

Originally, God was to be the True Parent of all human beings. He was to be the Teacher of all teachers, Owner of all owners, King of all kings, and Parent of all parents. When we examine human history, however, we see that because of the fall of Adam and Eve, the first ancestors, humanity lost God. For thousands of years since that time, people have lived as orphans without being aware of it. Why has human history been so full of grief and sorrow? It



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Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
- 5 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 57 Single Blessing (1989)
- Declaration for the Blessed Family (1995)
- 9 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)
- Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)
- Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)
- FFWPU Established (1996)
- 11 Un Jin Nim & Jin Hun Nim's Blessing (1986)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 13 Proclamation of Liberation and Release (2004)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)
- Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 17 Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
- 19 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- 24 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
- 27 60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
- Interreligious (144,000) Clergy Blessing (2002)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Ascension (2001)
- 30 Shin Joon Nim's Birthday (2004)

M A Y 2 0 0 5

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- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
- 43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 2 Jin Hun Nim's Birthday (3/25/63)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 10 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
- Unification Theological Seminary (1977)

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- 11 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
- 14 Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
- National (American) Won Jeon Shrine Dedicated (2002)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
- Citizen's Federation for the Unification Fatherland (1987)
- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
- Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 17 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
- Washington Times Established (1982)
- 21 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 27 60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
- 30 Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
- True Parents' East and West (Global) Victory (1999)

J U N E 2 0 0 5

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 3 Inauguration of the Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification South American Headquarters (2001)
- 4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 7 Day of All True Things (5/1/63)
- 10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
- 13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim's Blessing (1998)
- 39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
- 1st Stage of the 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)
- 14 Jeung Jin Nim's Birthday (1982)
- Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 17 Declaration Return of the Sea to Heavenly Dominion (2000)
- 21 Rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth (2002)
- 23 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
- Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Declaration of the Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Un Jin Nim's and Yun Ah Nim's birthdays are celebrated twice in 2005. 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]

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METHODOLOGY, AND BEST PRACTICES NECESSARY FOR LASTING PEACE

LIBERATION AND COMPLETE FREEDOM

is because we lost the True Teacher who was to teach us the heavenly tradition, lost the True Owner whom we should revere and attend for eternity, lost the True King to whom we should demonstrate complete loyalty even by laying down our lives, and lost the True Parents who were to bequeath to us the eternal true lineage.

This is why, even now, fallen humanity earnestly desires to meet God's true Son. This person has no relation to the human fall, and so is not oppressed by Satan's accusation. He is rooted in God's original ideal of Adam before the fall, and thus possesses God's true love, true life, and true lineage. He appears as the Messiah, representing the realm of the elder son on the national level. This is the true meaning of the concept underlying humankind's messianic expectation.

Because the Messiah comes as the perfected Adam, he has to receive a true bride whom God can love according to the absolute standard. Then they together are to progress to the position of a true husband and wife. They thus perfect God's original ideal for husbands and wives, which is the basis for fulfilling God's original ideal of creation. This is because only on the basis of an ideal husband and wife can true children be born who will inherit the pure lineage of Heaven. This husband and wife are the son and daughter of God. They will never repeat the mistake of the human fall. They serve as the starting point for the eternal lineage of goodness.

A Philosophy Based upon the Ideal of the True Family

The mission of the Messiah does not end there. After he progresses to the position of True Parents and establishes an absolute true family, then, centering on this true family, he has to establish the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. In this way, he brings God's ideal of creation to completion. For this purpose, the six billion human beings who have descended from the fall should, without exception, be grafted into the true family. They should be grafted both in heart and in lineage.

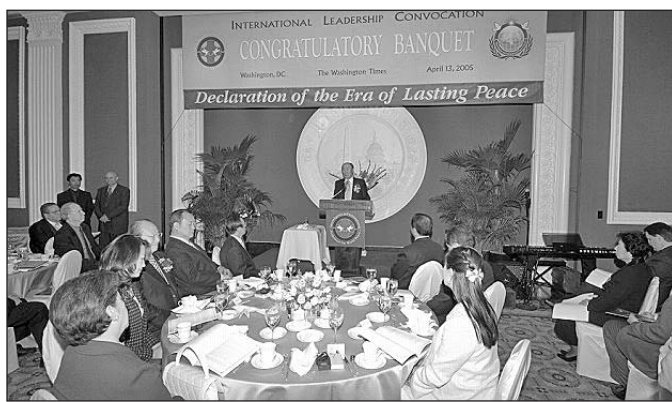
How is this grafting accomplished? Everyone here is a wild olive tree, born with fallen nature. Though centuries may pass, a wild olive tree never mutates into a cultivated olive tree. It forever remains a wild olive tree. Unless its lineage is changed, it cannot escape its identity as a wild olive tree. The grafting requires that it be dispassionately severed at the base of its trunk, and a shoot from a cultivated olive tree be attached there. When this shoot matures, that tree will bear the fruit of a cultivated tree.

In the same way, fallen human beings must completely sever themselves from the satanic world of sin and evil. Then

through the True Parents, who are the cultivated olive tree, they can receive the Holy Blessing of marriage. This Blessing grafts the shoot of a new cultivated olive tree onto them. In this way they are reborn. They become the beginning point for true love, true life and



true lineage. Since they now have the true lineage, they are capable of producing true children, the fruit of a cultivated olive tree. This is the only way fallen human beings can inherit true life, true love, and true lineage that can be passed down generation after generation. They must be reborn through



the True Parents.

Through this process, we are established as true families, we can bear true children, and we can become true parents. This is the essence of the true family philosophy. This philosophy is based upon God's true love. True love refers to a life of giving and sharing between partners that is transcendent of national boundaries, ideological differences and any other sort of barrier. True love means that I give, forget what I have given, and continue to give without end. It is a proactive love: when I receive, I seek to give back more. Families with such sacrificial and noble relationships of true love will extend their love to others, creating true clans, true

societies, true nations and a true world. Taken a step farther, they lead to the harmonization and unification of the spirit world with the physical world, which we call the true cosmos.

This means that true love has incredible power. It is a power of unimagin-

able proportions. With this power God created the universe. Only the power of God's true love can establish the world of God's ideal, the Kingdom of God in heaven and on earth.

The ideal world does not have autocrats demanding authority and issuing commands. Rather, it is a world where our hearts move of their own accord, responsive to and in communion with God's love. It is a brotherhood and sisterhood that encompass all of humankind. Wouldn't we all like to live in such a world?

The Four Great Realms of Heart

Let us take a closer look at the true family philosophy. The family is the framework and environment for human growth. In the Garden of Eden, Adam's family was to have modeled God's ideal of the true family.

This family was to have established a Four-Position Foundation,[1] giving visible manifestation to the invisible God. God, the Creator, is the subject partner who created human beings as His object partners. Before He created human beings, however, the idea of children, the idea of brothers and sisters, the idea of husband and wife, and the idea of parents existed only conceptually in His mind. By creating Adam and Eve, God wanted to make these ideas actual and perfect them. Through Adam's family, He wanted to bring about the perfection of true love in actual children, the perfection of true love in actual broth-

ers and sisters, the perfection of true love in an actual husband and wife, and the perfection of the true love ideal in actual parents. Then God would experience joy, unlimited joy.

This is the core of the true family philosophy. It is to perfect the Four Great Realms of Heart and the Three Great Kingships, which are the fundamental basis of all human relations. Completing them is the requirement for becoming a true family. The Four Great Realms of Heart refer to the child's realm of heart, the brother and sister's realm of heart, the husband and wife's realm of heart, and the parents' realm of heart.

Allow me to elaborate. Everyone is born on this earth as someone's child. We then go through a process of forming relationships with brothers and sisters, marrying to become a husband or wife, and then bearing children to become parents. Hence, the Four Great Realms of Heart are fulfilled within the framework of the family.

The Child's Realm of Heart
What does it mean, then, to perfect the child's realm of heart? Each human being is born as someone's child, and we find ourselves hav-

ing no freedom of choice in the matter. We cannot choose to be born the son of the President or the daughter of the world's most beautiful woman. From the moment of our birth, we are destined to receive our parents' protection, which enables us to grow and develop. We attend our parents and share their lives. Here we learn the child's heart of love and filial piety towards parents. In the ideal, this inspires us to be ready even to sacrifice our lives for our parents. The relationship between parents and children is a vertical relationship of above and below.

Parents do not teach this love to their children by their words or direct instructions, nor is it taught at school. Rather, God implants it, and children acquire and understand it by watching their parents dedicate their lives with true love for their sake. As children grow and mature, their hearts also develop. Eventually, the children's hearts are perfected, achieving the standard of

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being able to offer everything for the sake of their parents through eternity. Before the parents speak, the child can read his parents' minds and serve them according to their wishes. The child understands his parents' heart just by the look in their eyes, and does what is needed to fulfill his duty.

Serving our physical parents, who are the True Parents on the horizontal plane, is the foundation to offer the same absolute standard of a child's heart to God, our True Parent on the vertical plane. This is how the realm of the heart of a child is perfected. A perfected child's heart is infinitely valuable. It creates a realm of absolute value. And we cannot even dream that it could come about outside of the framework of the family.

The Brother and Sister's Realm of Heart

Second is the brother and sister's realm of heart. It is another realm of true love, perfected within the framework of the family. Brothers and sisters, while living together, learn from observing their parents. The child grows to resemble the father or the mother. In spatial terms, it is the relationship between front and back. When the older brother is the subject partner, the younger sibling becomes the object partner. Yet it is the younger sibling who makes it possible for the older brother to stand in the subject position. From this, the elder derives absolute value.

This describes the perfection of a beautiful realm of heart among siblings. In this realm, younger siblings attend and revere their elder brother as they would their father, and trust and depend on their older sister as they would their mother. Conversely, the older brother looks after and lives for the sake of his younger siblings in the same way that the parents love their children. The younger siblings practice true love by respecting and serving their older brothers and sisters just as they would serve and support their father or mother. This is the perfection of sibling love. Each sibling nurtures the strengths and compensates for the weaknesses of the others. This realm of heart among brothers and sisters sharing the same blood is a love that no one can divide.

Children living in a true family, who perfect the brother and sister's realm of heart in the true love of God, will go out into the world to lead lives as clear as crystal and as bright as the shining sun. When they meet people older than themselves, they will honor and serve them with the same heart that they would exhibit toward their own parents. They will show the same true love toward young people that they

would toward their younger siblings, sharing with them and helping them. As a result, everyone will love them. Whomever they meet and regardless of the situation, they will always try to give more than they receive. On the job they will work an hour longer than others. Before they look out for themselves, they will consider the situation of others and yield to them. Therefore, they

will be respected as owners of true love and heart. Though they may be young, they will become central persons, trusted and relied upon by people of all ages. Thus, perfection of the sibling's realm of heart within a true family develops values that remain absolute for eternity.

The Husband and Wife's Realm of Heart

Next, how do we perfect the husband and wife's realm of heart? The relationship between husband and wife is dif-

ferent from that between parent and child or among siblings, because it does not start out as a bond of blood. A man and a woman reared in different environments and situations meet and make a truly revolutionary commitment to start a life together. Yet when they become one in mind and body through true love, their relationship becomes stronger and more absolute than any blood relationship. The husband-wife relationship contains infinite and inexhaustible treasures. Once formed in the presence of God, the bond of husband and wife is meant to be absolute, and the two should become inseparable for eternity.

Adam and Eve were both God's children. They were like twins in the womb, with Eve as Adam's younger sibling and Adam as Eve's older brother. Then they grew up and became husband and wife. In the same way, the relationship between any husband and wife should begin as if they were brother and sister sharing the same blood. After all, each is born with God as their True Parent. Each is destined to live in attendance to God for eternity. When



such a relationship is formed, the evil hand of divorce will never be able to drive a wedge between them. With Heaven watching and the conscience standing guard with a sharp sword, who would desert their partner of eternal joy?

Just as God's love is absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging, so should be the love between a husband and wife.

This is God's principle of creation, or the law of nature.

Couples who become one in mind and body and perfect the husband and wife's realm of heart manifest God's joy. They are the cherished hope of the universe. This step is an absolute requirement prior to perfecting the true parents' realm of heart. The couple perfects the ideal oneness of God and humankind and thus lays the foundation for a true family on the standard of absolute value. In other words, the unity of husband and wife is the meeting-place of God and His children. It links together the siblings and establishes the parents. It is the realm of the absolute subject and object partners in the Four Great Realms of Heart. To the wife, her husband represents a position of absolute value. She sees in him the ideal heavenly son, heavenly older brother, heavenly husband and father. To the husband, his wife possesses the corresponding absolute qualities as the ideal heavenly daughter, heavenly sister, heavenly wife and mother.

This sacred framework for human relationships was smashed into pieces by the fall of the first human ancestors. As a result, human history has been permeated with grief. Not only have humans suffered; God also has grieved. Although God is the Source of all existence, He was forced to labor to restore His fallen children, all the while constrained to abide by the Principle.



This explains why the ceremony in which the True Parents—as the Savior of humanity and Messiah—give the Holy Blessing to true husbands and wives, in God's true love, is the moment to resolve God's grief built up over six thousand years. It begins our journey toward regaining the original blood lineage. It is the moment that holds the promise of happiness for every family.

The Parents' Realm of Heart

Finally, what is the perfection of the parents' realm of heart, and how is it accomplished? Even the most wonderful husband and wife do not become parents until they have children. The status of parents is granted in the moment the couple's first child is born and lets out that first cry announcing its arrival. I have said that God created human beings to be His object partners in joy. In the same way, a couple gives birth to and raises a child as a creative act that allows them to experience, through the relationship with their child as their object partner, an eternal joy similar to what God experiences.

By giving birth to children, parents are in the position of God in the flesh.

Just as the invisible God nurtured Adam and Eve, parents experience the joy of creating and nurturing God's children. Through that experience, parents inherit the true parent's realm of heart from the invisible God. They experience the creative act of the invisible God as they raise their own sons and daughters, grounded in their own husband-wife relationship. They take on the glory of being a second creator, acting in God's place.

By creating Adam and Eve, God established the standard for a second generation of creators. However, it was God's historical grief that he was unable to see grandchildren who could stand as a third generation of true creators. He could not take children whose blood lineage had been defiled by Satan and treat them as His true lineage.

Please understand. What happens when human beings, born as wild olive trees, are grafted onto the cultivated olive tree? The Holy Blessing Ceremony changes their blood lineage. This takes place in the realm of grace of the True Parents, who come as the Messiah for humanity. Therefore, when they give birth to children of goodness, they are practicing filial piety on a providential level by enabling God to embrace His third generation, that is, His grandsons and granddaughters. This signifies the historic appearance of the third generation of creators. Their appearance completes the central root, central trunk and central bud linked to God's original love, original life and original lineage. God has long desired to see this. It marks the perfection of the ideal of creation, one family at a time. As this perfected ideal family expands, there will be ideal tribes, ideal societies, ideal nations and an ideal world—in other words the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven.

Parents stand in the position of Heaven; therefore, they are the center of the family. Children are in the position of earth. Heaven is in the subject position, and earth is in the object position. What does it mean to say that parents are in the subject position? It means they have a duty to nurture their children and prepare them to marry in a manner consistent with God's will. Parents are responsible to protect the pure and good lineage that Satan will never again be able to accuse. They are to establish a tradition for their offspring—the holy seed—to pass on Heaven's lineage from generation to generation. This is the only way to reestablish the position of the original parents that was lost at the human fall and perfect the parents' realm of heart.

The Three Great Kingships

Allow me to explain the meaning of the Three Great Kingships. In brief, while the Four Great Realms of Heart are perfected through the loving oneness of a true husband and wife, the Three Great Kingships are perfected when Adam and Eve give birth to sinless children. God is the first generation, Adam and Eve are the second generation, and the children of Adam and Eve are the third generation. In terms of your family, the grandparents, in the position representing God, would be the first generation, the parents are the second generation, and the children

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are the third generation. The grandparents are a king and queen representing the past; the parents are a king and queen representing the present, and the children are princes and princesses representing the future. You can establish the realms of these three different eras within your family.

In this way, each family carries out the creative process of origin, division and union. The grandparents represent the origin, the parents represent the division, and the children represent the union, a new creation. Furthermore, by loving and attending the grandparents, we can learn and inherit from the past. By loving and attending the parents, children can learn and become familiar with the present. And by loving their grandchildren, grandparents and parents can sense the future and have hope.

If Adam and Eve had attained perfection, Adam would have been the father and king of the Kingdom of Heav-

The family that perfects the Four Great Realms of Heart and the Three Great Kingdoms becomes the basis of the Peace Kingdom, which has been humanity's cherished desire. Through that family, the Peace Kingdom can be established here on earth. This new family, perfected as I have described, is the royal family of the heavenly kingdom. All the members of this family are royalty. However, if anyone, whether a grandparent, parent or child, fails to perfect the oneness of true love, then the Three Great Kingdoms and the Four Great Realms of Heart cannot be perfected.

Our Mission

Respected leaders, there is a biblical verse that says, "New wine must be put into new wineskins." (Luke 5:38) Though you were not aware of it, the old wineskin, the Era Before the Coming of Heaven, has passed away,



you should greet them with new eyes, new ears, and a new heart. You are called to be the forerunners in practicing the true family philosophy.

I know with certainty Heaven's will.

I know why God anointed me and sent me in the position of a True Parent. As a True Parent, I must fulfill the mission of the savior—to bring perfect salvation to the world. I must fulfill the responsibility of the Messiah—to remove the sins of humanity. I must fill the earth with fields of cultivated olive trees—true families—by bestowing the marriage Blessing centering on true love. Now this heavenly command is being accomplished with revolutionary speed. Tens of thousands of families have been blessed in international, interracial and interreligious marriages. They are carrying out their work to establish Cheon Il Guk

under the banners of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the Mongolian Peoples Federation for World Peace. You can see for yourself. They are God's special forces, working at the risk of their lives in this Era After the Coming of Heaven.

No force can extinguish the torchlight of the true love revolution. The power of God is moving with us, and the entire spirit world is working with us. Who can possibly hold back this typhoon that is establishing the new heaven and new earth? Please have a humble attitude in order to receive the grace of the age that is approaching like a tidal wave. We live in a new age of the family. Those who behave selfishly and individualistically, or do immoral acts that undermine human ethics, will not escape Heaven's punishment. Please establish true families that live in accord with God's ideal of creation. Please become true parents. God will reside in your family. Your family will overflow with eternal peace and happiness.

The Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace are the pillars of cloud and of fire that will lead humanity in the direction

of righteousness. Your core values must now be "absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience." Mongolian people, please elevate your race; become a homogeneous, kinship community by receiving the Blessing and practicing God's true love. Become the vanguard in establishing this earth as God's homeland and the homeland of true families. I urge you to put on the armor of true love and become courageous leaders ridding this land of satanic evil.

Ladies and gentlemen,

All of us should live according to God's will, practicing the "three subject thought," which means that we are to walk the path of a true parent, a true teacher and a true owner.

Please rise up, in accordance with God's providence, to establish the world of freedom and liberation, which is God's original ideal of creation. Please make your solemn determination to live a most precious life, one in which you dwell and walk together with God, the Owner of the Peace Kingdom, a realm which transcends religions, nations, races and even the cosmos itself.

Be confident! The founders of the

en, and Eve would have been its perfected mother and queen. Having become the lords of their family, they would have established the ideal of kingship in the family, society, nation and world. God is the King of the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven, and Adam would have served as God's substantial body and as the king of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

In terms of your family, it can be said that your grandparents are ambassadors plenipotentiary sent by Heaven. Therefore, we should honor and attend our grandparents as we would honor and attend God. The parents who attend God are the king and queen of a realm that embraces all six billion people, all humanity, as one family. The children who are responsible for the future should maintain the traditions of Heaven, offer their filial piety and loyalty to their parents, the king and queen, and inherit the royal authority.

These are essential components of the philosophy of the true family. The fulfillment of God's original ideal stems from this all-embracing perfection of the heavenly three-generational realm on the horizontal plane within a single family. This original family becomes the model for the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven, the realm that is rooted in God's purpose of creation.



and the new wineskin, the Era After the Coming of Heaven, has begun. With the appearance of the True Parents, the power of God is being manifested on this earth. Since the start of the twenty-first century, God has been carrying out an accelerated providence to establish His ideal of creation—the Kingdom of God on earth. This providence is absolute, and it is our destiny to accomplish it. We who have received Heaven's call have only one path to follow. The goal of our mission is to establish the Peace Kingdom.

Already the gates of the spirit world have opened wide. Jesus, Buddha, Muhammad and Confucius, accompanied by billions of good ancestors, are descending to the earth like a windstorm. Their intention is to help the earthly world, and they are coming to help you! They are full of zeal and eagerly watch your every move and seek to help you to tear away the thousands of barriers and boundaries that fill our world. They will work with you to establish a new era of liberation for the world of the heart, that is, the Kingdom of Cosmic Peace and Unification (Cheon Il Guk).

How will you greet your good ancestors? You have been born anew as cultivated olive trees; therefore



world's major religions, along with many good spirits in the spiritual world, are ready to work with you.

I trust you will treasure the heavenly commandment I convey today. From this moment on, wherever you are and whatever you may do, please never forget that we are one family centered on God. Remember that God works through your conscience, and that your good ancestors are living with you, encouraging you to live every day for the sake of others.

I pray that God's blessing will be upon you and upon the true families that you will establish. ❖

Michigan 2nd Generation Pilgrimage to East Garden

by Rev. David Kasbow

Four of our 2nd generation young people decided to go to Chung Pyung this summer. Two weeks ago they completed a three-day fast as a condition to prepare. They also have started on their own a weekly DP study group. Rev. Jang, our Korean UTS graduate, has been supporting them. Seeing their faith, he got the idea to take them to East Garden for Hoon Dok Hae with True Parents. When Father returned to America, and most of the students were off for spring break, we decided this was the time to go.

We had 21 2nd Generation and 5 adults go for the trip. We rented an airport-style stand-up van and used the church car. These two vehicles traveled together. The Charles Cook family, with their four boys, drove their car and met us at the hotel in Tarrytown. We were pleasantly surprised at 9:00 PM Monday night, March 28, as we were driving through Pennsylvania, when one of our members called us to let us know that Father had just invited members to come to East Garden at 2:00 AM to watch a live broadcast of Hyo Jin Nim's concert in Tokyo. We arrived at the hotel in Tarrytown at 10:30 PM. For the concert the gates at East Garden opened at 2:00 AM, March 29. With showering and preparing a lot of us did not get any sleep.

Our young people were so proud as Rev. Jenkins and Dr. Yang introduced our group to everyone. Soon True Parents came in and the concert started. True Mother had donuts and fruit passed

out doing the concert. After the concert Father spoke and the Hoon Dok Hae session started. When Father finished he said Michigan could represent America fishing today. So, one boy, Tada Sakaguchi, one girl, Hyang Jin Ahn, and one adult, Scott Howard, went on the boat. Before we left we had pictures taken with Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins.

While our three "fishermen" were out on the boat I took the rest of our group on a tour of East Garden and Belvedere. This was a most interesting experience for me and for the 2nd Generation. As I showed them around the properties so many

memories started coming back to me. I remembered: That True Mother's mother, Dae Mo Nim, lived in the original East Garden house with True Parents. Those early state leader meetings where we would attend the children's birthdays at that original house the national fundraising condition we had in the fall of 1973 to purchase Belvedere, that Dae Mo Nim's Sung Hwa Ceremony was held in the Belvedere house. The big sports event Father held at Belvedere where Rev. Sudo hurt his arm, Sitting at the Holy Rock



at Belvedere totally depressed the morning after Yankee Stadium and how Father lifted us all by proclaiming we will go to Washington, D.C., and have a victorious rally at Washington Monument. And of course the Belvedere "garage" where Father gave sermons each Sunday for so many years. How do I transfer these precious memories to these young people?

I realized I can't but as I read their testimonies of this trip I could feel that they are now making their own memories. I think you will find their testimonies interesting and hopeful as they begin to experience True Parents for themselves. ❖

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retary to determine the lifestyle of Rev. Moon. In case the charges of Rev. Moon's personal wealth were true, my question is: So what??? Mr. Bill Gates is always very welcome in the UK; inspire of his lavish lifestyle!

During the Afternoon session the Home Office defendant Mrs. Monica Carrs-Friske had the word. She was rumbling on and on. Her arguments had almost no substance and she seemed to be acting as the spokeswoman of FECRIS. The basic message that came across from her to the judges and the rest could easily be summarised in the following sentence: "We don't want Rev. Moon to come to the UK!"

In one sense some of us felt sorry for her. She had to defend the weak case of the government and she probably knew very well, that David Pannick was

right (they even work for the same law company). She was power dressed in the latest fashion (high heeled, long, narrow tipped shoes, etc.). She never looked into our eyes and even at the end, when leaving, she made a big circle around us (maybe she was conscience stricken). Some of us suffered a severe headache after her lengthy explanation.

In summary, I can say, I was grateful to have been able to attend. It was quite obvious, that the frontline between good & evil went right through this courtroom. One sister remarked that TF has not been able to come to the UK for 27 years. As she counted the members (incl. Pres. and Mrs. Song) attending the court session,

she counted exactly 27 members. Our defense lawyer David Pannick touched our hearts. He was fighting with a righteous mind and extreme dedication. I felt, that, considering he is not a member, the things he said about True Father must have also touched the heart of God. So, it may be because of one righteous man, God can forgive the British government and thus save the country.

It was a good fight and I am sure, that our side did extremely well. Victory or defeat has yet to be seen. In any case, this is a historical fight, which has to be fought until the final victory in this matter is achieved. That will be the time, when True Parents can freely enter all Europe. ❖

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Appeal hearing in London on True Father's Appeal Against Being Banned from Britain

by Mark Brann

Rev. and Mrs Song, our two Vice-Presidents, Mr Hasi-moto and Tim Miller, Rev Peter Zoehrer and Tim Read as National Leader of Britain together with a total of about 25 other brothers and sisters packed the tiny Immigration Appeal court room in Central London.

The morning (2 1/2 hours) was taken up with the presentation of our case by David Pannick. It was clear and powerful and the judges listened very attentively and respectfully, occasionally asking thoughtful and open-minded questions and listening intently and respectfully to his interpretation of the law. They came across to us as objective, balanced and fair minded and David Pannick felt so himself.

>From their comments it seemed clear they felt that Father's case had been handled unfairly and badly by the government (the second key contention in our case if you remember). However about our first point (as to whether British courts can even hear an appeal) they did not express a clear view. We appealed on the grounds that Father's Human Rights had been violated (the only possible appeal channel open to us) but the government had argued Human Rights did not apply because Father was outside the Court's jurisdiction at the relevant times and there was not a close enough connection to Britain merely through the Seoul Embassy having dealt with his application (as we had contented) to show that the British government had exercised jurisdiction over him, thus bringing his Human Rights (and right to appeal) into play.

The problem for the judges

is that there are indicators both ways in the decided cases. They may not feel that they are a high enough court to resolve and reconcile the conflicting authorities. We will see. They will only give their judgement in a few weeks time after a period of discussion among themselves and after the President has had a chance to write it.

When it came to the government's case (2 hours in the afternoon) their

lawyer was challenged quite strongly by the judges and doubt cast on her propositions. Many times the judges interrupted her with sceptical questions and she gave the clear impression of being given a hard time.

Finally at the end David Pannick was able to answer many of the government's points, which he did very effectively and clearly.

So, we are cautiously optimistic of

a positive outcome but must wait patiently until a verdict is given. However, in the meantime as Rev Song has stated, we must take nothing for granted and keep up our serious Cheon Song conditions to create the right spiritual atmosphere during the period of the judges' deliberations.

There are theoretically a number of possible outcomes. One, of course, is outright victory - whereby the judges could find that Father's Human Rights were engaged (and hence that he had a right of appeal) and that the way that the case was decided was a violation of those rights. In that case the court could just order that Father be allowed to come. We could of course still lose on both points of our appeal, especially if we take anything for granted and lessen the intensity of our "cheon song". A third (in between) possibility is that the court finds against us on the technical/jurisdictional/human rights point, but for us on the point of whether the case was unfairly decided. In that event, we could either appeal to the higher court to resolve the first point in our favour or go back to the government and negotiate for Father to be allowed to come in return for us not appealing and, most probably, winning the first point against the government. The government might be interested in such a deal because a successful appeal by us on our first point would have far reaching and difficult consequences for them in many other cases.

The overall feeling from the day was quite positive, but I must emphasise again that we need to keep going with all of our efforts till the final moment (when the decision is given) to give us the best chance of the fullest possible victory.

Again, many thanks to you all for everything you have done to put us in sight of victory. ❖



True Family Moments

April 2005
East Garden

Reflections on the Court Hearing

by Peter Zoehrer

Here is my short reflection on the March 15th appeal hearing in the London Court of Emigration. Mark Brann will give you probably today a detailed account of what happened. Since Mark is a lawyer himself, I will leave it to him to explain the legal aspects.

During the morning session, Mr. David Pannick mainly outlined our response to the various reasons the Home Office use as their argument, why they are excluding Rev. Moon from entering the UK. The persuasiveness and clarity of Pannick was quite impressive. Sometimes I even had the feeling, that the Judge Ousely and the two fellow Judges sitting on his right and left, were asking our Defence Lawyer to teach them on how they should interpret various aspect of law. It was incredible to see, how our lawyer could manage so much information, constant-

ly advising the judges, where they could find this or that document.

David Pannick told the Judges and the lawyers of the Home Office: „There are absolutely no compelling reasons to exclude Rev. Moon from entering the UK." He quoted Dr. Eileen Barker and Dr. Brian Wilson who, through their scientific study of our movement, destroyed the arguments of the Home Office. He also mentioned, that there are no grounds for accusing Rev. Moon who is now 85 years of age, of being a risk to the public order. There is absolutely no evidence, that he has endangered the public order at any point during his lifetime.

"He is the spiritual leader of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and he has the right to meet his members and give them spiritual guidance. ... It is certainly not the business of this government to tell a spiritual leader on how he has to tend to his flock!"

"In the case of Rev. Moon the Home Office have failed to ask themselves the right questions. ... They are simply violating the basic human rights of my client, the Rev. Moon!" ... They are denying him the freedom of Religion, the freedom of speech and the freedom of assembly!" ...

David Pannick addressed openly the charges against TF and our movement, such as "Brainwashing", "manipulative recruitment methods", "family break ups", etc. He said, that these charges came from the anti cult groups FAIR and CIC (both FECRIS members). "These groups don't deliver any substantial proofs for correctness of these accusations. They quoted Daily Mail articles. There are absolutely no grounds for evidence of these charges!"

He quoted Prof. Eileen Barker: "If the UC really brainwashed people, I must say, that they have not been very successful in doing it. So many people have

joined, but many have also left the movement again!" ...

"I would not consider a short visit by Rev. Moon a threat to public order ... not more than the visit of a famous pop star!"

To the accusation of Rev. Moon's wealth Mr. Pannick replied with Tim Reads testimony, explaining some details of Rev. Moons Lifestyle and our attitude regarding public money. He also explained that the funds of the British UC are strictly regulated by the Charity Commission. Furthermore, the Archbishop of Canterbury has Lambeth Castle and the Pope as the spiritual leader of the Catholic Church not only has the Vatican. He also owns a summer residence near Rome ...

" Respect the fact that it is the money of the members of the UC. not the money of the Home Office. As long as there is no evidence of any wrongdoing, it is simply not the responsibility of the Home Sec-

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ACLCL Prayer Breakfast, Jacksonville, FL

by Rev. Chidester

The monthly ACLCL Prayer Breakfast, March 26, 2005 at the Piccadilly Restaurant, was a constructive meeting of the ACLCL partners in this religious community.

For the third consecutive monthly meeting in a row, Imam Zaid Mallick was in attendance and offered constructive comments during discussion time. He invited everyone to attend a dinner at the mosque that night.

Rev. Eddie Staton, the national founder of MAD Dads along with his wife, Frankie, gave an update on his work in the inner city. He expressed his appreciation for our continued support in bringing racial harmony and preventing crime.

Pastor Vastey Petit-Homme, who has been to many of our events and



had us speak at his church last week, was also in attendance.

Dr. Elaine Kyle brought up again, as she has at previous meetings, that the problems of immorality, drugs and crime are best solved by bringing comprehensive Divine Principle education to the churches. With 12 Unificationists in attendance, the general agreement was reached that we will begin such education in the churches and special seminars to the public. To strengthen our commitment to this point, it was agreed that the content would be offered at every monthly prayer breakfast.

Now with the availability of four DP convocations, we will be directing our ACLCL ministers, and hopefully new members who will be coming, to participate. ❖

Arizona ACLCL Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Staffan Berg

Twenty-one guests came for the Arizona ACLCL Prayer Breakfast on March 23, 2005. We held it, as is our custom, from 9- 11 am on the fourth Saturday at the Ranch House Restaurant at the Dobson Golf Course, Mesa, Arizona.

Among those present were Rev. Lee Melton, MC, who masterfully moved our diverse crowd to have the atmosphere of a close-knit family. He read his own poetry, joked and jostled with the audience. New guests were (Jo Ann Crook's) Pastor Ronald van Fleet, Sr.,

Nondenominational Homeless Ministry, Phoenix, Arizona, and (Dianne Hickler's) Marsha Lord, University of Metaphysics minister.

We showed "The Path to Peace." All were moved, even though some had seen the movie

several times before. Rev. Betty Tata-lajski, founder and pastor of the Temple of Universality, eloquently made her



debut as PowerPoint lecturer for the presentation "The Spiritual World and Physical World," which was followed by a spirit world testimony by Dianne Hickler, tribal messiah from Gilbert, Arizona.

When Rev. Tata-lajski was sharing about her 25 year old nephew who had departed into the spiritual world a few months earlier, she suddenly asked if

there was anybody who wanted to share something. Pastor van Fleet was ready and asked if the "ladies in white" could come up and lay hands on Rev. Tata-lajski and pray over her to resolve her grief. The three ladies in white from Tucson and four others responded immediately to the call, and Rev. Melton offered an impromptu prayer for the heart. Indeed, we are in the business of reconciliation. Rev. van Fleet is Native American, Rev. Melton is black and the ladies in white are white.

Rev. Melton accepted the assignment to make his debut with the Introduction to Restoration PowerPoint at the next Prayer Breakfast. ❖

Bay Area Community of Faith Breakfast

by Bento Leal

What a bright and festive occasion we enjoyed on Saturday, March 26, at our monthly COF breakfast held at the Bay Area Family Church under the theme: Easter: The Time of New Life for All Has Come.

On a bright, sunny morning Rev. Millian Lee of Sacramento opened with an energetic prayer, shouting, "Clap your hands! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" He got the crowd of 100 fired up, and that was just the beginning.

We then all enjoyed a sumptuous buffet breakfast prepared by Nancy Hewitt and her outstanding team of volunteers who came early to cook the sausages, scrambled eggs and hash browns. This was an Easter feast for sure! We then recognized with applause our host pastor.

Next, our BAFC International Choir, representing some 10 nations, strode into the hall with confidence and elegance as they took their positions up front. Under the powerful and professional direction of Zita Peruffo, the brothers and sisters sang two beautiful songs in exquisite harmony a Christian hymn and a rousing Gospel number. The place was rocking! The table was now set for our two excellent speakers.

Dr. Amos Brown of Third Baptist Church in San Francisco warmly greet-

ed everyone and gave a brief report of his trip to Korea to attend the IIFWP International Conference and the Crown of Peace Ceremony honoring our True Parents. He expressed his love and appreciation for Father and Mother Moon, the True Parents. He commented on how vital it is that "people of all races, religions and national origins come together as one human family under God." He also said that a few of clergy friends asked him why he was associated with Rev. & Mrs. Moon. He answered them, "Don't be worried about the terms of "Father" and "Mother" Moon. Don't you have elder ladies in your church you call ~mother"? Don't you have elder deacons that you respect as "father"? We need to come together as brothers and sisters now more than ever."

Rev. Brown then said that we need to put our spiritual ideals into practice. He spoke of the many teenage young men who are hanging out on the streetcorners and going the wrong way. He is planning an event to bring these male teens together and empower them with a positive image of themselves, give them books to read, and then mentor them.

Pastor Kevin Thompson of the BAFC then shared about the true meaning of Easter including his impressions of a 15 year-old young boy in Korea in 1935 who cared deeply about a suffering world. This young man, "the boy Rev. Moon"

tearfully prayed to God on that Easter Sunday morning and Jesus appeared to him and asked him to help bring the religious people of the world together. Since that moment, Rev. Moon has dedicated his life and ministry to establishing Godly families and religious unity for peace. Rev. Thompson went on to encourage the listeners to go to Israel "not with a cross, but with a fish of peace and an olive branch of peace" and that only then will the sons of Abraham open their hearts

and embrace one another in lasting peace.

This coming week (on Tuesday, Mar. 29), Dr. Amos Brown, Rev. Rick Perry, and our brother Rev. David Rosenblum will be joining the World Peace Pilgrimage to Israel. We pray God's blessing upon them and their safe journey and return. We look forward to their testimonies at our next COF Breakfast on Saturday, April 23. God is doing a mighty work! May we be His instruments each and every day! ❖

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entation that told the story of the Middle East Peace Initiative from the point of view of a person who experienced a personal transformation through it and has witnessed the impact it has made for peace in the Middle East. He embraced the Rabbi and the Franciscan Priest present demonstrating the love that he believes will lead to world peace. The whole presentation was truly impressive. Mayor Keith McCarthy, who is also the IIFWP Coordinator for Southern California, presented the certificates of appointment while highlighting each Ambassador's biography together with Rev. Dr. Ku who is the chairman of the IIFWP of Los Ange-

les.

The event concluded with the song "Peace, Shalom, Salaam Aleikum" sung by Keith Williams and Magdalene Mill-sap. That song, written by Mr. Barry Fosman and Mr. Rick Joswick, has become such a powerful statement about the love shown in the Middle East Peace Initiative. The ceremony came to a close and Rev. Henning of the LA Family Church concluded with an invitation to study with the Unification Worldview Seminar class. Three clergy responded and will begin their studies soon.

After the closing prayer, a wonderful Persian-style buffet lunch was served. Every one there seemed overjoyed to participate in this meeting and eager to work together to bring peace at home and abroad. ❖

ACLCLC Easter Prayer Breakfast In Los Angeles

by Rev. Timothy L. Henning

A wonderful resurrection service was held on Saturday, March 26, at the Founder's Church in downtown Los Angeles. Rev. Briggs of Christian Light, MBC, opened with prayer, and a stirring Easter greeting from Dr. Don Peavy challenged us to live as a renewed and reborn body of Christ. It was the eve of Easter 2005, but already a celebration of the resurrection of Christ rang out in the presentations. The Crown of Peace video told the story of the life of the True Parents, crowned by the victories for peace on a world-wide level. When the final "man-sei" of the video took place, one very prominent minister raised his hands and cheered! The whole crowd was deeply moved by Rev. Daugherty's keynote address on the meaning of resurrection. More than having just a new Easter suit to wear, each person should find real transformation in the person they see in the mirror, transformation that reveals the image and likeness of God the Creator. One bishop said later that she enjoyed the wonderful breakfast, but she really felt "fed" by the

keynote message Rev. Daugherty had delivered with such enthusiasm.

This assembly was the second ACLC Breakfast at the Founder's Church of Religious Science in Los Angeles, which is a beautiful dome-style sanctuary that seats 1,500 upstairs and downstairs holds the chapel and fellowship

Easter celebration. It was lovingly prepared by our staff of ACLC cooks and servers.

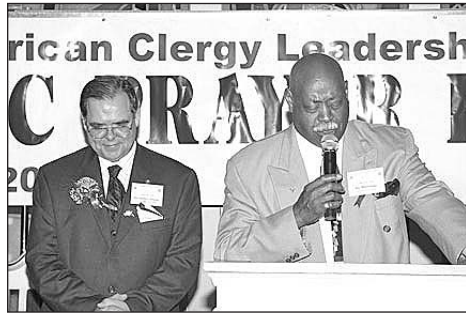
What a blessing to have so many well-known leaders of the community present such as Mrs. Norma Foster, who organized the Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Service every year for

God Be the Glory" and "How Great Thou Art". Next the Sadoc Christian Singers, a group that has either won or placed high in the McDonald's national gospel singing contest, sang some of their specially written pieces. The finale was "Peace, Shalom, Salaam Aleikum" together with the Origen choir. Mr. Barry Fas-

man and Mr. Rick Joswick, who wrote the song together, joined in, with Mr. Fasman accompanying on the piano and Mr. Joswick in harmony with the guitar.

Following the music, Rev. Henning invited the clergy to study with the new seminar group starting at St. Thaddeus

Lutheran Church this Wednesday. Mrs. Norma Foster testified about her experience at the national conference of the Women's Federation for World Peace and urged the women present to participate in a signature drive. Rev. Millsap closed with prayer. What a wonderful morning! ACLC of Los Angeles is blooming like the spring flowers. ❖



hall, where the breakfast took place. Rev. Nina Alexander and Rev. George Hines represented the ministerial staff in welcoming the ACLC to this historic location. After the songs, prayers, video, and speeches, the audience moved through the chancel area to the fellowship hall where four serving lines were prepared. Breakfast was bountiful, the kind you look forward to at a special

more than a decade, which drew nearly ten thousand early rising worshippers each Easter Sunday morning at 5:00 am. Also one of the pillars of the Los Angeles community and the former Pastor of First AME, the Rev. Cecil Murray, attended the event.

Dr. James Gambrell, soloist for Mount Zion, began the entertainment that accompanied the breakfast with "To

Amazing Ambassadors Luncheon in Orange County

by Rev. Tim Henning

Tuesday, March 8th, a tremendous Ambassadors for Peace meeting organized by Mark and Susan Munsell and assisted by Katrin McCarthy, Itsuko Ebihara, Haruko Abe and Nobuko Martin, was held at a Lutheran Church in Huntington Beach. Nine new Peace Ambassadors were appointed, including two bishops, interfaith directors, a rabbi, a Franciscan priest, several main-

line church pastors and a national disaster relief agency director.

The program began with the opening prayer of Bishop Bless, Pastor of the St. Thaddeus Lutheran Church. Fifty-five guests attended including ACLC Clergy, City Council members and one journalist from the largest-circulation Islamic newspaper in America, who was invited by Imam Haitham Bundakji. The program continued with readings from the Midrashic literature, the New Testament, the Koran, and the Founder's message. Next a video presentation of the "Crown of Peace" drew a huge applause from the audience. The video



content genuinely moved the audience, but especially because Imam Haitham Bundakji, our keynote speaker who was featured in the video, was there and is well known by most of those present.

world peace and shared his own testimony of transformation to from a leader of guerilla troops with a deadly mission to a Christian minister and now an Ambassador for Peace.

Keith McCarthy, Mayor Pro-Tem of Downey, as Master of Ceremonies did a splendid job of tying each presentation together and kept the program on course highlighting very moving moments. When he introduced Imam Haitham Bundakji, the whole assembly gave him a standing ovation.

The keynote address was a slide presentation on the topic of "Peace Through Love". He testified to the international foundation of the True Parents for

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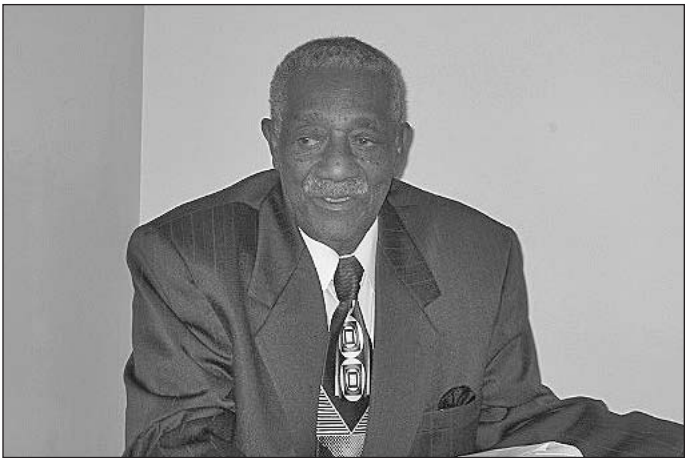
ACLCLC Monthly Luncheon Meeting in Memphis

by Friederun Abrahams

The ACLCLC Monthly Luncheon was held at Greater Hope Baptist Church (Rev. Dr. Dannie D. Holmes) from 10 am to 11:15 am March 19, 2005, Memphis, Tennessee. After the video presentation, Rev. Saito gave the PowerPoint lecture on the spiritual world..

Rev. Holmes was the emcee. There was a very powerful atmosphere. All attending were captivated and wanted to hear more. There were Rev. Holmes, Rev. Ford (who incidentally signed up to go to Israel the first time for the upcoming trip), Rev. George McGlown (New St. Paul M.B.C., an Alumni from the ICC to Korea, 1988) and others.

Rev. McGlown loves Father and is the same age (85 years old). He had an unforgettable spiritual memory on the "Rock of Tears" in Pusan in 1980's. He brought his entire congre-



gation to True Father's speech (50 State Tour) in Memphis, 2001. He is step by step getting his entire congregation to learn the DP and TP. So today Rev. Patterson, one of his assistant ministers, came with his wife and 2 daughters, as well as Mrs. Covington, a long-time church elder, and Rev. Harris, another of his pastors.

All of them always appreciate the text of Father's words that we read each time at the meeting. There is an attitude of deep respect, humility and eagerness to learn in all of his church members. It gives me deep gratitude for the incredible work the spiritual world is doing, even though we still have so little faith. ❖

ACLCLC Prayer Breakfast, Winston-Salem, NC

by Rev. Burgi Hutcherson

April 5, we had our monthly ACLCLC Prayer breakfast at the CRT Christian Farm in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We were a total of 10 attendees: 4 religious leaders and 6 FFWPU participants.

Evangelist Cynthia Hill volunteered to host the



event this time. That was a great move on her part to actively participate in the inviting and preparing for an event. She faced a lot of persecution, she said, but she felt determined more than ever to go forward even though not all the guests who had promised to come actually came. I felt she had a particularly bright and youthful spirit. It showed me that the Lord will keep us well as we do his will.

Church of Peace. Sun Niles also shared a beautiful song for everyone in the Korean language. Her beautiful voice touched the hearts of the ministers.

Following this musical presentation, Rev. John Pace, AFC North Carolina, gave a wonderful PowerPoint presentation: "Faith Leadership in our Fractured World." It was very meaningful for all, even for those of us who had

already seen it. Rev. Rozier had a powerful message prepared and he poured his whole heart out to the ministers. He spoke about the unity of Christianity. Bishop Davis, J.r. expressed his gratitude and inspiration for both presenters. Then I gave the announcements and Bishop O. D. Legrant, Pastor of the Progressive Apostolic Church, gave the closing prayer. ❖



I opened the gathering with an introduction to the history and statement of purpose of ACLCLC. It was especially valuable for our newcomer: Sashi Hutcherson - my husband's relative. Then Evangelist Cynthia Hill gave words of welcome. Bishop Willie Davis, Jr. our ACLCLC Cochairman of North Carolina, gave the invocation.

We enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Evangelist Cynthia Hill, Ingeborg Nakahira, and Sun Niles, both sisters of the Triad Family



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Minnesota ACLC Luncheon Seminar

by Rev. James M. Gavin

The theme was "Unleashing the Power of the Clergy and Religion in the 21st Century" when Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr. made his visit to Minnesota on Saturday, March, 12, 2005. Local Family Federation members and ACLC supporters from various churches had been preparing for weeks to welcome Archbishop Stallings. Behind the scenes Rev. Sung Jong Seo and Rev. James Bard, the regional and vice regional directors of the Family Federation, gave tremendous support and guidance for this event.

"One family, one church" has been the model that we adopted after Rev. Michael Jenkins visited Minnesota several years ago, and many families diligently worked with their adopted churches for this event. Some families have gone beyond one church and were able to bring more pastors and friends to the program. When the event started our center was overflowing with one of the largest groups ever assembled there; the people responsible for lunch had to quickly prepare more food so there would be enough.

Rev. Walter Battle emceed the event with great energy and inspiration. To begin the program he read a report that described the decline of morals, the health-care crisis, the fact that the military was stretched to its limits, the disparity between rich and poor, and so forth. Then Rev. Battle read the date and origin of the report—A.D. .90, in the Roman Empire. It made you think about the state of affairs in the world today and what has to be done to turn the tide.

Rev. Battle introduced ACLC Co-Conveners Rev. Jesse Griffin and Rev. James Gavin, who both offered welcoming remarks and then gave insight into the Statement of Purpose of ACLC. As the 10 core commitments that ACLC stands upon were explained to the audience, it became apparent that we were all participating in a spiritual movement that could unite our various faiths, break down racial barriers, give direction to the nations, promote family values, uplift Jesus Christ and the virtues of all faiths, work to serve the community and live for the sake of others to create a culture of peace under our common Parent God. All present heartily applauded these commitments and stood together under a common cause.

Rev. Kenneth Garnier, pastor of the Minneapolis Church of Christ, opened the meeting with a heartfelt prayer. Rev. Garnier has been a friend and support-

er of Father and Mother Moon's movement since the mid 1980s.

Dr. Rosilyn Carroll, who stepped up to introduce our speaker, was without a doubt the most qualified to do so. Dr. Carroll is a professor at Hamline University in St. Paul and has been a coworker with Archbishop Stallings for many years. She is one of the leaders of the national Imani Temple Catholic Church and travels at the bishop's request to congregations all over the country. In her introduction she told us of the young George Stallings, the seminarian, attending Catholic schools in the south in America and then later on being selected to attend school in Rome, where he excelled in his studies and was recognized as a gifted future leader. She told us of how he went on to pastor churches and how he was loved and respected by his congregations. She said that the young priest began to see that there was more the church could do in the African American Community and, because no one supported him, he boldly went on to establish the Imani Temple African Catholic Congregation. We learned that he became well-known throughout the country as a Catholic priest who was trying to bring



empowerment to the African American community, a man not afraid to take a stand for what is right and true and that is why it is no surprise to see him link arms with Mother and Father Moon and the ACLC movement. It was apparent to all who heard her introduction that Dr. Carroll has great respect and love for Archbishop Stallings.

Rev. Battle then introduced the Family Federation Choir, led by Mr. Scott Pankow. Mr. Pankow and the 20-member chorus have practiced diligently and become a great choir during the past year. They filled the room with a beautiful spirit to prepare for Archbishop Stallings' talk.

To hear Archbishop Stallings does many wonderful things to a listener's spirit. The spirit and the truth are with him when he speaks. The accompanying paragraphs [appearing in the Sermons & Speeches section] will give you a taste of what he enthusiastically poured out to our ACLC program in Minnesota. Special thanks to Mrs. Judy Wilson, who transcribed these words. She did a wonderful job and wants you to know that the unedited notes are still in a rough state. Mr. Keith Anderson is working on the finished text.

At the conclusion of his talk, everyone was on their feet. The spirit was very high. There was no denying that Heavenly Father was in the house!

Following the talk we heard responses from Rev. Carolyn Arnett, Rev. Arthur Agnew, Rev. Roosevelt Hunter, Sister Charles Etta Hunter, Brother Antonio Mohammed and Brother James Mohammed. They not only agreed with the message but they told us why and expounded, in their own way, on the words the archbishop had spoken. Everyone was truly inspired.

Lunch followed, and everyone enjoyed a lively fellowship. During lunch Rev. Charley Robinson, Pastor of the Ebenezer Restoration and Revival Temple, gave a testimony of his recent seven-day trip to Korea, where he spent 5 days at the Chung Pyung Lake training center and two days in Seoul.

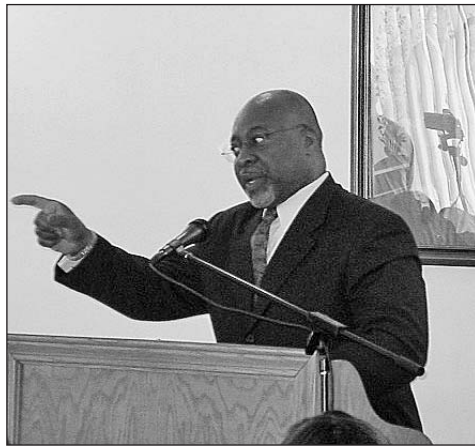
He said Rev. Moon's spirit was incredible. He saw and felt God's love through Rev. and Mrs. Moon and all who were gathered for the conference in Korea.

Following lunch Archbishop Stallings spent an animated half hour answering questions. The Q&A was especially informative on a wide range of issues, from the Holy Land Pilgrimages, to what ACLC can do here in our churches in Minnesota.

March 17th was Archbishop Stallings birthday and even though it was a little early, we celebrated anyway. A cake was brought out with the candles burning (there were so many it almost burned down the house) and we all sang "Happy Birthday" two rousing times. The candles

were blown out and the cake was cut and we had our cake and ate it too.

Rev. Stallings probably signed at least a hundred copies of his newest book "I Am...living in the rhythm of the god within in the key of g minor." He took time to



talk to everyone individually as he signed the books.

Then we were off with a few of the meeting participants to a Chinese restaurant, for a lunch hosted by Rev. Sung Jong Seo. Archbishop Stallings had no time to eat at the event and was ready for some nourishment. We had a wonderful

lunch and got to know more about our special guest. Rev. Jim Bard asked Archbishop Stallings about his background from his youth to his current ministry. It was fascinating and very interesting information that he shared with us. Following lunch, it was off to the airport.

We thank God for blessing Minnesota with the visit of Archbishop Stallings. A great time was had by all.

A total of over twenty pastors attended the meeting, along with many members from their churches. Dr. Rosilyn Carroll brought four professors from Hamline University, who were very impressed with the convocation. At least eight members of the Nation of Islam attended and enthusiastically participated in the program. Many friends and family of Family Federation members filled the room - there were close to 200 people present.

Special thanks to Rev. Jesse Griffin, Rev. and Mrs. Seo, Rev. and Mrs. Bard, our great missionaries, Hideo and Tomoko Taira and Keiko Takahashi; Mr. Scott Pankow, our choir director, and the wonderful choir; Rev. Walter Battle, our Master of Ceremonies; Dr. Gordon Anderson, who created the flyer and program for the event; Mr. Dennis Pearson, who organized the audio and visual along with his team; Dr. Rosylin Carroll for chauffeuring our speaker and giving him a powerful introduction; our team leaders, who prepared the center and organized the lunch; all brothers and sisters who got out the word and promoted the event, and most especially all our ACLC pastors and their members who participated in and supported the event. ♦

ACLC South Carolina

On February 26, we had a monthly ACLC luncheon meeting at the Ryan's Steakhouse in Columbia, South Carolina. Over the lunch, we had a meaningful discussion with Christians and Muslims together.

We have been looking for a format for our ACLC meetings. First, we determined to have meeting every month, even if we don't have guests. And we started having it at a buffet-style restaurant so that we don't have to spend time and man power fixing the lunch. Video presentations used to be our main educational tool, but we found out that we couldn't catch the participants' heart with a one-way method.



Applying a suggestion from a Japanese missionary and our members and adopting a round table discussion in Atlanta Region, we began a discussion



session with ministers. The topic is "Family." I introduce excerpts from Father's speeches, and all participants, including guests, offer their opinions on it. We talked

about creating peace between husband and wife in January and taking actions for youth education as religious leaders in February.

Since then, with Japanese missionaries' investment, Pastor Diana James and Rev. Arthur James (her husband) became regular participants in our meeting. She actively participates in our discussion, and she gets inspired by speaking out what she feels.

In the February meeting, we agreed to publish a newsletter to reach the youth in our community. Now, all participants are looking forward to coming back to the next meeting.

We do have some challenges, but we saw hope as well in this meeting. ♦

Peace Through Forgiveness in Montana

by Rev. Michael A. Yakawich

On April 14th, 2005, the Montana ACLC sponsored a one-day seminar on the topic "Peace Through Forgiveness" at the Howard Johnson Express Inn at Billings, Montana.

We had a remarkable turnout with 30 participants. Eight churches were represented, including the Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, The All Nations Christian Fellowship Church, Latter Day Saints, Church of the Diamond Heart, the Native American Church and the Family Church. We had a great turnout of Native American Tribes represented, including the Crow Nation, Northern Cheyenne Nation, Cherokee Nation and the Lakota Sioux Nation. We had representatives of other cultures as well, including African American, Hispanic, Asian, and European.

What made it special was the clear direction and guidance we received from Bishop Lee and Rev. Wiesinger, the incredible teamwork of the local members and the emerging leadership of the Montana ACLC membership, who took a lot of initiative in organizing, sponsoring, participating and directing this one day seminar. One ACLC member gave a very generous financial donation for the event as well.

We had an action-packed seminar that included an opening prayer by Brother Bede Baldry, a De La Salle Catholic Brother and president of the Billings Clergy Association. The Bible Reading from Psalms 133 was given by Elder Brunner from the L.D.S. church. We then had a smudging, or blessing, ceremony from members of the Crow Nation and Catholic community lead by Rabbit Knows Gun who is an elder and artist of the Crow Nation.

We then had presented the video "Path To Peace" regarding the Pilgrimage to Israel, which moved everyone's heart and especially brought back wonderful memories to our participants who had gone on recent ACLC Pilgrimages.

Next, we were honored with a Peace Pipe Ceremony from a woman pipe carrier, Randene Fitzpatrick, whose ancestors are both from the Crow Nation in Montana and Lakota Nation in Rosebud, South Dakota. This was a very rare opportunity to have such a holy and sacred Native American tradition as part of our seminar. Then, Rabbit Knows Gun, shared deeply of the culture and heritage of the Native American with presentations of the War Bonnet, traditions and culture.

We proceeded with two brief presentations from Elder Paul Kalina from the L.D.S. church, who spoke on "Peace within the Family". He shared about the Proclamation on the Family that LDS President Gordon B. Hinckley originally gave on September 23, 1995. Elder Kalina gave a very insightful talk on the value of creating peace in the family as the first step to peace in the world. Then, we had a businessman and CEO of an energy company in Montana, Mr. Clint Woods, who gave a presentation on "Peace Through The Business World". He really inspired the audience with his clear message that business must be established on values that not only guide that organization but help give that company a vision to serve and support the larger community.

Our keynote speakers then moved the Holy Spirit to a higher level with Evangelist Eunice Terry sharing of her trip to Washington D.C. in December of 2004 and her more recent trip to the Peace Summit to South Korea in 2005. She has been a longtime friend of our church. Yet, having come back from these trips, she

is "on fire" with a testimony of love and appreciating for Father and Mother Moon. She stated, "Thank God for Rev. Moon! He is not a taker but rather a giver! He is sharing his wealth for the sake of world peace!" She challenged all to "stop thinking about your organization, which is just a name over the door, and start truly loving each other like Father Moon encourages!"

We then had the opportunity to hear the song "Jerusalem" sung by Sister Lyn Ramswoop, a good friend of Evangelist Terry. It was a very beautiful song that many had not heard in years.

Our other keynote speaker, Chaplain Carol Whiteman, proceeded to move the audience with her experiences in Los Angeles for the ACLC Convocation and then her trip on the Pilgrimage in Israel. She shared stores that many of us had not heard before. She received a healing of her knee while in prayer at the Garden of Gethsemane. She shared deeply that she felt she was carrying on the work of her mother, who traveled as a peacemaker throughout the United States. She too was so thankful for Father and Mother Moon giving her the opportunity to go to Israel. She was really taken care of; other Native Americans on the tour treated her as a grandmother and made sure she was always in the front of the line.

In the afternoon of our seminar, we had Sister Jerri Tate, a community leader and social worker, give a testimony of her trip to a WFWP conference in Washington, D.C. as well as her recent Pilgrimage to Israel. She was deeply touched by the Bridge Ceremony and therefore led the entire audience in a Bridge Ceremony that day. It was an incredible experience for all. There were tears and laughter. At one point, Yukiko Yakawich was matched to and embraced a white American sister, Coila Glass, in restoration of World War II. Amazingly, other sisters rushed to be part of this couple if their parents or relatives were also deeply impact-

ed by the war, including Native American and African American sisters.

Pastor Mike and his wife, Yukiko, then conducted a CIG Blessing to all those attending. Then, the Rev. Lane (Methodist) and Brother Baldry (Catholic) presented and placed the Crowns of Peace on the stage. It was an incredible spirit since the ACLC membership themselves took ownership as they supported and directed Pastor Mike as what should be done and said. They offered clarification on the meaning of the Pilgrimage, the value of the Bridge Ceremony, and the significance of the Crowns of Peace.

Finally, we anointed six participants and presented to them Ambassadors for Peace awards through the auspices of Mr. Paul DiLorenzo, the Montana director of the American Family Coalition. Chaplain Carol Whiteman literally anointed all recipients with Holy Oil she brought back from her trip to Israel.

The staff included our local Family Church membership who really made this event so successful as well. Mr. Chad Martin did an excellent job in recording the entire event. One brother, Mr. Clint Woods, drove from five hours away to support our event. Mrs. Fusako Martin, Mrs. Kimiko DiLorenzo and Mrs. Yukiko Yakawich really pulled together and worked so faithfully and diligently in the background from greeting, registering and accommodating all of our guests. We all felt the love of Father and Mother Moon, who really set the conditions, provided the opportunity, and made this entire seminar possible.

As one guest, a former superintendent of the Methodist Church, commented, "There was such a beautiful selection of people, religions and cultures from all over the community. It was truly inspiring!" Chaplain Carol Whiteman concluded, "God was in it!" ♦



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in this age of the Cheon IL Gook.

Bishop Kim seemed very pleased, but he challenged us to build on this success and gain an even greater victory the next time out.

As I left the auditorium, I walked out with two young Hispanic guests. I could see the pride on their faces as they tightly held their beautiful new Ambassador for Peace plaques. I could feel a touch of spring in the still winter air of cold Chicago. But True Father always reminds us that everything moves so quickly in springtime. And with this promise, I am sure that many many

great victories still lie ahead.

Blessing Ceremony at Rev. Weston's Church.

Pastor Willie Weston, a very dear friend and minister, who works very closely with our church, especially with all our ACLC activities, held a very special ceremony for his assistant pastor, Elder Cashaw and his wife on Saturday, March 12, 2005.

Elder J. D. Cashaw and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by being re-married and renewed their vows. They invited many guests, including other ministers and requested that I and my wife would attend. A

couple days before, I asked Pastor Weston if I could bring "Holy Wine." He enthusiastically agreed.

When I arrived, I met pastor in his office, and he warmly welcomed me, feeling relieved that I got there in time to prepare the Holy Wine, feeling like this was the most important part of the whole ceremony. He said we should prepare for all the couples. There were approximately 200 people in attendance, and we prepared for all the couples by placing the holy wine cups in 2 special gold containers, they use for communion.

Pastor asked me to sit up front with him and after we distributed the Holy Wine, he asked me to recite our four

pledges. I recited one at a time, having every one repeat them out loud. Every one of the couples affirmed four pledges loud and clear, repeating what I read in unison. After I finished, they showed their appreciation and total support by giving a loud applause. I felt it was a beautiful moment for God and True Parents.

We concluded the evening with a nice banquet. ♦

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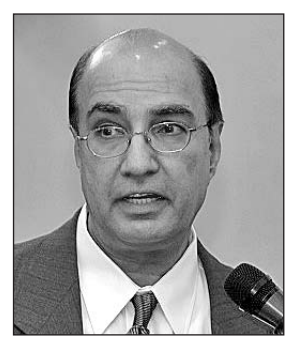
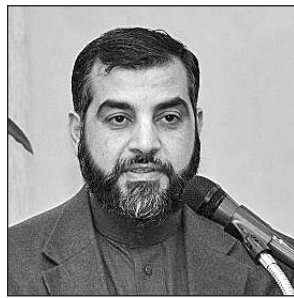
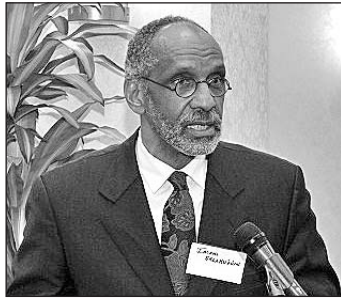
New Jerusalem NJ ACLC Prayer Meeting

by Rev. Barry Geller

Last March 19th, 124 religious leaders and guests met for our Interfaith Gathering at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, New Jersey. The theme for the meeting was "Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, Renew the Nation and World."

Our guest speaker, Rev. Jesse Edwards, stirred all hearts present with his moving testimony about how ACLC, the Middle East Peace Initiative and Father Moon helped him to strengthen his faith and deepen his family ties.

Seven important religious leaders from New Jersey responded to his talk. Dr. E.T. Byrd commented on his respect for other religions. Mr. Naresh Jain and Mr. Sutinder Dhawajal provided the Jain and Sikh perspective on interfaith work, while Imam Mohammed Qatanani shared the Islamic perspective.



Dr. Jason Guice and Imam Ameer Salahuddin, both old friends of ACLC, also spoke. Hajah Fredrika Bey opened the doors of her newly established Interfaith Center for ACLC.

To conclude our meeting, Mrs. Hope

Igarashi introduced our upcoming True Family Values lecture series, Rev. Dairo Ferrabolli gave a powerful call to action for the Pilgrimage and our upcoming events, and Elder James P. Paige led us in a toast for world peace. We were

entertained by the New Jerusalem choir.

Thanks to Rev. Dong Woo Kim for his vision and direction in preparing for this important gateway event for our religious leaders. ❖

Blessing Seminar, Alabama Region

by Kinuko Rotondo

A seminar for 2nd Generation Children, 14 years old and up, was held April 2nd ~ 3rd, 2005. The attendance was 32 children.

The objective was: 1) To educate the children to understand the basic requirement of the Blessing and the meaning of the Blessing, 2) To educate the children to think more deep about their role as the Blessed children and 3) To educate the children to connect God & True Parents more deep level. The sub-theme was "finding God within our self".

These are from the reflections:



I feel like I have on-going conflict ruling me. So I enjoyed the workshop. It's like we as second-generation know the truth but we need reinforcement every once in a while. "a fresh start" To learn new things, spark interest and conversation (healthy conversation). To clear our heads of secular ideas, concepts and " their truth".

So I feel like I have a clear mind now for the first time in a long time. It's nice. It's times like these I feel like God really does have a plan for each and every one of us.-- Girl, 19 years old



Alabama to come to for this workshop. --Girl, 16 years old



So far this workshop has inspired and uplifted me so incredibly. Rev. Seo is truly an amazing communicator to the 2nd generation. I feel so much stronger and ready to receive the blessing. The whole blessing concept, to me, became so much clearer. I'm so grateful to have this wonderful community

I really found this workshop useful for many people. I saw changes in them and them asking questions really from their heart. The group discussion was very helpful. The schedule was pretty good. An added group activity would be a nice addition.



Talks were good, not drawn out, but to the point. Overall I've really enjoyed myself and am very happy to have been able to attend.-- Girl, 16 years old ❖

Blessing Workshop in Kentucky

by Norm Presley

On April 1-3 we had a regional blessing workshop in my home centered on the Blessed Family Department and the 2nd Generation Department, with 26 participants, including staff.

Rev. Jim Stephens of the Blessed Family Department gave the lectures; Takamitsu Sakuwa of the 2nd Generation Department helped with internal guidance and the organization of other activities. The lectures were simple and to the point, looking at the Principles of Creation and the Fall in modern terms. Rev. Stephens was very good at keeping the excitement level high.

The real heart of the workshop happened in the group meetings afterwards, what is called in the business world the "meeting after the meeting." We broke up into 3 groups: adults, sisters and brothers. This was great because the second generation could talk very openly about things they would not be

comfortable to talk about in front of the opposite sex.

Kerry Williams led the girls' group, Jim Stephens and I led the boys' group, and Hiromi Stephens led the adult group. Each group wanted to know what the other group talked about, especially the girls! Some of the adults had expressed that they thought the lectures were not detailed enough, but, being in different groups, they couldn't see the depth covered in the group meetings of the second generation. The real workshop was in the group meetings. I realized that the lectures were external and the group meetings were internal.

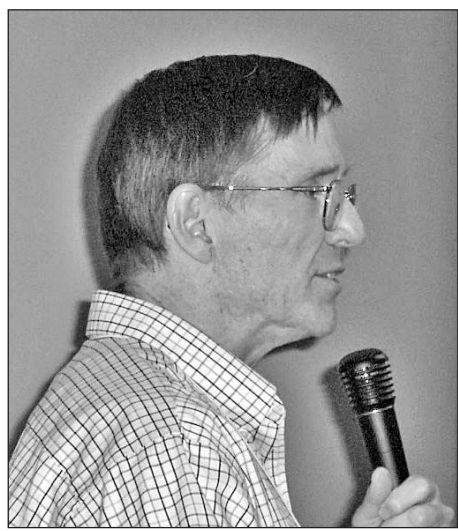
Free time was the digestion time. More time was spent in group meetings than lectures. One of the second Generation said that it was a perfect balance of lectures, group meetings and free time.

We held a graduation ceremony on the last day; each participant received a certificate, which is one of the qualifications to attend the Matching/Blessing. At the end of the workshop, one second Generation gave a very moving testimony to the adult group; we were all in tears. After the workshop finished several of the second generation reported that it was the best workshop they had ever attended. Several really liked to be able to discuss things such as sex and husband/wife relations openly.

Our 2nd generation are all very special people. Now that all have gone home I feel lonely and miss them all very much. Overall it was

a great workshop. Everyone worked well together and made a beautiful atmosphere.

For more info, contact me at: norm@mrpictureman.com. ❖



CHICAGO AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE SEMINAR On Common Ground: Positive Results for Peacebuilding

by Ken Murray

In the age of Cheon Il Gook, Father is teaching each of us to take personal responsibility to help to bless the world and to build the kingdom of heaven on earth. It is truly an age when, if we truly set our mind to it, with the help of the spiritual world, there is little that we cannot accomplish.

In this vein, David Rendel, Jhon and Marina Acevedo and Jesse Avilla have been working together over the past several months to hold Chicago's very first Hispanic Ambassadors for Peace Conference, March 13, 2005. Jhon and Marina Acevedo are from Colombia and the Philippines respectively. Recently they went back to the Philippines and blessed Marina's entire family. Through their work our Hispanic church has grown at a most rapid rate. They are even holding church services in Spanish. Thus, as they all prepared for this historic event, they invested more and more and more day by the day. David Rendel, with all of his 20+ years of business training, specializing in quality control kicked in full circuit as he prepared to make this inaugural event one to remember. So every detail, from the quality of the ballroom, to the catered dinner on up was of the highest quality.

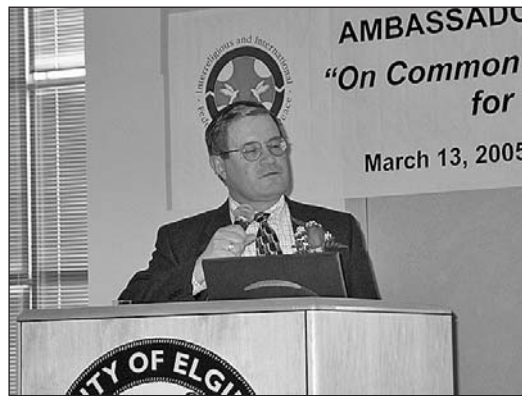
Our Hispanic team visited many high level government, religious and political officials, especially in the Elgin (Northwest Chicago suburbs) area where our event would be held. Our tribal messiahs were strongly appealed to and encouraged to support this event, and many would respond.

Like all of our programs, learning what our True Parents have taught us over so many years, we would integrate the word of God with greetings from the political and religious dignitaries, wonderful Mexican dancers in full costume, our own angelic True Family Values Choir with a wonderful and delicious meal.

Modeled after our programs in Washington DC this past year, the theme of our program was entitled "On Common Ground." In this vein the assembled guests came together to dialog about "how to achieve true peace."

I was honored to be invited to offer the invocation and our sister Elizabeth Kuroha, spiritual mother of many of the key participants, offered a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. David Rendel offered opening remarks and our dignitaries each offered deep heartfelt greetings..

Our guests, again primarily Hispanic, came from so many realms of our diverse society. They would represent the Elgin City Council, the Roman Catholic Church, several key Hispanic organizations and many representing the arts and community service organizations. One of our key leaders, a full fledged Ambassador for Peace and veteran of both a pilgrimage to Israel and the December Washington Conferences is a most special individual. He was a very close friend of the current president of Mexico who had



to seek asylum here in America in order to escape torture and persecution in his native homeland. Today he is reborn and one of our True Parents greatest supporters. Others in the audience were also veterans of these same events and we were seeking to take them to a deeper and higher level.

The central point of the program, a PowerPoint lecture entitled "Positive Results for Peace Builders" was given by Rev. Carl Swanson, our Midwest Regional AFC Director. Rev. Swanson had driven up to Chicago from St. Louis with several guests, including Berlin Oliver, his AFC cohort in Missouri. Rev. Swanson was able to set the vertical standard of the principle of peace, which would stimulate the meaningful roundtable dialog which was to follow his keynote address. The roundtable discussions are an innovation of the American Leadership Conferences. This is where all the invited guests have ample time to express their opinions and reactions to the program.

We had prepared 4 questions which were evenly distributed to the 300 guests sitting at round tables all throughout the packed hall. The questions which they discussed were as follows:

Why don't people understand that God is the Parent of all humankind and why don't they act like brothers and sisters?

How can we integrate the development of our spiritual nature with our pursuit of material success?

What are the greatest obstacles today in maintaining a healthy, loving family?

How can I work together with people of all faiths, races and ethnic backgrounds to establish a safe and healthy community?

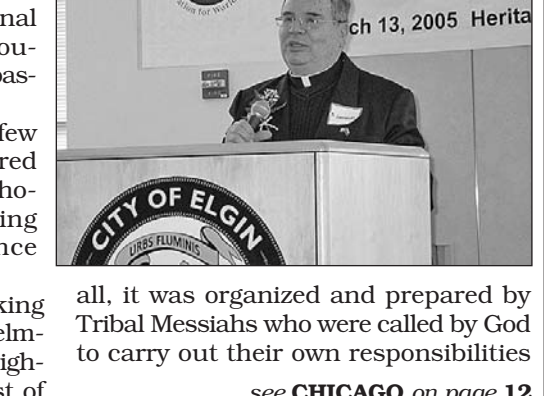
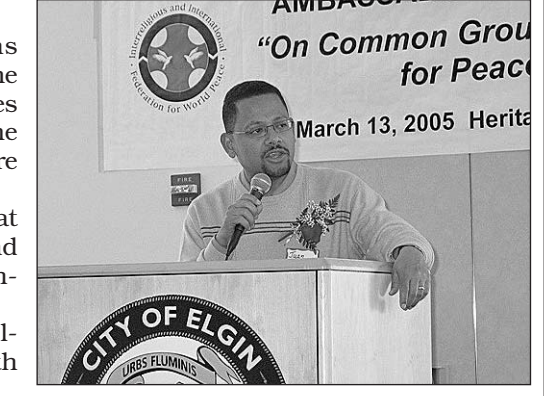
And the discussions were amazing. Some claimed that they could actually see (heavenly) smoke coming from of some tables. It was amazing what kind of conclusions came from these discussions between participants of different languages, races, faiths and backgrounds.

After the discussion, we raised our holy wine glasses and toasted the newly blessed couples. We then gave beautifully framed certificates to the newly appointed Ambassadors for Peace. Then, willing to go practice and spread the new message, the 300 Ambassadors for Peace pledged to fully carry out their new mission.

To conclude, our true host, Bishop Dr. Ki Hoon Kim offered internal guidance to the newly blessed couples and the newly appointed Ambassadors for Peace.

Yet, even at the conclusion, few were ready to leave. So all gathered together for a series of group photos and then many began asking about when the next conference would occur.

This was truly a groundbreaking event. The audience was overwhelmingly Hispanic. It was held in a neighboring city of Chicago. But most of



all, it was organized and prepared by Tribal Messiahs who were called by God to carry out their own responsibilities

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2nd Generation Couple Mentoring Seminar

by Joni Choi

In February, Jim Stephens received an email from a concerned parent of one of the newly Blessed couples (Dec. 26, 2004) inquiring about any initiatives to support the newly Blessed couples. He forwarded this email to Alan Saunders and Joni Choi asking us to explore the idea of couple mentoring, which had been previously talked about on numerous occasions.

Joni Choi spoke with the InSoo Kim and InGuk Seo at the 2nd Generation

Department and received permission to go ahead with a program in March. Joni Choi, Alan and June Saunders, and John Williams met to discuss the program and related topics. Both Rev.

Kim (NJ) and Rev. Lee (WestRock) were contacted by InGuk Seo and Joni Choi and informed of the intended program. Rev. Lee requested that we work in conjunction with the WestRock Marriage and Family committee (Rev. Andrew Compton, Phyllis Kim, Lynn Walsh, Debby Gullery, Cynthia Shibuya). (Initial communication was with Rev. Andrew Compton, as Phyllis Kim, WestRock Family Minister was out of the country.) Naokimi Ushiroda volunteered to handle logistics.

The target audience was primarily newly Blessed couples, elder 2nd generation couples,

and interested 1st generation couples. Potential participants were contacted via email, flyers, and announcements at local services. The program was held March 12, 2005.

Approximately 50 people attended (including staff and observers). The audience was comprised of one-third 1st generation, two-thirds 2nd generation (of which approx. 10 were newly Blessed).

Theme and Goals:

In the past, the Blessing has been seen as the final "leap" of faith for Second Generation. There have been very few programs and little done to support newly Blessed couples. The couple mentoring program is an informal program designed to match up "elder" 2nd gen. and 1st gen. couples with new and recently Blessed couples. These elder couples would act as older brothers, sisters, aunts, and uncles to the new couples, offering them support and guidance. The goal of this seminar was introduce the concept of couple mentoring as a means of support and community building among older and younger couples, and to get feedback regarding concerns and questions. The theme of this seminar was Community Building Through Couple Mentoring: Introducing the Couple Mentoring Concept.

Personal Thoughts

The program was advertised as a broad introduction to a previously unknown concept as well as an opportunity for couples to meet each other. The overall spirit and enthusiasm about the mentoring idea was extremely positive. Because the seminar was only advertised widely 2 weeks in advance, we were pleased by the turnout. We were able to gather a well-rounded group of 1st and 2nd new, recent, and elder Blessed couples. Participants enjoyed the warm atmosphere, clear and practical presentations, and meeting other Blessed couples. I believe, for introducing the mentor program, this was a very good start. ❖



World CARP: Fresh Culture Jam

by Nari Stephens

At the University of Maryland, World CARP Maryland recently held an event called the "Fresh Culture Jam" to show other students our vision for what a true culture can be. Our program's theme was to declare and express a true and new culture through dance, music, performance, and creativity. Culture is so important because it surrounds us, informs us and becomes the framework for our lives, and true culture should uphold freedom, but recognize personal responsibility and consequences.

Through music, poetry and dance, students at Maryland could not only taste what true culture is about, but

also had an enjoyable time in the process and even contributed to it with their own talents. Each performance was introduced with an aspect of what a true culture is, and then the performance illustrated it.

While most of the performances were by the WAIT (Washington Aids International Team) team. We did have one by a member of the audience and by a Christian rapper. One of the songs, "Save Yourself", sung by WAIT team was very moving. Some students were even moved to tears. After the performances there was a short and sweet talk about the way culture is, how it influences us, how it must

change, and where that change is going to start. The conclusion of the evening

was that culture begins within each of us as individuals, and we discussed what we can do as individuals.

I tried to make it pretty relaxed. Not about understanding something intellectually, but to experience something by being in the atmosphere... I guess you can think of it as the principle of "osmosis" or something along those lines... learn through absorption. I think that added to its effect may be one of the reasons why people seemed to like the idea and the event itself. I am most grateful to Kate Tsubata and the WAIT team who partnered with us to make this program a smashing success. ❖



Breaking Barriers Between Religions with Martial Arts (Tongil Moo Do)

by Luis Garreno

January 1st, 2005, Pyong Wa Eui Bom was first introduced to the monks of the Hindu Vaishnava martial arts tradition, also known as Hare Krishna with the purpose of health and mind-body unity training using breathing exercises and circular movements.

The training was held at the Vaishnava temple in NYC where many monks participated in the activity, one monk from India, another from China and the main Leader master Swami Krishna Balarama and another participants from Russia, Japan and Philippines, all of them were very moved and inspire by the beauty and harmony of the form of peace (pyong wa eui bom)

The training section was lead by Instructor Luis Carreno with the help of some inter-religious missionaries.

The monks and the other participants learned the importance of balancing a spiritual life with good

physical health by doing breathing exercises.

Pyong Wa Eui Bom (form of Peace) was studied as a method of healing and stress relief, using circular

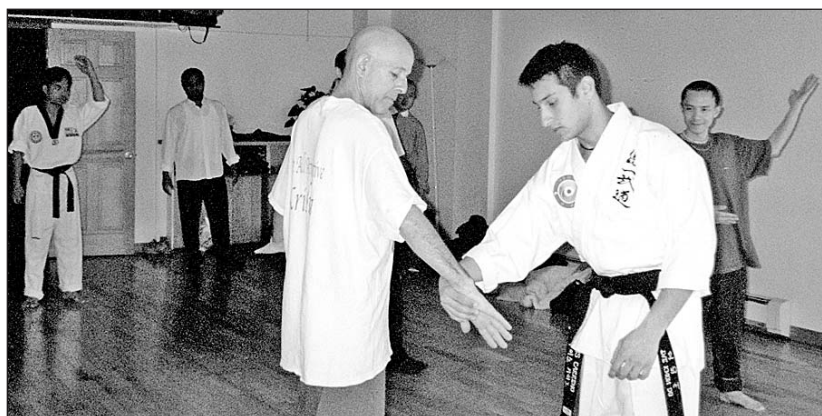
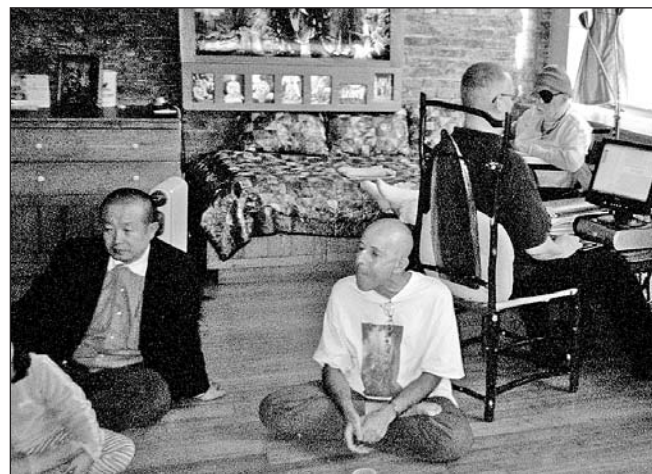
movements and proper breathing techniques.

After the 2 hours training participant expressed their gratitude and shared their testimony, some said

that they felt energy flowing freely thru their bodies, others said that the music and the form together was a like a religious experience, it was so heavenly somebody said.

When the training was over the monks prepared a nice and delicious vegetarian meal. Instructor Luis Carreno closed the section with a demonstration of Tongil moo Do and performed to the head master of the temple.

Rev. Pierre Louis spoke on the topic of inter-religious and ecumenical harmony. On how religions can work together for the sake of others and contribute to the establishment of a better world by being united instead of being apart, the holy juice was given to the monks as a way of appreciation. ❖



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World CARP: Pure Love Studies

by Tadaichi Tate

Wherever you go, images of sex can be found with a turn of a head to look up at a billboard or with a switch of a channel on TV. It has degraded our culture, tempting today's youth to follow their carnal desires instead of pursuing real beauty and true love. Women are being treated more as sex objects while men have become hunters with a mindset to see how many women they can sleep with. Families are breaking right before our eyes as divorce is being accepted as normal, AIDS and other STDs are widespread, and prostitution pollutes the late night streets.

There have been many organizations to tackle these problems, however, Rev. Sun Myung Moon is the first to establish academics strictly for this cause. In 1999, he established the first Pure Love Studies Major at Sun Moon University. It is not only to educate the youth about the values of purity, but to help them actualize a culture of pure love, so they can make a world where people can live a life of pure love. The students are also nurtured to become leaders who can spread these values and messages and to help educate and guide

world leaders in this endeavor.

In order to do this, it first guides the students to substantiate these values by helping them realize the importance of a life of purity. They also receive training and practice throughout their 4 years of study. After graduating, they will go overseas and become Pure Love Missionaries for 4 years, educating and spreading its message and also assist Peace Ambassadors to help realize a world of peace where true love can be actualized.

In a world where self-individualism is becoming rampant, the message of purity hasn't always been received with great fanfare. Mishuku Nikkuni, a senior in pure love studies, admitted, "Sometimes it's hard because not everyone agrees with our thought. Of course there are those that oppose us like lesbians and extreme feminists."



However, Nikkuni has said that the one value she's learned over anything is that, "Purity itself is to live for others. In other words, it is to build the world of



true love." The pure love lifestyle asks one to be pure not only for their own sake so that they can be protected by AIDS and STDs, but to develop their character and mature their love. This is accomplished not by following their selfish desires. Through leading a lifestyle for the sake of others' happiness, they are expanding their hearts and strengthening their ability to give, emitting rays of hope and beauty to their environment. With a deeper capacity to give love, marriage will stand on a firmer commitment. Naturally, stronger families will arise, shining true love in society. This lesson has helped Nikkuni overcome temptations and strive for the ideals of pure love.

"If all people in the world live a pure life then that is heaven."

Purity is one of the values of W-CARP, and many pure love studies students often work together with W-CARP. They go out and teach middle and high school students the importance of purity, have constant gatherings and teachings, and hold festive events amongst others. Hwa Jin Song, a graduate of pure love studies and is the pure love missionary to Austria, said, "Through working with W-CARP, I was able to solidify my internal foundation and prepare for my future mission."

Hang Yun Baek, pure love missionary to Slovakia, testified, "I was deeply moved when I realized that the lifestyle I brought here was connected with my four years in college." This shows not only the change, but also the consistency in the students' lives about pure love even after they graduate. They are living testament that pure love is not just an ideal, but a reality that can be the backbone of everyday life.

For more about pure love studies, visit the Sun Moon University website at: <http://grus.sunmoon.ac.kr/english/main.asp> or contact their office. Tel. 82-41-530-2064 Fax. 82-41-530-2065, or email: tyrone@worldcarp.org ❖

World CARP: Inter-Religious International Student Peace Council Peace Initiative 2005

by Caroline Chen

On April 13th, 2005 the Inter-Religious International Student Peace Council held an event highlighting the works of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP). The event was held in the African-American Cultural Center on University of Illinois at Chicago campus. Guests signed in and were directed towards the meeting room where they could enjoy refreshments and drinks paid for by the African-American Cultural Center.

The program was held from 5 to 6:30 pm with the master of ceremonies, Caroline Chen, starting the program by introducing the two head officers of the club,

Artie Shau, President and Kenji T., Vice President. Each spoke on the topic of diversity, stating that the campus of U.I.C., although it is diverse, is splintered. Students are staying in the comfort zone of their own race or nationality and not really appreciating the myriad of cultures on campus. Shau went on to say that the goal of this club is to embrace the differences between students, and work together to make this dream of world peace a reality. Kenji T. spoke about the event itself, its beginnings and how it came about, thanking Professor Phillip Royster and Profes-



sor Rebecca Gordon for their advice and support.

The program was then returned to Chen who gave a few opening remarks and shared her reasons for holding this event. She expressed that the reality of the student body is that they do not have a clear knowledge of other country's situations. As Americans we are unaware of the world around us, the evening news is more concerned with murders and high speed chases as opposed to global issues. She expressed her gratitude towards the WFWP for being an organization that is not only raising global awareness but is also taking action to make a difference in other people's lives all around the world. With that, the main speaker, the president of the Chicago chapter of the WFWP, Mrs. Kathleen Sometani was introduced.

Mrs. Sometani gave a beautiful presentation on her trip to Guinea Bissau, West Africa and spoke about the sacrificial heart of the people she met there. Even though these people had nothing, they worked so hard to make sure she was comfortable and received the best they could offer during her stay. Her presentation included a slide

show of pictures from her trip and the audience could get a feel of the living situation of the Guineans. She also spoke the subject of peace in the Middle East. The WFWP is starting a petition for peace in the Middle East; their goal is to gather one million signatures of support. She also spoke about many other activities that the WFWP has done and

another WFWP member, Mrs. Margaret Figueroa spoke about the Israel Pilgrimage, which she attended recently. In conclusion, Mrs. Sometani stated that the IISPC is an important group to have on a college campus and the WFWP would like to support any and all efforts of this club. The program was a success and a meaningful learning experience for all who attended.

Special thanks to the African-American Cultural Center, especially Professor Royster for all of your advice and support. We would also like to thank the Office of Women's Affairs, especially Professor Rebecca Gordon for your encouragement and hard work.

*Inter-Religious International Student Peace Council was formed on March 2004. It was initiated by Artie Shau and Kenji T. and formed together with Muslim, Hindu, Christian, Catholic, and Buddhist students at UIC.

Shau and Kenji T. are both UIC CARP members. Along with them, Danichi Yoshida, another UIC CARP member and student, and STF Chicago members helped in preparation of the event. ❖

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Children & Youth Workshop, Winston Salem, NC

by Rev. Mike Lamson

From March 18-20, 2005 a children's workshop was organized in Winston Salem, North Carolina. The workshop focused on helping children from 6- 11 years old learn the "Family Pledge". With the belief that understanding the "Family Pledge" is the key to understanding the path of restoration for our families and the path to elevating our families as true families, we set out to develop a program that we could use to teach the materials available from, True Family Values 2nd edition, Father's words, and inspirations from members. The end result was a draft for a future teachers guide and a children's workbook (copies can be downloaded at <http://www.lamsonfamily.org>).

The teachers guide and the workbooks helped keep the workshop focused, and the children were able to see their own progress through completing the workbooks. The workshop explained in detail parts of the Family Pledge such as the Three Great Kingships, The Realm of The Royal Family, Four Great Realms of Heart, Centering on True Love, The Realm of Being Completely Free and many other important parts of the Family Pledge.

Twenty five children participated in the workshop, which started on the 18th and finished on the morning of the 20th. Art Lamson organized and directed the workshop, and I did my best to manage the kitchen with the help of Mr. Tremper and the advice of many of the mothers on hand as support staff. Mika Lamson looked after the girls, and Taddy Dos Anjos looked after the boys.

Most of the workshop was spent indoors completing the sessions and discussing the Family Pledge. But no workshop is complete without morning walks, lots of giggling and whispering in the sleeping bags, sports and a campfire or two, and we managed to squeeze these in along the way. It was amazing to see the strong desire the children showed to learn about the Family Pledge and to understand Father's vision for families. It was also wonderful to see how, when focused on learning about our traditions and values, the children were able to form strong bonds with each other and a sense of belonging to something special developed.

Over the three days we all learned a lot about Father's vision for us to become engrafted into his family. I was so inspired by the power the Family Pledge has when it is understood. When we started out developing the materials, it was so that the children would be able to understand the Family Pledge. But along the way I came to realize that for me reciting the Family Pledge had become a tradition (a dusty one) with no heart or meaning. I realized that I was the one that needed the workshop the most. Through developing the materials it became clear what Father meant when he said that the Family Pledge is the bone of the Unification Movement.

At the end of the workshop the children were all talking about the Family Pledge, about memorizing it and learning more about how the Pledge can be used to help them center everything on True Love as owners of Cheon Il Guk.

This we hope will be the beginning of a series of workshops on the Family Pledge in North Carolina for older children and adults as well. We will continue to develop the workshop materials on the Family Pledge so that they can be used in our Hoon Dook Churches to teach our new



friends about Father's vision for their families and will make materials developed available at www.lamsonfamily.org. Please use these materials in your homes and in your communities and let us know how we can improve them to make the materials touch the heart as well as the mind.

A special thanks must be offered to the Regional Director, Rev. Byung Seok Cho, and the state leader, Rev. Burgi Hutcherson, for their continued support of developing and organizing education programs for the children in North Carolina.

Youth Workshop on True Father's Life

March 20 - March 24, 2005 - Winston-Salem, North Carolina, By Se Hyun Rozier (Edited by Dan and Bruce Hutcherson).



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Day 1 (Sunday)

After arriving at the CRT Christian farm in Winston-Salem and meeting up with the other second generation, we started off the workshop by having each adult participating give a small talk on True Father's life and/or the general reason for having the workshop. After that we designed two teams: the "Timberwolves," which included Dan

as team leader with Shawna as the assistant team leader, and the "Mighty Mighty Shush Bugs," with the leader being Se Hyun and Danila as assistant team leader. After creating the teams, we went to bed and prepared for the workshop.

Day 2 (Monday)

We began our lectures with Rev. Pace speaking about the Second Advent. Tghen Rev. Rozier gave a talk on Jesus' life. After these lectures we had our first team discussion about what we had just heard in the lectures. Then we began our first lunch at the farm. The staff designed a system in which one team would serve the other team members before they ate while the team that was being served would clean up afterwards. It seemed to work out well.

After lunch we went outside for an "activity pertaining to the messiah's course". This activity involved groups of two people washing and getting their feet washed. The idea was to humble yourself before someone else by washing their feet. It seemed those getting their feet washed were more embarrassed than those washing.

The next activity was "the Crucifixion." We all got crucified! One person at a time would pick up a wooden cross and run around a storage shed once and then meet on the hill where everyone would ridicule and throw things. We all felt some heartistic pain. After that we had a human wheelbarrow contest by team. The next activity had us laying firewood logs on top of each other to reach a certain height, which represented the foundation for the messiah to come. At our first success Takamitsu just pushed them



over and informed us that Jesus failed and we have to start all over again. Later we went to a large field where the staff had hidden small scraps of paper with our names on them, representing how hard it was for True Parents to find the principle. Some kids found their paper and some did not.

Night fell, and we went inside where we had dinner and watched a musical about Father's life. Then we started a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle just for fun, which we were unable to finish that night even though we stayed up till 1:00 am trying.

Day Three (Tuesday)

After HDK and breakfast Rev. Pace gave us a detailed lecture about Father's early life that included all sorts of facts and interesting side stories.

In the afternoon Rev. Rozier gave a lecture on Father's early life before the founding of the church. Following the lectures the two teams went out to do service projects at the home of the "Jesus Jam" and "Odell Cleveland's Mission Center." Both projects had good results. Around dinnertime both teams began studying for an upcoming test on the messiah's mission.

Day Four (Wednesday)

In the morning we received a lecture from Rev. Pace about Father's life and blessing until 1993. Then Rev. Rozier talked about 1993 till the Cheon Il Guk. There was some last minute studying and then the test began.

After the test we went outside and built churches out of cardboard boxes and sticks. We made two that were big enough to fit our whole team inside. Just as we had all taken our turns giving a practice sermon, a looming rain and windstorm came down on us and knocked both churches flat. It was quite a dramatic ending to all run inside the house and watch our churches get destroyed by the wind and rain.

Day Five (Thursday)

Our last day was to consist of outdoor fun and challenging

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IN MEMORIAM

Larry Sutker

by Eric Erstling

Our brother Larry Sutker passed on to the SW on April 16, 2005 at the age of 53. On April 18th, a very beautiful Seung-Hwa and Won-Jon ceremony was held with over 100 people in attendance, including his mother, brother, sister (all three gave testimonies) and other relatives. Larry's wife Kumiko and three children, Seil, Karina, and Lana were so gracious and giving to everyone. Bishop and Mrs. Kim, Rev. Bruce Sutchar, and many others helped make this a memorable event honoring and celebrating Larry's life and time on earth.

I first met Larry 25 years ago and became intimately close with him during the past 12 years as we both worked with Hudson River Inlay. Larry was one of the most sincere, giving and faithful people I've ever known. He loved True Parents and felt responsible to act upon Father's directions all the time. In business, he was always either the top or one of the top salespeople in every venture he worked in. He could bring result even under the most adverse conditions. Yet he wasn't one-dimensional; he participated in 40-day workshops in Chung-Pyung and Jardim and was quite involved with Chicago's Family Church activities, whether it be witnessing with missionaries, outreach to ministers or any other needs for the Providence.

Larry, as I mentioned, could make money, but he was always offering it to

the Providence. He always supported Kumiko, as she worked for the Providence on a daily basis.

Heavenly Father gave us, who were blessed to know Larry, a golden opportunity to improve our lives by knowing him. He had so many wonderful virtues and was a well-rounded person. I'd like to share a few of these virtues that have and always will affect me.

Larry had an uncanny ability to focus. His dream was to bring cosmic salvation yet he was also able to invest in the here-and-now. He would not let personal matters interfere with his responsibilities of the moment. He would shut down a conversation between us, even in a blunt way if necessary, so that he could focus on his mission and responsibilities of the moment. I would be shocked at his seemingly lack of respect, but I actually respected his awareness of his priorities and the importance of his investment.

Larry always wanted to see improvement. He was a good student and always wanted to learn and become an expert in what he was involved in. He could then offer clear, quality opinions on

improving the business he was working with. He was also a great teacher. He was the best sales trainer, teaching others how to improve their skills through his special methods of giving. He would teach even at the expense of his time.

He believed he had special talents, and felt it was his duty as well as desire to share and enlighten others in their own abilities.

Larry would take on any challenge and usually the most difficult one, without complaint. He could make heaven in the most contradictory environment and bring great success. He not only took on these challenges, he would request them.

Most especially, Larry was loving and giving. I never met anyone who didn't like/love Larry. He always said, "Eric, just smile and give and be sincere." He'd continue, "People trust sincerity." He gave to everyone unequivocally. He treated everyone equally and with high



respect. No one was below him was his way of approaching life and people.

I often stayed at Larry's house, as others did, when traveling through Chicago. His home was always open and he and his wife and children allowed one to feel unashamedly comfortable. He always stayed at my place when he was in New York, allowing my family to know him. He always treated my children with great respect.

In times and moments of difficulty, I always think of Larry and how he would attack the issue. From that I gain strength to tackle any situation with a clear and clean heart. Thank you Heavenly Father and Larry; thank you for allowing me the chance to inherit your unique heart (Larry's unique heart) through our time together. We all have a golden opportunity to inherit Godly qualities from each other. Those who knew Larry had that great blessing, so let's use it.

Right now I can see Larry in the SW, riding his Harley, wearing a straw hat with Birkenstocks on his feet, holding his harmonica in one hand, his DP book opened and clipped onto his bike and a switchblade in his pocket, proclaiming True Parents to the Cosmos with a big smile on his face. ❖

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ertheless is still our collective destiny.

John, your cherished dreams of people living together as brothers and sisters without walls of religious, ethnic, socio economic or national barriers have been extended by the countless generous acts that you have made. Many like me, will testify that you were the first to put your hand in your pocket for any need. Your generosity of spirit brings you and those around you blessings from heaven.

Another contagion is your love of nature and adventurous spirit. I recall just last year on the 1st January you revealing your plans to ride the Wanganui river the next day and despite the sudden invitation I could not help but be swept up in the thrill of taking our children on that meaningful journey by canoe together.

Among your numerous excursions overseas, fostering understanding and reconciliation on the international level, was opportuni-

ty to visit the Holy Land of Israel last August where many of us witnessed your profound love of Aotearoa in the telling of the story behind Po Kare Kare Ana at the Arab village near Nazareth. Not only were you an eloquent advocate for peace among Arabs and Jews at the meetings of reconciliation organised for us throughout Israel but also your testimonies about Jesus as we walked the Via Delarosa and explored the caves at Shepherd's Field, revealed a profound love for our Lord Jesus.

When we heard that the day of your passing 16 April, was also a day in Auckland to celebrate the birthday of Prophet Mohammad, peace be upon him, I felt your heart of genuine respect and love for the great champions of God's providence in all cultures and traditions.

John, you are a person of immense stature to us because of love. You radiate God's love because you committed yourself to Him not in any luke-warm way but with absolute devotion. You were willing to give up things most precious to you, trusting completely in Heaven Father and your life and achievements are a victory of love. ❖

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activities. But first we had to do a WAIT Team performance at the Salvation Army. The performance went well and we were hopefully able to spread our message of abstinence to about 25 young Hispanic kids.

After the performance we packed the vans and headed to the rural "Jesus Jam" location where we had target practice with a real rifle.

Our last activity was on the banks of the Yadkin River, where we could either go catfishing or rappelling. The majority went rappelling down a fifty-foot sloped cliff, giving some of us a

nice challenge.

Since closing time was fast approaching, we all quickly packed the vans and headed for the Hutcherson's home, where we all custom topped our own section of pizza to cook for a pizza party.

This was the best workshop we have had because of all the interesting activities, thanks to our wonderful staff:

Takamitsu Sakuwa from 2nd Generation Department, Rev. Rozier, Rev. Pace and Sharon Pace and Bruce Hutcherson. We also appreciated the support of our Regional Leader Rev. Byung Seok Cho and the delicious fruits, which he send to us on our last day at the farm. Hopefully we'll have more workshops like this in the future. ❖

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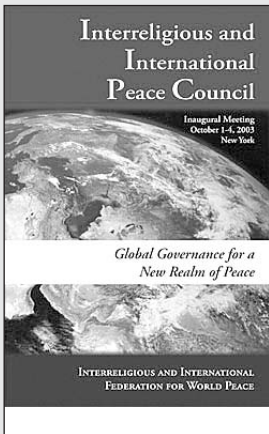
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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. John Didsbury

by Geoffrey Prentice

This is the eulogy given at the Seung Wha

We have gathered today to celebrate the love, life and achievements of John Didsbury. Of these three, the first word love, is a word we have already heard mentioned abundantly and will hear much more of when recalling the diverse relationships and astounding activities that John invested his heart into.

John, you are a loving and devoted husband, a sacrificial parent, a loyal son, a true friend and a compassionate teacher and mentor. You love your nation, you love this earth and all divinely created life.

John has had one overarching passion that he has been reiterating in multitudinous ways depending on his audience: he is on a mission for God.

John's profound faith brought tears to my eyes when on Friday night, the eve of his passing into the spiritual world, after recognising who I was, John attempted to suggest solving particular problems in my mission work. Testimony to me, that John's spirit was alive and firing on all cylinders despite the demise and suffering of his body.

Over recent weeks, John repeatedly shared how God had guided him on his spiritual path to offer up his most

precious things, like Abraham offering his son, so that he had determined to finish with his beloved general practice in Otahuhu and devote himself to interfaith and ministry with the International and Inter religious Federation For World Peace in Oceania.

No sooner had John taken steps in his new determined direction than a diagnosis of cancer indicated that his new mission might be beyond this physical world.

John, your faith enabled you to quickly accept your new path because of your humility and love for Heavenly Father.

Now for a time, you are temporarily separated from our accustomed communications

but with grace you were inspired to make that offering too.

For you, marriage is the most sacred, holy and God affirming bond and you

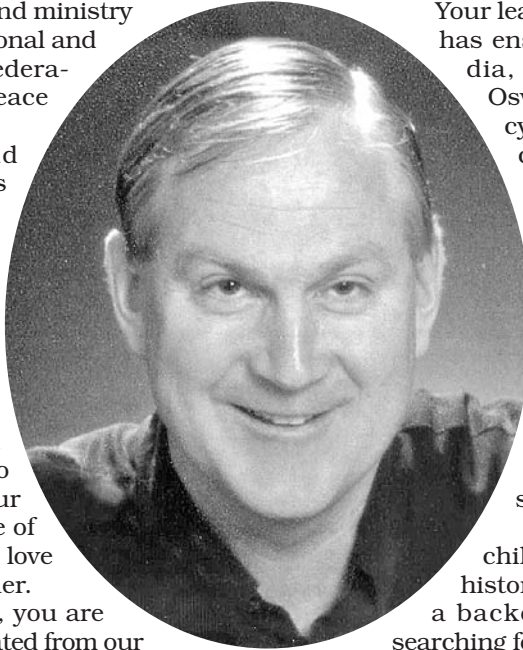
have always held Leona in the highest esteem cherishing her as your eternal complementary companion.

Your leadership at home has ensured that Amadia, Hope, Elsy and Oswell have a legacy of strong moral conviction within personalities of bubbling creativity and confidence.

Your parents, brothers and close relatives are moved in heart by your efforts to develop unity and kinship.

Like many of us children of the 60s, historical turmoil was a backdrop to intense searching for the meaning of

life and existence of God. Traditional explanations were inadequate and dominant materialistic theories of evolution at University all but convinced you that God does not exist.



A Time of Rebirth

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

On behalf of our beloved True Parents of Heaven and Earth and Humankind, and on the occasion of the Seungwha of Dr. John Didsbury of the Didsbury Blessed Central Family, I want to express sincere condolences to Mrs. Didsbury and each of your children, as well as to the members of the extended family and community of friends who know and love John.

At this time of transition, as John passes to the spiritual world, there is naturally a feeling of sadness, of loss, of missing someone near and dear. At the same time, we are reminded of the absolute, living reality of the spiritual world. In fact, we are living at a time when the line and boundary between the spiritual world and the physical world is growing thinner. It is as if there is only a paper-thin line that separates these two worlds. And more and more there is interaction between the two worlds. Our True Parents are repeatedly reminding us that at this time, especially, all our ancestors in the spiritual world are eagerly seeking to work with us for the sake of worldwide restoration.

As our True Parents have taught us, the time when we pass to the spiritual world is not a death, but actually a time of being born into a new realm of life, a higher realm of life. John Didsbury has not died, he is rather taking his place in the spiritual world, alongside Heung Jin Nim, Dae Mo Nim, and countless other saints, sages and holy ones who continue to work, in the spiritual world, for the providence of restoration and the total liberation and complete release of God and all humanity.

As a physician, Dr. Didsbury lived his life as a healer, a man who lived for

the sake of others. This is the supreme principle of heaven. Dr. and Mrs. Didsbury have lived as an exemplary Blessed couple, remaining faithful to the principle and raising children of goodness. We can all be proud of Dr. John and his life of service to the providence in America and in Oceania, especially New Zealand.

Let us all reflect on his warm and loving heart, and let us all offer our prayers of support and encouragement as he makes his transition to and begins his mission in the spiritual world.

by Dr Chung Sik Yong,
Chairman, IIFWP-Oceania

On the occasion of the Seungwha ceremony of Dr John Didsbury, it is with a feeling of sadness that I could not be there with you to say these words in person. Please accept them in the spirit of love and compassion with which I hope to express to Leona and children. My sympathy extends to his faithful and loyal wife and to each of their children.

Your unselfish and caring attitude in these last few months have touched us deeply.

In life, we come across people who touch the lives of many in a memorable and enduring way. Dr John (as we came to know him) was such an individual. His broad mind, open smile and generous heart made an impression on people that had met him even for just a few minutes. But more than those good qualities, what I admired about him most, and what made a lasting impression on me, was his desire to do

things for others at the expense of himself. I am reminded of the words Jesus said "If someone asks you to go one mile, go with him two". Dr John sometimes went three.

He gave up a medical career, years ago, to pursue the answers to questions that many give up asking. "What is the purpose of my life, is there a way to know and relate with the Creator of all things? What is the root of evil and conflict?" He pursued those questions the way a Doctor pursues the cause of an illness, though this illness is unseen to the human eye and requires

a keen and untiring heart. Dr John had that heart. He felt that to become the best Doctor he could, he needed a deeper understanding of these fundamental issues so he could help the whole person. He learned and applied principles of unselfish living and became a great teacher and role model for hundreds of young people in the San Francisco area. He married another caring and determined soul, Leona, and raised a beautiful and exemplary family returning to New Zealand and to his career in medicine. Against many odds, and against the grain, he finished his degree, not at a conventional age, and started a practice that would soon become very successful. Success meaning not only



However, like so many prophets and seekers from the past, you responded to the inner call to leave the comfort zone of home, family, friends and career and travel to America in 1974.

It was there that you heard for a surety the voice of God through the Divine Principle teachings of Father Moon and through a personal meeting found confirmation that God is indeed working His providence to unify righteous people of all faiths through the True Parents.

Despite the intense persecution wrought upon this small group originating from Korea, John you held strongly to your conviction that God wanted you to serve in the United States regardless of the pain of separation from family and homeland.

For fourteen years, including three years study for a Masters Degree in Religious Education, you pastored communities, taught Divine Principle and campaigned tirelessly to revive the righteous spirit of America.

In 1989, you returned to New Zealand with Leona, Amadia and Hope to begin "hometown providence". Here in Auckland you went about building a ministry that is awesome in scope and commitment. People of all walks of life and all backgrounds are lifted by your enthusiasm and explanation of the realm of true love that we were all created for before sin entered the scene but never

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the number of patients but in the love and admiration he inspired in them. He was that special breed of Doctor you would recommend to your closest loved ones.

Extended as he was, he was asked to be the National Director of the Unification Movement which he accepted.. He became distinguished in that area as well working overtime with many sleepless nights. He was tireless in his quest for the heart that could keep giving and he was that way to his last breath, never complaining but even in the midst of personal pain, thinking of one more thing he could have done for someone.

The beauty of it all is that physical death does not stop the spirit of love that Dr. John embodied so well. Just as being born means one world ending and another, more expansive, sublime one, beginning, so does the end of physical life. Dr John is more free to be with more of us, more often.

Again to each of the precious members of the Didsbury family, please accept my sympathies for your offering of your Dad, and loving husband. May God use it for the liberation of all human kind. ❖



Major Flood at New Hope Farms

by Lesa Ellanson

The weekend of April 2-3, the City of Port Jervis and the Town of Deerpark suffered major property damage and even loss of life when the Delaware and Neversink Rivers overflowed their banks. Deemed "the worst flood in 50 years," it occurred when heavy rains over a one-week period saturated grounds that were already soaked as a result of melting snows.

New Hope Farms Equestrian Park is located in the Town of Deerpark, situated directly on the Neversink River, less than 250 yards down a gently sloping hill. Although we are far from the river bank, the distance was quickly covered by the rapidly rising waters. The farm, which became a free refuge for animals that needed to be evacuated from threatened areas, was seriously threatened as the river began to crest.

At approximately 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, the managers, Lowell and Lesa Ellanson, were told by the area's first responders that watershed from a nearby dam could potentially flood the barns and the main arena with a rise of over 7 feet of water. But far worse, a dam

containing a major northeast reservoir was leaking and was in danger of bursting. The reservoir is over 15 miles long. Should that dam rupture, an area of over 50 square miles, including the New Hope Farms, was faced with the cata-

strophic likelihood that it may cease to exist, engulfed by flood waters over 20 feet high. The local River Master kept us updated on an hourly basis, and the "worst case scenario" plan was discussed: We

were to load up what we could, save our family and animals, and literally release all the remaining horses that could not be trailered to safety. The problem was we had over 80 horses to evacuate, only five horse trailers to con-

tain 11 horses, and only one road on which we could escape. The call went out to local equine rescuers, our far-off neighbors that owned trailers and even a nearby racetrack. Yet, even though people wished to help, there was no way that they could arrive in time since all but one road was closed. That road was our only way out. We were to know our fate within the next two hours. Following a few fateful phone calls, desperate prayers were offered: "Let this cup pass". The water continued to rise until around 2:00 p.m. but after an additional four feet and in two more hours, the river crested. Three hours later, the levels began to subside. By nightfall, the immediate danger had indeed passed. A special prayer meeting was held that night by the Ellansons with newly blessed horse trainers to give quiet thanks to Heavenly Father. We prayed for the soul of one unfortunate woman and two trapped horses whose lives were lost. But the crisis was truly over.

Two days later, when the governor of New York State, George Pataki, came to tour the damaged area, he had his helicopter pilot land at New Hope Farms. The Ellanson and Alves families helped the pilots keep watch over the helicopter until the governor's return. When he did return, he departed quickly but not before he promised to return again to follow up on the disaster. ♦



Dancing & Serving For Peace in Jerusalem

by Michael Balcomb

I wanted to share with you another of Service For Peace's recent successes in our peacemaking work in the Middle East. We will be inviting a group of young Israelis, Jews and Arabs, to Washington and New York in July and again in January 2006. If your schedule happens to bring you to either city, I hope you will be able to join us!

Twenty-four young volunteers from the United States have just come home from a two-week visit to Israel at the invitation of the Municipality of Jerusalem Youth Department, having completed the first phase of the new Jerusalem-US Multicultural Project (JUMP). The US team consisted of a mix of volunteers from Washington AIDS International Teens (WAIT)



Performance at City Hall

and Service For Peace.

This initiative tested a new approach to solving youth problems common to both Israel and the USA, including ethnic and religious conflict, unequal educational access, and AIDS prevention, through a combination of international cultural exchange, performing arts, and community service.

The team alternated between performances and simple but meaningful service projects, playing with children at Hadassah Cancer Hospital, planting trees in Beit Shemesh, and cleaning the converted

bomb shelter that serves as a studio for our partners, the Jerusalem International Dance Troupe.

At the Hadassah En Karem Hospital we did singing, breakdancing and juggling for children and seniors being treated for cancer or recovering from surgery and their families. The young patients were both Jewish and Arab. We saw their faces change from worry to relaxation and enjoyment through just a few minutes of playing with them. Many patients offered prayers or thanks for us, and several decided to entertain us, wanting to make us laugh, too! It was a beautiful experience. Micha Nes, the choreographer of the International Dance Troupe whose own son is now receiving treatment for brain cancer at the hospital, had



Tree Planting in Beth Shemesh



ing how the performances affected their

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Interfaith Prayer and Fellowship at MD Muslim Center

by Angelika Selle and Father Adrien Bayo

The only way to bring humanity together is God." Those were the words of Imam Adil Khan of the Muslim Community Center in Silver Spring, Maryland, which hosted our Interfaith Prayer and Fellowship Ministry on March 20, 2005. This was the first time our service was held in a Muslim house of worship!

The program itself represented the manifestation of submitting to God and reaching out to one another as friends, since it was put together with a lot of communication and mutual agreement by the leadership of the MCC; the ACLC regional leader, Rev. Adrien Bayo; the Interfaith Committee's Minister Angelika Selle; and most of all Deacon Louis Johnson, who had been working with the MCC and facilitated this connection. All the parties were willing to be sensitive to one another. The Interfaith Ministry was very happy to be invited to observe the traditional Islamic prayers that would take place twice during the service. All was offered in prayer to the Almighty, that His Will be done.

About 75 people gathered in the community hall of the MCC to learn more about the Islamic faith, centering on the topic "Submission to God," which is the meaning of the word "Muslim". Mr. Shah of the MCC and Father Bayo of the ACLC alternated serving as emcees. Again their harmonious co-emcee ship reflected the topic of the day in substance as they led everyone through the program. Father Bayo especially pointed towards the vision and work of the Founders, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, to bring religious leaders of all faiths together for the sake of world peace.

Dr. Workineh Simret of Ethiopia, representing the Jewish faith, spoke of the importance of sincerity in submission to God. He reminded us that at the time of Moses, people worshiped the golden calf and did their own thing, but Joshua humbled himself before God and did not use his power for his own benefit.

The assistant pastor of the Lively Stone Worship Center, Marshall Milam, representing Christianity, quoted II Chronicles 14:3: "If my people humble themselves..." and expounded on it, saying that in order to humble ourselves before God we need to lead a life of prayer, which is an activity to discipline ourselves. It helps us to develop a relationship with the Creator and live a life of sacrifice, a surrendered life. "The greatest sermon is the life we live."

After the first two speakers, everyone was invited to join the afternoon Asr Prayer in the mosque. Then, the keynote address was given by Imam Khan, who is also the director of religious studies of the MCC.

He started out by saying that Islam is a way of life entirely based on peace. The only way to link humanity together is if we submit to our Creator, God, or Allah. The prophet Mohammad, peace be upon him, gave a universal message.

In his discourse, he explained the five essential guidelines of Islam: 1) faith and

prayer; 2) worship (giving money, practicing the faith, etc); 3) transactions, deeds, prayer and action, being on time, being trustworthy, etc.; 4) community, creating harmony with others; and 5) manners, ethics, morals, setting a good example.

Imam Khan said that a true Muslim submits him/herself to Allah not just during the five times a day prayers but speaking to Allah 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Then any

Christians, Muslims, and Jews--who had come together in the Holy Land to promote peace and reconciliation by taking no sides. Rev. Susan Fefferman of the New Hope Family Church, Landover Hills, commented on the activities in the Holy Land and shared her personal testimony of how she was led by God to marry a man from another religion - the Jewish faith.

The gathering then proceeded to join the Maghrib prayer at the mosque, after

"It was truly a miracle that this could happen! I learned so much and got a lot of insights about the Islamic faith. I am so thankful I could be part of this!" (Dr. Simret, Jewish representative)

"I am grateful that I could attend this service. I believe a seed of healing was planted, and I gained a lot of new friends. We all gained a lot of ground because people were able to sit down and discuss openly and come to understand one another. I also enjoyed very much going into

the mosque and praying together. Afterward I talked to one Muslim brother and we realized that we have so many issues together and if he and I ask God in prayer He will help us. As Minister Selle recommended, I made a new friend, many new friends from another faith and also learned a lot about their religion. In fact, I was invited by some to come to their mosque and speak there as well." (Pastor Milam - Christian representative)

"It was a wonderful gathering, very peaceful and disciplined. Everyone listened to one another and learned a lot. We are all brothers and sisters in heart and we need each other." (MCC member)

"I was surprised and overjoyed to see an old family friend - Mr. Akhtar Khan the brother of Saleem Khan. This family has been a family friend of the Johnson family since we first met in 1958. This is the first Pakistani family, first Muslim people, & first interfaith family of Muslim - Christian that we had ever met." (Louis Johnson)

This was the second time that the Interfaith Prayer and Fellowship Ministry has gone out into the community, to learn from people of other faiths as well as share Father's Moon's vision of peace, reconciliation and the coming

together of the Abrahamic faiths in unity. After two years of having monthly interfaith events at the United Federation of Churches building in Washington, DC, the ACLC Interfaith Committee decided to focus in 2005 on grassroots outreach, especially in Maryland. Every month we rotate the location, highlighting a different faith in their own place of worship. The first one this year took place at the Lively Stone Worship Center in MD, where the Apostle Floyd E. Nelson is the founder. The main speaker for that service was a Christian pastor, Rev Arnold Howard of the Enoch Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD who spoke very powerfully and eloquently on "Make the Dream Come True NOW", expounding on how Dr. Martin Luther King's dream applies not only to the racial problem here in America, but to people of all faiths and to people of conscience, and the necessity for people of faith to act on it NOW. (written report is available)

Our special thanks go the leadership of the Muslim Community center, Imam Adil Khan and also Mr. Nahal Shah, for their kind reception and hospitality and generosity of providing the refreshments for all, and also deacon Louis Johnson, who has been working for many years with the Muslim Community in Montgomery County and who brought us all together. Most of all we thank God for allowing us to understand one another more deeply and making new friends. ❖

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action we undertake becomes worship in itself: the work we do, the relationships we have. He said that especially the husband and wife relationship is not looked upon as something mundane but as worship. Religion should not just limit believers to prayer times.

He emphasized two points: Submission to God and following the pattern or example of the prophet Mohammad, peace be upon him, since all our actions are also a plantation for the next life. Therefore, we need to be good and selfless, and use our talents wisely.

He finished by quoting from the Holy Qur'an a verse that has been causing a lot of controversy for the Islamic community, a part that is often misunderstood and misinterpreted. In the Qu'ran it says that who loves should do it for the sake of Allah, God, and also who hates should do it for the sake of Allah! And whoever does it has completed his faith. What it means is that one should not hate people but their unrighteous actions or deed. In Christian terms one would say: Love the sinner, but hate the sin!

Following him, Minister Wanji Rowe read a prayer by Rev. Sun Myung Moon written when he was 16 years old, "The Crown of Glory," which deeply expresses the pain of loving one's enemy. That set the stage for a video presentation of the ACLC, "The Path to Peace," which documented several trips to the Holy Land of religions leaders of all three faiths--

which Minister Selle explained briefly about the origin and history of the Interfaith Prayer and Fellowship Ministry, which began with tears of repentance and forgiveness between blacks and whites, Germans and Jews, and Jews and Muslims. Through prayer this ministry is seeking to let everyone experience the common ground of all religions and to regard my brother's problem as my problem.

Food and fellowship also are intrinsic parts of making new friends. She asked everyone to make a friend of another faith before they left.

The most stimulating part was yet to come: the question and answer session in which everyone could openly ask questions and address them to the main speakers. Some of the questions were: Can my son who is from another faith marry a Muslim woman? Since Rev. Moon seeks to unite the religions, what are his favorite quotes from each religion? Is the content of the prayer five times a day the same or does it vary from one another? Why don't we focus on our differences and thus come together more closely?

At around 7:30 pm, one hour beyond the ending time, the meeting was officially closed by a prayer of the Imam, yet the discussion and fellowship continued.

There was no question that everyone who attended this service came out more enriched, enlightened and satisfied.

Here are some comments from participants:

New Jersey: 2nd 'One Heart International Festival'

by Rev. Geller

New Jersey Music and Arts (NJMA), a performing arts series sponsored by the Family Federation for World Peace of New Jersey and grant recipient from the Pasaic County Cultural and Heritage Council since 2003, presented the "second One Heart International Festival" at the Woodrow Wilson Middle School Auditorium in Clifton, New Jersey, on April 3, 2005.

The theme of the series is "Beauty in Diversity," a celebration of the different cultures of the world. Among the perform-



ers were the Blessed Children performing arts groups of the Musical Angels, the Little Players, the New Hope Players and the One Heart Dancers.

We had the following professional performers: Michiyo Morikawa,

concert pianist from Japan; Hyun Seung Son, operatic baritone from Korea; Elisa Servito, dancer from China; Karla Yeamans a Broadway singer from Clifton; Alejandro Olmedo, a tenor from Mexico; and the Zawadi School of African Dance.

There was an art exhibition by Gloria Marino, a local artist. Over 250 people attended, including councilwoman Jesse Dixon from Paterson. We are grateful to Rev. Dong Woo Kim, our regional director, for his vision and support of culture and the arts in New Jersey. The NJMA and the "One Heart Festival" are directed by Mr. Francesco Santelli. Mr. Santelli has

been working with our Blessed Children and other performers for more than five years. NJMA produces four different events annually. ❖



Lamson Clan Crowns King & Queen of Peace

by Mike Lamson

On March the 17th the Lamson clan gathered in North Carolina to crown the King and Queen of Peace and to recognize the position and responsibility of True Parents in this era of settlement.

As a family the Crowning Ceremony was something we had been talking about for many months. Each time we would start to make a date something would happen which caused us to postpone the event. It was surprising, how difficult it was to make

For us this sounded good but it was not until we made the commitment to complete the crowning ceremony that Father's words became a reality we could hold close to our hearts. One day we can write a book about all the things which happened - the drama, the comedy.

On the 17th however a heavenly spirit ascended on our house and everything seemed to fit together like the pieces of a fine watch. Mom Lamson, the mother of Art and Mike, planned and prepared the meal, the kids made the banner, and Gail Davis made the beautiful crowns. In spite of our feelings of unworthiness the ceremony proceeded, and the King and Queen of Peace were celebrated in our clan.

We were so inspired by the efforts Rev. Jenkins and the Betancourt clan put into realizing the crowning ceremony in their clans and we felt so strongly that this was the right time to be clear about who we are and what we



believe. It is now time that as families connected by lineage and within our neighborhood that we inherit and fulfill the position of True Parents ourselves and that we lift up the King and Queen of Peace to the cosmic level.

The Regional Director Rev. Cho, the State Leader Burgi Hutcherson and friends from the community helped us to celebrate this wonderful event in our clan. There are really no words that can express how grateful we are for the support of leaders and members in North Carolina. Mike's wife Wiveka participated in Cameroon at the same time.

something like this happen. When we finally set the date for the 17th of March, so many things started to happen to interfere with what we were planning. There were many issues which came up within our family and also within our own life of faith as unificationists that had long been covered up. The experience was like hanging up our dirty laundry for the family and ancestors to see. We took comfort in Fathers words that if we go to our families at this time it will not be as hard as we thought because the ancestors are with us and the peace kingdom has come. He says that the ancestors are taking action from Heaven.

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Northern California Welcomes Rev. Jenkins

by Bento Leal

Arriving on Saturday evening, March 5, Rev. Dr. Michael Jenkins visited our Northern California church family for the first time by himself since becoming President of FFWPU-USA. Previously he had come as part of the entourage busily involved in True Parents' speaking tours. This time he came alone and was able to spend time to express his heart and soul to the members. What a treat indeed!

Rev. Thompson asked David Rosenblum and myself to join him in picking up Rev. Jenkins at the airport. That was a blessing since David and I were in the first UTS class with Rev. Jenkins way back in 1975-77. We then drove to a Denny's and reminisced about so many past experiences we had shared -- the highs and lows, the funny and sad -- so many things in our lives of faith. We also talked about this exciting providential time we are now in, and how we need to reach out and bring back all those precious members who had left over the years. It was really a brotherhood evening with a special filial son whom True Parents dearly love.

Early Sunday morning, a few of us, including Mr. & Mrs. Inose who were also visiting, gathered for breakfast with Rev. Jenkins at Rev. Man Ho Kim's home. Mrs. Kim and Tomoko Thick had prepared an outstandingly delicious Korean meal. Rev. Jenkins would later say it was the biggest breakfast he ever had in his life!



The table was now set for a powerful and uplifting Sunday Service, and so it was.

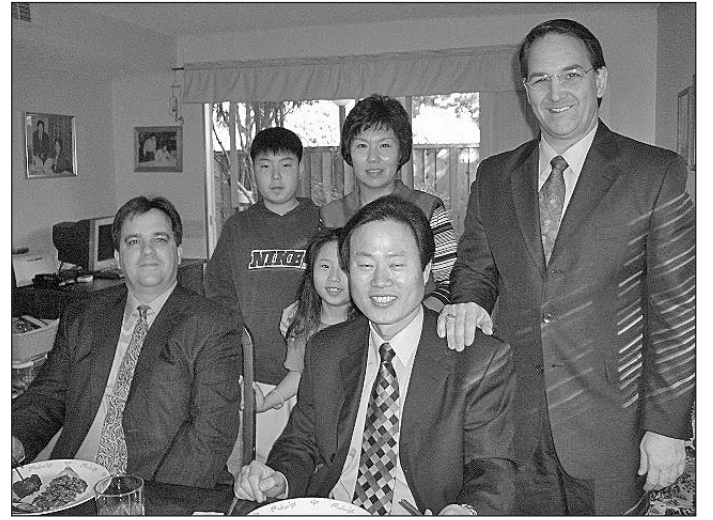
After the opening songs, the Children's Choir sang two beautiful songs under the direction of Kinuyo Denni and Lionel Chapital. Next was a Bible reading from Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." Rev. Jenkins then preached with passion on the title "The Path We Walk". It was a powerful sermon calling for filial piety before God and True Parents centered on the Word. At times Rev. Jenkins was warm and familial, at other times he was filled with the Holy Spirit, preaching with fire like the prophets of old. He held everyone in rapt attention.

At the end, Rev. Kim came to the podium and deeply appreciated Rev. Jenkins' word and spirit, and called upon all BAFC members to recommit ourselves in faith and attendance with such heart and zeal.

After service, many members came forward to greet and embrace Rev. Jenkins. We could all feel True Parents' spirit

in the room. Rev. Jenkins' words of faith and encouragement will ring with us for a long, long time.

Upstairs, some 35 local Family Church and department leaders, including Dr. and Mrs. Mose Durst, met with Rev. Jenkins over lunch deliciously prepared by Kinuyo Denni and other helpers. At Rev. Kim's prompting, we all went around the circle and introduced ourselves. A few of us were asked to give brief reports on our activities. At the end, before having to dash off to the airport again, Rev. Jenkins stood and congratulated Rev. Kim and Rev. Thompson for creating such a powerful Family Church in Northern California. He said God will bless us beyond our dreams if we fully strengthen our vertical line with God and True Parents, and with our Regional Director (Rev. Kim) and State Leader (Rev. Thompson). When we do that with absolute faith, love and commitment, then a flood of impact will flow out horizontally and affect all we do.



Thank you for coming and for your words, Rev. Jenkins! May God continue to bless your family and your ministry. May He be the wind under your wings! Please come back soon and spend even more time with us, and we'll show you some of the sights that make the Bay Area such a beautiful and special place. Thank you, Heavenly Father. Thank you, True Parents. ❖



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children.

The project was successful in creating a network of partners who are interested in continuing working together. We connected with several dozen organizations including schools, peace groups, AIDS organizations, the governmental bodies, and humanitarian groups.

Our focus now turns to the return trip to the US, planned for July 2005. We'll welcome a group of 24 led by Shabtai Amedi, Director of the Municipality's Youth Department and Yigal Amedi, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem both of whom have said that the project has already exceeded their expectations and showed enthusiasm toward our future partnership. ❖

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South Carolina Spring Workshop

by Rev. Hiroshi Jimbo

On the Easter weekend (March 25 - 27), South Carolina had a 3-day workshop for the second generation. One girl came from Charlotte, North Carolina; all together, 19 kids had a wonderful time.

In South Carolina, 8 second generation have been already blessed, and one of them had a baby (third generation) recently. Therefore, everyone is interested in the education of our second generation. We started planning this workshop two months ahead, and some parents sacrificed their time as workshop staff.

We used Rev. Schanker's Divine Principle lecture series for STF members



on DVDs. The participants were inspired by the depth of the Divine Principle.

At Easter Sunday, on the final day of the workshop, all parents joined in the final lecture as Sunday Service. The lecture was "The First and Second

Advent."

At the same time, we adapted it as a Divine Principle seminar for new guests, as we have been doing a Divine Principle seminar on the every fourth Sunday of the month. Therefore, some guests were invited and enjoyed our Easter Sunday Service. One couple, a member's cousin, had never heard the Divine Principle, but the cousin said it was very interested and wanted to hear more.

After the service, everyone enjoyed lunch together, and younger children hunted for Easter eggs.

We felt that spring has come in South Carolina. ❖



San Diego to Walk For Injured Middle Eastern Children

by David Roberts

Over 25 San Diego Family Church youth and adult members signed up to raise money for children maimed in

Middle East violence by walking in the Service for Peace Walk for Wheelchairs event to be held April 16.

The walkers signed up at a kick-off meeting organized by Service for Peace in San Diego, which is partnering with the Wheelchairs to the Holy Land project, which aims to send 1,000 wheelchairs to Israel and Palestine this summer. Each \$75 raised will pay for one wheelchair. Each donor will receive a certificate with a photograph of the recipient child sitting in the chair the money

bought. Donations can be made online at www.walkforchairs.org. A map of the walk and other details are also available there.

Wheelchairs to the Holy Land, sponsored in part by Rotary Clubs in San Diego and in Israel, was founded by two Rotarians, Miko Peled of Coronado, an Israeli Jew born in Jerusalem, and Nader Elbanna of Escondido, a Palestinian Muslim born in Nazareth. Both men spoke at the April 2nd meeting about their experiences growing up amid the violence in the Middle East. They became friends after meeting in the US, their adopted home, and dedicated themselves to

the cause of peace in the Middle East.

"For \$75," said Mr. Peled, "we take a child that has to crawl, and can't play, and can't go to school, and has to be taken care of 24 hours a day and suddenly give him the ability to go to school, to play, and to be independent. Our goal is to raise a thousand wheelchairs and divide them equally, 500 to each side, and in that to send a message that Israelis and Palestinians can work together."

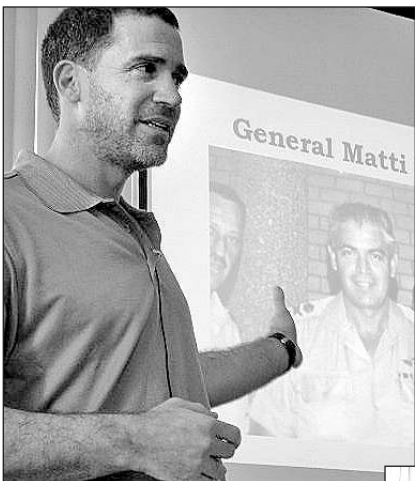
Both Mr. Peled and Mr. Nader will participate in the walk with their families. Mr. Peled's father was an Israeli general who later devoted his life for peace. His niece was killed by a terrorist bomb in 1997. Mr. Elbanna was a captain in the Jordanian army whose closest friend died in his arms during the al-Karama battle against Israel in 1967.

"We chose to be friends," said Mr. Elbanna. "But not just by talking, not just to sit in an air-conditioned room with a cup of coffee and talk about peace. We want to take action. These wheelchairs are not just plastic and stainless steel. They are a thousand ambassadors, messengers, and we need to send them from the US to the Holy Land with a flame of hope."

Members of many other groups are pitching in to make the walk a success, including members of the San Diego Family Church, the Masjidul Taqwa Mosque, the Plymouth Congregational Church, the Rotary District 5340 Pathways for Peace Committee, the San Diego Church of Scientology, the San Diego

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and many others.

You can see our website at <http://walkforchairs.org>, where we have much more information, some great videos, and where people can donate online if they want. ❖



WALK FOR WHEELCHAIR for children in the Middle East San Diego, California April 2, 200





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Mr. Carlson is involved with marine aspects of the Providence in the Bay Area

Self Interested

This article deals with that most annoying of human foibles, selfish behavior. Selfish attitudes run the gamut from childish vanity to loud arrogance to quiet yet vicious sociopathy. Its 'acting out' ranges in scale from lonely couch potatoes to conquering dictators.

An earlier version of this article appeared in 1994.

CAUSES

What causes selfishness?

Scientists claim it's our evolutionary heritage, a primary survival option. Many thinkers believe that selfishness is normal. Darwin and Spencer described people as ruthless and greedy at their deepest roots. Thus, as Hobbes put it, life can be "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short." All too often, it is.

However, scholars get very muddled and contradictory when trying to provide 'evolutionary' specifics. Altruistic deeds such as infant adoption stump them completely.

Christians believe selfishness is spiritual, and rooted in an underlying 'sin of pride.' The Bible, and every major holy text, emphasizes the importance of unselfish behavior.

Some people try to uphold an odd sort of 'good selfishness.' College students often pass through an Ayn Rand phase, while an adult might go "looking out for number one." Rand abhorred socialism and collectivism as the monsters they are. Unfortunately she went too far, in denying God or any sort of larger purpose. Rand has plenty of company now, but probably not the kind she'd have wanted.

Rev. Moon said that, "Intellectuals are responsible for most of the world's troubles." Stupid selfish people can, at best, become an unwelcome house guest. At worst, they'll cause trouble in a handful of lives. However, smart selfish people can ruin millions of lives at once. Just look at the huge corporate scandals of recent years.

PATTERNS

Selfishness forms common patterns in (almost) everyone's life. These patterns apply to larger social issues. For example, many seek happiness through alcohol and/or illicit drugs. In so doing they destroy themselves, and often those around them, not to mention back along the bloody supply chain.

There is a flip side. Some people seek personal excellence, and let others share in their thrills. Perhaps through an Iron Man triathlon, deep sea diving, or parachuting. Such chal-

lenges can inspire and entertain people.

Many seek personal good looks. Women enlarge or shrink quite normal body parts, while men fuss over their naturally balding heads, often with expensive surgery.

Certain people wish to look good for a valid public purpose. Leaders, actors, spokesmen, etc., are helped along by a pleasing appearance.

Some folks engage in sexual activity for personal thrills, or to seek emotional solace, without any further concerns. Rev. Moon had harsh words for women who enjoy sex yet deny their ultimate role as mothers. Opposite this, many people honor God and the creation through sex within traditional marriage.

Numerous people push good causes for selfish reasons, perhaps to gain quick acclaim, or to relieve guilt. Others genuinely wish to teach, or assist, or spiritually save.

There are millions of seekers after knowledge. Do they want prestigious college degrees for their own honor? Or do they wish to discover things, and teach others, thus to advance humankind?

Similarly, there are countless spiritual seekers, who hope to release their own guilt and difficulties. They 'trek' in the Himalayas and the Amazon, or closer to home, walk on fiery coals. (Actu-

ally, that's easy to do.) Fortunately, there are also true visionaries, who think of other people's pain before their own.

Can organizations be selfish? Modern leftists built their careers on the hobgoblin of Big Corporations, those sources of all that is evil in this world. Yet those very corporations have directors and shareholders, workers and customers, partners and competitors, and sometimes unions and consumer groups. In a free market society, a truly selfish entity cannot survive for long. (They need the protection of an intrusive government to accomplish that!)

What about entire nations? As Bismarck said, "Nations have no friends, only interests." Actually, in history and today, free trading nations prosper the most. Self-isolated countries become poor, and perish. For both economic and spiritual reasons, generous nations do better. America rebuilt postwar Europe and Japan, and continues to help in Iraq and elsewhere.

Of course, it's best to teach and aid the entire populace, rather than just shoveling money—right into corrupt leader's Swiss bank accounts.

THEORIES

Different societies have found their own answers to selfish behavior. Some

uphold complicated traditional roles and obligations. Under Napoleonic Law, still practiced in France and influential elsewhere, citizens are required to come to the aid of those in distress, such as accident victims. In America, charity and heroism are common enough without formal obligations.

Throughout history there have been conjectures about selfishness and sacrifice. Some philosophy teachers deny the existence of altruism outright. Others seek to confuse their students and induce a deep-seated cynicism. Your author had such a teacher in High School; a friend found this at Harvard.

Most 'selfish gene' scholars miss the total lack of morality and ethics in their theories. Trying to replace those key ideas usually sets them on the wrong track, building flimsy edifices of impressive sounding psychobabble.

In a narrow sense, Darwin, Hobbes, and other materialists are correct. People do physically spring from primitive life, and 'dog eat dog survival' long prevailed. Otherwise, no one would be here to read this . . .

Due to the Fall of Man, humans did live as primitives for many thousands of years. Acting like beasts, and quite possibly corrupting our very DNA. The psyches of fallen people are dark and tangled. Without true love, people crave sex, or perhaps only comfort—from people who turn out to be just as troubled.

Most folks have not been deterred by all the mess. Parents do work to instill good morals. Darwinians will admit this, almost without realizing it. We've lacked the Ideal and we all know it. Our God-

given original mind doesn't let us forget it.

C.S. Lewis explains this, brilliantly, in his *Mere Christianity*. In a recent UNews article, Frank Kaufman offers a clear analysis of unselfishness and unity.

Under a free market system, miserly selfishness can step aside for prosperous 'enlightened self interest.' In a decent community, individualism can give way to healthy individuality.

Society appreciates those who are unselfish. Rev. Moon has said that "soldiers who sacrificed their lives in battle are among those highest in the spirit world," and folks do honor their memory. From a mayor's ribbon to world sainthood, people are recognized for sincerely unselfish deeds.

Even lacking so much, humanity has come very far, but only with God's continual love and assistance. He has never given up on us. We Unificationists are deluged with opportunities to serve. Let's do our best to respond. ❖

Preparations for WCSF 2005

We are pleased to announce the outline for the 6th phase of the Blessing of 400 Million Couples for the substantial and complete settlement of Cheon Il Guk, to be held during the World Culture and Sports Festival 2005. All leaders of each nation should fully understand the following guidelines below and make their utmost effort in preparing.

On May 5, 2004, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind declared Ssang Hab Shib Seung Il. As of this day, the Era Before the Coming of Heaven, which is the era of Satan's dominion, was cleared away to make way for the advent of the era of God's Kingdom centered on true love. This day was an occasion for a great providential transition upon which blessed families can finally make a new beginning as the citizens of God's nation based upon the standard at which Adam and Eve would have been blessed before the Fall centering on the good God as the Lord. On December 26, 2004, True Parents introduced the original standard for the blessing and based upon this standard they held a special blessing for the second generation. In this way, through the blessing, True Parents are restoring the blessing ideal for the original world of creation. In accordance with these great providential changes, we are

at a time of substantially reinstating the circumstances and environment prior to the Fall. At this time, as we develop our blessing activities we should most of all make effort in seeking the original mindset of creation and principle-based methodologies.

Now in the Era After the Coming of Heaven, with a new mindset, FFWPU Korea is seeking to fulfill the blessing ideal in the original world of creation. To this end they have developed a "Blessing paradigm from the viewpoint of the Principle" and are working to contribute to the fulfillment of the internal and external ideal of Cheon Il Guk. This paradigm seeks to realize value and increase the actual influence of the Blessing, thereby establishing a substantial basis for Cheon Il Guk in fulfilling the internal and external ideals of the blessing. Internally, we should not damage the identity of the blessing. Its value should be taught, and realized in our lifestyle. Externally, the blessing should gain substantial influence in the society, nation and world. To this end, we should adopt methods for increasing member participation in faith and for maximizing the contact points for our participation in society. This can be seen as a method of establishing education for faith while creating beautiful, happy marriages at the same time.

During the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2005, among the agen-

das for 2005, a proposal was made and adopted for "realizing the value of the blessing and increasing its influence." In this, FFWPU Korea will systematically guide other nations in enhancing our capacities and in drawing the participation of the other nations in "realizing the value of the blessing and increasing its influence" so that we may fulfill the internal and external ideals of the blessing.

The World Culture and Sports Festival 2005 will be held from the end of July to the beginning of August under the theme, "The World as One Family; the Brotherhood of Humankind" at the gymnastics stadium in the Seoul Olympic Park, the Little Angels Performing Arts Center and other venues, with the participation of representatives and members from 185 nations worldwide.

The central event WCSF 2005 will be the International Marriage Blessing Ceremony. This will be a festival presided over by our True Parents for the internal reconciliation and harmony of the global human community, transcending ideological differences, national borders, and the walls between race and cultures.

The goal for the 6th phase of the International Blessing of 400 Million Couples is to have 3,000 couples made up of single blessing candidates participate in the ceremony. ❖

by Dr. Mose Durst

Numerous recent news articles alert us to the failure of American schools. A large percentage of high school students in California fail to graduate. The dropout rate, a Harvard study reports, for Latino and African-American students in California high schools averages almost 40 percent, with some schools much higher.

For years, we have learned that our students do poorly on proficiency tests at the end of fourth, eighth, and 12th grades. Education historian Diane Ravitch indicates that American students test significantly lower in academic subjects when compared to similar students in other developed nations. The consequences of these facts are costly in social and economic terms.

High school dropouts are more likely than graduates to matriculate into a life of crime, and they are more likely to create broken families and not to advance beyond the basic job skills. Our nation will spend billions of dollars in incarcerating criminals and providing a social safety net for families that are dysfunctional. Responses to these problems are well-intentioned but inadequate.

The Gates Foundation, which has given millions of dollars to establish small schools, might help some students. The cry for academic success: Diligence, per-

Failure to Instill Character Leads to Failure For All

severance, respect, responsibility, honesty, cooperativeness, attentiveness, courage, temperance, self-control and a sense of hope for the future are a few character traits that are the basis for

academic achievement. Educators such as William Damon at Stanford indicate that these character qualities are embedded within young people and they need to be cultivated or developed.

Families, of course, are the primary educators, but schools play a significant role in helping students become people of good character. Character education is not a new technique of the latest educational reform. It always goes on in the

process of educating young people. Its significance is either ignored or emphasized. If ignored, students are handicapped and are less likely to succeed.

Teachers may feel it is the responsibility of families and communities to educate the character of young people. And so it is. However, schools play a central role in the process and they cannot avoid this responsibility, especially if they expect students to perform at higher levels. The failure of students is a failure of our future.

It is a cost that we cannot afford.

Dr. Mose Durst is chairman of the board of The Principled Academy, a nondenominational religious school for preschool through eighth grade in San Leandro. ❖



Harlem Technical Assistance Center

by Daryl M. Clarke

The New York Family Church has prepared a space in our Harlem Community Center to start a Technical Assistance Center. This TAC will provide the New York community with much needed technical support to develop and enhance their ability in computer knowledge and social skills to adequately enter the city's work force in education, civic service or business.

These services are totally free to the community. The TAC's renovation is complete. The high-speed Internet, cable and telephone connections are all installed and operating.

Currently, we have four computers. Brother Kevin Brabazon donated two brand new Dell computers. The other two computers are used. The one donated by the New Yorker Hotel can be used on a minimal level, with no Internet access. The other Compaq computer is running on a Windows 95 system, which is not working well. Rev. Edner Pierre-Louis has donated \$200 cash toward the purchase of a third new computer (preferably a Dell). Rev. Bruce Grodner and I met with the West 120th Street Block Association. They agreed to be a partner with the TA Center, so we have put their name on the brochure.

When opened, the Internet Café will be available. Two Second Generation high school students, Kristoff Heller and James Gomis have volunteered to be responsible to manage the Café after-school. We have purchased a Netgear Wireless Router to connect more than one computer to the Internet. Soon Brother Charles Patterson will come and install a network system that will allow all the computers to view the same programs simultaneously which is excellent for teaching students the same material at the same time.

Dear brothers and sisters we are ready to open this TA Center. To better serve the community we need 2 to 5 more efficient computers (preferably new) in order to operate a top quality class and Internet Café. Therefore, we are humbly requesting that you either "Match" the donation of Brother Kevin Brabazon and Rev. Edner Pierre-Louis or provide a monthly stipend for the two 2nd Generation youth to manage the TA Center. If computers are not your cup of tea then please kindly donate any of these items:

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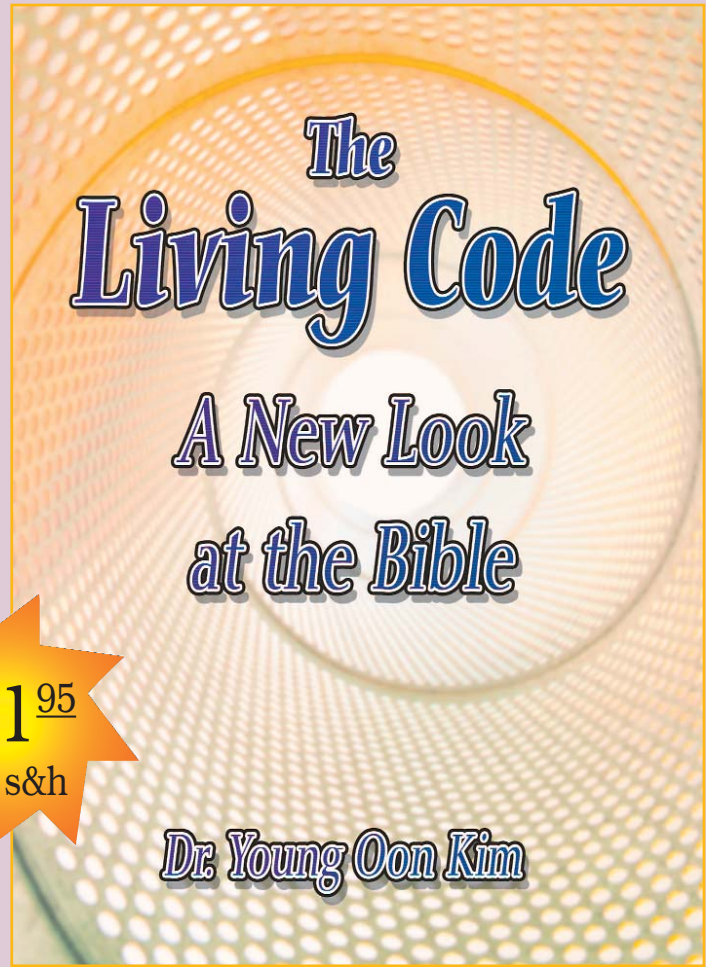
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