

51st Anniversary of the Founding of HSA-UWC

by FFWPU International

On May 1 2005, at Blue Sea Garden, Yeosu, around thirty-four thousand people, which includes Mongolian Federation leaders from around the world, representatives of the nations of the world, participated in a commemorative service for the 51st anniversary of the founding of HSA-UWC, which was held at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu.

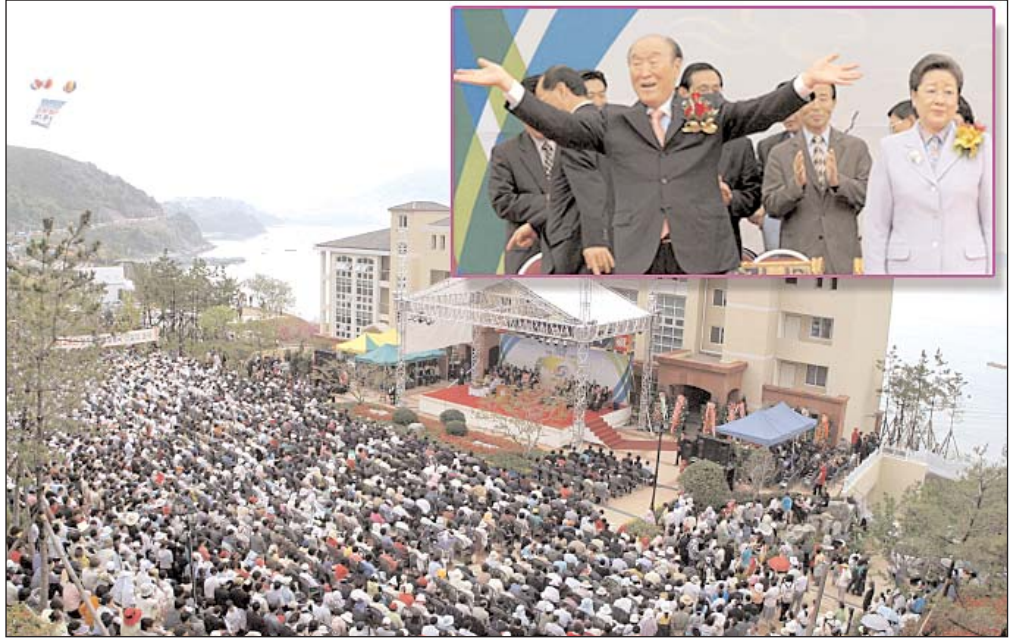
Rev. Song Yeong-seok, the master of ceremonies, prepared all the participants with holy songs which was followed by True Parents, True Family and the VIPs entering the stage. Rev. Hwang Sun-jo offered the prayer and after that the MC introduced all the VIPs on the stage. After this there was an award ceremony lead by Rev. Kwak,

for some leaders who offered 15 years of their life in mission.

Rev. Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan, read father's speech, which was given on March 4, this year at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. After that Mr. Kim Chong-soek, the mayor of the city of Yeosu, gave the congratulatory remarks. A congratulatory song was offered by Mrs. Kim Mi-ran and Mr. Lee Kyu-song which was followed by offering flowers and gift to True Parents.

True Father came to podium joyfully and gave a speech tentatively titled: "Building the Original Ideal Kingship of True Love from Myself to the Cosmos". In part of the speech Father said

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Dedication Ceremony for New FFWPU HQ

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The constructions for the new FFWPU Headquarters Building was completed on the foundation of the fortunes coming from the victories in the era after the coming of heaven and the crowning ceremony of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind as the King of Peace of Cosmic Unity. The dedication ceremony for this new building was held on May 5, 2005 with the attendance of True Parents.

The ceremony for that day began from 9 am on the 8th floor of the new headquarters building. Around 1,000 participants were gathered for the ceremony that day including national messiahs, relatives of True Parents, elder couples, regional directors of the Family Federation in Korea, leaders of providential organizations and core mem-



bers from around the metropolitan area in Seoul, Korea.

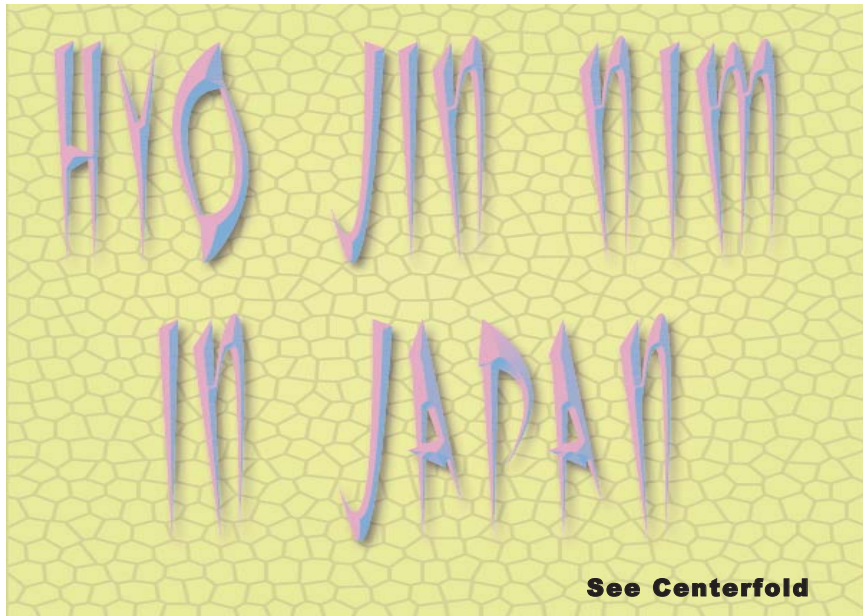
The ceremony was lead by Director Kim Young-jun of the Family Department who was the emcee for the day. A simple tape-cutting ceremony was held on the 1st floor lobby in which True Parents sanctified the building and wrote calligraphy to dedicate the new building. The main ceremony took place on the 8th floor. Rev. Song Yeongseok opened the ceremony with a prayer followed by Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan's report on the details of the building. DR. Kim Minha, president of the central association for Peace Ambassadors in Korea gave the congratulatory address. Kim Mi-ran (soprano) offered a song in congratulation; Lee Gwang-

soo, Lim Jeong-im presented flower bouquets to True Parents. True Father then took the podium and spoke on this occasion of the dedication ceremony. The ceremony ended with a prayer by Rev. Kwak and three cheers of mansei lead by President Kim Bong-tae.

Earlier at the lobby, Father gave a simple prayer before cutting the tape. True Parents presided over the sprinkling of holy salt to sanctify the new building. True Father wrote calligraphy for the new building: "Mansei, for the Kingship of Peace throughout Heaven and Earth." (unofficial translation) and then went up to the 8th floor to participate in the main ceremony.

In his report, Rev. Kwak spoke about the meaning of this day saying, "Today, May 5, the 5th year in Cheon Il Guk, is truly a significant day; it has been four days since we celebrated the 51st anniversary of the founding of our church and it is also the first anniversary

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FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

East Garden, April 11, 2005, Notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins, Simultaneous summary translation by Rev. In Hoi Lee, Edited by Mrs. Louise Strait and Mr. J. Flynn. These notes are taken from a simultaneous translation. Simultaneous translation is done in summary form and depends greatly on the translator's ability to communicate the essence of the message. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future as an "official" publication on Rev. Moon's words. However they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message.

TRUE PARENTS' 45TH HOLY

You will reflect on the past at the moment when you look back on your life. Therefore we must indemnify the entire past. We need the revolution of indemnity to dissolve all the mistakes of the past. God sent the messiah in order to restore everything for God and humanity.

The course we went through in the past should not be seen as a path just for individuals, but as a way that all people must go. The revolution of indemnity will make a circle that will separate all of human history. To make a circle, your left and right hand must come together. Therefore, in Cheon Il Guk, two must become one. If you try to make a circle with one hand and all fingers, it is not symmetrical. Two hands, matched finger to finger, make a sym-

metrical circle. When the right and left come together, the fingers should then interlock so that they can never be separated.

Even I must go through an indemnity course. I cannot blame my fortune or inheritance; I must recreate my fortune centering on God. This is the way to go to the bottom of hell and then rise up.

I've met many theologians. Dr. Richard Rubinstein and Dr. Harvey Cox had many important experiences and offered appreciation for my insight. Harvey Cox wrote an introduction to one of our books, which will open his way in the spirit world. Many of the world's scholars have challenged us, but we responded and returned the challenge. In every case, they changed and came to a better understanding.

Iraq is today's hot spot; it is the area where Adam and Eve were created and lived. Many countries in the Middle East - Iran, Syria and others -- have had a hard time.

Many Americans drink, take drugs and commit immoral sexual acts. To

justify what they have done, they have come up with the ideology of free sex. After drinking or taking drugs, they have allowed their passions to run uncontrolled in any direction. The free

they are not sure who the father is. What about those women who wear earrings in their belly buttons? The woman's organ is like a cave and the man's is like a snake. Some women dress provocatively to seduce men, to seduce the snake to come into the cave. The Bible says - don't eat the fruit.

You should understand that I have gone through so much hardship since I was 16 years old. Adam and Eve fell when they were 16. Satan must be defeated on all levels -- from the individual to the family and to the whole world. Satan knew my identity. Therefore he has been working to destroy me or kill me on every level - individual, family, and so on.

However, there was no accusation with which he could strike me. Because of that, I could live. If I couldn't have the right foundation, I couldn't go to sleep.

The whole world has opposed me. The communist powers tried to do away with me. However, I was never defeated. When people strike me, they find that a mysterious force supports me and I become more powerful as they decline. Michael Jenkins, do white people in America support me? Dr. McGhee,



sex ideology promotes promiscuity and homosexuality. Immoral love can go in any direction; thus we even see incest between a grandfather and his granddaughter. The free sex ideology is Satan's plan to destroy the family

I came to America to reverse this sin and heal this nation. America may be actually worse than Sodom and Gomorrah in this regard. Wife swapping has gone on even among society's elite; if a woman becomes pregnant, sometimes

M A Y 2 0 0 5

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 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)
- 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)

C A L E N D A R

- 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)

J U L Y 2 0 0 5

Ahn Shi Il • 3rd, 11th, 19th, 27th

- 1 Chil Il Jeol: Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (1991)
- Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)
- 2075 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 3 Interreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony (2002)
- 4 Shin Kwang Nim's Birthday (5/28/01)
- Religious Herald Established (1971)
- 13 International Blessing of 400 Million Couples, Fourth Phase (2003)
- Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)
- 16 Shin Ha Nim's Birthday (6/11/98)
- 18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim's Blessing (1973)
- 19 Kook Jin Nim's Birthday (6/14/70)
- 20 Sun Jin Nim's Birthday (6/15/76)
- 24 124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
- National Parents' Day (1994)
- 26 5th Phase of the 400 Million Couple Blessing (2004)
- Youth Federation for World Peace Inauguration (1994)
- 27 Hye Jin Nim's Birthday (1964)

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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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

how about black people? Both have persecuted me. Many are against me, but some understand now.

Yesterday, I shared with Mother. Only Mother really understands what I am doing. Mother knows how much I suffered and that I speak all through the night with heaven without sleep. Dr. Hendricks, do you believe in the spirit world? (Yes, Sir.) Is it a concept, or do you understand and believe? (Understand and believe.)

Dr. Yang, how will we fish today? If you receive the prize today, it will be because of your ancestors and history, not your own effort. Our offering on True Parents Day was not so great. If we always make offerings like that, our church will die. After the crowning ceremony, you must offer everything.

America is based on democracy and has the philosophy of brotherism. Therefore Americans have a hard time understanding the concepts of God as king, and the importance to the nation of filial sons and daughters.

Michael Jenkins, do you understand my teaching? (Algay Sumnida). Do you understand that I am right about this? (Yes). If there is no clear formula, all of you will be lost and separated. You must connect the relationship of everything at every level with God and True Parents.

True love is the realm and standard through which we can relate to God. I am the person that stands between God and all humanity. You represent all the world's 6 billion people. You have authority to challenge them. If you do, you will win every time. Do you understand? (Yes). I am not following behind you. You must go forward yourselves.

I have asked you to return to your hometowns. I have asked you to bless everyone at this time. That is the responsibility of tribal messiahs. If I speak a little bit more, so many secrets would come out. True love is more effective against your enemy than any weapons such as rifles, guns, or rockets. I had to overcome death many times. It has been a historic journey.

When I look at your faces, I can see that 80% of you don't understand what I am saying. And you are humble people. I am so lonely because I know God, and He hasn't spoken anything about His suffering. I know the history of the struggle between God and Satan. I fully understand this history and God's agony. My role has been to reconcile this sad history. Satan should surrender and reconcile with God. Who should be in front? God or Satan? Satan has always been in front. But I reversed the order, bringing Satan to surrender and then putting God in front, in His proper place.

When a grandfather has his 60th birthday party, his children should be ready to inherit their father's role. When someone walks into the room, I can see everything inside. I don't focus on it because I want to leave open a way for them to make an offering.

Mrs. Chung was blessed with Jesus in 1970. Mrs. Chung, you must lead all the Chung family to unite with Heaven. If the Chung family had supported this, it would have helped the restora-

tion move incredibly rapidly. Mrs. Chung came from a very prominent family. Dr. Yang, Michael Jenkins, and all America must understand who you are and support you.

Dae Mo Nim (Hoon Mo Nim), keep going. Don't ever boast. Remain humble. You must bring people.

Lucifer felt that he was the owner and that he should kill God. This must be all washed away. Satan's desire was to destroy and obliterate God totally. God, however, does not desire the death or the destruction of the enemy, but rather his uplifting and restoration.

You should understand that you must love your enemy. This is the most fundamental principle. You may think that the Arab countries are your enemy. However, you must not go down that path. You must love your enemy. Even though Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, General

MacArthur did a good job of restoring and respecting Japan's dignity before fundraising. If you witness to 10,000 people, it will have a huge effect. You need to go to the whole world and



teach all the world's people. Japan is in the Mother's role, and I stand as Father to the world.

The branch king is more than a heavenly ambassador. These people were chosen as the ones who can bring peace to those countries. Michael Jenkins, you are a branch king, right? (Yes.) Do you understand that your role is to bring peace?

Japanese members, please stand up. Japan should witness; you should not rest. You must bring many members. Your mission is still not fulfilled. You should make a new determination and then start. You should give yourselves totally for the salvation of the world. Japan committed many crimes of historical proportion against Korea and the world. You are still indemnifying this history; you must not fail. Within eight months you must witness. The spiritual world will help you. You must still continue your donations. And you should donate with a thankful heart. That's what I've taught you. From April to December, you must find many new members and prepare them to go out to the world. Just have one mind. Through this you can be forgiven for your past, and heavenly bless-



MacArthur did a good job of restoring and respecting Japan's dignity

There is a statue of MacArthur in Incheon. He is standing there to protect Korea and is longing for the day of reunification. If Truman followed MacArthur's suggestions, everything would have been changed in just three months. America didn't have the guts at that time to take on China. America suffered under the attacks of communism because of this failure.

(To Dr. McGhee) - What is your name? (Hildreth Glennel McGhee) I can't remember all of that. I just remember McGhee. You represent all of the black community. I want all to know I welcome you with all of my heart.

Black, white and yellow are coming to love and respect me to the degree that they understand. However, most don't understand.

Now Israel is building a security wall. Dr. Yang is becoming famous there, as well as Michael Jenkins. Dr. Yang's name means "cleaning up the dirty water." Michael Jenkins. Michael means microphone; Jenkins means destroying. You must destroy that wall. How old are you? (52). I feel that you are 32.

(To Rev. Eu) Japan has been raising financial support for the world providence. This was to restore Japan's history. Japan must focus on witnessing; from now on, you may focus on this



ing will come to Japan and to your descendants. I bless you now and believe that you must fulfill your mission.

Dr. Yang, you held a conference in Jordan. It was very important providential work. You are restoring the path of the chosen people crossing the Jordan. You must work with the political and military leaders there to bring peace. The purpose of our trips is to restore the pilgrimage spirit of the world com-

ing to Israel.

Now the communist countries produce all kinds of consumer goods for a cheap price. America can't go back to the days of super-cheap mass labor. America may collapse economically in the face of China's challenge. You must understand China. China is like a snake -- one day this way, another day that way.

You may lose everything you invest in China. America is capable of supporting China to create a market for machine tools and such. This will help America.

If you seek to die, you will live. If you seek to live, you will die! Martin Luther King had the guts to stand up and fight. He was a great leader for Heaven. I made a plan to embrace the black community, which is why I went to Harlem to make a special speech at Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker's church. I love the black community for supporting

me.

There are female and male insects, animals and birds. Nobody can deny that female aspect of the world is absolutely essential. The two aspects of male and female are always present. Why? The pair system of the world is a universal law. The flowers all have plus and minus, male and the female. It is only through this that the female and the male can come together and multiply. God created all things with all of His heart and mind. God wanted to keep all of His flowers in His bosom. The pair system is a universal law. That's why the same-sex pairing doesn't work. Without lineage, they will be gone within one generation.

Would you discard your partner because you don't like each other? What about the children? Would they welcome a new mother?

What about America? Is it an original nation of the Kingdom or a stepchild nation? It can't be an original nation while supporting immoral behavior. America used to belong to the Native Americans. Is it a step nation or an original nation? Do you think Columbus discovered America? That is nonsense. All the original people were from Asia, but they were slaughtered by the Spanish and later European settlers.

America is like a stepchild. Michael Jenkins, where are you from? - (Cheon Il Guk.) Where are your ancestors from? (England, Ireland, Wales and Germany). This is correct. It shows that America doesn't have one ancestral line but is very mixed.

God made women not only for men but first for children. Therefore the entire purpose of creation relates to the female. Do you think God creates all things for His partner or His child? The most important thing is for the child. The man's shape

is convex and the woman's shape is concave --she is created to receive. Even if a woman has a doctorate the most important thing is to have children. Do you think that you need children? This is most essential. The most precious experience of all is to nurse your baby and hold your baby in your arms.

You have to nourish three generations: Your sons and daughters, your

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(unofficial translation):

...If we lose our second generation, there is no way to guarantee the future of humankind. On the other hand, such an education movement cannot be brought about by human theory or volition alone. If we consider history, we can see that heaven, in the background, had been guiding humanity up until this day. God lost Adam and Eve, His very first son and daughter. In the background of human history, God experienced an indescribable path of tears and unfathomable grief. Even while observing the continuous betrayal and repeated mistakes by the central figures of His providence, God has never abandoned humankind, and has been advancing the history of restoration. He began the history of separating evil from Adam's family by setting Cain apart from Abel. Now, on a worldwide level, God is advancing the history for the restoration of His lineage by bringing together and uniting the Cain-type realm that represent the more evil side, with the Abel-type realm representing the more good side of heaven.

... A few days ago, I announced the "Association for Finding Our Original Roots." What is this association? It is a movement that seeks to establish the true love, true life, and true lineage of heaven because therein lies the fundamental root of humankind who have lived as the false olive tree for tens of thousands of years. This movement is a revolution on a providential level through which humankind can be engrafted to the True Parents, who came as the true olive tree, through the blessing marriage, and receive the root of the true olive



tree. In this context, I have assigned a homogenous race characterized by the Mongolian birthmark, which consist of over seventy percent of the world population, as the Cain-type realm, and appointed the "Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace" as the Abel-type realm to explore the path for reconciliation and unification. Consequently, this is a movement for creating a new



heaven and new earth; a movement to re-create humankind, through the blessing marriage by True Parents, into a single race characterized by the Mongolian birthmark, that is into a "realm of the blessed lineage and family."

After Father's speech Rev. Pak No-hee, the new regional leader of Seoul, lead all the participants in making a resolution for the Rally for Education on Attendance and Protecting the Root Ancestors. The following is the unofficial translation of the resolution:

Resolution for the Rally for Education

On this historic 51st anniversary of the foundation of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, we are strongly resolved to inherit the heavenly fortune and the tradition of True Parents, who had Satan naturally give in and overcame all the difficulties in order to attend God on this land and to fulfill God's ideal of creation. We are also committed to fulfill



our responsibility by making 2005 the year when we will create the substantial foundation for Cheon Il Guk.

Hence, we pledge, as follows, to obey the call from True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and to establish ideal families of peace and unification by accomplishing God's ideal of creation from the levels of the individual, to that of the family, tribe, people, nation, world, and cosmos.

One. We pledge to lead a life of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience through attending True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the king and queen of peace.

One. We pledge to acknowledge the settlement of Cheon Il Guk, the kingdom of peace, as our fate and responsibility. We also pledge to complete the Regional Witnessing Program (Tongban Kyokpa) through Hoon-dok family church activity and to fulfill the responsibility as tribal Messiahs.

One. We pledge to cut off all the Satan-related custom, culture and lifestyle in the fallen world and to be the leader in creating a culture of heart by transforming them into culture of true love in order to realize the ideals of Cheon Il Guk. ❖

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husbands and brothers, mothers and sisters and your father and mother. I hope Hoon Mo Nim can nourish the elder generations.

I created exchanged marriages to mix all the races through the blessing. By my authority I exchanged all races and families. If exchange marriages were everywhere, peace would come very easily.

Conclusion: All nations and peoples tried to kick me out, but they could not. Parents kidnapped their sons and daughters because they joined our church. No other church has had such a history. The parents who are clear in their hearts and minds will be able to follow their sons and daughters to heaven. With the proper heavenly bonds, that family cannot be broken. Only as a family can you enter the Kingdom of Heaven. .

I fought and survived to keep the heavenly lineage. You must keep the heavenly lineage. Your children should

be God's children. If they are taken to hell, they should be restored back to heaven again. Your children have to be ready to be intermarried with my family. You should prepare for this. God is hoping that you will understand.

It is easy to marry a person that you like. When I was visiting Japan, many women wanted to propose to me. I didn't fall to this temptation. If I were to record all such things, it would fill a book. Even in America women wanted to marry me at the price of their lives.

Did I do anything wrong in history? The whole world wanted to take my life; everyone wanted to destroy me. But they couldn't. Why? Because I did nothing wrong according to the principle, so there was no condition for Satan to accuse me. I had to love my enemy. I have to love even the Japanese government, who sought to destroy me.

On True Parents Day we had to create a foundation centering on the unbreakable eternal establishment of True Parents. Based on this, all families could be blessed. This could only occur based on True Parents Day. With-

out this, none of you could stand.

I am willing to push America to sacrifice for the sake of Africa. We must understand that this is the world of the messiah. We must make that kind of tradition in the world. Dr. Yang, we must be ready to sacrifice everything to save Israel and the Arab countries. I may ask Michael Jenkins to go to some country and then on that basis America can be protected and understood.

Our people stood in front of the tanks in Russia and supported the course of freedom that President Gorbachev took.

You have to become the owner of this country by going back to your hometown. I will go in front of you. Although you may be ridiculed by the people in your hometown, you must go. You are an ambassador from Heaven. You must assume responsibility at this time.

You must become ambassadors from Heaven. I am determined to do all these things. I am 86 years old. I have had a long life. Now a window has been prepared for America to rise to the next level.

This is the final conclusion. Satan

wanted to kick God out. But this was corrected by True Parents. This country became a stepchild country. Satan must apologize to God. Then you must be the owners and the patriots of that nation. Then you can become the offspring of God. All of Satan's traditions and evil history must be buried. Then you should become the family of the saints in the world. You must receive all that is important for this moment from me. You are supposed to go to the Garden of Eden directly. You must bury Satan at this time. With one family, you can't do it. We must all go over; all blessed couples must go over together. All together, then, we can bring victory. Then Satan will surrender to you. All the Mongolian people are united.

Even if I go to the spirit world today, because of the Coronation Ceremony for the King and Queen of Cosmic Unity and Peace in February, everything has been perfectly completed by True Parents from the perspective of the Principle. ❖

Rally Attending and Protecting the Root Ancestor

FFWPU International

T rue Parents returned to Korea on April 25, 2005, to hold a very important rally as they are offering their lives in leading the providence at this very time. During their stay in America, they celebrated the 46th True Parents' Day at Belvedere and the 45th True Parents' Holy Wedding Anniversary as they had daily hoondokhae at East Garden.

According to True Parents' direction in this very important providential time period, all the Mongolian Federation leaders around the world, leaders and representatives of the nations of the world and all blessed families around Korea were called to participate in a rally and a 4-day education session to attend and protect the root ancestor, the King of Peace. The rally began at 2:00 p.m. on April 27, 2005 at the Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu.

Even though the time for the preparation was very short, everything has been done properly without any problem. Blessed families arrived from all around Korea on a beautiful sunny day to be with

True Parents, the King of Peace and our Root Ancestors.

After some performances by some Korean singers, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo as the master of ceremonies began to prepare everyone with holy songs, which was followed by a prayer from Rev. Song Yoeng-seok, welcoming address by Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, a congratulatory address by Lee Chul-seung, the president of Seoul Peace Prize, offering of flowers by Moon Jeong-su and Kim Myoung-shin, the previous mayor of Busan city, the main address

by True Father and three cheers of mansei lead by Rev. Yu Jeong-ok, the president of FFWPU-Japan

Father said in his speech: "... A false olive tree should be completely cut off at the stump. Even if on branch were remain, it

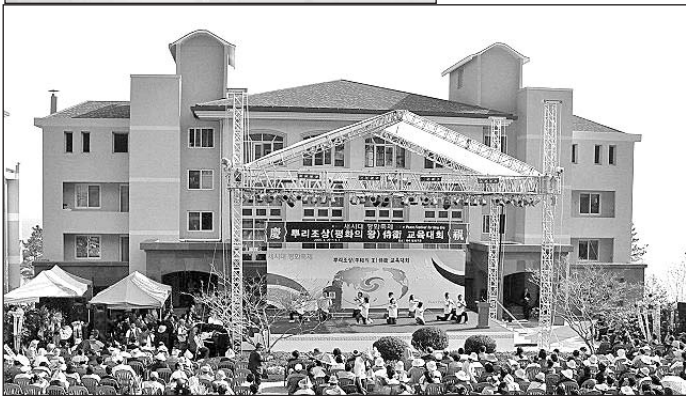
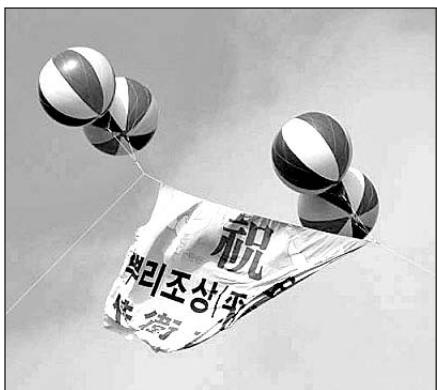
would lose its qualification to be reborn as a true olive tree. In other words, the sprout of the true olive tree must be engrafted only onto a clean base not having a trace of false olive tree. In this way, the fruit of the true olive tree can be harvested.

"Accordingly, the circumstances for you, who have had no choice but to live as false olive trees,

are as plain as can be. Above all, you should first seek the true root. If that is true, where can this root be found? Can it be found through modern science that today continues to develop at a speed beyond our imagination? Or can it be found through extensive readings of philosophy, which is proud of its several thousands of years of tradition and which has developed its ideal until the present? If not, then can it be mastered through the doctrines of the great religions of the world recognized by everyone today? To state simply, the true root can only be found on a level that transcends science, philosophy, religion and the cosmos...."

After Father's speech

there were some performances by CARP members, which were followed by hoondokhae (reading of the messages from the spirit world) by Rev. Yang Chang-shik, the continental director of the North America. ❖



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sary of the proclamation of Ssang Hab Shib Seung II." Rev. Kwak emphasized that "the dedication ceremony for the new FFWPU Headquarters building is a proud accomplishment of our True Parents' endeavors throughout numerous tribulations and adversities they had faced to this day."

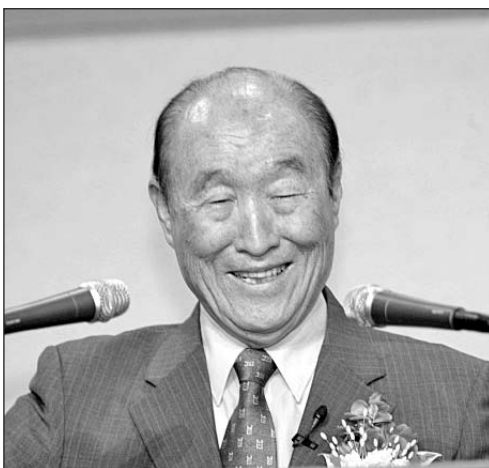
Dr. Kim Min-ha who gave the congratulatory address this day stated, "I am grateful for this opportunity to say a few words in congratulations to the dedication ceremony of the FFWPU Headquarters building." "I truly hope that this building can position itself at the center of the human race and be used for the sake of peace and the future of humankind."

Dr. Kim further expressed his respect to True Parents saying, "The Unification Thought, the true teachings of Rev. Moon based on the family, is the true thought system that shall bring peace to humanity." He ended his address by proclaiming in a strong voice the calligraphy True Father wrote for this building: "Mansei, for the Kingship of Peace throughout Heaven and Earth!"

In his speech True Father reflected on the past providential history and how he had dedicated his entire life

for the sake of liberating God and bringing salvation to humanity through the word. He re-emphasized the importance of Cheon Il Guk, the hoondok organizations and Cheon Seong Gyeong. His speech lasted for about 2 hours and 30 minutes.

The new FFWPU building consists of four floors under ground level and nine floors above ground level. Constructions began from June 2003 and took a little over two years. ❖



ADDRESS TO ACLC CLERGY

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This address was given at East Garden with ACLC key clergy present, on March 28, 2005. Notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins, simultaneous summary translation by Rev. In Hoi Lee and Mrs. Hee Hun Standard. Edited by Mrs. L. Strait and Mr. J. Flynn. These notes are taken from a simultaneous translation. Simultaneous translation is done in summary form and depends greatly on the translator's ability to communicate the essence of the message. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future as an "official" publication on Rev. Moon's words. However they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message.)

Because of the blood lineage we inherited at the fall, we have been cut off from the spirit world. This has been a crucial situation. There are six billion people in the world, and we must help them by restoring the blood lineage back to the lineage of heaven. The establishment of the blessed central families are to be secured through the third generation, or third grandson.

The central system of God is the family system. This can be set up properly when the blood lineage is restored back to God's side. Then the vertical line from God and the horizontal line through the family will be perfectly balanced and in order. Lineage is the most important thing of all.

Through three generations, God's love, God's life and God's lineage can be realized. We have to bring it through the third generation, or the grandson's position. How can Christian leaders understand such a providence? Only through the Divine Principle.

Through the Divine Principle we can understand the significance of the restoration of Cain and Abel. After the fall the lineage changed, and Satan could control everything. How could God reverse this control? Through the restoration of Cain and Abel.

God's love had to be reestablished in a central point for God to be able to restore the family. The restoration course was to set up the conditions to restore Adam's position, restore the bride (Eve), and reestablish the central point for God's love. On the foundation of God's love, reestablished through the restored Adam and Eve, then this can be extended and secured through three generations.

This process must go through eight stages of perfection: individual, family, tribe, society, nation, world, cosmos, and finally oneness with God.

This must be connected with the one blood lineage of heaven. The most fearful enemy is the problem of love, which can lead to the destruction of the blood lineage. Therefore the most important thing for God is the establishment of a true family that is secure and beyond the problem of the misuse of love. The essential condition to establish such a family is the blessing of marriage.

The destruction of love comes through free sex and homosexuality. This must be addressed with love and restored

back to the original standard. The American Christian leaders didn't clearly understand that and therefore they couldn't reverse this trend.

Adam's children couldn't be considered as God's children or of His lineage. His grandchildren of the third generation couldn't be considered God's lineage.

Therefore the most serious thing to be accomplished is the establishment of Heaven's lineage and the restoration of the fall through three generations, through the grandson of the third generation. Ultimately this must be expanded through the eight stages. The basis of this is the individual, family, tribe, society, nation, world, cosmos and God. We must go beyond the fifth realm to become saints. We must go through eight levels to become holy sons and daughters who are one with God. At least we must go through a minimum of five levels in our own course. If we go through eight levels, we reach the complete perfection and restoration. There is no one who would be qualified to go to the Kingdom of Heaven without going through these levels.

After we go through these levels, we can truly celebrate the Kingdom of Heaven. You are the clergy, and you should be leading your church members correctly. When you humble yourselves and connect with God's son through true love, true life and true lineage, then finally we can establish the ideal world; the old world will fade away. This is the realm in which there is no relationship with Satan. There will be God's nation, which will have nothing to do with Satan. Without God's complete restoration course, there would be no way for His kingdom to be built. We



have to think about how miserable God is in this position.

We must have a Peace Kingdom in which God and all humanity can live in true love forever. This also will realize the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven. Through this all the creation will be perfected. No matter how powerful America may be, it doesn't have the power to create the Kingdom of God. When you know this, how can you clergymen rest? You can now establish the proper order of true love, true life, and true lineage. Your denomination has still not reached that kind of level. You must bring your congregation to that level. No matter what kind of wonderful world we want to build on earth, if we still have any link to Satan, it will not be accomplished.

I have invested 34 years of my life in America. America has not really respond-

ed yet. Now is the time for America to respond. Archbishop Stallings, you may think that you have dedicated everything, and yet your church did not go over that level. Christians didn't know the true value of each individual and family. Instead individualism came about, and the churches divided. Because of this condition of division, God has truly been miserable. Americans have



been very proud of themselves and have been very human-centered. Are you clergy serious about this?

For thousands of years God has been suffering in immense pain. Some of you think that the missionaries should be standing in the back and I should be standing in the front. In heaven the situation is different. The missionaries and those on the front line are in the front and standing with God. We must make the preparation to go to the Kingdom of Heaven and really go into the realm of God's Heart.

You cannot be comfortable and save this nation. You must not only sacrifice your church, but you must also participate in the sacrifice of this nation. Dr. Yang, you must be serious every day to go one step forward. Some are just interested in reporting, but we must go one step forward every day.

Now is the time for me to focus on the Fatherland. If you look at Korea, Japan, and America, there are no true owners of these nations.

What language should I speak? English or Korean? You must understand how much I went through with language. (Dr. McGhee: Father, we love you no matter what language you speak.)

Within three to five years there can be the world of peace.

You must really understand me and help me to do the things that God wants to do for America and the world to bring the Peace Kingdom. To bring this world into the Peace Kingdom, we must really follow God and the people God has chosen to be in the center.

Is it "Hudson" River or "Hard Son" River? People here are somewhat challenging, so maybe it should be called the Hard Son River. No matter if there is rain or snow, we must go out. Let's see if anyone here is working harder than me. I always want to be on the front line. However now is the time when you should be taking the front line and making me follow you. Who will go fishing today? The fishing industry could completely solve the hunger problem of the world. There are so many

different kinds of animals and fish, there would be no need for hunger. Why can't you hunt or fish? We should teach all those people who are suffering. We have to help all people at this time to bring everyone to work. We can hunt if necessary. We can fish if necessary.

Where should I be laid to rest? In America? In Korea? How about Jesus? Jesus doesn't even have a tomb for his commemoration. If Jesus had a tomb, it would be honored, and Jesus would be very happy.

You must sincerely pray for True Parents night and day. If you don't pray with sympathy and understanding, you will not be close in heart. You must be really centered on Cheon Seung Gyeong.

How many nations have nuclear power now? If there is a nuclear war, it could destroy the whole world. We must overcome all of this with true love. Nuclear arms must be buried and then destroyed. They should be buried so deeply that this world will not be affected. The tsunami wiped out hundreds of thousands. The members of our movement will be protected. You must understand this now.

You must read Dr. Sang Hun Lee, and understand the spirit world. You must be clear that True Parents offered four children.

Archbishop Stallings, you cannot save people yourself because you are not the True Parent. You have met the True Parents and through them you will be able to save the people. Archbishop, you should not be thinking about living a comfortable life. You must really sacrifice. What do you think would happen if I gave up on you? You say you are proud of your children, but you should be thinking only of how to give the blessing to three generations. All of us must establish this foundation up to three generations.

Who made the boundaries of this world? Satan made them. Satan is so far away from the ideal standard. That is the phenomenon you see in America right now, the idea of individualism and boundaries. You must be true owners. You must be connected to God's idea. We have not been able to make the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. We cannot think about owning land or just about our well being. Who made the concept of ownership that is self-centered? Satan made it.

There are so many boundaries and borderlines! These must be melted away. Boundaries made by false owners. Everywhere there are different owners. How can we destroy all of these boundaries? Satan has been against the ideal world. Satan has been doing all this through divisions and separations. We must work to make one world that is completely without divisions and boundaries.

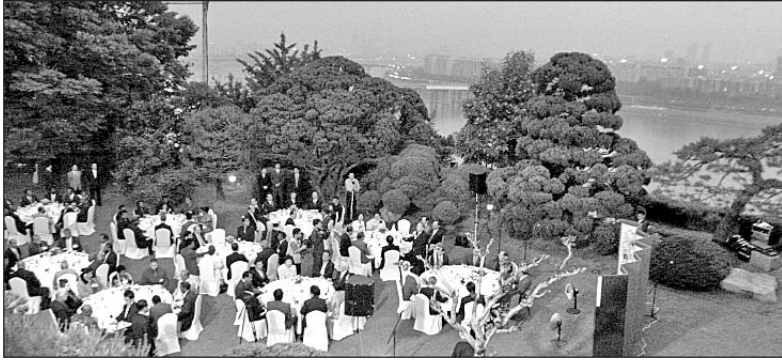
There should be no respect of any racial boundaries. America is such a huge land with so many boundaries. How about the American Indians? They are Orientals. They were pushed out, expelled, and killed. This must be corrected. You will one day see that 70 percent of the world is connected to the Mongolian line. If we don't do this work, white people may find themselves pushed out. I am working to prevent further conflict and divisions on racial lines

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Hannam-dong Welcomes Leaders from Oceania & Korea

On May 22, 2005, a morning hoondokhae session was held at Hannam-dong official residence with some 120 core members from the west Seoul region. Mrs. Wonju McDevitt began reading from page 182, section 2, Chapter 1 of Book 2 "True Parents" in Cheonseonggyeong. After hoondokhae Rev. Kwak gave a report on the 55 leaders including parliamentarians from 11 nations in the Oceania region. These leaders were participating in a seminar in Korea and each of them were deeply inspired by True Parents work and have testified that they now see True Parents in a new light. Father had already emphasized from before that the age of Asia and the Pacific region was dawning and that if the nations within that area cooperate with one another, they would be able to exhibit tremendous influence and power.

Following this there was a report by Professor Son Dae-oh who just came back from China. He briefly explained that providence in China was rapidly progressing centering on True Par-

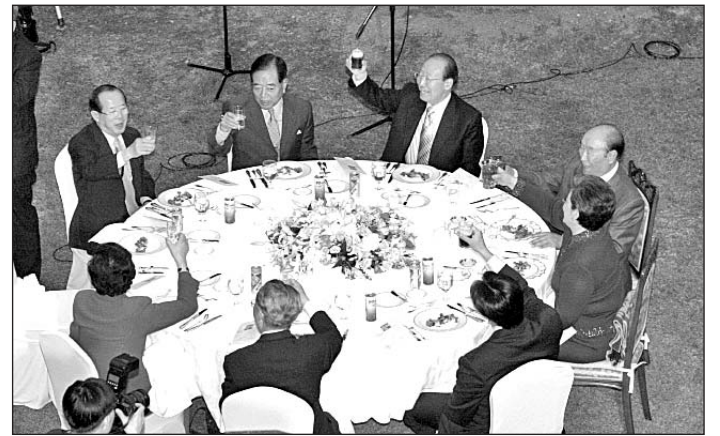


ents' philosophy and that the leaders were doing their best to get substantial results during True Parents' lifetime.

A garden party was held at Hannam-dong official residence for invited leaders from Korea and the Oceania region on the same day (May 22 at 5 p.m.) A total of 80 dignitaries were gathered that evening including the 55 leaders from Oceania. Among the 20 Korean leaders included Lee Cheol-seung, Director of the Seoul Peace Prize Cultural Foundation. Rev. Dr. Peter Kim was the emcee for the first part of the program which was followed by the banquet.

The first part of the program began with a prayer by Mr. Kamilotege, a peace cooperator, from the Guadalcanal area of the Solomon Islands. This was followed by some brief remarks from Rev.

Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan, chairman of the IIFWP. The emcee then introduced the dignitaries gathered that day followed by a welcoming remark by Kim Yoon-deok, former minister of Korea. Salvadore Iriate from Micronesia, Augustine Taneko, minister of Solomon Island, and Lord Mayor Joseph



Aron shared their reflections of the seminar. Two representatives offered True Parents a bouquet. Father then spoke to the guests and True Parents sang a song. Wonju McDevitt then read the messages from the communist leaders in the spirit world. The first part of the program ended with a prayer by Rev. Kwak.

Father gave his speech from a written script that day and continued to speak for another 30 minutes. He emphasized to the participants that they should create families to which God can come and be pleased with. He spoke about the many

questions that arise after reading all 66 books in the volume and that none of the saints and sages could answer those fundamental questions in the Bible. Only God had the answers and Father had finally revealed the fundamental truth which was "God and humankind are in a parent-child relationship." Consecutive interpretation was done by Rev. Peter Kim.

During the singing session participants were inspired and began to stand up, clapping their hands to the beat.

With the end of the first part of the program, participants went out to the garden for a party which commenced with a toast by Chairman Lee Cheol-seung. ❖

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God doesn't want to see racial boundaries and fighting along racial lines. God wants us to unite all people together. God hates boundaries. No boundaries! There should be no more boundaries. The question is how we can build a peaceful world. The time has come for us to eliminate boundaries.

You are famous clergymen. I don't want to take anything; I want to give. Also, from God's perspective God doesn't want anything from this world. Bishop Stallings, you shouldn't be proud of your two sons. You should be thinking of God and the salvation of the world. Four of my children were sacrificed for the will of heaven. You must really realize the sacrifices that were made to bring this kingdom.

I wanted to bring that kind of result. Behind me, I had to go through tremendous persecution from Christians, Jews, and everyone else. I had to go over it by truly loving them. Along the way there were unspeakable sacrifices that had to be made. Many of you don't really want to praise me. Some of you here are just looking to use me and see what you can get from me. Many of you don't want to go through the eight stages. There is a big opposition, but we must understand how to overcome it. The reason there is persecution is because people are holding on to their boundaries and want to protect their own boundaries and habitual lifestyle at this time.

We must reverse the direction. We must turn this situation upside down. Do you want it to be upside down? To make it go upside down, do you want to be in low gear or high gear? If I try not to turn this upside down, I would not have received much persecution. We should now go the correct way. If we aren't in high gear turning every-

thing upside down, then we can never bring this world into the right way. You may say, I don't like everything upside down. You may spit at it. If you do, you will decline.

Now I am changing my gear. You may not like it, but if you don't follow and deny yourself -- pick up your cross and follow -- you will go back into the evil way. We must be separated from this evil world. We have been going the wrong way of false love, false life, and false lineage. Due to the fall, everything went the wrong way. That's why the way we must go is repentance and total denial of this world. Bishop Stallings, you took down the cross. That is the correct understanding. You have two sons but you should realize they are not only your sons but they are God's sons. You shouldn't just be proud of them. That is not God's idea. You should think they are God's historic sons for the whole world. People fear me and would like to expel me from this world because that is always Satan's strategy. Satan is always creating boundaries and trying to keep the people separated from God.

American clergymen are participating here and therefore I am giving you this historic message. You should understand God's strategy. You have to change your existing clothes and be willing to be naked and start over. All the clothes you have been wearing are clothes from the old era. Whatever clothes of the old era there were, they should be taken off; we should stand clean and even symbolically naked in front of God. Nothing to hide us, nothing to cover us. We should stand pure and beautiful before God. I asked all couples to sleep naked, love each other, and approach each other with a beautiful heart continuing through old age. This is beautiful and pure before God. You should have this kind of heart and love. Every night you must be naked as you sleep

and really embrace your spouse with God's heart and love.

There should be no shadows anywhere. There must be no deviation from God's light and love. If you have no sin or deviation from the perfect vertical stance before God, then you will cast no shadow under the light of God's love.

There have never been such couples in history. Now is the time for the revealing and the realization of such an ideal. Finally one couple has now appeared. God is now revealing this kind of truth, which is now unified by true love.

Now the end of the time of evil has come. The whistle has been used in a bad way in the past to attract the opposite sex. Now with true love the whistle can be beautiful before God. With that kind of love, God now wants to dance with his children with no boundaries.

I'm asking you whether you couples are naked. If you are warm and caressing and loving to each other, then you won't be able to fight. All of you ACLC clergy, when you go back, you shouldn't even wear underwear!!!! This has been God's hidden message until now!!! I want you to have an ideal relationship from today. How can you fight? How can you divorce or do anything foolish to destroy your true love? You don't need to pray for this or that to be done; you must only report and offer everything to God.

You should not forget what I have said today; please do not forget about our meeting today here. You must understand the value of your partner. You must understand the real value of your spouse.

All Koreans must go back to their hometowns. I will send back immediately any Korean leader who doesn't have the right direction and tradition. You American leaders must take responsibility. You must be responsible for America.

If Rev. Jenkins spoke fluent Korean and prayed like that in Korea, Korea would change upside down.

We have to live that kind of life on earth. Do you love your wife? My push for exchange marriage is the greatest revolution in human history, the crossing of boundaries.

You can change the speed through the use of gears. (Bishop Stallings - Father is the only one that proclaims the unity and oneness of all races with exchange marriage. No one, not one, ever proclaimed this to humanity and lived.)

I have asked top Ambassadors for Peace from seven nations to come to America to hear six days of the Divine Principle. This is crucial for the providence. I have done this in Japan and Korea. After they were educated, I had them become "partners" through a sisterhood type ceremony. I am pushing this kind of wind so that it will blow throughout the world until it becomes strong enough to change the United Nations. Think what can happen! I will speak to these guests on April 13.

Because many immigrants came to America with many sad, conflicting histories, it is not easy for them to unite here in America. They remember all the conflicts in their histories, and they feel fear, jealousy, resentment and all kinds of things. Satan uses all this to divide races and divide America. We are the ones that must remove the fear and melt down these barriers with the blessing and true love. Do you understand?

This is the crucial thing - that you must establish as an exemplary family. You must become a model of love for all races and peoples and pass this on to your children and grandchildren. This is crucial. This is the way to go. Please follow this path. This is critical for us at this time. The theme of exchange marriage is most crucial. ❖

Conferment of Cheon Seong Gyeong and Hoondokhae Launch Ceremony

At the Central Training Center, Saturday, March 26, 2005 at 10 am, flowers bloomed on a clear day in Sutaekri for a special event marking the Conferment of Cheon Seong Gyeong and Hoondokhae Launch Ceremony.

Blessed families from Seoul and the surrounding area who aspired to be organizers for Hoondokhae gathered this day, completely packing the main hall. A large-screen video was installed in the smaller halls on the second floor for other blessed families.

At 10 am, Rev. Song Yeung-suk, head manager of the blessed family department, began the ceremony for that day. Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan (representing True Parents) took the stage and Rev. Pak No-hi (President, Seoul branch, Association of Ideal Families for Cosmic Peace and Unity) gave the opening prayer. Han Soon-shil and Kang Dong-gu presented a flower bouquet to Rev. Kwak.



Rev. Kwak said: "The conferment of Cheon Seong Gyeong is in effect conveying True Parents' heart; we are receiving this gift so that anybody, without discrimination, can partake in Hoondokhae. This was a condition stating that we will carry out True Parents' will. It gave me a sense of mission in maximizing our practices in our daily lives and in sharing true love and happiness."

Rev. Kwak's special lecture ended at 11:15. Following this there was a report by Yoon Jeong-ro (President, IIFWP Korea) on the International Leaders Workshop in USA and Japan. After lunch, activity reports were given from 1:35 by Jeong Dong-won (President, Incheon Gyeyang-gu branch) and Han Seok-su (Presi-

dent, Gwesangun branch). Son Byeong-ho (Secretary General, Peace Cup) also explained about the Peace Cup Soccer Tournament that is to begin from July 15.

Rev. Kwak (FFWPU International President) began his afternoon lecture from 2:45. His presentation emphasized that the success of small group hoondokhae can become our magic wand. Small group activities should lead to and bear fruit in education on the Divine Principle, witnessing and blessing activities. He emphasized that we should create intimate relationships with the people we meet to expand our tribal messiah activities; work on diverse ways of education for each level of society to connect Hoondokhae to the levels of town, village and neighbor-

hood. He reiterated that we should march forward in alignment with God's will.

The events that day ended at 4 pm with Rev. Kwak's prayer and three cheers of mansei by Rev. Kim Chang-geun. Entering in a new age of the providence, the local system in Korea has changed --church leaders will be presidents of the Ideal Family Federation of Cosmic Peace and Unity. ❖



Teaching and Learning in Jerusalem

by Kate Tsubata

Home-schoolers from Maryland, Virginia, California, Ohio and North Carolina were part of an educational and humanitarian exchange program with the municipality of Jerusalem in February.

The Jerusalem-United States Multicultural Project, or JUMP, was a joint project between WAIT (Washington AIDS International Teens); Service for Peace; and Jerusalem's youth division, including its Multicultural Dance Troupe.

Of the 21 youth participants, more

than half were home-schooled. The trip was both a working trip and an educational one. The group was trained before leaving in the HIV/AIDS information and performing-arts techniques of the WAIT team in order to perform throughout Israel. Also, participants studied Israel itself: the people, the history and the nation's situation.

Because the U.S. group was partnering with the Multicultural Dance Troupe, languages became important for us to learn. Hebrew, Arabic and English are official languages in Israel, and there are 1 million recent Russian immigrants and

several hundred thousand immigrants from Ethiopia, Morocco and other nations around the globe. The children picked up key phrases in Hebrew and Arabic and taught a lot of English, as well.

During the trip, we were able to visit many of the natural and historical wonders of the region. We visited the ultra-salty Dead Sea, a half-mile lower than sea level, and the refreshing Ein Gedi springs, which are right next door.

We toured the tunnels under the Muslim quarter of Jerusalem that reveal the covered sections of the Western Wall of the temple, and we learned about the ways various religions and populations transformed the architecture and infrastructure of the city.

You can't be in Jerusalem without learning about the faiths of the world. This comes not just in the historic buildings and sites clustered so tightly that they sometimes are on top of one another. It's in the clothes people wear, the foods they eat, the shops that are open at different times, and the passages and expectations of their lives.

We say America has freedom of religious expression, and yet that often becomes a sort of dilution of all faiths. In Jerusalem, all faiths are expressed like a spicy stew filled with diverse ingredients that maintain their individual expression but exist in awareness and closeness to one another.

Many of the students kept photographic, video or written records of the things they experienced and learned throughout the trip as part of a study project. One young man created a photo record, taking about 8,000 pictures, from which he chose several hundred and created a written narrative.

One girl took video and interviewed participants along the way. Another focused on learning the dance moves and choreography of the Multicultural Dance Troupe. The boys from the United States learned capoeira, a martial-arts dance form. In turn, they taught break dancing to the

Israeli boys.

We also met with city and national leadership, visiting city hall and the Knesset, the legislative body of the country. We were addressed by leaders in medicine, education and community outreach. We were welcomed to a Bedouin community, a settlement of the formerly nomadic peoples, and shared a traditional meal, even learning to eat with our hands.

We met students from the Druze populations of the northern section of the country and joined in some of the traditional dances, the Debkas. We performed for, and worked closely with, people of nearly every population throughout the country.

The group learned that Israel is much richer — and much more challenged — than is indicated by the simplistic news reports of bus bombings and military actions. The children our group worked with may have been Palestinian, native-born Israeli, Russian immigrants or Ethiopian immigrants, but to the U.S. visitors, they became Davna or Mahmoud or Lara, each with a personality, a sense of humor and cool moves.

A trip like this teaches much more than the geography and history of a country. It also imbues students with a sense of the traditions, daily life and family structures. Also, to have an opportunity to teach and to serve in the other nation is extremely valuable because so much more is learned when we teach.

Educating youth to be citizens of the world helps create different futures for our nations. Projects like this are valuable not only for the people who participate, but also for their families and for the process of international communication.

Textbook learning can't begin to rival experiencing a country and culture firsthand. We home-schoolers can take advantage of unusual opportunities and pass on our discoveries to others at home. ❖



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Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

We arrived on March 30th in Amman, Jordan. We were welcomed by Jordanian Senators and key religious leaders. Our conference, The Role of Jordan: Realizing Enduring Peace in the Middle East was covered by Jordanian TV and Newspapers.

It was beautiful. Our IIFWP representative Fosayo and the Middle East Office under Rev. Ji did an outstanding job. Our speakers were key figures from America and Jordan who have been working on Peace. The Prince of Jordan came. It was a beautiful experience. Jordan is unique as a Muslim country and strong ally of the U.S. There was great interest generated by our visit. Imam Haitham Bundakji played a key role. He shares with his brother, the President of a major Arab Bank a home in Jordan. He was able to invite many key Jordanian figures. We had a testimonial night at his home - which was very moving.

The delegation of 72 Ambassadors for Peace then went to Mt. Nebo on the third day. We stood where Moses stood when he looked over the promised land but could not go in. A moving service was held in which Bishop Stallings read the scriptures from Deuteronomy and Numbers that explained that because Moses struck the rock twice he could not enter the promised land. We believe that in the era of the Peace Kingdom that all is being forgiven and restored. Dr. Yang, Rev. Ji, Fosayo and I could go to the Holy Ground in Jordan near Mt. Nebo that Father Moon created 40 years ago.

Moses went with us across the Jordan this time. We sang "Joshua fought the Battle of Jericho" at the ruins of Jericho after we crossed the border. Then we entered the City of Peace - Jerusalem. Our first stop was to pray at the Garden of Gethsemane. At the tree in the middle of the Garden is our holy ground in which 40 years ago Father Moon drove three nails into the tree - one for Judaism, one for Islam and one for Christianity. He prayed that the three Abrahamic faiths would become one. We prayed at that spot in the Garden, remembering Jesus agony and yet rejoicing that having received his Crown in Jerusalem he is now exalted and liberated.

The next day we had an all day conference with Sheikh Tamimi, Conference for Interreligious Dialogue. It was officially endorsed by his excellency President Mahmoud Abbas. 50 Sheikhs attended. All the key Islamic Sheikhs from each district of the West Bank came. We shared presentations from our delegates and the delegates under Sheikh Tamimi. We promoted non violent understanding of resolving the conflict in the Holy Land and the importance of the religious leaders taking a central role in peace making.

Rev. Walter Fauntroy,

noted Civil Rights leader and former member of the U.S. Congress for 20 years did an excellent presentation on Non violence and the way that it was applied to break the yoke of discrimination in America. The Sheikhs were very uplifted. It was an historic moment. We then marched together to the separation wall. Our message is that we are in the era in which we must eliminate boundaries. Therefore our position is that the wall will not support the path to peace. We call for the removal of the wall through dialogue, understanding and mutual agreement. We fully realize that we must dissolve the hatred in the hearts of the people and get to the root causes for the con-



flict. Only when the enemies are reconciled through love and real relationship. We are witnessing tremendous response from Jewish people of faith and principle and Muslim and Christian people of faith and principle. Based on their efforts eventually the walls will be eliminated.

Only through love and absolute commitment to non violent serving, loving and sacrificing for our brothers and sisters can the pains of history be wiped away. There is hope in the Holy Land.



MEPI Conference

As always the spirit of the Holy Land is deeply moving. Participants of our IIFWP / Middle East Peace Initiative Conference entitled, "Innovative Approaches to Lasting Peace and Stability in the Middle East," is composed of delegates from Korea, and China and the former WWII enemies America, Germany, Italy, France, England and Japan. It is amazing to see the level of the Ambassadors for Peace that have come from these and a number of other European nations.

Many members of Parliament, journalists and key decisionmakers have joined us for this journey for peace.

Mr. Hod Ben Zvi, the secretary general of IIFWP in Israel welcomed us on the first evening. Father Hatoum offered prayer and Sheikh Ali Birani and Sheikh Samik Natur offered words of encouragement praising the consistency of the delegations coming to the Holy Land. Mrs. Glaubach offered a special candlelighting and moment of silence for all that lost their lives for this memorial day in Israel. She expanded it to all those from all faiths that lost their lives in conflict. It was beautiful we all stood for a moment of prayer and remembrance.

Father Moon's vision is real. Dr. Walsh as Secretary general is chairing this historic conference. Rev. Song from Europe gave the welcoming address. He encouraged us all to truly find the path to peace by understanding God and loving each other.

The next morning began with Dr. Glaubach giving a briefing on the situation in the Middle East as well as the impact of the different journeys to the Holy Land. His testimony was quite deep. "I have lived in Jerusalem for 45 years and still the city fascinates me, you can never discover all its secrets. Just think you are standing on the ground upon which Jesus walked, Abraham came and Isaiah prophesied. This is the most historic place and all

the Abrahamic faiths are spiritually tied here." He went on, "I want to tell you sincerely as a dedicated and loyal Jew, I am so moved in my heart that Rev. Moon would ask us to remember this time of Memorial and the founding of Israel. I want to say that only Rev. Moon can do the work that is really necessary to bring us all together and

to heal the divisions of humanity. He is the one that is doing it. He is achieving amazing changes here in the Holy Land. You may not see it but one who has observed these Religious leaders and international delegations coming to Israel over and over. This is the 14th time. It is amazing. I see it clearly that each journey and group brings a change. It is changing

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the atmosphere, slowly but surely, its the continuity and the consistency. It is the spirit of this effort. There has been a long history of movements that have come to Jerusalem and changed history, but this is the movement that is really working to change Jerusalem for Peace. Rev. Moon is the True Parent!"

MEPI has conducted 30 events, conferences and special events and briefings since February 2003. It has been a continuous development. Since the first Pilgrimage of America through the MEPI Fact Finding tours 14 "Journeys" to the Holy Land have been conducted. Always the participants are religiously diverse. Some of the key Imams from Europe and the United States on this journey.

Interestingly about 40 journalists have joined this effort. Articles are going forth across the world. The foundation of Ambassadors for Peace from Israel, Palestine and the nations of the world come together and a feeling of hope and change permeates the atmosphere.

Next Day, we conducted our opening plenary. Dr. Walsh gave a clear and deeply insightful briefing on our core philosophy which has two main pillars of our philosophy, they are 1) Living for the sake of others. Loving your enemies and sacrificing for others. 2) Reconciliation is the key to achieving peace. We must reconcile and resolve our differences and live together with love and respect for one another.

Dr. Yang's Keynote address was a key foundational message. It laid out the fundamental work of MEPI and that that work centers on bringing the people of faith together. Archbishop Stallings commented, "This is profoundly deep message. It gives the foundation for everything we are doing." Commenting on the presentation was Dr. Mohsen Mouelhi, the Mufti of the Conference of Sufi Jerahi in Italy. Sheikh Mouelhi's message was strong and clear, what we have heard from the conflict in the Middle East distorts the perception of what religion is about. Islam is a religion founded on the Koran and guided by the Words of Allah. It is a religion of profound depth and spirituality that guides all to truly love and serve God. What we are doing here gives a correct understanding of the role and value of religion. Religion when properly practiced will bring peace. Islam, Christianity and Judaism are all founded on God's Word and when practiced correctly causes us to live in harmony together. Mr. Larry Moffit, Executive Director of the World Media Association gave

very clear insight that encouraged all the journalists to see that they were on the cutting edge of a most powerful breaking story. That is that religious leaders will make the way for peace in Jerusalem. It is happening right before our eyes.

The next session was an overview of IIFWP Vision and the work of MEPI. A key Knesset member came and addressed the body. He is an arab member of the

Knesset and quite capable and clear in his leadership. He is a person that sees the value of the IIFWP and really encouraged us to continue. He shared that he has spoken on the Knesset floor many times that weapons, force and walls will not bring the atmosphere of trust and understanding. Only through mutual respect and dialogue can this be achieved.

More reports will follow. We are seeing the way of Peace continue to develop on every level. A delegation went to Al Aqsa Mosque today and were well received. It is quite something to see Imam Bundakji, Imam Jodeh and other Muslim Ambassadors for Peace so diligently pursuing the work of peace. They have understood the vision of Father Moon that the one God of all mankind is calling us to come together now as people of conscience and work to bring harmony and cooperation among the



religious people and people of conscience who have strong moral principles. This is the real battle we are fighting, not against enemies or powers but rather fighting to bring God's people together. When Joshua did this at Jericho - we know what happened - the wall came tumbling down. That is why Dr. Glaubach and so many other Ambassadors for Peace from the Holy Land and from around the world get an overwhelming sense of confidence that as the people of faith come together the things that are not of God will diminish and yield to a New Jerusalem. A holy city that is prophesied in scripture. The one that Rabbi Broadman always talks about in which the day will come when many nations will come to Jerusalem and all will be called God's people. The day that is realized upon the return of the Messiah.

At the session on IIFWP and Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), Mrs. Karen Smith, director of the UN office for IIFWP, gave a significant overview presentation on the work and the underlying values

and principles behind IIFWP, presenting aspects of faith and the centrality of the family in a fresh and creative way. Showing how our value systems must be strengthened in the family, she explained that those values must extend to bringing good governance to our communities, nations, and the United Nations. She presented realistic and concrete steps that have been taken in that direction by the



IIFWP, as well as the significance of the vision and contributions of Rev. and Mrs. Moon.

The professors, scholars, and religious leaders in the audience are looking for a more in-depth understanding at this time. Many of them have become Ambassadors for Peace (AFP) over the last couple of years; through Karen's presentation they could see the vision of IIFWP to truly create a culture of peace not simply in theory but in reality. Now they can realize that the AFP that have been participating with IIFWP throughout the world are the very ambassadors who will make this vision real. Her presentation helped the AFP deepen their confidence in the ongoing worldwide development of peace councils composed of all nations, races, and religions -- of people who are practicing reconciliation and building a culture of peace.

In an overview I presented of the MEPI, I described a pattern of growth and development through the 30 IIFWP events, conferences and pilgrimages. Starting in May 2003 the first group of religious leaders came to the Holy Land with a heart of reconciliation under Father Moon's guidance. They were asked to repent as Christians for the history of anti-Semitism and to end the era of the cross, proclaiming the time has come to embrace one another. (One of the participants, Dr. Zamoran, head of the Robert Schumann Center for Dialogue in Luxembourg, said that this trend of repentance is a fundamental pattern that is now being seen throughout the world.) Well received by Jewish and Muslim leaders, this very first journey opened the door for the Jerusalem Declaration, which was an incredible step forward.

The most interesting thing about the MEPI is that it's simply based on various journeys by approximately 10,000 religious leaders, members of Parliament, NGO leaders and professionals throughout the world who came over the last two years. We have heard many from Israel testify that these continuous journeys to the Holy Land are truly bringing an atmospheric change in people's feeling. What was deemed impossible before is now being seen as possible.

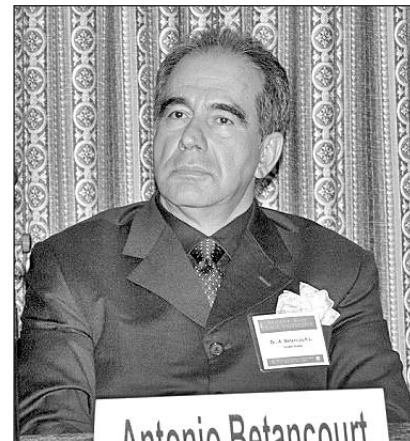
Over lunch Father Hatoum summed up the MEPI work in his gratitude for IIFWP and for Father Moon.

He said, "Without this stimulus from outside we would never be able to truly achieve peace, but now I can see peace like a light that is coming over the hill. Peace is coming to the Middle East and we can see it's because Father Moon has been guided by God to push us to seek peace, to not allow us to rest or hesitate. All parties - Jewish, Muslim and Christian - are feeling the desire to seek peace actively. The key to Father Moon's teaching is very simple - we don't talk about peace; we do the peace."

At the Seven Arches hotel we could enjoy a beautiful luncheon with our participants. From this vantage point on the Mount of Olives you can see the old city of Jerusalem, gazing at the Eastern Wall and the Golden Gate that one day is to open when the messiah returns. The Dome of the Rock shines almost like a golden diamond in the center of the Old City.

Several people asked to give testimony. Mr. Rony Wuulf Smolar has been a journalist for many years and has covered the Middle East quite extensively. In the work of IIFWP he saw one of the components that was most needed - that is, the kind of supportive encouragement needed from beyond the Israelis and Palestinians. "Encouragement and enlightened support is now coming and therefore I can see the peace process moving forward. I'm deeply happy to see this."

Mrs. Neilson, wife of Cong. Neilson, shared about how she had lived on kibbutzes many years ago and saw with her own eyes that there was no problem for the Jews and Arabs to live together, heart to heart, people to people. She



said, I saw Arabs freely come and work together with us, and we would freely go and help them in their village. My former husband was a dentist and we were welcomed everywhere. Even though many were poor, Jews and Arabs had such a family spirit. I was so sad to see this family become divided by fear and conflict. They already had

common culture and common values. It seems that politics has not been able to allow for that kind of relationship. Therefore, she said, I see now through this movement that those doors are opening once again to create the structure and environment, or culture that will allow what I saw on the kibbutzes years ago where people would constantly help people.

Our next stop was at the separation wall. This time we encouraged everybody to simply gather in silence. We heard views on both side about the wall,

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UNLEASHING THE POWER OF CLERGY AND RELIGION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

by Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr.

This is from a speech given March 12, 2005 in Minneapolis, MN

The reason why man and woman have not reached their fullest potential, and become everything that God desired for them from the beginning, is that they have failed to know who God is. And they have failed, as I heard someone say, to develop that relationship to God and with God; because that's what it's all about, a relationship. That is why most church folk have yet to come to the discovery of who God is. Because they just simply want to worship God, but not love God, not know God. They don't know God. They worship God without knowing God. They have no relationship to God. They just see God as a figment of divinity, not God as parent, not God as father. So when we look at God from that particular vantage point, we're going to look at it from an entirely different perspective. Then we will understand why it is important to grow in this daily relationship, this constant, consistent relationship with Daddy, with Father, with Appa, by whatever name we call our father, we've got to have that same relationship with God, because God is our True Parent. Help me somebody. God is our first parent. Work with me now. Work with me! Turn to somebody and say "We will work with him."

Understand the correlation, the parallels here. God desired that man and woman would not only be the very visible, the tangible representation of Himself on earth, but he desired for man and woman, Adam and Eve, to rule over the earth as He rules over Heaven. So that he made Adam and Eve the Lords of creation. Is that not in the Word? He made them the trustees. He made them the stewards of creation, as I rule the Heaven, you rule the earth. As I have control over Heaven, you control the earth. As I have all power over Heaven, you have all power over earth. That is the way God had designed it from the beginning. That was in God's heart. That was His love. Out of love he creates Adam and Eve. He passed on to them true life, and His true lineage.

What God wanted in Adam and Eve was to reach that level of completion, to grow in their maturity; in their spiritual maturity, their individual spiritual maturity, reaching the level of perfection, so they could inherit everything. Adam and Eve had not yet reached that level of perfection that completed state, when they fell in the Garden. They were children. They were still children. They were adolescents if you will. God was their parent and they hadn't yet reached that level of the completed stage in their growth, in their maturation stage, where they could handle the responsibilities that God was placing upon them. From that day on, it's been messed up. There is all this confusion. All conflict is a direct consequence of the fall...the human fall: you can trace it back. That is when our problems began...with the human fall, not when God created the earth, because



God's original ideal of creation was man and woman ruling over the earth. That is why he gave them a triple blessing. Be fruitful. That doesn't mean have a whole lot of children. A man may say "Oh, I'm fruitful. I have 12 kids. My seed is fruitful." You know testosterone and flexing muscles. No that is not what that means. To be fruitful means to reach a level of individual maturity and perfection where one can then multiply. Folks out here are multiplying and are not fruitful. That's the problem right there. Got a whole lot of folks who are making babies, multiplying, but they haven't become fruitful. And the third blessing was to have dominion over the earth. That is what you and I are called to do, to have dominion. Adam and Eve were called to have dominion. But because they did not reach that completion stage, in their spiritual development, they could not take on their portion of responsibility--to be able to pass on God's pure seed to their progeny.

If they had obeyed God, they would have passed on spiritual DNA, the fullness of spiritual DNA to their children, and their children's children. They would have had God's lineage, but because they compromised themselves in the Garden with Satan, they had what one might call cross-pollination. They were hybrids. They had the lineage of God and the lineage of Satan in them and passed it on to their children's children. So are you surprised that Cain killed Abel? Because the blood had become polluted, the lineage had become contaminated. Adam and Eve did not pass on God's pure lineage to their children, to Cain, Abel, and Seth. They passed on a polluted lineage. We have had problems in the world ever since,

because we can not figure out how to make God's love pure again. That's why we have the problems with the races and the cultures and the ethnicities, because we are dealing with polluted blood, contaminated blood. We have to

purify the blood, in order to purify the lineage. That is the challenge that we face.

That is why we have to go beyond religion, and go back to spirituality, so that we can be the people God has called us to be. God has called us to be more than children of God. I know it says in 1 John 4 that we are called children of God. It says that in 1 John 4, but there is something before the New Testament, in the Old Testament, in the Psalms, in the 82nd Psalm, the 82nd division of the 150 Psalms; in the 82nd Psalm, verse 6, God said, "I have said, Ye are gods, and all of you are children of the most high." That is what the word says. Some people may want to translate that as judges and magistrates, but if you know Hebrew, the Hebrew for God or Lord that is used is Elohim. And when this Elohim says "I have said ye are gods" the word for gods is also Elohim, which in my understanding of the Hebrew means God, or gods, or lords. You are the lords of all creation. How in the world can you and I rule...the only one, listen to this, the only ones who can rule over the earth would be God, the only one who can rule over the earth are God or the ones to whom God has entrusted the responsibility of ruling over the earth. You have to be a god to rule over anything. And if you don't come into that realization, that

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but it is most powerful when you see it. As Dr. Yang said in his keynote address, it underscores the urgency of the need for our effort to bring reconciliation between hearts because the wall certainly is an effort of last resort by people who have no hope for dialogue. Archbishop Stallings led us in prayer at the wall and people were encouraged to be open and draw their own conclusions. Our hope is that we can bring such reconciliation and peace that the walls – physical and between peoples hearts – will be dissolved.

Next we went on to Yad Vashem, very significant for me in that a new museum has just opened we had never been to before. Always this has been a key stop because it sends a message that our work for peace is seeking to understand the tragedies of the past, and the underpinnings of much of the spirit of bewilderment, anger, sadness and hopelessness that the Jewish people have always felt in relationship to the Holocaust. There are no words

that can describe the immense suffering that is captured in that museum. We are also there to comfort survivors and those who lost their lives and those who descended from them, that we might be able to bring hope at last that there is a deeper understanding in humanity that this can never be allowed to occur again.

The museum gives an historical perspective on how a climate of anti-Semitism grew over the centuries and how this all came to a pinnacle through the rise of the Third Reich with its racist philosophy of the supreme Aryan race. Going through the museum with Mr. Baruch Shalev was a profound experience. My last trip through the museum was with Dr. Glaubach, who is a Holocaust survivor. It is truly overwhelming. This time Baruch shared the incredible despair that came over the people who thought they had "made it" in Germany society as doctors, lawyers. Many of the Jewish community had become very prominent and mingled socially with their German counterparts, feeling that more than anywhere else in the world they finally had been accepted and understood and had their place in society. Baruch explained, you can't imagine the horror of the people who thought that they had truly become integral to German society when those very colleagues and friends watched the Jews being pushed from their homes into ghettos and finally, under the guise of "relocation," sent off to death camps.

On one wall is inscribed a quote by German theologian Richard

Niemoller: "First they came for the Communists, but I was not a Communist so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Socialists and the Trade Unionists, but I was neither, so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Jews, but I was not a Jew so I did not speak out. And when they came for me, there was no one left to speak out for me."

Therefore, part of IIFWP MEPI experience is to bond with the heart of the suffering that has occurred through religious intolerance and racial hatred, and to bring all of God's people together so that we will never stand by silently. If any member of our family is mistreated, we also can now affirm, never again.



gave me hope, I cannot tell you! But why do I say "childlike": Well, if we approach everything by our intellectual discernment, we destroy the beauty of life, the hope, eventually life itself. That's why we do need to preserve our childlike nature to counteract the biting and sometimes even destructive intellectual capacity we have.

We Jews say, that if you do not have the "understanding heart", you cannot serve God properly. Well, this is a higher truth, that the heart gives our lives reasons for happiness, joy and also sadness and desperation, but - if we do not combine this

aspect of emotional existence with the intellectual understanding of creation, we are lost. Therefore, the childlike (pure and genuine) approach is the healthy and healing approach to life.

May you never lose your spirit, which inspired in me in the sense that I found a very unique person in front of me, filled with good will for mankind and a loving radiance to his fellow man.

IIFWP Conference in Gaza

Participants at the conference on world peace and dialogue in Gaza, April 5, asserted today that the Apartheid Wall Israel's building in the Palestinian territories should be torn down and the Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem must be protected.

The conference, which was organized by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), included a foreign delegation of 50 religious figures from different religions around the world and was entitled "international dialogue and cooperation for progress, prosperity and peace." US Congressmen and women as well as former American ambassadors in Arab countries were also among the participants.

Several Jewish rabbis were planned to attend, but

Israeli authorities refused to allow them to enter Gaza for security reasons.

In the beginning of the conference, Fateh movement's Central Committee member Abdulla Franji welcomed the guests on behalf of the President Mahmoud Abbas. "We welcome you in the 8000-year-old Gaza City on this holy land, and we haven't yet obtained peace or freedom."

Franji also pointed out the dangers posed by the Apartheid Wall in West Bank and Jerusalem, saying it tears Palestinian lands. He called for an international cooperation to tear it down.

Meanwhile, the Federation's Chairman in North America, Chang Shik Yang, stressed the need to remove the wall and make peace in the region, saying that "we are unhappy with the presence of the separation [Apartheid] wall, and it should be torn down sooner or later."

Also, IIFWP's Deputy Chairman, Reverend Michael Jenkins, prayed that God would give the world strength to tear down the wall, praising the Muslim Sheikhs in Jerusalem for their keenness on peace and justice.

"We [IIFWP delegation] have come to

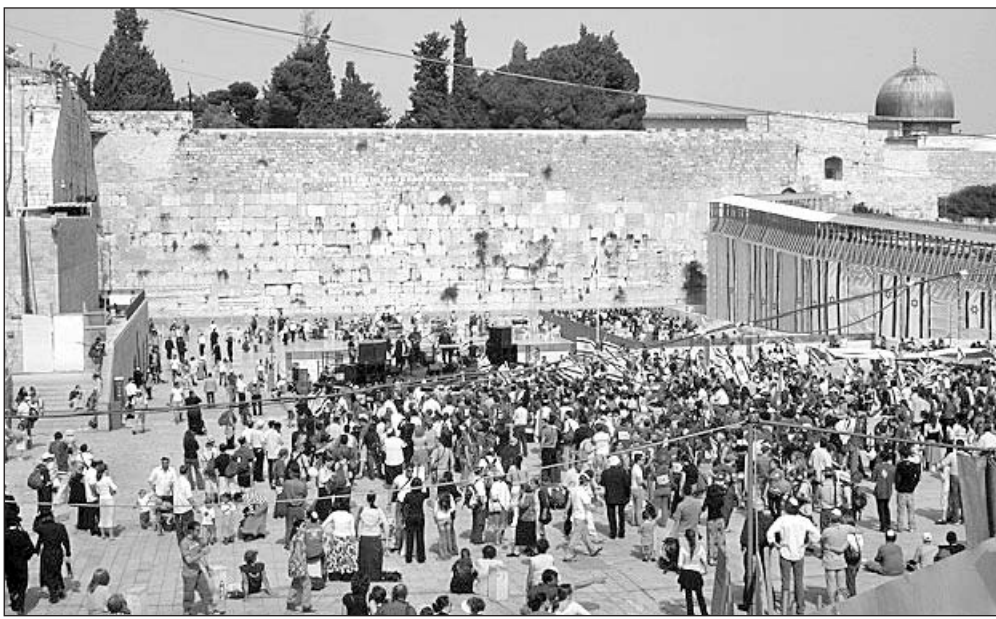


Palestine to support the Palestinians and protect Al Aqsa Mosque and the Islamic holy sites. I love Palestine, I love the Palestinian people and I love Gaza," Rev. Jenkins said.

Israeli authorities have prevented 24 of the 74 members of IIFWP delegation to enter Gaza Strip; all of them Americans from Arab origins.

IIFWP Secretary in Gaza, Kamal Thabet, noted that no Jewish figures were able to participate in the conference at Gaza due to being banned by Israel.

On his side, the member of Gaza's Shariah Court, Sheikh Saber Hassan, called on the members of the delegation to convey the true image of Gaza and the Palestinian people to the world. "You have seen how Palestinian children love peace; the peace that restores rights to their rightful owner. ❖"



Testimony

Here is a testimony from a very important Jewish Scholar:

Dear Mr. Rev. Jenkins. Prying myself away from this useful but also trying invention called the "Computer", I came along with my husband to the event of Mr. Ali Birani, Carmel, Israel, last Sunday (April 3), not knowing that it would turn out to be such an uplifting evening! Why do I say this? We all go our way in life, wishing the world would be a better place for fulfillment of life. We do not really find the chance to change matters to the better, but we talk about it. We see people, yes even nations moping, hating, fighting but still hoping for deliverance.

Here I came and saw, and felt the genuine ("childlike") pure aspiration of good people from all walks of life, from all approaches to our Creator, from all the different continental backgrounds not just talking but doing: joining hands and proclaiming love to life, love to our Creator, love to our fellow man. How it



IIFWP MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVE Clergy From 27 Countries Confer on interfaith Peace in Jerusalem

During a week marked by celebration of the founding of the Jewish state and remembrance of the past, delegates from 27 countries met in Jerusalem for the 14th in-country meeting of the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI).

As in past gatherings, MEPI, a project of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), has had meetings with religious and political leaders on all sides of the equation. According to the Chairman of the MEPI Steering Committee Dr. Chang Shik Yang, "Though the struggle in the Middle East is not caused by religion, the solution to the problems of the region require not only cooperation and compromise among governments, but also the involvement of all religions.

Yesterday afternoon was spent with a visit to the separation wall between Israel and the Palestinian lands, followed by a tour of the Holocaust memorial at Yad Vashem. "Arabs and Jews are brothers at the root level, with a multilayered, multidimensional complex history. Just to observe the cycle of violence and payback is not enough. You have to invest yourself in the pasts of both sides, all the way back to Isaac and Ishmael," said Dr. Michael Jenkins, co-chairman of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace-USA (IIFWP-USA).

Following rounds of meetings in Jerusalem, including an assembly at the Notre Dame Pontifical Institute, the group will meet with religious and political leaders in Gaza and Ramallah in the West Bank.

IIFWP is in the process of becoming a trusted presence in the region. Jenkins, said, "When we first came here two years ago several hundred of us went to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and were barred from entering by Israeli security. But when they saw we were a multi-faith mixture of Arabs, Jews and Christians and that our intent was respectful and peaceful, they let us pass. Now they smile and greet us when we come."

Dr. Emil Jarjoui, speaking on behalf of Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmet Qurei yesterday, told visiting delegates of the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), "We have determined that the only way to end this conflict is by common sense, by negotiation [with the Israelis]."

Jarjoui, a member of parliament and director of relations with religious communities, told the delegates, "We are fed up with wars and funerals and blood. We want to live like any other people under the



sun and in the world. When we say this, it is not just words. We are determined to do it. But to do this we need for both parties to sit together as friends, as neighbors who can decide the future."

A member of the Legislative Council of the PLO representing the prime minister, Jarjoui told the group "The wall is going on for 720 kilometers. It is eating up the land. Let's build bridges of reconciliation and love instead of walls. If it is our destiny to live together in this part of the world, let's make a place that is livable. Our roots are here, we were born here and we want to die here. Our hope is that your group (IIFWP's Middle East Peace Initiative) might be the hand that is reaching to



help us end this conflict."

He concluded, saying, "A wall that separates nations will never deliver security. Only peace will. Security will never result in peace. Peace is what gives you security."

Mr. Walid Sadik, a former member of the Israeli Knesset, said, "I live near the wall. Sometimes I hear shots. I see the smoke of burning tires and I wonder who has been killed, who has been hurt. I have been called a PLO agent by Israelis and a Zionist agent by the PLO, but I am doing everything I can to bring peace." In terms of assigning roles to peace brokers, he said, "The 1.2 million Israeli Arabs living inside



Israel, should have the role of mediating between the two sides."

Lord Nazir Ahmed, a Muslim from England and a member of the House of Lords, who was a delegate to MEPI group said, "I fully understand the fears and sorrow of the Jews who have lost so many members of their families. But I urge Israel not to give in to the politics of fear. Let's embrace the politics of hope."

Dr. Fouad Hallak, policy advisor to the PLO Negotiations Affairs Department, gave a slide presentation explaining the current

state of the separation wall's development and the overall master plan for the barrier. Critics of the wall say that, when completed, it will cut the West Bank in half, isolating it from Palestinian Jerusalem, and that this will sever vital road links, will cut off access to jobs and will cripple the agricultural and tourism sectors of the economy.

Hallak said, "Israel, every country, has the right to provide security for their people. So if they want security, they should build the wall along the current "green line" border created in 1967. But they are building the wall well inside the established boundary, absorbing large portions of Palestinian land."

Rev. Darryl Gray, pastor of the Union United Church in Montreal, and one of the MEPI delegates, said, "As black person, I understand the very real historical fears of the Jewish people. However, that fear should not cause a race of people, who have been victims, to now become occupiers. I am convinced that neither side will have the courage and the will to reach consensus with one another unless both undergo a spiritual change. The challenge of peace for Palestine and Israel is not yours alone. You must lead in peace, and we [MEPI] will follow you. Our challenge is to work with you to secure peace. And lastly, the wall must come down - not just the physical wall, but the walls in our hearts. As long as there are walls, there will not be peace."

The previous day, a portion of the MEPI delegation met in Gaza with Palestinian officials and NGO leaders at a

MEPI symposium on the theme, "Prospects for Nation-Building and Peace-Building in Palestine: Trends of Hope."

Moderated by Mr. Tajeldin Hamad, Secretary General of the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, the program began with the Palestinian anthem, a moment of silence and

the recitation of verses from the Holy Koran. Abu Ali Shaheen, nine year Member of the Palestinian Parliament and the keynote speaker, emphasized that "permanent and total peace is built on duties and rights and that peace cannot come from surrender."

Bringing a message of welcome from President Abu Abbas' office, Hon. Kamal Schrafi, Palestinian Parliamentarian, indicated that this conference was timely, noting that all efforts to support the peace process are urgently needed at this time, adding that he was disappointed by the lack of clear support by



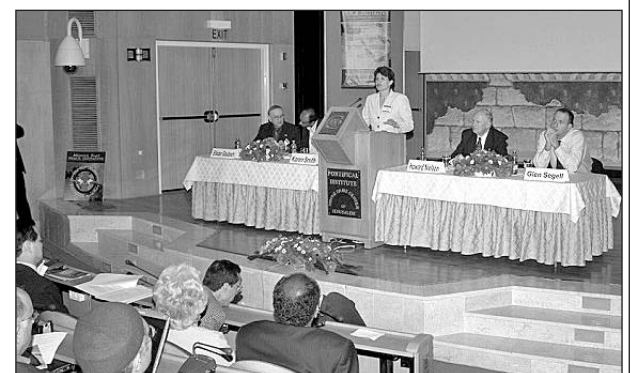
Arab leaders in the region.

Lord Ahmed, noted that while the IIFWP delegation came with a clear message of hope, he was sorely dismayed



as he made his way through the security check points into Gaza, indicating that he felt he was entering the biggest prison on earth.

There were a number of other speakers included former U.S. Congressman Howard Nielson of Utah; Sheik Dr. Mohammed Madi of the Islamic University and Mr. Abdel el Haleem el Fringy, Chairman, Palestinian Economic Association. Dr. Thomas Walsh, Secretary General of the IIFWP closed the program noting with gratitude the hospitality, enthusiasm and hopefulness of the Palestinians in the midst of grave challenges. ♦



INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONVOCATION 2005

Chairman's Address

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

Welcome to this International Leadership Convocation, sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace. Together we will consider the theme, "Leadership for Global Transformation: Exploring the Vision, Methodology and Best Practices Necessary for Lasting Peace."

On behalf of the Founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, it is my honor and privilege to address you this evening. Let me begin by thanking you for attending this very important convocation.

You represent leading nations in our world. If the leaders and peoples of these nations work together in a unified, cooperative and unselfish way, for the sake of peace, truly our world can be transformed. That is why you have been invited to this conference.

It is our fervent desire that, by your participation here, each of you will be stimulated by a great sense of hope and opportunity for lasting peace. I hope that when you return to your countries, you will take with you a renewed commitment and determination to carry out your important work, for the sake of your family, your nation and the world.

"Leadership for Global Transformation" is our convocation theme. This is an ambitious goal. However, it is not an impossible goal. Leaders with vision, and the courage to act on their vision, can transform the world. We have seen this occur many times in history. At the IIFWP, we are very serious about this mission, and we believe, that with your help, we can succeed in establishing a world of lasting peace.

To establish a universal realm of lasting peace, we need a vision, methodology and practices that are centered on an unselfish purpose. In addition, we need leaders who not only talk about ideals and vision, but who embody these ideals in their character and apply them in their lives.

During this convocation, we will share the vision of the IIFWP, which is rooted in the teachings of its Founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. As a very young man he received God's call, and, through an intense period of search and striving, he discovered the most essential truths concerning the fundamental nature of reality, the root causes of human conflict, and the way of restoration and lasting peace. These teachings have inspired millions in every nation of the world, and with each passing day there is growing recognition and appreciation for the profound significance of his vision and methodology for peace-building. Dr. Moon was born in 1920. He lived through the time of Japanese occupation of Korea and World War II; imprisoned six times, he spent nearly three years in a North Korean Communist prison camp, and would have died, were it not for those 16 nations that joined the United Nations forces at the time of the Korean War. Launching it from a desolate refugee camp in Pusan, he has built a movement whose presence



is felt throughout the world as an agent of peace.

Two core principles are at the center of his teaching. The first is true love, or the principle of living for the sake of others. True love calls each of us to love not only our own family and friends, but also strangers, and even our enemies. The second is the principle of unification; that is, the principle that calls us always to seek to harmonize and unify those who are divided or dwelling in tension or conflict.

Just as the natural world we see around us operates according to natural laws and principles, there are also laws and principles that govern the way of life of human beings. Like natural laws, these have their foundation in an original and ultimate reality, God.

Just as there is a physical world that we observe with our physical senses, there is also a spiritual world. Together, in their entirety, the physical world and spiritual world form the cosmos. The center point of the cosmos is God, the origin and creator of all things.

Just as works of art are expressions of the inner character of an artist, our world is an external expression of God's own inner character. God's purpose of creation was to establish a realm, external to Himself, that was an expression of His own heart and character and will.

Most of all, God willed that human beings become full expressions of His own essential nature; that is, expressions of true love. The deepest core of God is the realm of heart, the origin of true love. God is the source, origin and true owner of true love. He is the invisible True Parent. Like parents who live for the sake of their children, God created human beings to be His children.

The nature of love is such that it can only be fulfilled in the context of a relationship. A subject partner, seeking to express and fulfill the need and desire for love, must have an object partner with whom to share the experience of love. Without an object partner, love is not fulfilled. A husband without a wife cannot fulfill the experience of conjugal love. Parents without a child cannot experience parental love. Likewise, God cannot fully realize the ideal of love without an object partner. Human beings were created to be God's object partner, to be God's sons and daughters. Only in this way can God fulfill His own ideal of True Love. Only in this way can human beings, each one of us, fulfill our own ideal of True Love.

It is important to point out that knowledge of God and, more importantly, relationship with God, are not merely philosophical or academic concepts. God is a living reality, and our understanding of God has a very practical impact on the way we understand and act in our world.

God created human beings with the ideal of True Love in mind. First of all, God wants each individual human being to be a unique, complete and perfected expression of His heart and character. That is, God wills that each human being develop their heart, conscience, character and creativity in such a way as to be a manifestation of God's ideal.

However, God did not create human beings as fully developed spiritual and physical beings. Human beings grow to maturity over time, and the completion of that growth process only occurs if human beings fulfill their own portion of responsibility. Just as we grow physically by means of sunlight, air, water and other nutrients, we also develop morally and spiritually as we relate to God's words of truth, follow our conscience, and as we live for the sake of others. In this way

we strengthen our mind and conscience. On the other hand, if we disobey our conscience and fail to develop spiritually and morally, our body dominates our mind and we fail to fulfill God's ideal for the individual. When this happens, we cannot become God's object partner of true love.

A fully developed individual is one whose heart is close to God's and who practices true love. In such an individual, the God-centered mind and conscience guide or direct the actions carried out by the body. A son or daughter of God is one whose mind and body are unified and centered on God's true love.

God's ideal of creation, however, is not for individuals alone. God's ideal for human beings has its highest expression in the ideal of marriage and family. This is the second aspect of God's purpose of creation for human beings.

God created human beings with the dual characteristics of mind and body. In addition, He created them according to a pair system, as man and woman. Individual human beings, whether a man or a woman, do not, by themselves, fully express God's ideal. Rather, the unity of a man and a woman in an eternal marriage of true love is the fuller expression of God.

On the foundation of the individual development and maturity of an individual man and an individual woman, God's principle of creation calls for the Blessing. See **CHAIRMAN** on page 19

Declaration of the Era of Lasting Peace

Whereas we are the participants in the International Leadership Convocation, sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, along with the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace, the United Press International Foundation, and the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, held in Washington, DC, from April 10 to 15, 2005, on the theme: "Leadership for Global Transformation: Exploring the Vision, Methodology, and Best Practices Necessary for a New Era of Lasting Peace," and,

Whereas we have gathered as more than 350 leaders from China, India, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Russia, and the USA, including current and former heads of state, government leaders, religious leaders, diplomats, scholars, and other dignitaries, and,

Recognizing that our world is facing serious crises, and is in dire need of visionary and courageous leadership that can put an end to violence, poverty, family breakdown and widespread loss of hope throughout the world, and,

Acknowledging that IIFWP works to address these critical problems and has called for the establishment of a network of interreligious and international Peace Councils at national, regional and worldwide levels to provide a model for the promotion of global governance that can effectively solve critical global problems, applying a cooperative, collaborative and inclusive methodology that goes beyond particular national and religious interests to embrace and serve the hopes and aspirations of all humanity, and,

Noting that throughout the past year, IIFWP has sponsored a wide range of programs worldwide, including international conferences and summits, as well as regional, national and local programs for peace and human development, and that its expanding, worldwide network of "Ambassadors for Peace" is increasingly being recognized as a valuable resource for peace, and,

Whereas we believe this International Leadership Convocation can lead to making a difference in contemporary world affairs, and in light of current trends and challenges to global governance, we resolve to:

Take action in order to promote a vision and methodology for peace that embraces spiritual values, addresses the root causes of conflicts, and practices unselfishness to address the critical problems facing our contemporary world;

Promote increased understanding, cooperation and peace among the participating nations: China, India, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Russia, USA, in addition to other nations;

Advance the Peace Council initiative as a new civil society mechanism that enables interreligious as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations to collaborate more effectively in addressing critical global problems;

Encourage the private sector to support the on-going efforts for peace and constructive collaboration between countries and continents through non-governmental bodies around the world;

Direct Ambassadors for Peace and members of the emerging IIFWP Peace Councils, as a civil society initiative, to supplement, enhance and improve upon existing approaches to solving our world's problems;

Increase awareness of the significance of the family, including marriages that cross boundaries of race, religion and nationality, and the "four great realms of heart" and to recognize the family as the school of true love, with profound relevance and strategic significance to the critical issues facing the contemporary world;

Apply the principles of living for the sake of others and unselfish cooperation in order to contribute to peace and prosperity in areas of conflict, such as the Middle East, South Asia, and North East Asia.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONVOCATION 2005

Leadership for Global Transformation: Exploring the Vision, Methodology, and Best Practices Necessary for a New Era of Lasting Peace

by Glenn Strait and Eric Olsen

Transforming a world of conflict into a world of peace is an ambitious but necessary task.

Today's culture of conflict is evident in rising divorce rates, domestic violence, racial and ethnic tensions, and regional wars that perpetuate grievances and sow bitterness for later generations.

Many factors will contribute to establishing lasting peace, but none is more critical than effective leadership. Accordingly, an international leadership convocation, *Leadership for Global Transformation: Exploring the Vision, Methodology, and Best Practices Necessary for a New Era of Lasting Peace*, was convened in Washington DC on April 10-14, by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace to address the crucial role of leadership in establishing a culture of peace.

Unlike recent IIFWP international convocations, this assembly brought together leaders from seven key nations—Korea, Japan, China, the United States, Russia, India, and Mongolia—and held sessions that looked more specifically at the principles of leadership advanced by the IIFWP and taught by its founder, the Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon. An eighth group consisted of representatives from Europe.

IIFWP Chairman Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak greeted the three hundred government, business, academic, and religious leaders in his opening address on Sunday evening and emphasized two core principles of peace that would be elaborated upon in the coming days: a principle of living for the sake of others in one's daily life and, secondly, a willingness to seek harmony and unification, even at the sacrifice of oneself when conflict arises.

Dr. Kwak emphasized that human life is governed by principles that derive from the loving heart of God, and that our maturity in love, culminating in marriage and family life, leads us into a harmonious state in which human beings come to reflect God's essential nature.

Jack Corley, the Secretary General of IIFWP, Eurasia and the Session Panel

Session I on the following morning, presented by Jack Corley, the Secretary General of IIFWP, Eurasia, began what would become a methodical analysis of the root causes of conflict. Underscoring the importance of correctly understanding the significance of our limited physical life, Mr. Corley clarified that the development of character and the maturing of love are the essential tasks



of life, that the physical body is merely a transitional stage, like the period in the womb, requiring healthy, responsible practices to enable a successful transition to a higher sphere of life in the eternal spiritual world.

The fundamental value of love, inherently understood by parents who try to raise their children to be loving and virtuous, is also clearly compromised and corrupted in the world, and Reverend Phillip Schanker, vice president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, USA, explained in Session II how ancient traditions around the world locate a failure of human responsibility, a corruption of personality, as the cause of the tragic dilemma confronting humanity. The Reverend Moon has identified this failure as the corruption of love itself, crippling humanity, implanting selfishness, and alienating the human heart from the pure love of God.

William Lay, who practices law in New York, followed this analysis in Session III with an insightful examination of principles of reconciliation that apply

accordingly, is the character and integrity of individuals, and their earnestness to seek the truth.

Dr. Kwak returned for the final afternoon session with a systematic presentation on the significance of marriage and family life, not simply as traditional rites conducive to social cohesion but as divinely mandated institutions in which human beings fulfill the respective roles of child, spouse, and parent and come to reflect the multidimensional character of God's love. Dr. Kwak then presided over a moving blessing ceremony, with all the delegates upholding and sanctifying their marriages, and solemnly pledging faithfulness within the marital union through partaking of ceremonial wine or juice.

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In the second day, April 11, sessions presented an overview of key works initiated by Rev. Moon that have laid some of the solid foundations supporting IIFWP's efforts to effect fundamental change toward a peaceful world.

Two sessions, V and VIII, under the theme "A New Vision of Peace: The

Thought and Achievement of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon" covered respectively Eurasia and the USA. For Eurasia, a primary event that opened the door to a flood of developments in the 1990s was a meeting of Rev. Moon in Moscow with Mikhail Gorbachev in 1990. From that moment began an initiative to write and publish curricula for teaching character, morality, and ethics in the secondary schools and at advanced levels. These were based on Rev. Moon's core ideas and adapted especially to the needs and context of Russia, Mongolia, and China. Through these programs tens of thousands of educators have been instructed in using the materials and now several thousand schools are

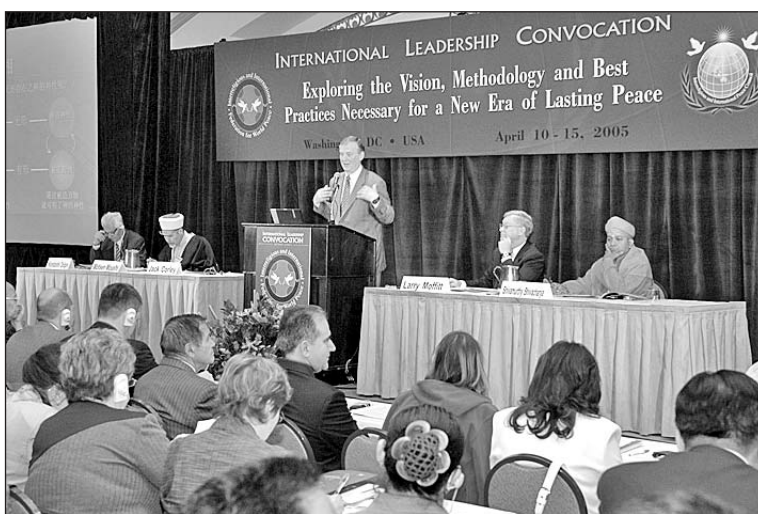
using this materials. A complementary initiative developed and promulgated a new philosophy of unified martial arts.

Covering the sweep of time since 1972 when Rev. Moon began to give priority attention to the US, the "Focus on the USA" session used the backdrop of events in Rev. Moon's life to convey the understanding that he is a man of deep prayer and spirituality whose total investment in all that he does draws the support of universal power.

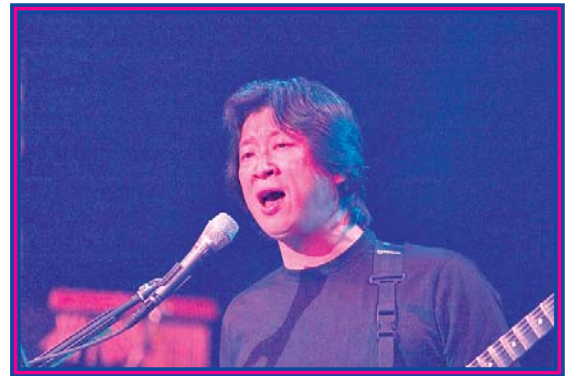
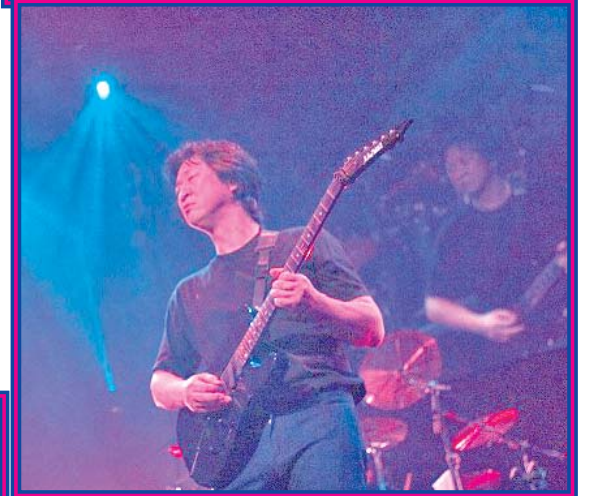
Examples included advances made through his imprisonment in the USA that established unbreakable bonds with leaders of the civil rights movement, and the trust granted to Rev. Moon by Palestinians in Gaza, first because of his history of enduring unfair imprisonment, and secondly because of the great wisdom of his teachings. Support for President Nixon through the campaign of "Forgive. Love. Unite" showed clearly that Rev. Moon does what is right, not what is expedient. Foundations laid during his 13 months of imprisonment in the 1980s are bearing fruit today, in the amazing 50-state tour, the American Clergy Leadership Conference, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the American Family Coalition, the campaign of the Cross Reconsidered, and the Crown of Peace ceremony on Capitol Hill.

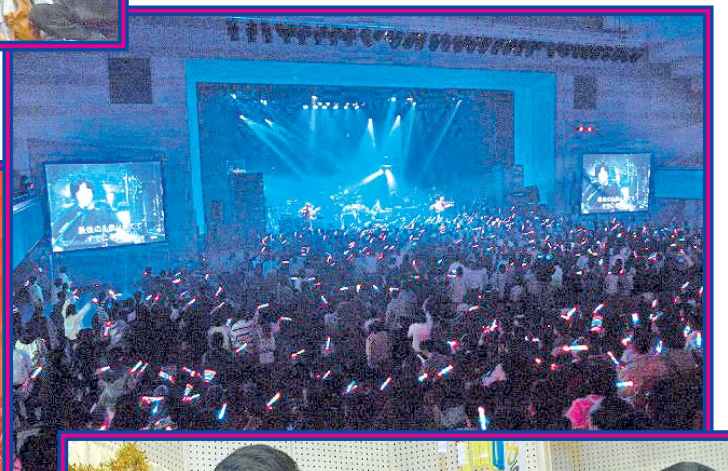
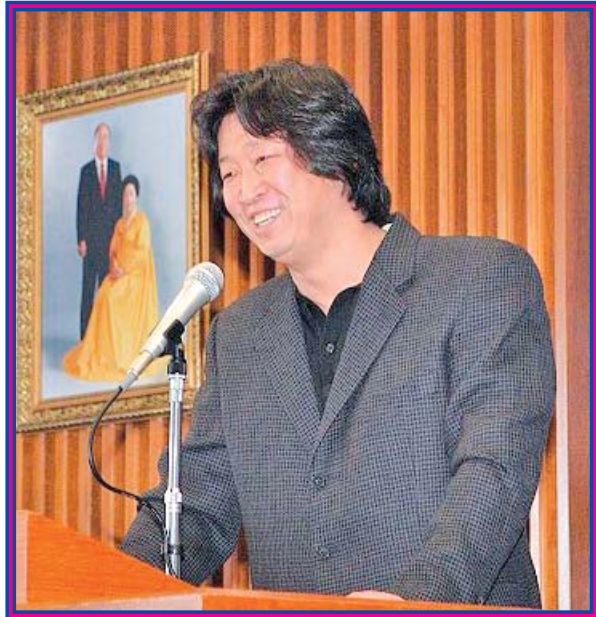
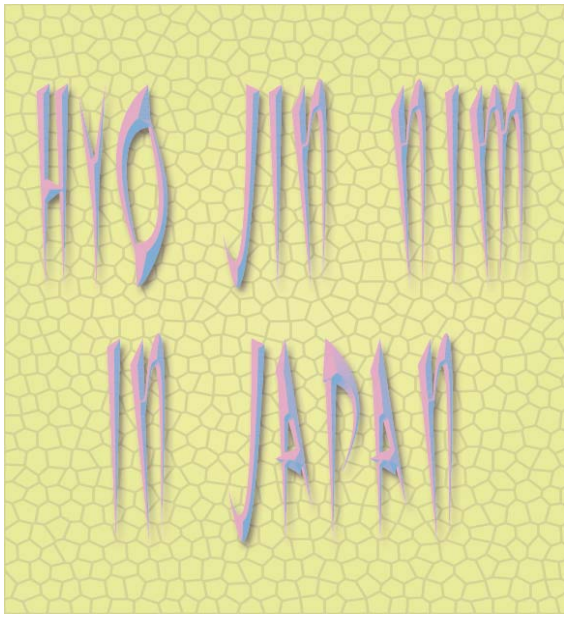
Two sessions, VI and VII, demonstrated Principles in Action, one with a focus on Peace Initiatives and a second with an emphasis on Human Development.

The Middle East Peace Initiative presentation highlighted the transformative power brought into that conflict zone by the thousands of Ambassadors for Peace coming to the Holy Land in



both historically and on a personal level. It is the pattern of history, he noted, that leaders, or central figures, emerged. These leaders ordinarily had personal endowments, but also were seekers who sacrificed to gain insights and thus





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waves from around the world in 2004. Peace concerns in North-East Asia, have long occupied Rev. Moon's attention and his views of how to proceed are comprehensive for the region. Immediate action initiatives include Pyeong Hwa Motors in North Korea, construction of a peace center in Pyeong Yang, and programs promoting reconciliation in Japan of Koreans from groups connected respectively with South and North Korea. Session VII continued an examination of principles in action with perspectives by presenters on character education and HIV prevention, the significance of the family as an institution that can engender peace, the role of sports in fostering peace, and an analysis of economic policy as an instrument for the betterment of human life.

After dinner participants from the seven different national groups bonded in heart beyond language as they enjoyed entertainment by a professional singer from Japan plus group songs from each of the other major participating nations, including one inspired European.

Considering the "IIFWP, the United Nations, and Trends in Global Governance," Session IX on Wednesday, April 13, looked at the great hopes in which the UN was founded and the way the institution instead became of tool of the cold war that continues to this day as a failed instrument of global governance. While reform has been called for and outlined, this amounts to merely structural change, but not the kind of fundamental change required to create an enlightened system of global governance. Hence the precise need for implementing the IIPC with its intention to involve diverse religious representation centrally in the process of reforming toward global governance through a contract between governments representing nations and civil society representing the people. IIPC aims not just to prevent war, but to eliminate it by eradicating the root causes of war. The IIPC vision is wholistic

as it addresses both internal and external structure and a view of leadership that is doable.

World Peace and the NGO Revolution, Session X, painted a striking picture of the proliferation in the past 20-30 years of a multitude of Non-Governmental Organizations in both the developed and the developing coun-



tries. NGOs are addressing a host of issues not touched by national governments. After several NGOs and concerned individuals joined together to launch the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO), Rev. Moon provided vision, leadership, and resources supporting the organization's growth to become the largest, general purpose, international membership organization for NGOs. The Women's Federation for World Peace, an NGO founded by Rev. and Mrs. Moon, is pioneering a way for women to be a force for peace through instructional programs on creating peaceful families, service programs, support for schools in impoverished areas, and peace and reconciliation ceremonies centered on the Bridge of Peace ceremonies.

The Session XI lunch program provided an opportunity for delegates to learn about some of the many media initiatives founded by the Reverend Moon. Michael Marshall, editor in chief of United Press International; Frank Grow, vice president of *Tiempos del Mundo*; Tim Elder, managing editor of the *World Peace Herald*; and

Charles Kim, president of World & I Online, gave succinct presentations on their respective media projects before the delegates left the hotel for a tour of Washington's magnificent monuments, framed in a profusion of Washington's famed cherry blossoms. These gifts of the Japanese people were in the peak of flower as the Reverend Moon's special guests enjoyed the blue skies of a beautiful Washington springtime.

Delegates arrived by bus at the Washington Times, the influential daily newspaper founded by Reverend Moon in 1982, for a brief tour and closing banquet. Much anticipated by the gathered delegates, Reverend Moon came to the podium to deliver an address, The Providential Path to True Liberation and Complete Freedom. Reverend Moon, at eighty five, looked extraordinarily vigorous, and departed from his prepared remarks extensively to reveal both a depth of vision and personal regard for his guests that deeply moved each delegate.

Speaking without interruption for more than two hours, Reverend Moon reiterated and expanded upon many of the themes taken up in the conference sessions, but spoke with a clarity and authority of God's urgent will to reclaim the love that was unrighteously lost,



and the role of the Messiah, coming as True Parents, to cleanse the world of unholy habits and restore the proper order of love. Through the Four Great Realms of Heart—the child's realm, the sibling's realm, the spouse's realm, and the parent's realm—human love is perfected.

"With the appearance of True Parents, the power of God is being manifested on this earth," he told the delegates. "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."

"Toward a Global Agenda for Peace: 2005," Session XII: Closing Session, On Thursday, April 14, featured reflections by one representative from each of the major groups. All had been seriously engaged and challenged by the conference to apply IIFWP principles in working together toward building a peaceful world. In a particularly noteworthy comment, the Chinese representative stated that he had never before experienced God, but that in receiving the talk by Rev. Moon he had sensed God and had the clear realization that we are all God's children beyond religion and nationality. Dr. Walsh outlined an International Agenda toward convening the inaugural World level Peace Council in 2005 at the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the UN as a civil society contribution toward UN renewal. Long-time IIFWP participant, Eva Latham read the 7 points in the "Declaration of the Era of Lasting Peace" produced for this conference. She led all participants in standing and clapping to affirm acceptance of the resolution. At the end of the program, central people in IIFWP led the way in signing the declaration. Others signed later after a group photo.

The delegates then adjourned for follow-up briefings from their respective regions that showed the scope of the IIFWP work around the world.

The enthusiasm for the vision advanced at the convocation took root ultimately as delegates continued into the afternoon, planning concrete action through regional convocations and educational gatherings that confirm to a suffering and divided world that the grounds of peace are to be found in the God-ordained methodology of living for the sake of others and overcoming boundaries to realize a unified world of peace. ❖

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spiritual consciousness, you will be defeated. When God say "I have said ye are gods" that means "You are my children." That is what it really means. You bear my nature. Remember I told you, you are just as much human as your parents? You don't have any problem with that huh? But if I tell you, you are a god, not the God, but a god; you have got problems with that--becoming a truly divine manifestation of God's presence here on earth.

That is the genius of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, whom we affectionately call Father Moon, that he would say to us, that what we must seek to discover is the original nature that God intended for all of humanity from the beginnings of time, in Adam and Eve if they had reached that level of the completion stage of their spiritual maturation where they could have been the complete inheritors of all of God's creation. You and I were supposed to be

the lords of this creation, the masters of this earth, to have all things under our feet. We were to be in control, not Satan, not the powers of evil, but you and I. There should be nothing on this earth that should so overwhelm us, inundate us, destroy us, divide us, separate us from the love of God, if we are able to reclaim the divinity that God placed in Adam and Eve from the very beginnings.

We have the spirit of God in us and we have flesh and blood. Think about that. But the genius of Rev. Moon is that, since we are all equal, why not have the races marry each other? Why not? What's wrong with that? We're all the same. We're all equal. But, of course, society can't handle that--especially American society. Oh God! We are still gawking when we see an interracial couple. H-m-m-m. We see two whites together, man and woman, that's ok; black man and woman, ok. Asian and black...Whoa!! White and Black...Whoa!! In America? What's going on here? That we must work to live for the sake of others. To know that we are all equal,

we will live for each other.

When we worship God, when we truly worship God, is when we acknowledge that God is in each one of us. That is true worship. We've got these people in these churches, temples, mosques, and synagogues going through the rituals and gestures, and going outside and cursing and hating and not working with each other. That is false religion. That religion can not save you. It cannot heal you. But when you and I see the real presence of God in each other, when we move back to God's original ideal, where we can go through a process of changing the blood lineage so we can be one with each other, when that one man can love that one woman, and that one woman be faithful to her man and bring up children who are faithful in living our the decrees of God, and when we can train our children how to see God in each other, in all of humanity, then we will have Heaven on earth.

You are waiting until you die to get to Heaven? I want my Heaven right now. I have a right to see Heaven right now. I have a right to experience Heaven right

now. Heaven can be here on earth. On earth as it is in Heaven. We can have it right now, if we love each other, if we trust each other, if we work with each other. If not now, when? If not you, who? It is time to get busy. It is time to get busy my brothers and sisters. It is time to realize that these are the final days. The Messiah is here, we just ain't seen him yet. We haven't looked. We haven't observed. We haven't known. But this is the hour, in which you and I can rise up to be the people that God has called us to be. And we said we are going to stop all this foolishness. We are going to stop making religion a mockery. We are going to stop making God out to be a liar. But we are going to worship God in spirit and in truth. That is the only way we are going to get back to God, in spirit and in truth. Think about it. As long as we keep looking at each other with human eyes, and walking in the flesh, we will never see God. Love Him. Live for God. Work for God. And if this right here is a reflection of Heaven on earth, then why not spread it throughout all the earth. ❖

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ing of marriage. The Blessing of God brings together a man and woman as husband and wife before God. God created not only the character, but also the sexual organs of man and woman with great care, as complementary, each seeking the other for the sake of love, life and lineage. The love of a man and a woman, consummated in a sexual union, establishes an eternal oneness of love, life and lineage. When children are born from such a love, we experience the blossoming of parental love, children's love and sibling love between brothers and sisters.

The family allows for the fullest expression of God's heart of true love in the relationships of husband and wife, parents and children, and brothers and sisters. Furthermore, as the family of true love expands, we establish the extended family or tribe, the wider community of families, society, and eventually the nation and world.

God's original ideal is to establish an ideal world as one unified family of humanity. This ideal world is simply the extension of a single, original ideal family. The family is the paradigm and model for all human relationships in the wider society, nation and world.

Finally, included in God's purpose of creation is an ideal of the relationship between the human family and the entire created world; that is, the environment. God intended for human beings to inherit His heart of love and, in turn, to care for and respect the entire created world. While God has blessed human beings with a capacity to take dominion of the environment, that capacity is to be guided by the same wisdom and love which God has toward all that He created.

Of course, the world of God's original ideal is not the world we experience and observe. We inhabit a world of selfishness, where true love is not practiced and honored, and conflict prevails. The origin of this fallen world takes us back to the time of God's original creation and the original family. Within that family, the ideal of true love was violated and lost. The chaos, suffering and conflict of history followed. And since that time, God has sought to restore human beings and fulfill His eternal and unchanging ideal of true love. The world of selfishness must be transformed into a world of true love. A world of conflict must be transformed into a world of peace. It is for this reason that God has sent the prophets and saints of history, and ultimately the messiah and savior. This is why He has sent Rev. Moon.

God stands in the position of the invisible True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner. It is our mission in life to manifest these attributes in our own lives. We are each to become a True Parent, a True Teacher and a True Owner. This is the mission that Father Moon has pioneered.

As individuals we are to develop a capacity to become a True Parent in the family, living for the sake of our spouse and our children, and then applying that same heart of true love to all people. We are also to become a True Teacher, living according to God's words of truth, becoming an embodiment of God's truth, and communicating that truth to others by our words and deeds. Finally, in relation to all the physical world, we are called to be a True Owner.

As a True Parent we are to manifest a heart of true love, beginning with our own spouse and children. We live for the sake of others within our family, with a

desire that each member of the family becomes greater than myself. A True Parent then extends this heart of true love to all people, living for the sake of others, practicing respect, care, compassion and justice even for strangers and enemies, and not merely for one's own children.

What are the implications of such an attitude, grounded in an understanding of God as True Parent. First, being a True Parent serves as a foundation for human rights, for as a True Parent we seek to treat each individual person as a son or daughter of God. Also, a True Parent will always seek to establish balance. When there is division and conflict, a True Parent seeks harmony and cooperation. When there are significant inequalities among people, a True Parent works to bring balance. A True Parent does not have a concept of enemies, but only of others who are lost and yet to be found. A True Parent understands that true solutions to our most critical problems must begin in the realm of the heart. While the use of violent means to achieve ends may be necessary in certain extreme cases, generally speaking a True Parent works to achieve ends non-violently, through service and consistent unselfish love.

What is a True Teacher? A True Teacher is one who is a being of true moral character, one who lives according to the truthful guidance of the conscience, and who understands and practices the norms of true love, living for the sake of others. Most importantly, a True Teacher affirms and applies the principles of purity and fidelity in relation to the order of true love. A True Teacher testifies to God's truth, and the norm and order of true love.

What are implications of practices related to a True Teacher? A True Teacher protects the integrity of the family as the foundation for peace in the society, the nation and the world. Also, a True Teacher does not misuse any position of distributing information, but remains committed to truthfulness. Thus, in politics, in business and marketing, in law, in the media and in the entertainment industry, truthfulness and the absoluteness of norms are upheld. In this way, the public, and particularly the next generation are not savaged by untruths and moral relativism. A True Teacher understands that education must not only be concerned with career development, but more essentially with moral development.

A True Owner is one who relates unselfishly, responsibly and compassionately to all things. A True Owner understands that all physical things are the property of God. Property and materials things should never be misused or exploited for merely selfish purposes. Corruption that is rooted in greed and selfishness has very serious consequences for our world, and often undermines the possibilities for peace and human development. A True Owner never misuses public money, and never seeks to acquire

wealth for personal use that is far in excess of what is needed; rather, any excessive wealth acquired is allocated to the benefit of others.

The essential point is that God's original ideal is for human beings to be His sons and daughters, and to be God-like. To be a True Parent, True Owner and True Teacher is to resemble God, and as we resemble God the world can come to resemble God.

The most basic and deepest relationship of heart is that of parent and child. Such is the relationship that God intended to have between Himself and human



beings.

It is God's deepest desire that all human beings live together as one worldwide family. In fact, the divisions that have been created based on race, religion, nationality, culture, etc., bring sadness to God's heart. For ultimately, He does not seek division, but rather unity, harmony, cooperation, and co-prosperity.

For this reason, as we work to transform the world, we must begin the work of overcoming man-made barriers, so that we can all live as one human family, centered on true love. This is God's ideal of the Peace Kingdom.

Over the next few days we will have the opportunity to learn in some depth the teachings of Dr. Sun Myung Moon, True Father. Please take this opportunity with utmost seriousness. Almost 50 years ago, I first heard the teachings of Dr. Moon. I have observed him all these years, and, time and time again, I have been repeatedly reminded of the incredible depth, truthfulness and power of his vision.

Emerging out of a long history of sacrifice, suffering, persecution and even imprisonment, his vision and the movement he has established are poised to transform this world, creating a universal culture of heart and true love, establishing one worldwide family of all humanity, that takes us beyond the historical divisions and barriers that have blocked the way to universal harmony. A new day has dawned, and an era of peace has begun to arise.

During this convocation, you will be introduced to many projects and programs which are applications of the vision of Father Moon. These include many "Peace Initiatives" in the Middle East, in Northeast Asia, and in South Asia. You will learn of programs in character education, HIV/AIDS prevention, marriage and family, business development, leadership training and sustainable development, and many others.

One particular initiative that is cur-

rently underway represents a most significant development of the IIFWP. I am referring to the Peace Council initiative. In October 2003, Dr. Moon launched the Interreligious and International Peace Council as a model institution of global governance. He even coined a new term for this initiative, the "Peace UN."

Up until recently the Peace Council has been functioning as a loose, informal coalition of Ambassadors for Peace who worked together on the national, regional and global level. At the present time, however, the Peace Council is shifting to a more formal structure. In fact,

in each of the ten IIFWP regions, regional Preparatory Committees are being formed. These will be convened over the next two months to consider the charter, the rules of procedure, the code of ethics and a plan of action for the Peace Council. By mid-summer and in advance of the conven-

ing of the UN's 60th General Assembly, we expect to have a provisional charter, and to have Peace Councils established on the national, regional and global levels. Already, Mr. Jean Ping, President of the General Assembly, has been fully briefed on this plan and awaits our mid-summer update. Leaders in all fields are being briefed, and their input welcomed.

With the emergence of the Peace Councils, the IIFWP itself will undergo a transformation in its own system of governance. In the process, we expect to become even more active and effective in addressing issues of critical concern to our world. Likewise, Ambassadors for Peace, whose relationship to the IIFWP has been rather informal up to this point in time, will become "peace councilors" with clear responsibilities and tasks within the Council.

In the course of this Convocation program, you will hear more about the IIPC. Rest assured, however, that the Peace Councils have the potential to truly transform this world, bringing together leaders from governments, religions, faith-based NGOs, civil society, academia, business, the arts, sports, etc., all working together collaboratively for peace. It is an idea whose time has come. The dream is about to become a reality.

As we see a convergence of the ethics of the True Parent, the True Teacher and the True Owner with the strategic, activist and organizational power of the Peace Councils, we will witness the awakening of a truly revolutionary movement. I hope that each of you will play a part in its development and in the realization of lasting peace.

In conclusion, let me once again thank you for attending this convocation. I hope and pray that you will become the leaders that this world, and God, so desperately need at this time in history. Let us work together to build the ideal Peace Kingdom. ❖

Dae Mo Nim Visits UK

by Rosemarie Hoyte

My heart is overflowing with joy and gratitude for the incredible grace extended to us from our Heavenly Father, through Heung Jin Nim, Dae Mo Nim, and the Heavenly Spiritual World. With deep gratitude, I would like to share my experiences of this event.

As we entered the room, everything at first appeared normal. However, as we started to recite the Pledge of the Families, I noticed that Blessed Couples from the Spiritual world were entering. All Spirit World Blessed Couples wore holy robes throughout.

They joined us, kneeling along in a row in front of the stage and along all the aisles. Every space was filled. Furthermore, I noticed the scene in the room had changed. From the spirit world, I saw flowers strewn along all the aisles. Where Dae Mo Nim would enter, there were purple/lilac flowers. They had a strong beautiful heavenly fragrance. The other aisles were covered with yellow, white or pink flowers.

The stage appeared thus: The two double doors left and right of the stage and behind True Parents' picture appeared now as gold on the right and silver with some gold, on the left. In each doorway stood two figures either side - each carrying a large bouquet of flowers. The couple on the right, at the gold door, carried one blue bouquet and one green. The couple on the left carried, one a white bouquet and the other a pink one. Furthermore, the handles of the doors were decorated with a bright yellow ribbon - tied into a bow across both handles.

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Looking above I noticed angels in blue. Then along the balconies, by each open window I saw large, gold spheres, which remained throughout.

After we sang "The Lord into His Garden Comes" and more Blessed Couples

received each member, Heung Jin Nim leaned forward, as if to shake hands. He then looked directly into the member's eyes and without words expressed his sincere heart and desire to serve and support us through the fulfillment of Wish Papers on behalf of True Parents. He expressed this heart to each member who presented the boxes of papers. I was deeply moved to witness this expression of unconditional love to us and incredible heart of filial piety towards True Parents.

I have already witnessed the spirit world moving to answer several of wishes.

Shortly before the start of the Ahn Soo session, I became aware of two angels standing beside me. They were tall and very strong. I watched as they pulled spirits off my body. The spirits were like a shadow, black with sharp uneven edges, like dark ghosts. They did not struggle.

The spiritual activity during the Ancestor Liberation and Ahn Soo session was very busy. All the angels were moving very quickly, like lightning. So all I saw were silver /white flashes everywhere. For a brief moment I saw an opening along the middle of the room leading towards Dae Mo Nim. After some time the activity in the room calmed and soon afterwards in the balcony, also.

Observing the Ancestor Blessing Ceremony from the balcony was a profound experience. The decoration of the room at that time became more beautiful. With long white curtains, two white doves, two silver bells - joined. Between each chair of the descendants seated there was placed either a large pink, white or lilac carnation. There was also gold running along each row of seats

and a single gold band around 8cm diameter around the whole room.

Before the ceremony I noticed a huge white cloud of ancestors above the descendants. This later disappeared.

The atmosphere was very similar to our Blessing time. Very calm and serious, especially during the Holy Wine Ceremony. Here, the ancestors stood as couples in front of their descendant. There was a queue in front of each descendant. After they received the Holy Wine they went behind the descendant and formed an orderly line to the right.

The atmosphere and the ancestors were very still during the sprinkling of Holy Water. They faced each other for the exchange of rings. A blessing ring appeared on the finger of the ancestors. At the same time I became aware of the beautiful fragrance from the flowers in the room. The ancestors proceeded calmly. However one female ancestor was obviously very excited like it was her Wedding Day. She was very happy!

Finally Chris Davies offered a song about angels and ancestors. During his performance a huge cake from the spirit world appeared. It was similar to ours but approximately three times bigger with candles on top.

As the ceremony drew to a close, our officiators prepared to present a bouquet of flowers to Dae Mo Nim. At the same time Heung Jin Nim and all the other True Children stood in a row, side by side, next to Dae Mo Nim. She received the bouquet with a big smile.

Finally, as we closed, I could sense the deep joy and gratitude of these newly blessed ancestors. They seemed overwhelmed by our efforts, as if they couldn't believe that we had gone through all this preparation, and paid such attention to detail, just for them.

They were deeply and profoundly grateful. ❖



entered I could see the true children, Heung Jin Nim and Young Jin Nim, and later, Hae Jin Nim. They were giving direction and also observing. Their spirit and attitude was, I felt, one of natural harmony and co-operation as well as one of taking responsibility

As Dae Mo Nim took her place on stage, I was surprised at how clearly I could see her and the beautiful Korean dress she wore. Someone entered with a silver container and sprinkled pink petals on the floor of the stage. I saw Hae Jin Nim, wearing a pink Korean dress.

While Dae Mo Nim spoke, there appeared behind her two gold crowns on a chair behind her.

The wish papers were presented to Dae Mo Nim. At the same time Heung Jin Nim stood next to her and together received the wish papers. His heart moved me very much! As Dae Mo Nim

Bridgeport International Academy receives a Blessing from True Parents

by Betsy Jones

On Easter Sunday, April 3, three senior American couples attended Hoon Dok Hae at East Garden. Dr. Chang ShikYang asked

Hugh Spurgin, Edwin Ang and Farley Jones to sit at the table with our True Parents. After Hoon Dok Hae, their wives were also invited to have breakfast with True Father. It was a special day of resurrection for each of our spirits and hearts. True Father began to speak to Dr. and Mrs. Spurgin about His vision for Bridgeport International Academy (BIA). He asked Nora whether she had ever felt, during these last eight years, that she could have done a better job as the principal than her husband had done. Nora was thoughtful and said she had watched her husband work very long hours, day and night, giving his all to create a good foundation for our True Parents' high school. Nora observed that she could not have done any better than he did. Father smiled, then He asked Nora to become the principal of BIA and for Marie Ang and myself to assist her. He said that He wanted

women to take the lead in educating our youth. In giving us an enrollment goal of 150 students, Father said that we are in the midst of the age of women. Next, True Father turned to Dr. Chang ShikYang and asked him to take responsibility for the oversight of Father's



middle and high schools located in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Father commented that He is calling on us as "the mothers of the American church" to work together to nurture, educate, and lead the second generation by making Bridgeport International Academy a model school. The Academy is founded on our True

Parents' vision of academic excellence, mastery of technological skills, and development of personal character and moral integrity. Upon this foundation, a fully educated person would develop the wisdom to utilize knowledge and skills for the benefit of others.

Frequently, our Father spoke to Nora, asking her questions and guiding her regarding the education of the next generation of leaders. One could feel Father's heart of deep appreciation for the pioneering work of the Spurgins, as a couple, in investing in the second generation and in establishing the foundation in Bridgeport for a model high school. Happy to see "the America elders", Father began reminiscing about His personal experiences with each of our couples during the early years of the American movement. Sharing His memories, Father proceeded to make personal comments to each of us. We were all deeply touched by His warmth and His recollection of such common experiences. It was a precious opportunity to feel Father's love for all of our American families. Then He asked about Hillie and George Edwards, a 777 couple. Anne Hillard or "Hillie" is current-

ly Director of the Agency on Aging of Loudon County, Virginia. Nora later spoke with her about helping to write grant proposals for BIA.

The next day, Monday, Father invited us to go fishing with Him -- in His boat. After Hoon Dok Hae, Nora, Edwin, Marie, Yoko Kobayashi, myself, and Tom and Lynn Walsh, went fishing with Father. Nora, Yoko, and I ran to catch Father's boat, and we just made it. Although it was pouring rain, our hearts were warm and full as we saw Father smiling at us as we climbed onto his boat. After fishing on the Hudson River, we were invited to have lunch in New Jersey with our True Parents. During lunch, He again focused on Nora and gave her words of encouragement as the new leader of Father's high school. Later, we went shopping and felt very loved and cared for by our Parents. As women with many years of experience with True Father and who worked together over many years as teachers, social workers, and nurses, we were grateful that our Father had put us together once again to help to bring the heart of a parent in Father's school.

On Tuesday, Father invited us to come to East Garden to watch Hyo Jin Nim's performance in Japan at 3 a.m. in the morning. Hyo Jin Nim's con-

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MY NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY FEDERATION

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Central to the work of expanding the blessing and lineage of heaven is the Neighborhood Family Federation. (Family Hoon Dok Church). Last Wednesday my wife Reiko and I held our first meeting. We had several friends we had made in the neighborhood and also Reiko had visited our neighborhood extensively to give the blessing to 662 couples.

We had invited a few from our neighborhood. One couple was free to come that evening and they joined us. We had our gathering at 7:00 pm. Reiko had mentioned to them that we would like to talk about making our families stronger and have some coffee and desert.

We were nervous. I realized as prepared some coffee and all the things that we should prepare. I had to think about it. Why are we doing this? Are we just going to going to have some friends over and leave it at that. How will we talk about family issues? What about our teaching? How will we discuss that we belong to Rev. Moon's church.

I must say that it would actually be easier to invite people to a prayer meeting that we don't know than to invite friends that we have known for some time. We had many talks before and have been over to each others homes as neighbors. Our faith experience came up before and they were warm about it. They had heard about Rev. Moon and our movement and weren't put off but were rather a little curious. Also they have watched out for our family because they know I'm gone a lot and my wife is out quite a bit for church out reach. Yet all of that was very casual with no particular focus. We had shared holy candy with them before. All of this was very friendly.

Now they are coming tonight for the "Hoon Dok Family Church" at my house!! How will we do this? How will we do this so that we don't all the sudden create an uncomfortable atmosphere. When invited they asked if they could bring their two sons. We said of course. We have a trampoline out back. We would love to have them.

When they came over we had enough of a friendship to start off pretty warm. We sat around the dining room table and talked about our families. They had already heard a few times about my Israel trips and so it created an already existing base for our discussions.

At first we were a little stiff, they both were both born in America and are very good active Americans. He has his own business as an architect and she is home schooling. We live in a suburban area that is mixed racially. As we discussed more and more it was very interesting to hear about their family background, his parents and her parents and the struggles of marriage at this time.

We asked them what church they belong to and they belong to a very rapidly growing community church in the area. We didn't know anything about them really before this. We started to discuss marriage and family and the values that we share in our faith about no divorce and no adultery. While we sat in my dining room Mr. N. saw our picture on the wall of the time our family was in Brazil and we got the special picture with True Parents. Mr. N. said, hey who's

that. We said its Father and Mother Moon with our family, we had a very good experience in Brazil a few years ago with our family workshops. Families from all over the world came there. Our children really loved it.

He said, "Oh that is cool. What was it like there." We described the Brazil experience where we just had the time with our families and the reading of God's Word and being in the creation.



It was amazing. Everything became very warm and interested. We talked about our in-laws and the good things about them and also some of the challenges. (One thing about Americans - they are very honest).

Then Mrs. N. opened up. She began sharing about how hard so many friends and even relatives have been hit by divorce. It is such a huge challenge and problem. She said the problem is also heavy in the churches. Quite a few couples are in trouble. All churches are grappling with this because the world wants you to believe it is ok. She said, "You know what the number one problem is? People having affairs. We have many church counselors dealing with this."

I was deeply moved by their candid and frank sharing. Mr. N. shared his heart that marriage is not an easy course. You need faith and you need a lot of love. You could see they were really close. Always its so interesting to see husbands and wives together. Often, as it was in this case they are very uniquely different and yet they are totally interdependent. Reiko and I both shared about the challenges of marriage and family. It is super common ground for all, blessed families struggle the same way all families struggle. (We are fortunate however because we have a strong Biblically based teaching on the problem of the misuse of love.)

The discussion was so sincere and everyone was interested. I mentioned that we focus on marriage and family as the most central part of our ministry. They said they were very interested. (latter Reiko and I shared that we were both so relieved at this point, we didn't know how we would introduce what we were doing. We had thought to show the "Path to Peace" video but heaven had another plan that was much better.) I said at this point, would you like to some of what we teach on marriage. They said, "Sure". They are both deeply into the Bible and very serious about doing what's right.

Just then little boys came in and we shared desert. My daughter Jessica and son James both came by to say hi. They complimented both of them as very nice

neighbors. James is 15 now and a freshman in high school. Jessy is a sophomore, they were curious about some of the neighbors children and if Jessy knew them. Some she knew. They asked where were the older ones? We explained that our three oldest are doing well. Ones in college, ones in Europe on STF and one is in NY working with the NY Church.

We said we have a teaching on the family and would like to show you something. (I got my computer out and opened the powerpoint). I went to the three blessings and shared the Genesis 1:28 Biblical Model. It was very, very good. We often don't realize that often God's original ideal is not really taught or understood. But its there in the Bible.

Then I opened and we read together Father's Words on family and marriage. I used the well edited and topical rendition of Father's Words that were established through the special AFC conferences. They were absolutely great. It was uplifting, humorous and just great. They loved it. They asked what are you reading from, I said Father Moon's teaching.

The atmosphere was extremely joyful. Reiko said we want to have a monthly gathering to help families and marriage. Mrs. N said, wow that's great. Let's have it at my house next time. Mr. N said, "yeah, that would be great." I then brought in some Holy Juice and explained that we have a special ceremony in which we bless families and pledge that we will never divorce and never be unfaithful. They were so happy and we shared the "blessing" together.

This was a truly great experience and we have begun our Neighborhood Family Federation. Reiko and I plan to focus on married couples and bring them together to support and bless their family. I can see tens of thousands of families "joining" the Neighborhood Family Association as good Christians and people of faith. Just as the Ambassador for Peace "theme" is so timely and popular - the Neighborhood Family Federation is timely and can become popular. People are very serious about their marriages, family and the future of their children. We have a most powerful contribution to make in this arena. I can also see those

who don't have a church to affiliate with becoming part of the Family Church of (your city). This is doable. I am deeply grateful to God and True Parents. We will have our next meeting soon. I will keep you posted.

I am encouraging our leaders not to teach from theory but to "do", not to speak but to "act". Father has been encouraging us to just do it. Centering on God's words the Neighborhood Family Federation is launching quietly throughout America. Our greatest power is that we can bring the anointing and blessing of the family to humanity. Jesus anointed True Parents and they have anointed us. Please send in your testimonies !!!! God is with us.

Please go forward Blessed Families - you have the power, you have the Word, the Holy wine and the heart that has suffered under incredible spiritual assault that was unleashed to stop your family and destroy your blessing. But now all that suffering has made you the deepest source and wellspring of liberation, security and happiness for all couples. Deep within the human heart is the unquenchable desire for True Love, Lasting Love that won't be betrayed. Love that the children can emulate and follow. This secures the neighborhood and the dwelling of God in the majority of homes in America will turn the direction of this nation toward its True destiny. Through this course America can become the nation of "True and Blessed Families." The churches are ready for us. ACLC has been prepared and the pastors are feeling urgent. Now we as blessed families can pave the way in the Neighborhoods of America so that eventually the members of all churches can pave the same way. ❖

New BFA Website

by Jim Stephens

Since we've begun to revive the Blessed Family Association, a lot has happened. Last October, we held our first BFA Convocation at UTS as part of the Educator's Conference. We elected our first Board of Directors and adopted bylaws. We've been helping to sponsor family-related programs and communication that can now be seen on the new BFA Website.

You'll notice right away that this Website is designed as a communications forum for Blessed Families everywhere. You can find out what's happening elsewhere in the country and post information about the good things you've been doing. You can get help or give help with Matching, Marriage Enrichment, Counseling, Education, Ascended Spouses, Special Needs, Adoption, Recreation or any other area. You can share valuable resources with others and see what colleges BCs are attending. You can even sign up for an Anniversary Cruise in 2007!

Please take the time to register your family on the Website. Click on the "New to BFA?" button. It will take a few minutes - we need your family information to make everything work. Once your registration is complete, you'll have access to the whole Website and you can add information to it. Your contributions will help many other families.

If you get stuck, email us at: info@blessedfamilies.org and we'll help you out! Your comments and feedback are welcome, too.

To log on, go to <http://www.blessedfamilies.org>. Select "New to BFA?" to get started. After the first time, use your new username and password to log in. (If you check "Remember Logon" you'll log on automatically in the future.)

This is the information on the regional-level workshops that have been reported to the Second Generation Department. We ask for your sup-

port and communication so we may provide inspirational and educational programs, centered on True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim, for our Second Generation brothers and sisters.

BC Summer Activities 2005					
Program	Age Group	Dates	Place	Cost	Contact
Summer College-Age Leadership Training Workshop Theme: "Claiming Ownership over God's Vision."	Second Generation Active College Students	May 30 - June 30	New York - 43rd St. and the University of Bridgeport	TBA	Rev. Joshua Cotter WC-CARP USA HQ Phone: 212-382-2402 Joshua@worldcarp.org
Commencement Workshop	1st Year and 2nd Year of STF	July 15 - 22	UTS, NY	TBA	Mr. Hyung Ki Kim Phone: 201-290-8374 usa@worldcarp.org
21-day STF Kickoff workshop	New STF member	the beginning of August	TBA	About \$500	Mr. Shinji Nakamura STF-USA HQ P. O. Box 3068 Hayward, CA 94545 E-mail: stfusa@worldcarp.org FAX: 510-259-0273 Phone: Answering: (510) 259-1139
Divine Principle Adventure Camp (NY, NJ area)	Middle School/High School children	July 3 - 10	Camp Sunrise, NY	\$250	Mr. Pablo & Dr. Ann Iparraguirre Phone: 203-394-7541 E-mail: Epailbrmg@optonline.net
LEAD Seminar	Middle-High school students	July 31 - August 5	Ithaca, NY (near Cornell University)	\$500	
Camp Sunrise (NY, NJ area)	Elementary Camp (Grade 4,5,6)	July 30-Aug 6	Camp Sunrise, NY	\$275 (first child) \$250 (each additional child)	Rev. Brian Sabourin Phone: 973-661-4075 Fax: 973-661-0927 Address: 10 Cleveland Ave. Nutley, NJ 07110 E-mail: briansab@aol.com Website: www.trueparents.org
	Junior High Camp (Grade 7,8,9)	July 10-17		\$275 (first child) \$250 (each additional child)	
	High School Camp (Grade 10,11,12)	July 17-27		\$375 (first child) \$350 (each additional child)	
Camp Lonestar (TX area)	12 to 18 yrs old	June 6 - 10	Hidden Cove Park (www.hiddencovepark.com)	\$120 - 150	Mr. Shinchun Lee Phone: 469-348-5370 E-mail: kandollee@hotmail.com
Pennsylvania Family Camps (PA area)	Family Camp-Session 1	July 25 - 30	Camp Shehaquia	Please check http://live4joy.org/a2.html	Mr. Robert Pickell Phone: 484-892-4110
	Family Camp-Session 2	July 31 - August 5			Mr. Bruce Bonini Phone: 570-595-7844
	Family Camp-Session 3	August 6 - 11			Mr. Jack Jewell Phone: 201-244-1309
T2 True Teen (North West area - BC's from other areas are welcome)	Grade 9 (Sept '05) and up - HS grads as counselors	July 1 - 8	Wilderness camping	from \$110 - \$170 (depending on parental participation)	Mr. Jeff A. dshead E-mail: jefg2@tw.com Phone: 604-937-5332 Website: www.t2nw.com
Camp Tongil (North West area)	Ages 8 - 14	July 10 - 16	Cornet Bay ELC, WA	Please check http://www.umil.net/ct/policies.html	Ms. Jane Bowman E-mail: jjanebowman@yahoo.com Website: www.campdongil.org
Eastern Canada Summer Camp	8 to 16+	July 24 - 31	Montreal, Canada	\$195 CAN (first child) \$185 CAN (each additional child) after June 20th, \$10 more	Mr. Richard Fortin Phone: 514-332-4677 E-mail: rfortin1@sympatico.ca
One Heart Camp (CA area)	Leadership staff training	July 3 - 4	Camp Seeley, CA	\$50	Ms. Mary Gowey E-mail: mcgquest@aol.com Fax: 510-483-4713 Address: 156 Theo Lane Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
	Middle school (5th to 8th grade graduates)	July 5 - 9		Please check www.bafc.org	
	High school (8th to 12th grade graduates)	July 10 - 16		Please check www.bafc.org	
Kohoe Summer Camp (Region 12: IL, KS, MI, MO, WI area)	High school students	July 9 - 16	Camp Kohoe	\$185 (\$235 after June 15)	Ms. Kathleen Sometani Phone: 630-540-2366, Fax: 630-540-2355 E-mail: katesometani@msn.com Address: 7972 A sbury Cir N., Hanover Park, IL 60133.
	The Jr. High workshop (completed grades 7-8)	July 17 - 21		\$120 (\$170 after June 15)	
	The Upper Elementary workshop (completed grades 4-6)	July 22 - 25		\$90 (\$140 after June 15)	
	The Lower Elementary workshop (completed grades 1-3)	July 26 - 29		\$90 (\$140 after June 15)	
Camp Aurora (New England area)	High School Camp (completed grades 9-12)	June 25 - July 1	New Hampshire	1st child: \$359 2nd child: \$349	Ms. Heather Thalheimer Phone: 603-774-7078 E-mail: pthalheimer@uno.com Website: www.campaaurora.net
	Middle School Camp (completed grades 6-8)	June 27 - July 1		1st child: \$289 2nd child: \$279	
	Youth Camp (completed grades 3-5)	June 27 - July 1		1st child: \$289 2nd child: \$269	
3rd Annual Maine Wilderness River Canoe Trip (New England area)	13 yrs. old and older and in good health (First 18 children and first 6 adults who would like to come as staff)	Fundraising for the trip begins July 4 Trip: July 9 - 16	Moose River	\$400.00 if not participating in the Fundraising time	Rev. Greg Odlin Email: godlin2000@hotmail.com Phone: 207-799-7317
Region 17 family workshop (NV, AZ, NM area)	Blessed Family members	July 2-9	New Mexico	\$120 - 150	Rev. Bill and Susan Starr Phone: 702-648-8756 Fax: 702-648-3134 E-mail: billstarrfamily@hotmail.com Address: 1740 North Leonard Lane Las Vegas NV 89108
Summer of Service @ 2005 workshop		May 21	the University of Bridgeport, CT	\$50	Rev. Mike Balcomb E-mail: mbalcomb@serviceforpeace.org Website: www.serviceforpeace.org
Summer of Service (SFP)	More than 50 service projects will be held this summer	June 15 to August 15	Please check Website: www.serviceforpeace.org	TBA	Please check Website: www.serviceforpeace.org

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cert truly is bringing rebirth to many; it included music and testimonies from young people. Father praised Hyo Jin Nim and was moved by the fact that he gave a 100% effort. Next, Father asked us as "the Bridgeport mothers?", with our husbands, to stand before the entire congregation. To our surprise, Father then announced that He was providing money to purchase a new building for Bridgeport International Academy that should be utilized for the education of our second generation and of other children of various religious faiths worldwide. Finally, He declared that Dr. Yang would be the new leader for the middle and high school in Bridgeport.

On that Easter morning and the days that followed, many blessings came to Bridgeport International Academy.

Father gave his vision for the Academy to be a truly international school for students from every continent of the world. He wants the graduates of BIA to become leaders who have experienced in high school a mini-global community consisting of a diversity of students and teachers. Studying in such a diverse community is a unique experience, which will help shape the adult life of each student. Even officials from NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges), the regional accrediting body, have taken note of the incredible diversity at Bridgeport International Academy, which has teachers and students from Africa, Asia, Oceania, South America, North America, Western Europe, and Russia.

The spiritual and financial blessings that were bestowed upon Bridgeport International Academy are an expression of our Father's love and deep commitment to our second generation. He

said that Blessed couples should send their precious children to the schools that He has established in Connecticut, where many second generation of all ages are currently living and studying. Father not only provided the Academy with resources to purchase and restore a school building (and thus expand), but He chose what He calls "the mothers of Bridgeport" to take the lead in nurturing and educating our school-age children.

BIA Update

On April 19, Bridgeport International Academy began a Summer Intensive English Program for a group of international students from Japan, Korea, Costa Rica, and Taiwan. Hopefully, they will have gained the English skills to join other BIA students when the Academy begins its ninth school year on August 22. On June 3, the Academy will hold its sixth graduation cer-

emony. Some graduates will go to STF, others will go to college, and one student who is interested in nursing plans to go to Africa with a medical team. BIA's first Muslim student from Africa is scheduled to graduate; his parents will travel from Senegal to see him receive his diploma.

Our growing Academy needs to hire at least one more teacher for the coming school year. We are especially interested in finding additional second generation teachers who either have a degree in education or who want to study for a graduate degree in education, while teaching at the Academy. We are able to help a teacher obtain a master's degree from the University of Bridgeport. If you are interested (or know someone who is), visit our website at bridgeportacademy.org, contact Nora Spurgin by email at biahighschool@hotmail.com, or phone either (203) 334 - 3434 or 260-6801. ♦

Adoption Ministry Meetings

by Claire Bowles

On April 30 and May 1, 2005 the Adoption Ministry of the Blessed Family Department had its kick-off seminars, first in the DC area, at the home of Rev. Hong, the regional director, and then in New Jersey, at the home of Mrs. Masako Feddema the director of BFD in New Jersey. Guests included couples hoping to adopt, couples who had already offered children, couples who had adopted children, and brothers and sisters who simply feel compassion for childless couples and want to help in any way they can, including prayer.

At both meetings we discussed the many issues that are important to think and pray about if you are considering being an offering parent and also the issues facing a couple hopeful of receiving a child. Many of those present had the opportunity to share their experiences from both sides of the process and quite a few tears were shed.

Central to both meetings was the guidance True Father originally gave on the tradition of Blessed Families offering to conceive for childless couples. True Father did not give detailed guidance about this tradition but what he gave was loud and clear and his words were the anchor onto which we all focused during the early foundation of our work to support offering and receiving couples.

His first words were to take the adoption providence out the hands of the church proper. He said that the church shouldn't be directly in charge of adoptions and that adoption is a private act between two couples.

He then said that central figures, no matter how well meaning, should not "match" a childless couple to a couple with children, nor in any way make couples feel pressured to either adopt or give a child.

He then suggested areas where adoptions might best take place: first between couples in a trinity, secondly within the spiritual family (spiritual parents, brothers and sister or spiritual children) and finally between couples who feel a bond of heart or calling from God.

In 1989 when the Blessed Family Department received these instructions from True Father, they took them to heart. They gave the adoption ministry to the New Family Foundation, a newly formed support group for offering and receiving couples comprised of offering and receiving mothers who had experience as counselors and who had a passion for work in this area.

Now in 2005 the Blessed Family Department has re-established the Adoption Ministry in order to support couples hopeful of receiving a child as well as those parents in a position of offering.

The Adoption Ministry will be preparing a list of these issues for further discussion and thought. We encourage all regional and local churches to become aware of this area of ministering to families and thus hold similar meetings based on the material that will come out.

Please visit the webpage for this ministry at www.familyfed.org/bfd. Look there for the materials when they become available. For those interested in this ministry, you can find a form for submitting your contact information.

Claire Bowles will be working as National Coordinator for the Adoption Ministry under the National BFD. She can be contacted directly for information concerning either offering or adoption of a blessed child. Contact her at jcbowles@sbcglobal.net.

Resurrection Retreat for 2nd Generation in Ohio

by Roger Bair

In March of 1972, Susan Finnegan (Fefferman) became the pioneer missionary for our movement in Ohio. She came alone, but with the grace of God and the vision of True Parents, her heartistic investment and pioneer spirit established a firm foundation, which has lasted through the years. Since that time, Ohio has seen countless leadership changes, numerous shifts and transitions in focus, the providence and even our name. To this day, however, it is not

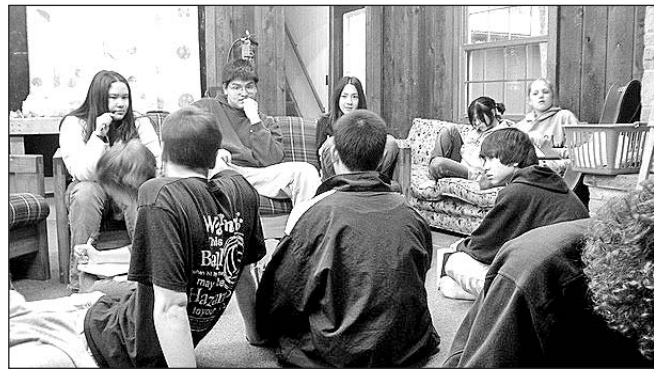
Dan and Susan Fefferman came to Ohio with three older BC's, Jasun Fedema, Christa Sofinowski and Solomon Pobanz to serve as the core staff for a workshop of 2nd generation teens. The idea and inspiration for this particular workshop developed after Kaeleigh had the opportunity to visit Ohio with the WAIT team last year. Friendships quickly emerged from this visit and it wasn't long after that plans for this workshop began to surface. She commented at the beginning of the workshop that she really wanted to offer something to



each other. Each day began with 5:00 AM Hoon Dok Hae and consisted of various activities aimed at team building as well as developing personal and community level goals. Several times I was overcome with emotion seeing the bonding and feeling the spirit as these precious sons and daughters of True Parents blossomed and grew.

Just as Jesus resurrected after 33 years of life on earth, I truly believe this workshop was a resurrection of our 2nd generation 33 years after Susan Fefferman first came to Ohio.

Once again I want to say Thank You to Kaeleigh, Christa, Jasun and "Sol" for a job well done. Also, Thanks to Craig Smith who was able to be with us the entire time and "wowed" the group with an inspiring, updated version of the Parallels of Human History lecture. Three other parents were able to be with us for one night each, Marilyn Morris, Gwenn Bair and Megumi Lindstrom. ❖



the 2nd generation in Ohio that would help them in their life of faith and form life-long bonds of heart.

B Schrattecker, the sixteen year old son of Josef and Tomiyo Schrattecker took the lead among the teens in Ohio in organizing and coordinating together with Kaeleigh. Through Heavenly

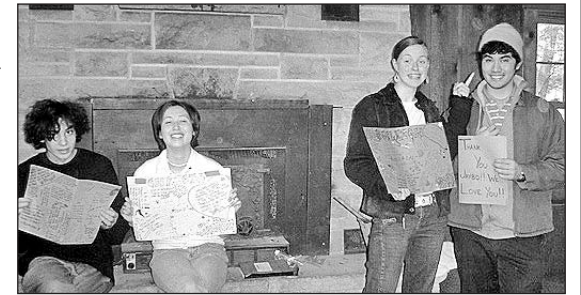
Father's guidance a workshop site was found in Rogers, Ohio, near Youngstown at a Lutheran campground called Camp Frederick. This turned out to be the perfect setting for what was to take place. With the dates for the workshop announced (Saturday, March 26 through

uncommon to hear it said by those who visit the "Ohio Family" that there is "something special here" or "there is so much potential here".

On March 26, 2005 Kaeleigh Fefferman, the sixteen year old daughter of

Tuesday, March 29, 2005) and discussion among the teens began in earnest, the question of parental involvement came to the surface. I immediately felt inspired to lend my support and involvement and decided to take off work in order to serve as the chaperone for this workshop. I will forever be grateful for having made this decision as it turned out to be a very enriching experience.

The core staff did such an amazing job of planning and organizing. They are to be congratulated for their example of heart and dedication to the teens that had gathered from all over Ohio. From the moment that we arrived at camp Frederick, it was non stop action of building lasting relationships of heart with



TRIBAL CROWN OF PEACE FOR ANGLINS & OLSONS

by Steve & Mary Anglin /
Jerry & Rossio Olson

Easter Sunday: the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a great day, we thought, for the resurrection of our own lineage through the Crown of Peace Ceremony. What was especially important is that my elder sister, who is a faithful practicing Catholic, requested to be able to host this ceremony at her own home, rather than at a hotel.

My husband and I moved to my home state 12 years ago. At first we concentrated on rebuilding relationships which had been strained over my 18-year absence. Over the past 5 years we became very busy with church work and invested less and less in our family. We've often felt guilty and burdened by this. After having a little time to digest Father's direction to hold the Coronation Ceremonies for our own clans, we realized this is perfect. For all those things we didn't do for our family, at least we could do this.

Both my parents, as well as all my aunts and uncles, passed into the spiritual world in the past few years. So twenty-five of my siblings, nieces and nephews gathered together. My brother and his wife drove 500 miles from Dallas, Texas to Topeka, Kansas to take part.

When the day and the crowd arrived, we opened by explaining that we were holding a Crown of Peace ceremony, which would bring great benefit to our lineage by connecting us to the global peace movement and the cosmic peace kingdom. We then showed the video "the Path to Peace", which was a great inspiration and perfect lead-in to the crown presentation.

My brother Jerry and his wife Rossio (30,000 couple) offered the crowns to my husband Steve and I (2075 couple). After this we sealed the offering by everyone partaking of Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine. We then distributed gifts to all attendees, and concluded with prayer.

(In preparing for the ceremony, we tried desperately to find suitable mementoes for everyone, related to a crown. When we couldn't find anything suitable, I finally put the question to



spirit world: 'what do we do?' I immediately received "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. This is a Crown of PEACE, focus on that." So my husband designed mini-posters with this scripture, decorated with a crown. We signed and dated the backs of these and put them into clear acrylic frames.)

Several people commented that they had 'felt something happen' during the crowning and holy wine. Even those non-religious participants appreciated this ceremony and their little mementoes of their induction into the Peace Kingdom! ❖

Summer Healing Seminar

by Jarish Cohen

Like many of our Second Generation, much of my life has been filled with painful experiences of sacrifice and relationships that were less than ideal. I struggled so much to find out who I was, where I fit in. I didn't feel loved, I felt worthless, and I felt empty inside. This led to a lot of unhealthy behavior and trying to find love in all the wrong places. A year and a half ago, God intervened in my life and I have experienced amazing healing and love ever since, primarily from my family.

When I 'came back' to the movement, I realized I was not alone. I saw then and still see today, so many of our Second Generation struggling to find their identity and feel loved. Lack of love is the deepest pain one can experience and it breaks my heart to see so many of those around me with pain in their hearts and souls. I want healing to occur in their lives and thus I am putting together a healing seminar to do just that. This will not be just another seminar or workshop. This is a great opportunity to heal one's heart and grow as a person and as a child of God.

My father, who has invested many years of education, training and experience, becoming a nationally-famous author and counselor in the area of healing emotional wounds and achieving intimacy in relationships.

This seminar is for Second Generation and their parents who want to experience personal transformation. It will teach new ways to intimacy with oneself, others and God. This is an opportunity to access personal thoughts/feelings that may be blocking personal growth and achieving healthy relationships. It will be a two-day experiential seminar combining cognitive understandings with emotional processes, where vital life skills will be enhanced, and hope rekindled.

In a safe, non-judgmental environment, hearts will be healed, minds will be mended, and spirits set free! The topics include, discovering your inner child, reconciling relationships, experiencing the healing power of healthy touch, and fulfilling unmet love needs in healthy relationships. Experience a new way of being and the power of love in action. All participants are welcome to open up, share their deepest concerns, and allow remarkable healing to occur.

Date: June 11-12, 2005 • Time: 9am-5pm each day
Location: BWI airport in Baltimore, Maryland • Cost: \$150
Contact Organizer: Jarish Cohen
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WFWP Bridge in Washington State

by Patricia Couweleers

An Intercultural and Inter-religious Women's Friendship Gathering and Bridge of Peace ceremony was held on Sunday March 20th at the Garden Street Family Center in Bellingham, Washington. Many different races, nationalities, faiths and organizations were represented. This was the first WFWP event held in Bellingham, a city of 70,000, an hour and a half north of Seattle and 20 minutes from the Canadian border.

The room was filled to capacity with 63 people in all. There were 37 guests, and many of them from the Vancouver, British Columbia area who were accompanied by WFWP members.

The program began with introductions by Bonnie Berry as MC. The format of this event had a truly community essence as it was also a potluck. After Bonnie opened the program everyone was directed to enjoy and serve themselves at the delicious buffet created by everyone's contributions.

Patricia Couweleers, the local WFWP coordinator, gave the welcoming address and introduced the video of the WFWP Peace Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine 2004. Everyone's hearts were truly moved by the content and this set the stage to begin the bridge

ceremony.

Many of the visitors were curious and maybe just a little cautious of this new ceremony which they had never heard of before, but once the participants were called out by name, the magic began. The first few couples who crossed had been organized before-

of time. Also there were guests who came with a friend who we did not expect to attend in advance. Thus, the ceremony took on a spontaneous nature as Bonnie invited those to come forward willing to extend the hand of friendship to a sister of peace. In all, there were 18 couples who crossed the

After the bridge ceremony the room seemed to glow as the new sisters of peace sat together and got acquainted. Many women commented afterward to Patricia how happy they were and amazed that their match was a person after their own heart! Everyone toasted the new sisters of peace with sparkling apple juice to the creation of families, communities, and a world of absolute true love.

The event ended with entertainment by a trio of local women named Mockingbird who entranced everyone with their lovely a capella presentations (some original) of songs of peace. Mockingbird led everyone in a final song Let There Be Peace on Earth. No one really wanted to go home.

This event was a community effort of our small but close group of families here in Bellingham representing WFWP and FFWPU. Also, WFWP members in British Columbia brought 8 guests in addition to themselves. Special thanks to Scott Dolfay and Will Couweleers who transported the original bridge of peace from Seattle and back, Brian Granstrom of Great River Productions who provided the audio/visual support, Doug and Eileen Williams who did everything from bridge construction to hospitality and registration. ❖



hand, but, as is often the case, until the actual guests turn up at the event it can be difficult to plan matches ahead

Bridge of Peace together in warm embraces and smiles. Thirty of the 37 guests received a sister of peace.

A Trip to East Garden

by Bruce Sutchar

This past weekend my wife and I were blessed with the opportunity to attend our True Parents for Hoon Dok Hae at East Garden on Friday, April 22nd. Father had quietly invited all western members since he would be leaving for Korea (probably for the duration of the summer) 2 days later. It was quite a journey. With no notice, we decided to fly into Philadelphia, rent a car and drive up to East Garden, in order to save about \$500 (my Jewish-ness is coming out here—Jewish people will always let you know what a great deal they got on something and this is the Passover season after all!)

My wife so deeply desired to sit right in the front row. Thus, we arrived at 4:30 am, but sadly, the room was already at 90% capacity. However, since the Western members were the invited guests, she was thrust up to the front and wound up literally sitting in the second row, right in front of True Parents.

Hoon Dok Hae was quite short, ending at about 7:15am, when Father suddenly got up out of his chair, waved goodbye and went to eat breakfast with the Korean leaders. But these 2 hours were such a deep experience for both my wife

and myself.

I joined our AFC President, Jim Flynn and Richard Panzer as the only AFC leaders present.

Sitting in front of Father, especially, as seldom as we get to do nowadays, is such a special experience. For me, as Father spoke, it was a time of reflection,

the world affect how I relate—to others, to my family and to God and True Parents.

After Hoon Dok Hae, Father asked Won Ju McDevitt to sing a song for all of us.

As she sang (and she sang with so much heart and passion that tears were coming out of her eyes) Father both quietly sang along with her and translated for the few sitting right in front of him. It was a beautiful event. One in which both my wife and I felt so graced to be part of.

After Father left, Rev. Jenkins shared with the congregation. He talked about the success of the last pilgrimage to Israel, the just completed DP seminar in Ocean City and other current events. He invited AFC President Jim Flynn to share as well as others

such as Senator Donzella James (who had a life transforming experience in Ocean City). The last testimony came from a BC from the Boston contingent. He stood in front of us for about 10 minutes, barely saying a word. Each time

he tried to speak, tears welled up and he held down the microphone. To me he seemed to be repenting that the second generation had fallen so far short of Father's true expectations. In response, rev. Jenkins tried to speak, but was also moved to tears, as he apologized for our lack of preparing a proper foundation and inheritance on which our children could begin to build.

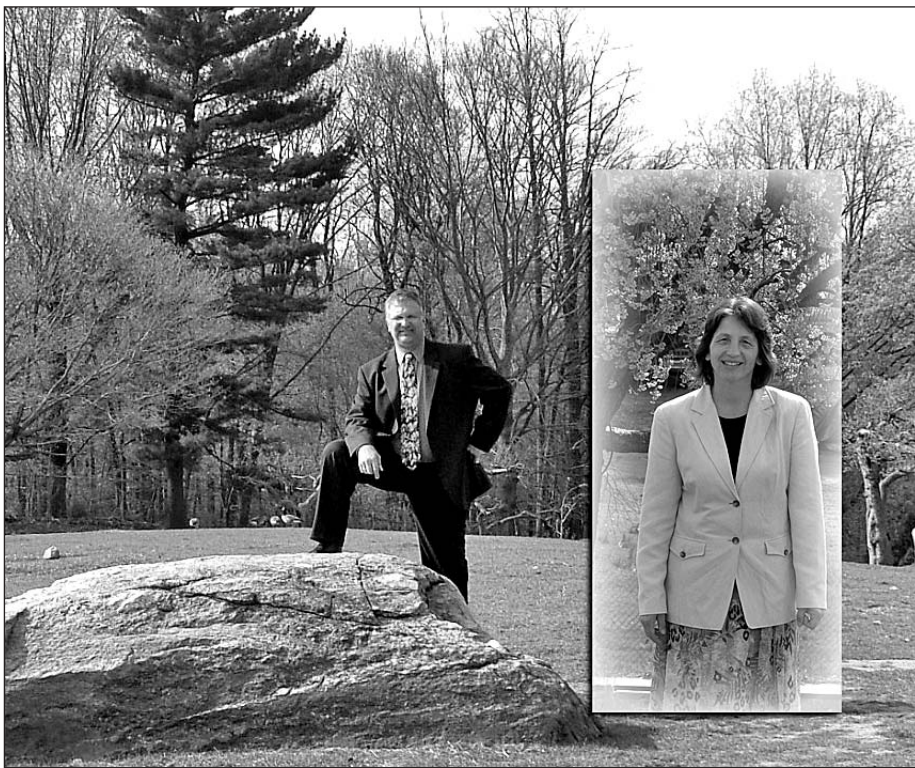
I want to share one final point that was made by Rev. Jenkins. He said that Father has decided that all the Korean Regional Directors would soon begin to step back and allow Americans to assume these positions. He asked Barry Geller and Bruce Grodner to stand

up, insinuating that they would most likely become 2 of the new regional directors. Then he implored the audience to please pray for them and respect and relate to them in the same way that they have been relating to the Korean leaders.

We were then able to have breakfast with several of the ministers who had attended the morning session (several were from the Detroit contingent who had driven up from Ocean City) in Father's dining room.

Finally, my wife and I went outside and drank up the beautiful spring spirit of the Hudson River Valley outside of East garden. WE then journeyed over to Belvidere to share a few moments with God at Father's prayer rock.

And now we are back in Chicago. Its Monday morning and my wife is back to teaching music and we are both back to the everyday challenges of living in this world but trying desperately to not be of this world. ❖



WFWP Supports the Secretary General's Plan

by Bonnie Berry

On behalf of the Women's Federation for World Peace International, I commend Secretary General Kofi Annan for his efforts to focus the UN on the accomplishment of the Millennium Development Goals, to plan to reorganize and reform the UN for the purpose of streamlining and making it more effective in its work of development, and implementation of security and human rights for all, as well as peacekeeping and peace building. The Secretary General has done an excellent job of reaffirming that although the UN is an organization of sovereign states, ultimately those states exist to serve the needs and hopes of the individual citizens within them and the larger world. He has reinforced that the original framers of the UN Charter intended to create an organization to ensure us of a future of peace, where human rights are respected and justice and the rule of law are practiced and maintained. It is clear through this report that the Secretary General fully aims to sharpen the tools at hand, leave behind old tools that no longer function, pick up some new tools and advance on the accomplishment of the Millennium Development Goals. We wish for success, and plan to act as partners in this work. In the response that follows, rather than addressing all points of the report, I will focus on areas where there are meeting points with the aims and activities of Women's Federation for World Peace International.

In recent years, we have seen the Secretary General's belief that collective action between the UN and an active civil society and private sector are needed to meet the Millennium Development Goals. He stressed the importance of partnership between the UN and civil society at numerous junctures throughout this report. WFWPI, as an NGO in general consultative status is serious about its partnership with the UN. As an organization we have been actively working to align ourselves with efforts to fulfill the MDGs by hosting forums and panels in conjunction with the DPI/NGO conferences, the CSW

and as stand alone events. Our recent panel, Girls Education: A Key to Poverty Eradication, held at the CSW in March 2005 gave practical knowledge and experience on this important topic ranging from the importance of national legislation to support equity in education to grassroots activities that help build awareness and educate the public about the importance of this issue.

Perhaps more importantly, WFWPI volunteers have instigated numerous projects in developing nations, particularly in Africa. Emphasis on establishment of International Service Projects in Africa demonstrates the knowledge and commitment that WFWPI has that Africa has special needs and will need continued support. These projects have included schools, health clinics, HIV/Aids education programs, vocational training and many other economic development projects. WFWP volunteers have come to understand first hand that knowledge and practical skills are the key to sustainable development. Since 1994, we have been involved in empowering those in need, particularly women and young people, by arming them with knowledge and skills. We agree with the Secretary General that "empowered women can be some of the most effective drivers of development". From our experience in the field, we strongly affirm the Secretary General's belief in the importance of Civil Society's role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and thereby advancing the cause of freedom, security and human rights for all.

One WFWPI project that demonstrates the effectiveness of UN and NGO partnership for a holistic approach to sustainable development is the UNDP, WFWP, and Integrated Family Development Initiatives partnership implemented in Bufumbo Sub-county of Mbale district in Uganda. UNDP awarded a \$50,000US grant to assist 400 families ousted from Mt. Elgon Forest

Reserve who were living in poor conditions on steep degraded land. The project increased family incomes from \$200US a year to \$2000 by using modern, intensive intercropping of perennial and seasonal crops and agro forestry methods including coffee and banana trees, beans and groundnuts, other crops of fruit, grasses, bees, firewood. Other skills that were taught include soil and water management, compost making, water harvesting, health and hygiene, family values and ways to avoid HIV/AIDS. This example of integrat-

that all are interconnected and interdependent and we must commit to creating a world that is free from fear. We also affirm that facing threats will inevitably involve Member States seeking and achieving consensus on a vision of collective security as well as an understanding of the nature of threats faced by the world's citizens. We urge the appropriate UN bodies to clarify what constitutes threats to safety and security and prioritize threats, strengthen monitoring, and take action to prevent their occurrence and spread.

As people, we acknowledge that the circumstances that are a prelude to violent conflict are often complex, deep and long standing. Sometimes deep resentments among cultures, communities

or tribes are a reality. Sometimes greed is a factor. In order to overcome barriers and affect prevention in these situations, transformation must occur within the hearts of the actors. This transformation most likely will not be created by rules, laws or treaties. It is something that must come from within the human heart. Rituals can provide a context for such transformation to occur. The Women's Federation for World Peace Intl. has been holding Bridge of Peace Ceremonies since 1994 between women (and some men) of formerly hostile nations, as well as in multi cultural, multiracial contexts. It is an opportunity for individuals from very different backgrounds and circumstances to meet one on one through a ceremony of forgiveness and reconciliation. This simple but beautiful ritual has the power to open hearts and allow those previously alien to one another to embark on a friendship and perhaps a partnership. WFWPI offers this simple Bridge of Peace Ceremony to the larger UN and world community as a tool of social engineering to open doors and hearts between parties who are hostile to one another, whether representatives of Member States, or parties to tensions that could erupt into violent conflict. In order to be more see **WFWP** on page 26



ed sustainable development demonstrates how successful such partnership and integration can be in a relatively short period of time and moderate expense.

We encourage the Secretary General and the Economic and Social Council to strive to utilize existing forums between the UN and civil society to highlight examples of best practices that can be replicated, as well as strengthened avenues in which NGO knowledge and experience can be shared with decision makers and other actors to enhance effective planning and development.

WFWP volunteers have witnessed first hand, the trauma to children that violent conflict brings and have worked to invest care and opportunities for healing for the children they have come in contact with. It is common sense that it would be far better to strengthen systems of prevention and efforts at peace building rather than having to face the aftermath and the devastating affects of violence on the soul and psyche of children especially, but every innocent in the path of violent conflict and other threats to peace and security. We agree with the Secretary General that inflicting violence on innocents and noncombatants is never an acceptable tactic. In addition, we agree

Two-Day Workshop in Atlanta

by Min. Charles Deline

The Education and Witnessing Departments in Atlanta held a workshop from April 22nd to the 24th. Our goal was to have a minimum of ten guests, but we were blessed with the attendance of thirteen guests, including three Christian ministers, one Muslim sister, two married couples, and three Second Generation. In all, the workshop was staffed and attended by twenty-six loving brothers and sisters. Mrs. Kasongo coordinated the workshop; the Second Generation centering on sis. Joyce Bologo prepared the spiritual atmosphere before every presentation and even the meals. The lectures were given by myself and our Vice-Regional Director, Rev. Kasongo. The workshop was held at the beautiful John Tanner State Park, about fifty miles from Atlanta.

From the start, we were united that we wanted each participant to have a spiritual awakening. We wanted the participants to acknowledge the Second Coming, join our family and prepare to receive the Blessing. The spirit of the Lord moved so powerfully during the workshop that many of the participants couldn't contain their desires to know if Rev. Moon was indeed the messiah. Rev. Kasongo did not pull any punches, but testified boldly during his presentation of the Second Coming about True Parents. According to the participants, the lectures only confirmed what the Lord had already placed in their hearts.

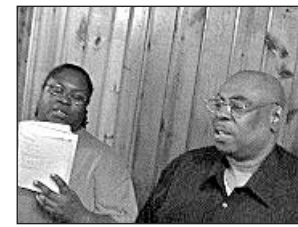
Most of the participants testified during the group discussions that they had been feeling spiritually empty for a long time. Two of the participants said that they had been "Church-Out." They wanted something more from their churches because they felt there had to be

something more. After hearing the Divine Principle, they knew why their spirits were so uneasy. The testimonies and reflections were recorded to be released on DVD soon.

At the end of the workshop I extended an open invitation for membership. Six of the participants gladly signed up to become members of the Atlanta Family Church of Peace. Our Regional Director, Rev. Yang, is very determined that every workshop should bring results. He has inspired each member to bring one new member for 2005.

We are so thankful to Heavenly Father and True Parents for such blessings and we are looking forward to

doubling our membership this year. ❖

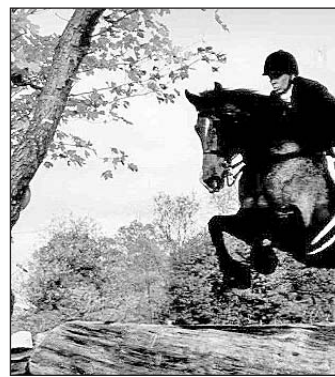


Cheong Il Guk Horsemanship Seminar

by Lesa Ellanson

The 2005 dates for Cheong Il Guk Horsemanship Seminar are July 17 through July 30; the seminar is open to all Second Generation appli-

cants, age 15 (as of July 1, 2005) and older. Openings are less limited than last year; however, consideration



aged to attend.

The program will include riding and showing, horse and stable management, equestrian history, internal guidance, special guests, HDH study, field trips, and other activities. Deadline is July 1, 2005. Applications can be obtained by emailing ellanson@frontiernet.net.

will be given to those students who are returning for their second year. First-year candidates who wish to apply are more than welcome and those with prior equestrian experience are especially encour-



Also, those older Second Generation or Blessed Parents who wish to volunteer as cooking assistants, drivers, or as help for other tasks, please contact Lesa Ellanson. ❖



SPREADING THE CULTURE OF HEART THROUGH MUSIC

Interview with CARP student Laurel Sayre. Laurel is a student at Temple University in Philadelphia majoring in English. During her 3 years in college, she has initiated a couple of interfaith Dialogues on her campus.

In 2003, Laurel was Miss USA representing America at the Mr. and Miss University International Pageant held in Seoul, Korea during the World CARP Convention.

Laurel is also an inspirational singer-songwriter. Her song "Peace is in Our Hands" received an award and it was released on a compilation CD that was named after her song and featured 12 other songs about World Peace.

What or who has inspired you the most in your songwriting?

God really works through me in my songs. A lot of my songs are prayers and that's a big part of my life as well

as my songwriting. Also, just life in general; the experiences that I've had with my friends and family.

What do you hope to accomplish through your music?

I think music has a way to touch people's hearts in a way that nothing

else can. I want to inspire and uplift people. There are a lot of really great artists out there, but many times people aren't uplifted by their work and some music can be pretty depressing.

Life should be enjoyed and I really want to impact the culture by giving people life when they hear my songs.

What do you find most challenging when writing a song?

When you're writing, it's really an expression of yourself and your emotions, which are all intangible things. What has always been the biggest challenge for me is taking those feelings and putting it into a form that everyone can relate to, at the same time making it unique and interesting so that lyrics aren't too cliché.

As a musician what are some

obstacles that you've encountered and what keeps you going?

There is always the occasional writers block but even more so it's getting up enough determination to get you out there. Music is a real calling for me and it's something that I love. I love being in front of audiences and seeing that they are enjoying my music is what keeps me going.

When you leave this world how would you like to be remembered?

I want to be remembered as someone who really had a drive and passion to do something. Even if I don't end up with my name in the history books I just want to be known as someone who put my heart into everything I did. (Laughing) I hope there will be a lot of people who miss me when I'm gone. ❖



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effective at prevention, we believe that the UN and Member States must increase their "arsenal" of tools for effecting prevention. A great starting point to prevention is certainly taking a step toward reconciliation. The Bridge of Peace Ceremony can be an opportunity to create this first step.

On that note, although the Member States have been the traditional building blocks, and representatives participating at the UN, perhaps it is time to consider the fact that throughout the world, religious and spiritual leaders have historically played important leadership roles in the lives of the world's people. Loyalty toward, respect and reverence for ones faith leader is often stronger than loyalty and respect of one's political leader or head of state. Perhaps it is time, since the Secretary General is suggesting some reforms and actual changes to the UN Charter, that the Secretary General and the UN bodies consider the very important role that religious leaders and spiritual leaders play in the lives of their believers. As the Secretary General states in his

report, there is a moral imperative that unites us and drives us to seek a better world. If anyone in the world could encourage us to rise to the situation and do what is right, rich and poor, north and south, east and west, would it not be the leaders of the religions and spiritual traditions coming together, arriving at consensus and inspiring us as a single voice to create the world of peace envisioned by the framers of the UN Charter?

As the microcosm of the world, would not the UN more fully represent the world community if, along side the General Assembly, there was a body of equal stature composed of representatives from the various religions and spiritual traditions of the world? Such a group could be a fantastic resource of knowledge of the intricacies of cultures and societies, as well as wisdom of human experience striving to fulfill spiritual and religious practice, in enacting problem solving, conflict resolution and fostering a transcendent mentality and determination to find solutions in the face of difficult and persistent problems. Certainly, such a body would be an indispensable presence in the

organization of the UN, now facing the reality that threats to security are no longer state to state conflicts, but conflicts within states and other problems and issues such as disease and persistent poverty. This idea may seem far fetched. If so, a less ambitious plan

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might be to add an advisory council of religious/spiritual leaders to the Secretary General along with the advisory council of scientific experts that the Secretary General suggests in his report.

In conclusion, we admit that as people, we long for a peaceful and safe world where we are one human family. This implies that the fates of all of

us are intertwined, that in order for any to be at peace and truly fulfilled, everyone must have access to freedom, security and human rights. We support the Secretary General's efforts to increase transparency, efficiency and effectiveness within the UN system. We encourage the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to cooperate with the Secretary General in increasing and strengthening partnerships and coordination and sharing of knowledge and experience with and among civil society actors. We sincerely thank the Secretary General for his understanding of the value and importance of the work and knowledge of the nongovernmental organizations and civil society in striving to meet the Millennium Development Goals.

Women's Federation for World Peace International determines to continue its efforts worldwide to eradicate poverty, empower women, and foster peace and reconciliation as well as share knowledge and experiences of best practices as a partner with the United Nations. ❖

Religious Leaders gather in Toronto for IIFWP Forum

by Rev. Mitch Dixon

By the invitation of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chae Hee Lee, more than thirty religious leaders from over 12 different faith groups, among them Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, and Scientology, gathered at the Lees' home in Toronto, Friday night, April 29, Toronto, for a mini forum and dinner.

The international dinner was plentiful, with vegetarian, fish, sushi, and beef entrees prepared by Mrs. Lee and 4 Japanese missionaries, two of whom flew into Toronto just for this event. The mood of the evening was very pleasant with many feeling good about what they were experiencing.

Rev. Mitch Dixon was the MC for the program. Dr. Hoosein Auckbarullee spoke about the peacekeeping efforts of the IIFWP in the Middle East and the upcoming schedule to continue these gatherings in Toronto. A video was shown regarding the Middle East Peace Initiative. This was an eye opener to many while moving their hearts. Several participants shared their insights with the group. Three of these caught my attention as I regarded them as an unexpected testimony to the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's efforts for world peace.

Imam Abdul Hai Patel said he works with many groups, many of whom just talk, but he sees in this group an effort towards peace that goes farther than the others by bringing so many diversities together into the heart of where the conflict lies.

Dr. Mobarak Ali, Imam and Director of the Etobicoke Muslim Community Organization, said that he first encountered Rev. Moon through the work of CAUSA in the early 1980s. He felt that the Afghanistan peoples' resistance of the Soviet invasion there and the persistent work of Rev. Moon through CAUSA were destructive blows to atheistic Communism. He



now sees a parallel effort behind Rev. Moon's persistent peace initiative that he feels may very well establish the peace we are seeking.

Rev. Maria Luisa F. Yahin, President of the Bride of Jesus Christ Ministries, said she has been studying parts of the Divine Principle. She said it spoke to her spirit and greatly uplifted her. She testified to others about it. She was warned by other Christians not to go near us as she would lose her soul. In dilemma, she prayed to God, asking him what to do. He told her that Rev. Moon is the messiah. She said she was not imagining this, but it was a

real experience with God. She said she felt good to be at this meeting.

The forum concluded with the reading of the recent Jordan Declaration. Participants were asked to sign if they agreed with the statement.

The spirit I felt at this gathering gives me more than hope but real belief that the Peace Kingdom is at hand. ❖



European News Video

by Mike Balcomb

An exciting new program called EuroFocus was premiered at the European Leaders Meeting in Rome at the end of February and has now become an official publication of the European Education Department. It's newly appointed Director, Tim Miller, says of it, "Finally we have a great program that conveys what's happening here. It's exactly the kind of innovation we need to present the movement to the larger society".

The 30-minute show is the brainchild of Andrew Davies, who also directed it. "I wanted to make a show that would inspire and reconnect members in the various countries of Europe by giving them something home-grown that they can enjoy watching, but also something that they can show to guests, friends and family", says Andrew.

A catchy theme tune, written by Natty German, introduces two energetic co-presenters, Ajay Rai and Parmy Olsen, in an informal "couch and coffee-table" setting. In the first episode they report on a large Ambassadors for Peace Conference in Italy; the MEPI rallies in Israel and a "Beyond the Cross" ceremony in the UK. They also present features on one brother's amazing encounters with spirit world; a report on Albania and an account of the ongoing fight in the UK to lift the entry ban on Rev Moon. It closes with a beautiful song written by Chris Davies, which he sang with _____ at a concert in Korea.

Maybe you will want to buy it to find out what's been happening, but we also hope you will use it for outreach - why not ask your contacts to subscribe as well? It's great for the Ambassadors for Peace.

Already work has started on the second episode. If you know of interesting events or people that you would like to have featured, or if you have footage you would like to submit, please send your ideas to Editorial@eurofocus.tv.

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Crowning Ceremony for the Iseda Tribe

by Kiyohito and Heidi Iseda

March 18th, our family held a Crowning Ceremony for the King and Queen of Peace and Cheon Il Guk Registration Blessing. This is basically for my tribe, most of whom live in the state of California. My husband, Kiyohito, is originally from Japan, but we've been living here in this city which I consider my hometown in America because most of my relatives live here. (I'm originally from the Philippines.)

We've been living in this city of Rosemead since 1991, when True Parents gave direction to move to our hometown and witness to our relatives. They



have done with them around the time when my mother passed on to the spirit world two years ago, so I know they have interest in hearing and understanding True Parents' teachings.

It came to me one day while watching a slide show of True Parents' recent activities at church, that my family should offer a crown to True Parents while they are physically alive on the earth. I felt a strong push from my ancestors to do it, while at the same time inspired by Rev. Dr. Jenkins and Rev. Antonio Betancourt's

testimony about the Crowning Ceremony they did with their clans. I really couldn't see why we can't do it. I also felt this was a good time as our youngest daughter's birthday is coming up this month, and we usually gather together as a tribe to celebrate each other's birthday. I thought this would be a perfect time to do both the crowning ceremony and the birthday party.

To make a long story short, with the support of my community leader and members' families, I began the preparation for the ceremony both internally (through a prayer condi-

tion), and externally (researching where to get the crown, place to hold it, etc.). Ten days before the event I sent invitations and made phone calls to all my relatives in town.

The day of the ceremony came, and the rain started to fall (as was forecasted, rain came back to Southern California on that day.), so those who live farther away couldn't make it. Fortunately, my eldest relative and his wife were able to come. (Both my parents and all grandparents are in the spiritual world,

so I wanted my eldest relative to do the crowning.) But the rain and some missing relatives didn't dampen our spirits. The ceremony was held after a short explanation on the history of the crowning ceremonies beginning from God, Jesus, then True Father and True Mother, and an excerpt of True Father's speech, "The Perfect Restoration of Cain and Abel Brotherhood and the Ideal World of Creation" given at Cheong Pyong on True Parents' Birthday and King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of

Cosmic Unity. After my uncle and his wife offered the crown, our spiritual children, a Chinese couple, who are leaders of a group called "World Headquarters for Mankind's Greatest Knowledge and Potentialities" based in Taiwan, offered the flowers to True Parents. About four other blessed families were in attendance to support the event. After taking some pictures, we proceeded to celebrate our daughter's ninth birthday. She also has a little crown on, and she looked like a beautiful heavenly princess.

I felt my ancestors were very proud and happy about the ceremony. It was not easy to prepare for it. Many things



happened internally and externally that still tried to prevent it from happening, but in the end we were victorious. Now, my husband and I feel that our mission as tribal messiahs and representatives of True Parents are much more real. There's no more shying from it. We carry the heart of True Parents wherever we go, express it to whoever we meet, it's no longer just us who meet them, but God is meeting them and giving them love through us.

We're so grateful to have such a blessed event. Truly, this is the "era after the coming of Heaven", and nothing is going to stop the Kingdom of Heaven from being built. Thank you Heavenly Father and True Parents and the spiritual world. ❖



have attended many of the public speeches whenever the True Family come here to speak, and through the years have turned positive (from being negative) towards True Parents. They have all received the blessing as previously married couples or as singles. None have joined or studied the Principle directly, but they have received True Father's words through some readings (HDH) I

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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 on March 12, 2005, (including staff and observers). The audience was com-

prised of one-third 1st generation, two-thirds 2nd generation (of which approx. 10 were newly Blessed).

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 to 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.

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. ❖

UTS 'Sports Fest'

On Saturday, May 21, 2005 the students of our Seminary at the Barrytown campus organized a "Sports Fest" with a day of sports with a soccer and volleyball tournaments, other sport games for children, nature and labyrinth walks, lots of delicious food, a martial arts demonstration, an exhibition of calligraphy works of art, an art exhibition of 2nd Gen art from the local church community and live entertainment featuring the UTS band lead by Tyler Hendricks and "Jet Kim Chee", a student band.

The day ended with a raffle with donations from Ginseng Corporation, Ginsberg's Foods, our local food dis-

tributor, Hana Sushi - featuring the best Japanese cuisine in the Hudson Valley, our local donut shop and our own bookstore. \$10 and \$20 gift certificates, gift baskets, watermelons, cases of Ginseng Up, UTS sweatshirts, hats, etc. were won by the lucky raffle ticket holders.

During the break before the final soccer game, the Tongil Moodo

Club preformed a demonstration and possibly the best part of the day was the "fun games" where young and old had such and wonderful and fun time playing games such as egg toss, egg on a spoon races,



3 legged races, etc.

They had so much fun and also there were prizes for everyone. Memories like these remain for a long time or forever.

We thank all of our sponsors and the students who organized the event. The public is welcomed and we hope to see you next year at this wonderful event. ❖



Christian Songwriters Open Mic Night

by Bob Huneycutt

In order to bring together my love for music and the current emphasis on community outreach, I organized an open mic night for Christian songwriters at a local coffee shop.

At the first Open Mic night, 3 performers entertained about 20 customers. Naturally I hope that we can attract more performers, but this was a good start. Bill Ormond, one of the musicians, is an accomplished guitarist who recently finished recording with Grammy-winning artist Shirley Caesar.

Another local musician was in a rock band for 20 years but now plays at King's Park International Church. He missed the first Open Mic Night, but has promised to sing at the next one, as it will be a monthly event.

IDEAS! Coffee House in Durham, NC was very supportive of the plan. IDEAS! is a family-owned business that also hosts jazz music, rap and poetry nights, and even a laugh night. Tuesdays are typically a slow night for them, so they welcomed the extra business that the Christian Songwriters brought.

Ever since I joined a songwriters circle last year, I have been aware of the need for a forum for Christian songwriters (outside of the obvious one- their church). Open Mic nights also bring people of faith together beyond denominations.

There are numerous Open Mic nights in the Triangle area (Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill) but there tends to be a disconnect between the typical participants, who are singing anti-war songs, social complaint, gay and liberal issues; and Christian songwriters where faith sets the tone.

One of the reasons I am organizing this event is to help Christian songwriters find an audience. There is a whole new generation of songwriters who, instead of just singing about God's glory, sing about the honest struggle to live a principled life. This songwriters will do more than any theologian to influence the way mainstream Christians interpret their faith. Amy Grant has said that she got most of her theological ideas from the songs she grew up singing.

At this time when outreach is being emphasized, we should use our unique talents and interests to make more contacts. ❖



23rd Anniversary of the Madison Square Garden Blessing

On Saturday, July 2, 2005, the Unification Theological Seminary will host its first annual 2075 Couples Anniversary Party. This will celebrate the 23rd Anniversary of the July 1, 1982 Madison Square Garden Blessing. Also, couples from the 6000 couple blessing, October 14, 1982, are welcome to join in. Festivities will begin with registration and a social hour at 5:30 pm with a formal dinner party starting at 6:30 pm. The video of the 2075 blessing will be shown, a buffet banquet dinner will be served. Attire will be coat, tie optional for brothers and dressy for sisters. Children 10 years or older are welcome.

The charge is \$60 per couple, \$35 for a single and children 17 or older, and \$20 for children between the ages of 10 and 16. Plan to stay over at the Seminary that evening at very affordable rates in a private room just made for two. Lodging will be \$30 for a private room. Sorry, no children. Stay another night at the same prices and \$16 for meals the next day. Together let's relive the past and celebrate the beginning of the new chapter in our lives together with family. E-mail us at utsfin@uts.edu or call 845-752-3000 extension 250 or go to our web site www.uts.edu for more information.

National Level Ministries of the BFD

Many issues and circumstances of Blessed Families are common throughout our membership, but they do not lend themselves to being handled region by region. These areas have been identified and the BFD has created many National Level Ministries as resources for helping and supporting all the regions and all the membership and families. The current list of ministries is below but we expect that more may be developed in the future.

Each ministry is centered around one person or one couple that is a precious volunteer called by God. These brothers and sisters have come forward and believe that God has called them to serve through a personal calling in a particular area. They have special gifts in that area, advanced training or education, or particular spiritual victories in their lives

that allow them to be very helpful and supportive to others facing similar challenges.

Contacting National Coordinators All Regional Directors, Vice-Regional Directors, State Leaders, and members are sincerely encouraged to contact these National Coordinators of BFD Ministries DIRECTLY. You do not need to contact the BFD office first. At all times the complete list can be found on the BFD website which is located at: <http://www.familyfed.org/bfd>.

A. Contact Ministry leaders directly.

Contact information will be located on the BFD website. Leaders and members may telephone or email directly to the National Coordinators. If possible, please ask members to also contact the BFD Representative for their Region.

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B. Organize meetings and workshops in your region.

Plan local meetings and workshops to help and support your members. Invite the National Coordinators to come and share with members. This can bring new hope and God's inspiration to many and it will get members together working on common concerns and taking ownership. (Because the Nat'l Coordinators are volunteers, we ask that you help with their travel expenses and accommodations.)

C. Visit the website often for new developments.

New ministries will be added and each ministry will over time be posting useful and valuable information. The more you are familiar with these resources, the better to help others.

List of National Ministries

Adoption and Childless Couples: Mrs. Claire Bowles (918-425-7163, jcbowles@sbcglobal.net) and Mrs. Rachel Carter (cell: 202-345-4888,

rachel@FamilyFed.org)

This ministry is for Blessed Couples experiencing the heartbreak of not being able to conceive a child. It includes all related areas of adoptions and offering.

Ascended Families Support: Mrs. Edy Iversen

This ministry is for those members who have lost a spouse or a child. They have lots of plans and ideas for supporting each other, sharing testimonies,

keeping everyone informed of relevant developments.

Adult Singles: Ms. Debbie Scott (410-956-7170, sunshinefoundation@iglide.net) and others to be named.

This ministry is newly started and will be for supporting members who are divorced or separated and dealing with all related areas.

Children with Special Needs: Yoshi and Fran Ichijo (301-482-0070, Ichijoy@aol.com).

This ministry is for parents and families that have Special Needs children and will assist with guidance, resources, and support for raising their children and eventually matching and Blessing them.

Coaching: Mrs. Hilde Wiemann (cell: 301-537-2848, Coachhilde@aol.com), Mrs. Pam Stein (cell: 240-476-0906, plstein1800@hotmail.com), and others to be named.

This ministry is newly started and will be for supporting members who seek professional assistance and support in the counseling and life change areas.

Counseling: Mrs. Betsy Jones (518-479-2070, Betsyj777@aol.com) and others to be named.

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Marriage Support and Enrichment: Mrs. Debbie Preece (256-519-7100, preeceed@comcast.net) and others

This ministry helps couples improve their relationship as husband and wife through educational materials and support networking.

Mentoring Second Gen Couples: Mrs. Joni Choi (jonichoi@yahoo.com) and Mr. Alan Saunders (cell: 917-822-8524,

saunders@iifwp.org)

This ministry is being launched and will be involved in supporting and providing mentoring and older mentor couples for young Blessed Couples.

Matching Websites for First and Second Gen: Mr. Jim Stephens (410-997-6450, jimstephens5@comcast.net)

This ministry is two websites for supporting candidates for matching with photos and profiles and huge amounts of supporting information.

Prayer Ministry: Mrs. Angelika Selle (301-809-1965, bobangelika@yahoo.com)

This ministry is for Prayer education and support, prayer conference calls, prayer request lines, and much more, all to do with developing and strengthening each member's individual and collective prayer life.

Second Gen Matching Support Ministry: Mrs. Yasuko Takahashi (914-332-0627, ktaka10591@aol.com)

The Blessed Family Department, USA, has now established another national ministry. This will be called the "Matching Support Ministry for Second Generation".

Our National Coordinator will be Mrs. Yasuko Takahashi and the ministry will be centered out of Belvedere in Tarrytown, NY. This ministry will collect information on all available BC candidates for matching and maintain confidential files and binders of the pictures and applications.

This ministry is now established and can receive applications and pictures for any Second Generation Blessing candidates who plan to be matched by their own parents.

This ministry is gathering information and pictures of all Second Gen. candidates for matching by their own parents. It is assisting parents through

showing photo albums that can travel around the country.

Seung Hwa and Won Jeon Ministry: Mr. William Selig. (301-942-3385, SCWPeace@aol.com)

This ministry focuses on supporting families when a loved one passes away with advice and help with Seung Hwa and burial arrangements, information on ceremonies, spirit world, and other important information. ❖

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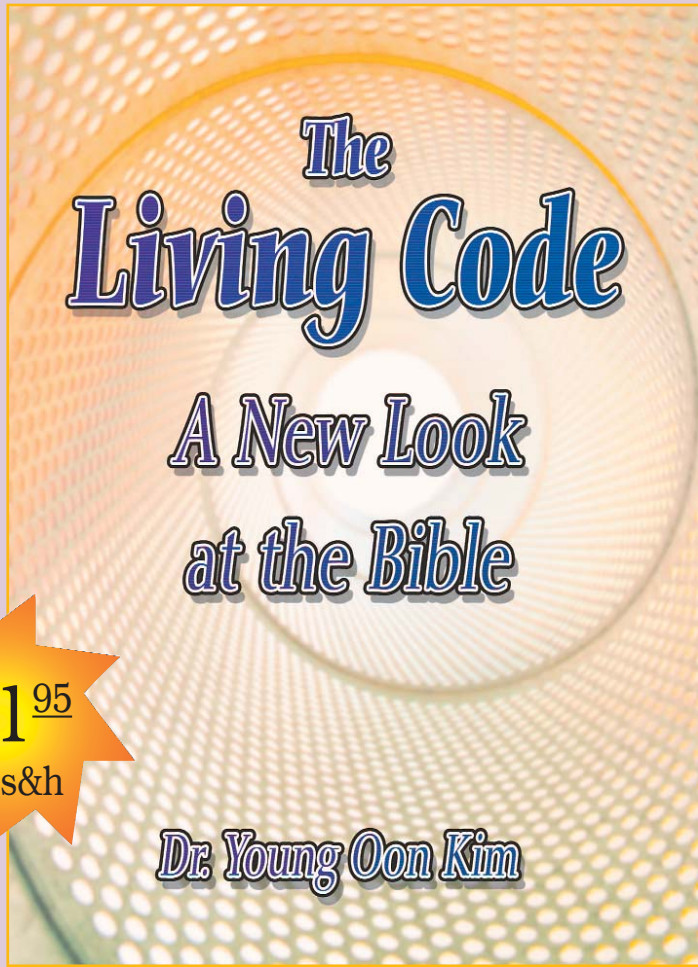
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