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47th True Parents' Day Celebration

On March 29, leaders and representatives from around the world, Korean politicians and Korean-members around 10,000 people-participated in the 47th True Parents' Day celebration at Choengpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. The pledge service began at 8 a.m. with the entrance of our True Parents to the main hall.

After the lighting of the candles by True Parents, they prayed and bowed to God. Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan, the chairman of the FFWPU International and IIFWP International, as the emcee guided all the others to fulfill the pledge service.

After that Dr. Kwak and his wife offered a

report prayer which was followed by the cake cutting by True Parents.

For hoondok reading, Dr. Kwak read father's speech from the Chapter 7 of Chung Seong Gyeong, which is about "Life Centering on True Parents", emphasizing the meaning of this important day and it's influences in blessed families daily lives. Rev. Kwak read Father's speech: "...Today is True Parents' Day. You have to establish True Parents' Day as your True Parents' Day and your family have to establish as your families' True Parents' Day, society has to establish it as societies' True Parents' Day, that nation has to establish it as the nation's True Parents' Day. Then international True Parents' Day can be established.

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Universal Peace Foundation Rallies

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Rally for Korean Ambassadors for Peace, March 16, 2006 - Seoul Korea



True Mother · March 21, 2006 Tokyo, Japan



Rally for the Restoration of the Homeland, Sunmoon Univ. March 25th, 2006



Rally for the Restoration of the Homeland, April 3, 2006, Chamshil Stadium

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FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

This address was given on March 29, 2006, Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins from simultaneous translation, edited by Mrs. Louise Strait and Mr. Jim 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.

Father looked incredibly strong and vibrant. Mother, smiling and looking more beautiful than ever, came in with Father. They lit the seven candles before the offering and then Father offered a deeply moving prayer. He wept as he slowly prayed through the history of God's providence: the sadness of the Fall and the setbacks of the providence at Noah's time, Moses' time and especially at the time of Jesus. Father wept and prayed slowly through the course of Jesus and embraced God, recognizing that the pain in God's heart at the time of Jesus was the greatest pain imaginable. The rejection of Jesus by the people brought unspeakable sorrow to the heart of God. Now through



the course of the dispensation in the sixth year of Cheon Il Guk, True Parents have reclaimed and restored Adam and Eve's position and responsibility. Now Jesus' course has been restored and completed, the substantial Kingdom of Heaven on earth has been realized through God's ideal family, and all blessed families are walking this path in the pattern and footsteps of our True

Parents. The victorious day has arisen when the realm of goodness will prosper and the realm of evil will absolutely decline and eventually disappear. This has come because the position of True Parents has been established and fulfilled, and it can never be reversed. On this foundation, all will be blessed. This is the 47th True Parents Day in history.

Then Father and Mother bowed to God, followed by True Children and the wives of the five great saints. Then the

47th True

second generation and all blessed families bowed. They were followed by representatives of the three primary nations of Korea, Japan, and America. Then the continental directors came on behalf of all the continents of the world. Next, the representatives of Judeo-Christianity, Buddhism, Confucianism and Islam came forward, followed by representatives of the Abel democratic world and the Cain communist world. This was followed by the representatives of the spirit world and physical world and members of True Father's Moon clan and True Mother's Han clan.

True Father is moving like the largest, most powerful hurricane in history. Make no mistake, this is the Second Coming; the tribulation that is on the land is the same as that described in the Bible. Father is leading the way. This is the time for sacrifice and focusing on understanding the providence. Father shared yesterday that we all must understand that we are in a huge war between good and evil. This is the time we have prepared for since the beginning; all of our training has been for this time.

Rev. Kwak read excerpts of Father's words from several years of speeches concerning True Parent's Day.

Father: When I was younger, I was told I was handsome. Now that I am older, am I still handsome? Sometimes I wish I were young again because I want to do so much. I will come down on the floor. (Father came on the floor and had a couple of people sing). Father moved his chair to the middle of the floor in the center aisle in Cheong Pyeong. He said, I want to be closer to you all.

What anniversary is it? This is the 47th, which means we are going into the 48th year: 4 times 8 is 12. Also, 4 times 12 is 48. The number 12 has to do with youth. 12, 24, 36, 48 are all considered young. However, the next increments are 60, 72 and 84. After 60 is on the way to the spirit world. 3 times 8 is 24. When we talk about 24, it means the time when people should have perfected themselves and then marry. 23 is the peak of life; cells peak at that time and then go down. Therefore you should marry around the age of 24. I will not bless people older than 24 directly anymore.

What kind of person is God? God is the first parent of all of our ancestors. His representative and heir is His child. The child should be a person who can receive and inherit God's being.

Should I also sing a song? If I sing, maybe everyone will start to dance. When we dance, we can have a feeling of such oneness. Who has prepared something today for the celebration? If

M A Y 2 0 0 6

Ahn Shi Il • 3rd, 11th, 19th, 27th

- 1 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
HSA-UWC Established (1954)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 7 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 14 Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
National (American) Won Jeon Shrine Dedicated (2002)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
- 16 Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 17 Washington Times Established (1982)
- 20 Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
- 21 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 27 Day of All True Things (5/1/63)
60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' Global Victory (1999)

J U N E 2 0 0 6

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 3 Inauguration of the Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification South American Headquarters (2001)
- 4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
- 12 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
- 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 of the 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 Shin Kwang Nim's Birthday (5/28/01)
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 6

Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 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)
- 6 Shin Ha Nim's Birthday (6/11/98)
- 9 Kook Jin Nim's Birthday (6/14/70)
- 10 Sun Jin Nim's Birthday (6/15/76)
- 13 International Blessing of 400 Million Couples, Fourth Phase (2003)
Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)
- 18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim's Blessing (1973)
- 23 National Parents' Day (1994)
- 24 124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
- 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, Yun Ah Nim's and Un Jin Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2006. Contact me if you come across any errors. (c) 1999-2004 Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

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Parents Day

it is your parents' celebration, shouldn't you have brought a gift? I am so busy today; I am juggling so many things. We also have many international women who are with us. I want to talk with you so that we can have a good time together. What is True Parents Day? It is a great day and a very serious day.

We need food and preparations for the celebration. However, what is the most important thing? It is the love of the parents, whose blood and flesh mingle and create the heavenly blood lineage. The human fall was the breakdown of all these relationships: between God and humans, man and woman, parents and children. Everything was broken. Can you say that anyone is free in this situation? There is no way to have happiness without relationship and without an object. This is what arises from the breakdown of the Fall. Can you live without the relationship of a man or woman? No matter how great a man or woman is, he or she cannot stand and be happy alone.

Can anyone buy True Parents? Can money buy the way to heaven? No. The most important gift is receiving the lost love that is recovered. The greatest gift you can give your parents is the love that they have sought from their children.

Some people cannot get along with the people sitting right next to them. With one word of complaint, you can make a very difficult path for yourself. Those who complain also have a difficult time when they come to this kind of celebration. However, if your heart is right, you can come forward. If there are two people who want to separate but a parent brings them together, then they both can be saved. It is important to save them both. If they separate and don't reunite, both can be lost.

However many people oppose me, they will diminish because I speak the truth. What kind of organization is this? It is a little strange. Even I think it is a little strange. We search for our root lineage. If you put shi behind the word, it means seed and it also means respect. We are looking for our root lineage.

Has there ever been a day like True Parents Day? God has been longing for a true object as a child, a youth, a middle-aged person and an old person. God has been longing for a true relationship on any and all levels. Have you truly loved your sons and daughters,

wife or husband? Have you loved fully? If you get elected president but have not loved fully, then you will be like a thief.

Have you ever seen True Parents? Have you ever seen a true person? You might be the smartest kid who has done

come in that situation, God will come down to you. There are those who consider themselves VIPs who are not really VIPs.

You should poke them in the side and ask, what kind of thing did you do to be called a VIP?

I have spent my life and have not been loved much. Many rumors and much gossip still swirl around. You think I don't hear the rumors, but I do. If they are false and you spread them,

That's the reason why I did a lot of things that caused a huge clamor. All the things that I did were just amazing. Satan can accuse about anything that is not right. He also has to testify if there is nothing wrong. Satan will try to oppose me. Why is that opposition necessary? Because we are going the way that Satan doesn't like. Satan is not happy with our work; he loses control. If someone walks the way of God, he will be bitterly persecuted and accused by Satan. Satan doesn't want to let go. If you persevere for 30 years,

then Satan will give up and your purity will be proclaimed.

The problem is blood lineage. The fall happened in an instant and yet because it changed the blood lineage, it was the most serious crime of all history. Imagine if a bride about to be married is taken away by thieves and raped the night before. There would be no forgiveness for the thieves for staining the lineage.

The human ancestors stained and destroyed God's blood lineage. I know the details of what happened. I had to allow the way for even Satan to be forgiven, so that there would be complete liberation for God. If Satan sinned but Adam could bring him to a natural surrender, bring him before God, and ask for forgiveness for him, then God could forgive.

Even Satan is in a miserable position. He wishes that he could be killed. If Adam comes up and says, "I will take upon myself all the sin of Satan and find a way of forgiveness for him," God would say, "Go ahead."

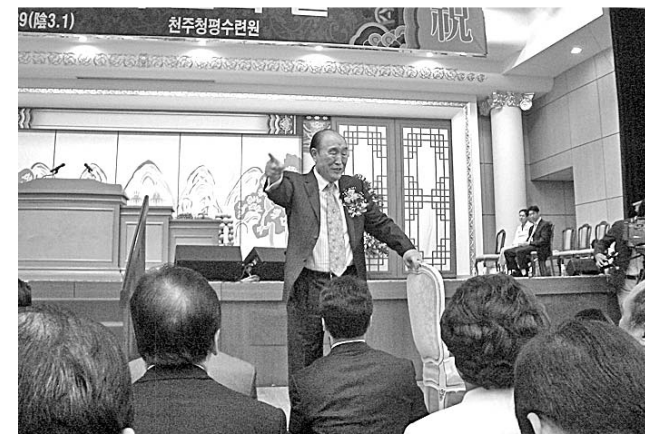
Do you from Japan understand? How

about the former army generals who are here? We must create a heavenly police force. "God's Ideal Family: The Model for the Peaceful Kingdom of the Ideal World." What is the purpose of all of this? We must reestablish the hometown of Adam and Eve.

What was the first thing that they lost? Lineage! Westerners don't know about this. Do you understand? We have to relieve Adam from his bitter regret. If Adam is going forward to dance with God, would God reject that? What if Eve says, "I would like to dance with God." Would someone say, "I'm not going to dance with God"? If that kind of dance would occur, it would spread. But if I want to dance, I can't dance easily because of the rumors that could be started!!

Why do we call the True Parents the savior? Because they have found and

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nice things and excellent work such that everything you do is fragrant. If God finds someone like that, would He be upset with that person's teacher?

What about Adam and Eve? The fall was such a great calamity. Dr. Kim, do you know about God? (No, not like you do). You are right, so you must listen, correct? Many persecuted me and many people were taken away from me. Even recently someone I really loved was taken away from me.

There are great things that can come on the level of the individual, family, nation and world. As you are going up the ladder, a friend may actually try to obstruct your way. There are times when the people who were closest to me and went through the most hardships were taken away and went through suffering and great hardship on my behalf. I have found that if you over-

you must apologize.

I never thought about keeping anything to myself. If I find someone who is more deserving than my own family, I will give everything to him or her. God will support that kind of life. So much of the world is fake. I have gone the way of true love for 86 years; however, God has been doing this forever.

Satan caused the Fall. You have to understand how serious the issue of lineage is. Even at the expense of cutting away your flesh, preserving your lineage is good. I have nothing. I have given away all my things; I have no possessions. Did I love you more than my own sons and daughters? (Yes). Have I really treated my own children as my own children? No, I loved you as my own children and even denied my own children. Satan and the Satanic world cannot accuse me because I did that.

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connected the lineage of God. Why "messiah"? Because he is the one who comes to establish God's true nation. He must connect with the chosen people and build the true nation of God. Was Moses God? He was God's representative. The Jews have the Torah and the prophets, and yet they are still looking for the messiah. If they miss the messiah when he comes, they will lose so much. The Bible talks clearly about these ideas. Even communists can abandon their ideology when they understand the Principle. Even the communist people in the spirit world have testified to the Divine Principle and to me.

What is the only thing that has self-autonomy and creativity? True love that can give these qualities.

(Father spoke very seriously to the Korean dignitaries.) I look upon you and I see ministers of all the eight administrations that opposed me. Now they are all gone and you are here. Now everyone is saying that you should respect me. The issue is that we must save Korea from ruin. Is that not so? I am no fool; you must listen to me. There are certain laws of the spirit world. You know so much but you don't know that the root is in the spirit world. That is why I must teach you. Do not forget what I say. Try dying and see if what I say is true! However, before you die, make sure you don't end up in hell! What is the problem? Lineage. Pit jeol in Japanese. In English, blood lineage.

What was the second cardinal sin that was committed? It was Cain killing Abel. The third thing that was lost from the Fall was the right of ownership. People are fighting over material and land. Stealing and fighting are because

of the Fall. This ends up in the practice of free sex, which is destruction. When you know that there is something in the back of you, then you can know that there is something in the front of you. This all moves according to an official formula. It can be done with mathematics. There are formulas to all creation.

You don't know how powerful and fearful this ideology can be. If the government of Korea had listened to me after the Korean War, the nation would have been saved and the world totally restored in the 1960s and '70s. I went to Waseda University and studied engineering. I have a profound philosophical framework.

We are preparing to enter the palace. Today is the 29th. Four days ago, I told the Philippines to have a rally. Indonesia and the Island countries must have a rally. I want to make a defense line. Is there any power to check the advance of aggressor nations? I must set up a line to check the aggressors. Now America, Japan, South America, Europe and many countries respect me and take me very seriously.

Many are still concerned about what I am doing. That's the root of the Schengen treaty in Europe - it's based on false information and fear.

I can do even the Bering Strait Tunnel on my own. I can make the two hundred billion. I will start it with two

billion. Even though many nations are afraid of me, God will protect me. Just like the sun with planets, I have many organizations revolving around me. Women will be the leaders in the



next 10 years; they will be crucial to lead the world to peace. That's why the VIP women are here. (Three are from the U.S.) This is one reason behind why I raised Hoon Mo Nim; there was a special providence behind it.

We have raised the banner to reform

the UN. I went around to all the nations of the world to check everything. I could see that not all nations are under America's protection. If some can say that the savior of the communist world is Rev. Moon, what will happen? Many say the communist world is evil, but I have enormous influence there.

The Japanese women who were trained at Yeosu, please come up. (Several hundred ran up quickly). Soon these people will become the mother figures in the providence. These women can be mobilized with their Korean husbands and can be mobilized with the kings and queens of the Ocean. (Father then asked for one sister to lead them in an Ocean song. The sisters sang like they were rowing a boat.) We have 12,000 Japanese women married to Koreans. We could make an army out of them.

Don't forget the three things lost at the Fall.

(Then Father gathered the women Ambassadors for Peace from Korea representing Abel [about 250] and then all the police and military generals that were there representing Cain. Father asked that they pair up and work to stop the corruption, violence, and prostitution in Korea, changing the culture.)

True Mother, please come and sit with me. Rev. Kwak, please explain the rallies that have gone on since Geneva. Geneva was the true birthplace of Christianity in Europe. It was also the place where the end of Communism was announced. ❖

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After we establish international True Parents' Day, God's ideal of creation, which is to establish True Parents, can be complete and we can liberate resentment of God who didn't establish True Parents' Day because of the Fall. After we establish True Parents' Day in all of heaven and earth, resentment of restoration can be released completely."

After hoondokhae, Father stood up and walked to the main hall among members and while speaking asked some members to stand up and sing a song. Then he asked Dr. Kwak to read his speech from the current speaking tour in Korea under the title: God's Ideal Family and Ideal of World Peace Kingdom. "Generally speaking, a family is formed through the coming together of parents and children, of husband and wife, and at the center of that family group there must be God's love. At this point, the husband represents heaven and the wife earth. Although they are two separate beings, when husband and wife have become one, horizontally speaking, their union symbolizes the unity of heaven and

earth. Simply put, when husband and wife are in unity based on God's love, the way to bring unity in the universe opens up."

After that he asked all the Japanese wives who participated in the 40-

day ocean training workshop to sing their boat riding song.

Then Father asked all the chosen women for the peace forces and peace police to come up and stand in the front row and be educated by True Parents' important speeches. He asked them to concentrate on restoring their ancestral lost bloodline, restoring the realm of brotherhood, and restoring the realm of possession.

Father asked True Mother to educate all the peace forces and peace police. Then True Mother came to the podium and powerfully read from the speech she gave at a 50,000-person rally for ambassadors of peace in Japan.

Then he said, "However, the lot of humankind, descended from the Fall, has been different: banished from their hometown and destined to wander forever in isolation and defeat human beings are unable ever to go back, no matter how much

they miss their family, for they have lost the root of the heart of their original homeland.

"But, with the ushering in of the era of a new heaven and a new earth after the coming of heaven, human beings have been pulled out of the marsh that was sucking them down, and the way has been opened for them to return to their hometowns--hometowns that they could not forget even for a moment--and meet with their family. Could there ever be a day of greater blessing for humanity? The time of heavenly power and fortune has now come, allowing us to reestablish the original family that was lost through the Fall of Adam and Eve."

After that Father and Mother sang songs for all the participants, giving joy to them on this beautiful day with the hope that one day this day can be celebrated in all of heaven and earth.

The pledge service and the commemorative for the 47th True Parents' Day celebration ended with the three cheers of eug mansei from Rev. Yu Jong-kwan of the Citizens Federation for the Unification of North and South Korea.

After that True Parents left the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training center to Hannam-dong, where the second generation from the Japanese cultural department perform some entertainment, giving joy to True Parents and True Family. ❖



UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

Rally for Korean Ambassadors for Peace

The "Leaders Rally for Korean Ambassadors for Peace" took place on March 16 at the Millennium Hall in Central City where 1500 Ambassadors for Peace from Korea gathered to pledge to bring about unification on the Korean Peninsula and the realization of world peace.

The event was organized by the International and Interreligious Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) under its Chairman, Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak. Many prominent figures in Korean society participated in the rally that day including Lee Cheol-seung [Standing chairman, Korean National Congress for Freedom and Democracy], Kim Min-ha [Chairman, Association for Korean Ambassadors for Peace], Kim Bong-ho [former vice Speaker of the House], Yang Jeong-gyu [former vice-president, Han-nara-dang], Cho Cheol-gwon [former minister of labor], Kim Yoon-deok [President, Korean Women's Leaders Federation], Park Sil [former member of parliament], Lee Jin-seol [President, Central City], Huh Moon-do [former minister of National Unification], Na Yong-hwa [Head of the Buddhist Limje Order], Pak Gang-soo [former president of Pai Chai University], Cho Nam-poong [former army commander] and Shin Eun-sook [President of Korean Women's Political Caucus].

Participants listened to reports on the activities of IIFWP followed by a special address by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, founder of IIFWP. At the end of the rally they made a resolution to play a role as Ambassadors for Peace in bringing about world peace.

In the congratulatory address, Dr. Kim Min-ha spoke about Rev. Moon saying "What Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon has done throughout his entire life was initiating a movement toward peace based in true love so that

all humanity could live in peace and happiness." He called on all participants for their support in Rev. Moon's efforts saying, "When you, as ambassadors for peace, contribute your experience and wisdom accumulated in each of your respective fields in this movement for peace, I am sure that it will help advance Rev. Moon's cause for peace and will play a significant

and meaningful part in bringing peace and prosperity to the Korean Peninsula."

On this day Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon spoke on "God's Model Ideal Family and Nation, and the Peace Kingdom." In his address Rev. Moon emphasized about the ideology of true love which shows that peace was not in the distance but could be found in each

person's family.

Rev. Moon explained that "a world of peace is where people live together in harmony" and that "[T]he family sets the pattern for living together in harmony." He stressed that "we should all create and live as ideal families based on true love."

He reminded those there that "expanding the ideal family is the mission of an Ambassador for Peace as well as God's desire," and that "when the model ideal family is anchored, that is when the peace kingdom in other words the world of peace will be ushered in."

Explaining that "The age in which the unreasonable and corrupt world plays havoc, allowing those who are evil to live better than others, is passing away," he urged them to "become the proud 'peace kingdom police' and 'peace kingdom corps' of the Universal Peace Federation, and protect the blessed families of the world," and to "fulfill our roles as the sentinels watching over this blessed land that is our planet."

Three ambassadors for peace, Lee Cheol-gi [vice chairman, National Elders Council], Kim Joo-seob [former executive secretary to the prime minister], Seo Dae-seok [former international vice president, Lions Club International], also took the podium and talked about their successes in educating the Korean people through their lectures that they gave on peace as they toured the nation.

IIFWP will host similar rallies on the 22 and 23 for ambassadors for peace in the field of society, education, religion and journalism, and those involved in politics, the economy, security issues and gender equality respectively. From March 25 to April 3 a series of education on peace in Korea will be held in the major cities in Korea including Seoul and Cheonan for 1 million people. ❖



UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Partnership, Peacebuilding and Sustainable Development

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

This address was given in Tokyo, Japan, on March 19, 2006

Welcome to the Asia-Pacific Island Nations Summit sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation. The topic we are here to discuss and take action on is "Partnership, Peacebuilding and Sustainable Development: Strengthening the Community of Asia-Pacific Island Nations."

As you know, the Universal Peace Federation is guided by two primary principles. The first is the principle of true love; that is, unselfish love, and living for the sake of others. The second is the principle of unification through give and take practices such as dialogue, service, reconciliation, harmony, and cooperation.

The purpose of this conference is to apply these core principles in our thinking about partnership, peacebuilding and sustainable development in Asia-Pacific Island Nations.

Father Moon has visited the islands of the Asia-Pacific region many times. He lived in Japan as a young student, in his youth, studying electrical engineering. Although he was an ardent resister to the Japanese occupation of Korea, he has a deep love for the Japanese people, and feels as though they are close relatives. This love and respect extends also to the other



island nations of the Pacific.

Recently, as part of his world peace tour to 120 nations, he has traveled to Palau, the Solomon Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Philippines, Indonesia, Taiwan, Australia and New Zealand. In one of his public speeches several years ago,

he stated that the island nations of the Pacific have a central role to play in God's providence to establish lasting peace.

In 1996, he established the Federation of Island Nations for World Peace, with a purpose of promoting increased dialogue and cooperation among island nations. More recently, he has been emphasizing the need for the island nations of the Asia-Pacific region to work together. In fact, he has recommended that these nations form a stronger alliance for the sake of peace and stability in the region.

One concern he has, and this is also a concern of Koreans, is the power and influence of larger nations in the region, the so-called superpowers. Although the Cold War era has passed, the pursuit of national self-interest remains strong. Many very powerful nations are seeking to influence smaller nations, and often their motives are not entirely altruistic.

In addition to the problems related to global political affairs, island nations, as underscored by both the Barbados SIDS meeting in 1995 and the Mauritius SIDS meeting in 2005, have many shared concerns: climate change and global warm-

ing, sustainable development, capacity-building and human resource development, health issues and especially HIV/AIDS, cultural identity, etc. We will address many of these issues during this Summit.

All around us, in many respects, we see a worsening global situation, characterized by the growth of interreligious discord, global tension, conflict, terrorism, and poverty.

This is why the Founder launched the Universal Peace Federation on September 12, 2005, and proceeded to embark on a 120 nation speaking tour to spread the vision of the UPF. He took up the world tour at the risk of his very life, saying he could not sit back and watch as the windows of opportunity for peace were closing one after the other. "Even if it costs me my life," he said, "I will not hold back."

In the message he carried around the world, he defined his movement as an "Abel UN," as "a United Nations whose efforts for peace are offered to Heaven, investing itself ceaselessly in living for the sake of others."

The root principle of UPF is true love. If UPF does not embody the spirit of true love it has very little value, and it will not be the agent of peace we hope it to be. Let us always keep this in mind.

Where are we to get this substance, true love? It has to come from each of us, based on our relationship with God, the original owner and source of true love.

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Japan Conference on 'Abel' United Nations

by John Elsegood

At the Universal Peace Federation's Asia-Pacific Island Nations Summit, held in Tokyo March 27, 2006, the chairman of the organization, Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, called on the world's great religions to restore and repair damaged relations.

Lasting peace could not be established without this important religious ingredient. Good governance needed the input of the great faiths working for the eternal goal of interreligious dialogue and harmony. Spiritual and moral dimensions could not be divorced from the socio-economic dimensions of human life, he argued.

Accordingly, the UPF is committed to a renewal process of the United Nations which must include an inter-religious council of that body.



'living for others' would promote reconciliation—and ultimately peace.

Dr. Kwak's address had added resonance, considering the current situation of the Christian convert Abdul Rahman who was facing the death penalty in Afghanistan for converting away from Islam, just as the UPF conference met in Japan. Indeed, President George W. Bush's comments about 'the disturbing violation of the univer-

sal values and the inalienable right of an individual to choose,' serve to highlight the need for continual inter-faith dialogue.

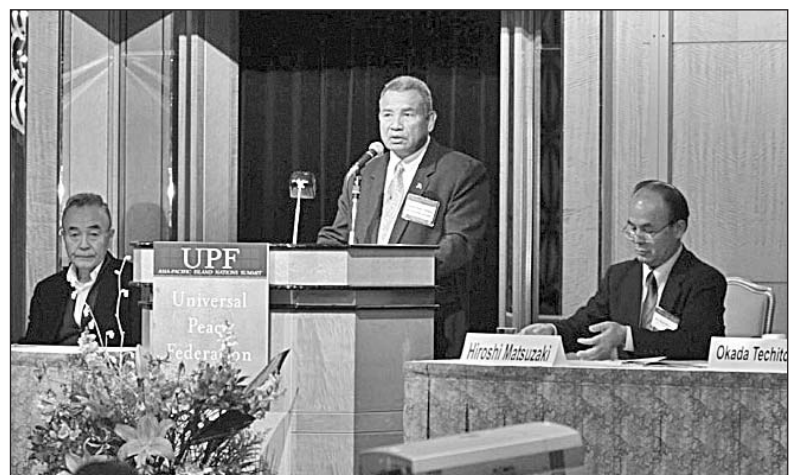
The secretary-general of UPF, Dr. Thomas Walsh, said that Regional and National Peace Councils would be formed and peace initiatives in both the Middle East and Northeast Asia—where the Koreans meet—would be intensified. In addition, stronger ties with the media, the establishment of special working groups, and the development of formal relations with governments, NGOs, corporations and intergovernmental organizations would follow. "Peace Corps" styled peacemakers would go to trouble spots to negotiate

and assist the process of reconciliation.

In addition, UPF's expanding corps of Ambassadors for peace would continue to be active in character education programs and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Concern was also expressed at the amount of Chinese penetration in the Pacific, with island nations being drawn into the PRC's web of influence with capital works projects being funded by

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True Mother in Tokyo

An estimated 50,000 including some 120 representatives from 26 island nations who were taking part in a conference sponsored by the Asia-Pacific Island Nations for Universal Peace gathered on March 21 at the International Exhibition Hall 1-6 at the Makuhari Messe in Japan to take part in the Universal Peace Federation Japan Rally.

This even was hosted by the executive committee of Japan Rally of Asia-Pacific Island Nations for Universal Peace and sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), Federation for World Peace-Japan (FWP), the Federation of Island Nations for World Peace (FINWP), and the Association for the Promotion of True Families (APTF).

By 11 am, thousands of people from across Japan had gathered in the International Exhibition Hall and sat waiting in their seats. Before the official start of the rally, the Cheon Il Guk Musical Federation lead by Mrs. Junko Sakurada Azuma gave a wonderful performance in preparation for the event.

The pre-event entertainment was followed by a Holy Wine Ceremony lead by Rev. Hideo Oyamada. Representative couples went up to the stage; under Rev. Oyamada's guidance they were

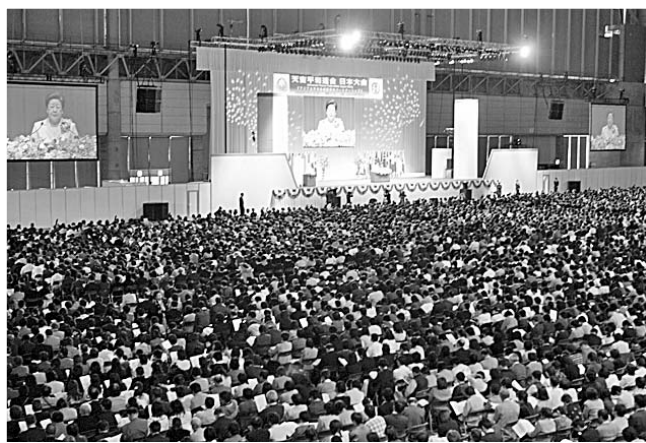
given cups of holy wine which the couples exchange and consumed. At the end of the ceremony Rev. Oyamada gave the benediction to bless these couples who took part in this solemn ceremony to cleanse the lineage and return to God's lineage.

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the mainland Chinese, in return for votes at international forums. A West Indian delegate described the situation in his part of the world, where only two of the Caribbean island nations now have relations with Taiwan. What follows as a result is the destabilizing effect upon the local economies, with cheap Chinese labor driving down prices, thus impacting local tradesmen and workers.

A keynote speaker, Dr. Tesuya Kataoka (senior research fellow, retired, from the Hoover Institution, Stanford University), in a contro-

versial speech, addressed the sensitive issues of nuclear power for some nations but not others in the region of Northeast Asia, and how it impacted the geo-political relations between governments. ❖



The emcee for this day was Rev. Katsumi Otsuka, co-president of IIFWP Japan. He began by introducing the dignitaries who were their that day and especially thanked the international delegation who were in Japan that time for the Asia-Pacific Island Nations Summit.

Following this, Rev. Oyamada took the podium to give the main address. In his address, he mentioned the rising influence of China on the island nations worldwide and also the growing concern in Japan over China's territorial claims and its military buildup which according to recent statistics saw a double-digit increase for the past 18 years. Rev. Oyamada reminded the audience, however, that it was not China itself that we should be wary of but rather the communist ideology in China. He emphasized that "we should be highly appre-

ciative of China's efforts to modernize itself" and "to embrace China with true love and work on bringing mutual prosperity for both China and Japan" While touching upon the many tragedies, threats and global conflict that befall humankind, Rev. Oyamada strongly affirmed that the only way in resolving these conflicts is through a "life of living for the sake of others based on true love" and of "forgiving one's enemies through a parental heart" He went on to introduce True Father and True Mother's life achievements and explained why they were regarded by many as the True Parents and king and queen of peace.

After Rev. Oyamada's address three representatives offered their congratulatory remarks. From Japan Mr. Tatsuo Sato, a member of the House of Representatives, came up and expressed his enthusiasm of having come to know Rev. Moon saying that he was truly a great and amazing person. From Korea, Mr. Bongho Kim, former deputy speaker of the house, commented on Rev. Moon's endeavors with the Jochungryun and Mindan groups in Japan. Representing the 120 delegates from 26 island nations attending the

Asia-Pacific Island Nations Summit, Sir James Richard Mancham, founding president of Seychelles Republic, thank Japan for its warm and generous hospitality and applauded Rev. Moon for the success of his recent world tour for inaugurating the Universal Peace Federation worldwide.

On this note, the program moved on to a congratulatory song by Ms. Fumika Goto who gave an excellent performance of 'The Lord's Prayer.'

A video presentation followed showing the details of the inaugural rally of the Universal Peace Federation.

By this time the participants were ready to accept the message for this day's main speaker.

Amidst a thunderous applause True Mother took the stage and delivered the keynote address. The title of the speech was "God's Ideal Family: The Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World," the same address True Father gave during his world tour last year. Her soft but yet firm voice was conveyed through the speakers to reach all 50,000 gathered in the hall that day and thousands more who were also intently viewing all this through the Internet. ❖

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I cannot say enough about the experience of the world peace tour that Father Moon initiated. At 86, he is fully inspired, energized and on fire for peace, continually ready to lay down his life for this mission. In nation after nation, the outpouring of support was overwhelming. I can only say that, through the UPF, I believe we truly have an opportunity to bring about profound changes in our world, for the sake of lasting peace.

As much as I would like to look back and speak about the tour, I want instead to share the UPF's vision for the future.

Building an "Abel UN"

The Universal Peace Federation is committed to renewal of the United Nations, including the work of establishing an interreligious council as an organ of the United Nations. At the same time, the UPF seeks to develop as an independent institution which functions in the world as an "Abel UN."

As we know, Cain and Abel are the sons of Adam and Eve, born after their parents had fallen away from God and were expelled from the Garden of Eden. The two sons both sought the favor of their parents and of heaven. Of the two, Abel's heart toward heaven was more sincere, humble and sacrificial. Abel was a filial son who sought to serve the will of heaven. However, as the scriptures tell us, Cain, whose interests were more external, materialistic and self-centered, killed his brother, Abel.

Throughout human history Abel-like persons and institutions have been repeatedly dominated and oppressed by Cain-like persons and institutions. This pattern? Cain killing Abel? needs to come to an end at this time; not through violence or by force, but through the power of true love. Ultimately, Cain and Abel are to reconcile and unite as brothers and work together in accordance with the principle of living for the sake of others.

What will distinguish the UPF as an "Abel UN," is not its focus on the critical issues facing our world, for it shares this focus with both the UN and other international organizations. What distinguishes the UPF is its internal principles, methodology and best practices, and the fact that these are embodied in our leadership, members and Ambassadors for Peace, who are truly living for the sake of others.

Marriage, Family and the Blessing

In his world tour speech, Father Moon says, "Only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to establish world peace," referring to the importance of establishing God-centered marriages and families. This is the purpose of the Blessing.

It is common today to speak about "root causes" of humanity's critical problems, such as poverty, disease, conflict, etc. Some associate "root causes" with economic inequality, others with government corruption. Surely these are critical factors, and indeed they are part of the root system. However, if we look even more deeply, we find that the most fundamental aspects of all human beings

are related to the roots of "love, life and lineage," all of which have their foundation in the family, our ancestral, genetic, and historical roots.

By building families that embody traditions of true love, we can establish a society, nation and world of true love and lasting peace.

A very important point of emphasis in the Blessing movement is to understand marriage as an instrument of peace, and especially when a man or woman marries someone from a different, and even from an "enemy" religion, race, nationality or culture, with a commitment to building a family of true love that goes beyond barriers.

Marriage and family are sacred within all religions. Governments and religions should form an alliance to uphold and protect the value of the two-parent,



monogamous family of one man and one woman as the foundation of the good, stable, and prosperous society. The family is the foundation for moral and spiritual development, good citizenship, and economic productivity.

As we consider the issues of human development, sustainable development, and peace for island nations, let us not lose sight of the profound significance of the family.

Interreligious and International Cooperation and Good Governance

Our world is in urgent and desperate need to restore and repair the damaged relationships that exist not only between the world's great religious traditions, but also between spiritual values and principles, on the one hand, and the work of governments, on the other hand.

The broken relationships among religions need to be healed if we are to build a world of lasting peace. Also, the unhealthy relationship that exists in many nations between religion and government needs to be healed as well.

In reality, religion and government have complementary and overlapping concerns. Religion and government are alike in being dedicated to serving the well-being of humanity and creating the good society. At best, both are grounded in universal principles, and both require leaders who apply those principles and who embody virtues such as love, compassion, wisdom and courage.

Governments fail when the practices of leaders or citizens, or the government's public policies, are out of line with principle. The same holds true for religions. When either governments or religions fail to practice good governance, humanity suffers, prosperity declines and hopes are unfulfilled.

At this juncture in world history, we need to develop a global ethic, centering

on core, universal values. One such value, which is at the heart of every religion and all the great philosophies, is the principle of unselfish love, living for the sake of others.

The work of interreligious dialogue and the fostering of good relations with people of all faiths should be among the central teachings and practices of all religions. In all the sacred scriptures we find statements in support of interreligious harmony, so let us build on that foundation.

Religious practices that continue to foster prejudice or bigotry will ultimately decline, as will nations that promote racism, ethnocentrism or selfish nationalism. Such behavior is in violation of universal law, and our God-given conscience can recognize this point.

Religions should not isolate themselves, either from other religions or from the world at large. Religions should emphasize the value of service, and in relation to government and society, religious teachings and practices should show themselves to be fully consistent with and contributing to the establishment of a good, just and prosperous society.

Good governance requires harmony between both the internal aspects of our lives, including both spiritual and moral values, and the external aspects, such as social, political and economic concerns. The spiritual and moral should never be divorced from the socioeconomic dimensions of human life. The two should be harmonized.

Governments should also seek constructive partnership with faith-based NGOs and faith-based organizations. In particular, the United Nations should waste no time in establishing an interreligious council on equal footing and in cooperative relationship with its Economic and Social Council, the recently established "Peacebuilding Commission," and other UN organs, commissions and entities.

Expanding the Foundation of Ambassadors for Peace and Peace Councils

During the world speaking tour, Father Moon offered guidance on the development and expansion of the Ambassadors for Peace movement. He advised that within each nation the number of committed Ambassadors for Peace be expanded, saying that the Ambassadors for Peace are to be "Abel Parliamentarians," persons who want to serve the nation according to the principle of living for the sake of others.

Peace Councils are to be like "Abel Parliaments" which serve the nation for the sake of the well-being of its people, as well as all the people of the world. They are to be parliaments of true love.

In conclusion, as you work together during this Summit, please keep in mind several key areas of concern.

Please consider how the principle of true love, living for the sake of others, and the principle of unification, can be applied to the situation of Asia-Pacific Island Nations, and especially in relation to: strengthening marriage and family; developing character education programs for all grade levels; promoting reconcili-

ation among peoples who are divided or hostile to one another; building harmonious, cooperative relationships among religious groups and ethnic and racial groups within island nations; strengthening the relationships between and among island nations, for the sake of peace, prosperity and human development.

Throughout this year, the UPF will be coordinating a series of peacebuilding programs, in partnership with a wide range of organizations. In his Inaugural Address for UPF Father Moon called for the formation of a "Peace Army" or "Peace Police," having in mind a mechanism both to prevent or bring an end to conflict, and to build stable societies and nations based on God-centered families. He does not call for the use of military force. The age of violence and war must come to an end. It is a legacy of humanity's primitive, fallen history and must be overcome. Rather, he calls for the formation of a kind of interreligious and international "peace corps," made up of activists and volunteers guided by the principles of true love and unification. They will serve in trouble spots around the world. Already the UPF has developed several peace initiatives, in the Middle East, in Northeast Asia, and in South Asia. The problems of conflict, however, are not unique to those areas. As such, we will be expanding our peace initiatives in the coming year and beyond, and we welcome your recommendations and support.

In relation to this peace force initiative, we are also developing a peace education institute. We are developing a peace curriculum that embodies our unique vision, principles, and methodology, so that we can educate and train leaders around the world in the way of reconciliation, cooperation, true love and co-prosperity.

Finally, as we engage in our work we must continually pause to reflect on the core values and guiding principles that we have learned. Our work will be in vain if we simply carry on according to conventional patterns. Each one of us must be renewed and transformed, so that we might see even more clearly through the eyes of love, compassion, respect, and unselfishness.

As we work in this way, I believe we will see new opportunities for closer cooperation among the island nations of the Pacific.

In particular, the UPF, together with the FINWP, is prepared to support you in developing a coalition or alliance of island nations dedicated to peacebuilding and human development in the Asia-Pacific. Even this year, we will initiate several programs in Oceania, working in partnership with a wide variety of NGOs, for the sake of peace. Through this process we can then build an island alliance for peace. I hope we can begin this process here at this summit.

Thank you for your support for the work of the Universal Peace Federation. We have a great opportunity, and we have a great responsibility. Let us support one another, living for the sake of others, and providing vision and leadership for a world of lasting peace.

Never forget that there is a great providence that stands behind our work. We are not alone. Truly the living God is with us. Moreover, our ancestors, the saints and sages, spiritual leaders, righteous men and women stand with us and share our vision and our work. Let us be ever mindful of this as we move forward in the next few days. Thank you. ❖

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Rallies for the Restoration of the Homeland

March 25, 2006

The "Universal Peace Federation Rally for the Restoration of the Homeland" were held from March 25 to April 3 in Seoul, Gwangju, Asan and other major cities in Korea. As an educational vehicle for peace, these rallies are to lead the way toward the reunification of North and South Korea and the realization of world peace, and the creation of a kingdom of a peaceful, ideal world through humanity as one globally family.

The rallies are hosted by the Universal Peace Federation, the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, and the Family Federation for World Peace. The purpose of these rallies is to send a message to the Korean people that the shortcut for resolving international conflict and strife can be found in a life of living for the sake of others based on true love, and that this lifestyle should be expanded to become a movement for peace on the Korean peninsula and the world.

A couple of days prior to the first



rally on March 25, a series of rallies were held for Korean ambassadors for peace consisting of prominent and leading figures from each sphere of soci-

ety. Four rallies were held calling upon the Korean people to take interest and join this movement for peace. As the founder of the Universal Peace Feder-

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On March 25, 1 pm, at the Sunmoon University's campus grounds in Asan, 35,000 ambassadors for peace, members and leaders from various spheres of society took part in the Seoul Rally for the "Universal Peace Federation Rally for the Restoration of the Homeland."

The master of ceremonies for that day was Rev. Sun-jo Hwang, president of the Family Federation for World Peace. After a pre-event entertainment, a

April 3, 2006

On April 3 some 120,000 ambassadors for peace and citizens of Seoul city and other major cities in Korea gathered at the Olympic Stadium in Seoul to take part in the Universal Peace Federation Rally for the Restoration of the Homeland. With the success of this rally, Korea has 120,000 who are now part of a growing peace initiative in Korea. Starting from the rally held last year on December 7 at the KINTEX Convention Hall in Gyeonggi-do, a total of 11 UPF Rally for the Restoration of the Homeland have been held in Korea, ending with this rally in Seoul. Performances by Korean singers Tae Jin-ah and Joo Hyun-mi and "Strong Africa," a group consisting of Congo members livened the atmosphere before the start of the rally. The pre-event entertainment was followed by a Holy Wine Ceremony where participants drank Holy Wine and promised to be true to true love by pledging their purity and fidelity to never divorce or commit adultery.

A standing ovation was given to True Parents as

they took the stage. In the special speech Father gave that day, titled "God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World" he strongly criticized self-centered individualism and materialism prevalent in modern society and underscored the need for UPF as an international institution for peace in the private sector for the sake of

world peace.

In his speech Father stated, "The United Nations, founded in 1945, has made important contributions for peace. Nevertheless, at its 60th anniversary there is a broad consensus, both inside and outside the organization, that the U.N. has yet to discover the way to fulfill its founding purposes." He empha-

sized that "the Universal Peace Federation should overcome the limitations of the existing United Nations and fulfill its mission as a UN on the private-sector that can realize world peace based on religion and spiritual enlightenment."

True Father presented a solution to overcome the deep-set conflict among

religions and races and bring reconciliation, saying, "Only the exchange marriage transcends the barriers of race, culture, nationality, ethnicity and religion to empower Whites and Blacks, Jews and Muslims, Orientals and Westerners, and people of all races to live as one human family." He called upon participants to "eliminate all manners of national borders and walls that have reigned supreme on the earth through true love, which gives with no expectation or condition so that we may build a world where all people can live together in harmony." He also proposed the construction of the "World Peace King Bridge Tunnel" as an actual means

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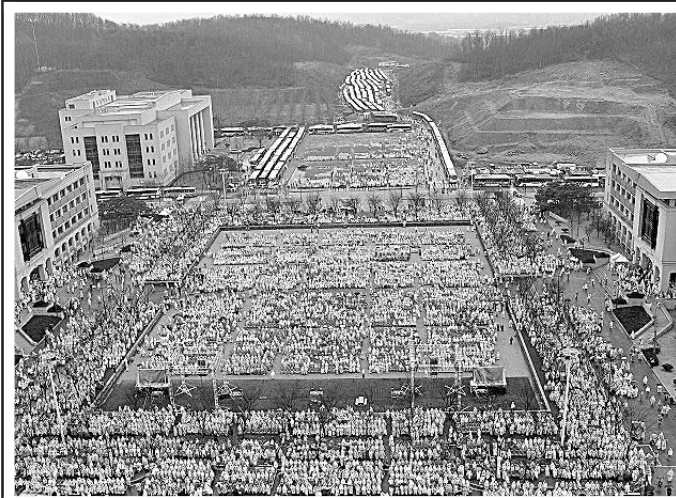
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the dignitaries present that day were introduced, followed by an address by Dr. Chung-hwan Kwak, president of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace. In his address, Dr. Kwak said, "In the human body, the white blood cells and red blood cells prevent the invasion of foreign elements while purifying the blood. As we move toward creating a peaceful, ideal world, let us not stand in a distance like observers from True Parents; let us take the lead in opening the way for True Parents' noble and lofty cause and [like white and red blood cells] let us become responsible peace police force, peace corps, and forerunner of this movement for peace."

Following the address a video presentation was shown under the title "The Peace King and the Blessing Ceremony."

After the video presentation True Father took the podium and delivered his address, "God's Model Family: The Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World." In his address he stated that "The Universal Peace Federation's mission is to renew the existing United Nations or the Cain-type UN and



provide a new level of leadership as the Abel-type UN, which functions on the

cosmic level and can serve as the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world," and that "this message should be engraved in the hearts of humankind." He warned the participants that his message "is Heaven's special blessing and warning" that "we take this message to heart and act accordingly in this Age after the Coming of Heaven."

To the ambassadors for peace present that day he asked that they "take this opportunity to make a new determination to be Heaven's envoys prepared to uphold Heaven's command" and emphasized that "now is the time when the new Abel realm, which is on the side of Heaven, must digest the Cain realm on a cosmic level," and that we should "make a new beginning toward establishing the New Heaven and New Earth--or the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven--with Heaven's complete authority."

At the end of his address True Father explained the failures of the United Nations in its capacity as the army for world peace, and revealed his firm conviction in the creation of the king-

dom of the peaceful, ideal world through the establishment of the "peace kingdom police force" and the "peace kingdom corps." He expressed his hopes that the participants "put on new 'true love armor' in this new age and be wise and brave activists in this peace kingdom corps for heaven and earth, for the sake of humanity's future." He reminded the participants that "the only way to inherit Heaven's lineage by establishing the realm of liberation and complete release is through the Holy Marriage Blessing established by the True Parents. Furthermore, the Holy Marriage Blessing provides the means to establish God's ideal family and the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world."

The next rally was on the 26th again at Sunmoon University, this time for residents from South Gyeonggi province and Gangwon province; on the 28th at Changwon Complex for residents from South Gyeongsang province, Busan and Ulsan city; on the 30th at Gwangju World Cup Stadium for residents from North and South Jeolla province, Gwangju, Jeju; on the 31st at Sunmoon University for residents from North Gyeongsang province, Daegu city, and North Gyeonggi province; on April 1st at Sunmoon University for residents from North and South Choongcheong province, Daejeon city; on the 2nd at Sunmoon University for residents from Gyeonggi province and Incheon city; and finally on the 3rd at Seoul Olympic Stadium. ❖

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to facilitate peace by bridging the Bering Strait which divides the North American Continent and Russia to create a global village.

Following Father, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, our True Mother, took the podium to deliver a speech entitled, "God's Model Ideal Family and Nation, and the Peace Kingdom."

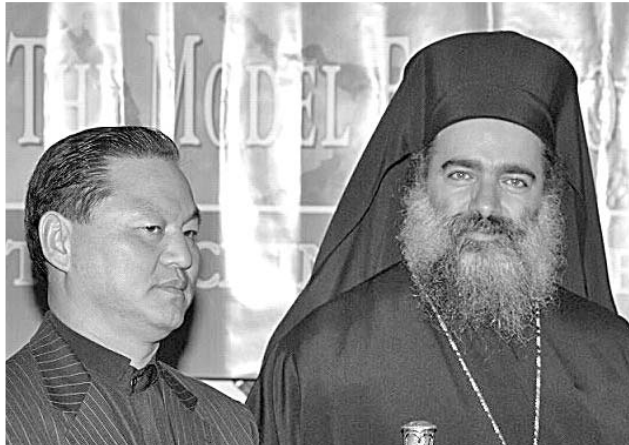
In her speech she emphasized the value of the family and the principles by which God created the world, saying, "God created this world in order to feel joy from seeing humankind and all things of the creation become one through His love and form a harmonious and peaceful world of love." and that "the three generations of grandparents, parents, and grandsons and granddaughters should live together as one family, serving the eternally existent God. You should know that to seek after and establish such a family of Cheon Il Guk, God's kingdom, is the responsibility of tribal messiahs, the mission of the peace ambassadors, and the desire of God."

After the speech True Parents sprinkled holy water over 20 couples on stage representing all participants. Father reminded them that "the holy water ceremony marks the beginning of the ideal world and world of peace." He asked them all to "live as true families until the day God's desire is fulfilled--the day when a world of peace is established." True Parents then ended this holy wedding and the Universal Peace Federation Rally for the Restoration of the Homeland with three cheers of mansei. ❖



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Jewish-Christian Dialogue in Jerusalem



by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

The recent UPF, Jewish-Christian Dialogue (Jerusalem, March 13 - 14) comes not a moment too soon. The pursuit of peace in the Holy Land, and by extension the region and world, continues to be a pressing matter for the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI, founded by Reverend Moon).

The region and the world abound with peace initiatives for the Holy Land and rightfully so. Not only for the obvious, humane reasons, but further for the pressing social and geo-political realities there to which the entire world is closely tied. Each initiative has its own signature and special insight. All are urgently needed.

MEPI proceeds along a handful of core impulses that make it an indispensable partner in the shared pursuit of peace. These include full affirmation that all religions are born of God, the fact that conflict is spiritual in nature above all, and finally insistence that success requires broad and closely integrated collaboration among the key spheres of influence including the religious and spiritual, political and social, media and education, and other centers of human striving.

This particular meeting extended a monumental moment in peace history based on spiritual leaders going to places of extreme trust and vulnerability for the sake of peace. The formal signing of the Jerusalem Declaration, took place May 18, 2003. On that occasion Christian and Jewish leaders took the all but unheard of position of repenting to one another. The courage and humility of these leaders far exceeded the routine conventions and norms of polite interfaith dialogue. These leaders managed in this moment to put the cause of peace, and true love as taught in their respective traditions above all other concerns.

This public act rocked the firmament. When the dust settled, doubts and shadow scrambled to re-divide these communities, but minor setbacks aside, it was too late. The die was cast. The true relationship preferred by God for Christians and Jews had been irrevocably fixed in this moment.

This month's dialogue continued the work to expand this relationship of repentance, forgiveness, love and togetherness by bringing together influential scholars and leaders from both communities to tackle in a substantial way the challenges facing the possibility of increasing cooperation and collabora-

tion among believers from these two religious groups (namely Jews and Christians).

20 or so leaders and scholars of approximately equal number spent a day and a half in 5 sessions of serious dialogue and discussion. Session 1 provided the occasion for self introduction and for all gathered to discuss in general terms the premise for the dialogue. The premise in part included the view that peace issues beyond Jewish-Christian relations, including peaceful relations with Muslims, requires that Jews and Christians transcend their a terrible history, and knit ourselves together as enlightened world leaders.

The other four sessions treated scripture, tradition, theology, and social and political implications respectively. All but the final session was deeply ground in scripture and source documents.

The scripture session took up a comparative analysis of the Jacob and Esau story. The tradition session compared the obligations of charity in each tradition. The theology session examined *imgao dei* doctrines intrinsic to each group.

All sessions were rich beyond our best imagination. This is not exaggeration. Once the spirit of harmony pre-

vails, content and inestimable value inside each tradition pours forth for the other. What is gained in profound. Surely all involved left far richer and wiser each better equipped as Jews and Christians alike. Furthermore, the bonds formed marked the beginnings of a world-important community of leaders forged in the intimacy of this conversation.

The final session examined social and political implications derived from the prospect of increasing harmony and collaboration among Jews and Christians. Special emphasis and particular interest was given to applying to solutions to conflict in the Holy Land. The guidelines for this applied session urged the dialogue partners to assess the nexus and respective roles of the US, Europe, and Israelis and Palestinians in the pursuit of peace in the Holy Land.

The prominent and influential partners of this dialogue are not named in this report as this project is meant to create an enduring and effective community of religious leaders. These meetings are not designed to create symbols of unity, nor are they to designed create public relations activity for the MEPI. ♦

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The First Women for Peace Summit

At what could be the shortest notice yet, seventy women from at least 37 nations convened in Seoul, Korea from 28th - 31st March for the first Women for Peace Summit. This gathering was living proof of the capacity of women to respond, even under challenging circumstances, to bringing the strengths of women in peacemaking and peacebuilding to the fore.

Focused on the topic "Building a Culture of Heart and a World of Lasting Peace" the Summit produced a commitment to addressing root causes and to supplementing and enhancing existing approaches with practical, doable steps that help solve critical global problems at the family and community levels.

The "Seoul Commitment" came out of the discussions of the women Ambassadors for Peace as they considered the implications of UPF's approach to peacemaking and peacebuilding. Because of the strong affiliation of the internationally recognized women's organization, the

Womens' Federation for World Peace (WFWP) with UPF, and the personal involvement of a number of the delegates themselves with WFWP, it was highlighted as a significant partner in the work ahead.

The Summit's visit to the international peace center in Cheongpyeong on March 29th provided a clear conceptual framework for the discussions that followed. At the Cheongpyeong inter-

national peace center, the women joined about 5,000 Korean nationals to commemorate "Parent's Day," the principal vehicle through which the UPF and its affiliates stimulate awareness and deep-



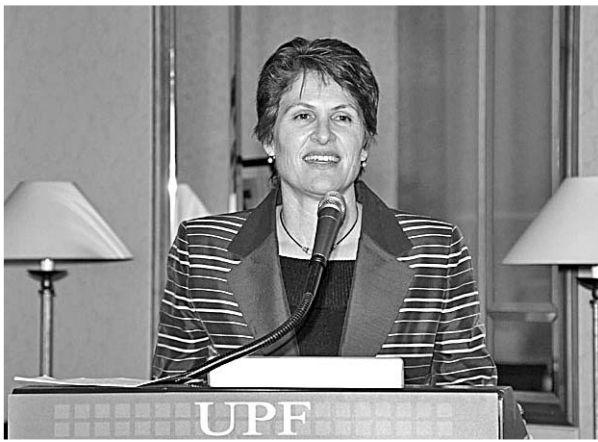
er understanding of the significant role of parents in the practical work of developing the human capacity for peace. It also provided an opportunity to enhance greater attention, understanding and action related to this often overlooked and underestimated root of peace.

Many delegates remarked that in the course of the Parents Day presentations and ceremonies, they acquired new insights and understanding of the relevance and value to global peace of parents, family and espe-

cially the unique strengths and responsibilities of women.

Further, it became clear that the strategy of focusing on strengthening the capacities of families to provide a "legacy of peace," the "barriers" of religion, ethnicity or nationality dissolved and instead became sources of additional insight. After all, family issues and concerns for children, family relationships and healthy environments (physical and social) are of common concern to all no matter the religion, continent, economic status, ethnicity or age.

Therefore the Summit resulted in a common commitment to mobilizing women in peacemaking and peacebuilding, and to expanding awareness of the significance of women's strategic and far-reaching contribution to peace through our families and communities. This commitment is documented as the "Seoul Commitment." ❖



Leadership Seminar for Peace and Unification

On February 28 in Cheon-nam Ham-pyeong Gun, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, the Continental Director of America, held the first Leaders' Rally for Peace and the Unification of North and South Korea in the Cultural Sports Center, with an attendance of over three thousand people. Dr. Yang gave a special lecture on the Blessing Ceremony and True Parents' worldwide peace and unification movement. The rally, which lasted for two hours, was a success. ❖



by Wayne Hankins

As an ambassador for peace, I went to Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Amman, Jordan, meeting courageous Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders who have found common ground to work together for peace while facing scary opposition from their own people. Let me tell you briefly of the Universal Peace Federation that sponsored this event (the 17th since February 2003).

Rooted in universal shared values and selfless service, this organization seeks to transform the hearts of individuals, families, societies and nations by advancing the ethic of "living for the sake of others." Judaism, Christianity and Islam all come from the family of Abraham. God is taking this common thread to weave and to repair the broken human family. He just needs our faith and participation to make it happen.

The starting point is Abel. Through Abel, Cain has to surrender voluntarily, not by compulsion. We have to restore Cain by living sacrificially for Cain's sake. Based on the unity of Cain and Abel through natural surrender, all the mothers of the realm of Cain have to be restored voluntarily, not by compulsion. This is the formula of the providence of restoration.

--Sun Myung Moon ❖



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We visited a senior home called The Golden Age Home in Amman that houses about 70 men and women who either have no relatives or relatives who cannot take care of them. After meeting the staff and some of the seniors, hearing the welcoming speeches and enjoying a most wonderful Jordanian meal, our director donated \$2,000 to the home. This so moved Daryl Gray, a black Baptist minister from Canada, he began passing the hat, loudly telling us donations begin at \$20 and if you donate \$50, I will sing a song.

Soon his singing filled the room. I don't think our Jordanian friends ever heard black gospel, but their faces showed they totally loved it. We raised \$1,200 more for the home.

Upon hearing this, a young man began singing in Arabic with music to accompany him. First one lady began dancing and clapping her hands, than another, until the room was alive with celebration. There were no Americans, there were no Arabs, there was no religion or theology, creating barriers, there was only the joy of a large diverse family enjoying our unique lives together.

The power of love, the power of serving others first, is the power to change a person's heart from hatred to love, and from the heart the head can begin to think differently. Yes, there is hope in this incredibly complicated tangled history we call the Middle East. Peace will come, not easily or quickly, but it will come if enough of us are willing to serve and love even our enemy.

"In order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, the world has to go in one line through the one blood lineage. However, in the fallen world, there is no way for people to enter in one line. Thus, in order to connect them together, God had to first find Abel.

by Reverend Michael Jenkins

We are engaged in a most historic process. Since the 120 City World Tour and the founding of the Universal Peace Federation our work in the Middle East is going much further, much faster. The Middle East Peace Initiative is in Jerusalem now.

Though the turmoil and the struggle in the Middle East is immense and most serious, the Living God is with us. We entered Jerusalem on "Purim" the Jewish Holiday celebrating the Purim commemorates the deliverance of the Persian Jews from destruction in the reign of the Persian king Ahasuerus. This was the story of a Jewish woman named Esther who went into her husband the King, risking her life (at that time an improper approach to the King without his permission could lead to expulsion or death), she went to him abandoning all protocol and safety to save the Jewish people. Her uncle Mordecai had encouraged her to be courageous saying that she was chosen for "such a time as this." She went to the King saying, "If I perish, I perish." Her courage saved the Jewish people. We say on this night of "Purim" that we have come to liberate all people from the bonds and boundaries of the past. We want to stand and Esther and say, "If we perish, we perish.. but we must come to Jerusalem to liberate the people of God from the divisions and boundaries."

Archbishop Stallings, Dr. Shuki Ben Ami and Rev. Daryl Gray and I went to Gethsemane. Dr. Ben Ami, our Jewish Ambassador for Peace is the descendant (as is his wife Shosh) of very important Rabbis in Jerusalem. Here he is standing on Holy Ground with us, Jewish and Christian, standing somewhere near where Jesus prayed. It was a full moon and Dr. Ben Ami, a Jewish scholar and man of faith took us a tour around the old city of Jerusalem. It is so amazing when you come to this Holy City. Shuki (Joshua) showed us the Kidron valley where Jesus visited and healed the lepers and on the other side... the Mount of Olives. We stood beneath the corner of the wall of the Old City. Most of the walls were reconstructed by Suleyman I of the Ottoman empire and date back only to 1538 years, but the corner that we stood beneath is the original.. dating back 2000 or more years to the time of Herod. Not far from where we stand is the Church of the Holy

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As we prayed at Gethsemane, we felt hope for the unity of Jews and Christians. As we prayed we felt the spirit of God descend upon us. The moonlight was so bright you could see the Olive Trees and their shadows. From where we prayed you can look upon the Eastern Wall of the Old City of Jerusalem and the Golden Dome of the Rock, the third Holiest site in the Islamic Faith stands brilliantly and proudly above us. Clearly, as Jesus prayed he Gethsemane he could look upon the city. He wept profoundly, because God's will for Jerusalem could not be realized because of his family and the rejection he received. Even his disciples slept. The cross would

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become his destiny.

However, on this night, though we felt deeply touched, no one cried. Bishop Stallings prayed that the realization of the one lineage of God centering on True Parents would now be realized, and that Jesus would be comforted. Shuki recited scripture in Hebrew and Rev. Gray gave a message offering gratitude that Jesus never gave up and that he called for us to come and to love our brothers.

Because the joy and the absolute con-

fidence that the Peace Kingdom is coming is too immense we did not weep. We can feel that Jesus tears of sorrow are now tears of joy because his work has been completed and now his family is beginning to understand. Jesus is moving with us with deep hope that finally the time of completion has come. God's Ideal Family is the Model for World Peace. The blessed family is now being realized in every race, religion and culture. Here we stand, Jews and Christians in the spirit of Unification,

with one heart and with absolute conviction that we are one family before God. Here in Jerusalem, with each journey we take, the walls in peoples hearts are coming down. The turmoil is great, but the people of faith are not in turmoil, we bring calm and stability based on True Love and the confidence that all people Jews, Christians and Muslims are engrafting onto the True Olive Tree--as the scriptures say, the Tree of Life.

Our focus on this journey is to concentrate on the bond of the first and second Israel. We are going deeper now to find the our common beginning from one God. We are seeking the end of division and fear between Jews and Christians. From America and Europe we join with Christians and Jews in Jerusalem. We are taking on a task that has been worked on by many with great faith for 2000 years. The task of repairing and healing what should have never divided, the family of Abraham. We are starting with our Jewish elders and recognizing that our faith emerged from theirs.

We are sharing in dialogue with Jewish scholars and religious leaders, together with Christian leaders. We know that there is a path that God has created now for there are no conditions left that allow for the divisions to remain. There are no barriers in the spirit world that bind us to be separated anymore. On December 22nd, 2003 a condition was made in Jerusalem in which Jesus family was reunited and historic representatives of Judaism welcomed Jesus back home and crowned him King. of Peace. Because of that this historic moment, there is no condition left that can divide us. Now we must go forward to embrace our Jewish brothers and sisters and heal our long centuries of sep-



ge to the Middle East

aration. We repent and ask God's blessing to allow our historic families to become one. We know that as our hearts become one we will be able to embrace Ishmael and the Jewish, Christian and Muslim families will fulfill the hope of heaven in Jerusalem.

As you can see from news reports the current situation in Palestine and Israel is very tense. We worked directly with Palestinian Ambassadors for Peace to assist in the release of one of the hostages. We are deeply involved in all communities.

Most importantly we are pursuing a consistent course to strengthen our relationships with the religious leaders. We just concluded two very successful days of a Jewish Christian dialogue. It was very important and fundamental to the process for peace. We must strengthen the bond between the first and second Israel (Judaism and Christianity) and expand that unity to embrace the family of Ishmael. To achieve this the central people of faith (religious leaders and religious scholars) must come together in heart and build bridges on truth and love. We must do this with profound and absolute respect for the faith that God has instilled in others with no motive to convert or change but to share and discover the truth together.

Please imagine this setting, we sat, Christian clergy with Rabbis and scholars, with the Torah, the books of the prophets and our Bibles in front of us. We went through the scriptures verse by verse on key topics. It was incredible. For example when examining the story of Jacob and Esau we would read the story in English in the Christian Bible and then in Hebrew from the Torah. The Hebrew gives incredible understanding and enlightenment of the deeper meaning. Even the name Jacob comes from the Hebrew to follow or one who "holds the heel" referring to the birth of Jacob and Esau and the fact that Jacob "followed" Esau and "held his heel" in the text. What really stood out was the profound idea of the Garden of Eden and the Paradise that preceded all faiths. The clear and strong consensus of all

that were there was that the fall of man, destroyed Paradise and that was the purpose of the formation of the various faith traditions. To bring us back to the Garden of Eden. Dr. Joshua Ben Ami stated that he has been in many Jewish Christian dialogues but this was the highest level academically and the most rich and meaningful he has ever experienced. We concluded the dialogue on Tuesday evening. Delegations have arrived from the U.S.,

Canada and Europe and we are in full swing. The Muslim and Jewish, Ambassadors for Peace from Palestine and Israel are testifying to the incredible impact that the Ambassadors for Peace are having on the state of things between Israel and Palestine. The continued MEPI programs (now the 17th major pilgrimage and the 20th direct activity) since 2003 are continuing with greater strength than ever. About three fourths of the 150 Ambassadors for Peace are here for the first time. It has become one of the most effective ways for the Ambassadors for Peace to "experience" the work for Peace directly. They bring it back to their parliaments

and to their leaders and eventually engage their nations to contribute to this central crossroads for peace here in Jerusalem.

Each and everytime we have come was always during a time of great turmoil. We are sent to diffuse tensions and allow the communications and the give and take between all peoples to continue.

Mr. Walid Sadiq shared sincerely tonight as a Muslim Ambassador for Peace and former member of the Israeli Knesset said that this process is opening the way. He also shared honestly as to how difficult it has been to stand as a Palestinian and an Israeli at the same time. He finds hope in the MEPI process for peace. Dr. Eliezar Glaubach shared that surely this is the

central place for peace to be achieved, this is Jerusalem the root of the Abrahamic faiths. Dr. Glaubach shared sincerely and gave a sense of urgency as he strongly asked us to increase our efforts now, the spiritual and academic dimension that goes beyond all boundaries is critical now for the political means without the compliment and the leadership of the faith based involvement will always get stuck. He encouraged us to speed up our efforts, that the delegations become more frequent because they are bringing the changes needed to achieve the peace that everyone in Jerusalem longs for. Lasting and enduring peace.

The faith based process never gets stuck because it is not bound and hindered by the restrictions that governments face. The faith approach continues even though governments say we can't talk or recognize each other. The faith based approach is bound by the principle of loving ones enemies and seeking to reconcile with our brothers based on the fact that we have one common God.

We are grateful for our Ambassadors for Peace who come to the Holy land during this time to work even in instability and turmoil. They bring stability and have the power to diffuse the turmoil. It takes time and understanding. It takes love. That's why Father Moon sent us. To bring love to this suffering land. True Parents main strategy is to bring True Love.

Thanks to Europe, Canada and America for your Ambassadors of Love. We especially thank our Ambassadors for Peace who live here in Palestine and Israel. ❖



UPF Honors Sports Leaders in Swaziland

Three Swaziland sports leaders have been honoured for their sound leadership and good governance. The trio are, SNSC Vice Chairperson Sophie Dlamini, SOCGA President Robert Zombodze Magagula and SNCS, SOCGA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Victor Shabangu.

They were honoured by the International Federation for World Peace International during an official launch of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF)

in Swaziland held at the Tum's George Hotel, Manzini last Friday.

UPF Spokesman Charles Mbingo said the three were also awarded for their efforts in establishing a 'smart partnership' alliance for sport of the SNSC and SOCGA.

He stressed though that they were not the only ones who got recognition.

"In fact, several individuals were awarded with leadership and good governance awards dubbed 'Ambassador for Peace' for their humanitarian and

peace-building initiatives," he explained.

Mbingo said the other personalities who were awarded were Senate President Mathendele Dlamini, Chairman of the Islamic Institute Dr Basheer Shabangu, Chairman of Emahlane Royal Kraal in Matsapha David Dlamini, Manzini South Bucopho Benkhundla Betty Magagula. Others are Director of Apex Tutorial Academy Wicleff Shimbira, Getrude Zulu and Jabulile Dlamini.

"UPF is a non-governmental organ-

isation that is recognised and registered with the United Nations and was recently launched in New York. Its purpose is to complement the humanitarian efforts of the UN through peace-building initiatives," explained Mbingo.

He also stated that during the launch, local and international speakers stressed the need to engage government, non-governmental organisations and individuals in the peace-building initiative for success. ❖

One-Day Seminar on Ocean Providence

by Soon Teck Lim

On March 26, Ocean Church and UTS Fishing Club organized a historical 1-day seminar entitled "Culture of Heart and the Ocean Providence," in Little Neck, New Jersey. It was attended by more than fifty participants. Mr. Kensaku Takahashi, Ocean Church Director, gave the opening remarks, followed by a video presentation on Ocean Church activities. The presentation gave an overview of the latest development of ocean providence in the United States. Rev. Don Woo Kim, New Jersey regional director, gave a warm welcoming greet-

ing and shared his vision for the Ocean Providence.

Dr. Keisuke Noda, a UTS philosophy professor, gave a thought-provoking presentation on Rev. Moon's philosophical perspective on fishing. He explained how cosmic, natural, and dispensational time concepts are integrated in the activity of fishing in Rev. Moon's thought, and examined the concept of labor exhibited in the idea of "hobby industry."

In the afternoon, Mr. Norio Matsuda (National Messiah) shared his experience about

fishing, and inspired the audience with his humorous presentation on fishing techniques and the mechanisms of fishing equipment. Mr. Axelsson gave a brief introduction to boat and boating.

The last presentation was given by

Rev. Kamiyama, special advisor to Ocean Church. He shared Father's words about ocean providence with historical and memorable photos. With heavenly inspiration and generosity, he offered a number of special gifts to lucky participants through a lottery. The first prize was a stuffed Father's striped bass wall mount. This amazing special gift went to Eka Kanari, a UTS student. All participants received a special gift ticket which allows them to have a free fishing on the Hudson River. Participants were so happy and blessed.

Through this seminar, participants were inspired by True Parents' passion, vision, and commitment to the Ocean Providence. Based upon the success of this seminar, the second and the third seminar are expected. ❖



MN Hoon Dok Family Church Seminar

by Jim Bard

The Hoon Dok Family Church semi-annual Vision Seminar Held March 25th with special guest Rev. Joshua Cotter

Rev. Cotter gave his personal testimony of how he came to seek God through music and was led to San Francisco at age 22 where he met our movement. He shared with great passion moving experiences he has had in his life with members of our church and his family. A simple love note placed in his daughter's lunch box caused her to weep uncontrollably in his arms for an hour. A tall German brother whose wife Rev. Cotter had taught shared in tears of his appreciation for having his beautiful wife and family. He urged us to maintain, or perhaps rekindle, our passion for God and sharing the treasure of our faith. He had so much to share with us from personal experiences that he didn't have time to show his power point presentation.

Rev. Bard delivered a presentation on Hoon Dok Family Church activities in Minneapolis from 2005 (Attached).

Rev. Seo gave a presentation entitled "Oikos: Witnessing by Focusing on Human Relations (Attached)" This presentation is loaded with good reasoning and methods for witnessing in daily life.

Dr. Anderson reported on his research on "Cell Church." He explained the purposes of cell churches, how they naturally develop in a healthy church in the way of women's

groups, a choir, a sewing circles, men's clubs etc. Cell groups were employed by Chinese Communists and equally effectively by underground Chinese Christians. Today Mega Churches need cell groups within their church to effectively minister to their members. Personal relations are always the key to witnessing. Dr. Anderson explained that "even though some may think that I would be persuaded by logical explanations of Divine Principle in order to join our movement it was the personal care and kindness of my spiritual mother that drew me to study the Principle and to join." The cell group method provides the intimate setting that is most conducive for people to join our movement.

Testimonies were given from new members and their spiritual parents. Questions and Answer time was beneficial.

Rev. Cotter gave a sermon on "My House Can Change the World." He emphasized that we are the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" and ought never to forget that. He used a salt shaker to illustrate his point and that if we stay "inside of our shaker" we get "caked-up" and cannot add savor to anything as we should.

Rev. Cotter, The Seos and the Pehlings (Kevin Pehling is a spiritual grandson of Rev. Cotter) had lunch together. Later they went to Sachiko Johnson's team Family Church meeting at Jim and Flore Mathison's house. ❖

The Bones That Made the Road

Have thirty years passed by so soon?
Already gray and wrinkled skin.
What have we done all of this time
And what perspective can we give
What value on the life we lived?

Our bones are creaking, joints are sore
The Spirit World is drawing nigh.
Are we prepared for what we'll meet?
The time left us is passing by
It vanishes within a sigh.

If all around the banners blazed
And people everywhere were Blessed
We'd never question what we've done
No doubt we'd feel our worthiness
Our hearts could fin'ly feel at rest.

And Lo! Observe the worthy Last
Who now, the First, have come to be.
They'll boldly clamor Heaven's Will
And carry out their daring deeds
The fruit of all our suffering seeds.

Then at the very least, at least
Does come to mind a metaphor
How this old bag feels like the bones
That paved the road for other corps
To dance and trod with glorious roar.

The birds have much of which to sing.
They fill the early morning air.
How much more boist'rous we should be.
We've seen and done what few would dare
With poise, aplomb and dashing flair.

Just think about that desp'rate work!
To save mankind, our rallies spun.
The dedication we had spent
And still the world ignores and shuns
As down the Devil's rode it runs

While war and famine and disease
Are dogging at our every step.
We try so hard off' falling short
We sacrificed our very best
And never bothered with regrets.

So many are the bones 'sides mine.
Some big, some small, some in between.
For glory was it done? Oh no!
For Heaven's Kingdom was the dream
And God remembers every piece.

I cannot say that I'm so sage
And comprehend all Father's done.
Naïve and simple; like a child
As Won Pil said when he was young
I just feel good when He's around.

There's one desire we should possess
To dwell near him when we pass there.
Unworthy do I feel throughout
But if a distant seat were spared
My heart could rest, contented, cheered.

If bones that made a worthy road
Is all we have to life and name
Then proudly let us make it strong
Anonymous, without acclaim
And all I'll say's "Roll on! Monsei!"

Kurt Holmquist

International Women's Day Seminar Honors Women Peacemakers

by Caroline Betancourt

That "Women are essential to creating world peace" was the theme and consensus of a luncheon seminar held in Washington, D.C. in honor of International Women's Day, March 9, 2006. The seminar was sponsored by the Women's Peace Initiative for the Middle East and South Asia, a project of Women's Federation for World Peace -- an affiliated organization with the UPF.

Held on March 9 at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington, D.C., the elegant Presidential Dining Room was filled to capacity with 140 participants. Paintings by Colombian artist Ethel Bustamante punctuated the sunlight-filled room with explosive color, capturing the organic qualities of femininity and motherhood. Networking abounded as hearts opened and tears flowed as women contemplated the essential role of women in creating peace.

Dr. Gulnara Rashidova, wife of the Ambassador from Uzbekistan and Mrs. Bushra Al-Eryani, wife of the DCM from the Embassy of Yemen gave remarks on how they, as women leaders in their respective countries, perceive the role women play in bringing peace.

Mrs. Alexa Ward, President of Women's Federation for World Peace, USA, said that the future is fast moving toward the time where women need to take leadership roles in many more capacities; but the question

she posed, giving food for thought to all, was: "Are we ready to take leadership?" The quality of leadership presented by women has to be such that the world can move in a different direction than that of the past millennium.

Mrs. Ward proudly announced the successful completion of the WFWP International Declaration for Peace signature campaign. Nearly 11 million women dedicated themselves to peace by signing. Only one million signatures were expected. These signatures will be presented to the United Nations as a voice of women around the world declaring the need for more women to be involved in the peace making process.

Caroline Betancourt, emcee, at the podium with panel comprising Susan Fefferman, Moderator; Karnit Asher-Biran from Israel; Nahid Kabbai, Palestinian; Fawzia Etemadi from Afghanistan; and Katrin Michael from Iraq.

The highlight of the seminar was the panel from the Women's Peace Initiative



for the Middle East and South Asia, a project of WFWP. Katrin Michael, Ph.D., from Iraq, Fawzia Etemadi from Afghanistan, Israeli Karnit Asher-Biran and Palestinian Nahid Kabbani each spoke on women's issues in their specific countries, as they shared their personal testimonies. Moderated by Susan Fefferman, the panelists each emphasized the essential qualities women can bring to the peacemaking process, especially that of a mother's heart.

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ciples of peace to bring our work together, interspersing her presentation with anecdotes from her experiences in Rwanda and Kenya. Five women were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace, including Gul Rukh Rahman, Kathryn Hill, Karnit Asher-Biran, Olga Sulla and Jacqueline Kakembo.

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Participants were moved to tears as women from different religions, nationalities and races participated in WFWP's Bridge of Peace ceremony. One by one, they crossed the bridge to meet a "sister in peace" and melted into one heart, leaving behind prejudices and barriers that divide us. Ms. Selma Musavyi summed up the seminar with the sentiment, "This was just wonderful. I can't remember when I experienced so many tears and love. I am really glad I came." ❖



Victory Celebration for the Women's Middle East Peace Initiative

On Sunday, January 29th, more than 150 members and friends of WFWP, USA's Southern California Chapter, gathered in a bright, sunny garden at Vanguard Hollywood to participate in our 5th Annual "Welcome the New Year Tea," and to celebrate VICTORY for the Women's Middle East Peace Initiative (WMEPI) Declaration of Peace Signature Campaign. Our dream of gathering one million signatures was far exceeded by the reality of collecting 10 million, 800 thousand signatures when the campaign officially ended on the United Nations International Day for Human Rights, December 10, 2005. We had a lot to celebrate!

The WMEPI Declaration of Peace, was drafted in January, 2004, to promote peace in the Middle East from a woman's perspective. The purpose of the Declaration of Peace is to support women of the Middle East at home and abroad; to turn the hearts and minds of women worldwide to the ongoing crisis in the Middle East; and to encourage women to use their God-given nature to contribute to lasting peace in the region, as well as throughout the world.

On the heels of a resolution (4/30/04) by the Los Angeles City Council to recognize and commend the work of WFWP and the WMEPI, on May 2, 2004, more than 250 women representing diverse ethnic and faith backgrounds gathered at the Los Angeles Friendship Center to participate in a deeply moving "Bridge of Peace Ceremony," and become the first signers of the WMEPI Declaration of Peace.

From Los Angeles, Ms Norma Foster, President, United Nations Association Pacific-Los Angeles Chapter and National Advisor to WFWP, USA carried the Declaration to Geneva, Switzerland for the Eighth Annual Conference on Peace in the Middle East, sponsored by WFWP Japan. Women delegates from seventeen Middle Eastern nations attended the program and nine national delegations signed the Declaration. Next, signatures were collected during the "Women of Peace Program," sponsored by WFWP and IIFWPU, which brought 526 women from 41 nations to Jerusalem. Participation in the signature campaign further expanded to more than 35 nations as an international resolution to support it was formally adopted at the Fifth Annual WFWP International Leaders Workshop, held in Seebenstein, Austria in September of 2004.

Over the past eighteen months, signatures were collected through grass roots efforts, door-to-door visitation, at public events, and through the support of like minded NGO's and organizations around the world.

On January 29th, a lovely garden patio, a happy Buddha statue, and the "Hollywood Sign," became the back drop for a celebratory event that opened with prayers led by leaders representing the three Abrahamic Faiths: Mrs. Nahid Kabbani, Palestinian and Founder/President of "One World," Rev. Clara Epps, and Mrs. Ariella Shira Lewis.

As the ladies enjoyed "tea" together they were entertained by the beautiful background music of John Holmes on

piano and the lovely voice of Mrs. Annette Moss who sang "Sebben Crudele," by composer Antonio Caldera accompanied by Brent Wilday.

Ms. Norma Foster served as master of ceremonies and several presentations were made. Ms Leslie Orticke, President, Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women, read a personal congratulatory letter from Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I extend my appreciation for your invaluable leadership in completing the WMEPI Signature campaign. It is fitting that a resolution from the City of Los Angeles Council that helped launch the campaign is now celebrating its victory." An official Congratulatory Declaration was also extended from the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors.

Letters of congratulations were read from Dr. Thomas Walsh, Secretary General, Universal Peace Federation, Dr. Lan Young Moon, President, WFWP International, and Mrs. Alexa Ward, President, WFWP, USA. Dr. Walsh reminded us that we not only succeeded in collecting more than 10 million signatures, but we also "helped in educating, raising awareness and securing commitments for peace from more than 10 million people. This is a remarkable achievement."

Sheri Rueter, Vice President, WFWP, USA delivered a power point presentation providing a comprehensive overview of the WMEPI, outlining the activities of WFWP, USA in 2005, and presenting national and local goals for 2006. An edited (shortened) version of the moving video "Women of Peace," which documented

the WMEPI efforts in the Middle East process served to conclude the formal part of the program.

From that point we "broke out" into singing and dancing! A VICTORY cake was cut by several representative leaders as Rick Joswick and the "Origins" choir led a spirited version of "Peace, Shalom, Salaam Aleichum" and the assembled ladies sang along and danced around the patio together. In closing, we held hands and sang our signature "Let There Be Peace on Earth," uniting in heart with each other as we pledged to continue our work to make "The Peace Kingdom" a reality for every person in the world.

This event will not be forgotten because it lives in our hearts, but also because it was extensively covered by the media. Camera crews were present throughout the event from both ABC and FOX News. ABC-7 featured a lengthy segment on our event on their local evening and morning news programs. FOX-11 aired a segment on the morning news as well.

"Through this initiative, we have opened the door for dialogue as well as actions for peace, together with the women, children and families of the Middle East," stated Ms. Norma Foster in an interview. "At a time when the Middle East remains embroiled in war and conflict, the Women's Middle East Peace Initiative provides a ray of hope and truly is an historic measure." ❖

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IN MEMORIAM Timoteo Yokpore

We ask your sincere prayers and financial support for Mrs. Dee Yokpore and the Yokpore family.

Her husband Timoteo passed away in his homeland of the Ivory Coast. Dee is a white American and Timoteo a native of the Ivory Coast. Their daughter Cindy is truly a beautiful child of God.

We are deeply saddened by this tragic loss and ask God to somehow bless Africa and the Ivory Coast in particular through this incredible sacrifice. We also sincerely ask God to bless this family who has stood strongly as an exemplary Blessed Central Family. We pray for Dee and Il Hwa (Cindy) and all her family.

Dee Yokpore's husband, Timoteo passed away March 7th in Ivory Coast, a country in political turmoil at this time. His body is still in a town controlled by a rebel group. Someone will risk their

life to retrieve Mr. Yokpore's body to bring it to the capital city for a proper Seung Hwa and Won Jeon ceremony. The New Jersey community is raising funds to support Dee's journey and the additional expense involved in bringing Mr. Yokpore's body to the Capital and cover the cost of the Seung Hwa. We expect this to be somewhere between 10 and 15 thousand dollars.

We sincerely ask that all join in to quickly raise the support for Dee at this time of trial. Please help her by sending your financial gift to: Mrs. Dee Yokpore, 20 Backiel St. Apt. 2, Little Ferry, NJ 07643

She is also one of the earliest members to join in our New Jersey commu-

nity. Dee joined in 1965. Dee's daughter is Il Hwa Cindy, a member of the singing group, Colors of Love, founded by Hyun Jin Nim. She is Blessed and living now in South Carolina with her husband.

Tribute To My Father by I L-hwa Gallo Yokpore Bowman (Cindy)

I want to speak of my Father. He passed March 7th 2006. I feel his spirit is with me, I feel that he is finally free from fear, the fear that so many in this world live with everyday.

The fear of losing the only thing you have ever known. The fear of challenging the despair of the everyday for the fulfillment, the true security of tomorrow.

I have an amazing family. My parents came together without hesitation because of their faith and understanding of who

True Parents are and what the mission is they are here to pass to us. They were rescued from nothing and given God's love and for that they pledge undeniable loyalty and love. I watched them.

I feel honored to have seen their struggles, their repentful tears in front of Heaven's altar. I have been given so much, they gave so much.

My Father, for everything he wasn't, He WAS, He was a man of love, even though he lived most of his life in fear and ignorance he knew love to God and love to his family above all else. Many times he did not rise to the occasion, but when he did, like all other creatures of God, he was a like the righteously true burning flames of the sun. God's son. My Father. Thank you that his seed is in me, thank you that his blood will run through my children's veins. Thank you that a man almost forgotten by those who did not know God's love, was and forever is my Father. ❖

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Henri Blanchard

The Seung Hwa ceremony of our brother in faith Henri Blanchard, first member in France, took place in Vannes, Brittany on the west coast of France on Tuesday, January 24th, 2006. Henri was born on April 22, 1943. He joined as the first member of the Unification Church in France, on March 21, 1968. He received the Blessing on October 21, 1970 (777 Couples). With his wife, Hilde, they have 4 children. He was a long-time president of the Unification movement in France. His last mission was one of the representatives of France, among 84 IIPC Peace Ambassadors in Korea.

About 120 persons assembled in a tent erected near the funeral parlour outside the city of Vannes. The white colour of the tent, the green grass under our

feet and the smell of flowers gave the ceremony at one and the same time both a pastoral and a spiritual quality.

A whole coachload from Paris filled up half of the places while the immediate family members filled the podium, including Henri's four physical brothers and many nephews and nieces. Mr. Takenori Hashimoto, European FFWPU Vice-President, and Mr Mark Brann, Secretary General of the European chapter of IIFWP, had come from England with Carlo and Barbara Zacharelli representing Britain. Numerous participants from Austria, among them Gertrud Koch and



Therese Heizinger, were also present.

Flowers and messages from the whole world continued to arrive as the ceremony got under way.

At 2 pm, Dominik Dedours, the dynamic Master of Ceremonies, inaugurated the ceremony by leading cheerful holy songs intended to assist Henri's ascent into the spiri-

tual world. Jean-François Moulinet, National Leader in France, read a short biography and some passages of a book of testimonies written by Henri in 1985, one of which had been extracted from an arti-

cle which appeared in Today's World.

Then Didier Guignard, responsible of the Blessing Department, offered Henri's favourite song: "Dieu tout-puissant".

Then the most important messages were read. First the moving and deep message of True Father himself given that same morning:

"Henri Blanchard has been faithful to his duty. Henri has been an absolutely honest, sincere and faithful man".

Then came those of Rev. Kwak, president of the International FFWPU, Dr Yong Cheol Song, Continental Director of FFWPU in Europe, and also those of other personalities and friends of Henri Blanchard who had not been able to come, among whom particularly Reiner Vincenz, his spiritual father.

There were also two testimonies; Dr Colette Takigawa recalled some experiences with Henri, and Mark Brann recalled Henri's marvellous character experiences through close experiences with Henri over many years.

The most touching was when, at the end, Jin-I, one of Henri's daughters, gave a testimony of her father, reminding everyone of his high standard of living for others, of his relationship to God; then Hilde, his widow, very brave, yet frail at the same time, concluded with simple and deep words, all full of Heaven's deepest love.

At the end sticks of frankincense were lit, as the farewell homage of the participants, for Henri's ascent. After a last song and a concluding prayer, the procession went to the neighbouring graveyard for the interment of the coffin, signifying the end of the journey on Earth of our dear Henri.

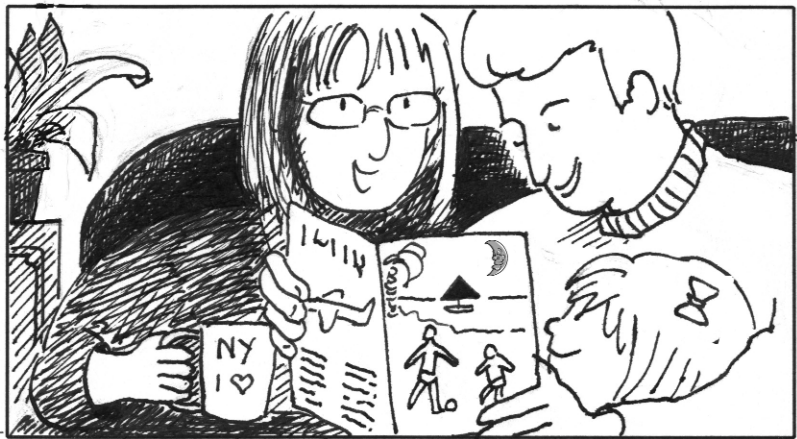
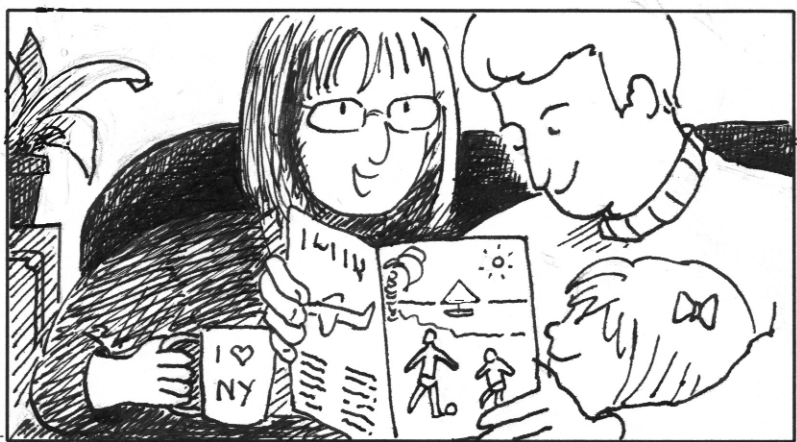
It was another moving moment; all joined in song once more, family and friends alike. This day was so sunny, it was as if God Himself had sent a message to Henri, by giving us all a really bright and sunny day. Nature looked resplendent under a bright sun as though all creation were smiling at Henry's ascent.

Then after a final prayer, Hilde invited all participants to a coffee shop for a time of sharing. It was about 6 pm, on this January 24th, 2006.

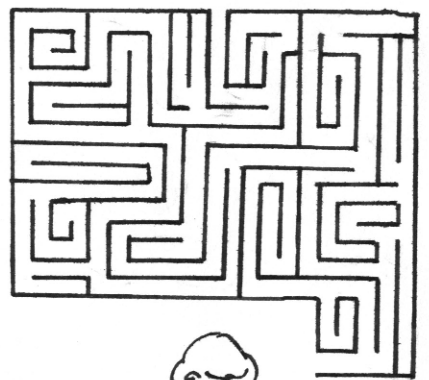
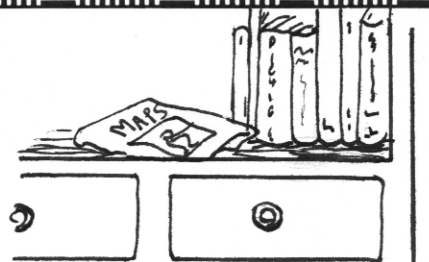
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FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of planning summer vacation



Help them find the maps

Seattle Celebrates Il Shim Education

by Rev. Mary Anglin

Il Shim literally means One Heart. Il Shim education is personal-growth education united with the heart of God. Our church first emphasizes the heart of God in our education. We lost that heart at the Fall. Our blessing is really clear in that it centers on True Parents, true lineage and true Ilife. Without connecting the blood lineage to God, it doesn't have value. The broad way of Il Shim is how to unite with the heart of God. The parent-child relationship is blood. It is not a social relationship. This is eternal. With that relationship we develop elder sonship, ownership, etc. Without that clear point we cannot properly establish other things. Through Principle, we can see how parents should be. The parent-child relationship is a vertical line." This was the guidance given to us by our regional director, Rev. Hun Suk Lee, as we began preparations for the first Il Shim program in Seattle in two years.

Taking into mind his guidance, we developed a clear study program based upon the parent-child, one-on-one education system. Utilizing the study topics developed by Brian Sabourin and Kathy Winings, we developed a six-week program including individual study, group study, group fasting and service projects.

The program opened with an orientation on Sunday, February 5th, during which each participant received his "Il Shim Packet" of study materials, reflection forms, calendar and all information necessary to successfully complete the program.

Throughout each week, parent and child studied together. We offered the option of each parent-child group coming together each Friday evening for group study, small group study in homes, or family-only study. During these Friday sessions hoon dok was read, with a live-



ly discussion of the previous week's study topic. Most families opted to join the larger community at the Seattle Family Church, where we broke into smaller groups according to age.

On Saturday, March 4th, each youth participant, as well as at least one of his parents, did a one-day fast. We came together during the day and studied Father's speech entitled "Myself" given January 13, 1980, in Tarrytown. The day concluded with a service project followed by sports.



On Saturday, March 11th, we held the concluding ceremony of this six-week educational program. The concluding ceremony was beautiful, each of the 66 participants attending with a reverent heart. Rev. Lee gave an incredible presentation on The Change of Blood Lineage, detailing the remarkable path of restoration that history has followed to bring us to this point.

A beautiful song entitled "True Love" was offered by one of our 2075 couples, Brian and Chieko Granstrom. Parents presented True Love Waits rings to their children, with three representative families at the front. Rev. and Mrs. Lee presented a beautiful certificate to each participant. This certificate, which included the Il Shim pledge, had been signed by Rev. Lee. Upon receiving it, each participant and their parent also signed it in affirmation.

A congratulatory address was given by Pastor Gerhard Wiesinger, in which he exhorted them to take off and fly while at the same time making sure their roots were solidly grounded.

"Together we'll build a world that's new, that's fit for kings and fit for queens. We'll raise them up to rule the land" Thus Rev. Anglin reminded the youth of their value as the ever-hoped-for true children of God. She concluded her talk with a quote from Spiderman as she reminded them, "With great power comes great responsibility." She encouraged them to do great things with the promise that the first generation will always be behind them to support and empower them in their great task of life.

Each family had truly invested during this time, and the young people so seriously sought to understand the content of the materials and what it meant in their daily lives. It was deeply moving to sit in on their study groups as they expressed their understanding and asked questions to deepen their understanding.

This was six weeks that bound the community together more strongly, as all were focused on a common purpose with a common heart. At the concluding ceremony, two standing ovations were offered: one to the Regional Directors, Rev. and Mrs. Lee, and another to the coordinator of the program, Rev. Anglin. It was truly a sincere and heartfelt expression of gratitude from the community.

The conclusion of a beautiful day was a delicious banquet which had been prepared by our Kodan Blessed Wives.

We express our gratitude to Rev. and Mrs. Lee, who gave so much support, guidance and love to our community as we pursued this education course and as we celebrated our youths' graduation. As Rev. Lee said in his concluding remarks, "This is only the beginning". ❖

Rev. Jenkins Videos

by Charles and Eleonore de Watteville

This is a link to our web site posting the video of Rev. Jenkins presentation in San Leandro, California for the Ambassadors for Peace banquet.
<http://www.unificationstudy.com/AFPSanLeandro.html>

The video is split into 6 parts and is posted on the website: youtube.com. So the world can see it. We added a lot of video in parts 3 and 5 and 6.

We find the video very inspiring and we pray that this can be useful for spreading the word. Here are direct links to each part on youtube.com:

Part One • <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hztzo5uge6Q>

Universal Principles of Peace: First Principle: God is the Parent of Humankind. Second Principle: Humans are Essentially Spiritual in Nature

Part Two • <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIZecmFU5NY>

Universal Principles of Peace: Fourth Principle: Marriage is a Sacred Institution. The Family is the School of Love. Fifth Principle: Interreligious and International Cooperation is Essential for World Peace

Part Three • <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-DR1eztfVo>

Focus of Ambassadors for Peace

Part Four • <http://youtube.com/watch?v=yYoZdSyaJw4>

Period after World War II. Terrorism: Root Causes. Challenges and Solutions: Prospects for Peace in a Post 9/11 World. Founding of the Universal Peace Federation Sept. 12, 2005

Part Five • <http://youtube.com/watch?v=VzwRgOwnTsk>

Conference in Amman, Jordan. March in Amman - Nov. 2005.

Part Six • <http://youtube.com/watch?v=xhzCvdzWk4Y>

Crossing the Jordan River. Mount Nebo, Jericho, Jerusalem-Gethsemane.

Special Conference at Westbank, Israeli Knesset and Gaza - April 2005.

This is a link to our website posting a short video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pz_CEs7MFqU "Interfaith Prayer March for Peace in Amman, Jordan. IIFWP Ambassadors for Peace rally at site of Jordanian bombing, November 2005. It's an 8 minute-video with statements by Imam Mohamad Jodeh; Rev. Jesse Edwards; Ambassador Sam Zakhem; Rev. Walter Fauntroy, and Imam Haitham Bundakji. ❖

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The Encyclopedia Project

The Encyclopedia Project is an exciting new project for developing a compendium of knowledge uniting values and facts. On May 1, 2005, Reverend Kwak approved an online Internet encyclopedia that moves forward the vision which has been a long-time goal of Father Moon, including substantial pioneering work on the project in the early 1990s.

The current editorial team is now working extremely hard to generate a body of knowledge so that the general reader will learn information, not just for its own sake, but for its value to the world as a whole. The underlying goal of the encyclopedia is to promote true knowledge that leads to human happiness, well-being, and world peace.

Every step from the smallest to the grandest, from the most mundane to the innermost purpose is taken with immaculate care and attention. The goal is to produce 10,000 articles by mid-2007. Presently the project seeks writers in all fields. More information can be obtained by contacting Robert Brooks, Managing Editor: robert@encyclopediaproject.net

Mister & Miss University Peace Project in Cambodia

As the prize for the titleholders of Mister & Miss University International 2005, Miss Nataliya Savelieva of Russia and Mr. Seong Jin Lee of Korea, visited Cambodia for a peace mission as Campus Peace Ambassadors for One World Family along with Miss Hyang Im Yoo, Miss University Korea 2005, and 13 other volunteers from the DMZ Service Project Team of Korea from the 8th to 19th of February 2006.

The DMZ Service Project Team is an NGO established to help landmine victims near the North/South Korean border, and this was their first mission overseas. The project decided on Cambodia as it is a nation crippled with landmines, and to help the landmine victims there.

In conjunction with Jesuit Service Cambodia, the group helped serve Dae Wit, a landmine victim living in a village on the outskirts of Siem Reap, who had lost a leg by stepping on a landmine while walking to school in 1989. She also lost her husband last year and is now living with her four children.

The DMZ service group helped build a house, did some farming, and made baskets for Ms. Dae Wit to sell in the markets.

After the service work, Seong Jin and Nataliya paid a courtesy call to Prince Norodom Sirivuth to convey their message of peace. ❖



24 Hour Extreme Movie-Making Workshop at BAFC

by Theo Townsend

On March 17-18, thirty BCs participated in a 24 hour extreme movie making workshop at the Bay Area Family Church. The workshop was staffed by multi-media fanatics Ted Allen, Eric Scharf, Josiah Larson and Theo Townsend.

The workshop started Friday night with a viewing of the classic movie Yojimbo by Akira Kurosawa. After morning service and breakfast the next day, three presentations were made. Theo Townsend covered the basics of shots,

angles, movement, and composition. Eric Scharf made a presentation about the importance of content, and how the quality of artistic expression is linked to the quality of the artists' spiritual life. Ted Allen demonstrated practical applications including the importance of sound, use of color, and advanced post-production techniques.

Right before lunch, all participants were divided into five groups for a movie-making challenge. Each team had to meet, plan, shoot, and edit a five minute movie by 7:30 pm that evening.

After meeting over lunch to plan, the teams began shooting video. Some stayed at BAFC using various rooms and offices. Some went downtown to shoot exterior footage. One group even shot their



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entire movie at a nearby bus stop. the sanctuary with friends and parents for the competition. Josiah Larson showed some of the video projects he has been working on, including a cloning experiment with his brother and some animated golf clubs (you had to see it to believe it!).

The movie made by each group was shown, and each participant had a chance to vote for their favorite – the winning team received a cash prize!

The workshop ended group photos and cheers of Mansei. Plans are already underway for the next workshop at the end of April. Hope to see you there. ❖

After shooting came editing and post-production using computer workstations scattered all around the dining room at BAFC. As the afternoon went on, each team imported their shots and began to edit, add titles and music, and create special effects. After a pizza dinner and many last-minute adjustments, everyone met in

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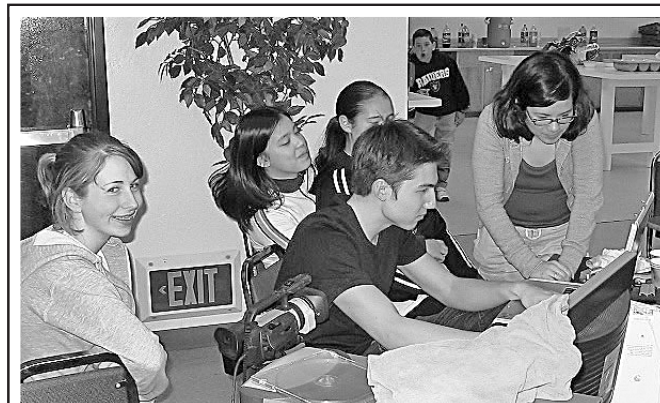
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Experiencing A Global Community While Attending High School

by Nora M. Spurgin

On June 2nd, fifteen seniors at Bridgeport International Academy will walk down the aisle as part of a commencement ceremony and enter a new phase of life. They are an impressive group of youth from such nations as Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Guatemala, Uruguay, and the United States of America. Three of them are non-Unificationists; twelve are second generation. We are proud of this outstanding group – most of whom are planning to go college after attending STF. Gukwon An's impressive score of 2330 (out of a possible 2400) on the new SAT examination has been rewarded with acceptances at numerous excellent universities. Several of the graduates scored 1400 or more on the old SAT exam in which 1600 was possible – scores which put them in the upper echelons of graduating students. The strength of our college preparatory, high school is academic, as well as moral development.

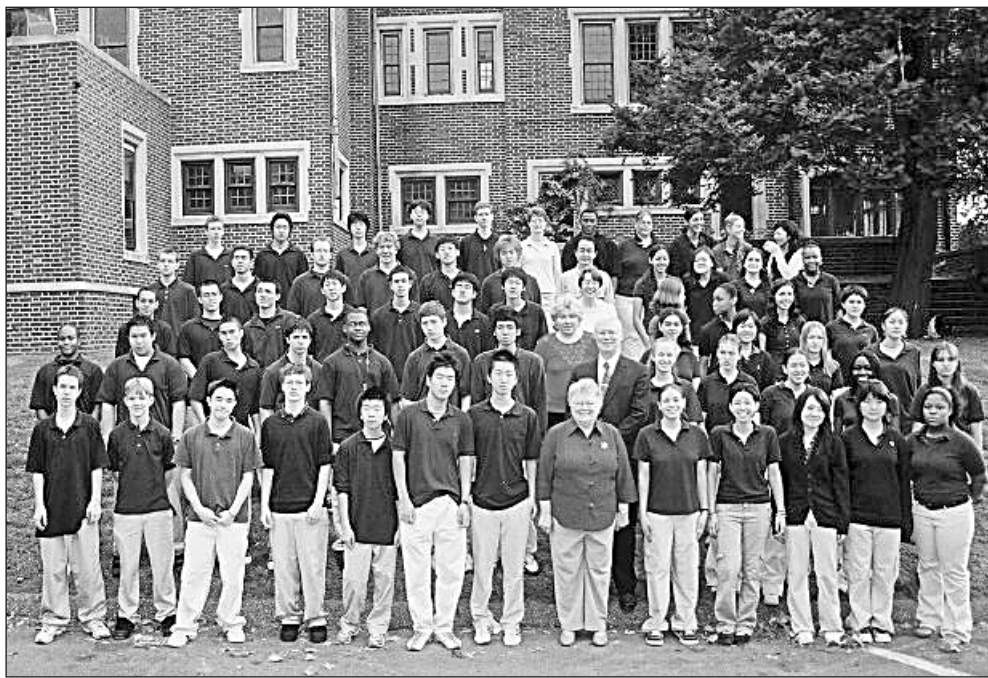
Academic Accreditation

Year-by-year, Bridgeport International Academy grows, puts down deeper roots, establishes a strong moral and academic tradition. For the past nine years, the Academy has been following a three-step approach academically to fulfill our True Father's global vision for an outstanding, college preparatory school. In 1997 and subsequently in 2001, BIA was granted approval from the State of Connecticut to operate a high school. In 2001, the Academy also received approval from the U.S. government to issue I-20 forms which allow international students to obtain student visas. In 2004, the Academy became a candidate for regional accreditation, a process which will be completed this autumn. International accreditation, a new phenomenon, is the third and final stage in this process of academic recognition by the top accrediting bodies.

Achieving regional accreditation required our stakeholders to work closely together in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of our school. Judging BIA by 82 academic standards has been a challenge, as well as a blessing, since it meant being scrutinized by nine professional educators. Mrs. Betsy Jones, who is invaluable as our school nurse, is also serving as the self-study coordinator. Under her capable leadership, this accreditation process is taking shape. Many people helped with the writing of the final document.

New Classroom Building

Architectural and engineering plans have been com-



Job Openings at Bridgeport International Academy:

A High School with Global Diversity and High Standards

As BIA grows, there is a need for additional faculty and office staff. The Academy is looking for a vice-principal, a bookkeeper, and teachers of mathematics, physical education and English as a Second Language. For further information, please contact Mrs. Nora Spurgin at:

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spurgin@bridgeportacademy.org

The mailing address is

Mrs. Nora Spurgin, BIA, 400 Linden Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06603



pleted for renovation of a building which will make a beautiful school, located adjacent to the University of Bridgeport campus. Although everything takes time, we are excited to have a plan in place, and we are sure that members of our movement will be excited to watch construction begin this summer.

International Students Move Into Seaview House

This year we had a 50% increase in enrollment. Our international program is a primary focus of our institution. Currently, we have students, as well as teachers,

from six continents of the world. In March, many of the foreign students moved into a newly renovated residence called Seaview International House. Karl and Katharina Zambon are the house parents with help from their second generation daughter, her husband, and their baby. Together the Zambons have created a wonderfully warm, God-centered, extended family environment.

Taking University Courses While in High School

It is difficult for a small school to offer a wide variety of courses. Because juniors and seniors are allowed to take four courses per year at the University of Bridgeport, students at BIA are able to fill their academic transcripts with a variety of challenging college courses and are able to use many of the facilities of the university.

Making Life Exciting for Today's



Youth

In addition, this spring we did something very different and creative. We know that students often get "spring fever" and "senioritis" at the end of the school year. Also, there are many electives which we would like to offer. Hence, we set aside April 24 - 28 to bring in several adjunct teachers for one week of "Intensives", such as musical theatre under the direction of Randolph Remmel, horseback riding at New Hope Farms Academy, filmmaking led by Simon Kinney and two second generation who have extensive media and filmmaking skills, an advertising internship with a professional marketing firm, and a workshop focused on such sports as tennis, golf, soccer, baseball, and hiking. We had an exciting time putting together these creative electives for which students receive academic credit.

Job Openings at the Academy

As BIA grows, there is a need for additional faculty and office staff. Most members of the staff wear several hats. With an accreditation visit scheduled for this autumn, we want to be certain that we have adequate teachers and staff in place.

Hence, we are looking for a vice-principal, a controller, a director of admissions, and mathematics, physical education and English as a Second Language teachers. Anyone who has some credentials and a passion to teach youth should contact us at (203) 334-3434, (203) 260-6801, or spurgin@bridgeportacademy.org. We would love to have more young, second generation teachers. ❖

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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

Symposium: Next Generation Voices

UTS is planning a symposium on The Future of the Unification Movement in North America: Next Generation Voices. The event will feature a half-dozen second-generation speakers. The speakers will be drawn from different segments of the second-generation population, both within and outside the formal lines of the Unification movement and its various organizations. As envisioned, each speaker will have 20 minutes to address the topic of the future of the movement. They will address not only the movement but their own future involvement in it, in light of both their ideal and the movement's reality. Emphasis will be placed on the role of new leadership to shape the movement in the 21st Century. There will be Q & A time for each speaker. Then we will have a panel discussion with all speakers. The audience will be from all age groups.

The basic purpose is two-fold. One is to create a forum in which the second generation, who will have the Unification movement in their hands over the coming decade, can talk with each other beyond the movement's organizational boundaries. The other is to give the first generation a chance to listen and learn. Through sharing heart and mind, we will practice the virtues of good give and take for the sake of existence, action and multiplication.

The symposium will begin at lunch on Sunday, May 21, the day after the UTS Sports and Culture Festival. It will conclude with dinner. There will be no fee other than the cost of meals. Participants may want to make it a weekend at UTS, enjoying the Festival, a leisurely Sunday morning with great worship, and then the Symposium.

To register for the Symposium, contact Natasha Yankus at utsny@yahoo.com, or 845-264-2240

For information on accommodations at UTS, contact Cliff Yasutake at 845-752-3000 ext 250, or by e-mail at utsfin@uts.edu.

Laurel's Top 10 Advice For a College 2nd Gen

by Laurel Sayre-Nakai

Laurel Sayre-Nakai is a BC living in New Jersey with her husband. She works at a high school in Paterson through the Americorps Program and is an aspiring writer and singer-songwriter. laurelnakai@gmail.com

On March 14th I had the honor to speak at a parent's meeting held by the New Jersey community on the topic of "Spiritual Health in College and Matching and Blessing Prep." About 30 par-

ents attended the meeting to hear from recent graduates, like myself, and others still in school or members of the community who work with college age students. In hearing the other testimonies and in talking with parents afterwards, I realize that this is an important topic that needs to be addressed as the number of Blessed children graduating from high school continues to increase. Reflecting on my own college experience and recognizing the need for education and guidance on this issue, I put together a list of things that got me through my four years, as well as those that I wish I would have known to start with.

Laurel's Top 10 Advice for a College 2nd Gen

1. Be yourself
Be upfront about your faith, values, etc. For some people lucky enough to live in an area with a large church community, it may be the first time that you are the only BC in your school. It is important that you feel like you are being true to who you are as well as experience that acceptance from others.
2. Read HDH/DP
Anything that keeps you centered. There is a lot of free time in college, and in a time where things are turned upside down and you are dealing with stress, doubt, and all of the emotions you face it's good to have something stable. Go

back to the basics.

Carry around a DP or HDH, read in between classes or when waiting for the bus.

3. Set goals/conditions for yourself. Same idea as reading HDH, keeps you centered and focused. Knowing how to set goals helps in staying organized and on track with all of your school work as well.

4. Be pro-active

Seek out your own support system. If there is a church center around you get connected to it, offer to teach Sunday school or at least make it to Sunday service. Find out if there are any BC's, blessed families in the area and connect with them.

5. Be a leader, if there are no programs for you, create one!

6. Talk to your parents

Your parents are the best support system you have. Talk to them about what is going on at school, share your feelings, your fears, any struggles that you are going through. If nothing else it's always good to have someone to talk to who will listen with unconditional love and understanding, and to know that they are praying for you and supporting you.

7. Surround yourself with positive people

These are the people that will keep you accountable and who will allow you to be yourself. If you are clear about who you are and what you believe then good people will naturally gravitate towards you.

8. Get involved in activities/clubs

This is a great place to meet new people, fill up some of your free time, and invest in and serve your school.

9. Know what you want

If you know what you want you can figure out what you need to do to get there. Ask yourself the hard questions, (i.e., "do I want to go to the blessing?", "what will I do after college that will benefit God's providence?") and discuss issues with your parents or people that you trust. These things

will give you a purpose and keep you going.

10. Plan for the Future

College is a time where you can try new things, figure out what you want to do in the future and what kind of person you want to be. It is a unique time when you



can completely focus on yourself. Take advantage of that time to invest spiritually as well as intellectually.

Enjoy It!

If you think of college as an opportunity, to discover new things about yourself, to strengthen your faith, and to build a strong foundation for you to go out into the world then it can be a wonderful chapter in your life.

Take every challenge as an opportunity to grow.

I'm often asked my opinion on STF versus College. While I went the college route, and certainly experienced the ups and downs it has to offer, I struggled with the decision up until the end of my sophomore year. The conclusion I came to, and the answer I give to this question, is that it does not matter which option you choose, the important part is taking responsibility and ownership over your choice. Knowing the challenges that come along with our decision can help us to overcome those struggles and to grow from the experience in a positive way. ❖

Message from the Editors,

We are happy to announce a new section in UNEWS dedicated to focusing on the new voices of our generation. Spread the word, communicate, and link yourself to the rest of America by subscribing to the paper and submitting your voice to this section.

We are looking to fill this section of the paper with the following submissions: articles written by our first and second generation focusing on second generation – that includes ALL second gen's!

Please submit: ads for upcoming events; ads for products you have created that are for sale; ads for educational materials/workshops/events and anything else pertaining to education; original works of writing (or excerpts of writing) in all forms including short anecdotes, opinions, comments; write ups on events such as workshops, getaways, and initiatives done by and for second gen; inspirational and thought provoking testimonies.

If you have an idea for submissions to this section, please let us know and send something in. If you would like to send original artwork, please note that they will appear in UNEWS in b&w. All submissions must include name, contact info, relevant dates, etc.

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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



Serving Our Community: Philadelphia CARP

by Brendan Williams

Philadelphia CARP has had the opportunity to do what we can to serve the community and our blessed families.

time with them.

A more recent project has been our work for Reverend Thompson, an ACLC member in the nearby area. CARP along with some younger Second Generation volunteered their time to help clean up his church.

in the unity we have gained amongst ourselves and between our fellow bothers and sisters, and has worked to make a name for true love in this world. We hope to continue our projects, connecting a network of

love and faith to our community and families. Although we are college students, we try to strive beyond the constraints of busy schedules to further do what we can for each other, the world, and God. ❖



from left to right-Brendan Williams, In Sook Pearlman, Jarish Coen, Abby Sayre, Chris Breland

Through 2005 and 2006, CARP has led various service projects, DPSN's (Divine Principle Study Nights), SSG's (Student Support Groups), and has hosted events for our younger Second Generation. We have felt many of the blessings that we could experience through the idea of living for the sake of others, and through the brotherhood and sisterhood we have developed together.

In November, CARP and Philadelphia Church family hosted Dr. Yang's speech at the Bala Cynwyd Hilton Hotel in Philadelphia, where Dr. Yang elaborated much of Father's life and work to the local Korean community. Our duties included ushering,



flying, and singing songs of unity at the opening of the event. A month or so later, CARP visited the Adelphia Senior Home in West Philadelphia, a site we've visited since 2004. This time we served the elderly residents a holiday meal and sang many Christmas songs as we sat down and spent

A symposium entitled, "The Role of Women in Religion," was held on Monday April 10 at Bryn Mawr College. The event was a student based interreligious discussion with panelists representing various religions (including a Unificationist) giving their views on the subject.

One of our most important focuses has been our efforts to unite our younger Second Generation brothers and sisters together and Divine Principle. Forming a new WAIT team, Second Generation from the Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey area have come together one weekend each month to practice here at the Philadelphia Church Center. WAIT is an international youth group whose purpose is to educate others on HIV/AIDS prevention through abstinence with use of skits and break dance.

This has been an exciting opportunity for our younger brothers and sisters as well as us CARP kids, and has really allowed us to come together for a great cause.

In addition to WAIT workshops, CARP has recently implemented Youth Group meetings the third weekend of every month, so that Second Generation can further unite through Student Support Groups and enjoy each other's company. We also hope to get our Second Generation into the habit of studying Principle and Father's words regularly and plan to incorporate service projects into the Youth Group itinerary.

Philadelphia CARP has been successful

Blessed Teens Academy in Golden Colorado

by Jeri Tamayo

The Blessed Teens Academy is an incredible place. As each day passes, I am more and more amazed at the wonder of God and His handiwork. Seriously, the children are growing in leaps and bounds, and I am so moved by the wonder of it all.

We just had an incredible weekend workshop here in Denver. About 25 of the Denver Blessed Children attended. This was the first time that BTA students have organized, prepared, and given lectures as well as given personal testimonies that illustrate fellow students' lectures. It was awesome to say the least. On Saturday night, the kids split up into four groups divided by boys and girls and by ages 13 and under and 14 and older. They opened up and shared so much. It was fantastic, and the bond that has begun to form between the community kids and the BTA kids is truly a sight to behold.

The program we have is remarkable, and I have seen the heart of God nurturing His children in the environment that has been created here. Also, as each year passes, the older students take more and more ownership of the program and make sincere efforts to raise up their younger brothers and sisters in the love and traditions of True Parents. Thus, this program is not something that can become small or disappear. It must continue to grow and develop. These children are growing by leaps and bounds, and God is inspiring more children to attend. I really think that we have to begin to think on a higher dimension.

I believe one of the reasons this program has been so successful until now is because of the natural culture of heart that is

created through teaching and practicing a Principled lifestyle. When people live in a public environment centered on the Principle, we are completely accountable for our actions. Thus, an honest and open atmosphere is created where Satan cannot hide. Through this, the natural effort to want to improve yourself emerges.

As you all know, we recently moved the BTA to Denver, Colorado from Nevada. The Denver community is large, and we felt there was a greater potential to involve more blessed children with this program. We have a vision to create a model education program for the Second Generation all across the globe; unfortunately, a regular (residential type) home is not big enough to accommodate the growing interest of our worldwide Blessed Family community in this program. We would like to be able to obtain a property where we can continue with the home school program as well as create a workshop center for Blessed Children along with their families. It could also be utilized by other programs in our movement, such as: STF, SFP, Summer and Winter Workshops, Family Workshops, etc

Right now, we are being asked by the zoning board to come into compliance with the zoning regulations of our house. Tomorrow, I will be going to the zoning office to request papers for re-zoning for our landlords. This can temporarily slow down the process of our moving, but honestly, we are going to have to move soon and we need to purchase a property. However, right now the funds we receive for the students' room and board cover only just that. We have no extra. The program is totally supported by students' fees, which we try to keep as low as possible for the parents' sakes. So yes, we have a bit of a money problem..

On that note, I am beginning to reach out to you, the parents, and our greater Blessed Family community, as well as the larger church entity, and seek your support in helping us continue to build a school that can reflect the heart and teachings of our True Parents. We have found several nice properties with some land and sizeable buildings that could be a good starter for our school. How we go from here, I don't know, but I know that we need your support for this. I am confident that when you come to visit the home of the BTA, you will be moved by the atmosphere of love, dedication, and harmony that is created here. We really want you to visit..

Yes, I am putting a call out. If you know of anyone who you think would like to help support this program, please forward this letter to them. Please view our website, which is being updated on a weekly basis at: www.blessedteensacademy.com ❖

Greetings! My name is Jin Kwon Kim. I am creating an anthology of experiences with the purpose of hearing what the BC's have to say about our lives. I will be working with a team who will edit and produce this anthology to share with everyone.

Teenagers and young adults (ages 13-29) among the 2nd generation can submit at maximum (3) pages (if longer, please contact us) of writings, poems, musings, manifestos, anecdotes, and anything in between, that adhere to these following guidelines:

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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

All You Need To Save The World is a Desire For Goodness and Creativity

by Jason Williams

If there's one question that's gone through the tumbler enough times to have lost most of its original face value, it has to be the long-troubling query "So where do 2nd Generation belong amidst the operations of this movement?" You can only ask a question so many times without receiving or implementing an answer, before words begin to lose their luster.

There has been recent talk of developing new programs: alternatives to STF, public mission internships, developing curriculum that teaches the practical application of the Principle, and so on. I'm all for it. I love it. I think it's great! I can't wait to see this stuff unfold and I hope that I can contribute to the process.

But what about all those blessed children who don't even consider themselves as members? What about the blessed children who hate this church or don't believe in any of it? Or what about those of us who don't necessarily believe in it or not believe in it, but are just uninspired, jaded, and bored?

When I first started to get serious about this movement, there was one thing I couldn't help but to notice about blessed children. They seem to be an especially creatively aware assemblage of people. I believe that a large part of the 2nd generation's driving force is creativity. I think that the community is bored though.

Now, I'll admit, if our hearts and minds were in the right places, then maybe nothing would be boring. I believe in this: the truth that, as the band Harvey Danger once sang, "if you're bored, then you're boring." But maybe our hearts and minds are not in their proper order. We need something that excites us, something that feels real.

I don't like to look at things so cynically, but on the same token I don't want to just let my eyes glaze over and make myself believe that everything is fine. Regardless of what is true about our situation, it is clear to me that second gen are hungry for something substantial.

Maybe it's time that we built that.

So I want to talk about another one of these "newly developing programs", not an alternative to anything, but a supplement to everything.

Creativity. Apply it to any facet of this movement, and you will find yourselves with something better than you had before. I heard once at Cheong Pyeong—and I can't remember if it was Dae Mo Nim who said it, or DMN quoting Father—that "all you need to save the world/realize your dreams/fulfill your purpose is a desire for goodness and creativity."

I derive infinite joy from this truth. For me, it's just about all I need. And so...introducing the BC artist alliance. Actually, I doubt that it will be called the BC artist alliance; truthfully, it's still quite intangible at this point. Just forming really, but it has become substantial in some initial aspects. Basically, I'm talking about creating outlets, establishing a unifying center in which to harness the creative power

spread and connect together all those who are interested, both inside and outside the movement, both connected and disconnected blessed children.

One of our first solid steps toward realizing this dream is .

Blue Thermos will be an online superstore that works under one business and helps take care of all the dirty work of setting up an online store. (i.e. shipping, receiving payments, website, merchant accounts.) It is difficult for bands and artists to sell their merchandise, due to the complications of setting up their own business and marketing it to the public. The lack of an outlet ultimately hinders an artist's work to be exposed and his/her ability to make money. Blue Thermos will act as the solution to that.

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ment? The primary purposes of Blue Thermos are to 1) fuel funds for bigger and better projects that second generation as well as our secular buddies can participate in, and 2) it will provide an outlet for all facets of creativity, generating a constant demand for products, projects, workshops, and whatever other forms of materialized ideas. All this, with "goodness" at its core.

In addition to , we want to hold music events, shoot small-production films, organize workshops geared toward not only empowering participants artistically but heartistically as well. Basically, all things creative and good.

Immense talent is welled up inside our hearts; the potential for vast art blooming. I believe that the coming together of our respective talents and plugging ourselves into constant projects can create an outfit that will eventually evolve into some kind of unified dream and wake us all up from our sleepy selves.

If you want to help get things started, e-mail me at or visit to watch our info video and make a donation to help us purchase the initial-needed equipment to get things started properly. If you've made it this far in the article, I appreciate your time and interest in all of this. Please stay tuned and be in touch as things gradually will be coming into focus.

I believe that there is tremendous hope in this movement, and in second generation, but I can't blame anyone for not seeing it. It's almost like a single cell salvaged from a wreckage; just a bit of life left to work with. We must resuscitate it before it's too late. I don't think that things are fine the way they currently are. I think that most of us in the teen-to-young-adult bracket are in very serious danger of drifting away, much like our older second generation brothers and sisters have done.

My hope is that this artist alliance can serve as one of the many pieces needed to bring us back to life. ❖



Ted Allen, director of photography on the set of Astoria Fish, a short film written, produced and directed by second gen



Open Mic



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of this movement—especially in second and now third generation individuals.

The ultimate goal or vision of this project is for it to spread well beyond the confines of this church and include anyone who stands upon the pillars of creativity and goodness. It will be an all-inclusive community, and so then will not be religious, but will definitely be **restorational**—perhaps similar in some ways to Service for Peace. And it will be pure, integrity-driven, purposeful and therefore soul-gratifying. It will be conducive to impeccable standards of quality. It won't be boring anymore.

It's hard to grasp such a vague and lofty vision. So core members of the artist alliance have decided to take it one step at a time. From there we hope it will

addition, to help attract customers we will feature free downloadable videos. These short videos will be written and directed by "members" and friends of Blue Thermos and will feature such content as music videos, comedy clips, dramatic pieces.

One of the biggest crazes on the internet right now is downloading short video clips. Unfortunately most of them are trashy in subject matter and poorly produced. Blue Thermos will maintain a higher standard in its art, offering only "clean" and professional products. How will this help the move-



The Sweet Nothin2 music collective has three members who are the sons of three original Artist Alliance members

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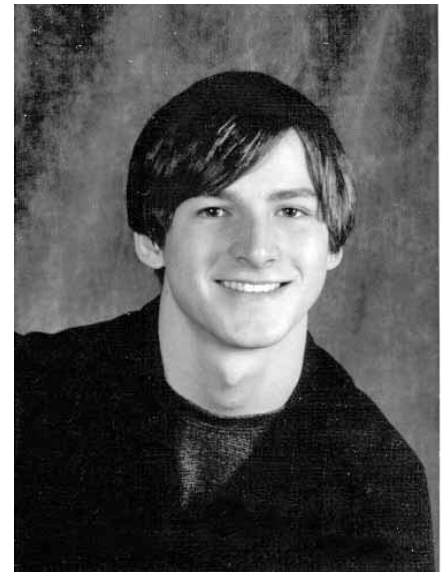
by Brendan Williams

Brendan is a Freshman Biology major at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He's a member of CARP, the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, with fellow brothers and sisters.

I would like to share my testimony in hope of conveying the power God and the Principle have of bringing people back to Him, despite their situations. God has made such powerful changes in my life, something I could never have predicted before. I grew up not really knowing God or the movement, and I am so glad to have been led here.

To put it shortly, my family did not have a direct relationship with the church in the early years of my life. As a result, I only remember a few random glimpses of the church as a child: Sunday school singing "You are my Sunshine," and some kids whom I later learned were called Blessed Children. Around the house we had a couple pictures of True Parents, who I always thought of as my parents' weird Eastern religious leaders, shrugging them off as Buddhist. It wasn't even until I was 13 or 14 when I realized my parents were matched.

My older brother grew up more aware of the church than either my sister or I, but had little exposure as well. One day, he decided to look up info on this "cult" he heard our parents are in, mainly out of curiosity. Searching the Web, he stumbled upon a testimony of an old childhood friend. The words were so inspiring and made my brother realize what a different path his friend had taken. From then on, he really reflected on the life he had been living, and resolved to change. He contacted his friend, and was soon on his way to learn more about the movement. He has been building a relationship with God and True Parents ever since.



Being what I thought was a "regular" kid in a "normal" society, I walked easily into the traps described by Principle. Experiencing corruption at a young age, I spent my early years in high school with a certain suffering and subsequent growth that I now understand to be restoration - a period of about four years. By my senior year in high school, I had pretty much given up on dating, beginning to see the link between what I thought to be love, and the shame and regret that had plagued me over the years. At the time, my brother was already in a period of growth, being a couple of years or so more exposed to the Principle.

The changes in his life had been so profound and our relationship had begun to improve so much, that I sought his guidance. I owe him so much for where I am today, and my family is happy to be active members again.

Now I am just so infinitely grateful for a community that I can go to that understands the kind of expectations God has for us. I love my brothers and sisters and want to do the best I can to lift them up for this world to see. The college atmosphere can be tough sometimes - drugs, sex, all that stuff. But everyday, I hope to look at it as an opportunity to change such an adverse world for the better. It's like a front line and everyday I can either dive in the trenches or get up and face these forces that never stop attacking. I'm surprised, because sometimes there is more love and hope than might be expected. Most importantly, it is the effort, hope, and love that you give that makes the difference. ❖

Opinion Piece

Some of us are familiar with the idea that this world is not as it was meant to be. To me, the idea of a degraded world does not mean just necessarily an existence of "evil", it also means drab and insincere. The world around us, in the eyes of the majority, is a duller existence than it originally was, and much duller than I believe it will be in the times of tomorrow. But despite a seemingly blasé existence, I am actually coming to believe more and more that for those of us who are somehow able to tap into the original perspective, these days are the most exciting times to be alive simply because there is so much to do and we are on the very verge of making it all happen for real.

The majority of people aren't "evil", I don't think; they are mostly bored and insincere. The lack of inspiration in their lives whittles their energy down to casual actions, the bare minimum to survive their days. This unproductive, dispassionate, and uncreative existence breeds "evil" action, but once again I don't believe that the people are actually evil themselves. They are only disconnected from their hearts and conscious.

Now, the people who are a little less bored and a bit more sincere and who create things which represent this small glimmer of special something that they almost feel inside...we might call these people "artists," if we were to use the term loosely. Scientists can be artists, businessmen even. Anyone tapped into the creative consciousness who puts a little vigor into their days and takes innovative approaches in accomplishing progressive feats, might be considered an artist, or at least until we coin a deeper term.

Thoughts On True Art

But consider this: There's an idea out there that in the ideal world, religion does not exist; there is no need for it. The idea goes further that religion was implemented as a means to return degraded people back to their perfect origin, a.k.a. the ideal world, how it was supposed to be. In other words, what religion is supposed to achieve already exists in the ideal world, and so it is no longer necessary there. I look at art in the same way—there is no such label as an "artist" in a reality where everything is "art" already, in the sense that everything is already beautiful and true. In other words, the motion that I create with my arm a certain way is a moving painting in this "truer world" I speak of; and the way somebody's footsteps shuffle along cement is like a song. There is no need for beautiful words because everything precious has already been spoken and has long since been understood.

This is a place of perfect senses: our eyes and ears and everything are so focused and appreciative of what is around us...that every moment is a freshly unique masterpiece in itself as well as alongside all other

moments. Not to say that art wouldn't exist here; I just don't believe it would be so differentiated from everything else, and would serve perhaps a different purpose—though what exactly I'm not sure what.

This is my vision of true art and the true artist. I believe that it is the artist's mission in this day and age to help bring people closer to that perfect goodness that some call God. Through art, we are given the opportunity to create perfection, something a little harder to do in our actual lives. Art is a picture of what it could be like, if our hearts and minds were only there. ❖

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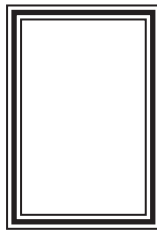


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Internship Connection Program

by Nari Stephens.

Announcing the birth of an Internship Connection Program under the Blessed Family Department. It is the brain-child of several people and their hopes for the future of our movement toward God's Ideal. The main purpose is to create a place where my brothers and sisters could find an opportunity to explore, experiment, and experience just what the First Generation is doing in the world for True Parents.

The focus is learning to live a God-centered life in this age of Chun Il Guk. There are so many fields of interest that our members are working in and the chief pioneer of them all has been Father, himself. He has worked with Scientists, Journalists, Artists, as well as Clergy and other groups.

So this new Ministry and webpages are going to be a connection point where potential interns and companies can find each other. I hope that it can be useful to you and others and I pray that God can use this program to create a better and hopeful world.

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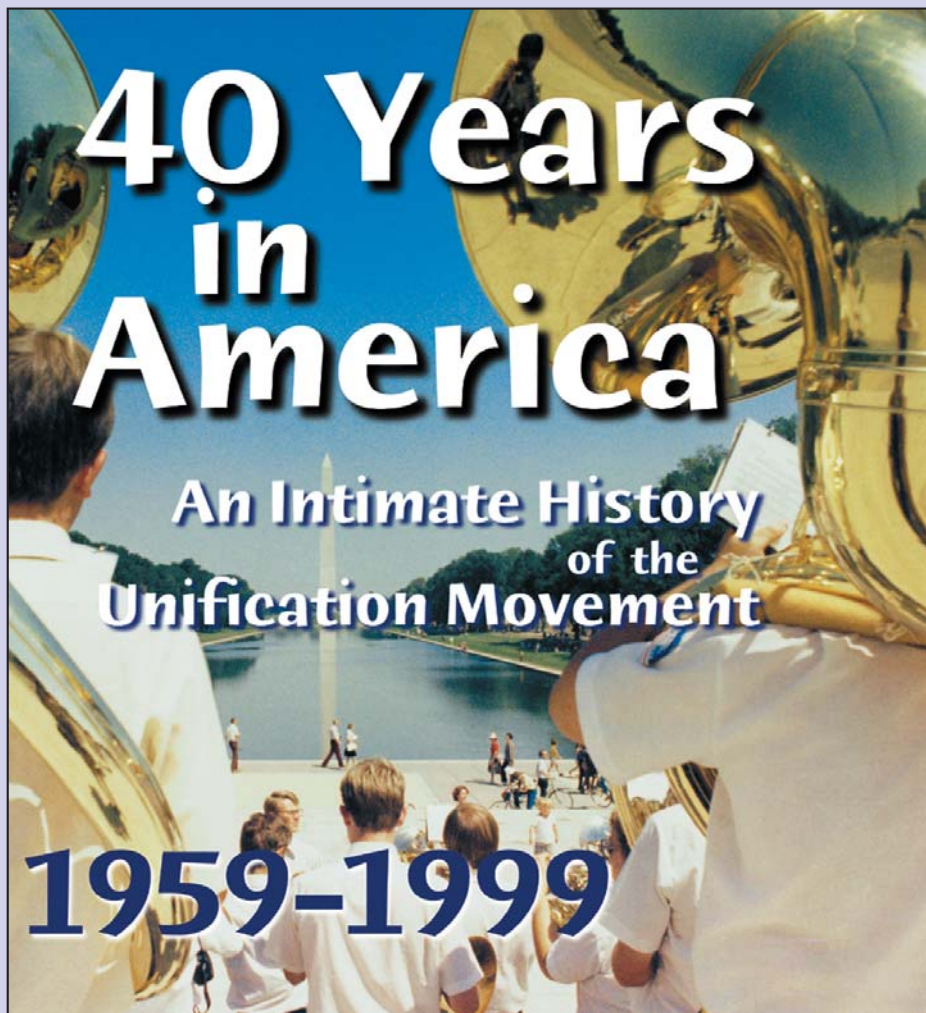
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