

True Mother's World Tour



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UPF and the Middle East Peace Initiative

by Reverend Michael Jenkins

I'm writing from Jerusalem to ask our world wide UPF foundation to please be on full alert. I am here to give moral support and strength to our Middle East Ambassadors for Peace and to convey Father and Mother Moon's deep prayer for the region. The situation is tense and extremely dangerous in terms of the potential to expand to all the region. However as Dr. Glaubach said when we began the MEPI process we brought calm to the region. We must bring that calm again. The tour groups are all cancelling. MEPI will not cancel because we are not on tour we are on a mission for Peace. Our Middle East Peace Initiative is



engaged here on the ground throughout the Middle East and especially in Jerusalem. Our Ambassadors for Peace are very strong and ready to move. The UPF is more relevant now than ever and the UPF here in the Middle East has a significant coalition of diverse leaders who represent Muslim, Christian and

Jewish concerns as well as those of the different nations of the Middle East. We are pulling together our Ambassadors for Peace here in Jerusalem to plan an immediate short term plan of action to help diffuse the crisis. Then we will initiate our long term plan. Joint efforts from Europe and North America

will come in August and September. (A large delegation is coming from September 17 - 24).

Our focus on the Interreligious dimension in cooperation with the political leaders is critical. (This is what Father Moon called for as being necessary for the United Nations to be effective in Peace Making - the Interreligious Council). We have a good interreligious / diplomatic foundation for the Abel UN worldwide and especially here in the Middle East. Our work has exponentially increased in value because people who live here from all sides agree that this road of violence will not bring peace. We pray for all nations and peoples in the Middle East.

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FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This address was given at Hoon Dok Hae at East Garden on April 19, 2006. Notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins, edited by Mr. J. Flynn. These notes are taken from a simultaneous translation. Simultaneous translation is done in summary form and depends greatly on the translator's ability to communicate the essence of the message. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future as an "official" publication on Rev. Moon's words. However they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message.

At the end of WWII there should have been unity centering on America and faith in God through the United Nations, that did not happen at that time, therefore we must restore that now. America must lead the way and that is why America must again launch this 120 city World Tour for the Blessing.

Soon we will enter the age of heavenly law. Also this is the age of women. True Mother read her speech in Korea together with me. Until now the providence has centered primarily on Father's role. From now the providence will center on Father and Mother together. Mother has been completely elevated into oneness with me and we have one position that is fully balanced and equal. More emphasis on the role of women will occur. Women's organizations and parties will compete to lead the nations of the world. The center of our efforts must be to create ideal families. True Mother will be standing as the True

Parent. Centering on Mother, Cain and Abel must unite as one for the true blood lineage to expand. Judaism as a religion and the nation of Israel should have been united as one. They divided, didn't receive the Messiah and were scattered. Now Father's role is to restore this. Israel couldn't establish the True Family foundation.

The Lord of the Second Advent comes and first has to deny all things of the world and then restore all the Old Testament and New Testament age. All of the people of the spirit world were wondering how to fulfill God's will. Through the coming of True Parents, they now fully understand and all things are restored. America must play a very central role in this, especially as the representative of Christianity. Now True Parents walked the path victoriously of over 40 years. Christianity was connected to the central providence through True Father's 34 year course in America.

Now all people must be resurrected, given rebirth and live according to the principles that allow oneness with God in eternal life. That is the meaning of the Holy Blessing. Through the engrafting onto the True Olive Tree, we all come into the realm of resurrection.

I traveled to 120 representative nations giving the blessing. On that foundation I established and expanded the Universal Peace Federation. America is not yet the homeland that God desires, still so many problems exist in the families of America, also the problems in Christianity must be restored. America is in the position of the Roman Empire from 2000 years ago. When America, Eng-

land and France are united with God's providence, all will go much more smoothly in the world providence. Many years ago, one of the largest churches in Korea sent people to infiltrate our work and try to destroy me and the providence. Through True Love they were stopped. All the conditions surrounding Jesus rejection must be restored through True Parents. What did not occur at Jesus time was the establishment of the heavenly lineage. That is why we are fulfilling the blessing of all families and engrafting them through True Love.

Also to unify the world in cooperation and peace we are promoting the Bering Strait Tunnel. We will build a peace academy there in Jordan. Israel is so important and it will be central, yet there is still so much conflict between Muslim and Judaism as well as Christianity. That is why we must take responsibility to resolve this conflict. We will build a tower of peace for prayer as a special holy ground. Then all can be touched through this foundation of True Love and Prayer. Palestinians and Israelis are brothers and must be reconciled. Only God's parental love can resolve the division and conflict. Whether it is Israel or another Muslim realm, all should come together with respect for each other and harmony for the sake of God.

Las Vegas is the center of gambling, however we are also going to make a

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special holy ground there to end the corruption.

Three leaders - Rev. Jenkins, Bishop Stallings and Rev. Edwards - must be united as one, then we will gain power over immorality in America, especially over homosexuality. In America we will have a twelve city speaking tour; if anyone goes against it is a huge mistake. How many Ambassadors for Peace do we have? (8000) It should be 15,000 then on to 50,000. This should happen quickly; you must fulfill God's providence.

The spirit world was opposing us until this time, now the fortune has changed and the spirit world is totally with us. If you oppose the will of heaven you may be taken by the spirit world.

South America's situation is leaning back towards materialism and socialism - this grieves the heart of Jesus, because Christianity is not able to overcome this. How about America? This is really crucial. Can America unite the world through military power? Never - it will never happen. America must become the moral leader with a great pure and religious spirit. Then it can unify the world. The fact that Korea is rising in many ways is not a coincidence. In so many ways Korea has become the center of the world's attention. In economic development, medical research and even the conflict

AUGUST 2006

Ahn Shi Il • 7th, 15th, 23rd, 31st

- 1 Hee Jin Nim's Ascension (1969)
Day of Returning to the Home Country (1993)
- 4 Hye Jin Nim's Ascension (1964)
- 5 Shin Goon Nim's Birthday (7/12/83)
Shin Kwon Nim's Birthday (7/12/89)
- 7 Unification Theological Institute (1971)
- 11 In Jin Nim's Birthday (7/18/65)
Chil Pal Jeol: Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth (7/7/97)
- 16 Il Sung Il: Total Victory Day (1985)
- 17 Declaration Day Jeon-ban & Jeon-neung (1999)
- 20 Declaration the Providential Age of Salvation by Love (1989)
Blessing Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and Liberation and Complete Freedom (2004)
Father's Release from Danbury (1985)
- 23 Shin Ji Nim's Birthday (7/30/94)
- 25 30,000 Couples' Blessing (1992)
360,000 Couples' Blessing (1995)
- 28 Federation for World Peace (1991)
- 31 Pal Jong Shik: Day of the Settlement of 8 Stages (1989)

SEPTEMBER 2006

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 1 Cheon Bu Ju Hwi: Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)
- 6 Hyung Jin Nim & Yeon Ah Nim's Blessing (1997)
- 8 Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)
- 9 99.9 Jeol: Heaven and Earth Unification and Liberation Ceremony (1999)
- 10 3.10 Jeol (1999)
- 14 Interreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony (2002)

CALENDAR

- 15 Hye Shin Nim's Ascension (1971)
New Hope Singers International Established (1973)
- 18 Foundation Day (1976)
Ultimas Noticias Established (1981)
- 23 Shin Joong Nim's Birthday (8/2/93)
- 27 Hyung Jin Nim's Birthday (8/6/79)
Day of Dispensational Transition Toward Unification (1988)

OCTOBER 2006

Ahn Shi Il • 2nd, 10th, 18th, 26th

- 1 Ocean Church Founded
- 3 Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World (1988)
Interreligious and International Peace Council Inauguration (2003)
- 4 Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
- 5 Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification between the Physical World and the Spiritual World (1998)
- 6 Soon Ju Nim's Birthday (8/15/72)
Chusok - Korean Thanksgiving (8/15)
- 10 New York City Symphony Orchestra Support Began (1975)
Sang Ship Jeol: Double 10 Day (1999)
- 11 Father's father's Ascension (1954)
National Professors and Students Federation for North-South Reunification Established (1986)
Opening Cheonsung Wanlim Palace Training Center (1999)
- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 17 Hwa Yun Nim's Birthday (8/26/77)
- 21 777 Couples' Blessing (1970)
- 23 Declaration Ceremony for the Liberation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Substantial Realm (1999)
- 27 Young Jin Nim's Ascension (1999)
- 29 Shin Myung Nim's Birthday (9/8/86)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)

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]

FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

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between North and South Korea has placed Korea in the center of history.

The situation of the nuclear weapons is very serious at this time. We must change this direction and get rid of these weapons. Dr. Yang, Michael Jenkins how seriously I want to push you.

If you had gathered all the Christian churches and hoisted the Family Church of Peace flag, the situation would be much stronger now. You must fulfill.

Soon I will ask the Koreans to return back to Korea from America and even from Japan. However, many of you Americans didn't like Koreans and Japanese. However if you look at the Christian ministers, so many were witnessed to by Japanese missionaries. You must appreciate that. Also without the Koreans and Japanese do you think you would have been able to lay the foundation that we have now? You have to unite together. You must unite. I am not operating as a Korean person, I am God's representative and I know the providence clearly. That is why you must unite together. This is crucial.

You will see that the Bering Strait project will work. We must build highways and roads through the tunnel. You will see enormous prosperity in the future.

Purity is most important and the lack of sexual purity and morality is the gravest threat to America. Promiscuity, homosexuality, free sex and adultery destroy America. That is the most crucial thing that must be conquered. That can only be conquered through the Holy Blessing and the change of blood lineage. This is why we are doing the 13 City tour in the U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Wilson, your ancestors did not succeed. Israel is in trouble. Can they solve the problem by themselves? Israel and Palestine need our help. I invested so much there to support the peace process and will not stop. Do you think it was for my own sake? No, it is for God and to save the people there from suffering.

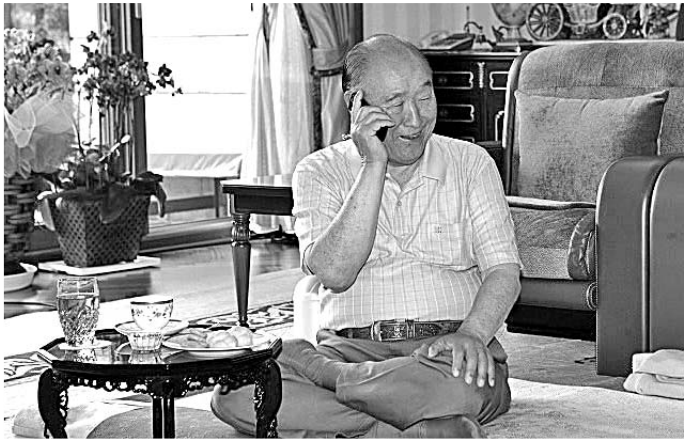
Human beings must know the responsibility of heaven. America must bring peace through service and sacrifice for humanity, not with force or might but with love. Rev. Kwak, you must educate the top leadership of America with the Divine Principle and then they will understand. America can change in direction.

Now you are thinking Mother is going to travel around the world again and some of you may be thinking, oh!! Mother is going to travel again. Some of you are saying, why is Mother traveling again to 120 cities? True Parents just did this. Is this really needed? What is the reason for this. The reason this is important is because Father knows exactly the conditions that are needed for the world at this time. Can America solve its own problems? No. It can solve these problems only through the conditions that Father is making. That is why Mother will tour and bring the Blessing.

Even in the sports world, many are recognizing my ability to create champion teams. Our teams in Brazil and Korea are top champions and they are being recognized by FICA. Where is True Mother? (She is preparing for the birthday). I feel so empty without Mother here.

Let us read the speech to the Mongolian Federation now until 7 am. Because Adam fell within one generation, all has to be restored and completed during the one generation of Father's life. We must go over the hill of indemnity.

Basically what we have done is gone over the viewpoint of all providential history and made clear the meaning of the Bible. ❖



UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

June 16-17, 2006

Ulaanbaatar

The 180 Nation Tour had an intermission from June 6-18, to allow time for the Entry to the Original Palace events in Korea. During this same period UPF convened its World Peace Summit in Seoul.

Following the Ceremonies and Celebrations related to the Opening and Entry into the Original Palace, the 180 nation tour resumed its daily schedule. Leaving Cheongpyeong and the Palace in the early morning, TM and HJN arrived at Kimpo Airport in Seoul about 7:30 AM, with many members of the True Family who had come to see them off for the flight to Mongolia. They departed Seoul around 8:30 AM, to begin the Eurasian part of the tour in the Region of Dr. and Mrs. Seuk, with programs in nine nations: Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Ukraine.

Jun Sook Nim has joined Hyun Jin Nim, and Yeon Jin Nim is also traveling with True Mother on this portion of the tour. Rev. Kwak has joined for the Mongolia event, but must leave early on the 17th to go to Germany to attend the World Cup games, as he is the President of the Association of Football Clubs in Korea. Rev. Kwak is the Korean NM



for Mongolia, and since Father's visit last year, that responsibility is being passed on to his son Jin Man Kwak, and Nam Sook Kwak.

This year is the 800th anniversary

of the founding of the Mongolian empire/nation during the time of Ghengis Khan.

Arriving at the Ghengis Khan International Airport on a spectacular day,

Mongolia gave the red carpet treatment to TM. Local Ambassadors for Peace were gathered in abundance to welcome us. En route to the hotel, signs along the highway announced the coming of TM and HJN. Thousands of young people greeted TM and HJN at the hotel, waving flags and cheering.

Rev. Kwak and I hosted a VIP luncheon in the early afternoon. Then, just prior to the event, there was another VIP reception. Many members of parliament, and other VIPs were present. Both Dr. Antonio Betancourt and Dr. Mark Barry were in Mongolia as representatives of UPF International, at the invitation of the government for high level discussions on prospects for economic development in Mongolia.

The main event was in a large hall in Ulaanbataar filled with 4000 people. Every detail was beautifully organized. The stage design was excellent. The Mongolian traditional music, the chanting of Buddhist prayers, the VIP remarks from the Minister of Social Wel-

fare and Labor, the Emcee... each piece was excellent.

Even outside the hall there were over 2,000 who could not get in. ❖

June 17-19, 2006

Bishkek

True Mother arrived in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan midday on June 17, a beautiful, bright, sunny day. The drive from the airport is spectacular as the flat Kazzakh steppe that is so rich and fertile meets the snow-capped Tien-Shan mountains that rise abruptly and fully visible on this clear day, reminding us all that Kyrgyzstan deserves its name as "the Switzerland of Central Asia."

Landing at the airport, one sees a number of aircraft from the US Air Force; the US has had an air force base in Kyrgyzstan for a number of years, following the break-up of the USSR, to support US military efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

True Mother and her entourage arrived at the state residence of the president of Kygystan, unpacked, and had lunch.

Kyrgyzstan has the second largest alpine lake in the world, Issyk Kul lake, situated at 1609 meters above sea level, and 6300 sq km, fed by 180 rivers/streams. There are ruins of a Nestorian Christian monastery dating back to 10th century. There is one 3,000 year old city, Osh. Kyrgyzstan was on the "Silk Road" of trade and at various time there was a confluence of Buddhist, Christian and Muslim cultures.

Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim, and Yeon Jin Nim, had a rare chance



to spend a couple of hours looking around Bishkek and seeing some of the natural beauty of the surrounding mountains.

AT Hoon Dok Hae on June 18, True Mother guided the members, encouraging them to learn Korean. Chung Woo Lee translated. He is the son of the Korean national messiah and serves now as the national leader. True Mother spoke about the progress of the tour and the response in other nations, indicating that we are living in a very different era, a time of harvest.

DAY TRIP: True Mother, Hyun Jin Nim, and Jun Sook Nim drove into the

nearby mountains that surround Bishkek, taking in the pure air and seeing the fresh, mountain streams. I wasn't able to join this outing, but heard that at one point Hyun Jin Nim was carrying True Mother on his back, trekking up a trail.

The main event was held in a beautiful opera and ballet concert hall in the center of Bishkek. The hall was the "Lincoln Center" of Kyrgyzstan. The stage was large and grand, and decorated beautifully for the event. 700 people attended the main event. The event opened with a Kyrgyz string orchestra of about 30 members, and three separate vocalists performing classical Kyrgyz songs. Former Prime Minister Chyngeshev and Mr. Chernomodoretz, both Ambassadors for Peace, gave welcoming remarks. Both True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim delivered the message and officiated at the Blessing with elegance, beauty and power.

The Lee Family, centered on Choong Woo Lee, organized the event beautifully. Last year, when he was in Kyrgyzstan, Father appointed Chung Woo Lee as the national messiah of Kyrgys-

tan, succeeding his father. Chung Woo's two brothers, Chung Hyo and Chung Kon, also had central roles in managing our visit. Chung Woo is fluent in Russian, Korean and English, and he is working on his doctorate in philosophy at the Kyrgyz graduate academy.

The Kyrgyz movement is growing strong, but is also young. Many bright young, more experienced members came from both Russia (three days' travel by train from Moscow) and nearby Kazakhstan.

At hoon dok hae one saw almost entirely young faces. They are inspired, energetic and dedicated.

At HDH on June 19 True Mother asked Russian members to stand, then to come forward and sing. She gave them some "seed" money to expand their work. She then asked the Kazakhstan members to stand and sing a song. She then also gave some "seed" money for their mission. Mother then gave to Chung Woo Lee for the Kyrgyzstan mission. Then True Mother introduced Hyun Jin Nim to speak. He spoke briefly, explaining the importance of this time and the opportunity of this time in history; he encouraged them and solicited their verbal commitment, which they gave enthusiastically. He then asked Jin Man Kwak and Tom Walsh to accompany him in singing, "If I Can Dream." ❖

TRUE MOTHER'S WORLD TOUR

June 21-23, 2006

Baku

by Thomas Walsh

We arrived in Baku, Azerbaijan on June 21, flying from Tajikistan. Even in the air there were challenges, as air traffic control in Baku reported that we had suddenly had our permission to land revoked. However, after some intense moments of discussion and several phone calls from the plane to allies on the ground, the tide was turned and we landed. True Mother was required to go through a lengthy, uncomfortable entry process. But, despite the obstacles we made it in. Mother took it all gracefully and had some time to see some of the photos and film footage taken by Mr. Kim Seog Byung and Mr. Jeong. Azerbaijan has close links to Turkey. Its capital city, Baku, is on the Caspian Sea. Its name means "wind" or "breeze." It's the "windy city." The city is relatively prosperous, due in part to oil resources.

One of the significant conflicts here has to do with the dispute with Armenia over the Ngorno Karabak area, situated in Armenia but populated largely by Azerbaijani people. Armenians are largely Orthodox Christians, and Azerbaijan people are Muslim. Our Ambassador for Peace, former Prime Minister Husaynov, says this problem was brought about largely by political forces related to the USSR.

The following morning, Mother Moon asked the people traveling with her to share reflections on their time spent in Eurasia. Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, regional chair of the Universal Peace Federation-Eurasia, described some of the challenges faced by religious groups and nonprofit organizations in the former Soviet Union. "Seeds are being sown through this tour and investment of heart by Mother and Hyun Jin Nim," he added. "They have moved so many audiences, so many people."

In 1993, Dr. Seuk met the head of an Islamic research center in this predominantly Muslim country. Moved by the

vision of our True Parents and the materials produced by the International Educational Foundation, he invited Dr. Seuk to his home. It was he who intervened the day before and opened the way for the airplane to land.

"It is so good to see the youth together with the elders here," Hyun Jin Nim commented. "But, young or old, what is most important is the spirit. Young people may make mistakes, but in the process they learn and grow. As we grow, sometimes our capacity of heart grows, and also we change as our intellect grows and develops. If you live for the sake of others in this age, you will establish a new culture and new world."

Parents and children have one root,



he said, speaking of the need to bridge the gaps between leaders and members and between his family and blessed families. "Young children in a playground do not distinguish between children of different races or nationalities. Society needs to understand this."

"I have the opportunity to accompany Mother; I come to see how much suffering she goes through. Three sons are accompanying her on this tour. The speech content is always the same, and I am challenged to convey it in a meaningful way. While each of us can take a certain portion of the tour, dividing the 180 nations into three sections, she will go to all the nations herself. The parents are decades

such as "Lenin Peak." 50% of country is above 3000 meters. Only 6% of the land is arable.

The current government, due in significant ways to our Ambassadors for Peace, is very open to religions and to our movement, and especially the IEF. The UPF-IEF partnership is very effective here.

Due to Ambassadors for Peace, some of whom attended the recent Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace conference in Korea, doors opened up for our entry. We are staying at a beautiful presidential palace, surrounded once again by mountains. There are lots of cherries, grapes, figs, nectarines, nuts, peaches, oranges, etc in this region.

The main event will be held at the Presidential Conference center. It seats only 330 and will be open only to dignitaries. The hall is very new and is state-of-the-art in quality and elegance,

ahead of the children. As children mature, they come to understand the parents' course and their heart opens to a deepened understanding. We cannot understand just with our intellect; we truly understand only in the realm of the heart. Only in this way can things be resolved."

He compared the challenges experienced in the region to Father's prison term in Danbury in the United States. "People thought when he went to Danbury in 1984 that our movement would be destroyed. But it was a watershed and

turning point, especially with the interreligious activity. God works in mysterious ways. At this time in history, interreligious conflict is so serious. Think of the terrorists who wear a belt of bombs. Religious wars are the most extreme forms of conflict. Many see the problem in our world, with interreligious strife for example, and wonder who can bring the solution. So Father's solution is always to overcome with the way of true love."

Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, UPF Secretary General, reported, "I have this incredible, undeserved blessing to accompany Mother and Hyun Jin Nim on this tour. I cannot grasp the full internal meaning. Being with them and seeing their relationship gives me so much hope and new

awareness. They are a living example of the four great realms of heart that they teach. To see the substantial blossoming of that message is a great blessing. Through being with them day and night, my appreciation and respect for them keeps growing."

The main event on June 22 was held at a hotel overlooking the Caspian Sea. The hall had seats for 300 to 400 people, but 700 turned out. Ushers set up more chairs and tried to make guests without seats feel comfortable. The attendees remained until the very end, listening to Mother Moon and Hyun Jin present Father's message and receiving the blessing prayer.

The following morning Mother Moon inquired about the audience response. "All those who attended had received negative information about us," one person reported, "and yet they came to this event. They wanted to learn about our movement. So we had the chance to share with them, and their perceptions changes through this program. In this country, the opposition provided a chance for people to come and learn for themselves."

"Yesterday you welcomed the guests with the heart of owners," Mother responded. "From the viewpoint of Azeri people, this is their country. But even as a foreigner I want to invest my heart in this nation to take responsibility for it." She referred to the two speeches read during each event as a textbook for life. "If people come to experience God's heart through this speech, then all the walls can come down. We read two speeches today, but every day Father always reads three speeches several times over. When you read these words every day and reflect on them, God will guide you."

Following Russian songs and dances and a Tongil Moo Do martial arts demonstration, Hyun Jin Nim sang. ❖

June 19, 2006

Dushambe

Tajikistan is a former USSR Republic, now part of the CIS, but somewhat independent. Tajikistan became independent from the USSR in 1991, then almost immediately had its own civil war, to some extent fed by Islamic militant fundamentalists and some of Taliban extract. That war was resolved in the late 1990s. The current presidential administration is trying to promote interreligious dialogue and cooperation.

The nation is 90% Muslim, mostly Sunni, with some Shia and Sufi. There are cultural roots linked to Persia and Zoroastrian philosophy.

Tajikistan joined the NATO Partnership for Peace Most Russians, Germans, and Jews evacuated the country after the Soviet collapse and the outbreak of civil war. The country therefore had a significant brain drain and is currently quite poor.

It is largely a mountainous country, with peaks at 7000 meters and more,

However, he personally agreed to allow us to use it. It seats only 350, but the audience was all very high level. The program went beautifully.

Following the program there was a VIP dinner for 40 Ambassadors for Peace and local dignitaries. During dinner many expressed great appreciation for True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim and their message. One well-known actress said that this day marked a new beginning for Tajikistan. Another spoke about the vision for marriage and family expressed in the speeches and said that is exactly what Tajikistan needs. One other spoke about how everyone called each other "comrade" during Soviet times, but now we were truly creating a family of brothers and sisters through the UPF movement. Many others spoke similarly, and some sang. Those Ambassadors for Peace who had attended recent conferences in Korea were especially inspired. ❖

a very good venue for True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim.

There are quite a few Russian members here helping out, as the foundation in Tajikistan is very new and only recently opened up. The Russian members, throughout this region, are really serving as a kind of regional "elder son." Many have left Russia to serve as pioneers and missionaries in other nations in the region. They bring much talent, ability, good training, and warm hearts. They are restoring the Soviet era, when Russia was a "big brother" who dominated by force and fear.

The main event was held at the Presidential Conference Center. Ordinarily it is used only by the president.

UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

June 22, 2006 Kabul

'God is Great, merciful and compassionate! If you only believe, miracles can happen".

These are the words of Umberto Angelucci, National Leader and National Messiah of Afghanistan after the World Peace Tour Program in Afghanistan. After the Opening of the Palace we can feel substantially that the spiritual world is supporting in amazing ways

When the original schedule was sent out for the World Peace Tour, Afghanistan was included as one of the countries to be visited by True Mother, but because of security concerns the Continental Director, Dr. Christopher Kim was given responsibility to conduct the event. On June 22 he arrived in Kabul and was accompanied by Taj Hamad from International UPF and Robert Kittel now the National Leader to India.

In the earlier part of June, Vice President M. Karim Khalili represented Afghanistan at the Opening of the Palace and the Leaders Peace Summit in

Seoul. He is the current second Vice President of Afghanistan. He was so inspired by the programs that he gave his full support for our Peace Tour in Kabul. Without his support, because of the security situation in Afghanistan at this time and the sensitive religious issues, it would not have been possible to hold the event. Also working together with his staff we could bring an amazing number of high level VIPs to hear God's message and receive the Blessing.

Currently working in Afghanistan is a staff of two, Umberto and Marilyn Angelucci so the task of holding such a program was far beyond our ability. For the last ten years the Afghan NMs, WFWP members and numerous Afghan supporters have been very faithful to this mission. Once again they rose to the occasion to support not only financially the total budget but to come and serve in many needed ways. We were so happy to receive in Kabul the support of Chi Hoon Hwang, NM, Keiko Kawai, WFWP, Hiroko

Among the three hundred in attendance to our program, held at the Kabul Serena Hotel in the heart of Kabul, was the Vice President, two representatives from the President's office, the daughter of King Amanullah, two current Ministers and one former minister, four deputy minister's, 23 Members of Parliament, two governors,

two top Shia religious leaders, the Mayor of Kabul, President of the Journalists Union, President of Bakhtar News Agency, (government agency) Editor in Chief of Kabul Times, two faculty heads from Kabul University and 10 professors from the



Kabul University and the Education University. With so many top level guests our biggest concern was how to give them the hospitality that they deserved.

We started the program with the recitation of the Holy Koran by Barakatullah Saleem a renowned Islamic scholar. Following, we heard the songs of a girl's choir from the Alfata High School and the poem of Yalda Aryana Azadi. All graced the stage, dressed in colorful Afghan traditional costumes.

To welcome the audience Vice President Khalili spoke briefly praising the work of UPF especially in the field of Interreligious dialogue and that this interaction would be essential in creating peace in Afghanistan. The Ambassador for Peace Award was given to two distinguished members of the community, Dr. Mohammad Sakhi Noorzad, Mayor of Kabul and Abdul Rahman Mohammadi, President, Sports Federation of Disabled People of Afghanistan.

Dr. Kim, the Continental Director of Asia, then enlightened the audience on the work of the UPF by showing a slide presentation of Dr. Hak Ja Han's tour in Asia. The audience was amazed at the number of current heads of state and high level dignitaries supporting the peace tour and the generous donations given by our True Mother to the underprivileged people of the region.

The Keynote address from Dr. Moon

was presented by Taj Hamad from UPF International. Mr. Hamad was dressed in his traditional Sudanese attire. The audience was captivated by the words of wisdom made especially understandable by quotes from the Koran added to the original speech by the Muslim presenter which clarified the contents.

The World Peace Blessing followed. Mr. Sayed Ishaq Gailani, the chairman of a political party and member of the lower house, accompanied by his wife, Fatana Gailani, a well-known social activist were

are honored to be part of this amazing providence and only pray that we can remain faithful and worthy of this great honor.

After the successful completion of the World Peace Tour in Kabul Afghanistan, Vice President M. Karim Khalili arranged for the visiting delegation of Universal Peace Federation to meet President Hamid Karzai at the Presidential Palace in Kabul. Although it was Friday the day of rest for the Muslim world, Pres. Karzai graciously agreed to greet us.

Dr. Christopher Kim, Continental Director, Asia, was accompanied by Mr. Taj. Hamad, UPF International, Dr. Robert Kittel, Director UPF India, Dr. Chi Hoon Hwang, Korean NM, Umberto and Marilyn Angelucci, Cain NM, Mrs. Keiko Kawai, Director, WFWP, Mr. Anwar Hakimi, newly appointed National Leader, and Mr. Toshiyuki Matsufuji, IRFF. President Karzai greeted us enthusiastically and said that he had received a full report from the Vice President about his recent trip to Korea and the World Peace Tour program held on the previous day in Kabul.

He asked questions about our work and Dr. Kim testified to our True Parents global peace network and unending dedication to the worldwide peace process.

The delegation then presented the Award of Leadership and Good Governance to Pres. Karzai which he received proudly. At this sensitive time of political turmoil in Afghanistan this gesture of encouragement to Pres. Karzai was greatly appreciated by himself and his loyal staff. Creating peace in Afghanistan is a dangerous and complicated process which Pres. Karzai has taken on his shoulders with total devotion. His supporters are strong but his opponents often have a powerful voice. This gesture was a much needed demonstration of support from the international community at a delicate time.

Pres. Karzai mentioned to the group that if Mrs. Moon had visited herself he would have surely attended the program and that he looks forward to her future visit and promised to give his full support.

With the attendance of the current Vice President to the Opening of the Palace in Korea and the visit of UPF leaders with the President and his promise to support our True Parents and UPF peace work, we look forward to a dramatic change in the fortune of Afghanistan. UPF plans to be a substantial partner in the peace process in Afghanistan and in the work of educating the leadership towards that goal. ♦

June 24-25, 2006

Riga

T rue Mother arrived in Riga, Latvia, midmorning on the 24th. It was a gorgeous day. Fortunately, Mother's hotel was located right on the Baltic Sea, with fresh air and sunshine and a beautiful view of the sea from her suite window and balcony.

Latvia has about 2.3 million people. Like Estonia, it was often a battleground of major powers during its history. In the 20th century, it was annexed by the USSR but became independent in 1991. There are still Russians in Latvia; many have become assimilated into Latvian culture but most still speak Russian.

It is summer solstice time, and it seems

to be always bright, getting darkish around 10:30 PM and fully light about 3 AM.

The Main Event was held in the late afternoon. 500 gathered. Dr. Leon Bojars, former Member of Parliament and an active Ambassador for Peace, gave the congratulatory address; Dr. Seuk gave the chairman's address. Hyun Jin Nim and True Mother communicated God's word pow-

erfully to a responsive and grateful audience. The Word had a powerful presence in the room.

Following the Main Event was a dinner organized by Jeff Talakson and the national leader, Sasha. Many dignitaries and Ambassadors for Peace gathered and shared their reflections on the event and the important mission and work of the Universal Peace Federation. Some shared that this day was like a new beginning or rebirth for them. Others spoke about being moved by the video showing so much of True Parents' foundation worldwide because they had had no idea of the scope of the work of the Universal Peace Federation. Others were deeply moved by the Blessing cere-

mony. One husband reported that his wife led him without any explanation to participate on the stage in the Blessing. He was initially not so happy but afterward came to understand its value. Others discussed a negative film produced in Russia and proposed to mobilize some response and refutation of its misrepresentations. There was also discussion about why it was so challenging for many of their friends in the conventional denominations to accept the value of other religions; some were trying but could not easily make the transition. Some spouses spoke about how their mates had been involved for years but that this was the first time they attended an event and could not think of a better way

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TRUE MOTHER'S WORLD TOUR

June 29, 2006

Jerusalem

The program was held in the Regency Hotel, which is the same hotel (and same ballroom) where the historic Jerusalem Declaration was signed on May 18, 2003.

As you know, tensions are very high here in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. Due to the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers, the military incursion into the Gaza strip, and the arrest and imprisonment of one third of the members of the Palestinian Parliament, many people advised our True Parents about the possibility of forgoing Israel on the tour. We want to say how proud we are of the courage of our True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace. Certainly security is of the highest priority; however, though many advised against coming, other key leaders who have been to the Middle East many times and especially to Jerusalem checked with our best sources on all sides. All was presented to True Mother. Rev. Kwak, Dr. Yang and Dr. Lee (Middle East Continental Director) shared with her in Turkey. Father also said, "Mother should go". True Mother said, "I must go to Jerusalem."

Mother has come and has been totally welcomed by Jews, Christians, Muslims and Druze in the Holy City of Jerusalem. We are so deeply inspired by the example of our True Parents — who are receiving recognition at the highest levels from all the countries on the tour. Yet with such prestige and influence, still our True Parents risk their lives to go to the 180 nations. Day after day Mother is traveling with Rev. Kwak, the Continental Director, Dr. Walsh, and, of course, True Family members. This time, Kook Jin Nim and his wife Ji Hye Nim are accompanying her. True Mother has such courage and faith, and therefore her arrival and speaking event here were magnificent. Mother wanted to bring love to Jerusalem, where the descendants of Ishmael and Isaac are deeply struggling in conflict.

We truly believe that True Mother's presence here will be marked as the turning point ending this sad history ends and realizing the era of peace.

Please pray for True Mother and True Family fervently each and every day. And pray together with her for the peace of Jerusalem. As True Mother says in her speech, "God's Model Ideal Family and the Peace Kingdom:" "Distinguished leaders, you are now living in the most blessed and exalted time in history. I now proclaim the launch of the era of a new heaven and earth, an era after the coming of heaven, long-awaited and yearned for by billions of your ancestors in the spirit world who have come and gone in history: this is the era of the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World....The age in which the Fallen and corrupted world plays havoc on humanity, allowing those who are evil to live better than others, is passing away." Mother also states with total conviction, "Rev. Moon, who received the seal of heaven, has come as the True Parent of humanity and the King of Peace. He will be true to his promise to heaven. He will bring to fruition the era of the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World on this earth, without fail."

We who have had the blessing to see

the spiritual wave of goodness created by True Mothers' tour cannot believe our eyes. Many profound events are happening since True Parents entered the Original Palace, the Cheon Jeong Gung. As Father predicted, we are seeing the words of our True Parents coming true before our very eyes. Father has stated clearly that those who support God's message for peace and the ideal family will rise and those who do not will decline.

We are seeing this incredible reality throughout the world at this time. Those Ambassadors for Peace who continue to support the work of the Universal Peace Federation are receiving incredible support from Heaven. They are rising internally and in many cases literally being elevated in their role in their nation or their region through higher appointments or higher office. Now the number of sitting presidents and prime ministers who have come to support the Universal Peace Federation is growing steadily. Religious leaders who support the federation from Islam, Christianity, Judaism and all world religions are seeing their authority in their nations being strengthened. Those who oppose are losing power. Here in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East many wonderful and prominent sheikhs of the Islamic faith, Druze leaders, Christian leaders and Jewish rabbis who have stood with UPF are seeing more and more that God is blessing their work as they stand under one God, showing full respect and accept-



ance that the God of their faith is working through the other faiths He created.

Please believe me, my dear brothers and sisters. The prophecy in the Bible that states that the "lion will lay down with the lamb" is now at hand. We should be bold, strong, and courageous, for each step we take to live for the sake of others and love our enemies with true love will now rapidly expand the Peace Kingdom right before our eyes. Father said at the opening of the Original Palace that if we really understood the meaning of this time and the profound authority we now have to bring peace and harmony among all people, we wouldn't be able to contain ourselves and we would be shouting it out everywhere we go!

That is the feeling that is present here in Jerusalem. Through the various Middle East Peace Initiatives of the Universal Peace Federation and the diligent work of the IIFWP of Israel (Dr. Abe and Mr. Hod



Ben Zvi) as well as the outstanding support from many key Ambassadors for Peace (Dr. Glaubach, Abouna Hatoum, Shiekh Bukari, Dr. Shuki Ben Ami, Mr. Baruch Shalev, Mr. Walid Sadiq, Mr. Ali Birani, their wives, Shelley Elkayam, and Mr. Kamal Thabet). A beautiful cross-section of all faiths filled the Grand Ballroom of the Regency. It was truly a beautiful turnout from all communities but particularly encouraging was the solid support of many Jewish participants. Things are moving forward. Thanks Dr. Abe and Hod. Dr. Glaubach in particular as a scholar and former member of the Jerusalem city council has been an incredible guide historically and in the "spirit" of Israel. Dr. Shuki Ben Ami has been outstanding in his ability to help Rabbis come to understand and work with the Peace movement. All in all we must thank our IIFWP of Israel and Kamal in Palestine.

Through the work of David Eaton and Dr. Antonio Betancourt and local Ambassador for Peace support, we found one of the rising classical performing artists in Israel. His name is David D'or. He has become an Ambassador for Peace and has also partnered with Ms. n performing with the Rahana Orchestra of Tel Aviv. Together they have done beautiful recordings — in Hebrew! David also sings in Arabic and English. Their performance tonight was perfect. Their numbers were diverse, classical and totally inspired. It created such a beautiful atmosphere to start the event. Shelley Elkayam opened

the program, and Mrs. Sheila Shelev gave a special welcoming address as the chairwoman of the Women's Federation for World Peace of Israel. Shelley is about to receive her Ph.D. at the prestigious Hebrew University and is an outstanding Ambassador for Peace. She just conducted a special seminar at the university and used True Parents' work and teaching at the center of her presentation for dialogue. (Dr. Andrew Wilson of UTS was also a

speaker there.) Sheila spoke with such eloquence and heart. She stated in a beautiful way how delighted she was to welcome Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon to Jerusalem and how proud she is of the work of the federation. She and her husband, Baruch, have never wavered in their commitment to peace and the work to respect all people. They are pillars of the Ambassadors for Peace movement.

Shelley then introduced the Master of Ceremonies for True Mother's program, Dr. Thomas Walsh, Secretary-General of the Universal Peace Federation. All Americans and Western members can be proud of Dr. Walsh as a great American and Western leader of Cheon Il Geuk who is serving True Mother throughout the 180 nations. He is a universal

leader who has demonstrated the special gift to become one with Rev. Kwak to work through the UPF to lead the highest levels of scholars, heads of state, religious leaders and people of all professions and cultures in the work of peace. Dr. Walsh did a wonderful job in leading this historic program. His commanding presence and excellent speaking ability brought the extremely diverse audience together. He introduced Mr. Shimson Nir, the deputy mayor of Jerusalem, who offered the invocation. Mr. Nir has been instrumental in helping the Native American Leadership Alliance to continue to meet the mayor of Jerusalem. He offered a beautiful prayer for peace in Hebrew and explained it in English. Then Dr. Walsh called upon Ms. Ireet and her husband as the representative couple for the special Holy "Nectar" ceremony. All stood together and shared the cup with their spouses, dedicating their marriages and families to God. It was beautiful to see all these religious people in Jerusalem affirming this most sincere commitment to family.

Next Dr. Walsh introduced Rev. Kwak, who introduced the meaning of the world tour and the founding of the Universal Peace Federation as the Abel UN. One very deep point that Rev. Kwak made was that, through these speeches tonight given by Kook Jin Nim and True Mother, God is working directly to affect the direction of history. God is working through this event tonight in Jerusalem! When Rev. Kwak said that, I felt that all the history of Jerusalem flashed through my soul in a moment. Then I thought about the great moments and many very sad moments in the history of Jerusalem. True Mother coming with this message of true love and

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UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

June 25–26, 2006

Vilnius

T rue Mother and Hyun Jin Nim arrived in Vilnius on the morning of June 25. The main program was convened at 4 PM in the ballroom of the Crown Plaza. 400 delegates gathered. The Vice Chair of the Lithuania Association for Human Rights gave the welcoming address.

Following the Main Event, a dinner was convened with 22 invited Ambassadors for Peace. As they shared their experiences during dinner, some reflected on their relationship with our movement over the years, of the time they first met Father. Several spoke of Lithuania's experience of family breakdown, high divorce rates, declining birth rates,

and many young people with no interest in marriage. Thus, they expressed their appreciation for Father's teaching on marriage, family, and exchange blessing, as presented by True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim.

Some of the observations were:

"We heard such a wonderful vision of the ideal family. We need to take this to our youth, even to the coffee shops and the bars. [The young people] are losing their way.

"I am so happy to be appointed an Ambassador for Peace. I want to promote strong family values and world peace.

"People today are lost. The government creates hundreds of laws, but these do not bring lasting solutions to our problems. However, Rev. Moon has created this movement centered on God's law.

"This message and this event are the realization of the hopes that many of us have had for many, many years. We Ambassadors for Peace should take this message to the world and to the United Nations.

"To see a mother and son together, going around the world with the message is amazing. I have never seen or heard of such a thing. They are so beautiful together. I am filled with joy to see this. In today's world young people are not related well to parents. This even is a great inspiration.

"I served in World War II and was wounded several times. I am now 83. I met Rev. Moon several years ago at a World Media Association conference. I have received so much energy today. I will try to the last day of my life to be loyal to Rev. Moon's teaching.

"I never thought I would see the Queen of Peace. Such a great person in a small country!" ❖

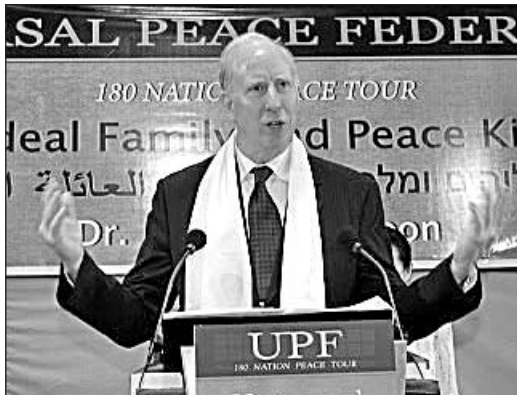
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the proclamation that True Parents have fulfilled the ideal that Adam and Eve were to achieve and that peace will definitely come made me realize that this is a very historic and central moment in the history of Jerusalem. Not only are True Parents proclaiming that all families of every religion and culture can receive God's blessing but also that all cultures can now become unified through one culture of heart. This is not just a proclamation but a living demonstration as True Parents traveled around the world last year to 120 nations and were welcomed by all races, religions and cultures.

This year the welcome is even greater, and the movement to bring everyone into one universal family is now rapidly growing. Isn't it amazing that True Parents saw the need for reconciliation and called on Jews, Christians and Muslims to respect one another! This came through the sacrifice and the blood, sweat, and tears of the martyrs and saints who went before us. It comes on the foundation of the sacrifice of Jesus and the love he demonstrated here in Jerusalem. It comes on the foundation of True Parents' unconditional and life-risking sacrifice to go to every culture and community of the world to bring true love. True Parents are now being accepted all over the world as the King and Queen of Peace. Certainly this provides great comfort to the heart of Jesus, who prayed so fervently that "all may be one". Jesus' prayer is coming to be realized on this day. God has prepared each and every step for us.

Dr. Walsh introduced Dr. Kook Jin Moon, who received his undergraduate degree at Harvard and MBA at the University of Miami. Kook Jin Nim spoke with eloquence and conviction. He has the ability, like Hyun Jin Nim, to move the heart and soul of the audience. With each section of the speech he gained momentum and spiritual power. Midway through the address, you could feel the atmosphere

become very harmonious. Muslims sitting next to Jewish people, next to Christians and Jews. In Jerusalem? At an event that lifts up God? There are few situations in which the families, husbands and wives of the three Abrahamic faiths come together to share a common faith in God and family. Kook Jin Nim was very warmly received and his presentation very moving. Of course, the content of Father's speech is so deep. Dr. Walsh commented at dinner with True Mother that the speech never gets old. There is never a dull moment; every time something new comes forth.



The Word of God is a profound spring of living water. When you take it in, you never thirst. The video presentation, which was developed by UPF of Korea, had a lot of content on the history of True Parents and the Universal Peace Federation, including the Middle East Peace Initiative, North-South Korea unification, the Blessing of marriages, and the Bering Strait project. It was very well done. Imam Muhammad Jodeh, Ambassador for Peace from America, was there tonight as he lives in Ramallah and Denver. He mentioned to me, "We must get that CD multiplied and get it into the hands of every single person. With this, people will come to understand."

True Mother took the stage with grace, strength, and beauty. Mother was wearing a medium light blue dressy suit. Mother is truly radiating. Yet no one can imagine the exhaustion, fatigue, and the heavy

burden of going to war-torn nations to bring hope and healing. Mother doesn't show any of these burdens, but we all should realize that they are there. Every day is filled with challenges and giving. For example, if Mother hadn't said that she would go to Jerusalem, it is unlikely that she would have gone. Father supported, but Mother had to initiate. This is what we must understand. Mother is not passively just following the schedule with everything decided for her. Everywhere she goes, she is actively giving everything and listening to every report. She is praying about the things that God and True Father are inspiring her to achieve. Mother is the living and fully proactive Queen of Peace. I can see and feel that Mother herself, representing God's Motherly love, is actively tearing down the walls right before our eyes. She is actively and aggressively giving the blessing and embracing all of our Blessed Couples and Ambassadors for Peace, healing them, encouraging them, strengthening and loving them. She is loving and embracing actively every single person that comes through the gate. The nations she is touching are being blessed through the people that God sends us.

In the early part of Mother's speech you could feel that it wasn't easy. It never is. There is no setting or time in which God's Word is delivered that there isn't some period of development and challenge. However, tonight Mother was not deterred or wavering for even one second. She just kept on smiling and giving God's word. Suddenly the atmosphere became totally harmonious; the people were moving with her through each paragraph. Applause began to break out more and more readily. Finally it was as if a dam had broken and the Holy Spirit poured down like a waterfall. Mother's voice gained great strength and power. Her cadence of her speech gained a special rhythm that only the greatest orators can ever have. True Mother had done it. She won the victory in Jerusalem. The people melted; their hearts were truly touched. After Mother's

address, the audience stood up in applause. We were all melted by the pure Word of God and True Parents' love coming through Mother's shining, beaming face. Oh, how we should weep and cry and shout out to the world that the King and Queen of Peace have arrived. How we should cry out in tearful prayers as True Mother marches through the Middle East, Asia, Africa, South America, the world!

Dr. Joshua Ben Ami and his wife, Shosh, gave the congratulatory flowers to Mother. Dr. Ben Ami is a Jewish leader who has been prepared by God so deeply. He was the one who gave the crown to his Elder Brother Jesus, proclaiming him king, the honor he was to receive two thousand years ago. Father called for that condition of crowning Jesus to be set on the foundation of the repentance in the Jerusalem Declaration (which Dr. Glaubach and others courageously have advanced). What is amazing is that God always prepares things far in advance. Somehow Dr. Ben Ami found that one of his relatives, an Orthodox rabbi, many decades ago wrote a profound poem that Jesus had to be crowned, and he prophesied that the person who would do it would come from his own Orthodox lineage. Dr. Ben Ami found this out after he had crowned Jesus; one of his relatives gave him the poem. God had prepared the people and made a way.

The Blessing of Marriage was so beautiful. It included Abouna Hatoum and his wife from Nazareth, Dr. Dov Noi and Dr. Naomi Voglemann, both highly recognized scholars of Hebrew University, Shiekh Bukari and his wife, and a second generation couple. How profound, all God's family was there on the stage receiving True Parents' blessing through True Mother and Kook Jin Nim. How profound is this day that the prophets and saints all predicted and longed for! Father and Mother are fulfilling their promise that they will not stop until every boundary and border blocking religions and nations is removed and the Peace Kingdom of the Ideal World is realized. This is the day of the Era after the Coming of Heaven. ❖

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to support their spouse.

After having a late post-event dinner in her suite, Mother was able to go for a walk on the beach with Dr. Seuk and National Messiahs Rev. and Mrs. Chung on a very beautiful evening, along with Hyun Jin Nim, Jun Sook Nim and Yeon Jin Nim.

At Hoon Dok Hae on June 25, Mother

er told those gathered, "You are so lucky to live at the time of our True Parents and to be in their presence. The speeches being taken around the world are a textbook for our lives. ...So as you read these speeches every day, you must find a point of alignment and resonance so you can transform your lives. But these speeches should not just bear fruit in you; they must bear fruit in all people in your community, society and nation..."

"I believe with this number of people in this room [about 100] we can transform this nation. If you really know and share True Parents' true love, we can change this nation. You must give and practice true love for the sake of others. Even though True Father is limited to Korea, he is with us 24 hours a day on this tour, through his prayer and spirit. Because of the time difference, Father was watching our event at 3 AM, in Korea, less than two

hours before HDH was to begin. We are not separated even for one minute during this world tour. So, when you are vertically aligned with us and give this message with your whole heart, there is no one you cannot reach."

After some songs, Mother asked Hyun Jin Nim to speak. "So many bright young faces!" he said. "You can change this world. This is an age when God's dream is becoming a reality." ❖

TRUE MOTHER'S WORLD TOUR

June 30, 2006

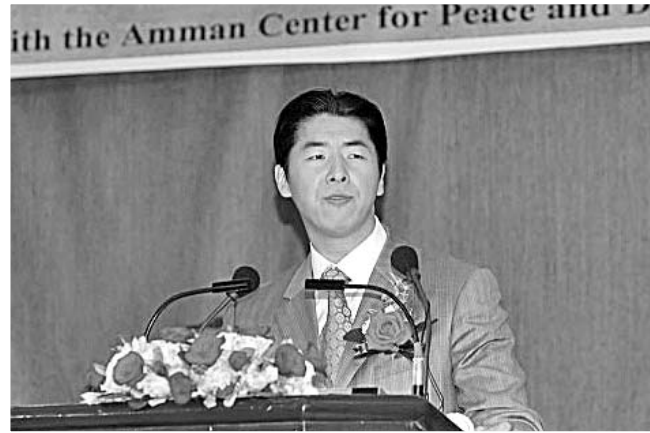
Amman

Mother and Kook Jin Nim arrived in Jordan on June 30 after a 20-minute flight from Tel Aviv to Amman. They were welcomed at the airport by Dr. Hamdi Murad, General Mansour Abu Rashid, Mr. Taj Hamad and other Ambassadors for Peace from Jordan.

The main event was set for 700 as a banquet at the Radisson Hotel. There was some concern that such a large hall could be filled. The event was attended by 800 attentive and appreciative people from throughout Jordan, some standing throughout, with leaders like Mr. David Fraser Harris, Mr. Hod Ben Zwi and Mr. Jin Man Kwak giving up their seats and standing so others could sit. Mr. Hamad served as emcee, speaking throughout in Arabic. He guided the program charmingly and effectively, creating a wonderful atmosphere, artfully balancing lightheartedness with deep seriousness.

Dr. Murad introduced the holy juice ceremony, and Mr. Hamad offered the prayer. Sheikh Taysir Tamimi, head of the Sharia Court of Palestine, gave the invocation, and Mrs. Haifa al Bashir gave the welcome remarks, expressing her great respect for the work and accomplishments of Father and Mother Moon and the Universal Peace Federation.

Both Kook Jin Nim and Mother spoke powerfully and confidently, communicating God's message with true love power and a warm-hearted, heavenly confidence.



one sang and danced together. There was a very joyful feeling as people stayed on until late in the evening eating, talking, and enjoying one another's company.

Peace, there is a sense of a breakthrough, thaw, and springtime arising in the Middle East. It is the fruit of the pioneering leaders in this region, the sacrificial Japanese volunteers, people with a special calling to these nations, and the consistent and growing impact of the Middle East Peace Initiative.

Mother told the members in Jordan: "This is the region where east and west come together. There is so much history, some known only by God. This region has produced many great religions, and many saints and sages. From God's point of view the regions are quarrelling like siblings who have not found their true parents. Many religious leaders served God as parent, but without fully understanding God's heart. God created with a heart of such expectation and joy. As Adam and Eve grew, God longed to see His ideal of true love, true life and true lineage fulfilled through them. They were to become the co-creators with God, but this did not happen due to the Fall.

The prayer for the blessing of marriage was joyfully celebrated, and many leaders and Ambassadors for Peace gathered on the stage for the closing photo and three cheers.

Following the main program, there was a banquet with entertainment from a traditional Jordanian Bedouin group. Every-

This was a great victory for the Jordanian and the entire Middle East Region of UPF. Leaders gathered from throughout the region, centering on Dr. Sang Jin Lee and Mr. Harris. Through the growing confidence and fond-heartedness toward Father and Mother Moon by Ambassadors for

Therefore, even though His heart was broken with grief and disappointment, He sought to restore His lost children. In God's eyes there are no difference of race, culture, ethnicity or religion. Please remember that God is our True Parent and we are His sons and daughters." ❖

June 23-24, 2006

Tallin

Tue Mother and Hyun Jin Nim traveled from Baku, Azerbaijan, on the Caspian Sea to Tallinn, Estonia, on the Baltic Sea in Northwestern Europe. Estonia is a former Soviet Republic that is now a member of the EU. June 23rd, the day of our arrival, is also the National Victory Day, commemorating independence.

The Main Event was held at 4 PM in the Reval Hotel Conference Center. The conference Hall was filled 30 minutes prior to the opening, with approximately 500 in attendance, including many Ambassadors for Peace and many university students. Dr. Reet Pool gave the opening remarks on behalf of Ambassadors for Peace. A letter of congratulations was read from former Prime Minister Toome. A local football team that had participated in the International Peace Sports Festival was in attendance. A delegation including the three generations of the Hassinen family from Helsinki, Finland, crossed the Baltic by ferry to attend the event.

The entire event was organized beautifully. Dr. Seuk asked Akiro Nakamura to take central responsibility to manage the program. The national messiah families, including Mr. and Mrs. Hinterleitner and Rev. and Mrs. Lee, along with many brothers and sisters, and handsome and

beautiful second generation contributed to the success.

Following the main event there was a reception. At that time, I went around greeting people and speaking to them about their experience. There were so many young students who are very inspired by the message and the entire event. Their faces were shining. These were not members of our second generation but university students, some of whom had come from 100-200km away and who had not previously been to any of our events. All those I spoke to were so grateful. Also, remember that this was on a day that most all Estonians are out having parties and celebrations, on this, the main secular holiday of the nation.

Later that evening, Korea played Switzerland in the World Cup, and everyone watched and cheered along with True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim.

The following morning, True Mother spoke from her heart. "Every day is a great new day. Every day you should wake up with a heart of gratitude, bursting with a desire to share this great blessing. As I

travel the world, I see many people who have been so touched and whose life has been transformed. When people come to understand, they will come alive. Even a three-year-old child can distinguish between fresh fruit and rotten fruit. How about you?" She encouraged her audience to spread the message that she and her family have been giving each night throughout the nation and region.

People sang songs from Estonia, Finland and Russia. Then Hyun Jin Nim commented: "Here and in Russia the culture has Viking roots. It is time for all races, religions, nationalities to become one. Hitler wanted to create a pure Aryan race, and he killed so many who were not of his race and ideology, including Jews, Gypsies, Russians, etc. Also, the USSR tried to unite everyone but by force. We have to create one world by the power of true love." People were seated among friends of their own nationality, and he asked them to stand up and exchange places. "This is better," he added. "This is the time to bring everyone together, beyond race, religion, nationality." Then he sang.

At breakfast, Dr. Seuk described the enthusiastic response of those who attended the previous day's event. Some who were shy about coming to the stage for the blessing prayer had a very deep experi-

ence once they overcame their reluctance.

Mother recalled one memory many years ago when their family was at Cheong Pyeong Lake and Father wanted to go out on a boat even in the stormy weather. However, the boat could not hold everyone, and Father asked for a volunteer to remain. Hyun Jin Nim, then a small child, volunteered. Hyun Jin described his fond memories of being with his brothers Heung Jin and Kook Jin on that occasion. He mentioned learning a popular song of that time, "Nimkwanhamke," on the theme of being together with one's beloved.

Hyun Jin then talked about making a life full of rich memories. Growing up in America, for example, he was not so interested in soccer because he played the popular American sports. However, because of Father, he has become more and more interested in soccer. Father has been watching every game of the World Cup series, in addition to listening to transmission of the speeches given by Mother and their son each night. Some times he is up all night, because of the different time zones.

Mother mentioned the Sun Moon Peace Cup for women, to be played this October in Korea, featuring the USA team and the other leading women's teams, including a team from North Korea.

She encouraged those present to fill their lives with many exciting memories to cherish and share. ❖

UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

June 26, 2006

Kiev

T rue Mother arrived in Kiev, Ukraine at about 10 AM on June 26. Kook Jin Nim, Ji Ae Nim, and Rev. Kwak, all of whom had arrived the night before, welcomed Mother and Hyun Jin Nim to Kiev, along with Ukrainian leaders.

We went to a special waiting area to wait while passports were processed. The processing took a long time.

While waiting, True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim spoke to the Ambassadors for Peace who had gathered. Hyun Jin Nim spoke quite a bit to them:

"My father's vision is very holistic and broad. He does not just look at the world from a political or an economic point of view, or a sociological or psychological point of view, or even only a spiritual point of view. He looks to the root issues, and especially the family.... Religions tend to focus on the salvation of the individual, but my father understands that salvation is through the family and lineage. His message is universal. Those who open their eyes can see this and do not oppose, for they can understand.... My father's teaching is neither left nor right [wing]. It is head-wing, centered on Godism." The processing of our passports took a very, very long time. We were told it was due to a new software system that was not functioning correctly. However, after

about two hours of waiting, we were informed that Hyun Jin Nim's entry had been blocked. No explanation was given, just blocked. He was told he either had to be transferred to a separate area, alone, for questioning, or he had to agree to depart today, that is, leave Ukraine. Immediately we placed calls to the U.S. Embassy and to our friends in Washington to take any steps we could to have this awful, foolish decision reversed. Due to the time zone difference, however, it was not easy to reach anyone in the United States. Everyone did all they could to try to correct the situation. As the time for the 5 PM program approached, most of us had to depart for the hotel. Jin Man Kwak and Bob Smart remained with Hyun Jin Nim.

The main event began at 5 PM, and we were attended by a standing-room-only audience of about 700, including many high-level Ambassadors for Peace. Rev. Kwak presented the Chairman's Address. Because Hyun Jin Nim was blocked at the airport, Kook Jin Nim read the Founder's Address in his place.

After the event started, we sudden-

ly received word that just prior to Hyun Jin Nim's departure from Kiev for Europe, and with his bags already checked and on the plane, authorities reversed the decision to block his entry and that he was on his way to the hotel. As it turned out, he could not make it in time to present the Founder's Address; too many bureaucratic obstacles were placed in the way for him to make it to the event on time. The good news, however, was that he was able to be in Kiev to conclude the tour that he and True Mother had led all across Eurasia.

It was a joyful moment when Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim arrived at the hotel, were welcomed by all the members, and then went to True Mother's suite.

Comments from Guests:

From a leader of the International League of "Mothers and Sisters" for the Youth of Ukraine: "I am so grateful to you for your conference that brings us to a higher, more international level of thinking. You are opening the way for a new level of human relationships and bringing in a new age."

From the head of the All Ukrainian Political Party and former member of Parliament:

"There are many political parties in this nation, but they do not fully reflect or promote the true value of the human

being. We are born ultimately to experience joy in the family. Unless we center on God, human fulfillment is not possible. The words we heard today are ringing in my mind. We must unite together. Let us meet together more often and take action. I want to thank Mrs. Moon. She has 13 children; I have 5, and that is more than I can handle well. My youngest is 10 months."

A NGO Leader: "The world is now in a very critical situation. Let us all united together with the UPF."

By the Vice Chair, Ukrainian Peace Council; Advisor to Leonid Kravchuk, first president of Ukraine: "My best greetings from the first President of Ukraine, Mr. Kravchuk. My organization has been working with you for 7 years. We can do so many things together here in Ukraine, cooperating on many projects."

A teacher from International League: "Every day I teach my students. After today's meeting I am so inspired. I have heard so much about the importance of marriage and family. I will teach this to my students."

An advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

"So many efforts are taking place for many decades to change this world and establish lasting peace. Today we saw a living example, a model of true peace in the family, and a vision of universal peace. ❖"

July 1, 2006

St. Julian

M other Moon and Kook Jin Moon flew on July 1 from Amman to Malta, in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. Malta's history goes back many millennia. Malta was at various times dominated by Roman, Islamic and Norman conquerors. In the 16th century, the Pope and the King of Spain gave Malta to the [Crusade-related] Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem. An independent nation, Malta was for many years a colony of Great Britain and is a member of the British Commonwealth. The primary languages are English and Maltese; Maltese is a blend of Arabic, Italian and English. The population of 400,000 is largely Roman Catholic. Malta joined the European Union in 2004.

At the airport, they were received by the core Universal Peace Federation leaders, including Dr. and Mrs. Yong Cheol Song, regional chair, UPF-Europe; Rev. Yong Tae Choi; Mr. Guiseppi Cali of Italy; the national leader Mr. Bryan Corlett; Mr. Francis Cassar; and Ambassador for Peace and Member of Parliament, Dr. Stefan Bountempo.

The main event was held at the West-in Dragonara Hotel in St. Julian's Malta. About 300 people were in attendance, including a number of people who had come from Italy and England.

Wonderful pre-program entertainment was provided by George Curmi and Yuri Charyguine, who performed several lively classical pieces on violin and the accordion. Chevalier Pier Giorgio Buttigieg was designated to give the invocation. H.E. Professor Guido de Marco, former President of Malta and former President of the UN General

Assembly, gave the welcoming remarks. Drawing on his career experience both in Malta and at the United Nations, he spoke about the importance of NGOs such as UPF in building a world of peace in regions such as the Middle East and the Korean Peninsula. He underscored the need to avoid the "clash of civilizations," particularly between Islam and the West.

Following his speech he was presented with the UPF's "Leadership and Good Governance" Award, in honor of his distinguished career and commitment to governance based on moral principles. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Dr. Song, Dr. Emmanuel Bezzina, and H.E. de Marco's daughter made the presentation of the award.

Rev. Kwak gave the Chairman's Address, followed by Kook Jin giving the Founder's Address and Mother Moon the Keynote Address.

Following the blessing and conclusion, there was a reception for all the guests.

Later in the evening Mother Moon and those traveling with her watched France defeat defending World Cup champions, Brazil, 1-0, completing the all-European field of four teams for the semi-finals: France vs. Portugal and Germany vs. Italy. Mother Moon was pulling for Brazil.

The following morning, Mother Moon commented, "When I arrived in Malta, I learned that this country produced many holy people and saints. So many saints and holy people sacrificed over

so many years. You should determine that you will work harder than the great saints of this nation, and they will mobilize spirit world for you. Malta is a small country, but it has been included in our tour for the first time."

She commented on the barriers of culture, religion and ethnicity. "You can learn how to overcome barriers through this speech," she explained. "When the world starts to see the standard of the true olive tree, they will want to follow that standard. Be like rain in a country of drought. Be proud of yourself and True Parents."

People from Malta, England and Italy sang songs. Mother Moon mentioned the Sun Hak children's choir in Seattle that sang Korean songs on the American part of the tour. She recalled the excellent pronunciation of the young people of different

racings and observed that learning songs in another language is a shortcut to learning the language. She encouraged the formation of a similar choir in Europe.

Kook Jin spoke: "I want to thank all you for all your great efforts for yesterday's event. There are so few members based here in Malta, and to bring so many people was a good result." He then sang "Danny Boy." ❖

June 28, 2006

Beirut

M other and Kook Jin Nim arrived in Beirut, Lebanon, and were welcomed at the airport by many Ambassadors for Peace and other UPF leaders in Lebanon. These included diplomats and professors along with Dr. and Mrs. Sang Jin Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schellen, and Japanese representatives.

Several people visited the memorial for former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, who was killed by a car bomb in 2005. They laid an origami wreath at his grave.

The main event was held in a beautiful hall, with 500 people in the audience. The stage design and organization of the program were excellent. Congratulatory remarks were given by a former ambassador and a sheikh. The audience included many distinguished leaders, including several members of parliament, a military commander, and key religious leaders. Kook Jin Nim delivered his speech with great dignity.

The program ended with a prayer for blessing in marriage and three cheers of celebration. It was followed by dinner and entertainment that included the audience joining in dancing. It was a joyful evening.

The following people offered reflections on the evening's event. "In Lebanon, people love beauty and ideals, and they like to follow a good leader. Mother Moon really moved everyone's hearts," one person commented. A Druze leader expressed appreciation for the words that were spoken and commented, "As knowledge and light grow brighter, ignorance is diminished." ❖

TRUE MOTHER'S WORLD TOUR

July, 11 2006

Copenhagen

Mother Moon and Kook Jin Moon flew to Copenhagen, Denmark on July 11. The main event in Copenhagen went very well. Prof. Bertil Persson from Stockholm, Sweden, who was born in Denmark, delivered the opening address. He spoke about Father Moon's vision of a spiritual UN, a vision close to the heart of Dag Hammarskjold, the second Secretary-General of the United

Nations. He mentioned two of Denmark's most famous citizens: author Hans Christian Anderson and philosopher Soren Kierkegaard. [A third is navigator Vitus Bering, after whom a strait

is named.] He said he had looked at all Nobel Peace Prize winners and concluded none had gotten to the root causes of conflict or charted the way of restoration as effectively as Father Moon, who

surely deserved to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Several members of our local Danish community—Mrs. Liz Bramsen, Ms. Annalise Bramsen, Mrs. Sibael Hill, and Mr. James Houston—performed beautifully a series of songs from the musical *Les Miserables*.

The well-organized event was attended by 600 guests, and the messages of Mother Moon and Kook Jin were very well received. ❖



July, 7 2006

Tirana

Mother Moon and Kook Jin arrived in Tirana on the morning of July 7 and were welcomed by two Ambassadors for Peace: the rector of the University of Tirana and head of the Association of University Rectors of Albania, and Gago Apostoli, former Member of Parliament and government minister.

The main event was held in the Congress Hall with over 2000 in attendance. There was very good entertainment both before and after the main program.

Following the program, there was a reception for about 200 guests.

The following morning, Mother Moon mentioned that this was her third visit to Albania, and she compared the development of Albania and Korea. She referred to the devastation caused by the Korean War and described the 'New Village Movement' that brought a new spirit to the country. "Father Moon sent young people out to the rural areas in the 1960s to inspire people, especially young people, to work together to revive the country," she said. "So many people who came to our international conferences in Korea are amazed by Korea's growth. Even those who left Korea want to come back to Korea when they see the growth and development of Korea. Why don't we build a New Village Movement here in Albania and truly change this country? Do not expect others to bring the solutions. I have great hope that you can be the peacekeepers and happiness-giving persons. The capacity to be that kind of person and to achieve true love and happiness is found in the messages given during this tour."

She talked about her vision of Albania becoming a leading nation, not because of money or power but because its people live according to God's moral and spiritual principles.

Mother Moon gave Mr. Ganni, the national leader, some seed money for education projects. During breakfast, she and Kook Jin met with the leader of the delegation from Kosovo. ❖

July, 8 2006

Zagreb

Tue Mother and Kook Jin arrived in Zagreb, Croatia mid-morning July 8, went quickly through customs, and arrived at the Sheraton Hotel. Because they were leaving for Geneva the same day, the event was scheduled for 3:00 PM, and departure for Geneva was set for 6:30 PM. It was a tight schedule. Father Moon arrived in Geneva at 3:00 PM and was connected with the event in Zagreb by Internet from his hotel room in Geneva. It seemed that Mother Moon had a bit more skip in her step and in her eye as she looked forward to seeing her husband that night.

Prior to the event, Mother Moon and Kook Jin met over lunch with a few of the local leaders. The national leader, Mr. Tomas Anto, described how people from Austria initiated the movement in Croatia while Croatia was part of communist Yugoslavia. He also told of how Croatia had invented the necktie: when a soldier went off to war, his beloved tied a special piece of cloth around his neck to protect him in battle so he would be sure to return. As the story goes, eventually all the soldiers wore these.

Mother Moon encouraged the development of a youth movement in Croatia, not simply a movement of Ambassadors for Peace. She encouraged him to keep reaching out to people, and their hearts would be touched. Previous peace tours had been led Father and Mother Moon together, Mother Moon on her own, or one of their children on their own. This tour is unique in that mother and son are working together to bring the national-level blessing. Even though people may not grasp the depth of what is happening, she predicted that great blessing would come to this nation.

Building on his mother's remarks, Kook Jin shared his vision about how to prepare for dramatic growth and development on all levels, in the business realm, spiritual realm and NGO realm. He spoke of sound structures, systems and practices of leadership and governance that will provide a basis for stable and significant growth. He stated that people who apply the messages being given in each country would make enormous strides in changing the world.

The main event went very well. It was wonderfully organized and brought out the best of the Universal Peace Federation in Europe. The hall was filled to capacity with 500 dignified and respectful participants. Professor Marko Tarle, representing the Ambassadors for Peace, gave the Opening Address, describing the great work and accomplishments of UPF worldwide. He mentioned that the current President of Croatia attended the World Culture & Sports Festival in 1997 in Washington, DC. ❖

July, 5 2006

Budapest

Mother Moon arrived in Budapest early on July 5 and was welcomed at the airport by Professor Erno Lazarovits, Rev. and Mrs. Shin, and other leaders.

Prior to the main event there was a reception for about 40 Ambassadors for Peace and new contacts.

The main event was held in a beautiful ballroom. Professor Tomas Foldesi gave the welcoming remarks, describing Mother Moon's life and accomplishments, the marriage blessings he has attended in Korea, conferences in Washington, DC, the Middle East Peace Initiatives, etc.

Kook Jin spoke with great power and spirit. With each passing day, he presents the Founder's Address with greater and greater clarity, conviction and confidence. He truly stands as a prince. His wife, Ji Hye, and sister, Yeon Jin, are always supporting, seated in the front row each day.

Mother Moon is consistently graceful, beautiful and fully at ease in presenting the truthful and deep content of her message each day.

Following the main event, Mother Moon and the family watched the World Cup game between France and Portugal. Dinner consisted of a buffet of pizza, Burger King, Kentucky Fried Chicken and kimchee soup.

The following morning, Mother Moon talked about children, new beginnings, springtime and harvest. "This is the time of ripeness, heavenly fortune and harvest," she said, "and yet so many are living in darkness. We need to bring people into the light. The age of indemnity with no result is over. Now, whatever you plant will yield result. I witnessed many miracles during my speaking tour."

She referred to the difficulties in entering some nations. "People are ignorant of what True Parents are doing for the world as true peacemakers. Spread the word of True Parents' work and accomplishments. People will see that this message is precious for their lives."

Mother Moon then invited the Hungarians and Austrians to sing and encouraged them to include singing and dancing in their public events. Following a song by Rev. and Mrs. Yong Cheol Song, she led everyone in singing the traditional Korean song, "Om Maya." On the way to the airport, they stopped at McDonalds for breakfast. ❖

UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

July 4, 2006

Mother Moon and Kook Jin Moon arrived in Bratislava, Slovakia, early on July 4, and were welcomed at the airport by several Ambassadors for Peace, including former Deputy Foreign Minister Robert Harencar, as well as the core national leadership of the Universal Peace Federation and the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

Bratislava

In addition, Mother Moon was welcomed by former President Michal Kovac; he was the first President of the new nation of the Slovak Republic. President Kovac spoke with Mother Moon and Kook Jin for about ten minutes at the airport. He spoke about the need to address the problem of family breakdown and expressed his appreciation for Father and Mother Moon and

the message being carried around the world. After being liberated from Communist domination, Czechoslovakia was divided in two. Slovakia [Slovak Republic] and the Czech Republic separated amicably and formed two independent states, in 1993. Slovakia joined the European Union and



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NATO in 2004. The population is five million; 70 percent are Roman Catholic.

The national leaders are Igor and Katalin Koromhaz; from Korea came Rev. Kim Sung

died in prison under suspicious circumstances; she was honored by Father Moon as a martyr.

The main event took place at the Slovak National Theatre, a wonderful concert hall located in the center of the old city near the Danube River. It was the same hall where True Father spoke in 2005. Mr. Martin Alexy was the emcee.

A choir from Vienna, the "Vienna Peace Choir," performed two pieces that were fantastic in quality. Two members of the Special Task Force in Europe performed several pieces with guitar and bagpipes.

The program went very well. Kook Jin was especially inspiring and dynamic in his presentation. His wife Ji Hye and sister Yeon Jin offered their full attention and support from the first row.

Following the main program there was a reception where former President Kovac was honored with UPF's Leadership and Good Governance Award, followed by the appointment of two Ambassadors for Peace.

Later that evening, Mother Moon treated many of the staff and members to dinner at McDonalds. ❖

Won and Mrs. Lee Eui Ja. The first representative of Father and Mother Moon in the country was Mrs. Emilia Steberl from Austria; she went to Czechoslovakia in 1968, while it was still under communist rule. Severe persecution began in 1973, and 30 people were imprisoned for up to five years. Czech sister Marie Zivna

June 28, 2006

Istanbul

was very bridgeable. Kook Jin Nim spoke very dynamically and with his whole heart. Mother

Istanbul, formerly known as Constantinople, was settled by the emperor Constantine as the Roman Empire's capital on the Bosphorous, the bridge or crossroads between Europe and Asia. Turkey is a Muslim country, but in the city's midst is an enclave, with the headquarters of the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Orthodox Church. Here is located one of the greatest cathedrals, turned into a mosque: Hagia Sophia [sacred wisdom], where many early Christian ecumenical councils were convened.

Mother and Kook Jin Nim arrived in Istanbul on June 28 and were welcomed by a group that included Ambassadors for Peace, the various leaders of our movement in Turkey, plus Dr. Chang Shik Yang and several Korean War veterans. Turkey was one of the 16 nations that participated in the UN forces during the Korean War, and Dr. Yang has responsibility for Turkey in relation to this group of veterans. Mr. Alireza Alhoui came from the Today's World office in Korea, and Mr. Ray Mas came from the World Peace Herald office in Washington, DC. One of the veterans at the airport had a photo album of his time in Korea with many very wonderful and well-preserved pictures.

The main event was attended by 500 people, including many Ambassadors for Peace, Korean War veterans, and other civic, religious and government leaders. In the past, most events in Turkey involved some tension due to the lack of a substantial foundation for our movement in Turkey. However, this time, that gap

Moon was, as she has been so consistently throughout, radiant and effective in communicating both content and heart, truth and love.

Each night the children of True Parents — Hyun Jin and his wife Jun Sook in Asia and Eurasia and now Kook Jin and his wife Ji Hye as well as daughter Yeon Jin — sit attentively and supportively in the audience along with Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Jin Man Kwak, and others. In company with everyone else, they follow the text with Mother Moon as she reads her speech, always learning more.

The audience was very warm, welcoming, and very happy to be there. The Korean War veterans added a lot. When Rev. Kwak gave his Chairman's Address, he acknowledged the veterans and expressed his appreciation for them; they stood and received everyone's applause.

Many table groups in the audience were made up of members from the same family. As Dr. Walsh went around to tables during the dinner following the event, many introduced him to their husband or wife, their sisters and brothers, their mother and father, and so forth.

One of the daughters of founding president, Kemal Ataturk, was in the audience and expressed much appreciation, saying that the speeches of Mother and Kook Jin Nim "expressed the same ideals and vision that I and my family hold dear." Basically all were inspired, appreciative, and eager to continue building the relationship and building a movement. ❖

July 7, 2006

Sarajevo

Following the main event there was a reception, and the guests expressed much appreciation for the event. Each night, immediately following the event, Mother Moon and Kook Jin call Father

Moon to report about the day and talk together.

The following morning, Mother Moon talked about God's desire to dwell with His family. "If Adam and Eve had perfected themselves, centered on God, then they would have been connected directly to God's love life and lineage," she said. "There would have been no nationalities, races or religions. Do you think the five major religions around the world exist according to a full understanding of God's will and purpose of creation? Even in this country and throughout the Balkan region, there is so much suffering and tragedy due to religious discord. Although God is one, religious people could not love one another, and individualistic, selfish attitudes brought so much suffering and conflict. So far the realm of religions have been a realm of brothers. Until the True Parents appear, the brothers quarrel and fight with one another."

Mother Moon described one American who volunteered to go to the USSR representing Father and Mother Moon. Through prayer he was guided to a school library and met a woman student, who had had a dream the previous night that she would meet an American missionary the following day. "Do you think this was accidental?" she asked. "You too can have that kind of experience. We are to live for the sake of our family, tribe, nation and world."

She thanked those who came from Germany, France, Austria and England to help prepare for the event. An Englishman sang a solo, and the Special Task Force sang "You Are My Sunshine" and "We Are the World." ❖

Mother Moon and Kook Jin arrived in Sarajevo, Bosnia, on the morning of July 6, welcomed by Ambassador for Peace Sead Gajevic and other Universal Peace Federation leaders.

Bosnia was for a time part of the Ottoman Empire that dominated the Balkans; later it was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and later still part of Yugoslavia and the Soviet Empire. Bosnian people are from diverse backgrounds: 17 percent are Bosnian Croats of Catholic background, 31 percent are Bosnian Slavs of Orthodox background, and 44 percent are Bosnian Slavs who are Muslim. The capital, Sarajevo, has been called the Jerusalem of Europe due to its religious diversity.

The history of the Unification movement in Bosnia began in 1996 with the assignment of four families: Rev. Um Il-sup, the Ishikawas, the Yasutakes and the Wenzels. A Bosnia member, Vesna Princip, together with Mr. Paul Yasutake and the Japanese volunteers with the Women's Federation for World Peace established a center in 1997. That year every house was visited. In 1998 Mr. Soung Ryong Kim was appointed the national leader.

The main event, with 400 in attendance, went very well, with very good organization from Rev. Kim and Mr. Christian Hausmann. Kook Jin Nim and True Mother were very well received.

Former President Ejup Ganic was the featured Ambassador for Peace speaker, and he spoke about the importance of the Universal Peace Federation for Bosnia and the world. He praised UPF's global activities to fight poverty and AIDS as well as its work in promoting peace through sports, the arts, interreligious harmony, etc.

TRUE MOTHER'S WORLD TOUR

July 2, 2006

Warsaw

Mother Moon and Kook Jin Moon arrived in Warsaw around noon on July 2. Poland's history as a nation dates back to about the 10th century. In 966 Christianity came to Poland through German missionaries, many of whom were martyred. Christianity grew strong in Poland. Poland's Karol Wojtyla (1920-2005) took the name John Paul II when he became Pope.

Prior to the main event there was a reception for about 40 Ambassadors for Peace and distinguished guests. Dr. Yong Cheol Song, regional chair of UPF-Europe, and Dr. Thomas Walsh hosted the reception and gave brief remarks.

The main event was very well organized, and the stage was designed beautifully. The emcee was Mr. Grzegorz Galacki. The hall itself was packed; an extra room was opened up, and extra chairs brought in. The unity among organizers from Poland and Germany and among elder and younger generations contributed to the success of the



event.

Dr. Marcelli Burdelski, Associate Professor at the University of Gdansk Institute of Political Science, gave the welcome remarks. He spoke about the importance of the vision and work of Father and Mother Moon and especially of the importance of the Universal Peace Federation.

Following the presentations of Kook Jin and Mother Moon and the prayer for blessing of marriage, several people offered reflections: Mr. Jan Roman Braun, President of the Polish and European Budo Sports Association; Rev. Jean-Luc Faure of the Pentecostal Church of Germany; Mr. Karl-Christian Hausmann of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in Germany; and Mr. Krzysztof Gago of the Interre-

ligious and International Federation for World Peace in Poland. Each expressed what inspired them about the evening. Rev. Faure spoke of seeing a golden aura around Mother Moon.

The following morning, Mother Moon thanked the organizers for their hard work and creating such a wonderful event: "True Parents and True Family have now planted the seed in this nation. My heart has been broken to see how there is still so much discord among religions and still struggle and conflict. I know your history has so much sadness and sorrow, but it also has joy. So many people in this nation have been praying for this day. We are so fortunate to have God as our Heavenly Parent. True Parents who have established such a victorious foundation. If you share this joy, greater happiness and joy will return to you. The more you enlarge your capacity, the more people will come under your realm of Blessing."

She reflected on the warm receptions she received in India, Nepal and the Philippines and encouraged the young people to learn Korean and develop their musical abilities. After listening to songs in Polish, German and English, Mother Moon invited her son Kook Jin and his wife Ji Hye to join her in singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" in Korean. ❖

July 3, 2006

Bucharest

Mother Moon and Kook Jin Moon arrived in Bucharest, Romania, on July 3 and were welcomed by Ambassadors for Peace and local leaders. They were then provided with a police escort to the Marriott Hotel.

Romania became Christian somewhere between the 2nd and 4th centuries. Romania has been a Latin enclave surrounded by Slavic peoples and nations. It was dominated at various times by the Ottomans, Russians and Austrians. The ruthless dictator Nicolae Ceausescu ruled from 1965 to 1989, when he was executed. Romania has a highly literate society. It has maintained good relations with Israel as well as with the PLO and other Arab countries. A member of NATO, Romania will join European Union in January 2007. Gymnast Nadia Comaneci was first gymnast to score a perfect ten in Olympic competition. In terms of religion, Romania is 85% Orthodox, 5% Roman Catholic, 5% Protestant, and 1% Uniate.

The main event was also held at the Marriott Hotel and was attended by an overflow crowd. The reception preceding it was packed with people. The program went very smoothly, with a warm and receptive, high-quality audience.

Former Prime Minister Radu Vasile (1998-1999) gave the welcoming remarks and later was honored with the Leadership and Good Governance award. His father had been a political prisoner under the communists and thus he was initially barred from higher education, but eventually he earned his doctorate in economics. A member of the Christian-Democratic National Peasants' Party, he served as its General Secretary in Romania, vice president of the Romanian Senate, vice president of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and founding

member of the Central European Forum. One of his many books is entitled *World Economy: Avenues and Stages of Modernization*.

Imam Osman Aziz and Rev. Luther Daniel gave invocations. The Special Task Force choir provided entertainment.

Following the main event, there was a dinner for about 20 guests. The dinner discussion was lively and joyful. Former Prime Minister Vasile lamented what he sees as the decline of moral values in America, which threatens the legitimacy of U.S. claim to be the world's leader. He hopes for a recovery of America's moral enlightenment and considers Father Moon's message to be perhaps exactly what America and Romania needs. He also spoke about his discussions with Pope Paul II and his having arranged the Pope's visit to Romania. He said that Mother Moon's message, especially on the family, was exactly consistent with Roman Catholic social teachings.

Another participant was a professor of world religions, who knew the famous Romanian scholar of religions, Mircea Eliade. He spoke of Dr. Richard Quebedeaux, whom he met during their time together at Oxford.

The following morning Mother Moon spoke about preparing during our lifetime for the eternal realm: "The physical world is temporary. It is like our time in our mother's womb. If we do not come out of the womb after ten months, we will die, and even the mother will die. So too, we are to be born into a new world. During our life in this world we have to always focus on practicing true love, since that is the central language in the spiritual

world. This life is so important, as preparation for the spirit world. When you go to a friend's house, do you need a visa? We need to break down the barriers. This is the time to go beyond reli-

gions and nations and exist as one family."

She paid tribute to Romania's long and proud history. "You Ambassadors for Peace made a great effort," she continued, "but please understand, for this country to change, you need to continue your work. Let's look at the world from God's point of view and think of how God can recover and restore His lost children through you."

The chair of the Ambassadors for Peace in Romania responded: "I assure you that Romania will always have a great welcome for True Parents. Participants last night were delighted at the wonderful and enriching words, which they described as very specific and concrete. They value the message and want to spread this enlightenment. Please come again soon." An Ambassador for Peace from Bulgaria echoed the sentiments: "This was a great honor. Such meetings are very important for our personal lives. This message is so important for the prosperity of our countries. I hope that in the near future, Father and Mother will visit my coun-

try."

Mother Moon suggested a celebration of singing. There was singing by the young people present, followed by singing by people from Bulgaria, Romania, France, England and the United States. In conclusion, Kook Jin and his wife Ji Hae sang a duet. ❖

July 12, 2006

Ljubljana

Mother Moon arrived in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in the morning of July 12. Slovenia is a beautiful, largely mountainous country. Its mountains are an extension of the Italian Alps, with peaks of about 3000 meters. It is the most well-forested country in Europe and has a coastline on the Adriatic Sea. Outside the capital, most of the people live in small villages.

When Mother Moon arrived, she had the opportunity to see some of the nearby countryside, including a beautiful lake with pure, clear mountain water.

Although they are Slavic, Slovenia's people identify mostly with Western Europe. Even during the communist era, Slovenians did not learn the Russian language or toe the line with Stalin's policies.

The national leader is a bright, young Korean woman, Sun Woo Jo, whose husband is a Slovenian businessman.

The main event was held in a beautiful hall, which was filled to capacity. A reception preceded the main event. In addition to many Slovenian Ambassadors for Peace, a large group of Italian Ambassadors for Peace made the trip from Milan, Italy.

The movement in Slovenia is relatively young, but it shows signs of very good growth.

During his visit last year, Father Moon teased the Slovenians and encouraged them to become "Fastvenians." Slovenians, however, like to point out that their nation's name has the word love embedded in it. ❖

UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

July 13, 2006

Dublin

Mother Moon and Kook Jin traveled to Dublin, Ireland, on July 13. We gained an hour en route, leaving a little extra time prior to the event. It was a beautiful sunny, mild day, so on the way from the airport, at the suggestion of Dr. Yong Cheol Song, regional chair of UPF-Europe, the group took some time to visit the campus of Trinity College in Central Dublin. Considered to be the Harvard or Oxford of Ireland, Trinity College

the speech Mother Moon calls her husband from wherever she is. Often Kook Jin and Shin Joong (one of the grandchildren) also talk briefly. I am generally not around during these calls, but once or twice I was nearby as an eavesdropper, and they are obviously enjoy-

The main event in Dublin went very well. The hall was filled with 350 people. Halvard Iversen, assisted by native son Jack Corley and many others, put together an excellent program.

A symbol of the modern Ireland was the diversity of performers after the speeches. There was a girls traditional Irish dancing group, African dancers from Cameroon, a Philippine community children's dance and singing group, Sikh and Hindu dancers from India, and a youth abstinence group

rewarding good performance; and addressing causes and finding immediate solutions to poor performance.

He points out that an organization suffers when good performance is not recognized or rewarded — or worst of all, is suppressed or penalized. Furthermore, good leadership is not about doing all the work yourself but being “an honest broker” among a variety of talented contributors, having good judgment skills based on experience, and making good decisions based on honest accurate reporting. If very good peo-



contains the most priceless Irish treasure, the Book of Kells. This was followed by a walk down Grafton Street, which is known for its musicians and performers, to Stevens Green, a beautiful park where Mother Moon, Kook Jin and Ji Hye had coffee and scones. As they strolled through the park, the three held hands together, the son on one side and the daughter-in-law on the other.

It is beautiful to see them together and enjoying one another's company. I think of the sentence in the speech each night about continually growing in love within a family and never tiring or, in fact increasingly enjoying, one another's company.

On that note, here are a few anecdotes about family love. Each night after

ing one another.

In the speech book that Mother Moon reads from every day, pictures of Father Moon and their children and grandchildren are placed between the pages, so that as she stands at the podium and reads the text she is reminded of those dearest to her.

Every day, through Internet connection, Father Moon watches Mother Moon and Kook Jin deliver their messages. At the close of the main event, Shin Joon and Ji Hye join Mother Moon and Kook Jin for the final three cheers, making it a three-generation celebration. Each night when Mother Moon, Kook Jin and Shin Joong return to Geneva after a long day, Father Moon is waiting for them at the elevator lobby to welcome them. He is filled with joy each day to see them return.

from the UK, WAIT.

Over a lunch of bulgogi, chopchae, kimchi, and Kentucky Fried Chicken, there was a chance to spend a few minutes with Kook Jin after Mother Moon and Ji Hye departed. Dr. Song, Halvard Iversen, and Tim Reed were sitting with Kook Jin, who likes to learn about the local movement and its situation in each nation. His questions are put forward gently and simply, yet he is keenly perceptive, reflective and insightful. The conversation turned toward matters related to leadership and management. He mentions how success in any enterprise is linked to core management practices: setting up a clear, transparent, objective, factual reporting system; recognizing and

ple are not adequately recognized or rewarded, this affects growth, especially if ineffective leadership is rewarded.

In Geneva, Father Moon has been fishing each day on Lake Geneva, going out with Peter Kim, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, and others. Each day he has caught a large pike, 101 cms long one day and 105 cms the following day. Later, the fish were laid out on the coffee table in their suite so Mother Moon could see it. Heiner Handschinn described their search for a good fishing boat and guide. The person they finally found is a 14-year-old lad, who is apparently doing a bang-up job. ❖

July 10, 2006

Prague

Mother Moon departed from Geneva at 7:00 AM on July 10 and arrived in Prague, Czech Republic, about 10:00 AM. She was welcomed by Professor Milan Kalal, a nuclear physicist, Hon. Jaromir Kohlicek, member of the European Parliament, and by Mr. and Mrs. Hyung Tae Kim.

As with other Eastern European countries, the early emissaries of Father and Mother Moon worked underground as early as the 1960s; many were imprisoned, all were persecuted, and at least one was martyred, Marie Zivna.

The day of Mother Moon's arrival was beautiful. The suite at the Hotel President overlooked the Moldau River with a spectacular view of the river, the old city and the cathedral, high on a hill on the opposite bank of the river.

Prague is a beautiful city. The Czech Repub-

lic was the home of Jan Hus, the early reformer who influenced Martin Luther in Germany. Hus was himself influenced by John Wycliff. Also Jan Comenius, the great theologian, pedagogue and philosopher of education, was from the Czech Republic, as were composers Bedrich Smetana and Antonin Dvorak. In 1968 Czechoslovakia led the “Prague Spring,” rebelling against Soviet tyranny; it was put down by Soviet tanks. Later, in 1989, the Velvet Revolution was successful in leading to independence.

The main event was held in a beautiful, grand Hall in the Palace Zofin on an island in the middle of the Moldau River. The event began with a reception. There was classical entertainment in the program. Eva Kanturkova, Chair of the Writers' Union of the Czech Republic, gave the opening remarks.

Both Kook Jin and Mother Moon spoke passionately and warmly, to an enthusiastic audience.

Following the prayer for blessing of marriage, Father and Mother Moon's grandson Shin Joong joined in three cheers, uniting three generations in concluding a great day in Prague. It was a true Prague Spring. ❖

Internship Connection Program

by Nari Stephens.

Announcing the birth of an Internship Connection Program under the Blessed Family Department. It is the brainchild 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 can 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.

You can find the link to “Internships” on the main BFD site at:

www.familfed.org/bfd or you can go there directly at:

www.familyfed.org/bfd/internships.htm

TRUE MOTHER'S WORLD TOUR

July 15, 2006 London

Mother Moon and Kook Jin Moon arrived in England on July 15 at a private airport, Chislehurst, and went straight to the very, very beautiful Livingston House, the house built for the explorer of "Dr. Livingston I presume" fame, for lunch. Afterwards there was a one-hour into central London to the elegant, very well-lit exhibition hall of the Royal Horticultural Society of the UK.

Nearly 1500 people packed the hall. There was a reception for about 100 distinguished guests of all racial, religious, national, ethnic backgrounds. Robin Marsh presided and both Dr. Thomas G. Walsh and Dr. Michael W. Jenkins offered remarks.

The main event was co-emceed by Mr. David Hannah and Dr. Walsh. The evening opened with performances by several youth groups — "Shinrok," a rock band from Germany, the "WAIT Group" of dancers, "Silk Strings" playing oriental instruments —plus one Gospel choir.

Rev. Dr. David Hart gave the welcome remarks, commenting on the beautiful diversity of the audience and the changes in London and the United Kingdom since he was born in 1954 — noting that he was born the same year that HSA-UWC was formed in Korea. He described the great significance of the movement Father and Mother Moon are leading all over the world. He was dynamic, articulate and insightful.

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak delivered the Chairman's Address with passion and clarity, laying the foundation for

Mother Moon and Kook Jin.

The principal speakers were both in their top form. This being the final event for the European tour, and particular-

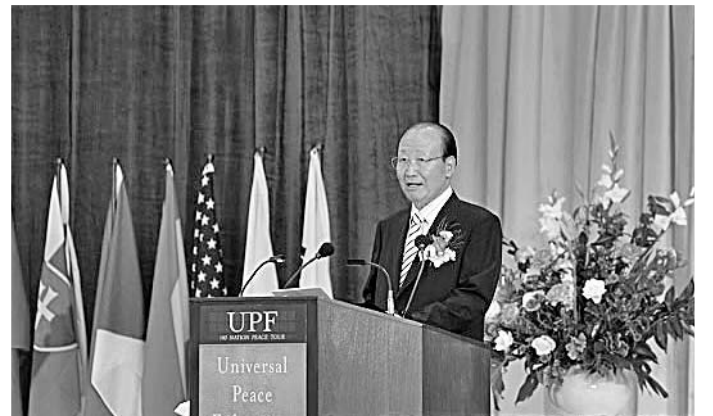
ly Kook Jin's last event for this world tour, there was a feeling of accomplishment and appreciation in the air, so their presentations were especially crisp, energy-charged and spirited. The audience was equally in good form, engaged, responsive and grateful.

It was a great day, a beautiful day to be in London.

The British members are wonderful

and full of good talent, with all working cooperatively to offer the best service and create a successful event. One example, the group from Birmingham, with David Earle, brought 120 guests to the London event.

This was great conclusion to the European tour through 15 nations. Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Song, to Mr. Mark Brann, Rev. Tim Reed, and all the UPF team and Ambassadors for Peace. ❖



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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

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We will assess what are the best steps we can take and make recommendations. We are working on all fronts - Jordan, Palestinian Territories (Gaza, West Bank), Israel and Lebanon.

With the authority that we have as Ambassadors for Peace and the burning desire in the majority of all people on all sides to end this suffering - the Ambassadors for Peace can and will strengthen morale and reaffirm other non violent options to resolve this crisis.

God is real and we find the people of faith here are not surprised or shocked at the current crisis which many call an all out war. This conflict will repeatedly manifest in violence until we get to the root causes that is the basis for the hate and resentment.

The reality is this: we must win the battle to define what are the correct principles and methods to achieve peace. These principles and methods must have God in the center and be consistent with the Koran and the Bible and all scriptures. This is the power that can give the moral authority to call for an end of violence.

Moral values, conscientiousness, ethics, respect and love are needed for peace and a good civil society. Government and political efforts alone cannot address these needs effectively. The Interreligious approach based on faith is critically important for Peace. The work of the NGO's is also critical to keep lines of communication open when governments cannot. Without this component of interfaith, Dr. King's movement in America could never have crossed over racial, denominational and religious boundaries. When Rabbis flooded the south and marched with Christians choosing to respond to the oppressors with love and refusing to respond with violence then violence and hate were exposed and defeated.

God loves all people therefore we must love Jews, Muslims and Christians and move together as people of faith establishing the basis for reconciliation, healing and the realization of justice and freedom for all. Government can't legislate or call for the faith and love. However the People of the Book can. NGO's can. We are here with the Middle East Ambassadors for Peace and they are calling for respect for all religions, races and nations. Real respect. Remember, in America black people were seen as radical and violent and therefore it was argued by white lead-

ers of the south that they couldn't be respected and trusted. However, all people are created by God and must be respected as equals before God. There is a huge problem of hate and discrimination that is a major part of the root problem here. There are undercurrents of discrimination and hate that must be exposed and

UPF and the Middle

the last three years through intensive efforts and the visit of 11,000 Ambassadors for Peace. We are well prepared for this hour. There are many many here in the Middle East who have gone

prepare to come to Jerusalem. We are needed here more than ever. Please pray for our Ambassadors for Peace who are Israeli, Palestinian, Jordanian and Lebanese - Muslim Christian and Jewish. They are not afraid. We must have the spirit of the prophet Elijah when he faced the prophets of Baal. We sincerely ask all our Ambassadors for Peace worldwide to prepare to come to Jerusalem to bring peace and end the war.

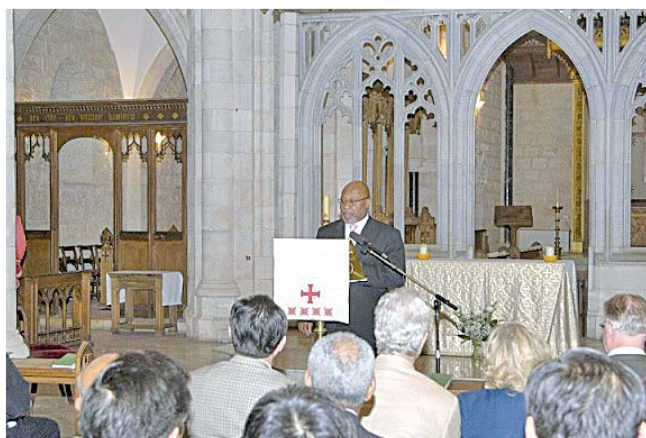
After meeting key Ambassadors for Peace from the three Abrahamic faiths - I feel once again our hope for peace is real. We cannot let those who want to divide and separate God's people into divided brothers achieve their ends. We must sacrifice ourselves and then our brothers will naturally unite with us. True people of faith are coming together in every nation. Those who divide, discriminate and hate cannot win.

However, we must show the example by coming here where the tensions are very high.

Those who love all people as God does and are willing to give their lives for the sake of others will triumph. As Dr. King said, I have been to the Mountaintop and I can see the promised land. However we will not rest until all reach the Promised land. All must have freedom of worship, security, justice and prosperity. Not for some - but for all. We are ready to sacrifice our lives to save the Jews. We are ready to sacrifice our lives to save the Muslims. We are ready to sacrifice our lives to save the Christians. The Israelis, the Palestinians, the Lebanese. All are in need of Divine protection and liberation. That is our mission. We shall overcome.

The main focus of our MEPI strategy is to strengthen the relationship between the 1st and 2nd Israels. To do that we are conducting a

series of dialogues between Jewish leaders and Christians. On May 17th and 18th we had our second in a series. Dr. Frank Kaufmann chaired the sessions, and once again we are very encouraged and we can see that the conditions that True Parents have set to remove the barriers that have blocked Jews and Christians for 2,000 years are now removed. We had Orthodox rabbis as well as prominent scholars join in the dialogue once again. The topics ranged from the value of prayer to the story of Jacob and Esau,



healed.

Our Ambassadors for Peace are Muslims, Christians and Jews who have overcome the feeling of superiority and hate and have found that their brother or sister of another faith is just as important and valuable as they themselves are. They have found common ground in the love of the one God of all the Abrahamic faiths. They are marching together and are proud of their ability to go beyond the boundaries of race and culture. They have been well trained and prepared for

beyond the boundaries and love all faiths and peoples. We need to associate them all together so that the spirit of love and acceptance prevails instead of intolerance and hate. These barriers must be broken down with love, education and action that gives experience and confirmation to the heart.

Father Moon has mentioned that if we had one million with such a heart it would be impossible for such conflict to manifest here in the Middle East.

Please pray for the Middle East and

East Peace Initiative

and Joseph and his brothers. One prominent chief rabbi's wife participated in the discussion.

One of the most beautiful things about the rabbis is their depth of understanding of the meaning and the value of God's word. Repeatedly we saw in statements and in reflections that their knowledge of the word was very precise, and many revelations could be received by the Christian leaders. Outstanding theologians and religious leaders from England and Norway played very prominent roles. Rev. Dr. Marcus Braybrooke, who has written many books on Jewish-Christian dialogue and received honor and respect from many of the key rabbis in the United Kingdom, was very pleased with the dialogue. We all felt that a new level had been reached as we transcend the traditional hang-ups that have caused division and separation.

Somehow there was a longing in the rabbis for this kind of discussion. Whereas traditionally there has been an understanding that there is very little common ground, Dr. Braybrooke, with his immense knowledge and appreciation of Judaism, was a stabilizing and reassuring example of what Christianity really should have been — a religion of love based on Jesus' love that would really seek to love and understand and appreciate everyone. The discussion on Jacob and Esau brought out a lot of concerns.

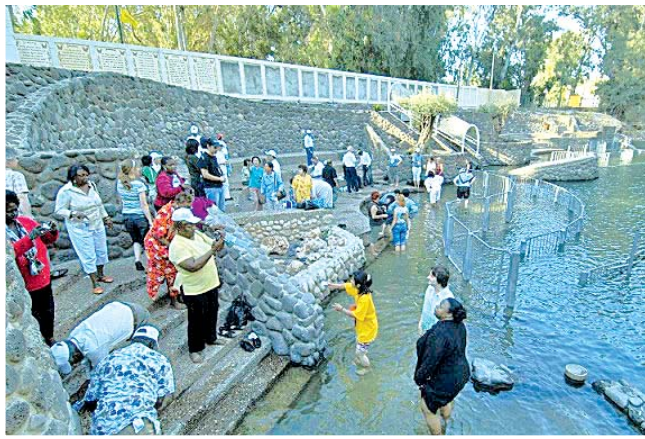
Dr. Joshua Ben Ami, who is truly an expert on Old Testament, New Testament history and theology, shared his concern for the Jacob and Esau story because even though the brothers come together, there is a breakdown in the relationship later. All agreed that the meeting of Jacob and Esau was significant, but it was understood that the story of Joseph embracing his brothers after he had been sent to prison was a richer story, with a better conclusion.

It was interesting to note, as one rabbi read, that Joseph said to his brothers that he was sent by God to go the way he did, and that even though his brothers sold him into slavery, he didn't blame them because he felt God allowed him to go this course. It was also brought up that Rebecca, the mother of Jacob and Esau, received revelation even before the boys were born that the elder would serve the younger, meaning that God had certainly set up the situation to occur.

Jewish women scholars were present and contributed greatly. One of the most

beautiful discussions concerned the story of Esther. The chief rabbi's wife shared that just as Esther's identity was initially hidden from Ahasuerus, the king who

by the MEPI program, such as the coronation of Jesus, have laid internal conditions that allowed for a dawning of a new day.



later became her husband, there are many hidden meanings in the whole book of Esther. The role of women in the Bible was discussed in a very profound way, highlighting that the biblical figures such as Rachel and Zipporah were instrumental and central to the success of the family mission.

We are truly uplifted and amazed that this discussion could occur. We even went into the sensitive topic of the messiah and the identity of Jesus as a Jew. Certainly the Jerusalem Declaration and the other conditions that have been made

Critical to our discussion was the fact that we are not seeking conversion; we are looking to go back to our roots to strengthen our own faith and relationship with each other, seeking to bring unity of God's people. It becomes more and more clear that the unity of God's people is essential to strengthen the family. It is equally clear that the secular world and those who are unappreciative of the role of faith often promote the division of religions. Truly the people who understand God's intention and God's word seem to find the scriptural founda-

tions within their faith traditions that show that we will eventually all come together as one family under God.

Archbishop Stallings, a Catholic theologian and priest, displayed a vast understanding of the historical implications of the break of the early Jewish followers of Jesus from traditional Judaism. All agreed that love is the key to overcome. Christians must truly have Jesus'

love for all people, instead of condemning not only non-Christian religions but also other Christian denominations. This was highlighted by Archbishop Stallings as being essential. Only a movement of true love guided by the spirit of God can allow us to go beyond the walls of our religions and doctrines, to focus on the essential teachings which are common through all faith traditions — that we must love God and love one another.

It was beautiful to read in Isaiah 58 that "My house is a house of prayer for all people." This inscription can be found at the entrance of the Western Wall, and is the spiritual foundation for the Jewish rabbis welcoming all believers to come together to pray.

Rev. Darryl Gray from Canada contributed significantly to the discussion. He has participated extensively in Jewish-Christian dialogues in Canada and has traded pulpits with Reform groups there. His observation was that this is a time when genuine believers within each faith tradition see the hope of coming together. Only through the coming together of religious leaders who appreciate the founders of the different religions, as well as the fundamental core teachings common to all the Abrahamic faiths, can we really achieve a true family atmosphere.

Brothers and sisters, please understand and believe that the foundations of the earth are shaking in Jerusalem. A foundation for peace is now being realized as the 1st and 2nd Israel are coming together. As you know, the American culture is often referred to as a Judeo-Christian culture. The two religions are not meant to be separate. They are meant to come together. As they come together, they become the true embodiment of Isaac. As they unify, the hope of heal-

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Reflections on the 2nd Jewish-Christian Dialogue of the Middle East Peace Initiative

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

The second Jewish-Christian Dialogue of the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) took place from May 17-18, 2006, in the beautiful Olive Tree hotel, 10 minutes from the Damascus gate of Old Jerusalem city. Our 8th floor meeting room was an intimate, sun-drenched space, with floor to ceiling windows on 3 sides of a room that fit our 18-20 participants snugly.

The dialogue was blessed by an ideal mix of return partners and new, gaining continuity and a deepening foundation from the returning participants, and expansion and entrée into higher circles of the establishment from the new dialogue partners.

These dialogues are rooted in the historic Jerusalem Declaration of May 18, 2003. At the conclusion of the first MEPI pilgrimage Christians and Jews repented to one another for all sins and offense committed against one another over our long and often shameful history. This ideal behavior is called for by all great spiritual traditions. Each group presented themselves not with demands looking for fault in the other, but rather standing together in a shared space of repentance in which all, each in our own way, sought forgiveness; from on high, and from one another.

The reading and signing of the Jerusalem Declaration enveloped those present in a palpable atmosphere of healing and reconciliation. I myself saw the spiritual world descend at that time. Dialogues like the one last week proceed from this act, this deed of the heart, not from an idea. I believe it is for this reason that the divine seems to break so often in during these current Jewish-Christian meetings. A renowned pioneer in Jewish-Christian relations stopped me in the hall to exclaim, "This is the very

best meeting I've attended among Christians and Jews for as long as I can remember. There is a complete absence of barriers and posturing," he said. In every session we traversed an invisible, spiritual path toward a transcendent moment of reconciliation.

Shuki.

This year the most peculiar thing happened. I noticed it only AFTER everything was said and done. Shuki recommended the following topics, and after prayerful reflection we settled upon them as sound and well considered. Session

harmony sprouted in and around us, radiated out, and finally enveloped the partners in ineffable spaces of oneness. Yet interesting as this repeat experience was time and again, perhaps more sublime was the "accidental" progression of the conference as a whole.

The day came to its gentle settlement, and only then did I look back to see that the topics Shuki picked perfectly recapitulated restoration history! The foundation to receive the Messiah, and walking along this path hand in hand were Christians and Jews! Prayer, the path of Abel, the Foundation of Faith, the Reconciliation of brothers, the Foundation of Substance, the role of women, the restoration of Eve, and the Messiah, the conclusion, the Tikkun, Olam, the repairing of the world, the time of promise when heaven and earth are made whole.

I believe that conditions for experiences and events such as

these come from the vision and the path of indemnity of Father Moon, and the conditions of humility and sincerity offered by brothers and sisters in the Jewish family, the Christian family, and the Unification family. People like Hod, who patiently sought the venue to expand and substantiate the Jerusalem Declaration, Reverend Jenkins, who combines a willingness to listen with a power to realize intentions. Old friends and new, who gathered humbly before God. Everyone from our delightful translator, who excitedly and masterfully bridged our distances from Hebrew to English, to renowned interfaith activists and everyone in between; no one jockeyed for position or recognition but only sought to serve the desire of God, and the needs of the world. ❖



The primary public person at the center of these dialogues so far is Professor Joshua Ben Ami, a trained biblical scholar and studied Kabbalist. Professor Ben Ami has been deeply integrated into MEPI efforts. Friends know him as Shuki.

Shuki together with Unification scholars and leaders worked closely together to design the topics and progression of both dialogues so far. A new face on the scene this time was William Haines, a Unification brother originally from the UK, with a long career of sacrifice, most especially in the USSR.

Late in the process William took over the dialogue preparation from local national leader Hod Ben Zvi (who became increasingly weighed down by the demands of the major international pilgrimage). I myself came even later, inheriting the work and the growing relationship that was developing between William and

I was on prayer in the two traditions. Session 2 entitled "Reconciliation of Brothers," took up the stories of Jacob, and Joseph respectively. After lunch session 3 was on the role of women in the two religions, and finally the concluding session was on the Messiah in Christianity and in Judaism.

An orthodox wife of an Israeli chief rabbi confided that in many circles it is absolutely verboten to even utter the sound "Jesus," and yet here we were all together discussing the thorniest and most unmentionable parts of our shared history.

Each session was rich in its own right, and as I say, every one moved from respectful conversation, dialogue, and presentations of views and positions to a shattering of the mundane and a yielding of the intellect to the in-breaking of the world of the heart. Reconciliation and

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ing the division and separation with Ishmael becomes real, and the light of hope

that one day Christians, Muslims and Jews will come together is now being realized. We are deeply grateful for True Parents' love and understanding.

Forty-one years ago True Father made a holy ground in Gethsemane, and into

one olive tree there he drove three nails, one for Judaism, one for Christianity, one for Islam. All of our delegations went there today and prayed together. It's so beautiful that these three Abrahamic faiths can become one family in

heart and spirit and truth.

I want to thank all our brothers and sisters for sacrificing so that this MEPI program could go forward. ❖



Archbishop Milingo Declares New Ministry

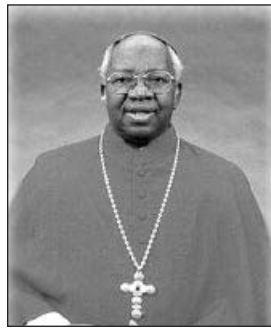
Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, the Catholic cleric who upset the Vatican in 2001 by taking a South Korean as his bride in a Blessing by True Parents, announced on July 12, 2006 the formation of a new ministry to persuade the Roman Catholic Church to allow priests to marry.

Surrounded by several former priests, who are now married, at the National Press Club, Archbishop Milingo, 76, couched his challenge to Rome in conciliatory language. "To our beloved mother church, we beseech you to open your arms to these prodigal children who have longed to return home and

have so much to offer," he said. "There is no more important healing than the reconciliation of 150,000 married priests."

He said several impoverished former priests "are selling doughnuts in the street. Some have become vagabonds. These people were popular with their churches. They just wanted to go back to their origin as human beings."

The first synod of bishops held under Pope Benedict XVI last October acknowledged a shortage of priests but rejected changing church doctrine to



allow priests to marry.

The former archbishop of Lusaka, Zambia, Archbishop Milingo renounced his marriage to Maria Sung four months after participating in the nuptials and returned to the embrace of Rome. He has since been under what he characterizes as church-enforced house arrest in Zagarolo, outside of Rome.

He "escaped," he said, in early June, when several nuns overseeing him thought he was taking a siesta. He left, following the belongings and personal effects he had been sending out-

side the compound for several weeks, and left his room keys on an altar.

The Vatican tried to find him, asking officials in Zambia to help. He came to Washington on June 25 and has been aided by the Rev. George Stallings Jr.

Archbishop Stallings said that Archbishop Milingo has not been reunited with Mrs. Sung but expects to be soon. He said the group has elaborate plans for the new ministry and that wives of priests will make public appearances in the future. The couple will stay in Washington until the archbishop's visa expires in six months, and then return to Zambia. ❖

This is the text of the address given at the press conference.

by Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo

We are dealing with a very serious matter that has affected the Catholic Church for many years. In the last 35 years since the International Catholic Synod of Bishops in 1971, the struggles surrounding celibacy have worsened. If in 1971, the church listened to the appeals of Bishops to offer celibacy as an option to those who would bind themselves to it for their entire lives, but let those called to be ordained priests, yet married, to fulfill their calling, then today we would not be harvesting straw instead of divine graces.

The seriousness of the matter was emphasized once again when the US Bishops raised the issue as we entered this third millennium. Once more the authorities in the Vatican waved it off, to the detriment of the church in USA and around the world.

Married priesthood has existed as early as the time of Moses, as we read in Leviticus that they were all married, the family of the High priest Aaron. Some argue that what was demanded in that priesthood was merely a legal purity. But when God demanded sanctity as a sign of being intimate with Him, this injunction of sanctity was still more applicable to priests:

"Be holy, because I, your Lord, am holy." Sanctity or holiness is the first requirement of any priesthood, married or celibate.

The Apostles ordained priests and bishops, regardless of their marital status. St. Paul ordained Timothy and consecrated him to Bishopric. He ordained the first Bishop of the Island of Malta, who was a married man. As St. Paul said to Timothy, the one condition he imposed upon a Bishop was to marry only once.

"A Bishop must be irreproachable, married only once, temperate, self controlled, decent, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not aggressive, but gentle, not contentious, not a lover of money." (Timothy 3:2-3)

Some people will be surprised to hear of what became of Zacchaeus, the short man whom Jesus called down from a sycamore tree and then visited his house. He truly was converted with his whole family, and ended being consecrated Bishop of Caesarea Philippi. (History of the Church: Venturi).

Jesus shared fully with all his apos-

cles, both married and non-married, all that was required to be an Apostle. He did not show favoritism to any of them. Even as He gave them responsibilities, He looked to each one's capacity, and relied on each of them. The question of celibacy was not His preoccupation. I think that the demands presented by St. Paul to a candidate to Bishopric are more than sufficient for the life of a Bishop. Looking back to priesthood from which rank a Bishop comes the same demands are applied to the priesthood.

We hereby appeal to those Bishops who have been sent to the monasteries, condemned forever, never to appear any more to their faithful. Let them come out of their Catholic prisons and be reinstated, taking once more their pastoral responsibility among the married priests. Please let us know where you are, be in contact with us.

To those priests who may feel that by marrying they have stepped down or fallen short, unleash your burden of humiliation, exclusivity, and shame. Come among your fellow "sinners," so consid-



Marriage in the Priesthood

ered, who were to be branded, and to be forgotten forever as weaklings. Come

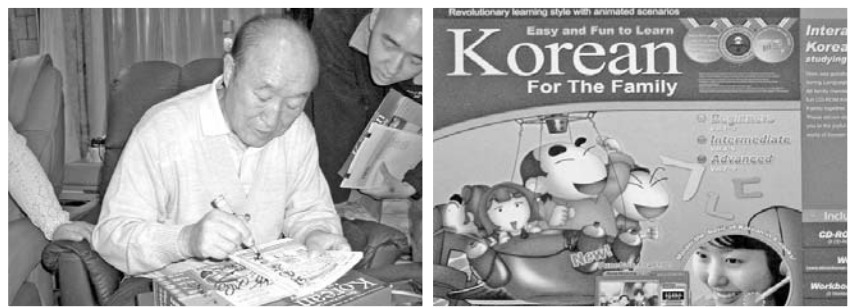
in, but never come with lamentations. Your burden has been loaded off, you come light, released from any weight of sinfulness. Become a Magdalene, a Paul, a Peter or Augustine, or one of the many others who never looked back to their struggling past. They all became outstanding saints, in spite of their former weaknesses.

To our beloved "Mother Church," we beseech you to open your arms to these prodigal children who have longed to return home and have so much to offer. There is no more important healing than the reconciliation of 150,000 married priests with the Mother Church, and the healing of a Church in crisis through the renewing of marriage and family. The Church has nothing to lose by allowing priests the option to marry. Historically, out of holy marriages have come priests, popes, saints, and loving servants of God and the Church.

It is out of our love for our Faith and deep concern for its future that we proclaim this day, the end of mandatory celibacy, and the option for priests to sanctify the family as it was intended in the Garden of Eden, even as they fulfill their calling and ordination. ❖

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UTS Doctor of Ministry

Interview by Yeunhwa Chang with Dr. Kathy Winings. Dr. Winings is Dean, UTS Extension Center; Director, UTS Doctor of Ministry Program; and Associate Professor of RE and Ministry.

Q. Was it always the intention of UTS to have a Doctor of Ministry Degree program?

A. It was when father raised the issue and requested it back in '97. He said he would like UTS to offer a Doctorate of Ministry Degree. We did a search for a director and I was hired full time for that and began working on designing it, so it's been in our minds since he first mentioned it in '97, for nine years.

Q. Why did UTS desire to have a Doctorate program?

A. Once we understood what a Doctorate of Ministry is, and does, we all realized that it is the right degree for UTS. One, it's the natural doctorate of the MDiv. Each field has its natural doctorate. In education, there's the Master in ED, there's the Doctors ED. A masters in theology has a doctorate in theology. They all have their natural doctorate; professional doctorate. So for any seminary offering an MDiv. This would be the natural, what we call, 'capstone' degree; the ultimate degree. On an internal level, once we understood what it does, then we realized that this was the right degree at the right time for our members, our leaders. They can professionalize and gain greater competency and understanding of ministry. whatever their area of ministry may be.

Q. Could you explain the approval process through the New York SED (State Education Department)?

A. It's a pretty straight forward legal process. When I sat with the head of the higher Ed. Dept. they found that our program meets the standards and requirements they put forth for doctorate degrees and for institutions like ours and that they recommended that ours be approved. cut and dry. and that's all they'll say for anybody.

Q. Recommended?, so they are not the ones who approve the program?

A. No. First, we do all our own study and submit all the documentations to the SED, the department then does their own internal study. They look at the initial report, they look at our documents, and then they do their own financial study, internal study, they canvas the district for all doctoral granting institutions and then ask them if it's ok if we are given the power to give a doctorate. They do this to see if there is any feelings of competition or anything else and to get a peer review in that sense. Schools can say, 'oh, I know about them. They're actually just a diploma mill' or 'oh, I know about them. No, we do the same thing and we're only two miles down the road'. It gives schools a chance, in theory, to make their voices known.

Q. Why is that important?

A. Well, for example, if a school proposes to do an accounting program, and there is another school, accredited and doing an accounting program, that can be viewed as competition. SED wants to give this school, which was chartered first, a chance to say why they don't want this school to get it. Then they make a choice and say, 'well, tough', or 'you got a good point'. It doesn't kill the program but if a school were to ever say in a canvas, 'I have reservations', then the SED will stop the

process and investigate: 'why don't you want them to get it?', 'what do you know?'. Etc. etc. If it's simple issues, more than likely SED will simply say, 'well look, I'm sorry, but we're probably going to recommend them.'

Q. Do you know what would not be a simple issue?

A. Probably if the school knew something about this other school, such as 'they're not really a school', or 'they're not really doing this', and 'we've been there on campus and they're doing this', or 'it's a front', or whatever, probably I would imagine that or if they knew about illegal practices or unethical practices. Possibly things like that.

Q. Back to the competition thing. The SED is more concerned with the potential competition and they're not so much concerned with opening up choices for people who want different choices?

A. Well they just want a school—a peer institution to be given the chance to say, 'gee but we're doing the same thing down the road'. In the SED's mind, it's only fair to ask a longer standing institutions opinion. I mean, if another school came across the hall here, and they were petitioning SED to be chartered, and they're doing the same thing, I would have to think about that. And we came first. And like I said, SED would stop and they would seriously investigate that. And they may even propose alternatives that we hadn't thought about: 'why don't you do a joint program with them?' —to make it cost effective, to make most institutions work, but ultimately to serve the students. That's their protection. But once they go through that process, then they send all their stuff to the board of regions. It goes to a special sub committee—the PP committee—that deals with policies and procedures, professional practice. That's the committee I sat in on to listen to that day. They go through each of those, and if there are any questions they'll discuss it and they'll say, 'okay. Here's what this is, x, y, and z'. Dr. Barbara Meinert from SED was there, and she answered any questions. I was there to answer any questions had they come up. If they have no questions, or no issues or whatever, it goes to the full region and then they just vote on it, straight item, yes or no. now again, if the region wanted to talk about this, they could do that, but they didn't.

Q. So before June 20, when the program was approved, how many times did you go to Albany to try to get the doctorate program approved?

A. Oh that was our first time. We sent our documents last June. SED is backlogged. They're overworked, underpaid, understaffed. Sounds familiar. We didn't want to send anything to them until we had everything ready. You just don't do that. Because we didn't want them to say no.

Q. If they were to say no, what would happen next?

A. They would tell us why and what the issue was and we would have to go back and correct it and re-apply. Which is pretty common actually.

Q. Then UTS was pretty lucky, if that's real-

ly common, to have been approved the first time around?

A. Yes. They are very picky on doctorate degrees. They're very, very clear. That's why I had to make several trips to Albany. Barbara did not understand a DMin program. Ours is only the second in probably ten years that has come before the state. There was one a year and a half ago. Up in Rochester there is a Christian university that has a small seminary called Northeastern Seminary. And it has similar clientel to ours here in the city, urban based. And they are a new seminary, five years old, they went right into the dmin. So they applied and ours is only the second one so I had to explain to her the difference between a DMin. and a Ph.D because they're very tough on ph.D's.

Q. Is the extension center a part of the approval for the Doctorate program? Will UTS seminary need to expand its facilities to accommodate this new program?

A. No, we're seen as one institution in SED's mind, separate from the Barytown campus. We are renovating, but we don't have to expand.

Q. What were the main complications/challenges you and your committee faced in creating this program and why?

A. One was concern about current faculty workload and that was the key issue the site team brought out. There were two people in the team concerned that we have a small and effective faculty, we have a very high qualified faculty, but they were concerned whether or not we had enough faculty to be able to handle both programs well; to be able to do not only the teaching and administration, but things like student advisement, without sacrificing quality in either one. So there was concern about the workload. All the faculty will be involved in advising doctoral students, not just for a year or two; it's for three, four, five years, through a dissertation process so that's different from a masters. 3-6 years actually. That's the time we give them. So there's advisement, plus teaching issues—preparing for an intensive teaching day from 9-4, rather than teaching for twice a week for an hour and a half, it's very different.

Q. Second was cost; finances and the strain on the institution. Where as when we first talked about the DMin with Father, he gave us a one million dollar endowment. Just for the DMin. Now that would have set us off nicely. but, we don't have that anymore. It was used. So we have to think, will the new program be a strain on the finances? Can we handle it knowing that a DMin is not, what we call, a 'cash-cow' and never has been a cash-cow? The site team was happy that we recognized that it's not a cash cow. It will pay for itself, though and give a little bit of profit to the seminary but it won't bring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the seminary like a cash-cow would.

Q. So finances, faculty, those were the two biggies, and we had to think internally, will we have enough students, year after year to do it?

Q. How many students makes enough students?

A. Well for the first two years we based all our projections on a class of 8-

12 students each year, and then 10-15 for the following three years.

Q. Is that a standard number to expect?

A. For a small program like ours, yes. There are some seminaries that may enter something like 20- 50 students into the program but they have more resources. Remember that as one group of 12 enters, the next year, another group of 12 will enter and now you have 24 students. And you're going to have 24 students, advising them through their dissertation. Then in the third year, you're adding 15 more, potentially. Now you're still having all of these students, plus the first 24. It mushrooms. But that's why a lot of smaller seminaries do keep their DMin.'s on a small scale. It's also good for keeping an intimate program.

Q. That's a good point. I know a lot of people might wonder why it's being kept at a small number, get the wrong idea.

A. Yes, we had Dr Yang ask us recently 'why can't we have more?' Less is more.

Q. In the mini report posted on the UTS website, it states the team headed by Dr. Wayne McGown of Northeastern Seminary, that visited the campus in March, 2005, offered 'helpful guidance'. What points of focus did Dr. McGown hit on?

A. Okay, so that was the school that had just gone through SED approval and he spear-headed it through. I showed him the proposal and I asked him what he thought and what we should expect from SED in order to make our process smooth. He helped by helping us understand first SED's reality of work. He said 'they'll be slow, you need to push them and be on them all the time. They're going to question you about the difference between DMin and PH.D.' The most helpful hints he gave us was actually the design of the DMin research seminar, the one that will help people write their dissertations and prepare for it. Traditionally, schools will offer that as a four credit course you do at the end of your course work. But the reality is, a lot of people will take that course and find they're all on their own for the next two or three years, writing their dissertations. And all that stuff just came at them in one big swoop! And they're really sitting there thinking, 'I don't know what to do next.' They lose a lot of students that way; the doctoral students drop out. He said, 'I played with a new design. I divided the four credit course into four one credit courses and offered it throughout the program and linked it with their ministry work. Naturally.' Very smart pedagogically. And I looked at this and I said, 'Yes. The educator needs this as well.'

Q. So that's why the program is designed that way. I wouldn't think that would be approved

A. Well we designed it according to the benchmark standards which is set by ATS (Assoc. of Theological Schools). This is one of the newest doctorates around. ATS has been around since '66, '67 and the standards for this were set in '72. Actually the person who helped design the standards for ATS was our consultant. He helped me design it. I spent a lot of time with Dr Lloyd Hartley, the dean of directors down at Lancaster Seminary. So we had the benchmark standards and they recognized that. And secondly, once we explained to them that this is more



Degree Program

grounded in ministry they realized there needs to be flexibility. This is the standard design now. I would say 90% of the seminaries use this design for an intensive based program. I researched this for a good year. I visited and talked to many seminaries. I went to the association of DMin directors, and visited them, went to the conferences every year and then designed it based on the standards. The oddball kinda design would be something like NYTS, New York Theological, where you come every modnay, all day, for several years. That's an urban design.

And people wouldn't worry about the design on that one. That's a small point but pedagogically, it's an important point because now they have all this time to think about what they learned. Now with this process, students could in theory finish their course work, not only having submitted a successful proposal, but also draft out as much as three chapters of their dissertation, if they're really good. It's so helpful because you're taking a bit at a time on the research and it moves better, so that was an excellent design.

The other major change he gave us was he had me reevaluate the electives. He liked the DMin seminars, he liked the design, he felt it was a very good design and he said, 'I think you'll find with so many courses that you're offering on the elective side, you will have a workload issue. So it will mushroom. You don't understand how many courses you're going to have to really offer, how many faculty you'll need and how many classrooms.' He said 'don't be afraid to prescribe in the electives. Don't worry in a DMin to give them a lot of choices. Not common.' Courses are set in DMin programs. So he said 'go ahead and do that to your electives and just pick two not three areas, so just have two concentrations with four courses each, they can go and they can choose which one. I think you'll find that as you grow, you can always add if you feel that your students have that interest.' So that was wise and we took those to heart and I did change the proposal.

What does approval of this program mean for UTS now and what are the projected future hopes for this program?

It gives UTS a lot more stature now that we are a doctoral degree granting institution. This communicates to other seminaries, it communicates to ATS (Association of Theological Schools), which is another creditor that we want to become a member of, that we are here to stay. UTS is a professional ministry school. We have a strong program. Any time an institution can offer a doctorate, it says to people that this is a good quality school. So it really puts UTS in a whole other ball game. It also communicates to pastors and ministers in our market here, 'wow, you aren't just a front, you really are a good seminary'. And it also allows us to reach out to a whole new clientele who already have their MDiv but who don't have a doctorate who really want credibility. So that's what it does, that's what it means on that level.

On an internal level, what it will do for the future, it will professionalize our ministry, it will give our own pastors and our own leaders the credibility and stature they need. Traditionally, a lot of DMin graduates go into teaching in theological schools, divinity schools and seminaries, bible colleges. It gives our guys the possi-

bility of income stream, a career, and a chance to really work through society and educate others.

Everyone misunderstands a 'Doctor of Ministry Degree' to be a Ph.D. could you explain the difference?

Ph.D. is a research oriented degree. Here, you're taking a theory, a concept, you're researching at your desk and you're basically regurgitating what you're reading. A



DMin allows one to do several things. In a dissertation, what you're doing is you're being creative. Because you are taking an issue, a real issue in ministry, that you're facing or that others are facing and you're tackling it, or addressing it in some way. You are able to contribute substantially to this professional field of ministry. As a degree, the DMin is a professional doctorate, like an EDD, which is a professional doctorate for educators. This is a professional doctorate for ministry. So those who do pastoral ministry, youth ministry, family ministry, social service ministry, whatever, even if it's business ministry, have a chance to step back from what they're doing, and without disengaging from it, take some time to take some courses that help them to reflect on the nature of their work, their ministry, what they're doing, who they are, how they can do it better, what are their challenges, how things are changing, how do they keep up with the challenges, so that as they take their courses, they integrate the courses into their ministry. So they're connecting theory and practice.

And not only are they doing that on an individual level, they're also doing it collegially with other adult learners. So they're having an opportunity to share, 'this is what I learned in ministry'. It's done corporately, collegially, as well as individually. It gives them the chance to really become masters at what they do.

MDiv sends a student into the world to begin their ministry, and it sends them out, hopefully, with the right questions, not the answers, but the questions. They take the questions, they work on them for

a while and then at some point they realize, I'm at a place where I need to do something to go further, to go deeper into the field and to really contribute. Then they come back, and having that ministry practice, work on the answers to those questions and change what they do.

You're not in an ivory tower, separated from the world. You're engaged in ministry, while you're doing this. That's also why the DMin is not focused on a lot of courses. Eight courses total. All the courses are done upfront in the masters program. The MDiv is the longest in time to do in all the masters. Why? Well, philo-

students. When they feel alone. So this is why we have a faculty advisor. They have a site team around them of their choice. They pick three people in ministry, older, younger and equal in ministry, who become like a support team for them plus a field supervisor who works with their team. And it's a team that they can meet with

You mean people at the school?

No, people that they pick. Let's say I live here in New York, I would find three people I know and trust who do ministry, Unificationist, non-Unificationist, doesn't matter - but I would probably want to mix it. That's my network. I can go to that network and say 'lets meet once every two month'. They would talk to their advisors all the time. Really intimate connection. They have their field supervisor and their site team to help them. Plus after their course work is done, their in cohort when they are together for two weeks and that develops a collegial group. Then after the course work is done, at some mid point, I will call them together, for a refresher and together, find out how they are all doing and such. That's another support system. We want to provide a lot of emotional, academic, and professional support for them, so it's built in. so in a sense you are on your own

Also another feature is, they apply, they're accepted two months before the intensive, they get their syllabi and they have assignments to do. And it's not just reading the books. As a matter of fact, I tell them 'don't do that!' They have to do creative things. One of my courses for instances, on globalization and market influence on social justice, I have them interview and work with and map out some of the social justice issues and organizations and then they intermingle with them and integrate and talk with them and do survey with them. Now to do some of that they're going to have to read some things in the course syllabus, but it's more creative. Then I'm going to have them develop a problem centered issue and do a case study. So they bring that with them to the campus for the intensive. It's very rich, very inventive.

Then, when they go home, they have six weeks to finish any assignments. First assignment they'll do, the very first course, is spiritual formation. They will write a spiritual autobiography. Incredible idea. So they'll have two months to prepare and read something about it, come to class, have six weeks to turn it in. They'll also do a learning contract which helps them map out, 'what are my goals? What am I doing here? What do I want to get out of it? Not just what does uts want to give me?' and that becomes a benchmark for them throughout the program. And they'll be revising it, altering it, as they go through their advisor

And when does the term usually start?

This term starts August 14. So if people are applying right now they won't have the two weeks this time. This is why I'm asking applications to be fast tracked, to come in immediately. I want the class set by the end of this month (July). We can't delay it beyond that. Even that's late. This will be an exception. There is only one entry point. It is the August intensive. Normally, after this year, applications for the new class will have to be received by around mid-May because normally they would have to get their syllabi by June

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So can the 'Doctor of Ministry Degree' be referred to as a 'Doctorate in Theology'?

No. There is a doctorate in theology that is called an STD - Systematic Theology Doctorate, which is a separate doctorate in theology. This is within the theological field, in terms of the SED's general categories. It's not a doctorate of theology.

So if someone were to get this degree, they'd be called? A Doctor of Ministry

So on the serious should go for this program because you are on your own for a lengthy period of time?

We've created a lot of support for people. This is where people lose doctorate

Montana's Annual Retreat, and Anti-drug March

by Pastor Mike Yakawich

On Sunday and Monday, June 25-26, 2006, the Family Church of Billings, Montana hosted their Annual South Park Retreat. Over 60 people attended throughout the two day retreat. On the first day, the retreat began with an inspirational testimony by Meekyung MacMurdie. She is a college student, second generation from Whitehall, Montana. Her family traveled with her which is about 3 1/2 hours from Billings. Meekyung gave a very inspiring testimony of her Pilgrimage to Israel in May of this year. This testimony inspired both the young and old to the adventures and excitement of living in the Culture of Heart with our True Parents.

Our program continued with a very uplifting Sunday Service where many neighborhood home church members attended. We later moved to South Park, about one block away for an evening of sharing, testimonies and a wonderful meal. It was even more inspiring to have Grandpa Joseph Yakawich who traveled from Butte, Montana about four hours away to attend and be part of the retreat.

The next day, we gathered in South Park which is a block from the Family Church. We began at 9:00 a.m. with an inspirational prayer by Elder Paul DiLorenzo, music by the Family Church Youth Band

and then a morning of amazing lectures. Always unique to this workshop, 16 youth ages 5 to 17 gave 3-7 minute lectures on the Divine Principle which is a deeper understanding of the Holy Bible discovered in study, revelation and prayer by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon through Jesus Christ and Our Heavenly Father.

One unique presentation was given by the Woods family on the Last Days. As a team, with their mother, Astrid, introducing the speakers and each of the three youth took turns on that topic with a wonderful conclusion by their father Clint. With the sun shining onto all the participants, the trees in full bloom, birds chirping and the community surrounding us, the day began. Our chalk boards, chairs, speakers, microphones, tables and video taping were set up for a wonderful day of presentations.

Over the past month, the youth have been preparing for this day. They had been assigned sections of the Divine Principle from the Principle of Creation, to the Fall of Man, The Last Days, The Principles of Restoration, Christology, and the Last Four Hundred Years in Preparation for the Lord of the Second Advent. The charts and diagrams were drawn on very large poster board and sheets of paper taken from the Divine Principle level four book. Their presentations were very colorful and creative. We even had two teams of two youth working together to give presentations on two very large diagrams they constructed during the weeks of Sunday School follow-

ing up to this Retreat.

The day went by very quickly with questions and answers and a some breaks. The adults also gave a few presentations such as Elder Chad Martin giving a talk on "Why We Should Study the Principle" and Mrs.

community and are very inspired to see it. The youth especially touch their hearts and they are impressed that at such a young age they are giving lectures on their faith.

A local ACLC minister, who often attends our church attended the entire lectures, gave a heart moving prayer in the closing of the lectures and a prayer over the meal. Then a beautiful and delicious lunch was prepared by Mrs. Kimiko DiLorenzo, Mrs. Junko Thiessen and Mrs. Fusako Martin. Following lunch, the participants walk back to the church for a "Prayer Walk" inside the church. We stood in the upstairs and downstairs of the church and then held hands as a youth gave a representative prayer for the church and the work



Yukiko Yakawich giving a very heartistic and internal talk on "Reality Check: Living a Morally Pure Lifestyle". Mrs. Marguerite Felig gave a final internal guidance talk on "Gratitude and God's Grace".

During the talks, we had an entire row of home church members attentively and sincerely listening to all the lectures. These young men and women in their late teens and early 20's, some with their parent, touch our hearts as you could feel their sincere desire to understand the truth being taught. It was wonderful to see so many from the community come and attend our South Park Retreat. Actually, there were over 30 home church members attending this retreat in total. Thus, including our Blessed couples and families we had an amazing turnout.

This event is even more special since we are able to video tape the entire program by Elder Chad Martin and then place it on our Community 7 Family Church T.V. Program. This is aired every other Thursday for one half hour. Many people view this in our com-

that it will conduct in the coming months. After this, we all proceeded to the local lake, Lake Elmo, for a few hours of recreational swimming, castling building and fun.

Families from as far away as Greatfalls, Montana (5 hours away) joined us in this retreat. Even a neighborhood youth taught the Principle for the first time guided and supported by the older second generation on the "First Blessing" from Genesis 1:28. Often people from the neighborhood would stop by and sit and listen to some of the presentations. Indeed, it was a feeling like St. Paul who traveled to the seaside or market place and set up his table and chair to share the words of our Lord. We are all called to be a witness and share our faith with others. There was no better testimony than this when men and women of all ages preach and teach the Word of God and let their light shine for all to see.

We are very much grateful for Bishop Lee and Rev. Wiesinger encouragement over the years to keep this retreat going. Their prayers and guidance have been an inspiration for all of us. We are also grateful to the Thiessen family for their hard work behind the scenes from promoting this event to barbecuing over the grill. We felt the love of Jesus and the incredible words of truth discovered by Rev. and Mrs. Moon taught through the Divine Principle life changing and life recharging spiritual energy and guidance. We were truly blessed to bring the Word into the community.

The March

On June 10th, 2006, the community of Billings, Montana, took part in the 9th Annual March Against Drugs and Violence. Youth, community members, civic, church and political members participated in this annual event. Co sponsored by the Montana American Clergy Leadership Conference, the Family Church, Billings Police Department, Tumble Weed, several other community organizations and churches, the turn out this year was exceptional. We broke our goal of 300 participants.

Originally founded by ACLC clergy nine years ago with less than ten participants in 1998, it has grown into a community event. Today, we exceeded 325 people in participation. The program began with an enthusiastic group at the Courthouse Lawn. Pastor Mike Yakawich of the Family Church and Lisa Posada-Griffin of the DUI Billings Police Department Taskforce were M.C.'s for the program. The event began with music in the background from the AVID Musical Group, and Hana Pestle, a local teen singer.

Next, a wonderful prayer was given by Rev. Tom Schlotterback of the Lutheran King of Glory Church. His prayer was firm

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FOR KIDS

by Françoise

Find the seven differences between these two drawings of the family get-together

Help them find the picnic tables

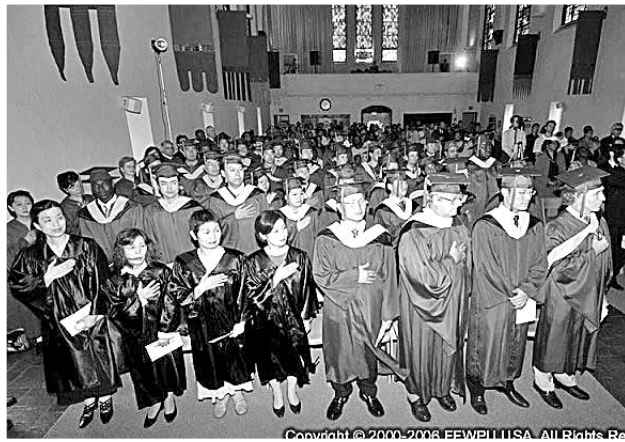
30th Annual Commencement at UTS

Unification Theological Seminary graduated its 30th class in a joyful and dignified Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 24. Fifty-two students were awarded degrees and certificates. Eleven received the Master of Divinity degree, 36 received the Master of Religious Education degree, one received the Certificate in Unification Leadership, and four Japanese missionaries received the Certification in Christian Ecumenical Leadership. Seventeen of the degree recipients were students primarily at the school's New York Extension Center.

A highlight of the day was Dean Kathy Winings's announcement of the establishment of the Doctor of Ministry degree program, just approved by the New York State Board of Regents.

The opening prayer was delivered by Dr. Mark Isaacs, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Rhineback and adjunct Assistant Professor of Ministry. The Fourth Jerusalem Choir, directed by [Name], then performed "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee."

Dr. Andrew Wilson then introduced the Dr. Neil Albert Salonen, President of the University of Bridgeport and recipient of an honorary doctorate. Dr. Michael Mickler, UTS Vice President, conferred the degree, and Dr. Chang Shik Yang,



(2004-05), and Ms. Theodosia Stevens.

Dean of Students Mrs. Sunhee Moon Davies presented the UTS Voluntary Service Award to student Shinzo Iwata and Outreach Award to student Rev. Hitoshi Onishi.

Dr. Mickler then presented the second UTS Trustees Award to Farley Jones, Esq., the departing Chair of the Board, who served as Chair through a lengthy course of the school's development. Dr. Mickler then introduced the new Chairman of the Board, Dr. Yang, who shared congratulatory words from the Founder, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, presently in Korea. There followed an uplifting song from the choir, "Total Praise," by Robert Smallwood. Dr. Salonen shared the Commencement Address, noting the Founder's disinclination to establish

new Chairman of the UTS Board of Trustees, and Rev. Michael Jenkins, Vice-Chairman, placed the hood on Dr. Salonen.

Dr. Wilson then called the other certificate and degree recipients forward to receive their honors and recognition from Dr. Mickler and church dignitaries. After that, Mrs. Lee presented a powerful rendition of "Eternal Life," based on the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

Dr. Hendricks, UTS President, shared his congratulatory remarks to the grad-

uates, counseling them to "take personal responsibility for finding or creating your future mission. The future belongs to those who create it. The power of creativity is given from God and it is shaped by His Word and Providence. But it is our responsibility to find its reflection, the imago dei, within ourselves and mold our lives around it."

This was followed by stirring responses from graduates Hak Soon Hwang, President of the UTS Student Council

entrenched institutions, with one exception, that being institutions of learning. UTS, among that category, is the first institution of higher education Reverend Moon founded and it holds an important place of honor in the Unification movement's future. Dr. Lonnie McLeod, Director of Ecumenical Recruitment and Advancement, offered a closing prayer, and all recessed to a wonderful luncheon and entertainment program. ❖

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as he stated, "Lead us always away from ways of violence and the abuse of drugs." Preceding this were encouraging words of praise and pride by Chief of Police St. John. He commented, "I am proud of each citizen here who sees drugs and violence as a very serious issue and is willing to take a stand against them."

Then a proclamation by the Mayor was read by a State Representative. The Mayor's words praised each participant as he wrote in the Proclamation "This is a great community which realizes its problems and is willing to address these issues with confidence and honesty, coming together in faith."

Our march then began, led by a Boy Scout Troop under the leadership of Mr. Chad Martin. The entire group of marchers walked about one mile around the downtown Billings. A Billings Police Department bike patrol guided the group, providing safety and traffic stops all along the way. It was especially inspiring for many to walk in the middle of 27th Street, the busiest street in the downtown. The marchers blew horns and carried the banner of the event with the Elks Club Anti-Drug mascot, "Elroy," walking the entire distance.

The group then arrived back to the Courthouse Lawn to another waiting group and music by the band for the main event. Rev. Dr. Dennis Briggs, the co-chair of ACLC and minister of the Chapel of the Diamond Heart Church, led the entire audience in prayer

over the meal and success in our work. As people proceeded to a wonderful barbecue on the lawn provided by many volunteers, we had some wonderful inspirational speakers.

These speakers included representatives from Montana's federal and state elected offices.

We not only had a band performing but a youth ensemble from the Family Church who performed an instrumental of the "Charlots of Fire". Our other sponsors included Coca Cola, Meadow Gold, State Ave. IGA, Irma House and Signs Etc. who donated or gave at cost a great deal of refreshments and food for the barbecue.

The local media was a fantastic support for our annual event. The local CBS and NBC affiliates did interviews with us earlier in the week and then placed our events on that night's local news programs. The Billings Gazette printed and outstanding Letter to the Editor about the event from one of our key sponsors. The weekly paper, The OutPost, also had a nice public service announcement of the event.

We find such events provide a positive model to address such issues as drugs and violence, an opportunity is provided to present sound information for the participants to deal with these serious issues, and a showing that organizations can work together to find common ground and teamwork. In addition, personally, the events show the

community that our church is willing to roll up our sleeves and invest through community service.

We were especially fortunate to have a local judge from the Drug Court be a guest speaker. She praised our march and was very thankful for a grant she received to buy bikes for those in need and involved in the drug court. Their grant was written and obtained partially based on the march's success over the years.



You could sense a real community atmosphere. Guests were sitting in the park, listening to the speakers and musical as well as talking with each other. There were many children with their parents. We had several races, faiths, and cultures represented. It was a miraculous day. It had rained hard the night before and in the early morning. By the time our program began, the sun was shining with 74 degree weather, much

sunshine and good cheer. A dozen door prizes were handed out.

It is inspiring to plan such events alongside the police department, county and city youth organizations, local churches and neighborhood groups. The ACLC membership is especially inspired to not just have meetings every month, but to go out together in the community and work together on some important social issues. Our own church members gained a great deal of vitality by being out in the public and living for the greater good. Our youth gained a greater vision of our church that is not limited to our four walls of our own facility.

We are very grateful for Bishop Lee and Rev. Gerhard Wiesinger who provide important guidance and support on the regional level. We are indebted to the many local families and members of our church such as the Martin, DiLorenzo, Thiessen, MacMillan, Laramie and Yakawich families for all their hard work and investment to the program. In addition, other friends from the local schools and their parents, local home church members are all such a big help to the success of this event. Certainly, we are grateful for the inspiration of the Core Values from Hyun Jin Nim Moon, the value of community service and our True Parents' incredible example of living for the greater good that encourages us and inspires us to do the same. ❖

by Bruce Sutchar

When I first joined the Unification Church I was 29 years old. One of the only people older than I was, was my first group leader Kristina Morrison. Although she was not the first UC member that I had met, somehow her ability to reach right into the depth of my heart is what motivated me to attend my first workshop and again to stay for the 7 day workshop. After that I was hooked. Since her birthday is May 18th and mine is June 13th it was also very easy for me to remember hers.

Several months ago, I received an invitation from Kristina's husband Alan Seher, inviting me to attend Kristina's 60th birthday party, which was to be held in the Seher's home in Berkeley, California. I, myself was born on Francisco Street in Chicago, grew up a Willie Mays and San Francisco Giants baseball fan and I always knew that as soon as I got my first car, I would drive immediately to San Francisco. This revelation proved itself to be true and on Christmas Eve, 1974, I accepted an invitation to dinner at a house on Washington Street in San Francisco, which was home to the members of the Unification Church. I remained in San Francisco for about 6 years (until the July 1, 1982 Blessing in Madison Square Garden) working with Sheri Reuter and the new members (actionizers) and eventually working at Jewish Deli Coffee House called Aladdins across the Bay on the Berkeley-Oakland border down the hill from the historic Claremont Hotel.

Throughout my time in the Bay area, my relationship with Kristina Morrison was among the most important in my life. She taught me so many of life's lit-

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tle lessons and as I matured both emotionally and spiritually, Kristina's influence was ever present in my life.

So when I received Alan Seher's invitation to attend Kristina's 60th birthday party, there was no question in my mind



that, God willing, I would travel out to Berkeley to celebrate with this great lady. I made arrangements to stay with Dr. and Mrs. Durst at their home in Berkeley. I arrived at the Oakland Airport early Friday morning so that I could make the most of the weekend—my first one in the Bay Area in over twenty years.

My first stop was the Blessed Family Academy where Kristina is the Principal. I had the blessing to have lunch with Dr. and Mrs. Durst and their youngest son, Chaim, who had just recently returned to the Bay area from New York. Later we met Noah and Kathy Ross and then Dr. Durst drove us across the Bay to experience the art and architecture exhibit at the new De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park.

After two days of sightseeing it was time to go to Kristina's party. Friends and relatives had been arriving from every corner of America. Kristina's brother Matthew had flown down from Seattle and her sister Jennifer and her husband David Hager had come down as well. Russell Allen and Laurence Baer had flown in from New York and Washington, D.C. respectively. WFWP leader Caroline Betancourt had also come in from D.C.

The bulk of the guests were local, including so many members of The Principled Academy and members of the Bay Area Family Church, including Pastor Kevin Thompson.

Held in the Seher's Russell Street home, the evening began with the music of David and Jennifer Hager—David's flute accompanying Jennifer melodic guitar. Throughout the evening each guest arose and offered both a personal testimony and a musical

offering. Dr. and Mrs. Durst sang together and then demonstrated their continuing prowess on the dance floor as they filled the Seher living room with grace and joy.

Brother Matthew and Noah Ross took over the M.C. role and together with Jennifer and Theo Townsend on drums, they led the evening's singing. Many times throughout the evening, one could not help but be taken back to the 1970's Chicken Palace in Boonville where so many of us had joined the movement.

So many of our Oakland songs had been written during the Saturday night skits that we performed during the weekend workshop. All the Lands that I loved, If Love Were Gracious Enough, What About Love,? Now That I've Found You, Love Wagon, A Special Place in Your Heart, See Through Children's Eyes, Bright as the Sun, Springtime, Take Me Through the Doorway and We'll return our Love to You. to name but a few. Many of these, if not written by Joshua Cotter or Ricky Joswick might very well have come right out of Kristina's group.

As the evening moved on we supped on a sumptuous dinner prepared by Chef Alan. Then Kristina's beloved brothers and sisters stepped up to the microphone one by one and sang,

danced and gave testimony to how Kristina had touched their lives.

Nicholas Buscovich and Laurence Baer sang songs that they had made famous while in Oakland. Laurence sang his immortal 'refrigerator song' and then he premiered a new song that he had just written. It was an incredible song about the relationship between a father, son and grandson centering on a Model T Ford. The song moved this author so much that I asked Laurence to send it to me and I have been listening to it nearly everyday since. Patricia Detlefsen, my olde home church partner while at UTS in 1983 did a beautiful French improvisational dance and so many others brought joy to the evening through music and song. When it was this author's turn, I was saved from public humiliation by my spiritual sister, Caroline Betancourt who rescued me by allowing me to perform a duet. Together we offered our own rendition of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" and although Judy Garland need not have any reason to worry, I believe that we were well received by our sympathetic audience.

But the real heart of the evening lay in the testimonies as to how Kristina had touched the lives of those currently assembled in this little house on Russell Street. For on this late May evening in Berkeley, California we were celebrating the

amazing life of faith of this incredible woman. One special friend even stating that in his opinion, Kristina Morrison Seher was probably the most incredible American woman in history!

Yet, the most overwhelming testimony came over and over from so many different voices.

So many people shared how Kristina's faith and determination to establish a Foundation of Substance with Mrs. Durst had changed the Oakland movement, the American Movement and their lives in particular. So many of the testimonies resonated with this same point. Mrs. Detlefsen shared in particular how Kristina had walked every step of the way with her through her husband George's illness and eventual ascension. Testimony was given how folks had to learn to live with Kristina's intensity and how she has mellowed in the recent past. Her accomplishments at the school and her accomplishments in her marriage and family resonated as well. As she stood there with her husband, her blessed eldest daughter and son-in-law and her Air Force Academy son (her younger daughter is away on STF) the results of her life of faith was speaking for itself. Especially moving was the testimony of Kristina's husband Alan as he shared his incredible experience at the matching in New York in 1982.

The next day, I was given the opportunity by my dear friend, Rev. Kevin Thompson to preach at the Sunday Service for their Bay Area Family Church.



I was honored and enjoyed the experience fully. After a hearty lunch and a good walk through my beloved Oakland and Berkeley, it was suddenly time to return to my Midwestern home town.

It had been quite a full weekend. Lots of memories, renewing old acquaintances and equally, many new and wonderful experiences. I was grateful that I had been given the opportunity to thank a woman who had significantly changed the course of my life over these past 30 years. When I had gotten up to speak I had shared about how Kristina was one of the most significant people in my life. One who had caused me to always look inside of myself to find the greatness that God had already planted there. As much as I had always loved San Francisco, Chicago was truly my physical home.

Thus, as I reflected during my four hour late night flight back home, to my wife, my family and my church community, I reflected on how powerful that love, faith and commitment. can change one life and therefore change the world. Happy Birthday Kristina. Thank you from the American Movement. ❖

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New York City Symphony at Harlem Benefit

On May 5, 2006, the Harlem Cultural and Scholarship Fund, in association with the Kingmaker Foundation, presented its inaugural benefit concert at the historic Apollo Theater. This event was the inspiration of Rev. In Hoi Lee, regional director of New York City. It has been Rev. Lee's desire to utilize culture and art to promote the ideals of the Family Federation in Harlem, one of the nation's leading cultural centers.

The benefit concert was held to raise funds for the Harlem School of the Arts (H.S.A.) and featured the New York City Symphony and its director, David Eaton, along with talented students from the Harlem School. Several students performed as soloists with the New York City Symphony and the 25-member H.S.A. string ensemble performed J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, together with the orchestra under Mr. Eaton's direction.

Also featured on the program were winners of the 2005 Gospel Music Explosion, the Harlem School Jazz Ensemble and guest artists David Bratton, Jennifer Miller, Raoul Joseph, Lynda Laleh Nader and Mzuri.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer was in attendance to give welcoming remarks and other political luminaries expressed

their support, including former President Bill Clinton and Congressman Charles Rangel, who along with Mr. Stringer, acted as co-chairs of the event. Many prominent Harlem clergy were in attendance as well.

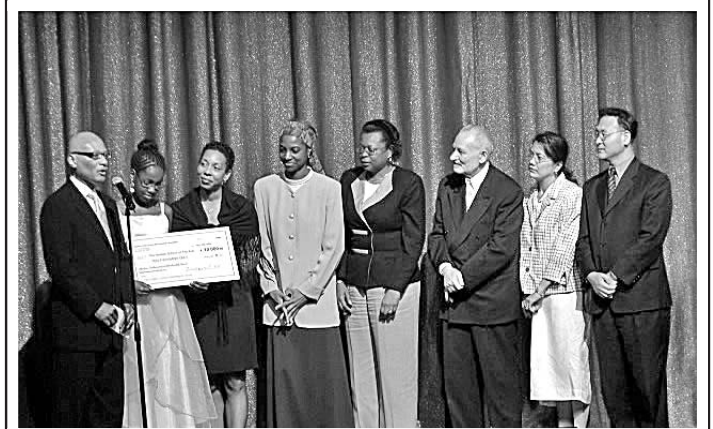
Rev. Lee presented a \$10,000 scholarship award to H.S.A. CEO Bill Terry, who expressed great appreciation to the Harlem Cultural and Scholarship Fund for its support of the young musicians in Harlem. It is the hope of Rev. Lee, Vice Regional Director Rev. Bruce Grodner and Kingmaker director Rev. Levy Daugherty to make this an annual event as a way to serve the Harlem community and establish a tradition of cultural outreach through music and art.

The Harlem Cultural and Scholarship Fund Committee wishes to extend its gratitude to all those who made financial contributions to the Apollo concert, including all affiliated organizations and businesses of the Family Federation For World Peace.

Special thanks to event coordinator Virginia Montegue, AFC representative Alan Inman, Kingmaker representative Davetta Morgan, and Gospel Explosion Director Rev. Darryl Clark and

the Harlem Family Church for their support making this effort successful.

For more information:
www.harlemculturalfund.org
www.nycsymphony.org ❖



Ohio Prayer Luncheon

by Rev Joel Lindstrom

As I arrived for the June 6 Ministers Prayer Luncheon at the Universal Temple of Truth, I was greeted by two stalwarts of our Northern Ohio foundation of ministers, our host minister, Rev. Katie Jackson, and Rev Dorothy Burton. (Rev. Jackson connected to our movement in 1992, when True Mother came to Columbus for the inauguration of WFWP. Yosuke and Martha Tashiro and family gave her the original invitation and continue to attend to her and her faith community.)

I was invited downstairs for lunch and was greeted there by a full basement of powerful ministers preparing themselves for our meeting by filling up on the great cooking that was offered to make this luncheon a success. Rev. Jackson even stayed up all night to cook some of the best chicken I've ever eaten, along with lots of other food that made sure this was a successful luncheon. After lunch all went back upstairs to the sanctuary for the program.

The second generation of our

community helped so much by beginning with a song. That led others to offer powerful songs of worship. Gospel numbers and spiritual energy filled the room with the inspired piano playing of Rev. Jackson's sister and niece. Other members of her family and church par-



ticipated. This, along with the heavenly boogie-woogie gospel of Sister Audrey Pugh, had our spirits moving and many of us dancing.

A call for testimonies led Rev. Lillie North to stand up to explain how she overcame the pronouncement from doctors in the hospital that she had died. This happened 20 years ago and she's still with us. What a great testimony of faith and determination to never give up and overcome difficulties, even death! She also praised the fathers in the audience as the

next week was Father's Day. She also praised the Unificationist families because we brought our families with us and she saw this as a testimony in itself to what we teach.

Rev Robert D Thomas gave his testimony, which was very much like a sermon or Bible study regarding brotherly love. This was a great precursor for Rev. Bruce Biddle's presentation of True Family Values. Using our projector and showing the power point presentations on True Family Values, Bruce moved the hearts and minds of those present. Many asked Bruce to do presentations in their churches in

the fellowship following the luncheon.

The Reverend and Mrs. McKenzie's presence added to the service, along with the visitors we had from our state headquarters, Rev Andre Reese, Gloria Laurent representing ACLC, and others. The ministers are so happy to be able to support ACLC by hosting our luncheons and taking ownership of growing this movement in our area. This is the most inspiring development as more and more of them understand True Parents. ❖

Bridgeport International Academy

For Bridgeport International Academy, the new school year begins on Monday, August 21. Any parent who is interested in sending a teenage youth to BIA should contact either Mrs. Nora Spurgin by email at noraspurgin@yahoo.com or Mr. Tony Colombrito at usa_italy@yahoo.com; by phone at either (203) 334-3434 or 260-6801; or by fax at (203) 334-8651.

On July 1st, Marianne Tecun started her new position as Vice Principal of the Academy. She is a professional educator who has outstanding credentials and extensive experience. On the same day, Tony Colombrito started his new role as Director of Admissions and Guidance Counseling for BIA. Tony is a candidate for a master's degree in counseling, has worked with American Freedom Coalition, the University of Bridgeport, and other organizations in our movement.

Keith McCarthy is BIA's new mathematics/physical education teacher. Keith has a undergraduate degree in mathematics and a master's degree in education with a speciality in teaching high school math. He has ten years experience tutoring and teaching many different mathematics courses at a junior college and at various secondary schools in South Carolina. Diana Evensen is the new ESL instructor for international students. She is an American whose husband is Norwegian. She has spent the last twenty years living and teaching English in Norway.

Bridgeport International Academy is in the process of converting Seaside Institute from apartments into classrooms and offices. Seaside is a magnificent building, which was originally used as a boarding school for young women. In the 1980s, Seaside was made into condos. However, the Academy is converting it again into an expansive, beautiful, classroom building with high ceilings and large windows. In March, the Academy opened a new boarding house for international students, called Seaview International House. Carl and Katharina Zambon moved in 2005 from Paraguay to Bridgeport, in order to serve as the residential life coordinators or house parents for Seaview House, which was completely renovated last year.

Bridgeport International Academy has openings for: a Math teacher, an English teacher, and a Part-time Physical Education teacher. Be part of True Father's vision for a comprehensive educational system.

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The First College-age national Assembly, UTS

by Yen Chang

The first national college-age student assembly was held at UTS from July 3-5, 2006. More than a workshop, it was intended to be a leadership assembly to plan and prepare new models of campus outreach and consider how to develop a vibrant college-age community, in connection with the heart and vision of True Parents and True Family. Under the theme, Working Together Towards the New Future of College Youth, an unexpected 200 second generation attended.

The education and guidance of our college-age second generation is a growing concern in our movement here in America. There is a great desire to provide the youth with the opportunities they need to instill within themselves a sense of public duty and filial piety to our true parents. At the same time, there are many problems and issues that need to be dealt with first, though the question of how to deal with these issues is still being worked out.

Understanding this, it is no surprise that an assembly such as this, may go off with some hitches.

Danso Sawamukai, a college-age second generation going to school in America shared an honest opinion on the assembly. He said, "Before I arrived at UTS (for the assembly), I intended to meet people from other regions with young adult/youth ministry experience in hopes of developing a model that would be more appealing for the BCs (both staff and participants) in my community. I had also expected to hear a broad range of issues and perspectives as well as possible remedies.

In actuality, the assembly was more like a rally for BCs who were interested in joining CARP. Although I hold CARP in high regard, this made my initial objective difficult to fulfill because few seemed to be struggling with the typical problems that most teens in my community were going through.

On a personal level however, I was inspired by the vibrant energy and spirit that Hyun Jin Nim, the STFers and NLTP attendees emanated as a whole. I think such assemblies are a good way of celebrating BC pride and boosting moral.

Going forward, if the purpose of such events is to develop successful young adult/youth ministries on and off campus, it is crucial that official community leaders are involved by providing practical guidance (planning, organizing, budgeting) and opportunities to support their respective regions." These remarks summarize the lack of practical, applicable solutions presented at the assembly, something second generation are desperately trying to find. Danso's remarks bring to light not the negative aspects of the assembly, but rather, he points out the key

factor that would make such assembly's truly successful.

JinKwon Kim, a youth leader in Jersey, said, "I am coming away from this experience energized by the fact that I know there are other people out there who think like I think, believe what I do, and are committed to making a major difference in this world. This assembly was not

previously closed opened up, and the larger community of BCs is slowly starting to solidify a core group of individuals working as a team to make a breakthrough, which will continue to do so for the larger community. If nothing else, this experience was an indication of greater things to come (as long as we can get our act together)." There is an

that it is the only country suited and up to the task of elder son position...He also spoke about the biggest issue America is currently facing, the lack of unity and coordination between the various groups. He also spoke about the necessity for BCs to grow up with the understanding of the importance of operating out of serving for the greater good, whether it be family, society, nation, or world.

The one thing that struck me was his relationship to God. Several times he said God works in mysterious ways, and that for me was defining because it was an indication of the attitude he possessed was of humility towards God. Being the son of True Father, it could be quite easy to slip into believing in one's own greatness. For some people, this may be an irreverent statement, perhaps to those who have worked with him closely or have deeper and closer ties to the True Family, but I say that coming from not having close interaction with Hyun Jin Nim previously, and for the benefit of those who have not experienced the authenticity and depth of understanding the True Family members possess. This is not to be cliché and say that he loves God, but a powerful indication for me that he does, and this was the way he is, not the way he thinks or tries to show. And that his desire to transform the world we live in is real and grounded at a more fundamental level than most people can attain in perhaps their most enlightened states."

For a short three day assembly that focused on the future of our movement here in America, held appropriately over the 4th of July holiday, it brought many issues to light; our youth are clearly in search of practical, sustainable, solutions that will promote growth, and they have a desire to create a deeper closeness with each other in the future where communication is frequent and a shared goal is fulfilled together.

Jin Kwon appropriately concludes that "the actual impact of the Assembly remains to be

seen, but for one thing, I think the simple act of gathering in this fashion was a step forward, and an indication that not only is there hope, but the possibility of creating a powerful group of people that can make an impact on society is growing. It seems the dimming of hope for a lot of people in hearing about issues that BCs all over the world are facing is a good thing, a move away from simply hoping for an ideal to happen, to the realization that there needs to be a major transformation in the way we live our lives, that this will manifest itself." ♦



so important for me to actually accomplish the goal of having practical applications for how to make a spiritual life not only sustainable but growth possible in college, but to show that there is a direction we are all are taking, or at least should be going in. I think previously, the different regions were not in communication, some college kids didn't know what STF participants sounded like, there was a lack of talking or collaborating (at least on the more local level), and people didn't have a common goal. This assembly of course was by no means an untested success, but doors that were

obvious desire among many of our youth to create a harmonious balance between the spiritual and practical aspects of life and many of our youth are actively seeking this out.

Hyun Jin Nim, our elder true brother, looks on the whole issue with a great deal of optimism and realism. Jin Kwon says, "Hyun Jin Nim spoke on a down to earth level, talking humorously and joking about how enthusiastic the STF participants were, saying that he was heart-washing us. Hyun Jin Nim also spoke about how America is in the elder son position with the strong Judeo-Christian foundation, and

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Camp Lone Star, Texas

by Stacey Cho
Co-Coordinator

The following is a sharing of camp experience

An end and a new beginning: I look back at the summer workshop with pride and an auspicious hope for the future of our Texas region. We gave our word of commitment in December, Hero and I, and began planning for it in March. Three months of madness followed as we collaborated and struggled with many decisions, all while going to school full time and fulfilling other commitments. Tying up loose ends, we finally arrived in Houston to the first day of our workshop. The first day was dedicated to our staff, which included captains, co-captains, activities' leaders, and music staff. We were blessed with the presence of Akiko Ikeno and from her first speech, she blew us all away. She went back to the basics and reminded all the staff that we were participants, too. In order for our brothers and sisters to change, we had to change and be inspired first. After the one and a half day of staff training, we were ready for the participants. Excited, worried, nervous, and pumped, we welcomed all of them shortly after and started the workshop.

Every day and every activity were based on our theme, Finding My True Parents. The captains and co-captains were reminded to lead their discussions back to the central idea of the workshop. This created consistency in our overall mission through the unified action and spirit of the staff and the substance of our schedule. Unfortunately we were unable to stick to the original schedule and changed activities almost every day. I really regret this and hope that the next time we can be more prepared and organized. Every day the staff had to be the first ones to wake up and the last ones to go to bed. We really wanted to set the path and be ready for each day. We felt it was our duty to prepare ourselves in order for the participants to attain the maximum amount of inspiration and clarity in their identity as members of the church from our workshop curriculum.

The highlight of the workshop

seemed to be Challenge Night, which was held at Galveston Beach on June 7. Five stations were prepared that had to deal with Father's many struggles and obstacles as the messiah. We knew that this program was powerful because the participants actually got to act out certain symbolic challenges that related back to True Father.

We arrived at the beach at nine pm and all the participants were blindfolded. The captains and co-captains had to lead the teams to each station and be their eyes and ears. This fostered team unity through the act of the participants trusting the team leaders to direct them and watch over them. The night was full of physical and emotional challenges. Through physical and intellectual suffering, we hoped the participants would grow spiritually and better understand True Father. Through this understanding we wanted them to create a more realistic and heartfelt connection to True Father. Ultimately, the participants were to have a breakthrough in this way from each challenge. Everything went well except for the atrocious mosquitoes that were attacking everyone viciously. People averaged 25 bites at least. A few also got injured during the challenge night.

Hero and I were incredibly concerned after that. While challenge is good, we knew that it had to be at the right level for all the participants in order for it to have a real and positive effect. We were afraid that we had put them through too much. The next day we heard testimonies from the participants and their words truly vindicated our efforts for that night. They totally understood the purpose of each station and realized how much True Father had gone through to bring humanity back to God, away from Satan. Watching them speak and seeing their minds and hearts grasping onto this truth were so powerful. I felt true love for all of my brothers and sisters that



day, especially as I saw everyone's mosquito bites and scars. They were able to overcome all of that and push themselves. They grew and learned from each obstacle and achieved their own success. How fabulously satisfying!

The last day, we had our closing ceremony and so many of the participants lamented about going home. For the first time, the participants actually wanted to stay longer. That was the biggest compliment for me as a co-coordinator to hear the participants saying such things. We had our final staff meeting afterwards and many of us got a chance to reflect over what happened the last six days. During the workshop, I got to speak to some of the staff and participants one on one. I was surprised to see how many of them were struggling with their faith.

I realized how important these workshops were and how pivotal it was that the older second generation take responsibility and guide their younger brothers and sisters. By doing this, I really felt like we were one step closer to bringing the ideal world of creation back to Earth. Even more, I realized what God must be going through as he watches the rest of civilization toiling away and falling into Satan's temptations. I got a glimpse of how devastating that was for God. All of that rushed back to me at the closing prayer during the final staff meeting and there was little I could do to prevent the tears from seeping down my face. What a day it was.

The last night we had a talent show

and seriously, it was a great hoe-down. We always have talent night at each workshop because we find that it is important for each participant to have a chance to show us their own individual talents. It is what makes them special and unique. The final evening program consisted of writing letters to True Parents and to True Family. They each got to choose who they could write to and we felt it was a great way to finish our main workshop curriculum. Many of the participants actually wrote out rough drafts. I relished their sincerity. How elated they were in the idea that True Parents and True Family could actually read something written from them. It was a great experience.

All in all, I was very content with how the workshop came out. The unity of everyone was impeccable and I felt like I was in heaven. All of my senses felt so full and I really experienced joy on a different level. I hope that I can continue to play an active role in creating workshops for our Texas region. Even if I cannot, I hope that I can inspire the other staff and help them take a more active role. This being the sixth workshop, I have really seen the progress we have made and I am thrilled to see what is next to come for our great Texas region. Don't mess with it! Thank you, God; thank you, True Parents; thank you, First Generation, our physical Ma and Pa's; and thank you, my brothers and sisters. ❖

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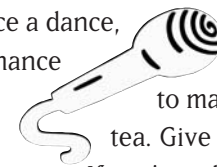
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Surfing USA!

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Request for Stories about True Family

Thank you for taking the time to read this message. I have been thinking about how to effectively take the legacy of our True Parents and transfer it on to future generations. There is such a depth and wealth of experience that is so vital to our futures, but it is either not getting passed on, or is being passed on so very haphazardly. This is an attempt to record a small but extremely important portion of that legacy. I will be following up and adding more components to this project on a periodic basis, but for the moment, I would like to focus on anecdotes of the True Parents and True Family. To that end, I would like to request your stories of True Family be typed and emailed to info@bcyouthgroups.com. Please take the time to share your experience, or interview your parents or whomever it may be, and record an experience where you/they were able to understand at a deeper level your/their relationship with True Parents or True Family. Please note that these stories will be posted online, and that it doesn't necessarily need to be providential in nature, but can be humorous or simply gives a small detail about their lives that can make them more real for those who aren't able to/haven't been/won't be fortunate enough to personally experience the phenomena of the True Family. Whenever possible, indicate the time and place that the event or occurrence happened. Thank you for your contribution.

Jim Kwon Kim

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!

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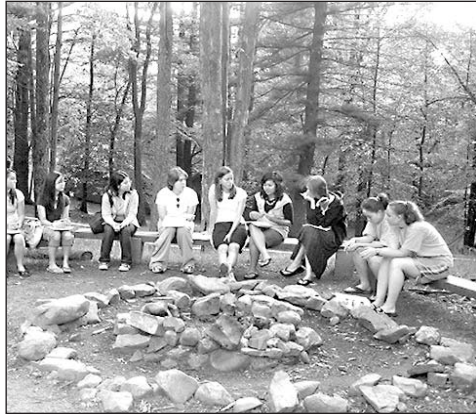
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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



2nd Gen Blessing Workshop, Penn.

by Kaeliegh Feffereman



About 25 young adults participated in a Blessing Workshop held at Camp Daddy Allen in Pennsylvania at the end of June. Though our group was small, and most of us didn't know each other from before, it was quite amazing to see how close 25 strangers could become in just 3 and 7 days. I truly believe that it was the sincerity of all the participants that allowed us to express our hope of becoming true sons and daughters of Heavenly Father and prepare to receive the matching and blessing.

Lectures given by Rev. Schanker were exciting and completely sincere. Falling asleep during lectures wasn't necessarily an issue because the information we were receiving was new, original, and poured out from the depths of our "Uncle Phillip's" heart. We had long group discussions that were, at first, a little hard to develop, but turned out to be one of the most successful parts of the workshop. By the end of the workshop everyone on my team was sharing honestly, even the ones who at first did not want to talk during group discussions. What we found was that we all had different struggles we were facing, but by

sharing in fellowship with each other we were able to find answers to many of the questions we had.

Even a simple game of kickball during recreational time, or skit performances in the evening turned out to be so enjoyable because of the willingness of our group of BC's. I was really impressed with the good-heartedness of all the participants. It made it so much easier for us to really consider what the blessing meant and to think seriously about where we were at in our lives and what we still needed to do to prepare for the matching and blessing.

What I was most moved by during this workshop was just how much the staff cared about the personal situation and experience of each Blessed Child at the workshop. At our leaders meetings every night I was so touched to see that Rev. Schanker and Rev. Inguk Seo genuinely listened to the team leaders reports. Their care and support also educated our group about our value as Blessed Children, and prepared a deep and sincere atmosphere for the entire workshop.

Speaking from a 2nd Generation's perspective, the matching/blessing subject is a topic that is on most our minds after we hit the age of about 17. And there is a good reason for it. We prepare our whole lives in order to be matched and blessed, but in a culture that is primarily focused on physically intimate and short-term relationships, it is often hard for our brothers and sisters to find their way. That's why I am so grateful for this Blessing Preparation Workshop.

By addressing the issues head on that many brothers and sisters may be embarrassed to talk about, and explaining in depth the ideal, value, and reality of the blessing, so many questions could be answered. Even more so, with a clear understanding of why we get blessed, and how to prepare to do so, we can raise our youth to stand as models in our communities of what true love is. And what it means to have the Blessing of God in our marriages. ❖



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While the essence of the Principle remains the same, its contents have been presented in various ways according to the readership to which it is addressed – be it adults or youth, university level or younger students, or the very young. It is recognized that the Principle content needs to be organized in ways that make for easier reading and study. This two volumes, were prepared in particular for people in their mid teens. Younger people – and indeed anyone wishing to systematically study the core precepts of the Principle – will no doubt find this book beneficial too.

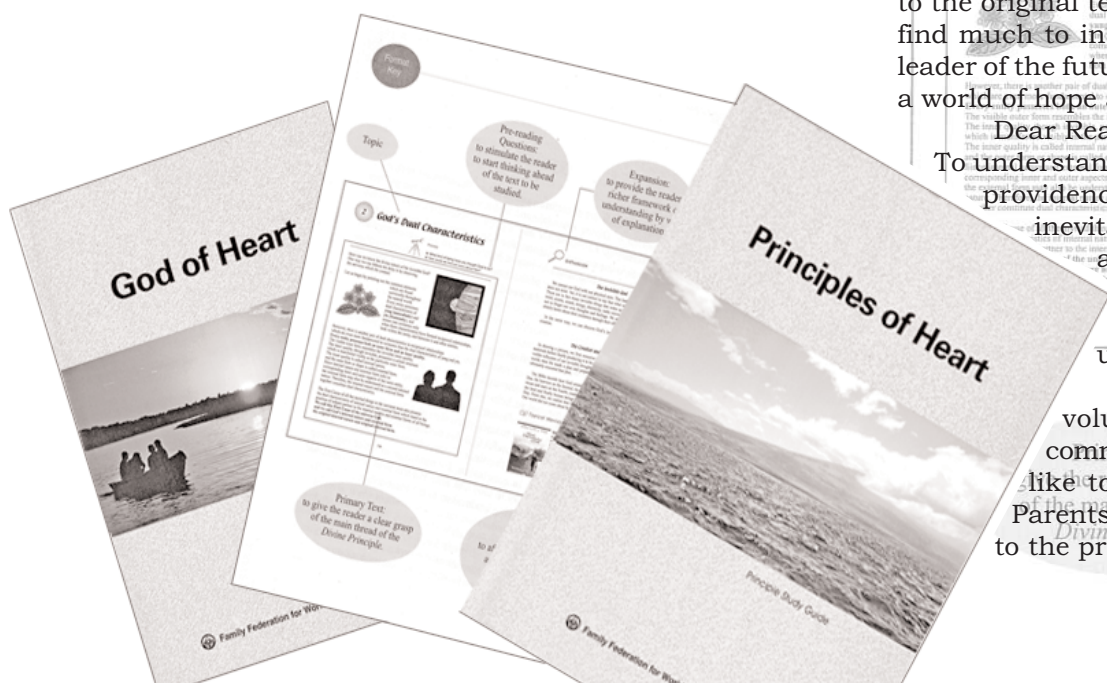
Efforts were made to avoid an over abundance of information, without omitting any core areas of the Principle. The books particularly seek to light the way for those from the younger generation of our Unificationist community, so that they may lead their lives based on True Parents' guidance.

Father's words are therefore juxtaposed to the relevant text from Exposition of Divine Principle as additional materials for greater understanding. Each chapter has a page of exercises that prompt reference to the original texts and also deeper thought. It is hoped that the reader will find much to inspire him or her to live an exemplary life, and, as a young leader of the future, to be well positioned to play a substantial role in shaping a world of hope and peace in the new age now unfolding.

Dear Reader,

To understand the God of heart, and True Parents, who are advancing the providence of restoration on the earth in God's stead, we must inevitably pass through the words of Divine Principle. Published as a manual to help younger people to grasp the inner workings of the Principle, Principle of Heart and God of Heart can be a solid stepping stone for them in the quest to understand God and True Parents.

I am very happy and grateful that these meaningful volumes could be published in English at the time of the commemoration of True Parents' Day, 2002. In conclusion, I would like to offer my deep gratitude and give glory to God and True Parents who have cared for us unceasingly with loving kindness up to the present day.



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PAUL CARLSON

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This month we'll discuss Home Schooling. Over a million children are taking their lessons at home, and they've gained much attention by winning national awards, spelling bees, etc. (An earlier version of this article appeared in May 1999.)

Since the Women's Liberation movement began, millions of mothers have devoted themselves to outside careers. For the middle class, confiscatory taxes can make two incomes a necessity. While putting in long hours, these women often turn to day care to help raise their children; or if wealthy, to private nannies. Unfortunately, such 'care providers' may or may not care very much.

Not that families always care, either. Mr. Richard Arthur has been a High School Principal in some of California's toughest neighborhoods, and is now an activist for educational reform. Arthur speaks of watching a father drop off his son at school each morning. The man drove a fancy sports car and, day after day, would immediately speed away.

One morning Principal Arthur approached the father, and asked if he could take the car for a spin around the block.

"No way!" was the man's response.

Arthur told him, "You place your son in my care each day, without ever coming inside to check out the school. Yet you won't trust me with your car for five minutes. Which do you value more?"

One hopes the message sank in.

Common sense and numerous studies reveal that parents (and grandparents) are by far the best care providers. But modern society is very complicated, and thus we've entrusted professional educators to prepare our youth to tackle it.

HISTORY

The history of the public schools is complex, but the greatest impetus for their growth was the vast influx of immigrants that took place during the nineteenth century.

Numerous 'free schools' were founded to educate these newly-arrived children.

HOME SCHOOLS

Most were poor, and many couldn't speak English. Those new schools enabled them to learn and socialize, and to identify themselves as Americans. For the most part they succeeded, allowing our famous 'melting pot' to forge a greater nation.

Nowadays the Public Schools, particularly in liberal states, are doing just the opposite! Multiculturalism is teaching children to cling to the very cultures their parents just fled. Recent images of a sea of Mexican flags (along with a few American ones, improperly displayed), carried by throngs of angry immigrants, have worried millions.

When immigrants gain freedom here (hopefully in a legal fashion), they should discern and honor that part of their heritage which is positive. They can also gain that special American essence: optimism, social tolerance, and a good work ethic; and go on to prosper.

However, too many left-leaning educators don't think that way. Their students can end up alienated, perceiving themselves as victimized "hyphenated Americans." Those children are being set up to fail. Worse, some activists and politicians, desirous of a horde of needy supporters, wouldn't mind that one bit!

RESPONSE

Many parents are aware that something has gone terribly wrong, and they're responding in a variety of ways. Some are educating their children right at home, a practice called Home Schooling.

There are additional reasons for this. Some large families cannot afford private tuitions for all of their children. Rural residents have limited options. Many parents, especially fundamentalist Christians, want to be sure about the influences upon their children. Thus, Christians comprise the majority of home schoolers.

Judge Robert Bork describes the Home School movement as "an effort to keep children out of the corrupting embrace of public school systems run by modern liberals." Advocates note that the Constitution provides no specific basis for the public schools. Rather, the Tenth Amendment makes it clear that parents have primary responsibility.

Some advocates go much further, rejecting the very concept of a multi-classroom education. Author Sheldon Richman puts it this way:

"Imagine an office where you sit at a desk and do the same work as 25 coworkers. No one is allowed to talk. At the end of 50 minutes, a bell rings, and whether you're finished or not, you must

immediately move to another office, have a different boss and different colleagues—

and start a job that has nothing to do with the one you were just working on. Imagine doing that six or seven times a day."

Obviously, those workers would accomplish little if anything.

Home Schools have a profound intellectual foundation, and a long history. Many of America's Founding Fathers, luminaries such as Washington, Hamilton, and Patrick Henry, were educated primarily at home. During their era, overall literacy and public health were high, especially in comparison with the vast majority of the world.

CONTROVERSY

Home Schools are as controversial as they are popular. The National Education Association states in its official platform that Home Schools must be opposed at every turn. Numerous efforts were made to shut them down, with zoning laws, licensing requirements, and "national standards" used as bludgeons. Home schoolers have fought some fierce legal battles, leading to the establishment of the Home School Legal Defense Association.

"Educrats" complain that home schooling detracts from the public schools. Advocates reply that government-run schools are failing, and even if they weren't, it's still the parent's decision. Parents must pay their full share of taxes, either way.

Teachers will claim that children need socialization, and that only their classrooms can provide it. Home schoolers responded by organizing clubs that sponsor study groups, field trips, and other activities.

Educators claim that parents aren't

always qualified to teach a variety of subjects. Parents respond that many teachers aren't either—as competency tests have proved. Meanwhile, the popularity of home schooling has fostered specialized textbooks, course materials, and software.

Progressives claim that our complex, modern world demands "up to date resources" for teaching. They cast devout Christians as regressive, even as Luddites. They'll point out that many Christian parents ban TV from their homes, and allow only approved videos, if any.

By now, home schooling is just as technological as any public classroom, with numerous supportive web sites. Christian Internet services automatically screen out pornographic sites, and sympathetic religious schools provide specialized online classes.

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Many public schools, bowing to the inevitable, are cooperating with home schoolers. Some offer comprehensive support, such as participation in sports.

Of course, all parents have to do some home schooling, as with homework and such. This depends on the style of their children's school, but in any case, there must always be parental support.

At home, self-disciplined children can learn at their own pace; which, as it turns out, is usually several times faster than they would in a classroom. The results are impressive.

Education, wherever it takes place, is more than rote memorization: "The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn." - John Lubbock (Lord Avebury), 1887.

Your author attended an 'alternative' school that hardly bothered to hold classes. Even so, thirty-five years later, most of its alumni are doing very well. Curiosity and real confidence were its legacy.

Not everyone is so fortunate. How can a child who's stuck in a bad school succeed? Many do! The controversial best-seller "Freakonomics" reveals that kids who tried to enter a better school, but got turned down, did better anyway. Motivation is certainly a key factor.

CONCLUSION

There is a deeper aspect to education. Raising Godly children is the most important thing a couple can do. True Father deems the family the School of Love, a sacred place where the Four Great Realms of Heart are fulfilled.

We Unificationists have organized several excellent schools. They are models of learning, and of true multiculturalism.

So far, though, our schools are few and far between. Unificationist parents, if their circumstances warrant, should seriously consider home schooling their children. ❖

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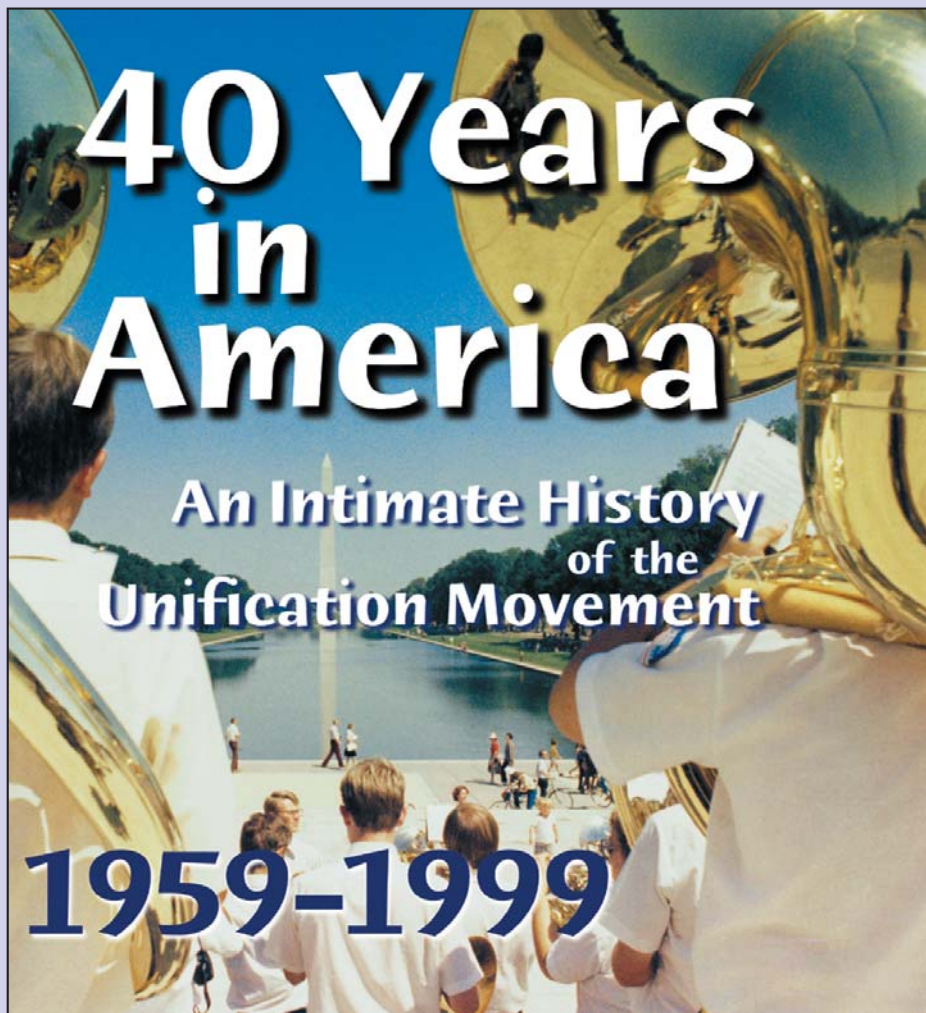
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