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The Fundamental

Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

These points were proclaimed on June 13, 2006.

Cheon Il Guk is the Ideal Heavenly Kingdom of Eternal Peace. Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, this is a precious and blessed day of victory and glory. Now, as the King of Cosmic Peace, I will declare, on this thirteenth day of June in the sixth year of Cheon Il Guk, the fundamental duties and mission that every citizen of Cheon Il Guk should understand and live by as they walk the way of Heaven.

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As God is the vertical True Parent and you are true children of God, you will establish the realm of three generations in your family, perfect the Four Great Realms of Heart, and attend God on the vertical axis for eternity.

Further, you will inscribe on your heart the need to uphold the Cosmic King of Peace, who is the horizontal True Parent, and to live with absolute obedience on the horizontal axis for eternity as a citizen of Cheon Il Guk.

You will make living for the sake of others, which is the practice of true love, the standard of your life. You will establish a true family and raise true children who are sinless and pure, thus protecting God's lineage and bequeathing it intact from generation to generation.

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No matter what the situation, you will live with your mind and body united as one. In my case as well, from the day I first determined to follow Heaven's path, I resolved to keep this as my motto: "Before you desire to have dominion over the universe, you must first have dominion over yourself."

God has given you a conscience as your guide in accomplishing this objective. Your conscience knows everything about you. It has complete knowledge of every action and step you take; it even knows your thoughts. Your conscience knows all these things about you before your teacher or your pastor knows. It knows them before your parents know. It knows them

even better than God knows. So if you place your conscience in God's position over your life, and go the way of absolute obedience, of "high-noon settlement", it is certain that you will establish a realm of resonance between your mind and body and perfect their unity.

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Citizens of Cheon Il Guk, the unification of spirit world has been completed. The issue now is the 6.5 billion people living on earth in the physical body. They struggle in agony in the midst of sin and suffering, yet they are your brothers and sisters. Your third mission is to educate them and bring them home as people of Cheon Il Guk.

You should educate everyone to understand that all human beings without exception are descended from the Fall and must change their blood lineage through receiving the Holy Marriage Blessing from the True Parents. You must continue the work of engrafting people onto the True Olive Tree, by having them participate in

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 0 6

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)
- 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)

O C T O B E R 2 0 0 6

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)

C A L E N D A R

- 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)

N O V E M B E R 2 0 0 6

Ahn Shi Il • 3rd, 11th, 19th, 27th

- 1 In Sup Nim's Birthday (9/11/72)
- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 6 Shin Eh Nim's Birthday (9/16/89)
- 8 Shin Mi Nim's Birthday (9/18/77)
Shin Ok Nim's Birthday (9/18/89)
Shin Ah Nim's Birthday (9/18/98)
- 14 Shin Pal Nim's Birthday (9/24/98)
International Christian Students Association (1981)
- 21 True Children's Day (10/1/60)
- 23 Tiempos Del Mundo Established (1996)
- 24 Shin Sun Nim's Birthday (10/4/90)
- 26 Shin Hoon Nim's Birthday (10/6/94)
- 27 Sun Hwa Academy (2002)
- 29 3.6 Million Couples' & 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Yun Ah Nim's and Un Jin Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2006. Contact me if you come across any errors. (c) 1999-2004 Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

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Duties of Cheon Il Guk

the grace of "exchange" (cross-cultural) marriage, until the day when all humankind, numbering more than 300 billion souls, is restored to God's lineage.

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You are created to spend ten months in your mother's womb, about one hundred years on earth breathing air, and then all eternity in the spirit world. You should understand that, just as proper preparation in the womb is required for a healthy life after birth, you must devote your earthly life to prepare yourself for the next stage of life in the spirit world. Never forget that in every time and place, and no matter what you are doing, your ancestors in the spirit world are with you. Be ever mindful to live in harmony with the spirit world. Communicate in prayer with the heavenly world with sincerity and dedication, so that you may become perfected in your spirit self while you are living on the earth.

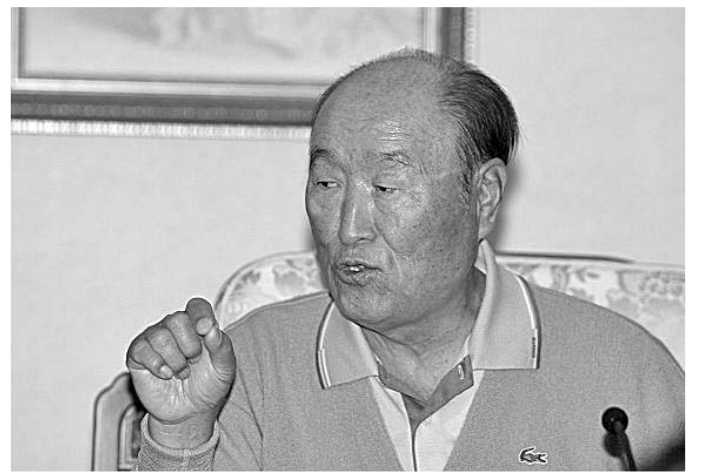
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Your talents and abilities are required for the management and governance of Cheon Il Guk. Now, therefore, cut away and cast off your mask of selfish individualism. It is but a remnant of the Age Before the Coming of Heaven. In order to belong to Heaven, you must change ownership by participating in the Ceremony of Returning Ownership, offering everything you own to God and then receiving it back from God.

In addition, all citizens of Cheon Il Guk will provide funds for the well being and peace of humanity, not by taxation but by voluntary contributions. They will demonstrate the model of offering the first three tenths of their income for public purposes. This cannot be an imposed tax; it has to be a gift that citizens offer willingly to Heaven with joyful hearts.

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Beloved citizens of Cheon Il Guk, in the Age After the Coming of Heaven



it is possible to recover the ideal world of creation that was lost as a result of the Human Fall. God created all the earth's creatures as our natural environment; they are absolutely needed for human prosperity. Human beings and nature are meant to share a realm of mutual resonance, with humans as the subject partners of love and nature as the object partner thriving under human management and beautified by human creativity. We can no longer tolerate actions that destroy nature and pollute the environment.

As citizens of Cheon Il Guk, please have the wisdom to protect and love nature. Return to nature and enjoy a life of liberation and complete freedom. To love nature is to love God and humanity. When human life resonates

with nature, human character can blossom in perfection.

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The Age After the Coming of Heaven that God and True Parents have opened is a time of dramatic change. As registered citizens of Cheon Il Guk, you have the mission to make this era blossom and bear fruit in blessing and glory. Therefore, please become Heaven's emissaries, fulfilling the dual missions of the "Peace Kingdom Police Force" and the "Peace Kingdom Corps." Serve humanity under the banner of the Universal Peace Federation, which is working to establish the position of the Abel-type United Nations. ❖

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**London, England,
July 15, 2006**

True Mother's 120

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, a "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 particularly 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.

**Nairobi, Kenya,
July 18, 2006**

The Africa leg of the World Peace Tour began on July 18 with the arrival of Mrs. Sun Myung Moon and several members of her family in Nairobi, Kenya. Their welcome party included Rev. Eiji Tokuno, chair of UPF-Africa, Rev. Mwalagho Kililo, secretary general of UPF-

Africa, national leaders, and several Ambassadors for Peace.

The following morning Mrs. Moon spoke of witnessing the power of God as she traveled throughout Asia, Eurasia, the Middle East and Europe. "Such incredible grace and blessing is coming through this speaking tour," she said. She described the messages that she her son Hyo Jin would give throughout Africa as "a text-

heads. There was a delegation from the transitional government of Somalia and also the Minister of Youth and Sports from Burundi.

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak gave the chairman's address. Hyo Jin entered looking most handsome and distinguished as he delivered Father Moon's words with great skill, spirit, heart and passion, to a receptive, attentive audience, setting the stage for Mother Moon's presentation that followed.

After Mother Moon and Hyo Jin officiated at the prayer for blessing of marriage, there was a banquet during which two Members of Parliament spoke.

Hon. Raila Odinga said, "The UPF principle of living for the sake of others which we heard tonight, is so precious and valuable. If we emulate the UPF principles we can change our nation. Rev. Moon teaches interracial and interreligious marriage as a way to peace. This is a great teaching, and opens the way to creating one universal family." Hon. Chris Okeno stated: "What we have heard tonight can transform our nation. These are the core UPF principles: one God; we are spiritual beings; marriage, family and blessing; living for the sake of others; and overcoming all barriers."

There was a joyful spirit, with lots of good entertainment, singing and dancing. Rev. Kwak sat at the table with the two Parliamentarians, and at one point all three of them were on the stage dancing to African music.

Other speakers included the Minister of Finance, who stated, "This message of peace is needed here in Kenya," and the Minister of Science, Technology and Education, who added, "Education begins in the family. With these principles Kenya can truly be the hub of peace for Africa and the world."

The woman who serves as Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports said, "It is so wonderful to have a woman, Mother Moon, present this message on marriage and family. All of us go home from this meeting as changed people. Women especially need to lead the way to peace, just as we have seen with Mother Moon."

Mrs. Ida Odinga, who joined her husband for the welcome party at the airport, said: "I do not ordinarily speak, but am very moved tonight. I really appreciate the message that there is truly one God, and we are all His sons and daughters and thus brothers and sisters. Also, we learned that we are spiritual beings and we each can distinguish between right and wrong. God's ideal is a family of three generations -- grandparents, parents and children -- representing ancestors of the past, as well as the present and the future. With this teaching we can put an end to violence, and especially the defilement of women and other evils."

The following morning, Mother Moon continued speaking about her vision for Africa: "Many of you may admire the

nations of the world. But from God's perspective, you in Africa have made more conditions of sacrifice that can be accepted by God. In a desert, when rain comes it disappears quickly. In Africa there is great hope, because you can see the value of God's word and the opportunity we have at this time. You may not have many external treasures or worldly possessions, but you can understand God's word and your faith is mature, so you can build a movement for a new heart and a "New Village Movement" in Africa. Have a big dream. Be a totally different person from yesterday. You should be the most developed continent in terms of heart and spirit."

The time of sharing in the morning concluded with singing. A youth choir sang "Hakuna Matata," based on the Swahili saying meaning "no worries," and "Sarangahe," a popular Korean love song. Mother Moon named the choir Sun Hak and encouraged the children to study and develop their musical and language skills for future international performances. The word Hak, part of Mother Moon's name, means crane, a bird that flies high and travels to many places.

In the spirit of dreaming big and flying high, Dr. Thomas Walsh sang "If I Can Dream," and Hyo Jin sang "Over the Rainbow." The Japanese women also offered a song.

Mother Moon had breakfast with Ambassadors for Peace from Kenya, Burundi and Rwanda and then left for Tanzania, Kenya's neighbor to the south.

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,
July 22, 2006**

The UPF Peace Tour party arrived in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia mid-morning on July 21. They were welcomed by a representative of the royal family of Ethiopia and by the deputy mayor of Addis Ababa, and by members of the local TV media.

Ethiopia is an important nation in Africa, with a long, rich and respected history. Addis Ababa is where the headquarters of the African Union is located, and also the African base of the UN's Economic Commission is based in Africa. As such, all the nations of Africa have Embassies and staff based in Addis. Streets are named after 54 African Nations that make up the African Union.

Ethiopia also has a significant religious heritage that includes many Ethiopian Jews, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, and Islam. Significantly, Ethiopia is one of the two African nations, along with South Africa that sent troops as part of the UN Peace Force for the liberation of Korea.

The main event in Ethiopia was a huge success. 1400 people gathered in the beautiful ballroom at the Sheraton in Addis, perhaps the finest hotel in Africa. Those who gathered were so orderly, so handsome, beautiful, attentive, and high level: 55 Members of Parliament, two federal government Ministers, plus religious leaders, academics, and district government ministers.

The invocation was presented by a representative of the Islamic community and a representative of the Ethiopian Ortho-



book of life," and encouraged people to study them daily. "There is no liberation through ignorance. You have to expand the realm of truth and blessing."

"We know Africa has suffered so much," Mrs. Moon continued. She recalled the great suffering of the Korean people because of the war in the 1950s. In the early years of the Unification movement, the nation and the movement were very poor. But Rev. Sun Myung Moon inspired the youth to go throughout the country and spread the "New Village Movement," which contributed to the miracle of development that has taken place in Korea.

At the beginning of this her fourth visit to the continent of Africa, Mrs. Moon urged people do something similar in Africa: "There are many challenges -- family breakdown, political instability and economic challenges. This is a great opportunity for yourselves, your families, your nation and your continent. This is the great moment for Africa and a time to rise up. Do not envy developed nations. The last shall become first."

On the evening of July 19, Mrs. Moon and her son spoke at the Grand Regency Hotel on the themes of God's ideal for a peaceful family, nation and world. The audience of 700 people included government ministers, members of parliament, professors, religious leaders, and NGO

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dox tradition; following their respective prayers, they embraced, and the audience erupted in applause.

The Welcome Remarks were offered by one of Ethiopia's most respected and well-known scholars and government advisors, Professor Kenfi Abraham, President of the Ethiopian International Institute for Peace and Development and Chief Advisor to the Intergovernmental Authority for Development.

Dr. Abraham spoke about the history of Ethiopia, its current challenges, and the need for peace, and justice as the foundation for development. He expressed his strong appreciation to Mother Moon for coming to Ethiopia, bring a much-needed message of peace. Confident, articulate and knowledgeable, he summarized the history of Ethiopia and the Region, highlighting the difficulties of the current situation, and linked human development in Ethiopia to the establishment of peace and stability, and hence the essential value and need of the message of UPF.

Following the main program and Blessing, several new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed. Later there was a VIP dinner for 70 of the high-level participants.

Abuja, Nigeria, July 23, 2006

Mother Moon and Hyo Jin arrived in Abuja, Nigeria, mid-morning on July 23. While waiting for customs clearance, there was discussion about the current crisis in the Middle East and how it was intensifying the interest in and appreciation for the message that Mother Moon and Hyo Jin are bringing. Clearly the conventional approaches to peace are not working, and increasingly the world is giving more serious consideration to this message.

Nigeria is one of Africa's most important countries and has the largest population. Its oil reserves are stimulating significant economic growth as well as political strength.

The main event was very well organized. Mrs. Kathy Rigney, Mrs. Evelyln Winter, Mr. Michael Kiely, Rev. George Ikpot and Rev. George Ogurie were attentive to every detail. The program proceeded very smoothly, efficiently and allowed the heart and spirit to flow without obstruction.

The program was attended by 1400, far more than the 1200 anticipated. Many had to be turned away as there were not only no seats, but no standing room. Many traditional chiefs, tribal kings and queens, members of the national assembly, religious leaders and NGO leaders attended.

Hyo Jin presented the Founder's address. With each event, he presents the message with increased capacity to project the heart and profound content of the message, becoming more one with the word. His years of experience as a musician and performer enhance his ability to convey the message effectively. He's "a natural" on the stage, and offers a great range of expressions, in heart, volume, emotion, etc., making the presentation, a long speech, always interesting and engaging.

Mother Moon presented boldly and joyfully and, as always, has the audience fixed on each word and sentence. Although Father Moon is not with her, she is so proud and encouraged each day to have her sons doing so well in presenting his heart and essence; this re-inspires and renews her each day. There's a victorious feeling, but there's so much more to do and not enough time in which to do it.

Following the main event, there was a banquet for 200 people. Remarks were given by several key people, expressing appreciation for the message. "What we have heard today is really the hope of all ages, a message for all races, religions and nationalities, rich and poor," said Alhaj Bamaya Turur.

Yaounde, Cameroon, July 25, 2006

Mother Moon and Hyo Jin Moon arrived in Yaounde, Cameroon mid-morning, from Cotonou, Benin. Cameroon is about 75% French speaking and 25% English speaking. The Main Event was held on the Palais de Congres, a beautiful large hall set high on a hill in Yaounde. 1100 people attended, including 17 members of parliament, several tribal kings [Fons] and leading figures in Cameroon society.

Hon. Francis Nkwain, former Minister and head of the Ambassadors for Peace association of Cameroon, gave the welcoming address. He mentioned that Cameroon was a nation dedicated to peace, but that it needed UPF's vision to fulfill its dream of peace and co-prosperity.

Hon. Dr. Ayuk, Arrey Peter (MP) National Assembly, Cameroon: "What pleases me most is that world leaders are focusing on peace. However, world leaders have no clear strategy or method. That is exactly what UPF has. Not with weapons or guns, but with true love and living for the sake of others; these are the mighty weapons that defeat empires. When I read about Iraq and the Middle East, I fear we have truly lost our way in this world. However, if we follow UPF, there will be no war and we will learn to live in peace. I will try my best to promote these ideas in our national assembly, in our schools, etc".

Francoise Foning, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization: "I thank Mother Moon for coming to Cameroon with this message of peace.

You are in a peaceful country; in this room are many people from different parties, but we all live in peace together. I am so happy to be an Ambassador For Peace and will move to the top of this nation with this vision."

Archbishop Tang, Church of the Byzantine Rite: "We have learned a special way

is not true. I will explain this to my colleagues in the national assembly. This is a movement for peace."

Hon. Minister Nkwain: "I am so moved by this day. From tonight's testimonies Rev. Kwak should be assured that UPF is alive and well in Cameroon. We are committed. In the past there were so many with a prejudicial view of this movement, but this is changing, and July 24 is a day of new beginning, a new start."

Lusaka, Zambia, July 25-26

The tour party arrived mid-day in Zambia after flying about 4 hours from Cameroon, and were welcomed at the airport by former President Kenneth Kaunda, a key founding father of modern, post-colonial Africa, and former Vice President Zulu, and former PM Gen. Malimba Masheke, and others.

The Main Event was held at the Mulungushi International Conference Center, which was packed from two hours prior to the official opening of the event. God's word was presented beautifully and very effectively to 1000 people.

Former Prime Minister Masheke: "I cannot measure the benefit of Mother Moon's visit to Zambia. Such a very, very tremendous blessing. When we look around the world from the Middle East to Korea, we see the conflict and struggle, and can see how important is the message we received."

Bogota, Colombia, August 1-2, 2006

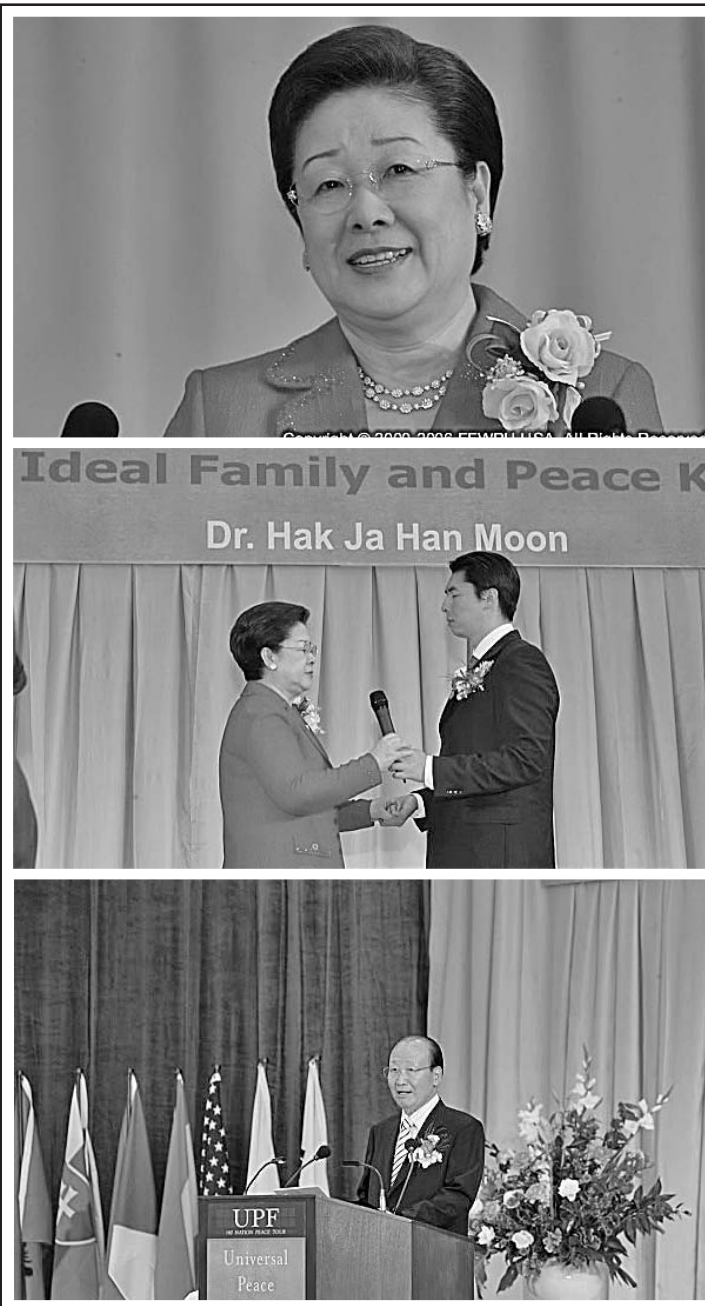
Mother Moon and Jeong Jin Moon arrived in Bogota late morning on August 1. After saying goodbye to Yeon Jin who had to travel back to the USA, Dr. Moon was joined by another couple from her large family, daughter Sun Jin and her husband In Sup, together with staff from the UPF in Washington DC including Antonio Betancourt, Tomiko Dugan and others.

At the main program, with about 700 seated at banquet tables, Jeong Jin, the Moon's youngest daughter presented the Founder's Address. This was her second opportunity to read, the first having been in Sao Paulo. She read with great emotion, and paused on a couple of occasions to wipe away tears. The reading set a very good tone for Mother Moon's presentation that followed.

Speaking at the celebration the next morning, Mother Moon said, "The world is always hearing about the problems of this country and this region. There is AIDS, family breakdown, drugs, etc. You have to restore the dignity of your country.

"I don't want applause; I want practice," she said, "I want you to practice what I am saying. The only solution to the problems of this region and all nations are the movement of pure love, campaigns for pure love, AIDS prevention, against drugs, and other efforts aimed to restore the dignity of the nation. You know so

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to peace through Dr. Sun Myung Moon. His teachings are the same as the core, backbone teachings of the African worldview. We see ourselves as one through his message. We are overwhelmed by these words and see heaven opening up for us. We will spread this news. We can only establish a true lineage when we connect to God."

Hon. Catherine Eposi Meboka, Cameroon National Assembly: "This message is exactly what we need in this country. Before I go to bed tonight I am going to read that speech again. I can now see that women are part of the true form of God! Her very presence is raising up women in Cameroon to a high level. I only want one thing: more copies of the speeches, to distribute to others."

Hon. Boulou Nguig: National MP: We will spread this news widely. Some of my colleagues feared the UPF and thought this meeting was all about conversion to a religion. We know clearly now that this

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much more than other people. So, please pledge, by showing your hands if you will do this"™ columbia

Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic, August 2-3, 2006

Going from 2500 meters above sea level to sea level, from winter in the mountains of Bogata to palm trees, sea air, and steamy heat, from the nation named after Columbus to the place where Columbus first set foot in the hemisphere, Mother Moon arrived in Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic around noon, from Colombia, together with Sun Jin Nim and In Sup Nim, and Jeong Jin Nim.

The Main Event was held at the Renaissance Hotel theatre. Hon. Gloria Guitierrez, Secretary of State, offered the Welcome Remarks. Dr. Walsh presented the Chairman's Address. Senora Sun Jin Moon presented the Founder's Address; her first opportunity to present Father's message on the 180 nation tour.

Introduced by Rev. Regalado as the 9th of True Parents' 13 children and the 4th of their 6 daughters, currently studying psychology at Harvard University, while also managing business responsibilities in Asia (Korea and Japan), Sun Jin Nim's presentation of Founder's Address was bright, spirited, warm-hearted, and perfectly scored. In this land where baseball is cherished, she hit a home run. Sun Jin Nim opened with a few words of greeting in Spanish and some personal words of introduction, expressing appreciation to the audience and commenting on the beauty of the Dominican Republic, and indicating that the speech she would present contained the essence of her Father's lifelong teaching.

Sun Jin Nim's warm, lively, engaging style brought the speech to life and won her audience's full attention. As had her siblings before her, she did fight back without complete success her tears when speaking about the suffering heart of God at the loss of His original ideal of true love. When she spoke about God's ideal of true love, it was like the Completed Testament Age expansion of the New Testament's oft-quoted passages on love in Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

As she later testified, she benefited from repeatedly watching Mother presenting God's Word, for she was masterful in taking full advantage of the dialogical or "Socratic" style of the speech, with its question and answer structure, stimulating the audience with each rhetorical question.

"Do you know what caused God the greatest grief and anguish throughout the course of history since the Fall of Adam and Eve?" she would ask, and then pause, look at the audience, and continue. Mother Moon does this at several points in her speech, such as "What about you?" when talking about how we as humans seek God's love just as bees seek the flowers' nectar, and again when she asks, "Why should we get married?" pauses, looks at the audience with a Mona Lisa-like smile, drawing them in to hear the answer.

She always comes forward with so much natural, unaffected dignity, following after her children. She doesn't have

to say a word. She needs no introduction. People already marvel at her children, the fruit of Father's and her love, life and lineage. The children are just so nice to look at, even without their speaking.

Thus far, on the 180 nation tour there have been three sons, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim, then three daughters, Yeon Jin Nim, Jeong Jin Nim, and Sun Jin Nim. Today, in Jamaica, we may have the first son-in-law.

Neither Moses, nor Jesus, nor Buddha, nor Mohammed could appoint their absolute partner to carry the word, much less their own children, or, in the not too distant future, grandchildren. Just seeing the family members at the podium, presenting God's Word and preparing the way for their mother to follow, has so much power and impact. Everyone relates existentially. Everyone reflects on their own family, their own children. Everyone knows that the program is not only presenting words about God's ideal of true love and true family, it is manifesting true love and true family.

Following the main event, there was a VIP reception for about 50 of the most distinguished AFPs. It was full of life, inspiration and words of appreciation.

Bahamas, August 4, 2006

Recently on August 4th we helped prepare for True Mother's World Peace Speaking tour in the Bahamas. The morning after her address (which was very well attended and well received) we had a very special moment that I wanted to share with you. It was deeply related with the heart we should have as we reach out for all brothers and sisters who were ever touched by True Parents. With the tears of True Mother I believe we can touch everyone who ever knew True Parents and with a help from God we might just open the door for them to come home.

It was at breakfast when we had several Ambassadors for Peace and clergy with True Mother, the morning after her speech. Pastor T.L. Barrett, who was the first pastor in North America to open his church to True Mother has always had a very special feeling about True Parents, and in particular about the love that they have for all people. Pastor Barrett experienced directly how that love transformed his wife was moved to return after 10 years of separation. (They were blessed by True Parents in the 60 couple blessing in 2001 and have remained happily married ever since.)

Pastor Barrett asked Mother, what does it really feel like to be the True Parent of humanity? We know that many people have affirmed this, but also I believe that God has also affirmed this, and I wanted to hear from you what you feel, having that anointing from God.

Mother surprised us all. She took the question very seriously and she began to share about her early life, starting with the war in Korea when she was a young girl, and how her mother, Dae Mo Nim, and her grandmother protected her every step of the way. She also shared very sincerely that she never knew much about her father, who was never around and not a part of her life. Because of having no father, she came to truly believe and feel that God was her personal father.

Her mother was a very devout Christian and member of an independent spiritual church in northern Korea before the Korean War. Mother shared how when she was a little girl one Buddhist monk,

suffering. She shared how she came to know that God truly feels that we are all His children, without exception. She mentioned that in most families there are children who make mistakes, but eventually all children have a tendency to return to their parents and come back to their roots. Likewise, it is God's deepest desire that he see everyone return to Him. This is the desire of God. This is also the desire of True Father.

Then Mother began to cry. As Dr. Yang was translating, she removed her glasses and wiped her eyes. Sun Jin Nim and Alex (her husband) were there with Jeong Jin Nim. Everyone was deeply caught and the room became silent and attentive.

Mother opened her heart and with a tearful voice that broke as she was sobbing. She shared that, "When I came to know God's heart, how sad God is, I really wanted to liberate God. I wanted to take away His suffering. I wanted to take away the suffering feeling in Father's heart and God's heart. They are weeping over humanity, longing for humanity to come home."

Mother's tears were flowing at this point. All the assembled clergy and Ambassadors for Peace were deeply moved. Some shed tears. Then Mother said, "I really feel when you talk about God affirming me as the True Parent that I am not enough. I feel in some ways unqualified, and I feel so sorry. I want to give everything for God and liberate God, and I long for all of God's children to come home."

Mother continued to wipe the tears from her eyes, and everyone present was deeply moved. She shared that she could understand the part of Father's speech where he said, "Even now, if one person were to look into my heart and speak a word of sympathy, my tears would become an explosive waterfall." After risking her life with True Father and True Children to bring God's message to every nation, she had overcome so many difficulties, a lonely Mother walking through history with her husband who together completely share God's loneliness as he is seeking after God's children. She went to Africa, the Middle East, Asia, every continent in the most difficult life risking situations, giving up everything and yet still sitting before us saying she felt sorry she was not enough to liberate God quickly enough. Then Mother said, I hope this was the answer to your question. (MWJ)

Auckland, New Zealand, August 13, 2006

Mother Moon arrived in Auckland, "the city of sails," late in the evening of August 11, after about 18 hours of traveling across the South Pacific. Dr. and Mrs. Chung Sik Yong, Enrique Ledesma, Steve and Suzie Evans, Leona Didsbury, Andrew Lausberg, some Ambassadors for Peace and many bright, enthusiastic New Zealanders formed the welcoming party.

On August 12, there was a rare opportunity to take a short outing to the Western Coast on winding roads bordered by sheep farms, with the animals like thousands of white dots on green hills. The fresh air and beautiful views, with a chance to get a few minutes of exercise, were very refreshing on this windy, wintry day.

On the morning of August 13, we heard



prophesied to her mother before she was born saying that her daughter will be great in history, and this baby girl you will bring forth will be more famous than the prominent men in history. From the time of her birth, her mother and grandmother felt that this special little girl had come from God.

Because of the war, they never could stay in one place. They journeyed from North Korea and escaped to the South, but since the South was unstable, they moved from place to place, never remaining long. All her life she was brought up as a person of faith and deep religious spirit. Because she knew God as her personal father, she always felt very close with Him. When she came to know God more deeply, she could feel directly the sadness and sorrow that God has because of the suffering of humanity.

As a young person she felt deep within her soul that she wanted to give everything to help God be liberated from His tears. Therefore, in her heart she felt clearly willing to completely give her life for God.

When she met True Father her understanding of God's heart deepened and she began to feel deep pain and sorrow all the time because of the sensitivity of God's heart toward humanity because of their

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reports and reflections from Dr. Yong, Dr. Walsh, Rev. Ledesma, Rev. and Mrs. Evans, Rev. Lausberg, Geoff Prentice, and other local leaders. In the early afternoon, Hyun Jin Moon, his wife Jun Sook, and Jin Man Kwak arrived from Manila following the Youth Federation for World Peace and World CARP Rally there August 10-12.

The main event was very well organized. The hall was set for 500, and several hundred additional chairs had to be provided. It was the best turnout of any event held in New Zealand. Rev. Evans presided during the traditional Maori welcoming ceremony and performances by several talented choirs, including a large Tongan choir. Anglican Vicar Rev. Jennifer Chalmers offered the invocation. Sir Peter Tapsell, former Speaker of the Parliament, offered welcome remarks. Dr. Walsh presided over the main program, and Dr. Yong delivered the Chairman's Address.

Fresh off the plane from his recent programs in Japan and Philippines, Hyun Jin Moon arrived in New Zealand to join Mother Moon for the tour in Oceania and Hong Kong. He arrived on stage exuding vitality and maturity, and he presented the Founder's Address with confidence and power. Mother Moon presented her Keynote Address with grace and dignity. She seemed pleased and comforted to be once again with Hyun Jin and Jun Sook. Together they officiated at the prayer of blessing for marriages.

The program ended with a mass choir singing "We Are the World." With the lyrics projected on the screen, everyone stood and sang along for an inspiring end to a great program. Afterward, there was a dinner for 40 of the closest Ambassadors for Peace. Rev. Ledesma invited delegates to share their reflections:

A governmental minister from Fiji praised Mother Moon's and Hyun Jin's emphasis on family, and she described how many government policies, including welfare policies, were undermining the family.

A delegate from Samoa, representing both the National Council of Churches in Samoa and the World Council of Churches, praised the UPF and expressed belief in its potential to exceed the achievements of the World Council of Churches.

Mother Moon acknowledged the many young people present and called their singing group the Sun Hak Choir, New Zealand. "I want the 2nd generation to have a great dream," she said. "We are all happy people, but this happiness must be multiplied and spread. We promote the ideal of the true teacher, true parent and true leader. You have to spread this teaching and reach out to the university students on all the island nations."

Sydney, Australia, August 15, 2006

Mother Moon, Hyun Jin and Jun Sook arrived in Sydney midmorning on a beautiful "winter day" Monday, August 14 welcomed by Dr. and Mrs. Yong Cheol Song (former Continental Directors of IIFWP-Oceania), Ambassador for Peace Hon. David Clarke of the Parliament of New South Wales, Robyn Ledesma, Rev. Rick McInerhney, Karen Judd Smith, and other blessed central families and Ambassadors for Peace.

After arriving at the InterContinental

and the initial greetings and meetings, the party took a mid-day boat ride around Sydney Harbor. God gave them a spectacular day, sunny bright and full of fresh air and beautiful views, such a rare and precious moment for them to be together as a family in such a beautiful setting.

The main event was convened at Sydney's "Angel Place" Recital Hall, an elegant hall with excellent ambience and acoustics. A "Peace Choir Competition" featured nine professional choirs representing various communities in Sydney such as Tongans, Samoans, Indonesian Catholics, Melkites, Thais, Sikhs, Bosnians, Lebanese and Africans. These choirs performed for the first hour. Each was dressed beautifully in traditional clothing.

Dignitaries in attendance included Hon. David Clarke and Hon. Anthony Roberts, Parliament of New South Wales; Sir Thomas and Lady Carla Davis, former Prime Minister of the Cook Islands; Rabbi Dr. Brikha Nasoraia, head of the community of Mandaean Gnostics; Imam Jamin Bekric of the Bosnian Muslim community; Mr. Aziz Akbar; and many others.

Hyun Jin Moon's reading of the Founder's Address was powerful, dynamic, flawless in the delivery, representing True Father, True Parents and True Family so confidently, warmly and beautifully, bringing the word to life, and preparing the way for Mother Moon's presentation of the word of God for this age after the coming of heaven.

Hon. David Clarke gave congratulatory remarks praising Mother Moon, Hyun Jin and the message of peace, reconciliation and true family ideals.

The Tongan choir won the first prize and closed the program with a rousing version of "Kumbaya" that brought everyone to their feet. The evening closed with a VIP Reception for about 100 Ambassadors for Peace.

Vanuatu, August 16, 2006

After a three hour flight from Sydney, Mother Moon, Hyun Jin and Jun Sook arrived in Vanuatu, welcomed by Rev. and Mrs. Chung Sik Yong, Rev. Myung Dae Kim and family, Rev. Andy Lausberg, Mrs. Aila Anneli Willitts, Mr. Steven Osborne, and others, including many Ambassadors for Peace. This was the first visit by Mother Moon and her family to this beautiful island nation, rated by one British polling company as the country with the "happiest people." "Losing" one hour from Sydney time, we arrived only a few hours before the program started.

Vanuatu is an archipelago of 83 islands. Port Vila is the capital. Formerly known as New Hebrides, Vanuatu was an "Anglo-French Condominium" until independence in 1980. One of Oceania's Melanesian islands [others include Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, etc.], Vanuatu has a population of 200,000.

The main program began at 3:30 PM. Following the Holy Wine Ceremony, and

the Chairman's Address by Dr. Yong, the Prime Minister, Ham Lini, who attended with his wife and the Speaker of the Parliament, gave the welcoming remarks, extending his personal welcome to Mother Moon and Hyun Jin, expressing his regret for difficulties last year which affected the decision to exclude Vanuatu from the 120 Nation Tour. [At that time, sev-

Minister of Labor.

Following the main event and Blessing, there was a VIP dinner for 40 Ambassadors for Peace. Several shared their inspiration, echoing the theme of receiving such as great blessing from True Parents and True Family. Several expressed their apologies for Father and Mother Moon not being able to come in 2005.

The following morning, Mother Moon said, "When I look at the environment here in Vanuatu, there is so much of God's beauty. The pattern in history has been one of conflict, where the victorious nations subjugate and dominate the defeated nation and peoples. However, after World War II, the victorious nations did not subjugate the defeated nations, but helped them be liberated. This meant there was a providence to create a brotherhood of nations. In the past, so many efforts could not achieve solutions to the world's problems. So, when Ambassadors for Peace see the possibility for lasting solutions through True Parents, they are so inspired. I want you to be able to expand this message and this blessing so that this nation, which is so much like the kingdom of heaven externally, can also become the Kingdom of Heaven internally and spiritually. Parents love all their children, but some are more near and dear to your heart as they unite with you. Among all the nations of the world, Vanuatu can be the special child that True Parents and God can love so much. You have been named the number one nation in the world for the happiness of its people."

Japanese volunteers sang a song about happiness.

The Oceania Leadership Training Team sang a Vanuatuan song, "My God Can Do Anything." Ambassadors for Peace sang a Vanuatuan Christian song.

Mother Moon had been encouraging children's choirs throughout the tour. "After hearing these great singers," she said, "I would like to start an Ambassadors for Peace choir." Hyun Jin sang an American song about fulfilling dreams, with back up provided by Dr. Thomas Walsh and Jin Man Kwak.

Afterwards, Mother Moon, Hyun Jin and Jun Sook walked on the beach for 20 minutes. As they walked along the shore, there were large schools of small fish swimming parallel to them. Very fascinatingly, thousands of these fish would leap up in the air, like dolphins, and splash back in and under the water. The water was crystal clear, allowing 100 percent visibility. Many starfish were scattered on the bottom.

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea,

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eral Christian groups were stirred up prejudicially and emotionally, creating an inappropriate environment. However, Ambassadors for Peace countered effectively and courageously, turning the tide.] The Prime Minister spoke of the need for religious freedom, affirming all the peoples and citizens of Vanuatu. He spoke about the importance of dialogue and cooperation, citing Vanuatu's opening of relations with Libya and its relations with Indonesia, another Muslim country. The Prime Minister and his wife stayed throughout the program, and afterwards he did a brief interview for Peace TV, citing an article he had read some years ago which spoke of a prophet from the East who would come in 2006, and he said he believed the Father and Mother Moon were probably those people.

Welcomed enthusiastically by the 500 leaders assembled, Hyun Jin delivered the Founder's Address and Mother Moon the Keynote Address with usual elegance, dignity and power, and a touch of the joy of being in such a wonderful place with such wonderful people who were attending so respectfully, especially former Prime Minister Ati George Sokomanu and the

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Mother Moon, Hyun Jin and Jun Sook arrived mid-day in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, traveling three hours from Vanuatu. They were welcomed by Ambassadors for Peace and local leaders and members of UPF.

At 1:30 Dr. Chung Sik Yong, Dr. Thomas Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Giorgio Boin, and Mr. Ernie Ijzenbruk visited the Governor General, Sir Paulias Matane, the leading representative and acting head of state of behalf of Queen Elizabeth II. In other words, he is the highest official in the land. He received us warmly and graciously. He knew a great deal about Father and Mother Moon already. He had been his nation's first Ambassador to the USA, the UN, Mexico and Canada, back in the mid-1970s. He praised UPF and its work and paid honor to Father and Mother Moon.

The first part of the program, emceed by Rev. Ledesma, began at 4:00 PM and featured wonderful performance by local, traditional singers and dancers.

At 5:00 PM, the Governor General was introduced and delivered his welcoming remarks. He sincerely and warmly welcomed Mother Moon and Hyun Jin to Papua New Guinea. He acknowledged Father Moon, even though he could not be present. He spoke of the need for inter-religious cooperation, especially among Jews, Christians and Muslims. He praised UPF's work to promote unity, harmony and peace, and for its efforts to bring peace in the Middle East. He also recognized UPF's emphasis on the family. [The Governor General and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.] He encouraged the 600 members of the audience to commit themselves to the ideals of UPF and to spread those ideals throughout the nation. His remarks very well received and added great dignity to the main event.

Prior to presenting his message, Hyun Jin paid his respects to the Governor General and explained that the speech he was about to give represented the core of his Father's teachings. He went on to present the Founder's Address. Because the spirit was so high and the atmosphere so warm and respectful, the presentation unfolded easily, clearly and smoothly. As he concluded, the Governor General, who had sat attentively throughout, came to the stage to present Hyun Jin with a special necklace made of the tusks of wild pig, an important animal in Papua New Guinea.

The atmosphere was at its peak when Mother Moon entered the stage, and everyone rose with applause, refusing to sit down until she clearly insisted on it. The audience remained attentive and respectful at their seats throughout her wonderful presentation. She was fully at ease, comfortable in presenting God's word, clearly pleased with the audience, the Governor General and the overall reception she was receiving.

Once again, as her speech concluded, the Governor General came to the stage and presented Mother Moon with a special gift, the latest of the 37 books he has written. She received it graciously and then was joined by her son and daughter-in-law for a photograph with the Governor General. The prayer for blessing of marriage was celebrated with a high and

warm and respectful spirit. After the program, the Governor General gave interview to Voices of Peace TV.

Following the main event, there was a reception for about 40 Ambassadors for Peace hosted by Dr. Yong, Rev. Ledesma and Mr. and Mrs. Boin. Several of the Ambassadors for Peace shared their experiences, quite a few of whom were meeting Mother Moon for the first time or learning about UPF for the first time. They were inspired and uplifted.

The following morning Mother Moon spoke. "Until now," she said, "People have lived as orphans in history. Although people are brothers and sisters, there has only been strife, conflict and struggle. Humanity did not know True Parents. God has been working to rise up humanity through his providence, but humanity has not understood God's providence. Even if God finds only one person, then God can move his providence forward. So, even 2000 years ago, Jesus was sent in that position. If Jesus had not had to go to the cross there would not have been so many divisions in religion, and the Kingdom of Heaven would have been established at that time. I think you are truly Blessed people. True Parents have shown you everything. In front of you there are no more barriers and no more walls. I see so many young, bright faces here, and this makes me very happy. You have the responsibility to bring all young people and the rest of the nation to be restored. True Parents teach true love and living for the sake of others. Practice this teaching.

If this nation can practice this and become a model nation, how wonderful it will be!"

The people from Papua New Guinea sang, "We Are the People of the Lord." Japanese volunteers sang, and the Korean cameraman sang. Then Dr. Yong sang a song about a child's heart of longing for the parents, longing for the father when the sun rises and longing for the mother when the moon rises.

Hyun Jin then spoke about a pure heart yearning and longing for an ideal world and the aspiration of youth seeking the flowering of true love. "Please hold on to that truth and that spirit," he said. "There is a tendency to lose that spirit, but we must keep that spirit, for that is where we find God. If you dream big and have ownership of that dream, then big things will happen." He invited Thomas Walsh, Jin Man Kwak, Enrique Ledesma and Ernie Ijzenbruk to join him in singing "If I Can Dream."

Honiara, Solomon Islands, August 18, 2006

Mother Moon, Hyun Jin and Jun Sook arrived in Honiara, Solomon Islands, at about 11:30 AM on August 18, welcomed by Dr. Song, Rev. Paul Saver, and other leaders and Ambassadors for Peace from the Solomon Islands. The hotel and the event venue was Solomon Kitano Mendana Hotel.

Solomon Islands was the setting for World War II's battle of Guadalcanal. The bay around Honiara, which looks so beau-

tiful and peaceful, is known as "Iron Bottom," due to the multitude of ships that were sunk during one of World War II's bloodiest battles between the USA and the Japanese.

Father Moon visited Solomon Islands last year. There he had a strong vision about the nation's importance as a center for the island nation's providence.

The main event was attended by 1500 participants, all of whom sat respectfully and enthusiastically throughout the

said, "I have visited all parts of the world, including the Middle East. There I saw so many faithful, sincere, committed religious leaders, particularly from the Muslim faith. Father has invested so much in the Middle East. Upon that foundation, I could present these speeches and embrace the people, and those who received those words were so joyful to receive those words. My heart aches to see the ongoing suffering of that region. As long as God is alive, God's providence will advance on this earth."

She referred to the rebuilding of Korea after the war, when Father Moon sent middle school and high school students throughout the countryside to do service projects and teach Divine Principle: "Father aimed at establishing a new heart, new mind, and transformation. As I look at the Solomon Islands, I feel the need for this kind of 'new mind' and 'new village' movement here, including protection of the environment. Because Father initiated this movement in Korea decades ago, Korea is now one of the most highly developed nations in the world. Many of the world's leaders are recognizing that Father's words are the key to changing this world. They want more and leaders and lecturers who are well trained. So we have to develop. I met many righteous leaders throughout this tour. I also feel this nation should have many such righteous people."

Mother Moon asked the people from the Solomon Islands to sing, and their voices shook the room in a beautiful and natural harmony: "You are a mighty God, you are the King of all Kings ... you are the melody and you are the harmony and you are the song that I sing..." The Japanese volunteers sang, and then Hyun Jin, with back-up singers, sang: "There must be lights burning brighter, somewhere..."

Hong Kong, China, August 19, 2006

For the final stop on the 180-Nation Tour, Mother Moon and Hyun Jin arrived in Hong Kong at about 10:30 AM, after a three to four hour flight from Palau. They were welcomed by Dr. and Mrs. Joon Ho Seuk, Dr. Thomas and Kathy Hwang, Dr. Dae Oh Son, and many leaders from Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Taiwan, and other cities in China. They lodged at the Grand Hyatt, Hong Kong's finest hotel.

During the day, there was a conference, co-sponsored by UPF-Eurasia and the International Educational Foundation, convened at a nearby venue, focused on bringing harmony and cooperation for "Peace and Development Across the Taiwan Strait." About 60 Chinese leaders from Hong Kong, the Mainland and Taiwan gathered, along with representatives from Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, and several other nations in the region. It was co-chaired by Ms. Alice Huang and Dr. Chang. Dr. Seuk gave the keynote address and Dr. Walsh the open-

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Rally for the Victorious Liberation of Homeland Restoration for Cosmic Peace based on the Return of Heaven and Earth to God

On August 20, 2006, people from around Korea gathered at the KINTEX convention hall in Goyang city, Gyeonggido to take part in the "Rally for the Victorious Liberation of Homeland Restoration for Cosmic Peace based on the Return of Heaven and Earth to God." They came to welcome True Mother and the members of the True Family upon their return from the 120 nation world tour for the Universal Peace Federation Rally for the Restoration of the Homeland and to inherit the victory and accomplishments True Parents achieved in their course of building the kingdom of God's peaceful, ideal world. The rally was organized by the Universal Peace Federation.

The rally coincided with the 21st anniversary of True Father's release from Danbury prison and was held to commemorate the completion of True Mother's 180 nation world tour as the co-founder of UPF. She successfully finished the tour on August 19 with the last stop in Hong Kong, and arrived in Korea on August 20, at 11 a.m. Over 30,000 participants were there, including prominent leaders of each sector of society, Ambassadors for Peace, and UPF members.

Rev. Sunjo Hwang, president of FFWPU Korea, was the emcee for the day and introduced guests: Dr. Minha Kim (former executive vice-chairman of the National Unification Advisory Council), Dr. Bongho Kim (former deputy Speaker of the House), Dr. Cheolgi Lee (former president of Cheondongyo), Ven. Yonghwa Na (head of the Limjae order of Korean Buddhism), Woosuk Kim (former Minister of Construction and Transportation), Cheolgwon Jo (former Minister of Labor), Moondo Heo (former Minister of Unification), Donwook Kim, Jungsoo Moon, and Sanghee Lee (former members of Parliament),

and Bongtae Kim (president of Sunmoon University).

Rev. Chunghwan Kwak, chairman of UPF, gave an address in which he explained the significance of the rally, saying, "This rally is to commemorate the second anniversary of the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom, which was held centering on the national assembly in Korea, and to celebrate the victory of the 180 nation world tour for the Universal Peace Federation Rally for the Restoration of the Homeland which was achieved through the complete unity of heart, body and mindset of two generations within the True Family between the True Parents and True Children. It is also a day to commemorate the 21st anniversary of True Father's release from Danbury prison in which he was unjustly incarcerated in America.

"Fortunately for us, we have come to enjoy the benefits of the providential heavenly fortune while living in the same time sphere of the True Parents....During the entrance ceremony and coronation of the king and queen of cosmic peace, True Father emphasized that a lineage of purity and pure love is most important. There is nothing more important and of value than the blessing. Let us become the leading force in realizing a kingdom of everlasting peace by practicing True Father's instructions for all. Blessed families should fulfil their mission as tribal messiahs and national messiahs through

movements always encountered limitations and failure throughout history because they were carried out by imperfect human beings.... Only a peace

movement guided by God will bring about a peaceful, ideal world....Then what is true love? Its essence is to give, to live for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole....The main attributes of true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so whoever practices God's true love will live with God, share His happiness, and enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work....It has the power to dissipate the barriers fallen human beings created, including national boundaries and the barriers of race and even religion." True Father emphasized that true love should be at the heart of any peace movement.

"In God's sight, skin color makes no difference. God does not recognize national borders. God does not stand behind the barriers of religion and culture."

This was followed by a holy water ceremony, declaration of wedding vows, benediction, and proclamation of the consummation of the wedding. Ambassadors for Peace Dongwook Kim and Youngja Lee presented flowers as a couple to the founders. Rev. Jonggwan Kim, president of the Citizen's Federation for the Unification of North and South Korea led the congregation in three cheers of mansei. ❖



Towards Cosmic Peace!" was shown. After the video presentation, True Father delivered his keynote address.

True Father spoke under the title, "God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World." In his speech he emphasized the importance of a peace movement centered on God and of the value of true love and the exchange blessing marriage. "Peace

"What fortunate and happy people you are! You breathe the same air as True Parents, and you are alive at the same time as them. The more you share your joy and happiness, the greater it becomes. You received the precious Blessing, without any price, so you should share it freely and openly with your family, friends, relatives, co-workers, etc. Do your very best, and heavenly fortune will be with you. This life is like the baby in the mother's womb. At a certain point it has to come out, and come to life on earth. Parents hope their baby will be born healthy and able to flourish and enjoy life. So too is God's hope when you enter the spirit world. The eternal world is the place where we shed our physical body. How much we prepare on earth will determine our capacity in spirit world. So, in order to enjoy happiness in the eternal world, you should live 24 hours a day for the sake of others."

In closing, she said she would like to hear many songs, but she needed to leave right away for Korea, where a large rally was planned. Hyun Jin closed the morning meeting with a song. ❖

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ing remarks. The conference ran from August 19 to 21 and marked the launch of a new organization aimed at promoting dialogue, interaction, harmony and cooperation between the peoples of the PRC and Taiwan.

The main event was held at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Kathy Hwang opened the program. The hall and stage were decorated beautifully, with banquet-style seating for 600 and two overflow rooms to accommodate the 1000 attendees.

Since this was the last nation and city before Mother Moon's return to Korea, there was a high spirit of celebration and victory. This was reflected in the audience's warm, appreciative and enthusiastic welcome to Hyun Jin and Mother Moon. This receptivity, respect and appreciation, coupled with the distinguished leaders in attendance, created an ideal and receptive environment for Hyun Jin and Mother Moon to present God's word without any reserve or sense of distance.

There was a warm, family atmosphere among the Chinese leaders. Hyun Jin opened his remarks with expression of appreciation not only to those gathered but also to his parents, congratulating Mother Moon for her incredible accomplishment and urging everyone to give their very best attention to every word of the message that he and his mother would present. Hyun Jin was dynamic, lively, serious, and yet projected a very confident, comfortable presence.

Mother Moon entered the stage truly as the Queen of Peace, the Queen of True Love and as the True Mother. Her presentation was perfect as she demonstrated once again that she is the "master" of the message and the word--not simply because her presentation is so effective but because her character and being are one with the words she speaks.

The prayer for blessing of marriage went beautifully, and the closing cheers were jubilant. Following the main event, there was a banquet. All remained for the ten-course meal and entertainment.

The following morning Mother Moon spoke, with Thomas Hwang translating into Chinese. "Chinese is a complicated

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S FAREWELL

by Bonnie Berry

Following the Opening Ceremony for the Original Palace, word quickly spread that Father had announced his plan to have all Korean Regional Directors return to Korea. Though most of us have had challenges over the years trying to bridge the culture and language barriers between our Korean leaders and ourselves, this announcement brought about a sense of sadness that we would be losing our stalwart examples of attendance to God and True Parents. In Region 18, having Rev. and Mrs. Hun Suk Lee for the last five years, we were also faced with saying good-bye to our brother and sister who had prayed for us daily, opened their home and hearts to us, offered guidance and friendship, patience and steadfast love. Together with the Lees, we have faced challenges and success, both sorrowful and joyful times. Above all, the Lees have shown us a consistent standard of attendance, obedience and loyalty to our True Parents.

When Rev. Lee returned from Korea at the conclusion of the festivities, the Lee's began planning a party for all of us as a way to thank us for our support. On the beautiful and sunny afternoon of July 1st, families of Region 18 congregated at Father's beautiful Windermere house overlooking Lake Washington and Mt. Rainier. We were all delighted to have Mrs. Lee prepare a sumptuous Korean barbeque dinner for us. The Lee's hospitality and show of appreciation to us made us feel loved by them and Heavenly Parents. Families spread out on the lawn in small

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groups enjoying conversation, sharing memories and making plans. Children ran and played. The sounds of their laughter rang out in the summer air. There was an atmosphere of joy and celebration. In closing, Rev. Lee shared his hopes that we would continue to develop the foundation in our community and make stronger unity with one another. He also stressed that he wished to help strengthen our bond of heart with the Fatherland, Korea. He expressed hope that we could continue to stay connected in heart even though he would be in Korea.

The next day, July 2nd, was the appointed day for the official transition ceremony. The church building was full to capacity for the event. As we sang, a sense of reverence and anticipation filled the sanctuary. Heaven's heart and spirit filled us. As new Holy Salt and Holy Candles were bequeathed to us, there was a sense that a new beginning, a new time had arrived.

Washington state leader, Mary Anglin gave a brief official announcement about Father Moon's direction for all Korean leaders to return to Korea. She encouraged us that this is a time for the American membership

to step forward and take responsibility to fulfill our Elder Son position.

Brief testimonies were heard about the Lee's. Larry Krishnek spoke of the love and hospitality they have offered us. He also shared about the way that the Lees were able to comfort him in the face of the grief he felt at

been the one giving comfort. Larry has a unique bond with the Lees, as his appointed Korean hometown is the community where Rev. Lee is originally from.

Next to speak was Hiroko Sato. Hiroko tearfully shared what we all know. The Lees have prayed for us each and every night, each and every family. She reminded us how they sacrificed. They stayed up late each night and got up early each morning to pray for us.

The final testimony came from Myung Yeob Keating. She also shared about the abundant love and service we have received from the Lees. In particular, she talked about the offering they made that binds us to them forever. During their course in Region 18, while they were attending True Parents in Kodiak, Kwan Jung was taken to the spirit world while on STF. We shared this transition with Rev. and Mrs. Lee in the closest and most intimate way. This period of transition brought our community together. But most importantly, it showed us very substantially the undying faith in God and True Parents that the Lees have. Although at times, it was not easy for them, they never hid their faces or asked for a leave of absence. They continued

steadfastly in their leadership role and responsibilities. Myung Yeob said it

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the passing of their beloved second son, Kwan Jung. This comfort came at a time when Larry felt he should have

New Jersey

by Rev. Barry Geller

On July 2, 2006, at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, NJ, our New Jerusalem Family Church membership

offered their hearts to our beloved Regional Director, Rev. Dong Woo Kim, Mrs. Chan Ran Kim, and their four children. This truly was a wonderful tribute to the great work of our True Parents in America.

To begin the event the New Jerusalem Band led us in song and Rev. Alan Roghanian, Imam Ameer Pasha Salahuddin, and Mrs. Masako Feddema all shared their experiences of spiritual growth and inspiration in their work with Rev. and Mrs. Kim. Most significant about this experience was the presence of In Jin Nim and family, who came in support of the work of Rev. Kim over the past three years in the New Jerusalem Community. In Jin Nim came not only to support Rev. Kim, but also to express her gratitude to all the Korean Regional Directors in America. She also expressed her appreciation to New Jerusalem and all the regions she visited on the tour for Dr. Pak. We all were moved by her beau-

tiful expression of heart for the efforts of the Korean leaders in America and her hope for America under the new

Western leaders.

In addition, the three-hour service included a beautiful photo montage set to music of Rev. Kim's three-year ministry in New Jerusalem. During his 3 year administration Rev. Kim worked

day and night to put in place a structure for our work as owners of Chun Il Geuk. He established committees to address both 1st and 2nd generation issues, Sunday worship, outreach, and education for new guests on up to leaders of our community. In addition he established educational programs for our Blessed Central Families, Hoon Dok School for spiritual growth, Leadership School for training in leading Hoon Dok Home Church Groups, and DP School for lecture training in the

One to One DP education. Almost every weekend Rev. Kim was busy teaching during the past three years. Although the service was long, the time passed quickly because of the beautiful feeling that affected all.

Rev. Kim also took time to present plaques and certificates of appreciation to the many families who gave of their hearts and efforts during the last three years. In particular, Rev Dairo Ferraboli was recognized for his excellent work with ACLC, Mrs. Masako Feddema for her work as Hoon Dok Family Church Coordinator, as well as Mrs. Hope Igarashi, Rev. Pan Whe Goo, Mrs. Misayo Bien, and many, many others too numerous to mention here.

Rev. Dr. Michael Jenkins shared his experiences with Rev. Kim advising him to attend the Fishing Tournament this year. Great results emerged for America and Rev. Jenkins as he placed #1 in the Tournament. The culmination of the service was the moment when we all bid farewell to Rev. Kim and welcomed our new acting Regional Director, Rev. Barry Geller, who pledged to continue the good work begun by Rev. Kim in the New Jerusalem Region. In conclusion, bouquets of flowers and beautiful gifts were presented to honored guests and to Rev. and Mrs. Kim and Rev. and Mrs. Geller. We look forward to great accomplishments in New Jerusalem based on the foundation built by True Parents, Rev. Kim, and Staff. ♦



REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S FAREWELL

by Rev. Randy Francis

On Sunday, July 2, 2006, over 800 people gathered to participate in a special transition ceremony. After 24 years of service from nine different Korean regional directors, we came to the close of one era and the start of the next.

It was a bright and beautiful morning as we began our service led by Rev. Michael Marshall, himself a former pastor of our community in the 80's and now the chair of our advisory board. The Peace King Chamber Choir led by Mrs. Susan Osmond and made up of former New Hope Singers International members and others, led us in the Cheon Il Guk National Anthem, "Blessing of Glory".

As one of his final official duties as Regional Director, Rev Hong assisted Dr. Chang Shik Yang in the Conferment of the new Holy Items to our Regional Pastors Team. Eight areas in all were represented. Rev. Randy Francis, Washington, DC; Rev. Angelika Selle, New Hope Family Church; Rev. Hiroshi Goto, NOVA Family Church; Rev. Adrien Bayo, Richmond Family Church; Rev. Young Chul

Washington, DC



Jang, KEA; Rev. Ilemabia Mabua, Baltimore Family Church; Mr. Ian Berry, Montgomery Co. Family Church; Mrs.

Yasuko Jang, Norfolk Family Church.

We then had a series of testimonies given as a look back on the last 3 years of work with Rev. Hong in our region. First Hiroshi Goto started off with some of the background of the power and fast action that Rev. Hong brought to our region. He explained that it was evident early on that Rev. Hong was a man of action. "We have had this church, which was formerly a Mormon, church since 1977. Every leader felt that the stage was uncomfortable for True Father to move around on with the Mormon styling. Rev. Hong came in and within two months made the proposal and then acted on the necessary changes in time for the September 7th 2003 Holy Wine CIG ceremony to take place". Rev. Goto also

commented that "most of us think about things over and over and over

until so much time has passed that we have to rethink it again. Rev. Hong catches the wave and rides it to its fullest. Just as with Hoon Dok Family Church, he studied Father's words, then set in action a leadership training session the next day. Without a doubt I had to join it, even though it meant giving up my baseball tickets for Friday night".

Next Min. Chisoni Ngoma from Zimbabwe spoke on the witnessing efforts that Rev. Hong was constantly encouraging. Just like in fishing, Rev. Hong would say, "You need to have your hook in the water and the tasty bait ready; try one area, then try another until you get the bite. Your hook is you being out in the community and the bait is the Divine Principle that has the answers all people are looking for." Min. Ngoma recounted the numerous programs begun in Washington and throughout our region. The visible signs were the new spiritual children in the audience inspired by the work of these teams.

Chisoni also shared the heart of hope that Rev. Hong put into the BuZa teaching method of one on one DP study. This method is now clearly the core of how we can confidently grow our Family Home Churches.

Rev. Kevin McCarthy, our senior pastor, concluded the look back, explaining he was put at the end because of his tendency to shed tears. He recalled the sometimes heated opposition to some of Rev. Hong's ideas and how he

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New York

ACLC clergy and FFWPU members from the New York Metro area gathered in the chapel at 4 West 43rd street on Saturday July 15th to honor Rev. Dr. In Hoi Lee, Chairman of ACLC NY, before his return to Korea. Bishop Margie de la Rosa, Christ Family Church of Mt Vernon, made everyone welcome with her embracing motherly heart.

Dr. Lonnie McLeod led us in the invocation to honor Rev. Lee, who has given honor to God. The WestRock family choir created a beautiful atmosphere with three songs: "In Excelsis Deo", "Every Time I feel the Spirit" and "There's a New Song a Singing in My Soul". Pastor Nagi Yousef, the First Arabic Baptist Church of Yonkers, led the blessing prayer for breakfast. At the conclusion of breakfast Bishop Armah shared a short reading of the ACLC goals and objectives he placed great emphasis on how the Divine Principle unlocks the secrets of the Bible.

Rev. Levy Daugherty, ACLC Secretary General, began sharing about why Rev. Moon instituted the United Federation of Churches (UFC). He stated that a church is not a building but the body of Christ. The core objectives of the UFC are to rebuild the family, restore the community and renew the nation and world. He concluded by saying that we must be significant to the community we live in.

Following Rev. Daugherty's talk a beautiful song "Lord, We Need Your Love" was dedicated to Rev. Lee by Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker Jr. and his wife. The blessing with holy wine was introduced by Rev. Grodner and led by Rev. and Mrs. Watson and concluded in prayer by Archbishop Angel

Torres from the Bronx. Our WestRock family choir returned again with the beautiful prayer of Francis of Assisi "Make me a Channel of Your Peace".

After being introduced by the emcee, Rev. Lee shared how precious each one is to God and how grateful he was to each minister present. To the ministers he said, "You have taught me a lot, especially in taking down barriers". Concluding he said, "Let's not say good-bye, let's just say, see you again". After his talk, Rev. Daugherty and Dr. McLeod presented Rev. Lee with a plaque honoring him for his investment in the local community. Archbishop Moses de la Rosa said that Rev. Lee had qualities that were present in the saints of the Old Testament, that he would not be returning to Korea with a lot of people or great wealth but with great wisdom, knowledge and love. Like Paul, he said, "You have made many missionary journeys for the Lord; now you will be returning to a volatile and tremulous situation." he ended by referring to Ephesians 6:10 "Be strong in the Lord".

Apostle Varick of Queens and Dr. Savage of Long Island presented Rev. Lee with a plaque and flowers from ACLC New York. Bish-

op Ahula, Christ Family Church, offered a prayer, and evangelist Jennifer Miller offered a song entitled "Because of Who You Are I Give You the Glory". In preparation for Rev. Kendrick's keynote sermon, Mrs. Beryl Green read excerpts of Rev. Moon's words on Jesus' life, and Bishop Dreckett's read Psalm 23.

Rev. Kendrick, pastor of the First Grace Baptist Church of Harlem, said it was a great privilege for him to give the keynote sermon. He reminisced how he and Rev. Lee drove around Harlem together and how this provided an opportunity to get to know each other. Quoting a preacher

from England, he said the 23rd Psalm was the jewel of all psalms. Acknowledging King David as the writer, he said it had to be someone who walked long enough with God to know that you could give God all your difficulties and God would give you liberty, that you could give God everything that was valuable to you and God would give you back something extra special, namely the Holy Spirit, that God was the way in and the way out and that God was a shock absorber. In speaking about Rev. Moon, Rev. Kendrick said he was a shepherd and the shepherd has to have a tender heart. He related a story of how

sheep can distinguish their master because of this quality. He ended by saying, "When you look at Rev. Moon's words on what happened in the Garden of Eden, you realize we need the help of good angels."

Rabbi Hadashi from the Bronx offered a prayer for the youth and a transfer of youthful spirit to those who are older. Rev. Rosario offered a prayer for the speakers' offering and wished Rev. Lee all God's blessing and good fortune in his new mission. Mrs. Beryl Green related how Bishop Cecil Riley wanted to be present, but was unable to due to a prior commitment in Canada; however, he planned a personal farewell breakfast at his own church. Archbishop de la Rosa led the closing of our meeting with a short story about his experience owning a lamb as a little boy and said, "Rev. Lee is a man of God because he listens to the voice of God. ❖"



In Appreciation
REV. DR. IN HOI LEE



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well. She reminded us that we are deeply indebted to the Lees for eternity for the offering their family has made. We cannot forget.

Following the testimonies, a slide show set to music was shown reflecting on the many activities Rev. and Mrs. Lee have overseen. One particular slide has stayed in my memory and heart. It is of Rev. Lee walking the beach in Kodiak with True Father. Father's hand is on his shoulder. This is an image of a Father and his son.

Rev. Lee gave a brief sermon reminding us of who we are from the perspective of God's Providence. He compared

our lives to the many central figures God has guided throughout His providence. He emphasized to us that God has chosen and called each and every one of us.

As we heard the official congratulations to all the Regional Leaders from National Headquarters we could only nod in agreement to what all these Korean couples had endured and accomplished. Our hearts were full with the awareness of the difficulties faced, obstacles overcome and challenges met successfully. We honor Rev. Lee and all the Korean leaders who have accomplished this course and received the honorary doctorate degree from Father. Congratulations!

The final task of the transition ceremony was the appointment of our act-

ing Regional Director, Rev. Gerhard Wiesinger. Rev. Wiesinger quickly called Mrs. Wiesinger and their daughter to the dais and offered a pledge and determination of leadership focused on God's heart of love for his children. The service was concluded with offering of flowers to the Lees and the Wiesingers, three Manseis a song and a prayer.

Now that the Lees had held a party to thank us and the formal transition ceremony had concluded, all that was left to do was to have a celebration to honor the Lees. Mrs. Paulette Wiesinger set the plan in motion to honor the Lees with a feast before Rev. Lee departed for Korea. This celebration was held on July 22nd, once again at Windermere House; once again the sun shone and it was a beautiful day. Families of Region

18 gathered for a Kalbi and Sushi dinner complete with watermelon and a beautiful homemade cake. Rev. Lee gave plaques to team leaders and others who had made significant contributions to the community, many who have served invisibly in the background year after year, without recognition. There was individual and family entertainment, concluding with Rev. and Mrs. Lee singing us a beautiful Korean song. We could not help but feel like one BIG family. Thank you, Rev. and Mrs. Lee! Thank you for providing leadership as we advanced the Heavenly foundation in Region 18. Our hearts go with you to the Fatherland. We will be praying for your success. Please return for a visit as soon as you can! ❖

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never once heard or even felt that Rev. Hong had some negative feeling toward those opposed to what he was presenting. Others surely would have exploded, he said. Rev. Hong's heart was always to give an ear to comments and find the solution. Rev. Hong based all of his actions on the Divine Principle view. He really focused on how to teach the principle to clergy in ways they can understand and use. He also has a deep heart of concern for the youth of our clergy contacts. He began the ACLC of Washington, DC's Sports League. This league produced 3 teams that have gone on to win the gold and other medals at the IPSF in Korea.

As a conclusion of the testimonies a letter was read from Dr. Yang and

Rev. Jenkins explaining the history of, and the honor and dignity that each of the regional directors have accomplished in guiding the elder son nation into the proper position for this transition.

Dr. Yang then came forward to officiate in the transition ceremony. He explained how he has watched the American church as we have been learning from each of the Korean leaders. He knows of many of the struggles both sides have experienced. He said the greatest proof of our success is that True Father has honored these leaders with doctorate degrees. This is based not only on their efforts, but on our entire nation's success. Now as these leaders go back to the Fatherland and on to new missions, let us keep one unified heart to save the whole world. Keep pushing for world peace through

the AFP, and most importantly Hoon Dok Family Church.

A special national level plaque was then offered to Rev. and Mrs. Hong.

Dr. Arnold Howard, our regional ACLC Co-Chairman with Rev. Hong gave encouraging remarks and commented that Korea was gaining a powerhouse.

Rev. Hong then spoke on his sincere hope for our continued success in this busy region of the nation's capital. He explained his 16 years in America as going from tourist to immigrant to citizenship and now back to the Fatherland. He told us of learning English from a great homeless teacher in Grand Central Station, who even years later showed respect when they met again. After graduating from UTS, he began his leadership missions as state leader in Idaho with 3 families, then in Pennsylvania, where he worked toward bringing white and black racial unity. Then as NJ regional director during 9/11

and the precious time he spent translating the daily HDH at East Garden. Rev. Hong expressed that this experience directly with Father's word really strengthened him greatly.

In conclusion the staff of the Washington Family Church offered a large photo of the Peace King Center, the crown jewel that Rev. Hong will be remembered for. He stated that with the thousands of Washingtonians that travel by this church daily they will read the words "Peace King" and their lives can be blessed by True Parents. And if they come and touch the water flowing from the 3 level fountain their lineage will be blessed.

The acting regional director, Rev. Randy Francis, and his wife Kumiko were introduced with a bouquet of flowers. As a benediction Rev. Hong spoke that we should all take on a leadership role. "Be like a locomotive to lead and guide this city and nation. We will meet again in the Fatherland soon." ❖

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Just as the Bay Area Family Church blessed central families presented a plaque to Rev. Kim expressing our deep appreciation a week earlier, the local ACLC clergy, and Ambassadors for Peace, this evening presented Rev. Kim a beautiful plaque showing their love and gratitude to Rev. Kim for his sacrifice, leadership, and loving guidance. In addition, Rev. Stephen Goldiamond, an active ACLC minister, dedicated to Rev. Kim a most special poem, beautifully written and laminated, entitled "Rev. Dr. Man Ho Kim: a Man of God from Without and Within!" These sentiments summed up the feelings toward Rev. Kim for all of us.

We followed with some lively karaoke singing and dancing. What a night! And, of course, things wouldn't be complete without the new Holy Wine Blessing. One newly married couple from one of our close churches stood forward to receive the marriage Blessing sacrament, and all the rest of us were happy to partake the holy wine right afterward.

Our hearts are with Rev. Kim as he now moves on to

his new assignment in Korea. We will fondly and gratefully recall his faith, leadership and support as we now continue in our providential work here in Northern California. ❖

Our 18-year-old daughter,

Cambria, is special needs, having dealt with epilepsy since the age of three. She has, on average, four seizure episodes a month, which is quite manageable. She is fully functional and capable of taking care of herself in terms of dress, hygiene



and even some cooking (she likes to take unescorted walks to the local grocery store to do her personal shopping).

She is a senior in high school and a recipient of Social Security benefits due to her physical disability which has led to a mild degree of mental retardation.

She asked us recently "Aren't church members supposed to get married?" Yes, they are. We hope to make contact with parents of a similarly challenged son with a view to a possible matching and blessing. We live in Omaha, Nebraska.

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Bay Area

by Rev. Kevin Thompson, Bento Leal, and David Rosenblum

On Sunday, July 2nd, after the Chun Il Guk Holy Wine Ceremony we had a high spirited and uplifting farewell service for our Regional Director Rev. Dr. Man Ho Kim at the Bay Area Family Church in San Leandro, California. The church was packed to the rafters and the atmosphere was one of joy and celebration tinged with a touch of regret. We even had Mr. and Mrs. Joo Chan Choi and Mrs. "Mamasan" Choi (both 36 couples) to share the event with us.

The BAFC Children's Choir, who had sung when Rev. Kim first received his Northern California Region mission here three years ago, sang beautifully and from the heart to Rev. Kim and his family. (Prior to working here in Northern California, Rev. Kim served as Regional Director in Atlanta Region for eight years, and attended and graduated from UTS prior to that).

Next, Rev. Andre and Carla Jackson, representing our local ACLC clergy, gave a beautiful testimony to the heart of Rev. Kim and told him that "you are only a plane ride away." They shared great love and appreciation for Rev. and Mrs. Kim.

KEA director Rev. Kwang Min Kim shared the warm heart of the San Fran-

cisco area Korean Church community toward Rev. Kim, and Dr. Mose Durst

shared appreciation from the western members' perspective. Dr. Durst explained that Rev. Kim, in our region, has been totally supportive and wise in all his decision-making. We also had spontaneous testimonies from member Luther Berry ("Rev. Kim has the faith to move mountains!") and Mrs. Reiko Hankins ("Rev. Kim resurrected my spirit!")

In his farewell sermon, Rev. Kim shared the three key points that are the driving force of his life of faith which he asked us to remember:

1. Manifesting God's heart and love, and inheriting and

developing True Parents' tradition.

2. Attending God in my life.

3. Preserving God's blood lineage

Rev. Kim concluded his message

with a tearful prayer in Korean that moved all of our hearts.

Later, in the evening, we had a potluck dinner and special time of sharing and song in a family atmosphere. With songs from each continent as well as some very special offerings from individuals

we created a touch of heaven to send Rev. Kim and his family off with our love and support. Nicholas Buscovich did an embracing and masterful job as MC and coordinator of the event. And Dr. Mose Durst manifested the parental heart behind the scenes in behalf of our entire Northern California community by doing much to ensure that the evening could be so special and heartfelt.

About one week later, on Monday evening, July 10, forty of our key ACLC and Ambassadors for Peace friends joined us to honor, celebrate, and sendoff Rev. Kim. We met for a delicious Korean dinner at Ohgane Restaurant in downtown Oakland, where we had the beautiful second floor to ourselves. After dinner, there were testimonies of appreciation for Rev. Kim's love and leadership.



by Rev. Godwin D'Silva

A rather profound and beautiful transition ceremony

took place here in the Los Angeles Peace Family Church. Over 400 Family Federation members, several clergy, Ambassadors for Peace and friends gathered to wish a fond farewell to our very much loved and respected leader, Rev. Baek Joong Ku.

Rev. Baek Joong Ku has served the Los Angeles region close to 10 years. For the first 3 years, it was in the capacity as the Los Angeles KEA leader; after which Rev. Ku became the Regional Director for the Los Angeles region.

We had a special guest from National Headquarters - Rev. Joshua Cotter. The special transition ceremony started at 9 AM, with the entrance of the Los Angeles Peace Family choir marching in their long blue robes.

The Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Godwin D'Silva, then invited Rev. Nate Windman, the Education Pastor, to give the opening prayer. The opening prayer was very inspirational; Rev. Windman stated that while this is a time of change and transition and while we are sad about our leader Rev. Ku leaving, we are also determined to rise up to the occasion to serve God and True Parents more.

At this service, Rev and Mrs. Ku, true to their selfless and giving spirit, presented 2 Divine Principles books to each family. As each District was called out, several hundred families received a pair of Divine Principle books. These DP books are the color coded ones and the idea of each family receiving one is to encourage the Hoon Dok Hae Family church expansion.

After all the families and single mem-

bers received their books, we had five testimonies from different people, all testifying to the great work of Rev. and Mrs. Ku. The first testimony was from Rev. Walter Frank, the Pastor of San Diego Church. Walter was very eloquent in praising Rev. Ku and Mrs. Ku's concern for the San Diego Family. Walter testified that once every month, Rev. Ku visited the San Diego church, something that previous Regional Directors had not done.

Rev. Frank also pointed out that Rev. Ku's Family Life lectures really helped members in their marital relations. Rev. Nate Windman then followed Rev. Frank by his recounting of how Rev. Ku patiently waited for Nate to finish up his family level foundation in order to try teaching Divine Principle again.

Co-Pastor Naoko Hiraki gave an emotion-filled testimony about the care Rev. Ku and Mrs. Ku gave to each Japanese family and especially how he supported the Kodan providence.

When, Rev. Godwin D'Silva gave a moving testimony, outlining Rev. Ku's great work on education for all levels. Rev. Ku was especially noted for helping over 20

Christian minister couples understand core Divine Principle, participate in Blessings and become Peace Family Churches. Rev. D'Silva expressed with great emotion the gratitude he felt towards

Rev. and Mrs. Ku for taking care of Rev. D'Silva and his family during the time of his health crisis.

Yoshiko McClellan then stood up to testify about how clear Rev and Mrs. Ku are about in money matters. All public moneys were utilized very efficiently and reported as such. Mrs. McClellan also mentioned that Rev. Ku had a great sense of humor and a talent to tell jokes and that if he did not join the church, he would

have been a comedian.

The congregation then got a special treat; a special slide presentation showing all the achievements of Rev. and Mrs. Ku took place. Each year of his directorship in Los Angeles was chronologically shown up on the screen.

Upon the ending of the slide show, all members rose up to applaud and receive Rev. Ku's final message. Rev. Ku's message entitled "The 3 stories" was brief and to the point. Rev. Ku inspired the congregation, that this is a new start for the Elder Son Nation of America to take responsibility to change the world substantially. He chronicled his 7 years as Regional Director here, with the highs and lows.

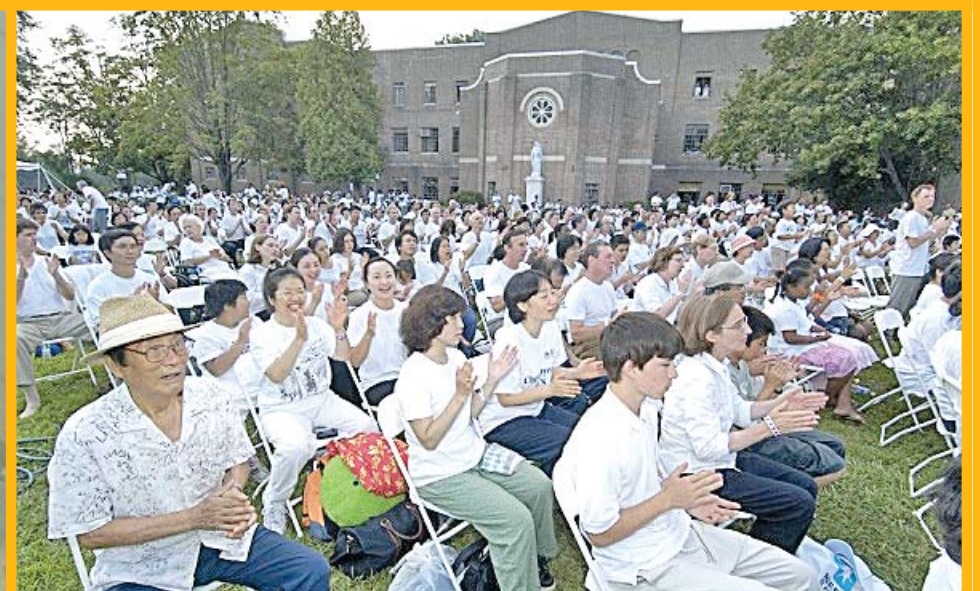
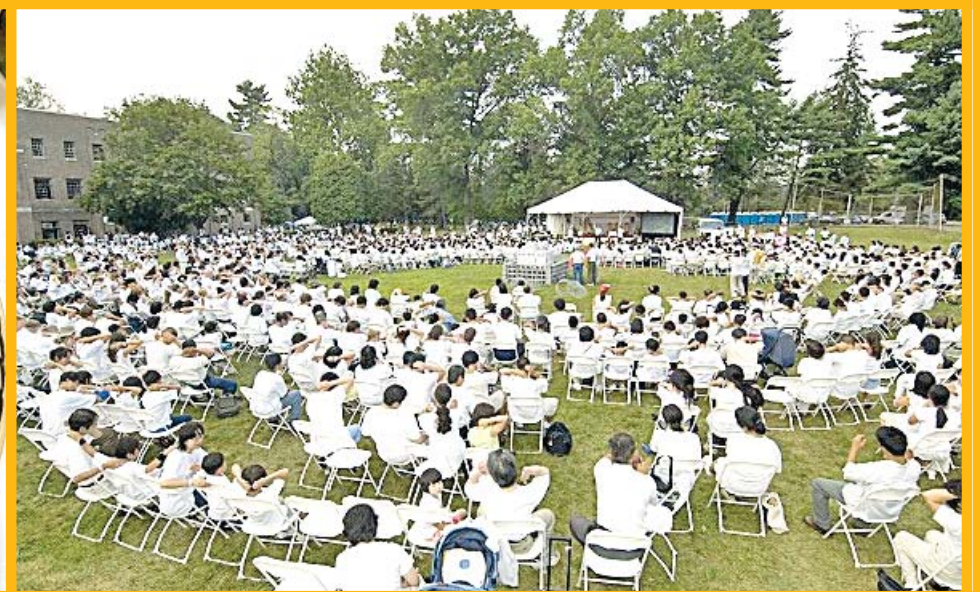
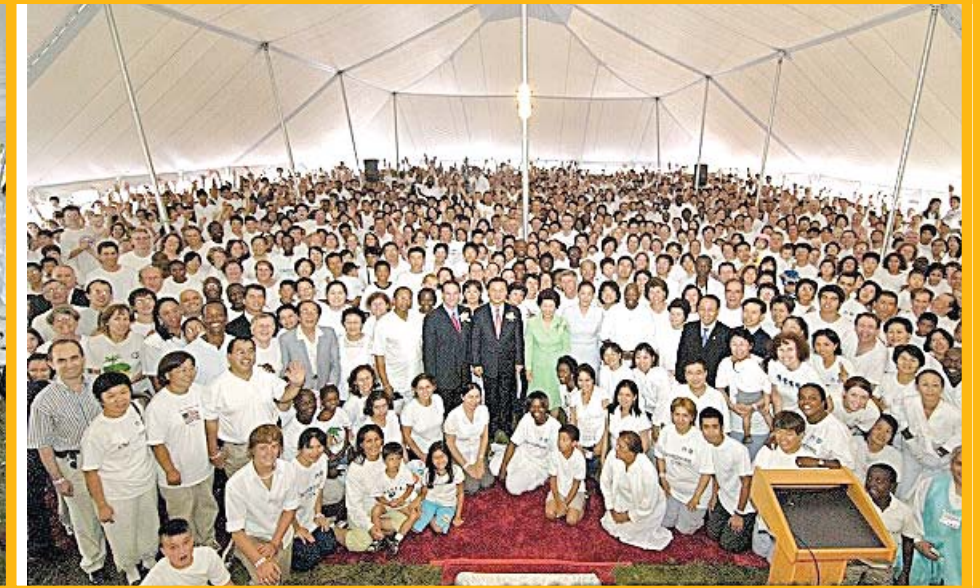
After the sermon and a standing ovation for Rev. Ku, Rev. Joshua Cotter from National Headquarters come up and presented a special plaque. Rev. Cotter then read a letter for the transition to the congregation. Next, several organizations like the FFWPU, Ambassadors For Peace, Women's Federation and several others all gave awards of recognition and appreciation to both Rev. and Mrs. Ku.

Rev. Henning together with Mrs. Henning then stepped up to the podium to be received as the Acting Regional Director of Los Angeles. Rev. Henning in his acceptance speech was full of praise for Rev. Ku's Leadership and promised to carry on the good work. Rev. Henning emphasized that it was due to each and every family's effort that made Los Angeles one of the best regions in the country.

Magdalene Milsapp from the SADC Peace Family Church sang "Peace, Shalom Alsalaam Malaikum" with the church choir. After the final benediction from Rev. Ku, he led us in 3 cheers of Mansei. ❖



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Chicago

The most common reaction among the Chicago ministers to the news that Bishop Ki Hoon Kim was leaving Chicago was a mixture of joy and sadness. On the one hand they were appreciative that he was being called by God to a greater mission and responsibility, but on the other hand, they were also filled with a sadness. A sadness out of concern that Chicago would never be the same, but also out of a feeling of loss, that they were losing a very close and personal friend and compatriot. This was beautifully articulated by our twenty five year ACLC contact, Lutheran professor of theology, Dr. Paul Swanson. Dr. Swanson shared that he could fully understand and accept that God was calling Bishop Kim to a greater mission but that he still felt sad because his dear friend would be leaving Chicago.

This writer has been working side by side with Bishop Kim over the past ten years. During this time I have come to know much of his heart and spirit.

My experience, since the news came that he would be leaving Chicago, is that he is at a point in his life where he has given his life over to God. He has done so many wonderful things in Chicago over these past 10 years, but most important he is at peace in his relationship with God. Bishop Kim is not motivated by ego but by a deep sense of filial piety toward God and True Parents. His one overwhelming goal during every event that we have ever had in Chicago has been to bring joy to our True Parents. My experience with him over the past several weeks is that he is internally prepared and at peace to go wherever God will ask him to go and to do whatever God will ask him to do. When the ministers come to understand that God is calling him to a greater and more responsible mission and that he is at peace with this calling, then they, too, are at peace with his leaving. Much like the father of the bride, they are not losing a regional bishop but they are the gaining a national ACLC director. When they come to understand this, they, too, have come to be at peace.

Two weeks ago our Chicago Family Church gathered together to pay tribute to Bishop and Mrs. Kim at our Ashland Church Sunday Service. It was a beautiful service; both Dr. Swanson and our city councilman joined the



service to deliver warm remarks of gratitude for Bishop Kim. Immediately after the service our community began to prepare for a farewell send-off for Bishop Kim, which would be held at our July monthly prayer breakfast. We reserved one of the most prestigious banquet halls in the city of Chicago and began to make preparations to receive 300 guests from all over the Midwest. Our reception list

included ministers and friends from Detroit (an entourage led by Rev. Mack Vincent and Rev. David Kasbow), Rev. Ike Miller, Rev. Marian North, Rev. Martin Lawrence and their Wisconsin team, AFC leaders Rev. Carl Swearson and Mrs. Susan Oliver, Rev. and Mrs. James Anderson and the spirit of Missouri, and so many more. Illinois AFC leader David Rendel interrupted his family reunion in Indiana to return for the event, and what seemed to be just about every minister in Illinois was present.

I could start listing names, but suffice it to say that the wait crew were busy setting up additional tables throughout the first hour of the program in order to accommodate most of the guests. As always, so many of our members wound up standing in the background. At an attempt at brevity (something that Bishop Kim has been diligently trying to instill in this writer over these past ten years), I will not repeat facts and stories that you have read in previous articles. What I want to primarily focus on here is the spirit of unity and harmony that one could feel from every corner of the room. This was certainly enhanced by Dr. A. Harold White's leadership from the position of Chicago ACLC Co-Convener and Master of Ceremonies for the program. It was enhanced through some beautiful prayers and most assuredly through the heavenly voices gathered together as the True Family Values Choir. And again as Rev. Mittie Collier sang, so melodiously accompanied by Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr. on the piano. But the program truly came together as Chicago's native son, the Rev. Dr. Michael William Jenkins (as Archbishop Stallings so eloquently introduces him), ascended to the podium to deliver the morning's message.

Rev. Jenkins' message was twofold and quite simple. Part one focused on the week that he had just spent in Israel. He spoke of how the Jews, the Christians and the Muslims—really how the rabbis, the ministers and the dheids and imams? must come together under the word and direction of God and transcend their shortcomings and their differences in order to lead their political lead-

ers to be able to bring a true and lasting peace to the Middle East.

Then he concluded with some very powerful words about the works that God has accomplished through Bishop Kim in Chicago during these past ten years. There is a beautiful symbiotic relationship between Rev. Jenkins and Bishop Kim. Each is quick to give credit to the other for much of their success. Bishop Kim gives Rev. Jenkins much of the credit for raising up and leading Chicago's ministerial community. Likewise, Rev. Jenkins has no hesitation to give Bishop Kim much of the credit for raising him up to the level that he could ascend to the leadership position of our national Family Federation. Many have also noted that this example is also the foundation that has given rise to a very similar relationship between Rev. Jenkins and Dr. Yang.

As Rev. Jenkins concluded his message, the congregation stood to its feet in applause for Bishop Kim. National ACLC Co-Convener Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr., introduced Bishop Kim. Bishop Connie Crawford Bansa brought a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and Elder Charles Horn presented a beautiful photo montage of Bishop Kim's work with Mayor Daley's Martin Luther King, Jr. prayer breakfast. Bishop Kim also received a plaque bearing a photo of the City of Chicago ("his kind of town"), and several others offered remarks of gratitude. Representing Bishop Kim's dear friend and colleague, the Honorable Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, Minister of Protocol Sister Claudette Marie Muhammad offered a plaque of appreciation.

Bishop Kim's own remarks were, as always, quite brief. He thanked everyone and gave credit to everyone gathered together for the success that the ACLC has had in Chicago over these past ten years.

All that remained was for the 300 gathered ministers to assemble on the stage for photos. This was a feat possibly more challenging than the rest of the entire program. However, True Father has trained us well and the assembled gathering remained in fellowship both inside the banquet hall and outside in the parking lot for quite some time to come.

Now Chicago is officially ready to move on. We will prepare to give Bishop Kim his real due—that is, to take the lessons that he has taught us over these past ten years and put them into practice. The true mark of a great CEO is that the wheels that he has set in motion, the examples that he has displayed, will be carried on by his heirs. Teaching is a fine art. It is often much more difficult that merely doing. The true leader leads by example.

Bishop Kim's true legacy will be felt in the ability of the Chicago community to apply what he has taught us—to put his lessons into practice.

Because of Bishop Kim's love and his example, Chicago is confident that we will now rise to levels higher than any that was achieved while he was here. Jesus told his disciples that they would do greater works than he could ever do. True Father has spoken those exact same words to all of us. Bishop Kim's greatest hope is that Chicago will achieve much greater things in his absence than they could ever achieve during his presence.

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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

National Hoon Dok Family Church Leadership Summit

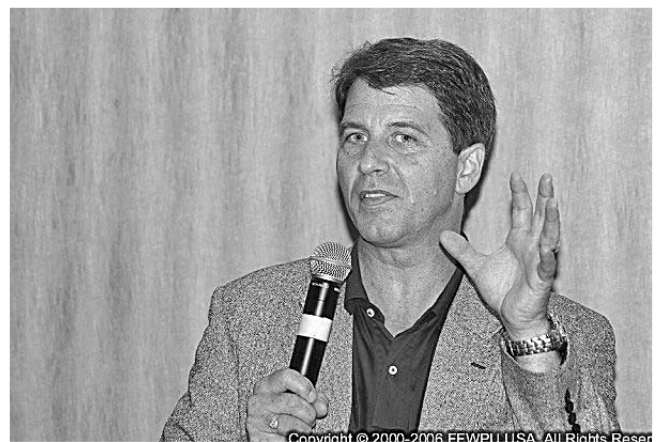
by Rev. Joshua Cotter

The first National Hoon Dok Family Church Leadership Summit was held at the Sheraton National Hotel in Washington, D.C. from July 28-30. The 35 participants included Hoon Dok Family Church regional coordinators from around the nation, Rev. Dong Woo Kim (newly appointed FFWPU Senior VP of Education and Witnessing) and Dr. Tyler Hendricks, President of UTS. The conference was convened under the leadership of Rev. Joshua Cotter, National Hoon Dok Family Church Director.

It was a great blessing to be able to hold the summit at the Sheraton National Hotel, where we felt the presence of God, True Parents and True Family constantly. This was the first opportunity for all of the HDFC coordinators to meet face to face and heart to heart, after having spent the last 6 months or more working in the field to develop this crucial providence in America. At our opening banquet, everyone had a chance to introduce themselves. We then gathered on the 15th floor (where there is a spectacular view of downtown Washington) and sang together, then prayed passionately for the elder son nation that we are responsible to save.

On Saturday, our goal was to look at how far we have come in developing the Hoon Dok Family Church movement in America, particularly since the National Leadership Summit at UTS in January of this year. Rev. Dong Woo Kim spoke during Hoon Dok Hae and gave a profound message on the meaning of Hoon Dok Family Church. In our first session, Rev. Cotter gave an overview of the HDFC Providence in America, followed by Jim Edgerly's presentation of the results of the national situation analysis. Prior to the conference, Jim had sent out a 40 question survey to each region, to help us understand clearly where we stand as a nation and region by region. This information will prove to be invaluable as we help each region to take the next steps in developing Hoon Dok Family Church.

Dr. Yang came to the conference and spoke for over an hour about the direction from True



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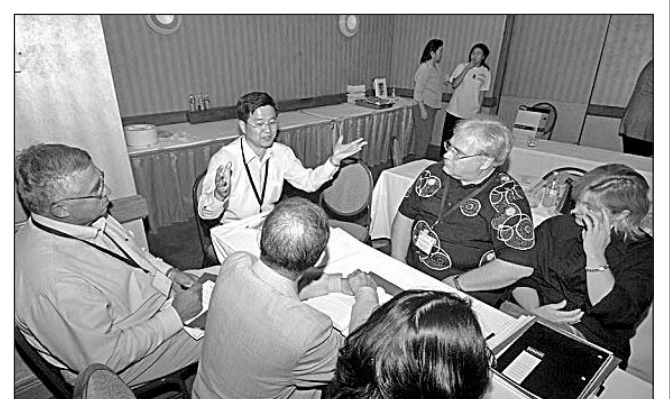
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Parents, the importance of studying and teaching Divine Principle, and our national goals as we move forward in this critical transition time. Even though Dr. Yang has such an incredibly busy schedule, he made the time to speak to the HDFC representatives. Every participant felt his commitment to HDFC as the national priority.

We were able to hear 6 'case studies' over the course of the weekend, from various regions that are developing models of Hoon Dok Family Church. These were New Jersey (Mrs. Masako Feddema), New York (Rev. Ikeno and Rev. Compton), Los Angeles (Rev. Curtis Martin), UTS (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks), Northern Virginia (Rev. and Mrs. Hiroshi Goto) and Boston (Rev. James B. Edgerly). A wealth of valuable information and experience was presented and the participants were able to have discussions in small groups, following the presentations. Many, if not all, of those who attended from less developed regions reflected how much they were able to gain from the experience of those who presented case studies.

We were also blessed to have Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins come to the conference Saturday afternoon. Pres. Jenkins spoke passionately for over an hour about the Hoon Dok Family Church providence as the central priority of all blessed central families and as the primary means of creating a 'blessing movement' across America. (The impact on the participants of having the top national leadership of our movement come and give guidance and direction cannot be overstated.)

Saturday night was a time for fellowship, singing and entertainment. We concluded the first day by going to the national Holy Ground at the Washington Monument (and some went on to the Lincoln Memo-



rial) to pray again for our nation.

On Sunday morning, we heard again from Rev. Dong Woo Kim about the development of HDFC in the New Jerusalem region. Later, Jim Edgerly's presentation on "7 Stages of Development" for Hoon Dok Family Church generated a lot of enthusiasm and discussion. We will make all of the conference materials and videotaped presentations available to everyone in the field.

We concluded by meeting in teams according to geographic location to discuss ways of working together and supporting each other in the field. A core national planning committee was officially created and each regional representative was encouraged to develop their own core team of blessed central families that can work with them to develop the HDFC providence.

We agreed to convene on the national level again in 3 months. Everyone departed the summit with a great sense of empowerment and passionate determination to fulfill this historic mission. America will pioneer the successful model of Hoon Dok Family Church and, as the elder son, offer it to the world! Amen! ❖

WFWP-NY Holds Women's Retreat

The New York Regional Chapter of WFWP held their first annual Women's Retreat in Westchester County in August. This had been a dream of the NY Regional Chairwoman, Debby Gullery, for several years, and it was very exciting to see it unfold! The theme of the retreat was "Connecting Women of Peace"

so the presentations discussed ways that women can inspire and create peace on all levels. Below are reflections from a retreat participant, Jan Goldstoff, with a few comments thrown in by Debby.

The Mariandale Retreat Center is such a special place, with acres of rolling hills overlooking the Hudson River, and a tranquil spirit everywhere. I knew in my heart that this WFWP weekend retreat was going to be powerful and memorable!

It was so quiet I could almost hear the grass move in the wind. I don't remember being in a place that had such wonderful silence -- I did not miss my computer, multi-tasking, reading and writing thousands of emails, listening to the 24 hour news channel, or reading all the papers I do each day. Everything seemed very far away and I was in the moment. I was in paradise, in nature, with deer roaming and squirrels scurrying and birds soaring all around. It was all perfect.

Up early on Saturday I found myself listening to many awesome women -- women who were mothers, grandmothers and students, from every walk of life and nationality, who were profoundly impacting their communities and contributing to WFWP; who shared from their heart and soul and whose insights, wisdom and wit were unbelievably inspiring.

Donna Howell was the MC and her energizing voice and cheerfulness was captivating. What a great addition she was to this conference! She described WFWP as being all about peace-building in ourselves and in the world. I knew then I was in the right place. She said she hoped that God would speak to our hearts and give each of us what we needed to grow and be empowered.

The morning began as we gathered to hear from Betsy Jones, a psychiatric nurse and marriage counselor, speaking on Steps Towards Peace Within. What a powerful speaker Betsy is! She spoke about how we have to achieve balance between being in community with others and being alone. She talked about suffering being like a raft...we must get off it! Like being on a canoe on a lake, we can't go against the current; we must learn to flow with it. And if we find ourselves unable to go in the direction we wanted, we need to learn how to stop fighting it and to be flexible.

We did an exercise with a person next to us; sitting back to back; sharing our concerns. I met a young woman from Taiwan who had 3 kids and who shared her concerns with me. It was a very spe-

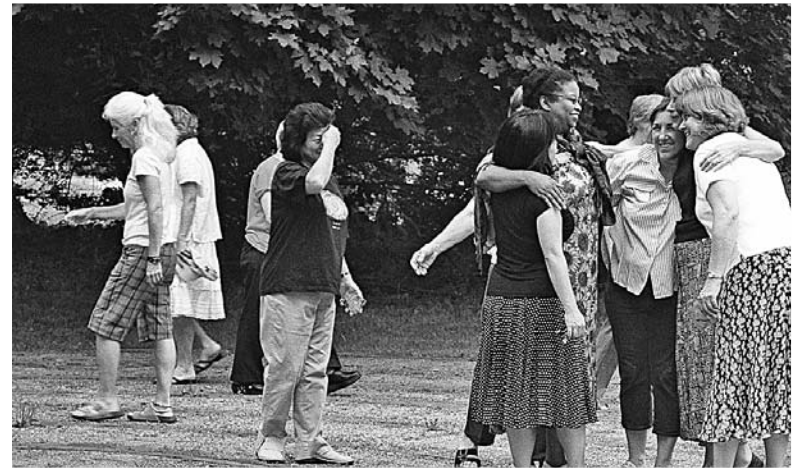
cial sharing and I am sure most women in the room felt the same wonderful experience -- the letting down of one's barriers...communicating from the heart and soul...finding commonalities...and "peace within through tears."

We loved Betsy Jones. She touched our hearts. It was a powerful way to begin the retreat experience.

trails, the Book Store, the Dining Hall and the Arts and Crafts Room, where a peace banner was spontaneously created over the course of the day by everyone!

Later on, Debby Gullery, WFWP Chairwoman and Marriage Educator, gave a presentation entitled "The Power of One in a Relationships of Two". She wanted

Nora Spurgin, Dean of Bridgeport International School, talked about celebrating and honoring friendships. She said we need to be courageous and grateful and remember that the joy of life comes from relationships. To that end, she counseled us to let go and become vulnerable with each other -- to laugh and cry together.



Dr. Kathy Winings, a seminary professor, was up next and spoke on The Powerful Ministry of Women. Another awesome speaker! Kathy talked about culture and its impact on us. We realized that culture creates worldviews in very subtle but substantial ways, and leaves us feeling disconnected and overwhelmed. But then she reminded us how well-prepared women are to be bridge-builders and culture-changers because of our ability to create loving and stable relationships and environments. These skills, she suggested, gave us serious responsibility to put forward a different world view...one of hope and possibility.

Lynn Walsh, MSW, was the next speaker, and she spoke about creating peace in the family. She said that the goal of parents should be to help our kids become good parents and good spouses. Using powerpoints and video clips to illustrate her points, Lynn's talk was both informative and practical. There was a lot of dialogue between her and the audience, and everyone felt hopeful that they could improve their communicating and discipline techniques.

Between presentations there were opportunities to gather in groups, discuss the ideas we had heard, and get to know one another better. Our conversations continued through into the Break-Out Sessions, which included a communications class with Lynn and visits with our gifted Reiki and Massage Therapists -- Gillian Cochoran and Kanae Holt respectively!

During Free Time, the outdoor pool beckoned to many, as did the wooded

everyone to feel that they can make substantial improvements and changes in their important relationships. She explained that there are very practical ways to change the dynamics of relationships, especially in our marriages. She emphasized being intentional and reminded us that relationships are circular, meaning that a tiny change in one person's actions can lead to a big change in the dynamic of a relationship.

Debby also gave a powerpoint presentation about the many activities of the national and international work of WFWP. Many of the participants were encountering WFWP for the first time, so this gave them a broader understanding of WFWP.

Following Debby's talk, Hannah Alexander shared about her moving experience going on a Goodwill Trip to China with WFWP last year. Hannah is a young, dynamic woman who has the ability to totally engage and captivate an audience. She is half British and half Chinese, so the trip had great significance for her. She talked about having a vision of seeing her grandfather saying to her... "I've been waiting for you for so long", and as a result of her experiences in China, she now sees herself as a bridge between the east and the west.

In preparation for our labyrinth walk on Sunday, labyrinth specialist Gillian Cochoran explained the power and magic of the labyrinth as a tool for healing and connecting to our authentic selves. Her explanation got everyone excited and intrigued to walk the labyrinth!

In the final presentation of the day,

On a personal note, she shared how she discovered that she received great joy by giving and encouraged us to give and give freely. I find myself thinking about this every day since the workshop!

Before we ended the evening, we gathered in our groups for some creative time. Every group wrote and performed songs or skits and we enjoyed ourselves immensely! Several individuals performed as well, and Jan had the whole group singing along to an incredible song of peace she had written.

The retreat concluded on Sunday morning with a communal walking of the labyrinth. Gillian guided us through a beautiful experience that started out alone and developed into encounters and hugs along the way. Following the labyrinth walk, we danced and sang a song of friendship together. Imagine all of us on a beautiful summer morning, hands clasped and hearts soaring! What a wonderful way to end our experience!

Afterwards, we gathered for reflections and a celebration breakfast, sharing emails, bringing out guitars and drums and singing some more. It was hard to leave the peaceful surroundings and each other, but we're pretty sure we'll have another one next year! Meanwhile, each of us returned home filled with renewed hope, new skills and confidence to become peacemakers in our own circles of influence!

Written by Jan Goldstoff, Jan Goldstoff Public Relations, and Debby Gullery, Co-Founder of the Center for Marriage and Family of Westchester and NY Regional WFWP Chairwoman. ♦

New UPF Book: Islamic Perspectives on Peace

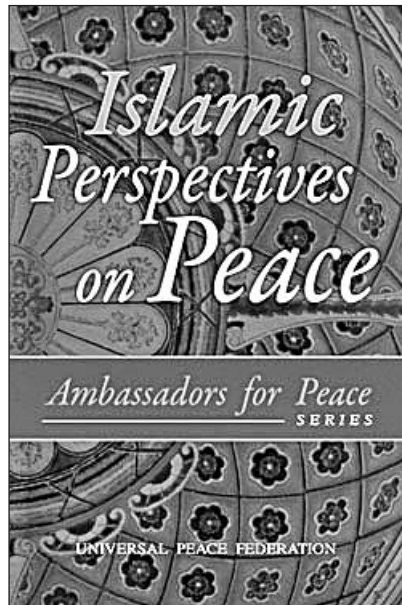
Islamic Perspectives on Peace. Pople, Joy, and Balcomb, Michael, Eds. ISBN: 1930549318, Paper, 120 pages, Appendix, Glossary, 6x9"

The Universal Peace Federation, a new stage in the development of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, has been active in promoting dialogue between peoples of diverse religions, cultures, ethnic backgrounds and nationalities. These efforts have been taking place not only through conferences, summits and seminars, but also through sports, culture, community service, the arts, publications, television and more.

One of the critical issues facing our

world has to do with bridging the gaps of misunderstanding that exist between the Islamic world and the West. From Professor Samuel Huntington's thesis regarding the clash of civilizations, to the outrage over the 'cartoon controversy,' to conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel/Palestine, we recognize the imperative to understand and heal the rift between "Islam and the West."

The Universal Peace Federation, guided by the interreligious vision of its founder, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, convened



a series of Muslim Summits beginning in 2001, shortly after the tragic events of September 11. Chaired by Tajeldin Hamad, these summits highlighted the goodness of Islam at a time when much disinformation and prejudice toward Islam and Muslims was being promoted.

Many of the articles in this volume were excerpted from published

proceedings of these summits and further conferences over the next four years. The declaration that emerged from the "Jakarta Summit" appears in the appendix.

This small volume offers insight into the minds and hearts of an extraordinarily diverse group of Muslims around the world that are committed to working for peace. The world urgently needs more dialogue between Islam and the West. We hope this short collection of excerpts from essays and remarks by Muslims from around the world will make a modest contribution in helping humankind move forward on a journey to peace.

More information at <http://peacefederation.org> ❖

UPF: Character Education in the Dominican Republic

by Alan Saunders

UPF was invited to make a two hour presentation to professors and students at the State University of Santo Domingo (UASD) in the Dominican Republic on July 31st.

The presentation focused on the UPF character education initiative and internship program, which has been locally championed by Mr. Cesar Regalado. Cesar has been teaching character education in the Dominican Republic for the last decade based on the lecture manuals, *Searching for Life's True Purpose* published by the International Education Foundation. His work was developed from a character education workshop that was convened in 1997 by Mr. David Stewart and Mr. Saunders.

The students from UASD have been teaching character education in schools throughout Santo Domingo based on the lectures they have received from Professor Rafael Reyes of the Vice Rectors Department and Mr. Regalado.

UPF is planning to send interns to the Dominican Republic in 2007 to work with

University professors and students to teach the character education textbooks at the community level.

Mr. Saunders also presented a copy of the text, *Cultivating Heart and Character: Educating for Life's Most Essential Goals* to the Director of the Library, Mr. Juan Ramon Fiallo Prata. Further

cooperation is planned with the State University of Santo Domingo.

Mr. Saunders also met the President of the State University of Santo Domingo, Dr. Roberto Reyna. President Reyna has recently returned from a tour of Korea, where he met with other University Presidents. A meeting was also convened with the

Vice President of the University, Ms. Clara Benedicto and student leaders. The University is funded by the State Government of the Dominican Republic and this allows students of challenging economic levels to attend the University. ❖



Building Bridges between Austria and Palestine

by Peter Haider

The Federation for World Peace has invited young Palestinians aged 14 to 18 from East-Jerusalem for a summer recreation camp with members of the Austrian youth group HARP during the second week of July 2006. They came from the Burj Al Luq Lug Social Centre in the old city of Jerusalem which is run by Dyala Husseini. The connection to this centre was made by a member of the Arabic chamber of commerce in Vienna.

"My goal was that these young people get to know each other and that they can spend one week in a nice and peaceful environment. We want to show to our guests from Palestine that there is an alternative to war and terror", said Erni Loos, who was coordinating the summer camp in an interview with APA, the Austrian Press agency. "The Austrians

should be able to experience that there are peaceful people in the Middle East, not just terrorists. Such a camp is organized for the first time this summer. For me it is a totally new experience, I started small and want to expand

ed too.

Amineh Palecek, an Ambassador for Peace from the Palestinian community in Vienna supported the project as well as Andreas Bauer, the leader of the youth group HARP. After two day

ing place of leisure and sports activities like a mountain walk to the "Scheeberg" and a snowball fight in summer. During the closing cultural evening the Palestinian ambassador in Austria, Dr. Zuheir Elwazer expressed his grati-



this project", explained Mrs. Loos about her future plans. Next time – this was a suggestion of the Austrian participants - young Israelis should be invit-

of sightseeing in Vienna the workshop centre „Haus Regenbogen“ in Seebenstein, Lower Austria became the place of many interesting talks and the start-

tude to the organizers and said that it is the wish of the Palestinians to live in a free Palestine in peace with all the people of the region. ❖

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Why We Should Educate Youth for

by Stephen Stacey

Ok. Who here wants to have a deep, special relationship with one other person for the rest of their life?" All hands go up - even the hand of the student who wants to make a million before he's 25. "Ok, if you were given one wish - and the choice you had was between having a successful marriage where you found deep joy and contentment and having a successful career - who would wish for the first option?" 15 out of 16 hands go up - the hand that stayed down - a 23-year-old computer student. "Ok, so finding true love is important to you. It seems like it's the most important thing that could happen in your life. Great! Ok, since it's so important to you, who here was offered a chance to take one or two classes on building a successful marriage whilst in high school?" Nobody moves. "Ok, interesting. Who then would have liked to have had some classes to help you prepare for this important relationship?" 15 hands go. It's only 5 minutes old but this course is looking remarkable like the last course I taught.

I'm a college lecturer and I teach a course called "Learning the dynamics of a successful couple relationship." The students, they seem to thoroughly enjoy the chance to discuss, think about and learn about the latest research on this topic. At the end of my last course almost every student brought me a small gift; some gave me a hug; all said a sincere, look-you-in-the-eyes thank you; some others wrote me a letter; and we took a class photo - like at the end of a joyful holiday together. Most of these things don't happen at the end of my other courses so I know it's not my teaching style. It's the topic. Finally, after 16 years of 'education,' someone has just taken a bit of time to help them think about the most important dream in their life. And they are emotionally touched. Also, the research shows that even this short introduction to marriage will increase their chances of success by at least 25%. To me, that's a reduction in the divorce rate from 50% to less than 37% - and all it took was 40 hours of sincere education.

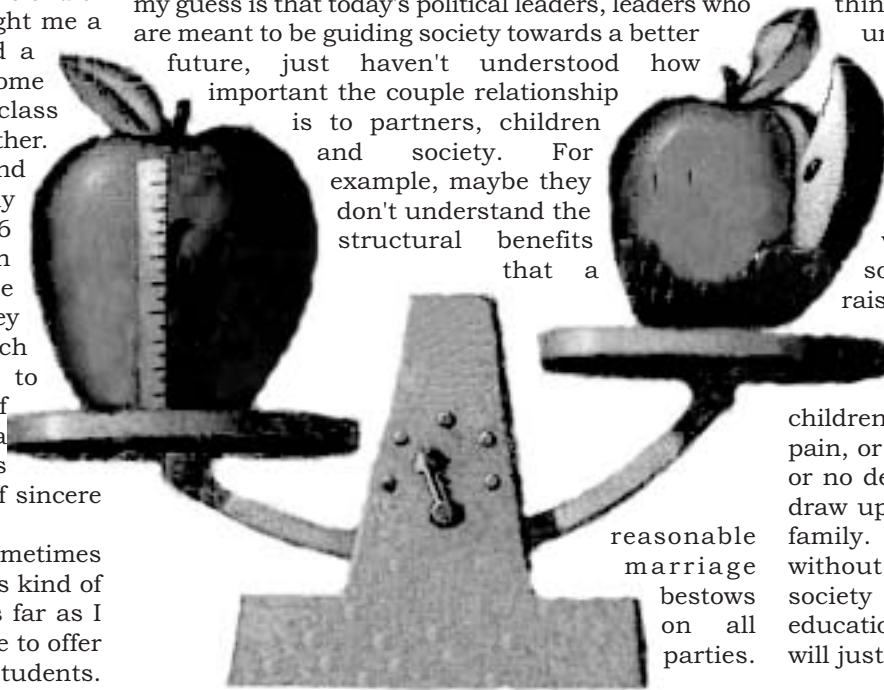
When I think about this course, I sometimes wonder why I seem to be alone in doing this kind of education. Although I teach in Finland, as far as I know I'm the only college lecturer in Europe to offer such a course as a free elective open to all students. I ask myself - doesn't anyone else see the years of immense pain that more than half of these students will go through when they go through a heart wrenching divorce or cohabitation break-up. And their kids - so many of them will grow up not seeing dad, not getting a morning hug from the person who wanted to bring them into this world.

I also wonder how we've become so blind to the hopes of our own children and their real need to know how to create lasting love with one special person. When we look at the recent debate about the reform of secondary and higher education, we see how deep our blindness goes. Amongst all the debate over 'important issues' I saw no politician when talking about the education system deciding to support the desire of young people to build a reasonably successful family.

The 3 core competences of reading, writing and maths are not the 4 competences (+ marriage relationships) even though over 95% of today's youth will try to build a family sometime in their life. The evidence of a failure in education in this area of life is everywhere. All around Europe we see rising truancy and STD rates amongst the youth; growing youth prison populations, crime rates, attempted suicides and self harm; growing numbers of teens that don't have the basic skills, the expanding culture of drugs and alcohol, and much, much more. Where do the most of these children with these problems come from? It isn't hard to find the answer if you look

at the research. Even though most single parents do an amazing job raising children by themselves - still we cannot avoid the fact that by far the majority of these teens with emotional or behavioural difficulties come from distressed families where the father and mother have had a really hard time understanding how to build a deep, connecting relationship. These distressed parents, who went through the education system a few years ago, learnt very little to help them become good husbands and wives over the course of 12+ years. When you count in the long-term cohabitations that also didn't make it - we now have a situation where 55-60% of the population go through a drastic, life-altering, painful divorce or separation event. Of the 40% who make it till old age, probably half of their marriages are not in the best of shape. None of the reforms proposed in the recent education reforms show that politicians have understood the anguish the majority of the population currently goes through. This being the case we can only expect to see many more years of suffering in the next generation of citizens, with tax payers having to pick up the pieces of family distress while we sit and helplessly watch social decay continue its endless march forward.

From their lack of comments on this issue my guess is that today's political leaders, leaders who are meant to be guiding society towards a better future, just haven't understood how important the couple relationship is to partners, children and society. For example, maybe they don't understand the structural benefits that a



reasonable marriage bestows on all parties.

Statistics

clearly show that both children and adults, on average, do better within the marriage setting than any other family constellation. Married couples, on average, are healthier, less prone to depression, experience less violence, and are, on the whole, financially better off. The children, on average, do better at school, are far less prone to self-harm, take less drugs, have less behavioural or psychological problems, and commit far less crime. On the other hand, maybe the government doesn't understand the tremendous waste of energy, time, and money that is being consumed by society's general lack of competence in this area of life - both in the family and on a national level as well. The couple relationship is such an integral part of the human life cycle - and when we get it right, it can unleash and develop the best within ourselves. If partners get it wrong, their work output may go down by 30-50%; personnel managers often say to me that a person going through a divorce is a lost employee for a year; it often takes about 5-8 years to rebuild lives after a divorce; and the financial cost to the average divorcing couple is immense. Also, what if we could reduce divorce rates by 50% through a reasonable educational strategy - what energy and vitality could be released if the government had more money to spend on useful developmental projects rather than paying just to pick up the pieces?

On top of this, if the government thought about asking parents if they would like their children to be offered some courses that would improve their chances of a successful marriage I'm pretty sure they would find, like I have, that the majority of us would say 'Yes - I want to see my child to be fairly happily married and the grandchildren to have a secure upbringing. When I'm 70 I want to be able to look around and feel proud that my children are doing well in this area of life. And if it can be helped, I'd rather not have to spend several years of the later years of my life supporting my child as they go through a sad divorce event.' As we can see, those who make key social decisions seem to not only to be blind to the suffering of many, many young couples but also they seem unable to hear the hopes and dreams of today's parents - taxpayers who hope for a brighter future.

If you look at the upper secondary school curriculum guidelines offered by the National Board of Education there are many important issues there. However, if you look more closely there are no long-term preventative measures to ensure that the next generation will be better at building a marriage and family. Many teachers do a tremendous job trying to teach in really challenging circumstances today - but things are only likely to get more challenging unless they are allowed to start preparing the next generation for the relationship challenges that they will face. The current predictions seem to show that in 10 years unstable, cohabitation relationships with children will outnumber marriages with children. This being so then we can expect well over 50% of the next generation to spend some or all of their childhood years being raised by a single parent. Anyone who has read "The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce - the 25 year landmark study" will know that this will lead to an even larger number of children walking around trying to deal with anger, or pain, or low self-esteem, or low levels of self-control or no developed mental blueprints which they can draw upon when they try to create their own family. Put simply, there is no healthy future without reasonably healthy families, and unless society as a whole purposefully develops new educational strategies in this area, social problems will just continue to rise.

When you look at the key educational institutes around the world and try to find out how they are responding to the challenges that young people are having today when they attempt to build a deep lasting relationship, sadly, there is not much happening. Even though almost all of us want a good family, very few universities have departments of family studies - a place where experts can gather the best research from around the world, pass on knowledge about the best books or educational strategies, hold conferences to pass on key research findings and raise up social awareness in this key area of life. Also, after talking with all the social service colleges around Europe, there are very few experts in the field of marriage education (in fact, most of the experts would advise against supporting marriage education despite the desire of young people for it) - which means that today's social workers are graduating with almost no tools or knowledge to help the every growing numbers of families that need help. More importantly, there are no specialist school teachers in this area - people able to teach the next generation in schools how to build happier, more lasting families.

If we look at couple dynamics through the lenses of research we can learn many things about how society as a whole is failing to help young people prepare for marriage. For example, in almost all western nations, 70% of the time it's the wife who initiates the divorce proceedings. From the data it

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a Successful Life-Long Relationship

seems that western wives are expecting much more from the relationship than the modern young husband is offering. There are many possible causes for this imbalance but my favourite hypothesis is that by the time she's 21, a typical young woman has read a 1000 articles on building a relationship with 'the bloke of her dreams.' The average guy - he's lucky to have read 10 articles - and half of them dealt with useful pick-up lines or how to get her into bed ASAP. Add to this the fact that large numbers of these young husbands were raised by a single mother and had no father figure role model to learn from - and you start to understand why large numbers of today's young husbands are just not hitting expectations. Who in our society is going to take responsibility to help boys grow into reasonable husbands?

Here we stand at the beginning of an exciting technological age, and society is slowly suffering from decay because men and women are struggling to build lasting, loving relationships. On our library shelves sit 50 years of research into the couple relationship - the common communication problems between men and women because they use different communication strategies; the challenge in finding a fair distribution of household chores or a common vision when raising the children; the challenge in keeping friendship alive over the years; the differing marriage needs of both husbands and wives; etc. Along with the research we have had many best sellers in recent years by eminent writers offering us very valid solutions to these relationship issues - John Gottman (*The 7 Principles of Making Marriage Work*); Willard Harley (*His Needs, Her Needs*); Gary Chapman (*The 5 Love Languages*); John Gray (*Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus*) and many, many more. We have the knowledge and it's proven its worth by improving the relationships of many, many couples. Typically, when the research community in any field of study finds new truths about the world we live in, we change the education system to pass that new information onto the next generation. For example, in the 1980's we understood environmental issues better than ever before, so now we teach our children in the hope that they will look after the world better than we did. But this just isn't happening when it comes to marriage education - the research is just sitting on the shelves. Most young marriages have exactly the same problems as the last generation or even more. There is no social learning curve happening and young couples are making the same, hurtful mistakes as their parents did 25 years ago.

If you wonder what might be included in a typical educational program for young people, my experience says we might help them best by include the following:

- Understanding compatibility issues before they get into a poorly matched relationship.
- Helping them understand the questions they should ask before they marry.
- Helpful communication strategies connected with the different male/female communication styles.
- Understanding the different psychological needs of a typical husband or wife in a long-term relationship.
- Learning where couples typically have differences of opinion when it comes to creating a home - and strategies to help them come to a common vision
- Understanding that all marriages go through challenging times - and how successful couples find ways to keep their marriage commitment.
- Understanding the need to become team players.
- How do you keep friendship alive for 50 years?
- The extra challenges that come along with infidelity, cohabiting, and divorce.

The question then is, why is this research and already known helpful information not being passed onto the next generation when there is such

an obvious demand - more than this - a cry for help from the young people of today. Personally, I don't know why. I have several theories - the 'Marxism/feminism' one; the 'We don't want to promote marriage' one; the 'Can you really educate for marriage?' one, the 'We want the freedom to walk away from a abusive relationship' one, the 'We have more important things to teach' one and several others.

The first of these theories postulates that at the time we started to understand the couple relationship (late 1980's) - our thoughts about marriage were being transformed by feminism and Marxist thought. Thinkers from these schools of thought often saw marriage as oppressive for women (which for many women it was). But the crucial point was that instead of saying "Marriage sucks for lots of people, let's see how we can improve it through good research and better education," (a developmental viewpoint we take with almost every other area of life) - the ideology of pain and resentment took over, and the discussion became "Marriage sucks for lots of people, we need to look at alternatives." One only has to take a look at modern European school textbooks today to see how deeply these damaging, ideologically controlled ways of viewing the couple relationship have permeated academic thought. Even though almost all modern research shows that no other relationship format matches marriage when it comes to the safety, prosperity and well being of the average woman and child (see 'The Case for Marriage' by Linda Waite and Maggie Gallagher) - 'experts' now push the idea that 'all family types are equal'.

Luckily, in America, because of the overwhelming weight of research, congress recently managed to see through the mist of this ideologically flawed view of marriage - and both parties recently agreed to offer \$100 million/yr in grants to support pro-marriage initiatives. Many democrats supported the budget because they saw that divorce and family distress affected mainly the poorer half of society - and that if some way could be found to strengthen their marriages then the partners would be more likely to work together to lift themselves out of poverty and offer themselves and their children a brighter future. I often wonder when European socialists will take an honest look at the marriage research, wipe away their ideology for a minute, think about the disadvantaged they are meant to represent and say to themselves: "So many of the poor in society are struggling terribly when it comes to building a happy, successful family. In most inner city ghettos single parenting with disadvantaged kids is the norm. If these kids are ever to have a chance of building a happy successful family (something which is easier for middle class kids), then we have to teach them how to build the couple relationship which they so desperately want. With that deeper couple bond, they are then more likely to be able to raise themselves out of their challenging life and build a better future for themselves and their children."

Most young people I meet have an internal desire to know how to build a life-long marriage with one partner, a soul mate. They want new skills and knowledge so they can build the relationship they idealistically hope for. But skills and knowledge are just two of their needs. One of the other problems that many face today is that they are now so frightened of becoming married - frightened of becoming a divorce statistic. They've read the articles, seen the soaps, many saw their parents divorce in hostile ways and they say to themselves: "I'm not going to

marry and go through that." Or "I'm not going to have children because I would never want to put my children through what I went through." To be honest, unless we offer these hurt children a space

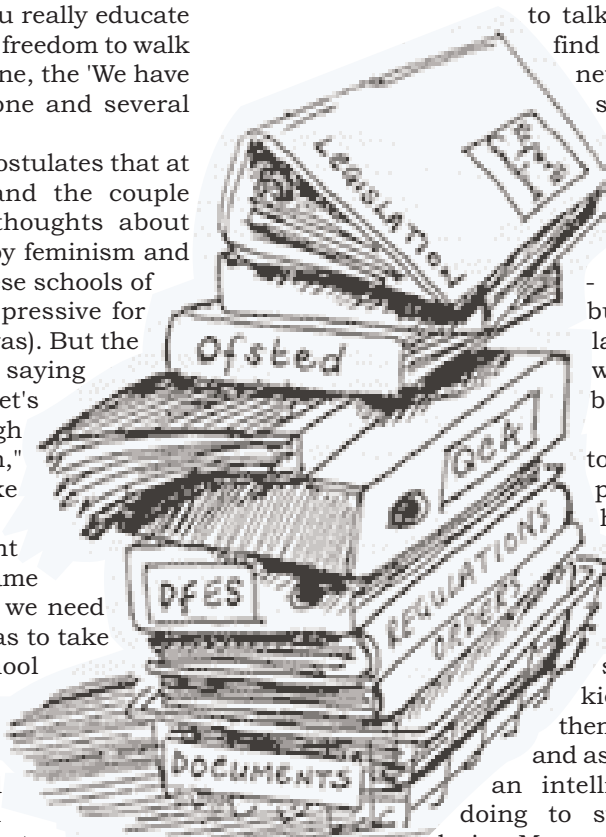
to talk this fear out and find time to teach them new relationship skills, they will never find enough hope to overcome that fear, their lives will sadly be controlled by it - and their hope of building a deep, lasting relationship will always be held back.

If you get a chance to talk to young people about their hope for a thriving couple relationship and you find, as I did, that this dream is still alive and kicking in most of them, then look around and ask yourself what we, an intelligent society, are doing to support this deep desire. My guess is that we would

get a resounding 'F' on our report card and a 'Could do better' in red ink. I have a vision that one day soon, all teens in school and young adults in college, as their human right, will have a chance to learn about how to succeed in this most important of relationships. To keep hiding this information from them, when there is so much pain involved, is deeply cruel. I also have a dream that Finland, the country I presently live in, one day will not only have the best education system in Europe, the most productive workers and the least amount of corruption - but also have the best marriage relationships too.

But how does society change things? We adults seem to be trapped by ideology, political correctness, our lack of knowledge that education can help or our unbalanced belief that education should be for vocation. Some tell me we don't have the resources. If that's the case how do we keep finding the far greater resources that are needed to pick up pieces of family distress? Finding after finding consistently shows that over 80% of young people still want to get married and want to be successful in this area of life. When we understand this point we can clearly see that the education system is not serving its customer - and many teens are growing up completely unable to build the flourishing family they want.

Why don't we just do it? The kids want it, the parents want it, society needs it! It doesn't take much education - but it will make a big difference to all of us. I leave you with the words that one of my students wrote at the end of my last course. "I've learned a lot from this course. I'm sure I have improved my chances of giving myself, my partner and our children a happy, stable life. This is one of the most developing courses I've ever taken. After taking this course I feel much more secure about committing myself to a person for the rest of my life (scares me a lot). It took away a great part of the fear of getting myself in to something that I can't handle. Now I feel "I can do it." ❖



THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

Performance at The Big House

interview by Yeun-Hwa Chang

Chris Alan Derflinger is a 20-year-old education major at Montclair State University. He will be receiving his bachelor's degree in education in June of 2007. Chris Alan also teaches piano to 33 wonderful children and is blessed to Ms. Ye Lin Choi. He lives in New Jersey

Please tell us a little bit about yourself in regards to your journey into music performance?

I started taking piano lessons when I was five years old. I bugged my parents for weeks to play the instrument, and finally my parents supported my decision, and it turned out being a decision I've never regretted. I started studying intense classical music by the age of 9 and started teaching piano when I was 15. I started writing music when I was 11 or 12, and wrote my first song with words by 12 which is entitled, "I love you". When I look back on the songs that I wrote so long ago, it makes me smile, because I can feel my growth through my music. Of course, music was a major method for me to connect to spirit world and I have felt God in many of my song writing experiences. My parents have always supported my musical decisions, and they've always given me amazing guidance.

What do your fellow bc friends think about you pursuing this path, professionally (if that is the case) as a blessed child in the secular world? How do you feel about it? What are your personal challenges being a bc trying to make it in the secular world?

Nowadays, honestly, I think it's a good thing to be a blessed child. Young people do not condemn new religions anymore, and more and more people are embracing non-traditional religion. My BC friends completely support my music, and me and I even have two BC friends that are in my back-up band. In general, the BC community is very open-minded. To sum it up, there cannot be a change in the secular world if we don't have faith and enter that secular world. Nothing can change if we, as BCs, stay in our little circle. I like being challenged, and I don't like staying in a comfort zone. I want to meet new people.

People don't seem to care that I'm in the church. They're actually very interested about my experiences in the church. I look at me being in the church as a major plus.

Minus your performance at the opening of the cheong jeong koong, how many public performances have you given in say, the past two years and what events were they for? How did it come about that you performed for these events?



I have performed at many events, many for True Parent's birthday, for political events, for church services, and also many outside of the church circle. Most of the time, for church events, I am asked to perform, and I am always honored to play for True Parents.

Give us a recount of your experience being the only American blessed child to perform for True Parents, the members and spirit world, a the opening of the cheon jeong koong.

To be honest, getting to the performance was a major challenge. There was huge miscommunication, and I was left stranded by myself upon entering Korea. I had to wait at the airport for five hours for a bus to Chung Pyung, and once I got to Chung Pyung, the confusion only got worse. No one knew I

was coming, and there was no one there that I could talk to. I was then sent to the palace, and I basically baked in the sun for a couple hours while waiting for someone who knew who the heck I was! But God has a wonderful way of working things. I ended bumping into a really good friend of mine, who ended up knowing a lot of people, and her mother kind of took ownership of getting me taken care of. After that, it was smooth sailing. I laugh thinking about it, because if I hadn't bumped into my friend, I probably would have missed my performance altogether and have been stranded at Chung Pyung! All in all, I thought it was a nice test that God put me through, and he took really good care of me. To be the only American was okay, because I don't necessarily feel like only an American. My mother is French, my father is Austrian, and my wife is Korean, so I consider myself a culturally well-rounded person. So, I felt proud to represent our wonderful country, but I did not say to myself, "O, wow, I'm the only American blessed child to perform..." I thought, "O, wow, I'm honored that I can be standing in this wonderful place to play for all these people!"

Of course I was in awe that I was actually at the palace, and of course I felt so humbled to be asked to perform for such an amazing event, but at the same time, I felt as if I was performing for family, so I didn't feel as if I was being singled out...I know that everyone there appreciated everyone's performances, so I was just honored to be asked to be a part of that. I didn't have the mindset that I was the only American, and that I was asked to perform on behalf of America, I had more of the mindset that I am playing for family...except this time, it was at a huge house!

Do you have any words of inspiration /advice/gained wisdom that you would like to impart on your bro/sis and parent figures out there, as far as putting yourself out there and making your talents known to the world, is concerned?

The one thing that I can offer is to hold tight to dreams and continue having faith, because as BCs, we're truly blessed to have an automatic connection to God. We just have to use it. For example, if someone gives you a new phone for your birthday, and you

Message from the Editors

We are happy to announce a new section in UNEWS dedicated to focusing on the new voices of our generation. Spread the word, communicate, and link yourself to the rest of America by subscribing to the paper and submitting your voice to this section. We are looking to fill this section of the paper with the following submissions: articles written by our first and second generation focusing on second generation – that includes ALL second gen's!

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

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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

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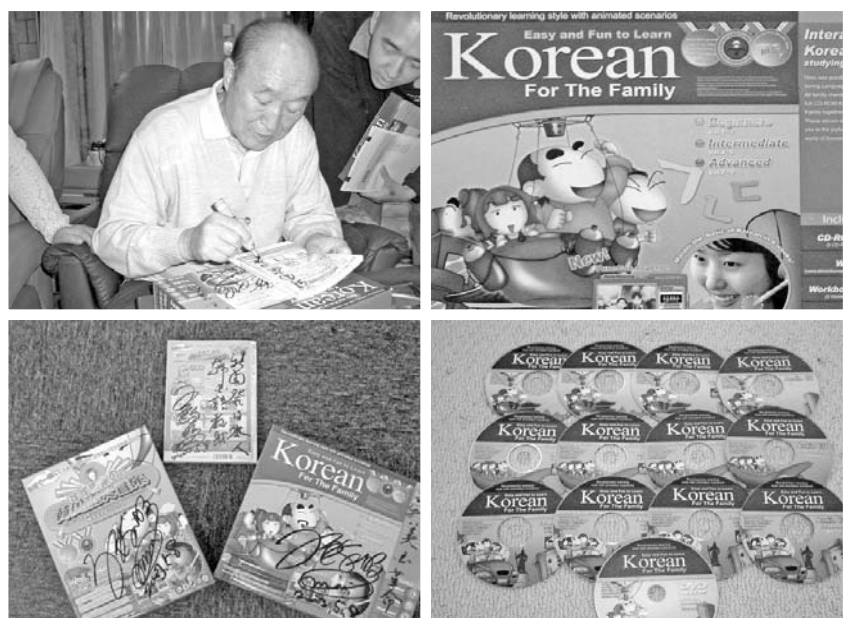
never take the time to connect it, you'll never be able to use it, and it will only collect dust. But if you connect it, and you use it a lot, it fulfills its purpose. I feel that's how my relationship with God is like. Through my parent's sacrifice, they kind of gave me the gift of having that connection with God. Obviously, however, it took a lot of faith,

a lot of guidance, and a lot of understanding. I think it's also so crucial to have a strong relationship with parents. A huge chunk of my faith is connected to my relationship with my parents. I understood what they went through to get me where I am, so I've always appreciated that so much. It's quite overwhelming when I think of it, actually. Everything about my life,

from my music to my wife, is connected to my parents. So parents, tell your children about your life of faith, and share with them why True Parents and everything connected to True Parents is so important to you. We'll never know if you never share with us! Connect, connect, connect! ❖

Knowing Korean is the Beginning Point for Establishing the Absolute Culture

“Centering on the absolute love of God, the absolute man and woman must build the absolute culture. In order to establish the absolute culture, above all, we need a unified language and alphabet. That is why I am over and over again emphasizing that you must learn Korean language and its alphabet and that the creation and development of the culture are built by the unified language and alphabet.” (True Father, 1985.11.12)



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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.

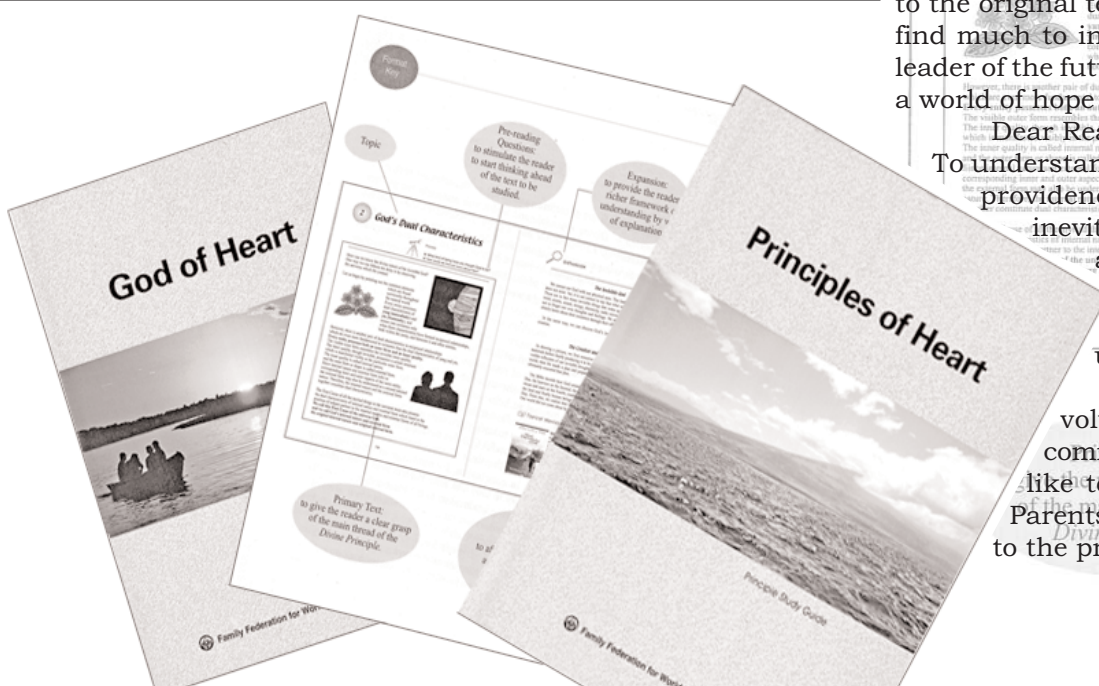
Father's words are therefore juxtaposed to the relevant text from Exposition of Divine Principle as additional materials for greater understanding. Each chapter has a page of exercises that prompt reference to the original texts and also deeper thought. It is hoped that the reader will find much to inspire 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.

Hwang Sun Jo
International President

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification



Youth Volunteers Bring Relief to Guatemalan Village

by Walfred García and Jong Hwa Bessell

The RYS service project started on the 1st of July, in the center of the 500-year-old capital city Antigua, Guatemala, with an orientation. Thirty-three volunteers from

Each day started with a thought-provoking meditation lead by either a staff member or a participant. Morning work assignments included pouring a concrete roof, painting the classrooms, building drains and a septic tank, and cleaning the waterfront of the gorgeous lake Atitlán, which is sur-

where everyone presented skits, dances, or songs that represented their different cultures and lifestyles. On several occasions speakers came all the way from Guatemala City to talk to the RYS participants on a variety of topics, such as "Formal education in Central America and Democracy." There were oppor-

ceremony at the shores of the lake, in which the Mayan priest asked the ancestors to bless the RYS participants.

Before going to bed, participants closed the days with evening meditations, writing journals, and muscle stretching.

Everyone knew that there would be



Cuba, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, United Kingdom, and the United States participated in the project.

For the work period participants traveled to the community of Santiago Atitlán, where some parts of the town had been buried underneath mudslides caused by hurricane Stan in October 2005.

rounded by three large volcanoes and many tiny Mayan villages.

Afternoons were filled with sport competitions, or leisure time to explore the community, interact with the local people, and discover the intriguing crafts practiced throughout the area. One day children of Santiaguito, a bilingual school in Santiago, joined volunteers of the RYS for a cultural event

tunities to visit several small villages around the lake by boat and to swim in the clear blue water.

In the evenings, with sun setting in the distance behind the magnificent volcanoes, there were bonfires, group discussions, and educational sessions where participants learned about each other's cultures and traditions. One evening there was a Mayan religious

a time we would have to part from one another; no one wished for it, and it came too soon for everyone. The closing ceremony included a heartfelt gift and rose exchange in which each one could express their feelings and thoughts openly. The relationships we built will last a lifetime. ❖

RYS Service Projects in Malaysia

A dilapidated primary school in Kuala Lumpur became the venue for the 10th Service Project of the Religious Youth Service in Malaysia. Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, president of World CARP and Youth Federation for World Peace, officially launched the 10th RYS in Malaysia at the service project site. The RYS secretariat, led by the Chief

accompanying his mother Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for the 180 Nation Peace Tour and for which they were guest speakers at the World Peace Family & Youth Convocation event at the Grand Ballroom Hilton Kuala Lumpur later that evening.

Since the first RYS project in Malaysia, carried out in 1992, RYS has received good support from government as well

dilapidated primary school where the service project constituted some heavy brick and cement work, painting and clearing. Participants worked under the hot and humid climate with temperatures soaring, however, with team spirit and the vision of "selfless service" driving them, it was not too much of a problem. With a 100 member workforce led by ten contractors, the work

a hotel room's warm shower and air-conditioner.

Of course, the thrust of the RYS project was the multi-cultural and multi-religious experience. With participants coming from 12 different nations, the service projects were like a mini UN activity. Participants felt the joy of selfless service, virtues of cooperation and working beyond the bar-



Project Coordinator Madam Shanta Venugopal, kicked off the event with local dignitaries joining Dr. Thomas Walsh, UPF Secretary General, Dr. Christopher Kim, and Dr. John Gehring, RYS International Director and co-founder, to plant trees as part of the launching ceremony.

From 12 nations came 100 participants with half from the host nation of Malaysia, and others from Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Indonesia, India, South Africa, Mauritius, Mongolia, Laos, Thailand, Pakistan and the Philippines. Dr. Hyun Jin Moon was

as non-governmental organizations. This year, the Malaysian Ministry of Youth and Sports was the main sponsor, as its objectives support the Malaysian government's call for harmony and tolerance among its multi-cultural and multi-religious population. RYS alumni and Ambassadors for Peace came to give their hand for the project. Later during the launch, Dr. Moon handed RYS caps to all participants as a token of appreciation.

The 10-day project was divided into two parts. The first leg of the program was located in Kuala Lumpur, in a

was completed as scheduled.

The second part of the project was held in the north of Malaysia near Penang. A bus ride of 5 hours took the participants to the project site at a beach! This project was sponsored by the Penang City Council.

Many hours of planning were required months before the project to ensure all the logistics were in place. With the support of the Malaysian government, the participants of the 10th RYS actually enjoyed four star hotel accommodations! It was a relief for them to return at the end of the day to the comfort of

riers of language. Practical peace building skills were learned.

On June 3, 2006, RYS participants put up a cultural night with multi-cultural performances for the surrounding community. Dr. John Gehring in the closing remarks stated that RYS in Malaysia has grown to a new level since its inception in 1992. He asked the audience, "Who will organize the next RYS in Malaysia?"

All answered "me!" There is indeed much hope for RYS in Malaysia. The seed of peace has once again been firmly planted. ❖



PAUL CARLSON

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

This article about freedom. A popular topic indeed, and one which has nearly as many definitions as people attempting to define it. One thing everyone seems to agree on is, they either have it or should.

Let's review the topic itself. What is freedom? Seems obvious, but it's not.

Mainland China says its people have freedom, in that a strong government provides stability. Friends of your author, who work in China, report that local students agree: a firm hand is needed to preserve social order. My response would be, is their society really that fragile?

Saudi Arabia claims to give women freedom. Some Wahhabi ladies agree, saying their morals are preserved, and that they're protected by the veil from the improper attention of men. My impression is: in general, their men and society must have some awful Chapter Two (sexual) problems.

Ask any teenager if they have sufficient freedom, and then (in private) ask their parents the same question. No need to spell out the answers here.

America provides a lot of freedom, and most people agree. Maybe even too much, granted to people who then race to pervert it—in a very literal sense. Libertarians and classical liberals say we don't have enough freedom, fundamentalists and socialists say too much.

Freedom is often assumed to mean 'personal choice.' Americans see it that way, but not the group-focused Japanese. Both are correct, as with the famous example of two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Social standards and inviolable rights are key factors.

ISSUES

Is it easy to figure this stuff out? Are you sure you know the answers?

Consider abortion. Should it be allowed at any time, and for any reason? Or only in cases of rape, or serious danger to the mother's health? What about when the parents only want a boy, or when a healthy baby is just minutes from birth?

How about schooling? Should parents be free to put their children in any school? With public tax vouchers? What about an Aztlan separatist academy, or a radical Islamic madrasa? Or no school at all?

Guns? What about our right to carry them, for sports, collections, and personal defense? How about small cheap guns, or large powerful ones? Can peo-

FREEDOM

ple carry them around, hidden or in plain sight? And if they're only for organized militias, then who gets to organize one?

Consider alcohol, cigarettes, and drugs. Should adults be able to use them? What about airline pilots? Is age 21 too long for young people to wait, or was Prohibition a good idea after all?

How about marriage relationships?

It doesn't end there. Should we be able to eat junk food, and serve it in schools? How much freedom should convicted criminals be allowed? Can the government decide what kind of vehicle you drive, and its precise mileage and emissions? Which toilets or washing machines you can legally buy? What about keeping your home itself, in the face of ambitious cities and developers?

Who actually decides these things, or should? The Congress, or the states, or local authorities; or religious elders, or parents within a household, or each individual? What about in a future Heavenly Nation?

TRADITION

In "Fiddler on the Roof," Tevye sings about tradition. To begin he asks, "And how do we keep our balance? That I can tell you in one word: tradition!"

Traditions have done much good, else the people who upheld them wouldn't be around. Only in modern times have so many questioned so much. How did women fare in the Pale of pre-revolutionary Russia? In the China of Pearl Buck? Consider the Africa of Joseph Conrad, or of Wilbur Smith.

In the Roman Empire, under the doctrine of Patria Potestas, a father was expected to punish his errant offspring, up to and including the death penalty. These days, in some European countries, it's illegal for parents to spank their own kids.

Religions differ. Strict Jains are very gentle, and won't even step on a bug. Islamic radicals slammed America for NOT killing the artist who dipped a crucifix in urine, saying our resolve must be gone.

Utter by-rote certainty will lead to many errors. That can bring insidious weakness to a society. All too often,

division and mindless violence follows. Freedom can be messy, with its endless shifting arguments, but over time it creates a better society.

Freedom can be extended too far. Liberals assume that fathers are brutal abusers, especially if angered by news of a young daughter's pregnancy. Hence, while a school needs permission to give a student an aspirin, they can refer her to get an abortion—and keep it secret from her parents, not to mention her regular pediatrician.

Licentious activists chafe at the idea of ANY personal restrictions. Back in



the sixties, your author brushed up against an extreme form of this, Kids Lib. Thankfully it did not catch on. Yet.

Many tolerant nations require their citizens to vote, and see the USA as encouraging public irresponsibility. (The way I see it, millions of ignorant and gullible people do us a big favor by not voting.)

All societies have definitive internal values. Those societies now losing their common values are in for a lot of difficulty.

THREATS

America's crime and incarceration rate is very high, and the root causes still flourish. Effective cures are well known, but politically fractious. All the while, anticrime measures cost the general citizenry almost as much freedom as it does the criminals.

The assimilation of immigrants is a huge issue in Europe, but less so here, as only a handful of radicals are spewing hatred and divisiveness.

Freedom is absolutely tied to property rights. The right to own your family home, your place of business, and your house of worship; and to use them (within reason) as you see fit, is crucial. Without this guarantee, there is no real freedom, or legal sanctuary, for anyone! Thankfully, many state legislatures and supreme courts are working to counter the outrageous Kelo decision of the US Supreme Court. However, property rights continue to get pecked to death, in a thousand small ways, most of which never make the news.

Anonymity is widely enjoyed on the Internet. In a miniature version of soci-

ety, extreme rudeness is often displayed on discussion boards, by "troll" participants. Disturbed individuals treat other participants in a way that, had it occurred in person, could easily get their teeth punched in.

Face-to-face and telephone interactions were never, and hardly could be, anonymous. Common courtesy remained the norm. Now, with better cyber-tracking and anti-spam measures, 'hiding in public' is becoming difficult for trolls.

Freedom implies privacy, but governments are installing surveillance cameras all over the place. Some just record passers-by, some actively scan each face, and some photograph traffic violators. Hopefully they will catch a lot of crooks and terrorists. We are also supposed to believe that "if you

are innocent, you have nothing to fear." Hah!

Freedom and property are now threatened by an all-encompassing animal tracking program dubbed NAIS. It plans to "tag" every farm's livestock, any 4H kid's show animals, and even some household pets. While intended to fight disease, the daily reporting hassle could drive small farms out of business, and also create a risky black market.

Are you paranoid yet? Such an implanted-chip system could, without modification, also be used on large numbers of human beings. (I'll accept bets on how long until some dictator attempts it.)

These high-tech systems each have their pros and cons. How would a Heavenly Nation implement them?

FAMILY

Unificationism is so new we haven't reprinted our official "Tradition" book, as it would need an update every six months or so. Later on, things will probably settle down, whether or not they should.

Still, we agree upon certain basics. The Principle speaks of the family as a School of Love, and says that our conscience and parents are the primary authority in everyone's lives.

In their "True Family Values" book, Joong Hyun Pak and Andrew Wilson have a great take on freedom: Stay between the lines and go far and fast; wander outside them and crash. This is true in our spiritual lives and on the highway.

Unificationists thrive in a variety of cultures, from secular Europe to spiritual Africa, and from the freewheeling West to authoritarian Asia. What is the Ideal? Rev. Moon has said that a true nation "needs no authority figures." What more freedom could anyone desire? For that to work in reality, there must first be a society with a true Heavenly tradition. ❖

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We also need training—not random training, but well-planned and practical training."—Reverend Sun Myung Moon, July 8th, 1973, Tokyo, Japan

"If Reverend Moon knows anything, he knows that no good comes from mere intentions.

Good can only result from personal investment, heartfelt self-sacrifice, and

systematic and principled actions."—Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak, February 27th, 1999, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Each of us is challenged to decide what we are going to work on and what's the best way to invest our lives and our leadership - again, enough from me - so, what do you say??

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Thinking on Top of the Box



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Centuries ago, when one of the foremost scientific intellects of all time, Isaac Newton, was asked what factors contributed most to his historical and breakthrough level of success, he answered (probably paraphrased), "I have stood on the shoulders of giants"

Are we not challenged to do the same/better?? We have all heard about thinking outside of the box - I suggest a different take going forward/beyond-thinking on top of the box.

With lots of love and compassion and with our one time shot on the planet, may I respectfully ask?? How are we going to be a historical change catalyst and make our mark for the Providential good? What is going to be our proverbial footprint in the sand?

Thinking on top of the box?? How can we get, and consistently keep ourselves, on top??

As is being echoed elsewhere, I also advocate/suggest a focused and new/fresh look at old/persistent challenges - that we strive towards more innovative and systematic approaches towards bringing forth the Kingdom and a Culture of Love, Heart and Peace.

If you have not done so already, I highly recommend you read what Hyun Jin Nim had said in July 2003, in the last two transcribed speeches from his recently published collection of speeches, *Owning the Culture of Heart*. I find that his messages speak volumes to what we can do to improve personally/organizationally/Providentially.

Again, it always boils down to a matter of consistent, high quality habits, practices and traditions, yes?? Ever hear this??

Sow a thought, reap an action;

Sow an action, reap a habit;

Sow a habit, reap a character;

Sow a character, reap a destiny

We are what we continuously learn about and focus on - how very basic - how so true.

As simple (and as profound) as that. To paraphrase a famous quote from Albert Einstein, "the level of thinking that has got us to where we are today is insufficient to address the challenges we now face and are called to master." He also said a version of "if we keep doing the things we have always done, we are likely to get the same results we have been getting - if this train stays on this track, it is likely to end up where it is headed."

In an increasingly challenging, extremely stressful and pain-filled world, how do we effectively engage in such innovation/development/leadership, to help spread the love??

I am hearing a lot of talk these days about sharing best practices - brings to mind a very challenging question that I was recently asked: "How have you discovered what you know about Leadership and Life Principles?" It is my prayer that we look/keep looking beyond ourselves/our community and synthesizing/integrating well the best of the best from all possible sources into our daily lives, relationships and missions

Well, let's take a look at a few modern day giants (books/tapes/workshops) - not the ultimate list, by any means, and a place to jump start more resourcefulness on this topic.

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What would we say all this is pointing to?? I would say, in simple terms, that we could view it as a vitamin supplement to our main Prov-

idential meals. And what's one of the biggest challenges that many/most organizations face in today's world, that leads to a major underutilization of the unique talents and creative contributions of their members??

It's missing that Effective Training and Development is missing - it's a recurring blind spot. Taking a page from an old Aesop's fable, organizationally speaking, we continue to kill the goose to get all the golden eggs versus taking care of/growing the goose, thus allowing for more/better golden eggs to come. I certainly see signs of progress in this regard and, as they say, the biggest room in the world is the room for improvement.

Random training and development?? I think not - like anywhere else, I suggest it must be designed and focused to help fulfill/expand the purposes of the organization - such as "creating a culture of true love" or "helping people develop a personal relationship with God" or "having sustainable resources" or "continually improving/developing leaders".

I find it extremely helpful to keep challenging and asking myself: where am I blind, arrogant and ignorant (none of which I/we can afford, yes?? These three killers can be fatal) - where can I learn in a larger/different community and still maintain/fulfill my central focus/calling? what universal principles may I be missing and not fully applying??

In the spirit of continuous leadership training & development and towards a version of UTS AA having West Point-like standards, I'd like to offer you a couple of fave quotes.

"There is no substitute for training. Don't depend on miracles to bring about restoration.

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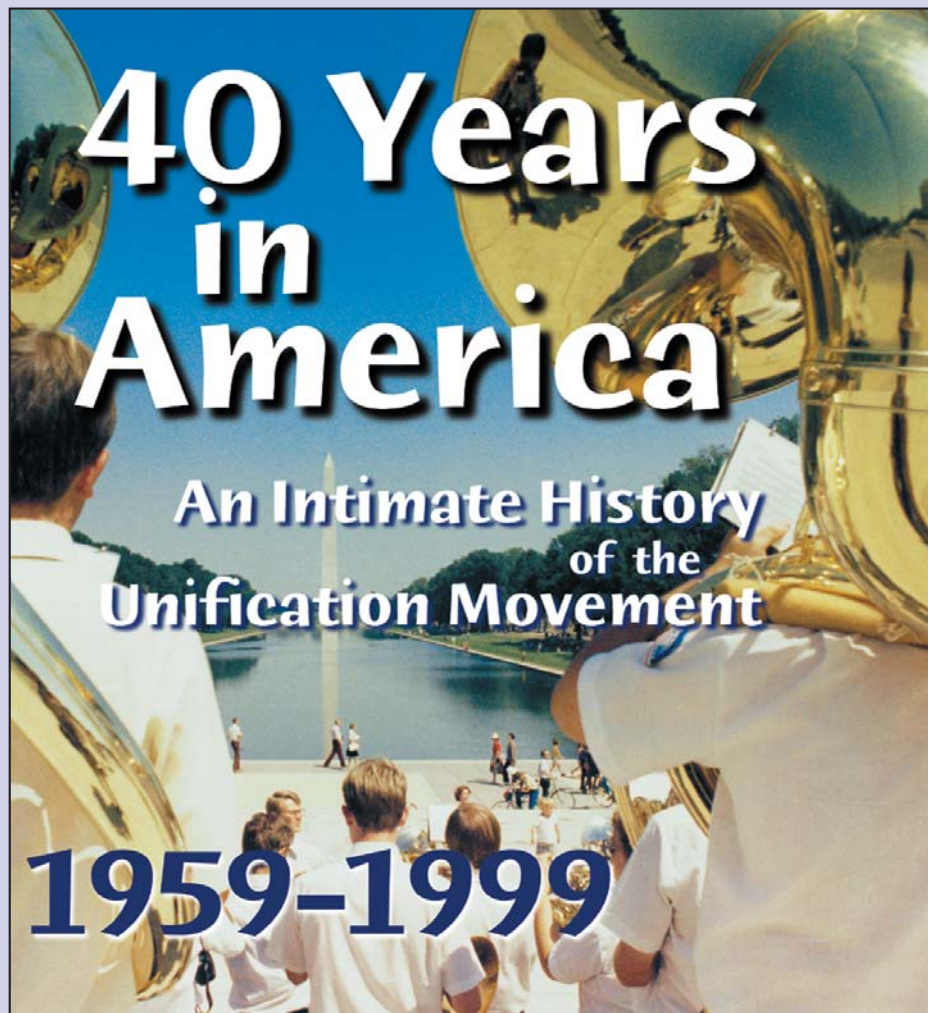
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