

Hyun Jin Nim Proclaims Message of Peace

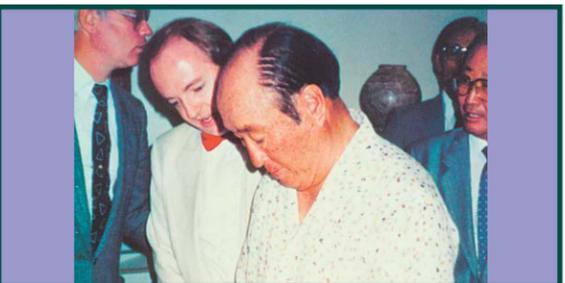
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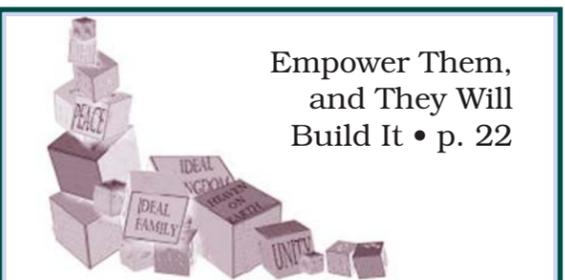
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On Thursday morning, Jan. 18th, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, chairman of Universal Peace Federation of the North American region, Rev. Dr. Michael Jenkins, president of FFWPU, and Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr., Co-president of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, met with Dr. Hyun Jin Moon and Rev. Jin Man Kwak and other key leaders to make the final preparations to launch the special Peace Tour to 12 Cities in America. The tour was entitled: "A Call to Action: God's Kingdom of Peace is now at hand!"

Dr. Moon (affectionately known as Hyun Jin Nim) is inspired to go forth across the nation of America to embrace the 120 religious leaders who traveled as Ambassadors for Peace throughout 120 nations of the world last year. Hyun Jin Nim was inspired by the spirit and the heart of these Ambassadors for Peace who gave Father Moon's peace message throughout the world. True Father suggested that Hyun Jin

Nim meet these leaders in one place. True Parents were deeply inspired to find out that we have decided to do a 12-city tour which will allow the key leaders of America to meet Hyun Jin Nim on the front line of the efforts to bring unity and love among all people.

Archbishop Stallings, Rev. Fauntroy and other key pastors of ACLC have shared how inspired they are to see the son of Father Moon taking up the mantle of responsibility to bring God's word and love to all humanity. Nothing moves a pastor's heart more than to see the pastor's son and family sharing in the vision and commitment of love for all. Last year not only the sons and daughters but the grandsons and grand daughters toured the world with Father and Mother Moon. They toured sacrificing to go to 40 countries to bring the example of three generations standing firm together to create blessed families in which divorce and infidelity is eliminated. This three generational realm of unity is a model that gives eternal stability

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Ahn Shi Il • 3rd, 11th, 19th, 27th

- 5 Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)
- 6 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)
- 7 Middle East Time Founded (1983)
- 9 Kwon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/20/75)
- 12 Shin Sook Nim's Birthday (1/23/84)
- 18 Dong Sook Nim's Birthday (1/30/55)
- 26 Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
- 27 New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA) Inauguration (1980)
- 28 Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/88)
International Christian Professors Association Est. (1981)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)
The Sao Paulo Declaration (1995)

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Ahn Shi Il • 4th, 12th, 20th, 28th

- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
- 5 Jin Sung Nim's Birthday (2/18/62)
- 6 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)
57 Single Blessing (1989)
Declaration for the Blessed Family (1995)
- 9 Cheon Il Guk Established (2/22/2001)
Grand Liberation of 6,000 Years of Providential History (2/22/2002)
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)
Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)
Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Established (1996)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 13 Proclamation of Liberation and Release (2004)
- 14 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)
Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)

C A L E N D A R

- 17 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)
Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
Day of the Resurrection of Shimjung (1960)
Day of the Resurrection of Substance (1961)
- 22 Noticias del Mundo Established (1980)
- 27 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- 27 60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
Interreligious (144,000) Clergy Blessing (2002)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Ascension (2001)

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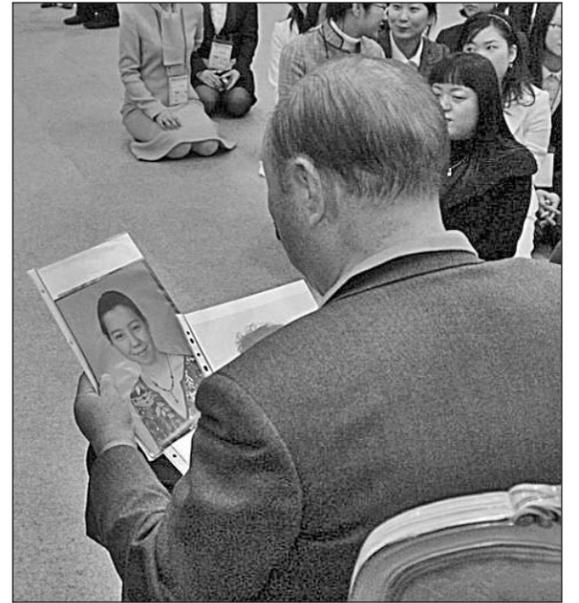
- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
Ceremony for the Total Dissolution of Resentment (1975)
Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 2 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 8 Shin Joon Nim's Birthday (3/22/2004)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 14 Shin Rye Nim's Birthday (3/28/05)
Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
National (American) Won Jeon Shrine Dedicated (2002)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
Citizen's Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (1987)
- 16 Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 17 Washington Times Established (1982)
- 19 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
- 20 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
- 21 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 26 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
- 27 60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' Global Victory (1999)

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]

Generation in Korea



Father personally matched 2nd generation at Cheon Pyeong February, 2007 for the February 23rd Blessing in Korea. Pictures were taken by the European Second Generation Department.



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to the family and becomes the cornerstone for your tribe, clan and nation.

[The following are excerpts from some of the reports of the events in the different cities]

Los Angeles, Jan. 20th

We begin the tour on Saturday, Jan. 20th, in one of Los Angeles' prominent churches, Founders Church of Religious Science.

The morning after each event we invited all blessed couples and their children to come for hoon dok hae and to have a personal experience with Hyun Jin Nim and his wife.

We were so inspired at the first event in LA, as we could see that Hyun Jin Nim is really inheriting Father's heart and vision for America, and also seeing how crucial it is that the religious leaders unite and understand Jesus' love and heart. Moved by the Holy Spirit, they are coming together to fulfill America's responsibility from the religious perspective in the Middle East. We will be encouraging everybody to join in the Middle East Peace Initiative.

Houston, Jan. 23rd

On Tuesday evening, January 23rd, Gloryland Baptist Church in Houston was the setting for a joyful celebration of God's love. Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, third son of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, came to Houston with his beautiful wife Jun Sook as part of his 12-city tour of America. He came to meet religious leaders and Ambassadors for Peace from the area who had traveled throughout the world in 2006 as part of the 4th World Tour for Peace. Dr.

Dr. Moon, affectionately known as Hyun Jin Nim, wanted to meet them, as well as their colleagues and members of their congregations.

Pastor Dr. Bennit Hayes and First Lady Ethel Hayes hosted the gathering with obvious pride and joy. They hold a deep appreciation for Father Moon and the revelations he has given his life to share. Pastor Hayes requires his leaders to study the Divine Principle as the key to unlock the Holy Bible. When one of his elders passed away recently, the man's dying words to Rev. Hayes were to thank him for teaching him the Divine Principle so that he could be better prepared for spirit world. The successful outpouring of attendees this night would clearly be the result of this spirit in Gloryland's leadership and the same kind of heart-felt effort made by other ACLC Clergy and Family Federation members. Despite heavy rain throughout the day, which peaked from 6-9pm, Gloryland's large, modern sanctuary - seated for 580 - was

nearly filled upon Hyun Jin Nim's arrival to the pulpit. The audience was on its feet to greet him with a joyful noise. Rev. Hayes was so happy he did a little jig. The Gloryland choir offered powerful songs to lift and unite the spirits of everyone.

Two ministers shared powerful testimonies of their World Tour experiences. Pastor Carolyn Sion of Houston, who had traveled to 10 nations, spoke passionately about people's hunger for the word of God. Rev. William Ephraim of Denver, who had greeted Father Moon when he came out of Danbury in 1984, spoke of traveling to Africa. One night as he listened to a group of African singers, a profound sense of homecoming began to overwhelm him. He suddenly heard the rejoicing cries of his ancestors: "We're home! We're finally home! Finally home!" They had traveled on his back all the way to their homeland. He asked us, "Who made this possible? - Rev. Moon."

Hyun Jin Nim came to the pulpit exuding palpable electricity: he was so real, so clear and penetrating. "It is signifi-

and race. This is not from God. Where is this from?"

He went around the room taking the hands of different people, having them stand, embracing them and asking them to repeat into the microphone three times: "One Family Under God! Aju!" Christians, Asians, a lady from the Order of the Eastern Star, American and Middle Eastern Muslims, old and young were all embraced by Hyun Jin Nim and joyfully repeated the phrase "One family under God!"

He reminded everyone that Jesus' message and his life were, at their core, about love, and that this is actually the deepest message of all religions. So if we are to be true believers in any religion, we must practice love for the entire human family. In other words, we must come to see all people as brothers and sisters, regardless of their religion, race, or ethnic background.

Most of District 9's Ambassadors for Peace of the 4th UPF World Tour were in attendance, despite the distances they had to travel: Rev. Calvin Kelly, Rev.

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Date	Day	City
1/20	Sat	Los Angeles
1/21	Sun	San Francisco
1/22	Mon	Seattle
1/23	Tue	Houston
1/24	Wed	Minneapolis
1/25	Thu	Chicago
1/26	Fri	Dayton
1/27	Sat	Atlanta
1/28	Sun	Washington DC
1/28	Mon	Newark
1/30	Tue	Boston
1/31	Wed	New York

ber who lives in Mexico and had traveled hundreds of miles to hear Hyun Jin Nim, into the room to add his thoughts on the subject. Hyun Jin Nim immediately asked the waitstaff for an extra chair and serving. Hyun Jin Nim sat for quite a while over coffee with him and several others, discussing Mexico and fishing. Though his flight from Seattle had been long and tiring, he made time for people, reminiscent of the earliest days of our movement

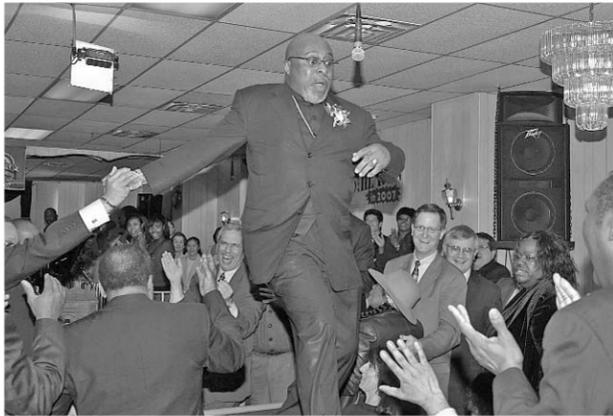
when Father would invite an elderly lady to come and talk, and he would sit and listen for hours.

At Hoon Dok the next morning, more pastors shared their inspirations from the World Tour. An STF choir sang a special upbeat arrangement of "Unified Soldiers," which was praised by Hyun Jin Nim. The Hoon Dok, well read by Stacy Cho, was from Father's speech about Absolute Morality. Then Hyun Jin Nim told about an incident that happened in the Green Room the night before at Gloryland when one its elders, (Minister Kinchen, performing the duties that evening of a security guard), asked him to sign his book. Hyun Jin Nim assumed he was handing him a copy of the Bible, but when he looked closer it was the man's Divine Principle. Clearly moved, Hyun Jin Nim reminded us that when Father began his ministry in Korea, his revelation was rejected and

he was harshly persecuted by Christian pastors. The same pattern occurred in America. But now a Christian elder held Father Moon's revelations in such high esteem that he wanted his copy autographed by the son of Reverend Moon. "We have come full circle," said Hyun Jin Nim.

He also spoke about the need for a sparkling and youthful spirit. We should not let our dreams be tinged by the fallen world, but rather ground our dreams in the will of God. When he first came to America, he observed members working for Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument. He saw the sparkling, hopeful eyes of people working together for God's will. Now he sees that same sparkle in the eyes of the second generation. He feels encouraged about the future and urged the first generation to become young in spirit again.

Before he left to go to Minneapolis, Hyun Jin Nim again, made himself so accessible. Over breakfast, more than



cant," he stated, "that this message is being delivered in 'Gloryland.'" He shared that of all the many hats he wears, the most important was that of being his father's son. That should have been true for Adam and was certainly true for Jesus. Jesus' only desire was to see his Father's dream fulfilled. What is that dream? To establish a true family and expand that foundation to the world. His dad, Rev. Moon received this same mission directly from Jesus.

He stepped freely into the audience, smiling and looking into everyone's eyes as he gave his message. He spoke about how easily religion can create problems, tending to divide rather than unite the family of mankind. He drew an example of young children playing together in a sandbox. They don't care about their playmates' skin color or religious doctrine. Rather, they just want to play and share each other's company. However, as they grow older, they are taught to separate and judge one another based on religion

William Ephraim, and Mr. Sum Nguyen from Colorado; Rev. Marilyn Kotulek from Oklahoma; Rev. Ronald and Tessie Willis from Waco, Texas; Imam Marzuq Jaami and his wife Alexis from Dallas, together with Houston's Dr. Bennit Hayes, Min. Ethel Hayes, Min. Priscilla Chillis and Pastor Carolyn Sion. After concluding his speech, Hyun Jin Nim presented each of them with a beautiful Crown of Peace lapel pin or necklace, designed by Mother Moon. Also awarded were Family Church of Peace Flags.

Hyun Jin Nim exhibited great love for one and all throughout his visit to Houston. During lunch on Tuesday with various local people, he asked questions about Texas and was especially interested in the Hispanic population. He shared that he has studied U.S. history extensively. He listened intently as Rev. Mark Hernandez, himself the son of Mexican immigrants, described the state and its history. Upon seeing him near the door, Mark called Gregorio Villafana, a mem-

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thirty ACLC pastors, Ambassadors for Peace and area leaders had an opportunity to introduce themselves, share about experiences on the world tour, Middle East Peace Initiative, studying Divine Principle and have real lasting memories made with him. All expressed their deep appreciation to True Father for inaugurating the tour and giving them the chance to participate. There was no rush in Hyun Jin Nim's spirit. As, our Father says, when in the embrace of true love, it is enough to be in each other's company forever; and so it was, a bit of heaven. He and Jun Sook Nim blessed us with a time so precious, breathing in this level of give and take, tasting Cheon IL Guk.

Minneapolis, Jan 24th

The people of Minneapolis had basically no idea what lay in store for them on January 24, when Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, son of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, landed there in his fifth stop of a 12-city tour across America. Dr. Moon is a man of many interests and many talents, but on this day, he wanted to share with all those who came to listen- a more natural understanding of relating to God, creation and humanity. It was also profound in its power and simplicity.

The host pastor, Rev. Jessie Griffin of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, was scheduled to be in Louisiana at a national church board meeting but cancelled those plans in order to welcome Dr. Moon and open the doors of his church to receive him. It can be very cold in January in Minnesota, but in that church, on that evening, it couldn't have been warmer or friendlier.

The banner hanging in front of the cross in the sanctuary read: "A Call to Action: God's Kingdom of Peace is at Hand: Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, Renew the Nation and the World." With that symbolic image, the message he would then deliver was one of looking forward, beyond the cross and the suffering in this world, to the time when God will dwell with His children, to a time when families everywhere will proudly proclaim, "God is the head of our household. We are one family under God!"

"I like the name of this church, the True Vine Church." Dr. Moon began. "Jesus said, 'I am the vine and you are the branches.'" He went on, "Old wine skins could not contain what Jesus had to bring them. In a like manner, you, too, must become new, much like a child, if you wish to receive what God wants to give you. Youth has nothing to do with how old you are; it's more about your attitude. In fact, one of the youngest people I know is my father, almost 88 years of age."

Dr. Moon then shared an image with his audience: "Picture small children of different races playing together in a sand-



box. It would never enter their minds to judge one another based upon skin color. Prejudice is something that is taught; it is not picked up naturally. In that sense, we all need to become young again and get back into the sandbox, where we will not judge one another based upon race, creed or culture.

"When you think about old people," he said, "they spend their time thinking about the past, the good old days. Young people see basically in one direction, straight ahead. How about you? Look at yourself. Do you think more like an old person or a young person? This is what Jesus meant when he spoke of us becoming like 'new wineskins.'"

Dr. Moon came over to him during the talk and allowed him to share some words, "I am here to testify that this movement and Rev. Moon have been chosen by God to lead the world to true peace!" he exclaimed.

Then Dr. Moon went around to different people in the audience, challenging them to think and live in a new way. "In God's eyes, we should be one family, so let's become one family under God. Repeat after me, 'One family under God, Aju!'" Say it again, but louder. "One family under God, Aju!" A revitalizing spirit descended over the church by the time he concluded.

Dr. Moon then handed out pins to those

the talk, reflected, "He definitely made my trip worthwhile!"

The following morning, he again met with members and leaders, listening to testimonies and speaking of the need to carry this message to the community and throughout the world.

In those few short hours, hearts were lifted, songs were sung and eyes watered. All were grateful to have crossed paths and drunk the new wine with Dr. Hyun Jin Moon and his beautiful wife, Jun Sook Moon. Heavenly Father, thank you for your undying love, and thank you for the "hugs" you give us along the way. We were truly embraced by your son when he came to Minneapolis!

Chicago, Jan 25th

As Hyun Jin Nim walked through the congregation during our morning Hoon Dok Hae he was looking into the eyes of each and every member and asked everyone to examine the fire of their faith. How is it right now, compared to 20 or 30 years ago? How much did we really believe that we could bring about the establishment of the Kingdom of God on this Earth in our own lifetime? Hyun Jin Nim shared his own life of faith, for example, how much he believed in the principle of creation And he shared a little bit of his own life as an Olympic equestrian rider. He would challenge us to return to our energetic, heartistic, youthful selves and to always dream dreams and to always look forward. Saying that we are only as old as we feel, he pointed out how young people are always looking forward while old people are always remembering the past. Finally, he led us through a tunnel of youth, proclaiming that we would once again have the energy of an 18 year old when we emerged at the other end. Ponce de Leon and the fountain of youth, step aside.

Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim had arrived less than 24 hours earlier from a tour that had already covered Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Houston and Minneapolis. Chicago was on fire in the middle of a very cold January, and we were excited and ready for our rebirth as we also prepared for the coming of Dae Mo Nim in just 3 more weeks.

We had chosen the Life Center Church of Christ, pastored by our ACLC national co-convener, T.L. Barrett, Jr. This was the very same church that had hosted True Mother the very first time that she had spoken in a house of worship. Life Center had since then hosted a nation-

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In the audience, sitting in wheelchair, was an elderly man listening intently to the speaker. Dr. Ahmed Eid came to America 5 years ago and had been tortured to the point he couldn't walk. He had been a medical doctor from Syria. Dr. Eid became an Ambassador for Peace 3 years ago and had begun his own organization, International Movement for World Peace, and was gathering a group of supporters in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

who traveled to other countries on the world tour. Also, Ambassadors for Peace were appointed, and 10 pastors received framed "Family Church of Peace" certificates for their outreach efforts in the community.

At the conclusion, the Golden Swans had everyone singing and dancing in the aisles, bringing an appropriate ending to an inspiring event. Rev. Ray Hill, who drove 400 miles from Omaha just to hear

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al-level blessing, Dae Mo Nim's visit to Chicago, and Shin Sook Nim's 3-generation speech this past fall. The church had also recently undergone a multi-million dollar renovation, immediately after which it had invited our own Rev. Dr. Michael Jenkins to deliver one of its first sermons in the new edifice, just 2 weeks earlier.

One major difference in this event was the active participation of Chicago's ACLC ministers. Together with Rev. Rendel, the ministers had participated in a planning breakfast one week earlier. There they had volunteered to take responsibility for bringing their fellow ACLC ministers to the event. This action resulted in the eventual diversity of our audience.

In the words of several of those traveling with Hyun Jin Nim, they had never seen him so relaxed and comfortable as he was during the Chicago event. He spent most of the time walking throughout the congregation and, in fact, never returned to the lectern until it was time for the awards ceremony. He made eye contact, hand contact and spiritual contact with the congregation. His energy, power and presence were felt by all those assembled. He walked through the congregation, selecting participants from every age, ethnicity, race and religion. Then he would have them repeat the words, "One Family—Under God—Aju." It was an amazing experience that came to a crescendo at exactly the right moment.

As the program concluded, the entourage traveling with Hyun Jin Nim returned to the hotel for a quiet and intimate evening banquet. Testimonies were shared, but most notable was that of our beloved white-haired Pentecostal brother, the Rev. Jesse Edwards. Jesse shared from the heart what his life has been like while walking beside Father and Mother during this age of Cheon Il Gook. He has seen everything and everyone that he has loved being taken away from him because of his loyalty and his faith in God and True Parents. He has lost his church, his best members and at times, even his closest friends and family members. But his wife has risen up beside him and is now working hand in hand with Mrs. Reiko Jenkins in the "Women in Ministry" project. And through it all, he has never wavered in his faith or in his loyalty to our True Parents. There was not an unmoved heart at the table as Reverend Edwards concluded. A deep and moving experience had been had by all those present. We then concluded, and everyone prepared for morning Hoon Dok Hae.

By 4:45am the Boulevard Room in the Chicago Hilton and Towers was at capacity. Not only Chicago family members and second generation, but also ministers and

STF members were present. Leena Vincenz and Jonathan Jesper would read Father's 2006 Children's Day Speech. Then the room would be filled with music. Chicago's own second generation band, "Sincerely Yours," blasted out one of their own numbers. STF, led by Chicago's own Miwha Davidson, sang several songs along with Hyun Jin Nim and finally all joined together with Hyun Jin Nim singing a Korean rock-and-roll song that he remembered from his youth. Hyun Jin Nim connected especially with the Davidson family. Father Alan has always been True Parents' and now Hyun Jin Nim's driver in Chicago. And it was Alan and Ritsuko's 2 daughters that had provided much of

front of his apartment in Harlem. Since coming to Chicago, he has become an Ambassador for Peace and has traveled to Korea on a number of occasions. During his last trip to Korea, he was roommates with Archbishop Stallings and they have developed a very deep friendship ever since. Another testimony came from Ms. Pat Arnold, a Chicago native who was responsible for the positive media campaign during True Parents' 50 city tour. Each of the World Tour participants had some chance to share with Hyun Jin Nim, but the final testimony might very well have been the most moving. It came from Rev. William Revely from Detroit. Reverend Revely first met our movement 25

ly and so beautifully.

They were enjoying probably the first quiet moments that they had experienced in the past 24 hours. One could almost sense the angelic aura that surrounded them as they enjoyed their simple and humble sushi, seaweed and rice breakfasts after serving Hyun Jin Nim's couple such beautiful meals over the past 2 days.

Then I turned to the main room where we had just enjoyed such a delicious morning. I realized very quickly that the tables had been removed and all that remained was the incredible view of Lake Michigan and downtown Chicago. The room now looked so small and so empty.

One could feel the immediate absence of the power and the spirit that had filled it just a few minutes earlier. It was hard to believe that this was actually the same room. Obviously the power and the spirit had moved on toward the next 6 cities in the tour.

By the time you read this, the victorious tour will have been successfully completed. But one must believe as we now prepare for Dae Mo Nim's arrival in America and for the events leading up to True Parents' birthdays in Korea that this 7th year of the Cheon Il Gook will bring many new great happenings to the world in 2007.

Dayton, Jan. 26th

On the 26th of January, Hyun Jin Nim arrived in Dayton, Ohio. At 2 pm we held a lunch meeting at O'Charlies restaurant in Dayton, Ohio for ACLC clergy and Ambassadors for Peace who are working in the district and who

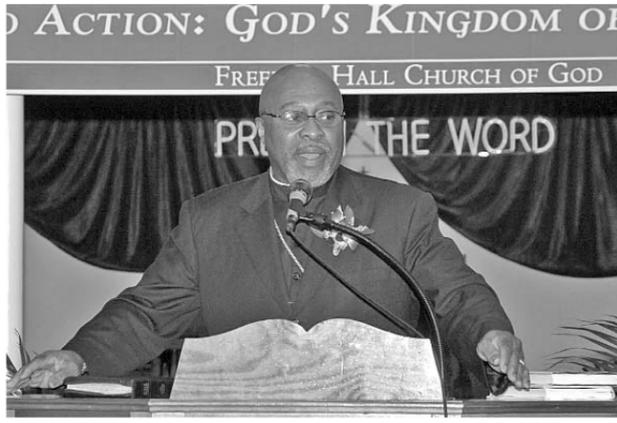
participated in the 4th World tour. There were 27 attending the luncheon. The spirit was so warm and uplifting as everyone shared their testimonies about the tour and about their growing relationships with our movement.

Archbishop Stallings, to the delight of all, became filled with the spirit and jumped from pew to pew. "It's a bird, it's a plane, it's ARCHBISHOP STALLINGS." What a moment, what a memory.

Hyun Jin Nim stressed the theme "One Family under God, Aju!" and in his presentation, his conviction that this vision is God's vision became clear. The vision was immediately adopted by those attending as people chanted together "One Family under God, Aju!" in unison.

Hyun Jin Nim also poured out so much love and concern to the leaders and members in Ohio and from the district. At the airport, in the hotel, and everywhere he went, Hyun Jin Nim shared his heart and expressed to everyone how much love True Parents have for members and the world. As we know, you can judge a man by his fruits. Hyun Jin Nim's, love for God and for the world make it easy to know True Parents. Through him, we can see the fruit of True Parents' work in America and the world and have great hope that all things are possible at this time.

At Hoon Dok Hae in Columbus on the 27th Hyun Jin Nim's couple continued to share their hearts and love with the members. After the reading of Speech #10



the morning's entertainment.

Hyun Jin Nim would share about his special relationship with the land mass that we call Alaska and how he has used this venue for much of his own personal leadership training. The nearly 2 1/2 hours of Hoon Dok Hae concluded, as stated earlier, with Hyun Jin Nim challenging us to keep the fire of faith alive in our eyes and in our souls before leading us through the tunnel of eternal youth.

The final chapter of the program took place over the breakfast table in Hyun Jin Nim's suite. Here nearly 40 pastors, Ambassadors for Peace and World Tour IV veterans gathered to share testimonies of their recent experiences. Among the most remarkable were those of Mrs. Annette Dixon. Annette is a newspaper publisher who has known us for over 20 years. As a Catholic layperson, she felt so inadequate standing with the ministers on the tour. Yet she distinguished herself as she traveled throughout Asia, Europe and Africa fulfilling her lifelong dream to become a Catholic missionary. Upon her return the editorial page of her community newspapers carried the account of her pilgrimage experience.

Others who gave testimonies during the breakfast included Mr. Lee Walker, a businessman who first met our movement during his time in New York during the Yankee Stadium campaign. He reminisced about how he used to watch our members cleaning up the streets in

years ago. He was a veteran of the civil rights movement with Dr. King. He has studied (and struggled) with the Divine Principle for many years. However, traveling on almost the entire World Tour has changed him dramatically. He shared about how, in his opinion, Father and Mother are leading the one movement that can unite the world. For Father is gathering all people of God together, including Jews, Hindus, Muslims, and Buddhists. He commented that Jesus himself was not a Christian and that it is Rev. Moon's movement that is truly bringing all peoples of faith together.

Breakfast concluded with remarks from Dr. Yang and from Hyun Jin Nim. Then in an instant the room cleared out and the entourage moved on to the next venue in Dayton, Ohio, later that night.

Several of us gathered in front of the hotel to wave good-bye and God-speed to Hyun Nim and Jun Sook Nim. As they pulled off with their Australian driver still behind the wheel, we could feel the power and the hope that God must have as he is working through what they have inherited through our True Parents.

After one more hour of sending off our guests and feeling how deeply they had been touched, this author returned to the suite that had hosted so much deep discussion and testimony over the past 24 hours. The only members who still remained were the Japanese sisters who had been serving our guests so faithful-

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by one of our 2nd Gen., David Young, Hyun Jin Nim shared his heart and his passion for America with the members and guests. Everyone was amazed at how much Hyun Jin Nim knew about Ohio and the depth of his understanding about the people of Ohio. I wonder if Rev. Jenkins coached him (Rev. Jenkins is a son of Ohio.) The college-age 2nd gen. in Ohio offered a song, followed by the STF band in an amazing ceremony that allowed all 1st gen. to become 18 again.

The breakfast meeting afterward for Ambassadors for Peace in Columbus was led by Rev. Tony Flores, and it renewed the vision of Ambassadors for Peace for the state and the District.

We are all changed from this experience as many were touched by God through Hyun Jin Nim's message and the love he so freely gives.

Atlanta, Jan. 27th

"One Family Under God, Aju". God's ideal of one family of universal love, undivided by nationality, race, religion or even age, was proclaimed in Atlanta on Saturday, January 27th. Over 450 people packed the Atlanta Family Church to overflowing during a late afternoon program. Extra chairs were brought into the sanctuary, and people stood lining the walls to hear the joy-filled message of Dr. Hyun Jin Moon. All were touched by his youthful energy and profound love for those present.

Pastor Mark Abernathy, of New Life Assembly, said, "Dr. Moon connected with every person in that sanctuary. That is so powerful. He is so full of passion, and you could feel it. He profoundly loved everyone. Some of my church members attended, and they are now on fire. They loved the message."

One Korean minister, a pastor of the United Methodist Church, said that while Dr. Moon spoke, he heard the voice of God answer many of his questions about how we must work to realize God's dream on earth.

Even upon his arrival, Dr. Moon demonstrated an uncommon concern for others. In his hotel suite, he invited all the sisters who were serving on the hospitality team to come into his room. He asked each one of them their name, and asked about their husband and each of their children.

The hospitality was also delighted to meet Hyun Jin Nim's wife, Jun Sook Kwak Moon. She radiated a royal dignity and beauty, and a maturity beyond her years. One of the sisters commented that Jun Sook Nim had an uncommon humility and was like a kind mother to the members. It is hard to imagine that she and Hyun Jin Nim are parents of eight children of their own. Jun Sook Nim is truly a Queen of Heaven.

Four ministers shared about their experiences of reading Rev. Moon's Peace Message in countries around the world. The ministers from District Five who partici-

pated in the Fourth World Tour included Bishop Shirley Cotton, Bishop W. Wayne Pugh, Pastor Mark Abernathy, Minister Carolyn Parker, Imam Furqan Muhammad, Mrs. Juanita Fuller-Scott, Rev. Marion Wadhams, Rev. Byron Filus, Princess Julia Horton, Pastor Sharron White, Evangelist Ronnie Bailey, and Rev. Tom Cutts.

Minister Carolyn Parker was one of only eleven ministers who went for the entire 60 days, speaking in Japan, Korea, Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania and South America. She said, "When I read the part about Reverend Moon's difficult course, it felt like fire was shut up in my bones. I wanted to apologize for America, a nation

by Mrs. Emily Delahaye on the keyboard, and Mr. James Anderson and Mrs. Angie Kifufu on the violins.

Bishop George Augustus Stallings Jr. introduced Dr. Moon in a powerful testimony to the fulfillment of God's promise and the joy of three generations of the True Family on earth. He got so excited and filled with the joy of his proclamation that he started walking across the tops of the pews, startling and delighting the congregation.

Dr. Moon then spoke with absolute confidence and authority - and a profound concern for every person in the congregation. He shared about God's dream

dream was also of a united family of humankind, beginning with Adam and Eve. The family unit centered on God "allows mankind to participate in the process of creation through procreation," while God himself could experience the joy of family life through man.

Realizing this beautiful dream could only be realized by true love, which is living for the sake of others, he said. By realizing such true love, men and women come to resemble Heavenly Father. Through the Fall of Man, however, humanity deviated from that ideal. Jesus came to reestablish that ideal and exemplified true love, or living for the sake of others, in his ministry. He said the United States was also founded on the ideal of a world under God, as a "beacon of hope and light" for the world. "That's the real American dream, not an economic or a social dream," he said.

Noting the conflicts in the world that are motivated by faith, he said, "How much more must truly religious people take upon themselves the responsibility to go beyond the barriers and lead humankind to a new vision of hope, to rise to a higher vision. Building one family under God is the only way to find peace."

He said he has learned many things about parental love through his own eight children. He said when children play in a sandbox, they don't notice whether they are black, white, red or yellow, but only "revel in each other's company." Yet when they grow older, they isolate themselves in separate sandboxes, as with Muslims, Jews and Christians. Like an orchestra made up of winds, strings and brass, different people working together can make "beautiful music."

The congregation was thrilled by the message. Minister Richardean Golden Anderson, the Founder of Seeds for Life, a character-based educational program for young people, said, "It was just absolutely awesome. Such a message is just what we need today. There are so many divisions between nations in this world. This is something that all people must hear."

Mr. Ikoeden Obot, an Ambassador for Peace originally from Nigeria, commented, "It was wonderful. His speech didn't recognize color, but he said we are all one under God. That's what I stand for - peace across racial

and religious boundaries."

Evangelist Katie Garlington remarked, "It was excellent. I really enjoyed it. It was the most exciting speech I have heard in quite a while. There was nothing I could have added to it." Mrs. Alberta Horton added, "Everything I heard was excellent. I plan to use his words in my own min-

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proud of its democracy and religious freedom, for putting Reverend Moon in prison."

"The Lord's Prayer" was song by Mrs. Jung Ju Yoo Yang, the wife of the former Regional Director. The voice of this tiny lady is so rich and pure. One wonders where the sound is coming from. It must be from Heaven. She was accompanied

for one family undivided by race, nationality or religion.

Hyun Jin Nim began by noting the Christian legacy of Atlanta, where "the Bible Belt meets the buckle." Citing the great work of Martin Luther King Jr. and his dream of a united country, instead of one divided by race, he said that God's

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istry."

Mrs. Opal Muhammad said, "Dr. Hyun Jin's message was so inspiring. It was the embodiment of a truth I heard many years ago, when I decided to embrace Islam. One of the things told by the people who were sharing with me about the tenets of Islam, was 'I will listen as long as you don't offend Jesus.' Then they spoke to me about the universal love of Jesus. I heard this message again tonight. It really touched my heart. It brought tears to my eyes." In December Mrs. Muhammad had given a presentation at an ACLC prayer breakfast. She and a Jewish lady role-played the Biblical characters of Sarah, the mother of Isaac, and Hagar, the mother of Ishmael. Opal played the part of Hagar.

Pastor Solomon Odoh commented, "It was great. It's about bringing the children of God together as one. All people on the earth should hear this." Amen. All people on earth shall hear this message.

One guest commented that she was not interested in the long introduction of Dr. Moon. All the accolades and external accomplishments did not impress her. She was more interested in the character of the speaker. She saw a man of incredible humility before God, and a divine goodness of character.

The message also touched the congregation. Mr. Charles Liverpool said, "It was very impressive and inspirational. I really enjoyed the lines, 'living for the sake of others,' and 'living in the original sandbox.' It was heartwarming. It made me feel very good inside. It brings out the best in all of us."

The fact that Reverend Moon has established the next generation to carry on his

work did not escape the congregation. Dr. Thelma Brown, an ACLC member, said, "Tonight was just great. I really appreciate the type of ministry he has and how he is able to reach so many young people. I just thoroughly enjoyed him tonight. It is such an inspiration to see him carrying on the work of his father."

The Sunday Hoon Duk Hwae, the next morning, was like no other "gathering for reading". Miss Rebecca Pederson read

Go Marching In."

Yes, beyond race, religion, nationality, and even age, we are one family under God, Aju.

Reverend Moon came to America over thirty years ago without a single friend, and not speaking a word of English. He was already fifty years old. Rev. Moon poured out his love for the people of this nation, trying to help America understand Jesus' universal message of love and

er to bring hope and power to each area of our district's endeavors. "They are not to be stand alone organizations; they are to be untied in kingdom building. You need to understand this vision and work toward it everyday." With these thoughts in mind we moved into high gear to prepare the hall for the afternoon event.

The foyer was filled with men and women of great stature, loudly conversing with each other. When Rev. Levy Daugherty called the prelude to order, the seats quickly filled.

As he entered the stage, there was a standing ovation. He grabbed the wireless mike and went into the crowd to address them all personally. All of us could feel this was a deep and soulful talk from the bottom of his heart. He started off saying, "I have many hats and responsibilities, and today I stand here in my proudest role, as a son". You could sense the audience resonating with this deep reflection. He went on to explain the course of God's history through a biblical prospective that was truly relevant to all the people in attendance.

To conclude, Dr. and Mrs. Moon went into the crowd and had many stand and proclaim loudly, "One Family Under God, Aju!" This is the one banner that we can unite with and stand together under. He then award-

ed the Crowns of Peace pins that were prepared by True Parents as a thank-you gift to all that went on the world tours. As a finale, we awarded the family church of peace flags and appointed new Ambassadors for Peace.

One of the first comments heard after the program from one of the clergy was, "I came here thinking I was going to hear a Korean. That was no Korean. That was a black preacher I just heard".

On Monday the 29th at the morning 5am devotional Hoon Dok service read by Amadeu Degroot, Dr. Moon again spoke to a group of 300 made up of mostly FFWPU members and a few clergy and Ambassadors for Peace. He asked us to seriously look at where we are, where we have been and where we want to go. We need rebirth! The youngest person I know, he said, is my father. He is 88 years old but lives his life as a teenager. Do you want to go to spirit world as an older or a younger? He then led us through a "tunnel of youth" with all the STF and WCARP members making a tunnel/bridge, proclaiming, if you go through excitedly you will emerge at the other end, with the energy of an 18 year old. It works!

At 7am we gathered for breakfast with 47 of our leadership group of clergy and Ambassadors for Peace. Everyone introduced themselves and shared how hopeful they are to see the son of Rev. Moon taking such an active role in bringing the message of peace to our community. Dr. Moon then expressed the hope of God and True Parents that we all work as a unified group, "the Family of God," to change the course America is going. He said, "The analogy of children playing in



the Children's Day speech, and then all the barriers came down. The Atlanta Family Church youth choir sang an original Korean song and the Gospel song, "There's a Wheel in my Heart spinning 'Round." From the Alabama Family Church of Bayou la Batre, came The Band, which sang two songs, and then forty STF members came up and sang some rock-and-roll songs that got everyone to their feet.

Then Hyun Jin Nim gave a most embracing message, welcoming all the young people, not just those in age, but those young in heart. He moved around the room, reaching out to young and old alike. He acknowledged the sacrifices and original passion of the first generation. And he took care of the young missionaries from Japan, Korea, Russia and Mongolia, who were not able to speak English.

To conclude the celebration of one family under God, Hyun Jin Nim had all present dance through a tunnel that the STF members and other young people formed by standing in two lines with hands linked. The bands played "When the Saints

America's destiny as an elder brother nation to the world. He even spent thirteen months in an American prison. The foundation he created in those thirty years has profoundly affected the course of history.

Now, Rev. Moon's son, Hyun Jin Moon, only 38 years of age, is inheriting his father's passion and spirit. But unlike the father's arrival -- without a friend and without knowing the language -- Dr. Hyun Jin Nim Moon comes to America on the foundation of speaking perfect English and knowing the American culture. And through this twelve-city tour, he is winning the hearts and support of tens of thousands of ACLC ministers, Ambassadors for Peace and Family Federation members across America.

With the advent of two generations of the True Family, God's dream of "One Family Under God" will be realized, and it will be realized quickly.

Washington DC, Jan. 28th

Our hope was to welcome Dr. Hyun Jin Moon's couple to the Nation's Capital with the dignity of a True Prince and Princess of Heaven. The weather was not very royal, though. The snow was flying and soon turned to rain late on Sunday morning. As we welcomed them to their home away from home, the Sheraton National Hotel, there was a great feeling of both excitement and road weariness from the entourage traveling together with them.

During the welcoming luncheon, Hyun Jin Nim shared how all of the projects that both True Parents and he have started should move toward working together

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a sand box as toddlers is very relevant. They do not see each other as an enemy, even if they are of different faiths or colors. It is only after growing up that we take that sand and make walls that divide us. Let's work to breakdown those walls and build a Godly Kingdom for all of his children. We are "One Family Under God, AJU!"

Newark, Jan. 29th

New Jersey was the 10th state for Hyun Jin Nim's 12 City Tour in America. The speech happened at United Missionary Baptist Church. The spirit was very uplifting!

Next morning at 5am Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim led the pledge service for more than 300 1st and 2nd generation gathered in the Sheraton Hotel in Newark, New Jersey. By this time in the tour Hyun Jin Nim's tunnel of youth is becoming famous. After hearing from the Carp Band, the New Jersey Wait Team, and the New Hope School Choir, we all felt younger! Hoon Dok Hae ended with a gift from Hyun Jin Nim. He blessed New Jerusalem Community with seed money for ACLC work in our district. The AFP breakfast followed, with more than forty AFP religious leaders, FFWPU members, and guests gathered. After breakfast we all introduced ourselves to Hyun Jin Nim, and Hyun Jin Nim shared his vision for ACLC and Ambassadors for Peace, saying that we should study at the newly developing interfaith center at UTS. Those gathered had a chance to ask questions and make comments. Hyun Jin Nim directly counseled one pastor, encouraging him to attend UTS in order to find answers to the questions he was asking. Shortly after the breakfast Hyun Jin Nim and his wife departed for the airport.

Boston, Jan. 30th

The location selected for the Boston event was Faith Christian Church, a newly constructed facility in Dorchester with seating for 400 to 500. This church has been the sight of several of ACLC events and a Seung Hwa Ceremony. The hotel selected for Hyun Jin and Jun Sook Moon and their ever expanding entourage was the Double Tree Suites Hotel, overlooking the Charles River in Boston.

Our district was blessed to receive support during the two-event day by three STF teams and 70 CARP Students. Both groups stayed overnight at the Boston Family Church. During the afternoon of January 30th, the STF team worked to clean and prepare the church, serve food and manage parking. They were assisting Mr. Tetsuaki Takeda, who was the event's Technical Manager and Shelley Watanabe, who was responsible to prepare the hall, organize guest seating and prepare the evening's extensive gifts, plaques and awards.

Initial Lunch During the lunch, the Report Book for the New England District was briefly reviewed Hyun Jin Nim asked questions about the Hoon Dok groups in Massachusetts, Service for Peace activities, and about the Protection of Marriage campaign. Hyun Jin Nim emphasized that

Hoon Dok groups need to focus on multiplication, and the importance of a two-pronged outreach strategy - one focused on new members, the other focused on nonconversion-oriented public activities such as Service for Peace and Ambassadors for Peace. Rev. Jim Edgerly explained that Massachusetts had a comprehensive development plan; however, priority was placed on succeeding in two activities: Hoon Dok Groups and Youth Min-

warm greeting to the large group of Swedenborgians attending with Rev. Stephen Ellis of the Church on the Hill in Boston.

Two participants in the 120 nation speaking tour then testified about their experience reading Rev. Moon's speeches on the front line. The first speaker was David N. Scholet, a theological writer and researcher at the Gordon Conwell Seminary who traveled on the tour to Japan, Korea, and Western Europe. The second

that presented both the Biblical and logical basis for the theme of the speaking tour: "One Family Under God, Aju". Hyun Jin began by explaining the basic elements of God's design, the creation of His own family on earth, as revealed in the Book of Genesis. He presented the mission of Jesus as the second Adam, the one who God sent to fulfill the same purpose of establishing one human family under God. Hyun Jin Nim then spoke

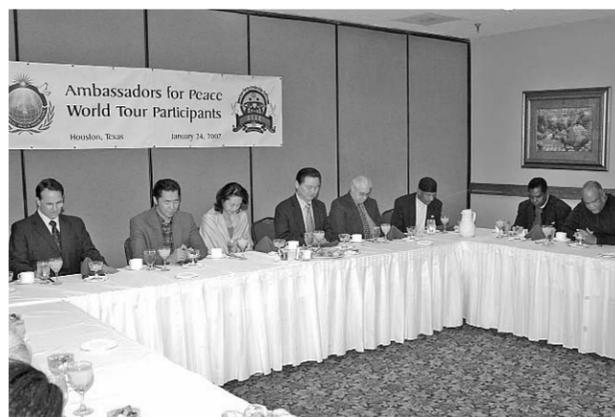
extensively about America's central role in fulfilling God's will. He explained the important role that the American military played on the Korean peninsula during the early days of his Father's ministry. He described his father's work not as a brainwasher, but rather as a "heartwasher".

Finally, Hyun Jin Nim admonished the faith leaders to no longer focus on their own denominations but the work towards the fulfillment of God's Will -- one family under God. He went throughout the audience, embracing clergy and asking them to shout with passion: "One Nation Under God, Aju!"

Hyun Jin Nim's address, presented without notes, was

powerful because it was passionate, uplifting, scriptural, and logical. There appeared to be no resistance to the message whatsoever. The atmosphere created by his words, speaking on behalf of his father, was one of unity and great hope.

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istry. As the 7:00 starting time approached, the emptiness of the sanctuary was ominous. However, once Angle Climb of the Emanuel Baptist Church in Worcester started singing (accompanied by Sam Wada's band and Arlena Ferrabolli, Jim Edgerly and Rev. Levy Daugherty on vocals) the crowd started migrating up from the first floor, where food was being served. As Rev. Jenkins began the program, the crowd in the sanctuary at Faith Christian Church was quickly reaching full capacity.

Rev. Jenkins did masterful job as Master of Ceremonies for the event, creating an energetic and joyful atmosphere that warmly embraced the highly diverse group of guests, including clergy and congregations from approximately 50 different churches, mosques and synagogues. In particular, the audience appreciated Rev. Jenkins' acknowledgement of the Prophet Mohammed as a messenger from God and his proclamation of the role of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He welcomed leading ACLC faith leaders of New England, including Imam Seifullah, Father Cecil Cozier, Rev. Eduardo Yarde, and Rev. James Bradshaw. He also gave a

speaker was Bishop Errel Skyers of the Shaloh Apostolic Church in Bridgeport, who testified about his experience on the tour in Japan and Korea.

The intensive buildup to Hyun Jin Nim's arrival on the stage was rewarded with a clear, well constructed message

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Following the address, Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim received flowers from Imam and Medina Seifullah of the Al-Baqi Mosque in Springfield. Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim presented beautiful ACLC pins to eight clergy who had participated in the 120 Country Speaking tour.

New York, Jan. 31st

Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, accompanied by numerous bishops and pastors representing a broad spectrum of races and denominations, swept into New York on Wednesday, January 31, for the final stop on his twelve-city speaking tour across America. "A Call to Action, God's Kingdom Of Peace Is At Hand" was the theme of the tour. The location for culminating speech was the Freedom Hall Church of God in Christ, Brooklyn, NY, pastored by Bishop Cecil Riley, Co-Chair of the ACLC, New York.

Dr. Moon began his remarks by asking if people could believe that Bishop Stallings was a Catholic priest. Bishop Stallings, who is African American, and Reverend Jessie Edwards, who is Caucasian American, were recognized by him as leaders in the effort to break down racial and denominational walls. He mentioned that he had noticed a picture of his parents in our host pastor's office and how this made him feel at home. He then asked permission from the congregation to come down from the podium and walk among them, to which all agreed.

"I can see you better this way," he said. "I can feel you better this way. Will you be with me on this journey tonight? What was the will of God? In order for us to be united we need to know the will of God. When we open the first pages of the Good Book, in the Book of Genesis we find God outlined His Plan as the Heavenly Father of all humanity and creation. God bestowed

Why would he come again if his mission was already fulfilled? Jesus needs to come again to substantiate the ideal family.

"I am here to set the record straight tonight! There are those who say Reverend Moon does not love Jesus. My father started his mission by being anointed by Jesus to carry on his mission to build one family under God. Be careful today.

tion of a bridegroom waiting to be united so they could substantiate the will of God on earth. This is the time, this is the time. Doesn't it say in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven?" We need to open our spiritual senses and align ourselves back to God. My goodness! I need to calm down my heart is fluttering! When we talk about the will of God we are high because we understand the holiness of that purpose."

Dr. Moon shared the example of children from different races and religions playing in a sandbox and how they don't treat each other differently. Somehow we learn the wrong things as we grow up. We need to be reborn, as Jesus said. We need to be like children to enter heaven. In order to substantiate the will of God, we need to know the will of God. He again noted how central the family is and how we describe all our relationships in familial terms: she is like my older sister; he is like my father, etc.

He explained that we need to open our hearts to the expectation that God has for this day. Let us have one clarion call, he cried, "One family under God! Aju." Aju, perhaps an unfamiliar term to some, means the settlement of God with man. Dr. Moon called on several people in the congregation to repeat this rallying cry. In commenting on the night's venue, Freedom Hall Church of God, he said we need to set our Heavenly Father free. In talking about the Cold War era, he noted that the rationality of the two sides keep them from pulling the trigger. However, he said,



his three blessings on man. God wanted man to inherit his divinity, to multiply and have dominion of love over the creation. However, something went wrong and instead of unity and harmony, disunity and conflict emerged."

He continued, "The first Adam was unable to substantiate the will of God. As a result a second Adam was needed. Jesus came as that second Adam. Jesus' message was a message of true love, love your enemy. Jesus in and of himself was victorious in true love. In Genesis God's will and purpose was to create an ideal family filled with true love, true life, and true lineage. Jesus came to establish this ideal true family. Isn't this why Christians see themselves as the bride awaiting the bridegroom? The ideal of building a true family was central to the ministry of Jesus. That work was cut short by his crucifixion.

"We have to go back to the will of God," he explained. "The mission of Jesus was to establish a true family that would stand as a true olive tree so that all the false olive trees could engraft to the divine lineage of God. Jesus said he would come again. Why?

We have the son of Reverend Moon in this house and my father Reverend Moon is known as an accomplished brainwasher. However, I can tell you as a son that my father has no interest in your brain. My father has always taught that God has no need for money power or knowledge, especially knowledge, because he knows all things. The thing that God thirsts for, longs for, is true love. Yes, my father is a washer and so am I. I am here to wash tonight, but it's not your brain. It's your heart! You want to set the record straight. My father is the master heart washer because he was anointed, appointed and approved by God to carry out the mission of bringing the human family together as one. We have Muslims in the house tonight. What did Mohamed teach? To bring peace through love. Hate cannot bring peace. Let's set the record straight before we can break down the walls. We have to understand what the will of God was in the first place. If Jesus and Mohamed were here tonight and we were to ask them, was your mission to create a religion?, what do you think they would say? Jesus was the begotten son of God. He came to fulfill God's mission, not our mission, not the churches' mission - God's mission. God's will is to create one family under God."

He pointed out later that "Christians have been waiting, standing in the posi-

religious conflict in this era could potentially be more dangerous: "We need to take back America so that America can show its true face to the world." He believes that if Islam sees the true face of America, they will not hate it. "The leaders of the faith traditions here have a lot of responsibility," he advised. "This nation has a providentially responsibility for God. Those of you who want to take back this nation for God," he declared, "stand up and proclaim with me, "One Family under God. Aju."

At the conclusion of the talk, flowers were presented to Dr. Hyun Jin Moon and his wife by representatives from the youth of Freedom Hall. Dr. Moon and his wife then presented golden crowns to participants in the 4th World Tour. Following this a short moving testimony was shared by Mr. Hafiz Farad, who spent time together with Dr. Moon's father, who had been unjustly imprisoned in Danbury in the early 1980s. UPF flags were presented to attending pastors and an offering was taken for the host church. Our gathering concluded with the song, "Satan, Your Kingdom is Coming Down." A blessed time was truly had by all.❖

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2nd Gen Blessing Workshop, California



by Adonia Bratti

On the evening of Friday, February 2nd, over 100 young people arrived at the Bay Area Family Church in San Leandro, California. High school and college students, as well as members of the STF program came to participate in the Blessing Workshop. This was the second blessing workshop, following last week's workshop at UTS, in New York. Many of the participants were from California, but participants came from as far as Colorado and Nebraska. The workshop lasted only two days (finishing just before the kickoff of the Superbowl on Sunday) but the insight, guidance, and love we received were very valuable for our eternal lives.

Rev. Kevin Thompson, together with Rev. Joshua Cotter from the Bay Area Family Church, made the workshop possible and warmly welcomed us all. Rev. InGuk Seo, the Director of the Second Generation Blessing Department, coordinated the workshop and embraced all of the participants as an elder brother.

Some of the main keys to the success

of our workshop were the sincere, urgent, and relatable presentations by Rev. Phillip Schanker. Rev. Schanker helped to give us a new perspective on the idea of the Blessing, by looking through the lens of God's viewpoint -- the ideal of the Blessing, the Fall and breakdown of the family, and how God has been investing throughout history to establish his lineage. After each of these presentations, participants divided into groups of 7 or 8 people to discuss the lecture. This was a very valuable time for all of us to reflect on how God has been working in our individual histories. Also, it gave us an opportunity to think more seriously about steps we can take to prepare for our futures. At

the end of the workshop, many people expressed their gratitude to Rev. Schanker for being very real, addressing and understanding many of the challenges that young people have to face growing up in our movement.

As a part of the workshop, participants were given the opportunity to write confessions in preparation for their Blessing. We could sincerely repent and ask for Heavenly Father's forgiveness for mistakes we have made, times we have misused public things, or hurt people's hearts. Through writing these confessions and receiving personal counseling from several elders (for those who wanted counseling), many participants could experience the liberation

of their hearts and determine to make a fresh start.

In the evening, we were "blessed" to hear the testimonies of Meadow Tallakson and Megan Patterson. These two Second Generation sisters shared their experiences of being matched and blessed -- the preparation they made, the challenges they faced, and how they overcame. They both touched upon the point of being real in your relationships - with God, your parents, and yourself. Megan shared deeply on how she strengthened her relationship with her husband by uniting on a higher goal centered on God. Her clarity in

this point expressed a deep understanding of the meaning of the Blessing that was very valuable for all of us.

The last morning of the workshop, Rev. Schanker gave us a heartfelt understanding of Father's course, followed by guidance on substantial steps we can take to prepare for the Blessing. He really challenged us to think about the lives we have been living, what we can do to develop our mind-body unity, how to get rid of bad habits, and to BE THE RIGHT PERSON (which was the theme of the workshop.) Overall, the message given was not to worry about trying to find the right person with the kind of looks, character, or qualities that we would like our spouse to have. Instead, it was focused on how to develop the heart and character that WE would like to offer to God and to our spouse.

Before the graduation, participants reflected on and testified to their experiences during the workshop, expressing gratitude, hope, and new determination. In closing the workshop, the participants received their certificates, which is a requirement to attend the Blessing.

In conclusion, the workshop was a success, as it addressed many issues, questions, and concerns people may have had about the Blessing. We were all very inspired and uplifted by the vision and ideals of the Blessing, and it gave great hope for the future of the second generation. ❖

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2nd Gen Blessing Workshop at UTS

by Kenritsu Yamamoto

Participants arrived on the opening day of the Blessing Workshop to the crisp, clear air of pastoral Barrytown. They gathered here this weekend from as far away as Ohio, Massachusetts, Florida, even Italy and Norway. The opening day found much enthusiasm in the UTS kitchen and dining room as people got themselves situated.

Many of the participants were younger, like sixteen or seventeen, and most were not thinking of going to the Blessing or matching this year, but perhaps in one or two years. The attendance was surprising in its number, far beyond the normal expectation for a blessing workshop. We had over 140 people total in attendance. It was a great pleasure to all who were there that over thirty First Generation parents attended as well. Their presence was an inspiration, giving the workshop a new and welcoming feel. The participants were urged not to blame their parents but try to understand that they are not perfect and are trying their personal best.

In addition to the guidance, organization and leadership of Rev. Inguk Seo and Mr. Takamitsu Sakuwa, who worked day and night to prepare for the event, elder Second Generation couples shared their testimonies, giving the participants an insight into what life is like after the Blessing and after having children. David and Lenissa Byrne shared what it was like living apart, as David was deployed in Iraq for many years.

David shared how he felt so good that he could trust his wife to be faithful, as he watched his fellow soldiers around him being torn apart, hearing from their wives and girlfriends that they had found someone else. The testimonies were concluded with an entertainment portion that showcased the amazing talents of Mitsuru Kubo on the viola, Zeth Bell (the man of many voices), Clair Hoover, Hye Chung Gehring, Josh Berndt, and others who poured out their hearts that evening.

Mr. Takamitsu Sakuwa, the director of Junior STF and staff member of the Second Generation Department, also was on hand to give a great morning service, where he explained how he made the decision to go the Blessing and how his own parents' faith had helped him in that.

Rev. Schanker's lectures were very emotional and engaging. One participant appreciated how "real" he was and was grateful for his honesty in sharing about his own experience in the Blessing and the church. The beautiful PowerPoint presentation upon which he gave his lectures were a pleasure to watch, and made the entire lecture



series much easier to understand.

He serenaded the workshop with heartfelt songs taken from popular culture, with powerful lyrics that showed the current state of many of our youth.

He also had some examples of songs which reflected the false impressions of what is normal that is spread and perpetuated by the media. The use of music and imagery was refreshing and moving. Rev. Schanker shared, many times with tears, how much, how important the blessing is, and how crucial it is for Second Generation to know their identity and continue the tradition of True Parents in the blessing.

For Hoon Dok Hae, participants read Father's words and guidance on marriage and blessing. The topics we read included guidance on the ideal spouse from the viewpoint of God, the proper attitude toward matching, God's reasons for international marriages, and the tradition of the Blessed Central Family. Rev. Schanker's lectures touched on all of these points as well. He passionately taught about God's ideal for the Blessing as is shown to us in the Principles of Creation and how the Fall originated family breakdown. Restoration and Jesus' life and meaning showed us how precious are the

lives and blessing of Second Generation. In addition, Rev. Schanker personally invested in the Second Generation who had deeper questions and even confessions to share with him. All

of the participants partook in a written repentance and confession.

A special thanks and recognition go out to a young, new member who bravely and in great faith chose to attend

this workshop. A friend of a BC, her presence at the workshop and her faith were truly an inspiration to those who knew.

Also, many Second Gen who attended came from very difficult situations and experiences. I am sure that God is proud of them, and they are much stronger and better people because of their experiences. Every person at this workshop helped to make it the success that it was. I am happy to say that the workshop went very smoothly, and many had an enjoyable experience. I am sure Father would be proud and joyful to see so many bright souls sharing in faith together and preparing for the future by being the right person. ❖

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Dae Mo Nim speaks to European Members

(unofficial notes taken on the European Tour in January by Abeatrice Clyburn)

You made many conditions to come here. I also made many conditions. You may not see the spiritual world; in us we have many difficulties. God and True Parents can love us by being cleansed and grant us heavenly fortune. Rev Song talked about the Cheong Pyong providence.

In 1989 I met God. On January 19th 1995 I started the CP providence. At that time God asked me to go to CP to work. He said, That place should be the restored and perfected Garden of Eden; you must make restored, perfected human beings.

In the CP providence there are many buildings, built one after another. God said, "You must create absolute good spirits". I did not have any money. I could not answer easily that I could do it. Also, because I knew that there were so many evil spirits, I knew it was difficult to say yes. But I saw the spiritual world and God's power, so I said, "Yes, absolutely I will do it". God then spoke to me, "To be successful in CP, you must be sincere; no matter what you do you must be truthful, you can't lie. Do it with love; don't expect payment. Work hard each day".

You must be united with God and True Parents; a standard of absolute faith, love and obedience must be met or Satan will come to you. I believed in God's words; I started the CP providence.

I met with God. Myself I never thought that God was a pitiful God. In the Divine Principle we read that God is a God of sadness, of tears. God created for happiness, love and goodness. Because Adam and Eve fell, the opposite came with sickness, sadness; hell was created. God was so painful, so exhausted. That was God's situation.

The spirit world is the place God is; 80% of it is under Satan's dominion. In my mind I knew that working in CP was not going to be easy. I was most shocked to see evil spirit men. When I talked to those spirits, they only talked about bad things. They give us sickness and difficulties; they want revenge. As evil gained more and more power, God had to retreat to protect Himself.

When the Messiah came on earth, evil had over 80% dominion of it. Our True Parents are here. They are the first to know God's heart and situation; it is known only by God and True Parents. They also know all the things that Satan does. True Parents are loved by God; True Parents made the foundation for God to be with the Messiah.

We can count on the fact that True Parents love Satan and evil spirits and want to clear up the original sin. This is an amazing achievement of True Parents.

When we talk with religious founders like Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, who received the Blessing, they testify that they could not have the love that True Parents have. By themselves they analyze that they don't have as much love as True Parents who could love Satan and make indemnity conditions for evil spirits.

We need to know what the four reli-

gious founders said, that True Parents uncovered the reality of original sin. In the spiritual world when we look at Adam and Eve, it is very difficult to understand that they fell because of sexual sin. Our Messiah, True Parents found that out. The religious founders are shocked. True Parents made indemnity conditions to find the way for mankind to go; to liber-

swaying? How many of us are like that? How many of us have such a family that God can live in? We have been controlled by evil spirits. We have a base for Satan to control us through evil spirits. That base is inside man. We have to create ourselves into Blessed couples that God can be proud of for being filial sons and daughters.



From 2005-2008 the spiritual world and physical world must become one, must work together hand in hand to liberate God and the spiritual world. This is God's heart that all mankind must work to follow God's will. In 2005 Blessed couples must know what God wants, that God wants to reach out to outside people. People are suffering in the spiritual world.

Those of us who know God's will well, must talk to people about God and True Parents. God told me that all members must know this from 2005.

The way to live well is to follow God and True Parents, to teach the Principle to all mankind, and to give three hours a day to God. 2005 is this time.

Why did I come to Europe first? You worked so hard in the 70's and 80's; more than anyone you worked so hard. In the 90's you got lazy, lost a lot of time, focused on your families and yourselves. God is sad. You have such ability. If you could have heavenly fortune, you could be effective and successful. You can be living well after receiving heavenly fortune. That's what God told me.

So can you do it? Can you give three hours a day to God? Can you promise? Amen!

Myself, when I started the CP providence I said, "Yes I will do it"; that's why I keep working. Heung Jin Nim and 120 billion spirits are here. If you say, "Yes!" they will believe that you will do it. Absolute faith means that we practice what we say. If you said yes and don't do it, this is also not absolute obedience.

All of you promised, please keep your promise. After I leave, will you work hard to talk to people outside? If I hear that you do, I will come each year; I will even come one more time this year.

Before we enter the spiritual world we need to remove our sin. You have financial problems and other problems so come to CP. Also you can gain good fortune when I come. Don't sit at home worrying about your family, worrying about what you will eat but think of being a mouth for God. Bring good fortune for those out there.

Even though I don't have much time I will come here to you. I will come here 2 or 3 days. I want to share words from Heaven. Please understand my heart. You must know how God is; God is near us. It is not like in the past in the 70's and 80's; you will not have such difficulties as you had before. God is liberated; He has power, He comes to us with it. Absolute good spirits were created, so many angels are close to us. Through our mouth God will work.

It is the same in CP. I am just making myself available so that God can work; so many sicknesses are healed, difficulties

resolved. Nothing happens without conditions; I make many conditions so that God may work with me.

All of you, beloved brothers and sisters, if you witness about God and True Parents, your family will be blessed. Good fortune will come to you naturally because we have absolute good spirits and we have good angels.

If someone says, "I am doing poorly", that's wrong; it means you don't have absolute faith, love and obedience. The way to do well is to live with God and True Parents and to give God and True Parents 3 hours a day.

As I work in CP, I often get so exhausted because I do so many things, but I have power from good spirits, and power from God. I regain my power and I work hard. In 2005 I feel that all can belong to us; evil spirits belong to us because of love.

I built so many different buildings. I was worried about money, so Heung Jin Nim said, "Follow me"; he took us to an area filled with rich people. "Are you worried about money, look at all these people there, they have money." If they come to us they will give to us, they will give on Sunday; they will come to workshops and give. Many people on earth have money. I deeply thought of that. If you have financial problems, then create spiritual children and you will have no more problems.

If you have a great number of members in Europe, True Parents will be able to come. They cannot come now because you are small in numbers. If you witness and bring many members you will have no difficulties. We need to have determination to bring True Parents here to Europe. Can you do it? Can I trust you?

I am happy. Do you remember the last time I came, I yelled at you a lot. Today I see many new possibilities, I see many second generation, I feel happy. I love Europe; I don't want to change my heart for Europe, I believe in you. I saw your heart for God and True Parents. When you unite with that, that power can stay with you.

We will now do the holy song session, please work hard and hit from head to toe. 120 billion spirits are with you to help you do it. I will help you to have your wishes fulfilled. Sometimes on wish papers I read "please help me have better health" and I can see that behind this health problem there are more problems. So a few days later greater problems may come up.

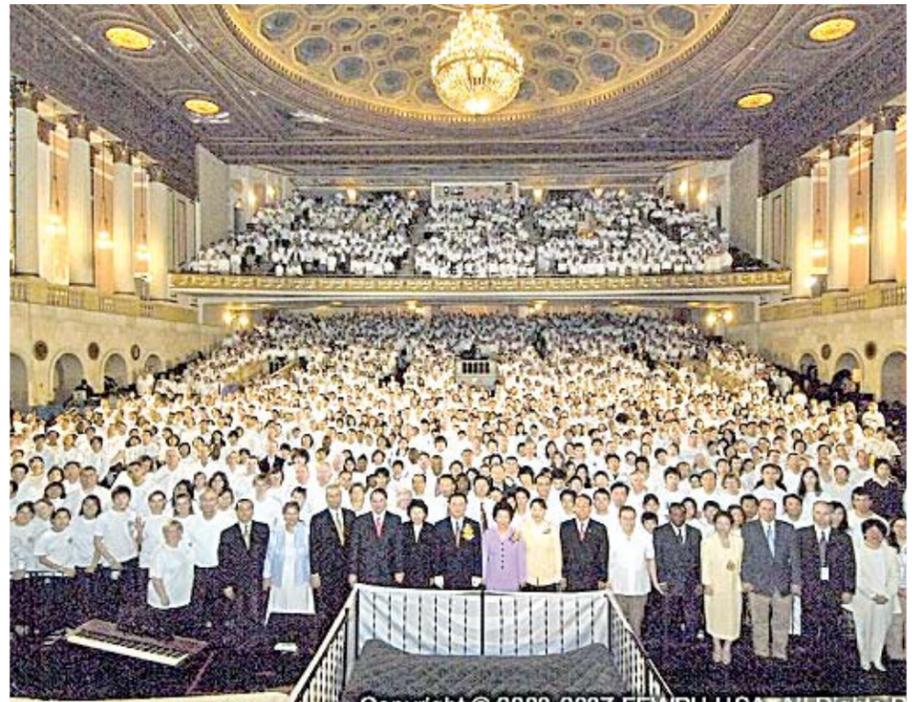
The fulfillment of wishes is so good, they are not simple pieces of paper; they are light from God. If you ask for fulfillment of wishes but you are not united with God, God cannot receive your papers. I said go to witness, take some wish papers with you in your bag, have people write on those papers so that their problems may be resolved. I will receive those cards. I will carry them to CP and help fulfil those wishes.

At the Blessing you can talk to your ancestors; work hand in hand together so that you sincerely become sons and daughters of God. Dear members please give 3 hours a day for God; become persons of absolute faith, love and obedience. If you think it is too difficult please write me a letter. There are three possibilities for me to answer according to what I think you need: I will call, I will write back or I will pray for you.

I wish you to have good health and to be happy. I sincerely hope you become God's sons and daughters. ❖

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UNNEWS History, an Interview with the Editor

By Yen Chang

In the past year and a half that I've been working at Unification News, I have had a lot of concerns about the paper that I now know are shared by many of our members in North America. When I first came to work here, the first thing I wanted to do was bring the paper up to date with the times; taking the time to learn about the history of the paper and its purpose was the first steps I took to do this. In February, the paper had its 25th anniversary and to celebrate it, I thought our readers would appreciate learning the history of the paper from the editor himself. I also thought this would be fitting, seeing as how the paper is and will be undergoing changes in both its physical appearance and content over the year. An interview with the Unification News editor, Richard Lewis, follows.

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I was raised in Wales and attended college in England. I became a research scientist with Lily Pharmaceuticals. In 1975, I left England for a vacation in America where I bumped into my spiritual father in Berkeley, went to the workshop up in Booneville and decided to join this great crusade and not be a research scientist anymore. I was about 25. For the next 7 years I was in the Oakland church lecturing Divine Principle. I used to do the 7 day workshops up in Camp K and was assistant director there. Then in '81 when Dr. and Mrs. Durst became president of the church, I transferred to New York, lectured in Jersey for a year, and eventually ended up with the paper. I had started my Ph.D. while doing research in England and probably in the late '80's I picked it up again and finished that.

My first memory of the Unification News is at Belvedere, February 1982. It was very cold. We were all packed into the Belvedere space. Father announced right out of the blue that he was going to start a new newspaper in Washington. The News World had already been established in New York and there was a lot of work being done for that, people going door to door, for instance. He spent two hours, 5-7 o'clock in the morning, talking about The Washington Times that he was going to create; Dr. Pak was going to create it using the News World as a foundation. They had a dummy of the Washington Times that had been made and Father held it up and talked about the fall of communism and how important the Washington Times was going to be. And then right at the end, almost as an after thought Father said, "Oh, Dr. Pak. I want you to create a second newspaper at the same time so that we're never tempted to use the Washington Times as our church newspaper." So we were going to have a church newspaper and it was going to be called The Unification News. Father then stood up and he held up two dummies, one of the Unification News and one of the Washington Times.

I had nothing to do with it at the time. I just thought, "Oh, wonderful." Dr. Pak set up a whole team at the News World offices at the News World building at 401 Fifth Avenue. The first few issues of the Washington Times were put together in New York. There were dozens of people setting that up and others getting the actual facilities ready in D.C.

There was a whole team and all the focus was, of course, on the Washington Times. Dr. Pak decided to give the church paper to the church president, who at the time was Dr. Mose Durst. So the team for Unification News all moved over to 43rd Street headquarters and took over the whole eighth floor. There was a staff of about eight - Larry Wilham was editor there. Also Tony Colembrito, Brenden Lawrenson, Steve Anglin, Joham Graham - I can remember the names but I haven't seen them in a long time. They asked Dr. Durst for more staff

so Dr. Durst asked me to help with the newspaper. At the time, I was heavily involved in public missions so this seemed to fit. The newspaper was announced in February, they got it started up in March and then by the end of April I was on the staff.

After a couple of issues had been put out, Dr. Pak started taking his members back, one by one. The first one to go was Larry and Tony became the editor (of what?). By the end of September, the beginning of October, Dr. Pak had taken away every single one of his members and I was left all by myself running the church newspaper. Everyone was busy with something so there was never anyone Dr. Durst



Richard Lewis with Father in the late '80's at 43rd Street HQ

could transfer to work on the paper so I did it alone. By the end of the year, I was pretty much running the newspaper by myself. and it became a monthly. In those days, what we did was mark up the typed up manuscripts (typed on a typewriter) to make changes, then walk down Fifth to the News World building and I would have a typist there type each of the manuscripts into the type-setting machine. Then the type-setting machine would spit out these long rolls of three-column type which I would then bring back here and cut up into columns and stick on to layout boards. I would have to design each page on paper first, so much of the challenge at that time was basically learning everybody's job.

At that time we used the Logicon system. It was very basic. It was kind of like early WordPerfect, where in order to indent something you typed in the commands. The Logicon system was a mainframe computer at News World, a very big computer in this air conditioned room. This massive thing, like something out of a science fiction movie - or the deck on Star Trek, with these huge tapes spinning around.

So there was learning the commands for that and then learning the photos, how to order the

'dot screen' and the 'line screen', this was all the technology then. You'd have a whole pile of photo's and mark them up for line screen and magnification, etc., and then you have your boards and then you'd have to put everything together. It was quite a complicated thing to learn but one by one, I learned all the different technologies. By the beginning of 1983 I was doing everything myself - photos, layout, subscriptions. Still no personal computers at that point.

The very first computer we had was called the 'Tandy100'. It didn't have a hard drive and it had 32k of memory, which meant that you could type in one story. But the nice thing about this was that I could plug it into the phone with little cups that could make these cheeping sounds into the phone. Then I'd dial up the system at the News World, plug my Model 100 in and it would speak/screech to the mainframe and download an article to the Logicom system.

So instead of having to walk over to the News World and type in the article there, I could just type it in here and then download the text to the Logicom. Then I'd go there and type in all the codes and print it out and bring it back over here, cut it all up, wax it, stick it on the board, put the little bits of rubilith in where the illustrations go, and then get my photos all marked up for the man with the camera to make the screens to put into the newspaper. Then I would paste everything up until all the pages were done, put it into a box and then I would take the box down to the printers, just off Canal Street.

Now this is in the mid '80's before New York got cleaned up so Canal Street back then was kind of like walking into something out of the Terminator movies or the Mad Max movies. You really went in fear for your life. I always tried to take someone with me.

Then the next technological development was when the News World replaced the old system so that instead of printing out rolls and rolls and rolls for you to cut out and paste, this new system actually printed the text in columns and reserved little squares for photos. This new system could print out articles with certain lengths of columns depending on the specifications you commanded the system to print, but not full pages. So now, there was a whole new technology to learn. I could now cut those out and put one or two articles on a page that has already been designed. So less cutting.

It still took a while because of the all the commands that needed to be typed in but it did speed up the process.

In the '80's, in one of those periodic belt tightening and restructurings that we had been through in the last thirty years, the funds from News World got cut first in half and then entirely. This is when we started asking people to subscribe. The paper was free up to this point and distributed to the members of that time. I had to learn how to manage a subscription list and renewals and stuff like that. We had companies that actually did all the mail lists and mailing until then. The printers in china Town sent the papers to the mailing company in New Jersey who managed the mailing list and got the newspapers labeled and mailed. I just sent them sheets with instructions on who to add and who to take off the subscription list and how long so and so wanted the paper for. Things like that.

We've been subscription now for quite a long time. The mailing company didn't deal with renewals, so every month I would get a stack of printout on green and white computer paper with just lists and lists of names. I would wax the backs of these lists and cut out the names and addresses of these people, stick that on a letter, and stick that in an **see Interview with Editor on page 17**

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An image of a Locigom Mainframe

envelope. It was a very complicated business. Now I can just print the names directly onto the letters, takes ten minutes to do a whole stack. We still have to stuff the envelopes ourselves for subscription renewals and invoices but that's nothing compared to then.

In the late 80's, when Dr. Hendricks was president and Sin Moon Kim was Continental Director, we had a lovely visit. It was just a usual day when word flashed at the speed of gossip through the building, "Father is coming today!" Father toured around the building. He went into everyone's office and everyone got to speak and say what it was they were doing. I was waiting in my office and Father came in with a big crowd of people all trying to squeeze into my office behind me. I had my easel and paste board set up. Father spent about half an hour chatting about balance and design and symmetry and harmony on a page. Utterly delightful!. He chatted in Korean and Colonel Han translated. Then I would make some questions or comments. Totally delightful half hour! Just chatting about symmetry and Harmony. He didn't like the thick line bordering the page, so of course the very next issue, I used a thin line, for instance, around the page. After Father left, Zin Moon Kim popped back into my office and he said, "What's so special about the Unification News? Father spent five minutes with everyone else but he spent half an hour with you." So that was very nice.

The next great change happened in the late '80's when the computer revolution began to take off. The first thing that happened was the

Macintosh. I remember having to choose between the KayPro 10 and the early Macintosh. The tools weren't sufficient at this point to do the actual layout design and print-out and everything. The best thing that I could do in the beginning was just do the mock-ups on the Macintosh

and the typing. The Macs had a 128k memory and 400k storage on them. You couldn't do much. Faster modems were appearing at that point and you could ship that stuff off to News World but I would still be laying things out on boards. The next big step was when the laser printers became capable of doing the dots of photos and the type-setting at least precise enough for newspaper printing. Then we got tabloid printing so we were actually printing from the Macintosh onto paper. Instead of laying things out,

the son and he said, "I have a disc here with some files and its labeled Unification News. Would you like it?" A miracle! He sent me a little floppy with all the names. I then had to learn a program called FileMaker Pro and I had to start learning to manage the list myself. It was a very difficult few months, getting the paper out while getting this list together and telling people whose subscriptions expired to renew and all that. Out of all the new technological advances, I remember this was the most difficult to learn. The newspaper almost died at that point. Since then we have been managing our own mailing list and now we just send the electronic list to the mailing company and they label the newspapers and deliver them to the post office.

The logistics of the paper right now consist of: collecting of material (photos and text), formatting or layout of text and photos to make them ready for printing, and color separation. All of that happens electronically. When each issue is ready for printing, we get our software for the mailing list, gather up all the names of those who will be getting the paper that month, and send that off electronically to the mailing company. International mailings are done here by hand. Then here, I print out subscription renewals, revival gift



A dumb terminal - just a keyboard and screen - run by the mainframe

cutting them and waxing them and sticking them on a board, at this point, I had whole sheets of already designed pages printed out and these I would put in a big box and take it to Long Island City to where the printers had moved.

Then Joong Hyun Park took over as continental director and the big change that he asked of the Unification News was to go from being purely black and white to color. The big challenge there was learning about color separations, how to balance cyan, magenta, yellow and black; the whole theory of subtractive color spaces. That was a whole new technology I had to learn. I had to learn all these new technologies by myself and I went to science school, not graphics school!

At this point, I was still working alone on the paper. By keeping it lean and mean, there was less chance of being shut down during one of those periodic adjustments. There's always a budget crisis every few years and a new president wondering how he can cut costs. The Newspaper and I have survived at least eight regime changes. They were all very different.

When I started designing the paper on computers, I started with a software program called Ready-Set-Go. Then I used to a program called Design Studio and then I moved on to what we are using at the moment, Quark Express. Photoshop for the photos was just brilliant when it first came out. It was a tremendous challenge to learn! Now we are in a very nice state where we can do all the design and sharing of files and text and photo through the internet. We have a streamlined system where everything is very electronic. We now create a file that we send to the printers through the internet.

Another major event in the history of the newspaper happened in the mid '90's. One month, I tried to calling up the printers and it turned out that the guy who owned the printing company died and from what I could gather over the telephone, we had a very serious probability of losing our mailing list at that point. I was totally tearing my hair out, wondering what to do as it was as very small company, a one man run company so everything fell apart when he died. Much later I got a call from



Pasteboards and waxing glue used to cut and layout text and image on each page

subscription, send out the invoices for advertisements and bulk newspapers to church centers. That's the basic cycle.

The Unification Newspaper is a record of what the movement has been doing during this transitional period from what we used to call "the years in the wilderness" to the transition into the age after the coming of Cheon Il Guk. If we look back twenty years in the newspaper, we'll find a totally different environment that we lived in the church back then. I'm sure the back issues of the newspaper will become quite precious. We have old issues stored in the basement. Now we have electronic files from 2000 on but not before. We have been totally electronic since December 2000 only. You'd be surprised how late that happened for us.

The paper is the way it is mainly because it gets along on a shoe string. We can't pay journalists to go out into the field and do investigative reporting. We can't really go beneath the surface. We try to cover international, national, local and even home church events - we try to keep a whole range. At the moment we depend on people who are in the field, writing the events as they happen in their environment, voluntarily for the paper, and there aren't many who enjoy writing.

The monthly Unification News tells you what happened the month before just as a daily newspaper tells you what happened the day before. We get a lot of complaints about events that are advertised see **Interview with Editor on page 19**



43rd Street Headquarters in Manhattan, New York

God's Wisdom and Power Look Like Foolishness and Weakness

Dr. Tyler Hendricks

This message was given on Nov. 19, 2006 at the Red Hook Family Church at UTS

Reading:

"For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." 1 Cor 1:22-25

God implanted within each of us a high ideal, embodied in the four-position foundation. We seek resonance within the mind and body, with each other and with creation. We seek the resonance of Heaven and earth. In that resonance, each conversation is perfect; each action complete. It is the experience of total acceptance by the universe; being accepted for who you are, being loved. It is the experience we each had as a baby with everyone competing to shower us with love. This is the experience of being the dwelling place of God.

Sin intervened by the fall of the first teenagers. We lost God's word; our lives became lonely and lost. Think of your most lonely moment; abandoned and forgotten. I think of my hitchhiking trip across America, being left in the middle of the night at the intersection of two interstates out in the Great Plains, exhausted, sleeping in the grass between the highways. We did not have cell-phones then; I was 2,000 miles from home and no one knew where I was. I probably had \$30 in my pocket. I could have disappeared and no one would have known. The next day I caught a ride to L.A., so I knew Someone up there cared about me.

There was no one to pick up Adam and Eve. They caught a ride from an evil driver and couldn't get out. They remembered their days in the Garden, maybe one day ago, one week ago, one year ago, forty years ago—but could never go back. The door was shut to them. The memory of the beautiful Garden was tinged with regret and remorse. Pain and longing mixed together. We still have that vague memory of the Garden. Perhaps we tasted it in our infancy, being showered with unconditional love, passed from mother to father to elder brothers and sisters, to aunts and uncles, each pouring out their unique expression of love upon us. That dim memory sets our compass, tells us what life should be like.

But our reality is that we often feel no one cares about us; no one understands us and everyone is using us and betraying us. At times we realize how lost we are; but that's pretty rare. We get numb, generations come and go and humankind gets accustomed to the way things are. Our children kill themselves; whole populations are murdered; the good, true and beautiful is trampled and the wicked and perverse, the self-justifying and arrogant is exalted. In our own lives, we practice racism by where we choose to live and whom we choose to marry. We practice religionism, saying "my religion is better than yours." We practice cultural imperialism. We practice conditional love, "IF..." love. IF you wear the right clothes, I will love you. IF you speak the right way, I will love you. IF you believe the right doctrines, I will love you. IF you have the right political opinion, I will love you. IF you live in the right neighborhood, I will love you. IF you treat me as I deserve, look at me in the right way, acknowledge all I've done for you, come through for me when I need you, I will love you. We love people based on superficialities. We're all

political.

How can God accept us like this? We don't tell others about Him. We don't share or testify to what God has done for us, for me. We leave Him out. We get a nudge to pray with someone, that someone is in need of prayer, that God wants to come into the conversation, and we ignore it. We don't let Him into our life. We block Him from the lives of those around us. We don't trust in God, but we trust in money. We think we're better than others, than our spouse.

The gap between us and God is huge. We've been believers for five, ten, twenty, thirty years and this is how far we've gotten. The gap is even growing wider than it was when we first believed. Satan lulls into a false sense of security. We fall asleep, spiritually. We are relaxed. We think that we'll change, we'll grow, later. There's plenty of time. There's plenty of time to devote my life fully.



There's plenty of time to learn Korean. There's plenty of time to start that small group ministry. There's plenty of time to have that talk with my son about life, to really get to know my children, to make my marriage truly rich. And the years roll by, and spirit world gets closer and closer.

If it's up to me, to my power, I have no hope. I can't even get through the pile of work on my desk, and I think I'm going to bind myself with God? I can't even generate the energy, the desperation, necessary to do a 3-day fast and get it straight with God and myself. I can't even get myself up at 5 a.m. for a week to read God's Word. When spiritual leaders say I'm covered with sin, that sin is in my body, I try to evade it. I criticize the person who tells me that, as if that will take care of my sin. Because I can't deny it. I know I can't even control my mind. And my mind is supposed to control my body, so if I can't gain dominion over my mind, there's no way I can control my flesh and my words. Satan still owns me, based on my results, my quality, my effort. I cannot place hope in myself. I can't place hope in this world—its political parties, its think tanks, its magazines and art and literature, its science and technology, even its religion, its rituals and rites and dogmas. I can place my hope only in God.

But God is too far away. I can't reach Him. All I can do is cry out, go to the mountain, face my sin, admit it, cut away from this world, hate myself. Even then, it is only by God's spirit that I can see the truth. "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." (1 Cor 2:12) Understanding starts with belief, and belief starts from the Spirit of God. Without the Spirit of God, to those who are at rest in Zion, God's Word and work is foolish and weak.

Christ was foolish, weak. He got himself crucified. He was executed as a criminal, blasphemer, glutton. The Messiah? Him? He's a

flash in the pan. John the Baptist had his moment of delusion, but he could see through Jesus. John was a reasonable man. They all had their reasons to reject the Son of Man. His family had their reasons to call him crazy. His mother had her reasons to leave him unmarried. John had his reasons to drop him. The disciples had their reasons to run away, fall asleep, say they didn't know him. The lawyers had their reasons to refute him. The Sanhedrin had their reasons to turn him in. The Romans had their reasons to crucify him. They all had their reasons. If we were there we probably would have agreed with them.

And their reasons probably had some validity. A young woman anointed him with ointment that cost a year's salary, and washed his feet with tears and her hair. What if a beautiful girl came into your house and washed your 18-year old son's feet with her tears and her hair? What would

you think? What if Reverend Moon spent a week in Acapulco with Angelina Jolie? What would you think? Jesus attacked the business community, with a whip! In the Temple! What if Reverend Moon stormed into the offices of the National Council of Churches with a whip? What would you think? Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who was disliked by some of his subjects, and he told his people to bring those subjects before him and kill them. What if Reverend Moon said such a thing? What would you think?

Yes, the messiah is a man, like us, but with a mission that is truly impossible and that is bound to get him on the wrong side with just about everyone. He is Noah lying naked, and drunk, and passed out. Ham judged the father who had saved him. In a sense, Ham crucified Noah. Noah woke up and cursed him. They judged Jesus too, but when he woke up he sent the Holy Spirit. We judge Reverend Moon too, but he loves us and proclaims the Peace Kingdom on earth for all to enter freely. Christ breaks through the curse by taking it on himself. That's his job, and then sends us the Spirit of God—the mother, the bride, the Blessing. This allows us to call God our Father. This makes us part of God's family. It is not our doing; it is the doing of the new Adam and Eve, the True Parents. The Messiah engrafts us into God's family. The Messiah works through Jesus. The Messiah works through Reverend and Mrs. Moon.

We have an advocate before the throne of God who argues that we, even my wife and I, stand as unfallen Adam and Eve. We didn't do it; the Messiah did it for us. We fight and bicker, but he calls us a blessed central family. We don't like other races, but he calls us Ambassadors for Peace. We don't share our faith, but he calls us Tribal Messiahs. We give credence to worldly wisdom, but he calls us citizens of God's Kingdom. We criticize and find fault with him and his family, but he engrafts us and brings our children into God's lineage. How do we own this? It begins in prayer. We build our relationship with the Messiah through asking him, asking True Parents, into our lives.

Father, I fight and bicker with my spouse, but I want to be a blessed central family. I don't like other races, but I want to be an Ambassador for Peace. I don't share my faith and blessings, but I want to be a Tribal Messiah. I listen to whatever is on the street, but I want to be a citizen of God's Kingdom. I criticize and find fault with you and your family, but I want to be engrafted and my children to be of God's lineage. I do not have any right for these things, but I claim what you have done for me and for all humankind. I claim Your choosing to settle in me and my house, and for this cause I end my report to You, as a blessed central family, and that's why I say: AJU. ❖

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UTS Praised by Iceboat Club Community for Granting Access to South Tivoli Bay



Club member John Sperr takes UTS Community Relations Director Henry Christopher out for a race across the South Tivoli Bay. John has reached speeds of more than 70 mph, but this day we glided along at a mere 40.

by Henry Christopher

The “Lagoon” at Barrytown, NY — A full moon is rising on a quiet cove of the South Tivoli Bay besides Father’s Trail. The silence is suddenly broken by a pickup truck winding its way through the trees. Strapped on a steel rack of the truck bed, is a load of long, heavy wooden poles and planks extending over both ends of the truck. It backs across a frozen stream next to the trail and stops. Three dark figures jump off the bed of the truck while two more emerge from the cab.

The five men begin to unload in pieces, the historic “Vixon” iceboat, once owned by F.D.R.’s uncle John Roosevelt. Carefully they carry the long heavy wooden mast, cockpit, runners and other parts down the slippery slope to the icy cove. Ricky Aldrich, one of the last remaining “American aristocrats” still living on a Robert Livingston estate on the Hudson River, laments as he struggles under the heavy mast, that he inherited the Rokeby Farm minus the “serfs” who have long since fled, leaving him to do all the work.

The next day many more members of the Hudson River Ice Yacht Club are seen driving through the field adjacent to Father’s Trail — opened to the public last May as a NYS Greenway Trail — unloading their cargo. By Saturday morning, 15-20 iceboats are set up on the cove, and begin to test the south wind in the bay.

With a strong wind blowing, long time iceboater John Sperr says he has gone over 70 mph on the bay. This day, they’re cruising at around 35-40 on a light breeze.

Coming from all sectors of the Hudson River Valley community, the iceboat club members are joined together in a close community of outdoor enthusiasts, willing to brave the frigid weather and sail to their hearts content on this gorgeous park-like setting, reminiscent of an Old World Dutch painting.

Gerald, a neurologist from Rhinebeck; Bob, an architect for Dutchess County; Reid, a baker,

educator and renaissance man; John, a computer expert and keeper of vineyards; young and old, men and women, united in their love of this historic sport, which originated in America on the Hudson River.

As they happily give rides to the many adults and kids who have flocked to the UTS campus after reading stories in the local papers, the word on everyone’s lips is praise for UTS for the incredible generosity of opening Father’s Trail to the public and giving the iceboat club access to the bay.

Up and down the river, there is no place quiet like this. No local, state or national park, no private owner so freely opening their wealthy estate to all.

In the past, the club members brought their boats to the bay through the railroad service road, and then crossed the tracks to the ice. This was illegal and dangerous for them as well as the public.

At last, they feel free and at ease. The iceboat club has found a home.

The club dates back to around 1885, when wealthy families, such as the Astors and Roosevelts entertained themselves in the winter months with iceboat sailing, races and parties. Today, some of the members sail those very same historic boats, such as the “Vixon” and “Kriss”, both once owned by the Roosevelt family.

The smaller, one man boats are called DNs. They were named after the Detroit News, which sponsored a contest in the 1930s to see who could come up with the best design for a single man iceboat.

For about 10 days in February, it was heaven on ice at the “Lagoon” at UTS. Friends and family of the club members came along, getting rides, ice skating, playing ice hockey, and staying warm by the large steel barrel set up in the cove to dry out clothes, and cook food.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s family stored their boats for many years in a iceboat house on the Hudson River, a couple of miles south of his estate in Hyde Park. The old house is presently being used as an office for a boat storage



Hudson River Iceboat Club praised UTS for granting access to the South Tivoli Bay through the Seminary’s campus to iceboat, ice skate, play hockey and generally have a fun time on this magnificent setting, reminiscent of an Old World Dutch painting. Hudson River Ice Yacht

company.

The iceboat club has approached UTS to ask if a new home, along Father’s Trail, and near the cove could be acquired for this historic iceboat house. It would require a plan by the club to purchase, move and restore the building, which is in poor shape now.

If successful, it would be a wonderful addition to the UTS campus, a great service to the community and a victory for the preservation of a historical building. The iceboat house would serve

both as storage for the iceboats and a museum for the public.

UTS could then boast that two presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and F.D.R. have a presence on this historic property. ❖

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after they happened. Well this is because the ads are sent too late. An ad should be sent 4-6 weeks in advance for a monthly newspaper. I’d like the paper to become the hometown newspaper, but again that requires involvement of the readers. For the future, I hope we can have part-time



The three ages of the Unification Newspaper - black & white, color and the age of Cheon Il Guk

regional correspondents paid to cover news every month in their region, looking beneath the surface of what goes on. The resources that we have at the moment cover only a basic outline of what the movement is doing, which is more than enough of a challenge at the moment for the paper as it is staffed right now.

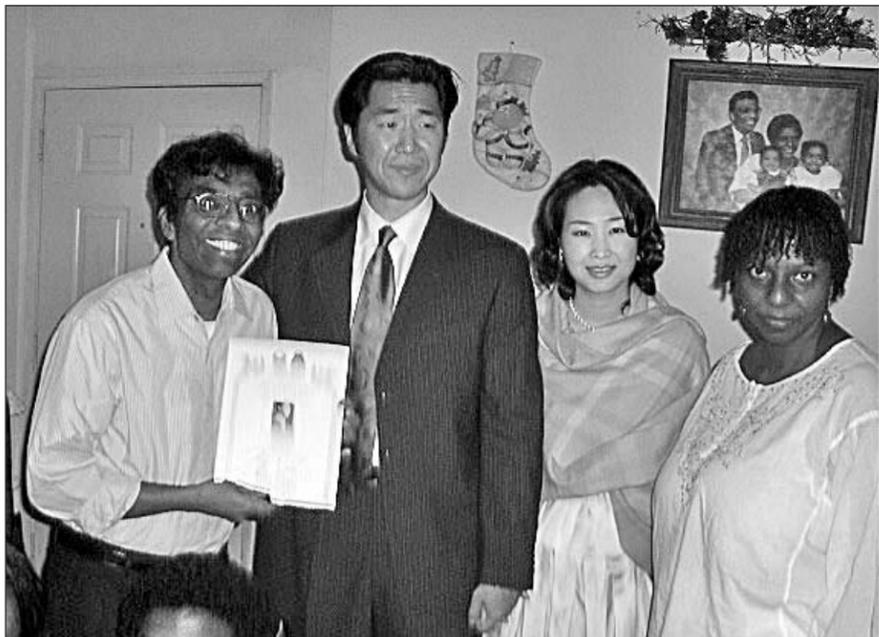
It’s been quite a challenge. I’ve had my elbow broken and in a cast twice; I’ve had galloping pneumonia and was hospitalized for weeks; I’ve broken my wrist as well, but I’ve always managed to somehow get a Unification News out twelve times a year. Occasionally I’d have to do a double issue just to catch up.

It was very different from how things work now.

I’ve asked Richard many times why he continues to work at Unification News rather than pursue his desire to contribute to the unity of the sciences and religion full-time; he’s always falling into heated discussion with co-workers here about God, Divine Principle, the universe and science. Every time he answers, “I am responsible for UNEWS. I believe it is God’s direction for me, my way of contributing to the Providence.” He always responds with a rather serious smile and an intense stare.

He’s still typing with just two fingers. I bring that up to show how hard Richard’s worked that he never found time to learn to type properly. I know that some things in the movement take many years to progress forward but that doesn’t mean there isn’t someone or a team of people working very hard to ensure that their task is being fulfilled to the best of their ability. Richard is one of those people.

Right now, we are working together to improve the paper and move it forward. We recently sent out a survey on Rev. Jenkins’ behest, which many of you have kindly responded to. Please continue to send your support and suggestions to us at UNEWS and I hope this short interview was an eye-opener, or at least an interesting read. ❖



Godwin D'Silva, one of the finest sons of our True Parents in America, passed away about 1:30 am February 12. He is a man of God who together with his family served many providential missions and responsibilities. He will be honored by True Parents and our American movement with a National Level Seung Hwa.

We ask that all in America pray for our beloved

brother and his wife Darlene and their family.

On Hyun Jin Nim's 12 City tour, Hyun Jin Nim personally went to his home to convey True Parent's and our movement's profound appreciation for this Beloved Son of True Parents, Husband and Father to his family and Brother to us all. Dr. Yang and I went with Hyun Jin Nim and could not believe

IN MEMORIAM Godwin D'Silva Hyun Jin Nim Visits Just before the His Transition



the high spiritual atmosphere and heart that was created by Godwin's faith and trust in God and True Parents. His family is totally united with one heart. We are grateful for beloved Godwin.

Rev. Dr. Michael Jenkins ❖

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ing Lord.

The blessing allowed humankind, collectively in the position of Cain, to be engrafted and made into God's children, thereby inheriting the essence of true love and true life and the origin of the true lineage. In the capacity of True Parents, which goes beyond that of the Savior, Messiah, and Returning Lord, and as the third Adam, they gave the blessing that the first and second Adam could not bestow in their times. If the couples who were blessed in this way had attained complete oneness with True Parents and created families without blemish or stain with the children they gave birth to, there would have been no problem. Yet, the blessed families have become like Satan's own cousins.

True Parents worked to build Cheon Il Guk, the ideal, on the foundation of the forty-year course in the wilderness, and in the year ushering in a new millennium in the Last Day, they completed all necessary preparations and successfully offered the coronation ceremony for God's kingship on January 13, 2001, where they attended the incorporeal true parent as the king of kings. In 2001, a new future began. With the further development of Cheon Il Guk, the spiritual world - including hell - has been liberated.

Together, those both in heaven and on earth must actualize Cheon Il Guk. God and True Parents will establish the kingdom of heaven and bring with them, regardless of their sorrow, even the worst troublemakers after educating and transforming them into their children. God and True Parents cannot sever ties with such troublesome people nor lock them up in hell; that act itself would cause them pain. That is because they are the source of true love.

On all such foundations of victory, True Parents achieved the entrance ceremony into Cheon Jeong Peace Palace this year. As a result, this, the holiest place on earth, was established. This is the first such occasion in history. In Moses' time, the people carried an ark with them and built the holy temple; one part was parti-

tioned off as the most holy place, which God would occupy when needed. It is the most holy place, where God can reside on earth twenty-four hours a day. This led to Cheon Il Guk being made substantial.

Yet, the citizens of Cheon Il Guk were not prepared. They could not be separated from their worldliness. People had to be restored. Why? The ideal, Cheon Il Guk, is true love. There cannot be two bloodlines. The bloodline must be rectified in the process of creating a world of true love. God could have severed ties with those who disobeyed and made them live in one corner of the earth, and raised His people in another corner of the earth; but that was not possible. If there are two bloodlines, people cannot be made one. In that single world of true love and eternal happiness, there is only one lineage. God and True Parents went through the trouble of allowing us to be blessed though we were foolish, unworthy and consistently sinning. It was not because we were qualified but because of True Parents' meritorious deeds.

From 1992, the blessing was opened to the world and to all people. Anybody could be invited and blessed by drinking the holy wine. As a result, even those who promoted the blessing to others lost an awareness of its value. They completely lost sight of the blessing's value and its significance. Why, then, did True Father open the blessing to anyone? His truly loving heart could not stand to leave his children to Satan's dead realm for even a minute.

Some people who received the blessing still listen to what Father says; they study the Principle and lead a life of prayer. There are others who do all sorts of things with no regard for the fact that they've been blessed. People must pull themselves together in the Last Days. There is so much difference between living halfway

and living a life that reflects the Principle.

They asked Father to open a path to forgive all blessed families. In exchange for that, they asked Father to beat them in place of those families until the sticks broke and Father's bitter disappointment was released. Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim asked Hoon-mo nim to go and ask Father for this favor. It is mind-boggling.

What kind of mindset should we have in receiving this? The blessings, grace and favor God bestows upon us have always been a start and not the end. I have just said something very important: In receiving this blessing, grace and favor, it is not that we are harvesting fruits. We are making a new beginning. After taking part in this Holy Wine Ceremony, we should lead lives focused on this new beginning for us as citizens of Cheon Il Guk, blessed sons and daughters above shame and blemish, which is the exact opposite of how we have lived until now. Without that condition we are not qualified to receive this. Even if we do, it will be in vain. From today, we must resolve and be firmly determined to become the people of Cheon Il Guk who will take their first steps as those with a totally different mindset and behavior after the Holy Wine Ceremony. True Parents gave these conditions to the blessed families on January 13, 2001: Do not infringe upon the heart, do not commit offenses within Cain-Abel relationships, and do not violate the law regarding the relationship of ownership.

Practically speaking, we must lead lives of true love, of living for others and of giving unconditionally. We have been taught that true love is not expressed in receiving but in giving. God's wish is for children to be better than their parents. The Heavenly Parent desires His children to become better than He is. God only had two children - Adam and Eve. Blessed couples can have more children than God had! God created His children to become better than He is.

In order to become a second Creator we must give true love. That is what a second Creator does. Giving love does not involve loss. By giving love, you become a second Creator. Do you understand? You must view the problem of lineage and

heart in this way. Internally you must maintain your purity. Emphasize that as the most important virtue when raising your children. Preserve the lineage of your household, and to become a second Creator, give true love.

Next, do not commit any offenses within Cain-Abel relationships. Do not repeat the same conflict. In the Abel position there is another Abel that you must serve and attend and there is a Cain who is watching you. You must fulfill the ways of Cain and Abel.

The third issue is related to ownership. This is related to the Total Living Offering and tithing three-tenths of your income. You must offer everything to Father and resolve the issue of ownership. You must be aware that the act of claiming something as your own is itself remote from the Principle and wrong. When should we take up this lifestyle?

Heaven is trying to purify us the instant we take the grace of the holy wine into our bodies. But that alone does not settle all accounts. It is the very beginning of settling all accounts.

What is significant about this is that as True Father has allowed this grace, he stated that there will be no more special amnesty. That is why the first steps you take after drinking the holy wine should be directed toward bringing the grace to glorious fruition in your lives and toward building your family, tribe and people as blessed families. This pertains to you, and also to me. This Holy Wine Ceremony is so precious. We should be infinitely grateful for this ceremony. Please bear in mind that this is not the conclusion, but a beginning; make a completely new start from a different angle. That is why it is called the Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine Ceremony for a New Beginning - a new beginning! This new beginning is such a joyful, inspiring moment, for which we should be grateful. What would happen to us if this had not been allowed? There is no way to express the joy, inspiration and glory of this new start.

We should be forever grateful and sing Hallelujah as we take part in the Holy Wine Ceremony. ❖

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Forgiveness of Sins and a New Beginning

by Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

This is from an address given on November 12, 2006 at Cheongpyeon.

The Holy Wine Ceremony is for Cheon Il Guk blessed families to make a fresh start. We were not originally meant to go through the Holy Wine Ceremony many times. What we have already received through the grace of the blessing is a precious gift. Once we fulfill the purpose of the blessing and complete the mission of blessed families, never again will the Holy Wine Ceremony be needed. It was not meant to be a grace that God and True Parents would bestow twice or many times to this person and that. For fallen man, the blessing is the highest, most precious, profound and eternal grace. As we know through the Principle, due to the Fall, humankind lost God's true love and became devoid of true life, not worth even a handful of sand. Being ignorant of the precious life and love from Heaven is enough to qualify us as worthless; we fell and became miserable beings that had lost God's true love, true life and true lineage. We were forced to pass Satan's false love to our lineal descendants instead of God's true love and true life. The blessing allows fallen man to inherit true life and true lineage and be transferred from being under Satan's dead dominion to being under God's live dominion. There is no greater grace or more valuable blessing than that.

If Heaven could freely give the blessing and easily bestow it on anyone, why was it given only after the long historical course of restoration and True Parents' arrival? The prophets and martyrs before us laid the foundation to bring the grace of the blessing to earth, and, on the foundation of the endeavors made during the providence of restoration, True Parents had to go through an unspeakable course as an offering to bring Satan to complete submission and ultimately bring about the grace of the blessing. Because the Fall turned us into false children, Satan's children, from the satanic lineage, Satan will not let us go.

Our reversion to being God's children cannot be achieved without establishing the conditions for that. That is why True Parents have gone through many hardships to bless us, though they do not talk about the difficult situations they went through before becoming True Parents. In any family, parents express all the difficulties involved in becoming parents to their children. Children don't need to know how their parents became their parents. The circumstances that made them parents should be something they keep to themselves. We may say "True Parents, True Parents," gaze at them and hear them speak, but we do not know everything about their internal circumstances. Because they are true, loving parents, they do not wish to speak about such things in detail to their children. We must be aware of this distressing situation.

As you are well aware, God is the source of true love. God's relationship with each person is a parent-child relationship. God's ideal is not solitary joy; it is joy shared with His children, who make up all humanity. No matter how wonderful the ideal - Cheon Il Guk - may be, God does not wish to be alone when it is realized! True Parents do not wish to be the only people in Cheon Il Guk. They wish to actualize Cheon Il Guk with the chil-

dren whom they have blessed, with their actual children on the Abel side and Cain side. That is why, in order to allow us to fulfill that ideal, Cheon Il Guk, they were unable to punish us for our innumerable offenses. Time and again, they made us aware of our mistakes, gave us new life while personally experiencing heartache, so that they might enter and live in the kingdom of heaven with their children.

People are rendered without value the minute they forget True Parents' tremendous true love. Consequently, receiving the blessing in this world is, in effect, confirming one's purpose for existing. According to the eternal, public, universal law - the principles underpinning true love and heaven - without receiving the blessing there is no meaning to our existence. The blessing represents the highest, most precious grace of inheriting true love, true life, and true lineage and becoming the son or daughter of God, our Father.

At the same time, we find our purpose of existence through the blessing. For the first time, a living person can be called a blessed person and leave evidence behind that such a person actually lived. Even before True Parents began to teach their basic principles, people realized on their own that fallen life is meaningless and that they had to be saved.

In the history of restoration, from the Old Testament Age, prophets and some others had a sense of God's will. There are many people in the world who live like animals and don't realize it, who are dead but don't know it, or who are without value but live without recognizing their worthlessness. Among them, there are those who believe that they need to be saved and seek salvation. Countless people listened to the enlightened teachers, prophets and religious leaders, but none of them taught with clarity, or knew what salvation was, or how to receive it.

In my days as a church leader, I met a Christian minister who would always shout a certain question in the revival services he held. He would whip up a storm, asking people to raise their hands if they had conviction in their salvation. He would bellow at the congregation, "How can you believe in Jesus without having the conviction that you are saved?"

I asked the minister, "If you have been saved, wouldn't that mean your son need not be saved?" The minister was stuck. He could not answer the question. Such ministers, theologians and leaders do not know what salvation is. This is because they do not know that humankind is in a fallen state because of a crime committed that involves lineage.

Unificationists are lucky; blessed families are taught that salvation means returning to the stage prior to the Fall. The providence of restoration is a providence of re-creation. We, Unificationists, are so blessed in that, although the world remains ignorant, we know the family is the basic unit wherein salvation occurs.

People do not know that the family must be perfected through the love between parents and children, and between siblings. Because they did not know this, people who longed for salvation abandoned their families, became priests and monks, and sought "the way." Countless people have gone to the mountains but are unable to come back. Why? Because they cannot resolve their problems. Numerous ascetics in India and Nepal go up into

the Himalayas. Once they go up, most of them don't come down. There are some who fail and return but others continue on the path of discipline because their problems aren't resolved. They are unable to think about marriage and family, or about their relatives and parents. Yet Unificationists, who are like bumbling shamans compared to such people, are given a ticket guaranteeing their own salvation and the salvation of their family once they join the church, even though they did not set up any conditions and lack any meritorious achievements.

The first stage of salvation is the family. Do you understand? This is tremendous. We were presented with the ideal family, while those people who suppressed their carnal desires, cut ties with their family and relatives and spent their entire lives disciplining themselves could not have that ideal. Do you know how valuable the blessing is? There would be no problem if blessed individuals and families were to adhere to the principles of the blessing and live in renewed true love and true life, perfecting such a family. This would have been done with just one Holy Wine Ceremony.

With the advance of God's providence of restoration, we too should advance. Yet, the current situation of the blessed families today, in God and True Parents' eyes, is below the qualifying mark; most unfortunately, we have lived the way we wanted, which was far from the ideal. Please think about this. We are all blessed families here, but how have we led our lives? We eat in the morning, noon and evening; we fight like other people; we try to follow the trends of the times like other people; and we try to live in comfort like the other people. We are like the people in the satanic world. What is special about us? We are bickering amongst ourselves, talking constantly about living in good houses, eating good food, or getting a good position. We create cliques, say bad things about other people, commit all manner of transgressions and live like the people in ordinary society. Are we following the path of the principled way as a person blessed with the greatest, highest, most valuable grace from Heaven? Or are we living just like the people of this world? What distinguishes us from them?

There is nothing that cannot be melted by True Parents' love; there is nothing such love cannot embrace; nothing it cannot digest. That is why True parents have spread wide their blanket of true love to enwrap the world, the spirit world and even hell. In this way, True Parents have been shouldering all the pain and baggage - because they are parents. In front of such love, we should become mature children and fulfill the way of dutiful children to the parents who shower us with love. Yet our blessed families have been committing offenses; that is our situation.

I apologize for saying all these things at once. I also apologize if I have offended any people here who have lived exemplary lives as a blessed family. In God's eyes, are we up to the mark? Generally, we are not. There are too many conditions and deeds that would completely disqualify us. The blessed members of the first generation go about without any worries, concerning themselves with meaningless things and leading unwholesome lives. Because of this, the second and

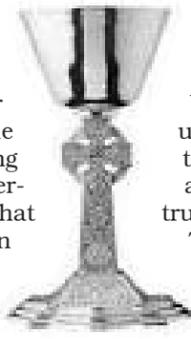
third generation members are imitating their lifestyles. What should we do about this? That is why, as you know, this is the Holy Wine Ceremony for a new beginning for the Cheon Il Guk blessed families.

God and True Parents cannot be at peace if that which cannot be forgiven remains that way. They are distressed in heart as they must go and live in Cheon Il Guk, the ideal of heaven, together with humankind. That is why True Parents have struggled alone, unable to speak of their course, and have spent sleepless nights establishing indemnity conditions and going the path of tribulation to prevent Satan's accusations.

Dae-mo nim and Heung-jin nim have been greatly concerned about these circumstances on our behalf. If we continue to live as we do, there will be nowhere for us to go. Yet, knowing that God and True Parents are not at ease dealing with us in this state, they asked for forgiveness on our behalf. As a result of their devotion, this gathering was initiated to enable us to be pardoned and redeemed. Although it is to different degrees, we are all stained with dirt and fall short of the standard. That is why they have set no limits but are trying to wash away everything at one stroke, bring everything into order at once, and cleanly resolve everything at the same time. Without doing so, God and True Parents will not be free in heart and circumstance to take us with them. This is why Dae-mo nim and Heung-jin nim have earnestly requested many times for a path of forgiveness to be opened up.

Yet, because of our transgressions, and because of the difficult situations of blessed families, there was no means or path for us to be forgiven unconditionally and thus this was not allowed until now. However, after Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim's relentless requests, this event was prepared from three years ago, so that we could be forgiven through drinking the holy wine. This fact alone shows how much the spirit world had been making preparations.

However, this is not possible without True Parents' permission. True Parents are the only ones who can give us true love, true life and true lineage. That is why, if after we received such precious grace, we later became stained again, an even greater grace would be needed to cleanse us. That kind of grace cannot be given without some condition, can it? True Parents entered the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace; they've bestowed the means of salvation on humanity as a part of their mission as the Messiah, Savior, and Return-see **NEW START** on page 20



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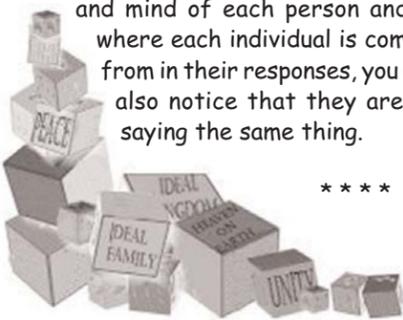
By Shin Young Chang

As a continuation of my queries into the minds of BC's in America, I asked BC's what changes/improvements they thought was needed / they would like to see happen over the course of 2007 for the American Unification community and I received responses I wasn't quite expecting.

I was expecting BC's to target change or improvement in administrative areas and so-called hierarchy issues in the church. I was expecting BC's to be focused more on these less important details mainly because I've heard so many concerns this past year that begs the question, are BC's so far gone in their angst that they have lost sight of what is important? Of the ones who did respond to my question, they prove that there are BC's who are well aligned with Father when he speaks about home church or Hoondok church and what that actually entails: taking care of each other in our immediate community of Blessed Families and building this movement from the inside-out.

I found it rather funny to read responses that spoke about "empowering the local community" and --- as these are terms I've read in church growth texts and most of the people who responded have not picked that term from a book. These individuals speak from their personal experiences and involvement in educating and caring for our BC community using what few tools and know-how available to them. Their collective experience is not much and that tells me that these individuals have observed with great care and from a desire to provide opportunities for internal growth the situations in their communities and they have been assessing for quite some time what needs to be done to improve the state of their blessed family communities.

I am pleasantly surprised by the responses below and I think you will be as well. They are a random group of BC's from different parts of America desiring to see similar changes for this year. Though you will notice a clear difference in the state of heart and mind of each person and in where each individual is coming from in their responses, you will also notice that they are all saying the same thing.



From a sister in her late teens from Maryland

The American community needs to be free to experience their own sense of heart.

What is most disheartening to see in our 1st Gen is that they lose their passion and they forget why they joined the church and why they are still in the good fight. If our church could get to the point where we look forward to going to church, we look forward to going to another speech, we look forward to go witnessing or whatever it is we're

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doing... I think we'd be that much closer to the ideal of Cheon Il Guk. What I imagine happening over the next few year is that, sure we'll still have national/regional directors, but we're going to get much more locally based. And I think that's great. Our local communities are the ones that see us every week, the ones who see us at our highs and lows. So shouldn't we empower those who are dealing with the more difficult parts of the community?

Over the course of 2007, I would like to see the local communities empowered. Inspire them, so they can

inspire their churches, and their overall communities. It's only when we can empower our local communities that we'll actually be able to build a nation. Until then however, we're just dreaming.

From a twenty year old brother attending Boston University

I recently attended Hyun Jin Nim's speech, to which several BC's in the Boston area had brought friends from college. After the speech was over, we as BC's proceeded to congregate with warm loving greetings in circles of friends we had not seen for months or years. I noticed that several guests were left looking and feeling alone in a whirlwind of happy people. I felt obligated to talk to some of them, make them feel welcome, and invest in them so that they could feel the love of our community.

I believe that a major reason why these new people rarely become involved is because too often, we as a church expect or depend on the idea that the message and principles of our church will cause people to reconsider their lives and want to become involved. I strongly believe, though, that we as a movement need to become a functional and exemplary community that others want to be a part of. Feelings of alienation have caused countless BC's to leave the community; these feelings continue to exist across our movement both by new people being introduced to our movement and by current BC's and members.

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Upon coming to Boston and participating in New England's summer Camp Aurora, it was obvious that an integrated system where middle school BC's mentored and helped younger BC's, high school BC's mentored middle schoolers, and college BC's mentored high schoolers, all in a loving and welcoming community was a system that worked. As a result of this ongoing system that has been ongoing for over ten years, New England's BC community is one of the friendliest, welcoming, and

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A Message from the Assistant Editor

The New Voices of Our Generation has now been running successfully for over a year and the editors at UNEWS would like to thank all those who have contributed an article to this section. Spread the word, communicate, and link yourself to the rest of America by subscribing to the paper and submitting your voice at

newvog@gmail.com for 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!**

Be as *subjective* as you please, but keep in mind, that as this is a public paper, be respectful in your opinions.

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more exemplary communities, which makes people want to be a part of it when they see it.

On another note, I think the most crucial factor that determines whether or not BC's are involved in activities is a sense of purpose and fulfillment. The majority of BC's I know see no hope in convincing any of their friends in joining a weird and ritualistic group that has extensive criticism and cynicism from much of society, especially one that fails to actualize its own principles. Being included in the mass of BC's that feel this way, I've found myself becoming distant from those hardcore BC's that are so determined to "save the world." I have, though, found meaning in investing in younger high school second gen. that are falling away from an organization that has so much potential to better their lives.

I've found meaning and purpose in this and it's a core reason I haven't left the church. So despite my lack of faith in many theological areas, I've found faith in my capabilities and the potential of BC's as people. It's not uncommon to discover that the majority of first gen. that are still around found their place in the church as leaders or organizers or even as cameramen or cooks, and through their service they found fulfillment and purpose.

I think we, as a dynamic organization, need to recognize this and aim towards finding roles that BC's can take, through which they can find fulfillment; focusing only on trying to lead them, encourage them to witness and read HDH, and be active in a stunted movement only segregates the hardcore from everyone else.

From a sister in her early twenties from California

What would I like to see change?

1. "Living for the sake of others" means sacrificing my own wellbeing.
2. I would like BC's to start communicating globally on professional levels.
3. I would like to see less hail Hitler signs with the arms during Hyun Jin Nim rallies- scary.

More hope, less feelings of victimization.

From a brother in his late twenties now based in New York from the west coast

In this year 2007, I would like to see development made on three key issues in the American church. I believe we are severely lacking in these key elements, to the point of endangering the survival of our movement. The issues that are lacking are: 1) spiritually healthy individuals and families, 2) vibrant communities of faith, and 3)

being a movement focused on spirituality over ideology. Since we are not strong in these points, the movement is not growing. If we fail to grow, the movement will fail and die.

I believe one key to this growth is a renewed focus on healthy individual spiritual life. When people joined our movement in the past, it was a matter of life or death that they joined and accepted the Principle. People showered them with attention and studied the Principle feverishly to help them work through any spiritual problems they had.

During their center life as a member, the environment was one of constantly striving to apply the Principle in their daily lives—to live the Principle, while receiving ever present support and guidance from those around. However, once members established families, all of this support fell away, and people were left to fend for themselves spiritually. In terms of spiritual support, all we have is a once a week Sunday service.

The church is not a place you drag your kids to every Sunday morning and leave as soon as the service is ended, but it should be a place where we celebrate the fruit of God's 6,000 Biblical years of history—the Blessed Families. Our Blessed Families, functional or not, are the greatest victory of God and TP according to the Divine Principle. WE have been reclaimed from Satan's lineage. That is tremendously significant for the entire universe! We should act like it! If our families are far from ideal, we need to work on making them so. Our lives should be a testament to our faith. People should be coming to us, asking if it's possible for them to be a part of what we are.

Over the course of 2007, I would like to see more spiritual support and guidance for our families. We need guidance on how to build spiritually healthy families. I would like to see marriage enrichment programs. In order to reach the Japanese membership, you would have to make such programs mandatory. We also need programs on

parenting. These should definitely be mandatory to all members regardless of their relationship to their children.

I strongly believe that if we can nourish our individual members, it will help them to be a better spouse, parent and member of both the church and non-church community. If our Blessed Couples can become closer and more harmonious by resolving their differences and working through the discord, they will be an inspiration to all. If they can be guided with spiritual and practical support in raising their children, we will have healthy families. If we are successful in these things, our Blessed Families will not only be the victorious culmination of God's providence, but we will actually look like it. If this is true, how difficult would be for people to want to join our movement? I believe this is the root of God's and True Father's vision.

I believe our movement needs to become a spiritual movement again. For whatever reason, our movement is less focused on the spiritual growth of our membership. This is why the Dae

Mo Nim movement has been so successful—it is giving our members a connection to the spiritual in an out-of-the-ordinary fashion. Dae Mo Nim is able to give our members something they have not been receiving from the church, a spiritual food that they sorely need.

However, with due respect the DMN events are not for everyone.

There are many who receive deep and profound spiritual experiences from attending Cheon Pyeong Lake and other DMN events such as the recent tour, but there are also those who are turned off by the CPL providence for various reasons. If we are interested in holding on to the hard won efforts of God and True Parents, we should be able to reach that minority of membership as well. Also, members cannot participate in the CPL providence on a regular basis—for Americans and others around the world, it is a big investment to pay for the flights to Korea and take the necessary time off of work to go. We need spiritual support on a regular basis that is accessible to local members.

This is common sense, based on what True Father has been teaching. Regardless of what is happening on the providential level, our most precious asset is our Blessed Families, so it makes sense that we do our best to cultivate them. Without our Blessed Families, nothing will be accomplished on any providential level.

From a sister in her late teens from New York

I've realized something about our movement by looking at politics. Although the republican party has always had a strong hold in politics for quite some time now, there is a change brewing. The Democratic party is reaching out to the youth. Through the media, fashion, and even education industry, the echo-boomers are being told what to think through subliminal messages that all secretly say 'you're cool if you believe this'. So in fact, in about 10 years, all of the youth today are going to be eligible to vote, and all of them will vote democrat. It's a terribly great plan; they pay attention to the youth, who will grow to prosperity according to their standards.

I think more money, effort, and attention should be put into our 2nd gen. I see so many BC's falling apart, losing the tradition. If we were to give more of what we have as investment into every BC, imagine how we could grow in 10 years! All I see going on now is our faith faltering, and more and more BC's are dropping out. I feel as if no one else seems to notice or care. The only ones that notice are BC's caught in similar predicaments and who are too scared to do anything about it.

I feel those in a leadership position in the American Unification community should do something to help them. I think more time and money should be invested into caring for these kids. They feel left out, unsure of themselves and their faith because their parents are always too busy on the front line to take care of them. So someone has to! Sure there are tons of workshops out there, but that's no way to connect to a BC. You have to talk to them, one on one, show them that you

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"The way of the future is looking toward the immediate community; for us, that community is Blessed Families. Our movements strengths are huge world wide events and serving the outer community. The people (1st gen) in this movement are sacrifices for the world and I am very grateful for that. But for the 2nd and 3rd generation we need to build our inner community. (90% inner and 10% outer) that is the future or else there will be no future."

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A Field Trip into Father's Past



GOP students part of the World Student Garden program pose at the Heuk Sok Don Lodging where Father stayed during middle school

Written by the GOP reporters, Virginia-Rose Loew, Michelle Gasto, and Erika Hiromitsu

We go now to Korea to see what BC's in the International student program (GOP) are doing learn of their heritage

On Friday, January 19, 2007 The World Student Garden (GOP program) visited Heuk-sok dong. This is an area in Seoul where True Father came to when he was 19 and stayed for 3 years.

Up until he was 13, Father was educated with the Seo Dang system. The village kids would all gather at a

certain home where they were taught by one teacher. They were taught this way because the "modern" style of teaching (going to a school) was not available. Then when Father turned 15 a school in his area (10 kilometers away) opened, so Father attended 3rd year Elementary School. At that time True Father's whole family converted to being Christian, which was not common then.

When Father was 16 he taught Sunday School, and on March 16, Easter, True Father received his mission from Jesus. At the age of 19 Father finished Elementary School. At the graduation ceremony he gave a heartfelt speech as the representative of his class. To

continue his education in Middle School he came to Seoul, to the area of Heuk Sok Dong. There he stayed in a house that we call Heuk Sok Dong Lodging House, and that's where we went today!

At the house we were warmly welcomed by Rev. Sung Won Kim who gave us an introduction on the house and True Father's experiences there. He was jolly and very enthusiastic in what he was talking about. He said Father used to go down to the Han River and give the orphans food and hair cuts. Another thing he said was True Father would

that True Father's Mother visited.

We prayed, took pictures, and then headed on our way to Dalma Mountain, which is a little ways away from the house. True Father used to go there a lot to pray, and now it is a holy ground. At the top, we had a lovely lunch and free time to take pictures and feel the nice fresh air.

It was a good experience, and it was interesting to think of how True Father was there around 69 years ago. We could feel his young spirit in the nature all around. All in all, we had a wonderful time. ❖



GOP students finish their historical visit at Dalma Mountain to pray and reflect where Father once prayed 69 years ago

sometimes pray for hours, and that house is the only place in South Korea

Curriculum Mini-Grant Program

The Center for Education at UTS is announcing the Curriculum Mini-Grant Program. The mini-grants program offers grants between \$500 - \$1,000 for the creation of professional curricula and teaching tools for the diverse age groups within the Unification movement. The Center for Education at UTS wishes to encourage the development and publication of effective and creative curricula or teaching tools that can be used throughout the country.

There is a tremendous need for effective curricula in each of the target age groups. Currently, some centers are using the national curriculum while others have simply done their best to teach Divine Principle or the Bible or a combination of the two. Then there are other church centers that are not doing any kind of educational program because they don't have any type of curriculum or outline from which to work. Therefore, we wish to encourage those with the desire, experience or means to develop curricula that can be used in: K-6 Sunday Schools, Youth Ministries, Young Adult Ministries and even Adult Ministries.

In addition, there is a need to create effective teaching tools such as games, activities, specialized felt board teaching tools, dramas and similar creative tools for use in each of these ministries. Have you designed a game or teaching tool that you have found to be effective? Why not professionalize it or expand it so that others can use it?

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care for them individually.

I would just like to see our leaders start dealing with the BC problem, because in the end, the BC's are the future, they are the ones who will spread the word and reach out to leaders of the world in the future. But with all of them leaving, the future looks pretty grim.

From a brother in his early thirties based now in New York from the west coast

The way of the future is looking toward the immediate community; for us, that community is Blessed Families. Our movements strengths are huge world wide events and serving the outer community. The people (1st gen) in this movement are sacrifices for the world and I am very grateful for that. But for the 2nd and 3rd generation we need to build our inner community. (90% inner and 10% outer) that is the future or else there will be no future.

From a brother in his late teens from New York

What do I think needs to change about our movement here in America? I strongly suggest that we bring it upon ourselves to teach meditation and spirituality within this movement. What HJN is saying about meditation and spirituality is a start, but I really feel that we must begin spreading it throughout all of the corners of this country. We cannot rely on saying that TF is the messiah alone, and that when we are blessed and grafted upon the restored lineage of Adam and Eve that we are set for eternity. No, we have to bring our own portion of responsibility into the picture here and bring it to the forefront of the minds of our movements consciousness.

I believe as a B.C. that we don't really know ourselves, or our true internal nature, which is God in his un manifested form and this is the first and our foremost goal is that we must know ourselves and know the enemy before we start a life of public service

as our movement says.

I propose that there be a strong emphasis on meditation and reading of spiritual literature that you can bring into our everyday lives and practice. We must learn to be guardians of our minds and thoughts. This is what I would liked to see changed in our movement, although I believe that this is a monumental task, I also believe that it could be accomplished with much effort and devotion on the part of our members.

In the DP, St. Paul said, "For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am!" (DP. Intro). We must become aware of the inherent contradiction that is within our minds and live everyday based upon the principles of nature (which I believe Father teaches). We must guide our minds if we want to accomplish anything in this nation and world. ❖

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So, here's what I thought of...

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So, Here's What I Thought of...

In our February 2007 issue of Unification news, I asked readers to respond to the article A Snapshot of the BC Mind. Here are the follow-up responses I received for your viewing.

Wonderful article. The BC's were articulate and spoke exactly what we are all thinking. For me, it helped solidify the fact that no matter where you're from, all BC's are going through the same thing, more or less. Good eye opener right before Dae Mo Nim's special grace ceremonies.

J.

Thank you for the wonderful article. I wanted to echo the sentiments of why it seems so hard to get 2nd gen to share. From my experience, whenever I get into a discussion with other 2nd gen or 1st gen about "what needs to change" or how they feel on a certain issue, there is always a lot of talk, heavy venting, strong opinions, but at the end of the day what has really changed? Nothing. I think it is more in the lack of response than anything.

2nd gen do have strong opinions, many based on personal experience (we know better than anyone the problems and challenges this movement faces, we've lived through it and doubted and had to come to our own conclusions about our faith).

I believe they resist sharing because when they do have the opportunity to share, it is either not taken seriously or they don't see anything result from that. If there is no change we think, "what's the point?" Even worse, if we express ourselves and are rejected, taken for granted or criticized (how many times have we heard a BC express some kind of personal pain or struggle only to have it reduced to simplistic and demeaning

terms like, "chapter two problem", or "they're just Caining out") we feel vulnerable and used. Sharing our feelings then becomes something that we guard, something that we must protect, because it defines us and we can't risk the chance of being hurt again. It is better to stay silent than to put yourself out there, hope that things will change, and then be let down and disappointed, feeling exposed and disillusioned.

In a movement that preaches True Love, we all must still learn how to love each other better. To me it is equivalent to the scenario of when a child realizes their parents are not perfect, that they are human and make mistakes. We have big dreams, and high hopes, and when reality hits hard, we feel betrayed...our world is not what we thought it was.

With that said, we can either hold on to that resentment, or we can realize that we are only hurting ourselves by continuing to be angry or apathetic and move on. If others have not been good examples of love for us, then we must strive to be the examples of love for our younger brothers and sisters and even for those who have hurt us, and not follow in that same path. I believe we have a responsibility to make ourselves heard (within and out of the movement), but only when we let go of our own baggage will we see the hope and value of doing so.

I missed the boat on the last article, but I'm glad to see the opinions that were represented and felt compelled to at least respond.

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IDEALISM

Humans are idealistic. Unlike any other creatures, we can envision the future, in many aspects, and far beyond our immediate circumstances. All but the most oppressed or troubled children have great hopes for the future. The details will, of course, be shaped by their parents and peer group, as well as their culture and education.

These ideals often track the cycles of human life. Boys will hold out for a coveted new toy, while girls may dream of a perfect mate. Many college students envision an ideal society, based upon whatever belief or ideology they favor. Some adults, while they've become disillusioned on a grander scale, still hope they'll win the lottery, or that their favorite sports team gains the championship.

Unfortunately, idealism can be misdirected, and even good ideals can be taken too far. Our Rev. Thompson preaches about the difference between 'fans' and 'fanatics,' whether it concerns sports or religion.

(This article is based in part upon the 1995 version of my article "Principle Paradigm.")

DETAILS

How does idealism manifest in today's society? Let's use some familiar examples.

Health and safety advocates stand for the betterment of all people. They want us to eat healthy food, and to maintain a positive lifestyle. They also warn against unhealthy substances and dangerous conditions at home, at school, and at work.

Skeptics note that many of those advocates rely upon scare tactics, exaggerating data for effect. By now, they've claimed that every single thing we eat and drink is unhealthy, and that staying in bed is just as dangerous as getting up in the morning.

Also, advocates are now banning entire categories of food and materials, based upon sketchy research. This necessitates replacements, which often turn out to be as bad or worse. Transfats are the latest example, even as (heavily taxed) cigarettes remain legal.

Political optimists foresee an efficient, well-meaning New World Order. A society in which entire continents are united, making national borders obsolete.

Others fear an Orwellian future. A larger Stalinism, with total State direction and control, plus the Third World's endemic corruption and division of wealth. More immediately, open borders that allow in terrorists and drugs, causing universal misery, except perhaps for the highest classes.

Overseas, the European Union was imposed top-down by elitists and bureau-

crats, and while many citizens there are restive, it seems to be succeeding—as well as any socialist experiment could. In the USA, the same bunch is now pushing a North American Union. Until recently most Congress members, much less the general public, had never even heard about this!

Many scientists have faith in 'progress,' and their intellectual ability to unravel all human troubles. They envision knowledge and technology that will override human failings. Numerous science fiction tales describe such worlds. (Your author has been engaged in a fascinating conversation with one such author, who wrote about a beneficent brain-implant 'network' in a recent Analog magazine story.)

Environmentalists have their own special vision, of a society composed of self-sustaining towns, living in a limited 'steady state' economy. Places such as Prince Charles' experimental village of Poundbury. The inhabitants are supposed to be in harmony with nature, and thus with themselves. (Ernest Callenbach's seminal "Ecotopia" books best depict their version of Paradise.)

Doubters question whether such an idyllic 'natural state' has ever existed—or could. They picture a dirty, hungry, and diseased primitive's life. They also fear the fanatic 'deep ecology' extreme, which sees modern humanity as "the AIDS of the ecosystem."

Apart from those extremes, the debate over human-caused global warming has taken on religious overtones. Skeptics are slandered as "deniers," while the public is openly called upon to "believe." There are prophets and sinners, and the goal is avoidance of global disaster. It seems their grander vision, the final salvation of the ecosystem, has been left for later.

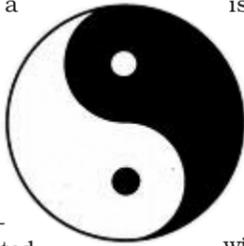
The New Agers await their Aquarian Age, lately said to be scheduled for the year 2012. They see Prozac, calming music, and meditation ushering in a time of universal 'good vibes.' Some claim this will end crime of all kinds, and for entire cities at once.

Skeptics fear an Aquarian Conspiracy, where hidden occultists run society, enforcing their rule through 'p.c. police.' (Who already flex their muscles on campuses and at large companies.) In reality, 'good vibes' often dissolve into 'new age guilt' when life's inevitable losses and infirmities

can no longer be rationalized away. (Read Larry Burkett's novel "The Illuminati.")

Religious hopefuls envision a peaceful Judeo-Christian America, where all respect the Ten Commandments and live by the Golden Rule. A place where change comes peacefully, in the style of Martin Luther King.

Those who fear religion anticipate an oppressive society, where technology only aids in the repression of "sinners." Where self-appointed Elders exercise ruthless control, to ensure "purity" according to their dictates. Where wolfish 'holy terror' is practiced, cloaked in pious lamb's clothing. (Heinlein and Atwood wrote vivid fictional depictions of such a dystopia.)



PRINCIPLE

Let's take a broader look, from the perspective of the Divine Principle. Unificationists will be happy to know we can bring out the best in all these areas, both in theory and in practice.

Mind and body and soul are connected. A Principled lifestyle does not guarantee perfect health, but it does eliminate almost every harmful or dangerous factor.

There can be politics with heart, and an efficient government with honest administrators. Global-scale cooperation with local-level power. Rulers who are strong enough to deal with crises, yet respect everyone's God-given rights. Open world travel, without the nasties who'd take advantage of it.

Science can be advanced with Absolute Values. Technology allows for transactions with privacy assured. Moral scientists can develop the nuclear, genetic, chemical, and other fields without turning them to harmful purposes.

The Earth can indeed be cared for, under the

rubric of the Divine Principle's Third Blessing. Clean technologies are being developed, and an enlightened free market can make them affordable. In fact, only a prosperous society has the means for cleanups, parkland care, ecological safeguards, etc. With larger ideals in mind, climatologists can quit squabbling, and get to the bottom of any actual climate change.

New Agers can spread their peaceful ideals, and without all the malarkey.

There can be a genuine religion. One that's realistic about human nature, and does not resort to oppression. With enduring faith, like that of Tibet or Korea. Non-violent like Mahatma Gandhi. Disciplined like the traditional monastics, and prudence like previous European societies. Recalling that God has always allowed people choices, from the very beginning—and counted upon fulfillment of their 'portion of responsibility' as well.

IDEALS

Ideals come in many varieties. Debate is good, and with prayer and study, a free people will settle upon the best course of action. Opposite this, fanatics think they have to ram their program down everyone's throats, while fundamentalists are eager to condemn anyone who doubts their "special" words.

Genuine ideals appeal to young people, and challenge whole societies to fulfill them. Wise people will devote a measure of effort toward their own health, and to their family's well-being; and will also discern how much support they can offer to larger causes. Idealism has so many aspects that everyone can find an area in which to contribute.

Building a utopia won't be easy, but what we can envision we can also make real. God is at the helm, and only with His guidance will humanity steer a clear course into the Ideal future. ❖

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