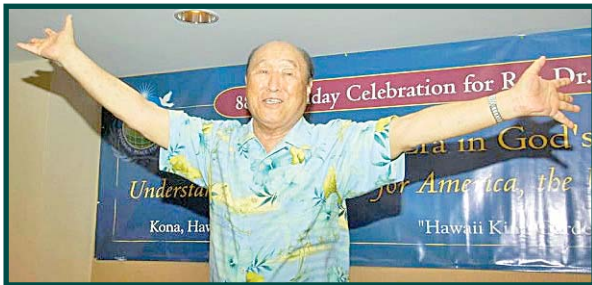


48th True Parents' Day



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48th True Parents' Day Celebration in Korea, April 17 2007

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Several thousand gathered at Cheong Pyeong for the 48th True Parents Day Commemorative Service. Rev. Kwak spoke on the internal meaning of True Parent's Day. Father believes he can live to 100 years of age! Father and Mother are as strong and clear as ever. Father was on the 7th city of a 24-city speaking tour. He will tour America after the Washington Times anniversary banquet.

Father was deeply inspired by Dr. Yang's report about the MEPI providence. Dr. Yang reported with Hyun Jin Nim. MEPI went to a completely new level as Hyun Jin Nim brought the spirit of the 12-city tour in which he was giving love to all the Ambassadors for Peace both internationally and from the Middle East.

Father started his speech by explaining that through the ongoing series of "Rallies to Proclaim the Beginning of the New Civilization of the Universal Peace" in Korea, True Parents advance the coming of the historical era of the settlement of the Cheon

Il Guk civilization in the substantial living environment. He also advised Ambassadors for Peace to learn a lot about the True Parents "since we entered such a good era."

When Father finished speaking and Rev. Changshik Yang went up the stage to lead cheers of Eog-Mansei, Father told him to proclaim one additional Eog-Mansei for the realization of Abel-type UN. So, Rev. Yang with thunder-like voice proclaimed four cheers of Eog-Mansei.

When an emcee was about to announce the closing of the ceremony, Father suddenly called Rev. Do-soon Lim, General Director of FFWPU-Japan and asked him to sing a song. Rev. Lim passionately sang a song "Great Korea" the lyrics of which is said to be written by Rev. Yoon-guk Moon, True Father's granduncle.

Let us give all we have for our True Parents and for the unfolding of God's Kingdom. Every step we take brings harvest. We are not paying for the past because the past has been atoned for and forgiven. Now we pay indemnity as a condition that directly allows God to claim things back, step by step. ❖

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FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

A Providential View of the Pacific

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This address was given on March 17th in Hawaii as Peace Message 13

Respected Ambassadors for Peace and leaders of Hawaii, distinguished guests from Japan and Korea who have come from afar to honor this occasion with your presence, ladies and gentlemen! My wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and I extend our heartfelt welcome to you all.

Ladies and gentlemen, my heart is serious and filled with emotion as I stand before you today. It is not because of the Misoo celebrations being held around the world to commemorate my 88th birthday. Neither is it because, owing to the fact that I am as healthy as a man of fifty, I am filled with the hope of living beyond my hundredth birthday.

The reason I am so serious is that at the beginning of this year, 2007, the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk, I declared a jubilee year in God's providence, a jubilee year the likes of which humankind



has never experienced. Heaven has greatly blessed this holy year. God's heart has been in pain throughout history because Satan's dominion entrapped humankind within its evil sovereignty, in the fetters of the "era before heaven." That time has finally come to an end and, from this year on, the gates to the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven can be opened wide, ushering in an era of a new sovereignty of goodness, in which humanity can attend God as the Central Being.

Without your being aware of it, heaven's providence has been expanding in extraordinary ways. Now Ambassadors for Peace in 185 nations—who number in the millions—have received my teachings and are working day and night in response to a special decree from God. I would like to convey to you Heaven's message, which is entitled, "A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light

of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World."

This is a declaration of God's plan for His dispensation and the direction humanity should take.

The Progress of Human History

Ladies and gentlemen, if you carefully examine the progress of human history, you will undoubtedly discover God's resolve and the fingerprints He left as He tirelessly worked behind the scenes. We are familiar with the history of civilization, which began centering on four of the world's great rivers. Later, human civilization moved to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, where the Mediterranean peninsular cultures flourished in Greece and Rome. History continued its progress and the European continental culture emerged. This continental civilization in turn became the energy stimulating an island culture, Great Britain, to flourish in the Atlantic sphere. The British Empire, which dominated the four seas and wielded its might as "the empire on which the sun never sets," passed its splendid culture on to North America. We know these facts from history.

Human civilization arrived on the

M A Y 2 0 0 7

Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 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)

J U N E 2 0 0 7

Ahn Shi Il • 7th, 15th, 23rd

- 3 Inauguration of the Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification South American Headquarters (2001)
- 4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 8 Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
- 10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
- 13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim's Blessing (1998)
39 Couples' Blessing (1981)

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- 1st Stage of the 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)
- 14 Jeung Jin Nim's Birthday (1982)
Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 15 Day of All True Things (5/1/63)
- 17 Declaration Return of the Sea to Heavenly Dominion (2000)
- 21 Rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth (2002)
- 23 Il-Sung Construction (1978)
Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Declaration of the Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)
- 30 Shin Goon Nim's Birthday (5/16/02)

J U L Y 2 0 0 7

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 1 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
Chil Il Jeol: Declaration of God's Eternal Blessing (1991)
Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)
2075 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 3 Interreligious & International Blessing & Rededication (2002)
- 12 Shin Kwang Nim's Birthday (5/28/01)
- 13 International Blessing of 400 Million Couples, 4th Phase (2003)
Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)
- 17 Bering Strait Resolution for Peace (2005)
- 18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim's Blessing (1973)
- 22 National Parents' Day (1994)
- 24 Shin Ha Nim's Birthday (6/11/98)
124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
- 26 5th Phase of the 400 Million Couple Blessing (2004)
Youth Federation for World Peace Inauguration (1994)
- 27 Kook Jin Nim's Birthday (6/14/70)
Hye Jin Nim's Birthday (1964)
- 28 Sun Jin Nim's Birthday (6/15/76)

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

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Rim Era in Light of God's Will

North American continent and soon took on the armor of democracy, which was rooted in Christianity. The United States raised the banner of the freedom of religion and respect for equal human rights in its struggle against communism, which sought to establish an atheistic sovereignty of evil. Through victories in the First, Second and Third World Wars, America won victory over totalitarianism and communism.

However, that victory does not simply mean that America is great, and the development of human civilization did not stop there. Victory came because God had chosen and raised the United States of America as the second Israel, in accordance with His providential program, and had raised the American people through Christianity. God worked through America to bring His providence to its present stage of fruition.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is in the present time that this issue becomes important. The development of human civilization has completed a circuit of the entire globe and has arrived at the Pacific sphere. Human history has come to a point in time in the providence at which it should reach completion and fruition through the Pacific Rim region. No force can impede the providence now. Though there were both victories and defeats during the course of indemnity under the evil sovereignty in the era before heaven, nothing could prevent the rise of the Pacific Rim era. Herein lies the reason that Heaven declared this a jubilee year.

Our Mission in the Pacific Era

Ladies and gentlemen, the arrival of the Pacific Rim era signifies many things. From the perspective of the history of religions, what do you think the world would be like if Jesus had fulfilled the complete messianic mission during his lifetime on earth? Jesus came as the Savior and Messiah to save all people. He did not come just to save the people of Israel, a small nation located on a corner of the Mediterranean Sea. At that time, Rome, based at the center of the Mediterranean, was the center of human civilization. Rome was ready to rule the seas. Heaven's desire was that Jesus evangelize and then rule over Rome first, in order to bring salvation to all humanity through the vehicle of Rome's brilliant civilization. Yet, Jesus died miserably on the cross, as we know all too well through the biblical record.

After thousands of years of preparation, God finally was able to send Jesus to the earth as His only son. There is no way to fathom God's heart as He anxiously watched Jesus' each and every action. Jesus' death was a tragedy that broke God's heart. It brought Him anguish even more extreme than the time when Adam and Eve, whom He created as the first ancestors of humankind, were lost from the Garden of Eden due to the Fall.

During the two thousand years since the cross, God, in the background of history, has walked a suffering path that is beyond human contemplation.

Through this course, He prepared the United States of America to serve as the sphere of the second Israel. As a Christian nation that includes Catholicism and Protestantism as well as the Orthodox world, the United States' mission is to bring harmony and unity to Christianity and, in the twenty-first century, fulfill the responsibility that had been the Roman Empire's, but which was not realized in Jesus' time. The responsibility, within God's providence, to bring harmony and oneness among the world's 6.5 billion people



and to expedite the creation of a peaceful, ideal world, is on America's shoulders. These are not simply the words of Rev. Moon. This is Heaven's decree.

Then how can we unify Christianity? God has already revealed the solution through me, Reverend Moon, the True Parent of humankind. God has given the supreme command to practice a life of true love, understand completely the reality of the spirit world, and find and establish a model, ideal family—a true family. Then what kind of love is true love? And what kind of family is a true family?

True Love and True Family

Ladies and gentlemen, true love does not instill a desire to have one's partner exist for one's own sake. Rather, true love's essence is giving, living for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, such as that of a devoted son who gains his greatest satisfaction through helping his parents.

When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, continually increasing in the joy of each other's company. The attraction of true love brings all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissolve the barriers fallen people have created, including national boundaries

and the barriers of race and even religion.

The main attributes of true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so that whoever practices God's true love will live with God, share His happiness, and enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute prerequisite for entering the kingdom of heaven.

The path is wide open now for humanity to find and establish true families.

nations, and His peace kingdom. If only the entire world were filled with such true families! It would be an orderly world where people govern themselves by the heavenly way and heavenly laws, with no need for lawyers, prosecutors or even judges.

The Future and the Pacific Rim

Peace-loving leaders from the Pacific Rim region! Among the 6.5 billion people on the earth today, almost five billion are your neighbors, relatives and brothers and sisters belonging to the Pacific Rim region. In other words, you share the same root as the sphere of the Mongolian peoples. There is nothing we cannot do if we pull together centering on God's ideal for peace! The future of humanity is in our hands.

God's providence has now spread from the North American continent and has blossomed as an island civilization on the Japanese archipelago which is in a position similar to that previously held by the United Kingdom. It is now about to fulfill its destiny by coming to fruition on the Korean peninsula, the homeland of the True Parents who have emerged on the earth as the Savior of humanity and the returning Messiah. From a geo-political point of view, despite the ongoing work to secure peace on the Korean peninsula, that area remains the arena of most intense conflict. However, from the providential view the Korean peninsula must rise to take up a position similar to that of Rome in Jesus' time, by resolving the world's problems.

The principles of restoration through indemnity dictate that civilization must bear fruit in the Pacific Rim region, centered on the Korean peninsula. Fortunately during the Korean War, the UN forces, centering on the United States, were mobilized to the peninsula. Yet, they did not recover God's homeland and hometown as they should have according to God's will, and they left the job half-done. As a result, global conflict and strife emerged through the Cold War, during which time the Korean people were deprived of their possessions and dislocated, leading them to search for God.

In order to make up for this through indemnity, I established the Universal Peace Federation and then organized the Peace Kingdom Corps and Peace Kingdom Police Force centering on the women who love the Universal Peace Federation and are willing to serve and sacrifice for the sake of peace under its banner. I have taken the lead in educating those involved with these organizations. As the peace organizations that constitute the vanguard for realizing a world of peace centering on God, they will create the peaceful, ideal world of God's desire.

You may not be aware of this, but I am assisting the Six Party Talks now being held for the sake of resolving the nuclear crisis on the Korean peninsula and reconciling the democratic nations with the communist nations. I am presenting a solution based on the principles of peace and harmony rooted in

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by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

These notes are from two addresses given on March 16 & 19 2007 at Hawaii King Garden, HI. They are taken from a simultaneous translation. Simultaneous translation is done in summary form and depends greatly on the translator's ability to communicate the essence of the message. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future as an "official" publication on Rev. Moon's words. However, they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message.

America is the Elder son nation and has a central providential role at this time. What about Japan? Japan has a lot of responsibility to rectify the past history. That is why I ask so much of Japan. Japanese women are fulfilling this role for the dispensation. That is why they are sent out to the world with such sacrifice.

Please know that I have prepared to say what I am telling you. Japanese people, you like to work. That is why you are called Il Bon. Il is "work" in Korean. The people who have sustained Japan have not been men but women. If you study history, you will see this. Japan cannot disappear. We have to understand that Japan was the nation that was ruling the Asian continent. We will absolutely fulfill the Peace Kingdom. The peaceful culture of the Pacific will go forth now for 1,000 years. Isn't it interesting that the Secretary General of the UN is Ban Ki Moon? Now everyone is hearing the "Moon" name constantly.

Japanese Cho Cheon Yun (pro North Korean). Who is with that group? How about Mindan (pro South Korean)? Many are here.

Confucianism is not so much a religion as it is a family moral teaching. What is it about the Unification Church that can bring the two together? It is not Confucianism. The only way you can unify religions or North and South Koreans is through the True Parents of Heaven and Earth. In order to protect the family, three generations must become one.

Heaven and earth, up and down; all movements are found in harmony in the creation. A cold current and a warm current both merge around the Japanese islands. The area around Japan includes China, Russia, China, and Manchuria. The fish in the ocean cannot survive without the movement of the ocean currents, rivers and oceans all merging.

The Japanese race is not big enough to digest the world. You really don't know that much about it as Japanese, but that is why Japan cannot digest the world.

We have passed the formation and growth stages; we are in the completion era. It was in the time of Jesus that Rome was accepting religions. Now, in this age, I am in a position different from the time of Jesus. Christianity is ready to welcome us, and it has a worldwide foundation centering on America, the second Israel in the realm of the Cosmic Peace Kingdom civilization. So there is no problem.

We have boat factories in America. I knew this time would come. I have founded manufacturing enterprises and newspapers that can help shape the direction of the world. You need to become

my representatives, and you need to inherit my foundation. Hyung Jin Nim is mastering eight languages. He, along with Hyun Jin Nim, have gone to Harvard. They have friends who are very influential because of that.

Together we can join with the Americans who are here to help save America. Who is the person here who is older than me? (The head of the pro North Korean group is actually an older man. Father asked him, "Are you my father or are you my son?" - He said, "I'm your son." Then Father called the head of the Mindan group forward, and also another pair of younger pro South and pro North Koreans.) You have to reverse the history of the Communist Party. Should this world go to its demise? (As they stood there, Father addressed Rev. Yoo, who was the leader of Japan for many years.) Now, Rev. Yoo, you must stay in Hawaii and educate these people and make them one family. We are all family now, and we must bring the family of North and South Korea together peacefully. Because Japan did many terrible things to Koreans and killed so many, you must take responsibility to indemnify this.

From now I ask you all to follow God's providence. We will not be stopped. We will get a second hometown. The Peace Kingdom will come. Be prepared for this time with all of the abilities and assets you have accumulated. You can't bring the things of the world with you to use for personal position or power. You must come forward based on character. Even if it takes us three or four generations, its seed must grow into heaven. We need to build a homeland and a nation; we will go beyond the boundaries of religion.

There will come a time when I will no longer take responsibility for your mistakes. Then whatever happens, you will be responsible. The Kingdom of God on earth is the biggest wish and the biggest hope of hopes for all humanity. This is the last page of the testament that I am writing. You have to go beyond the level of boundaries based on race or people and become part of Cheon Il Guk. God's nation is the nation that has no boundaries or barriers and the nation that will secure the world for peace. Each one of you must be prepared to rededicate yourselves, making a new beginning in your life.

We must equalize and unify as one. I hope that you will do everything that you can for a new beginning of God's homeland.

This is a very serious thing that I am telling you today. From now, the speech you need to follow is "The Pacific Rim Era in God's Providence." This content should be used immediately. It is the

basis of your study at this time.

The spirit world is so active now. The time is so serious, and the spirit is desperately trying to help me. You have to understand how important it is to know your ancestors.



The relationship between me and America is centered on the providence of God. God has raised up America. Now, Abel must live for Cain; we have to resolve all the divisions and barriers.

When evil people come against you, rise above it and bring them with love to the realm of heaven.

My throat feels so dry here because the climate is so different than in Korea. You know I cannot relax here. I have to check every word of the speech for March



17. I am not free; I must follow the Divine providence to the letter.

Regarding these spirit world messages, do you think that I would just make all them up and then put them out there? Some of these messages sound so crazy; why would anybody put something out like this? They didn't come from me. I can recognize and understand that these messages are really from the spirit world! One day it

will be recognized. These people in the spirit world try to pray to God, but God couldn't receive them

directly because they descended from the fall. So they turn to Rev. Moon to make the connection and be liberated.

I came so far to reach the place where I could proclaim that I fulfilled Adam's responsibility and built the three-generational realm of the True Family.

Now we are reading the messages of Confucius. These are real. Because of the truth I have revealed, fulfilled and embodied, I could unify the spirit world. You see me as one person, but I am not just one person; God and all the founders and billions in the spirit world are behind me.

The time has now changed. People cannot just come casually and see me. No one can just walk into hoondokhae without first reporting to their leader and getting approval.

Think of these founders of the great religions crying out in the spirit world. How can this be a lie? Don't block the ways of the spirit world. Don't block God and the heavenly realm. The spirit world is absolutely real. If you understand this, you and your ancestors can work together to fulfill the will of God. You can have enormous support from God and the spirit world if you truly respect, love and listen to

the spirit world. When we are joined with the ancestors and Jesus and all the founders of the major religions, we are more powerful than anything in the world.

It is not easy to adjust the speech so that people could receive it. You may not know it, but until yesterday I went through deep suffering to shape and mold every word of this speech so that God's revelation could be understood and received. I came here to America centering on Hawaii. This has enormous meaning at this time.

You know the contents of the peace messages. Imagine the situation in the spirit world of those who know the content and don't follow it, or even oppose it. Jesus was rejected for 33 years without a moment of freedom from persecution.

I smell the dirty smells of the world. I can feel when people are not living morally aligned with the truth. That is why I go right into hell to teach them.

The power of God is far greater than any political power in the world. That is why Jesus was feared. That is why the world sometimes reacts to us with fear. They don't understand and fear the power of God.

Everyone must be blessed. To be blessed in marriage is central to becoming one with God. You must be very careful with your five senses. You must truly seek God and blessed marriage.

The situation in Africa is so desperate. God is desperate for Africa. With AIDS, there is a serious potential that a third of all the people could be lost. ❖

Rally in Korea to Declare the Beginning of a New Universal Civilization of Peace

by Won-joon An

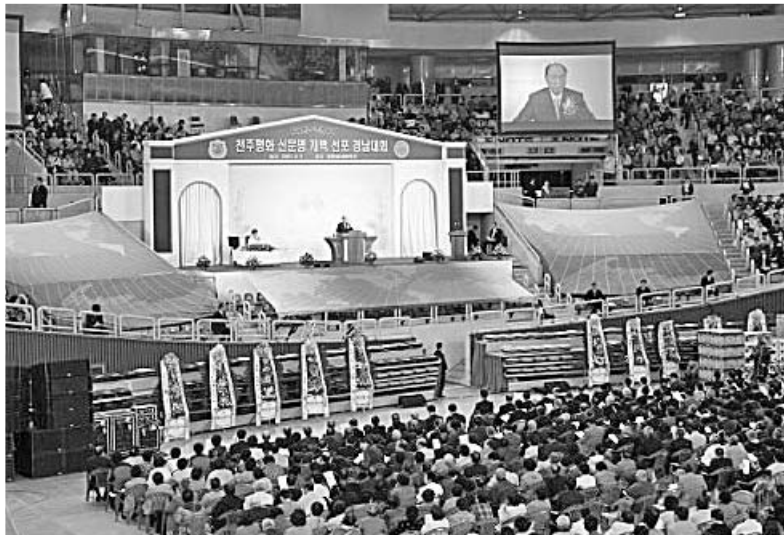
Rally to Declare the Beginning of a New Universal Civilization of Peace was successfully held in the morning on April 3 in the Gymnasium of Changwon City, South Kyeongsang Province. Rev. and Mrs. Sunmyung Moon, Pan-do Park, Speaker of Assembly of South Kyeongsang Province, In-sun Jeong, Chairman of the Association of Peace Ambassadors of South Kyeongsang Province and some 10,000 people participated in the event.

After the opening address by Rev. Chung-hwan Kwak, Chairman of Universal Peace Federation, the keynote address entitled "A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World" was given by Rev. Moon. In his speech Rev. Moon stated, that "The development of human civilization has completed a circuit of the entire globe and has arrived at the Pacific sphere. Human history has come to a point in time in the providence at which it should reach completion and fruition through the Pacific Rim region," and explain, that "Herein lies the reason that Heaven declared this a jubilee year."

Rev. Moon pledged that the Universal Peace Federation founded by him in 2005 would play the role of an "Abel-type" UN renewing the existing United Nations and together with millions of Ambassadors for Peace working in every corner of the world by all means fulfill heavenly decree to "build one human family under God".

Starting from the first event in Changwon, other rallies were held in all major cities of Korea: Seoul (April 4th and 5th), Suwon (6th), Incheon (7th), Northern Kyeonggi-province (8th), Kongju, Southern Chungcheong Province (9th), Seoul

(10th), Daejeon (10th), Chuncheon, Kangwon Province (11th), Iksan, Northern Cheolla Province (12th), Mokpo, Southern Cheolla Province (13th), Kwesan, Northern Chungcheong Province (15), Busan (16th), Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, Gapyeong, Kyeonggi Province (17th), Ulsan (18th), Daegu (19th), Kwangju (20th), Pohang, Northern Kyeongsang Province (21 st), Cheju (22 nd), Seoul (23rd, 24th, 25th). ❖



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Dr. Yang and Archbishop Stallings bring Gratitude and Gifts to Turkish Veterans of the Korean War

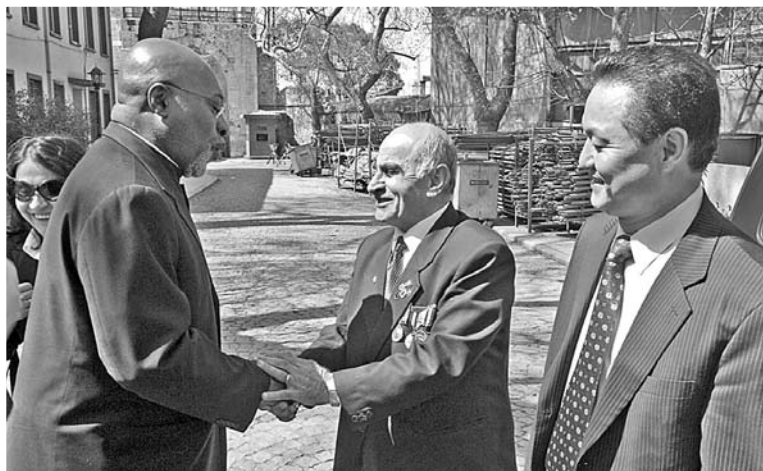
by Ken Owens

Representing the United Nations Peace Forces of the Korean War Memorial Federation (UPKMF), Dr. Chang Shik Yang and Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr. led a small delegation to Istanbul, Turkey, on April 8th, 2007, to meet with 46 Turkish soldiers who voluntarily, with soldiers from 20 other United Nations countries, fought against communist forces in the Korean War.

Dr. Yang and Archbishop Stallings brought greetings of gratitude and gifts to the aging veterans who had sacrificed much in saving Korea from being overrun by North Korean and Chinese military aggression from 1950 to 1953. Upon arrival at the Veterans Hall, the equivalent to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in America, the veterans, dressed in suits and displaying their hard earned medals, greeted us with big smiles and firm handshakes. Dr. Yang was overwhelmed by their greetings.

Inside the hall, we saw one wall that displayed photos from the time that these old veterans were young soldiers in Korea. As we began the meeting, the chairman of the Turkish veterans, Ahmet Kendigel, greeted us all. As the veterans looked on, he gave Dr. Yang and one of our delegation special flowers to officially welcome us.

Dr. Yang then addressed the veterans, telling the old soldiers how grateful Reverend and Mrs. Moon and the people of Korea were to them for everything they had done to save Korea. Then, in the middle of his address, Dr. Yang gave these heroes a tremendous salute, which the soldiers answered back with their own. Dr. Yang then heartfully gave his flowers



to one of the veterans to thank all of them. He continued in addressing them about the purpose for UPKMF and its mission to the 21 nations who participated in the war.

Members of the UPKMF delegation pinned the UPKMF pin to each veteran. Afterwards, the veterans received gifts of a UPKMF flag, a booklet, and a Korean fan. Dr. Yang then showed a movie of UPKMF activities and of the first UPKMF tour, in which representative veterans from all the nations participated.

Archbishop Stallings then spoke to the veterans on how much he admired them because they had gone to Korea as young boys and came back men who lived for the sake of others. He also told them that even though the war was over 50 years ago, they still looked very young and strong.

Several veterans stood up to tell Dr. Yang and Archbishop Stallings their thoughts and feelings. One old soldier said that this was the first time in 50 years that he felt appreciated for what he had done and was proud. Another veteran slowly stood up and said that if Korea was invaded again, he would quickly go and fight again for the Korean people. One other veteran wanted to know when the next UPKMF tour would be to Korea

so that he could attend. Many of the Turkish veterans sat smiling and proud throughout the ceremony, for they still have very clear memories of their experiences from 50 years before when they were young men in battle.

(Imam Jodeh then addressed the veterans on how proud he was of them, that when he had first moved to America he wanted to join the army and fight the communists in Vietnam; communism was the enemy of Islam because communism had declared itself the enemy of God. He then, with his great smile, gave his flowers to the wife of the chairman.)

At the close of the meeting, a toast of juice was given by Dr. Yang with all the veterans. Afterwards, we all went outside for a commemorative photo. As we departed, everyone shook hands with beautiful smiles, and more photos were taken.

Dr. Yang and the rest of the delegation realized the importance of the nation of Turkey to the Middle East region. Dr. Yang has plans to return to continue the work of UPKMF here and bringing peace to the Middle East. ❖

What a Good Idea!

This article was on Bloomberg.com News

Russia plans to build the world's longest tunnel, a transport and pipeline link under the Bering Strait to Alaska, as part of a \$65 billion project to supply the U.S. with oil, natural gas and electricity from Siberia.

The project, which Russia is coordinating with the U.S. and Canada, would take 10 to 15 years to complete, Viktor Razbegin, deputy head of industrial research at the Russian Economy Ministry, told reporters in Moscow April 18, 2007. State organizations and private companies in partnership would build and control the route, known as TKM-World Link, he said.

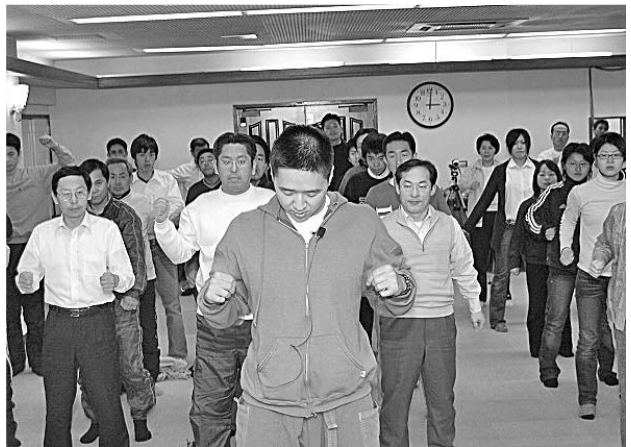
A 6,000-kilometer (3,700-mile) trans-

port corridor from Siberia into the U.S. will feed into the tunnel, which at 64 miles will be more than twice as long as the underwater section of the Channel Tunnel between the U.K. and France, according to the plan. The tunnel would run in three sections to link the two islands in the Bering Strait between Russia and the U.S.

"This will be a business project, not a political one," Maxim Bystrov, deputy head of Russia's agency for special economic zones, said at the media briefing. Russian officials will formally present the plan to the U.S. and Canadian governments next week, Razbegin said. The Bering Strait tunnel will cost \$10 billion to \$12 billion, and the rest of the investment will be spent on the entire transport corridor, the plan estimates.



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Cracking the Walls of Hate and Fear

by Joy Pople

We can break this endless cycle of revenge, retaliation and punishment; the only way to do it is to listen to the pain of the other," said Rami Elhanan, an Israeli Jew whose fourteen-year-old daughter was killed in a suicide attack in Jerusalem.

He and a Palestinian who had lost a brother in the conflict were speaking on behalf of the Bereaved Families Forum to 120 participants in the Universal Peace Federation's Middle East Peace Initiative in Jerusalem April 10-16, 2007.

A graphic designer whose family has roots in Jerusalem dating back seven generations, Rami described the day his daughter Smadir died, September 4, 1997. When he heard the news of a suicide bombing near where his daughter and her friends were shopping on Ben-Yehuda Street in Jerusalem, he went running in the streets and then from hospital to hospital looking for her. Finally he found her body at the morgue. "It was a sight and time I will never ever be able to forget, and it changed my life completely," he said.

He had been a young soldier during the Yom Kippur War in a company that had eleven tanks at the start of the war and only three at its close. He lost good friends and ended the war with the determination to look out after himself. He got married, and he and his wife had four children. After Smadir's death, their house was filled for seven days and seven nights with thousands and thousands of people coming to pay condolences, during the Jewish period of mourning. On the eighth day he found himself alone facing the decision of what to do with the sea of anger within himself.

"I'm a Jew. I'm an Israeli. Before anything else, I am a human being," Rami said. "There are only two options. The first is the obvious one: when someone kills your child, you want to get angry.

Most people choose the way of hatred and retaliation. But we are people, not animals; we can think. You ask yourself if killing anyone will bring her back, if causing pain to anyone will ease your pain."

At first he thought he could go back to his normal life and pretend that nothing had happened. But life was not normal any more. Then he met Yitzhak Frankenthal, who co-founded the gath-

paid the highest price possible. If we can talk to one another, anyone can."

Rami is the son of a Holocaust survivor. As his grandparents were taken to the ovens in Europe, the free and civilized nations never lifted a finger. He expressed appreciation for people with open hearts who come to the Holy Land to listen, learn and work for peace.

The Bereaved Families Forum sends pairs of Jews and Palestinians to speak

took him to the hospital, where he had surgery. But a few days later he died."

It was the brother closest in age to him, and they were very close. Aziz became very angry and very bitter. "I believed it was my duty to avenge my brother. I got involved very early in politics. I was an editor of a [Fatah] youth publication in Jerusalem by age sixteen. My writing was very much like the media you listen to today. It wasn't anything good. I wanted to leave the country. All the anger and bitterness makes you empty within."

At age eighteen, he was living in Jerusalem and didn't speak a word of Hebrew because it was the language of his enemy. He had run away from every class in Hebrew for two years but finally decided to learn Hebrew because he realized that if he wanted to succeed in life he realized he had to communicate in Hebrew. He went to the school where immigrants study Hebrew.

Previously, Aziz's only encounter with the other side was with soldiers or settlers. In that class, he got to meet the other side. "In this conflict," he explained, "people demonize the other side. If you

demonize the other, you don't feel bad when they are killed. That's how a lot of people grow up. In the class the teacher was nice to me. The students were nice to me. They looked the same as me; they wanted to be my friends, and it made no sense of me. If you are sure of something all your life, it's very unsettling. It was very redeeming and very refreshing to see that we are all human beings."

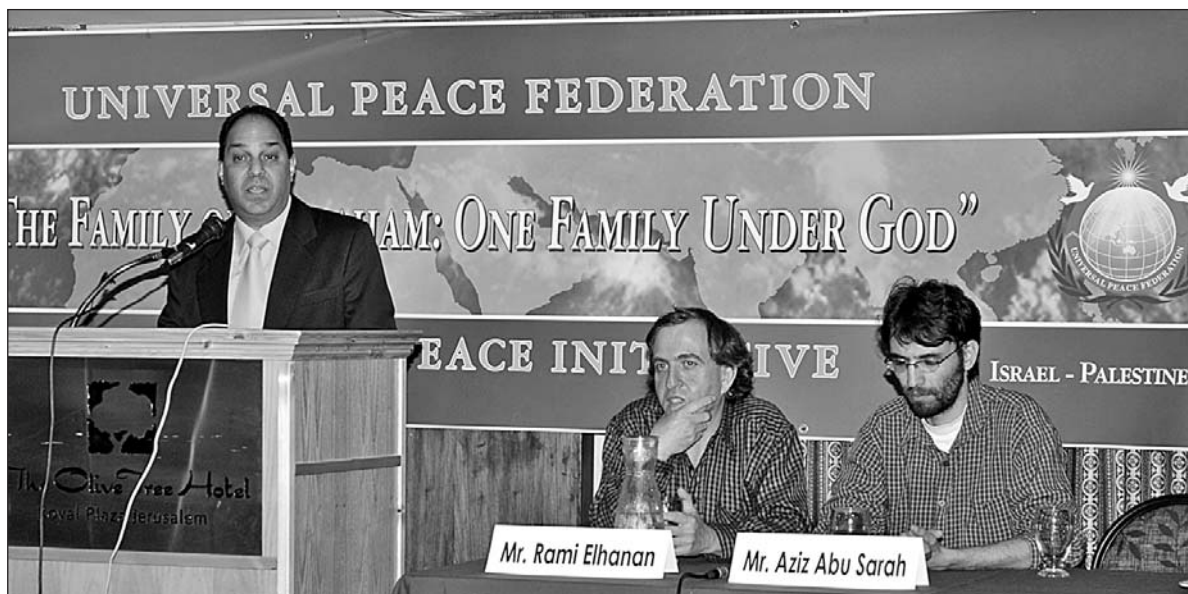
He learned that he has the power of choice in his life. "Just because someone chose to kill my brother and act in a way that was very inhumane, I didn't have to choose that. I grew up believing that I didn't have a choice. So many people here don't believe they have a choice."

When he makes presentations in classrooms, Aziz challenges the young people. They think that if someone bombs them, they have to bomb back. They don't understand the alternatives they have. One side wants to kill all the Arabs. One side wants to throw all the Jews into the sea.

"Israelis want security, but the only way you can get what you want is to help others get what they want. We do a lot of dialogue work. We say we lost those who are close to us. We put our hatred and anger behind us. Rami is one of my closest friends. I think it is kind of ironic that a Palestinian can say an Israeli is one of my closest friends. If I'm in trouble, this is the one I call, and he has to help me out. We show people it is possible. If Rami and I can call each other brothers, anybody can."

Aziz co-hosts a show on All For Peace Radio; he also runs an organization aimed at empowering Palestinian youth.

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Dr. Frank Kaufmann of UPF moderates the session on reconciliation with keynote speakers: Jewish Israeli Rami Elhanan of the Bereaved Families Forum who lost his 14-year-old daughter to a suicide bomber; and Aziz Abu Sarah, a Muslim Palestinian, who lost his 11-year-old brother to the conflict.

erings of bereaved families in 1995, after his son Arik was kidnapped and murdered.

Yitzhak invited Rami to come to a meeting, where he saw people he had long admired, such as Yaacov Guteran, a Holocaust survivor who lost his son Raz during the war in Lebanon. For the first time in his life he saw Palestinian bereaved families, and they shook his hand and cried with him. An old Arab lady had a picture of her six-year-old child on her chest.

"I'm not a very religious person," Rami reflected. "I cannot explain what happened to me that minute nine years ago. I know this: from that moment on I have devoted my life to go anywhere to speak to anyone, those who listen and those who do not want to listen, to convey one simple truth: We are not doomed. It is not our destiny to keep murdering. If I am listening to the pain of my brother here, whom I really love like my own brother, I can expect him to listen to my own pain. We can go on the long and difficult journey and together we can go to peace. We put cracks of hope in the wall of hatred and fear. We say that our blood is the same color. Our pain is the same pain. We

in high schools. In Israeli schools, they ask how many students in their audience have met a Palestinian before, and most of them never have. In Palestinian schools, the young people tell them they have never met an Israeli other than a soldier. Through the Bereaved Families Forum, young people have a new type of encounter. In 2006, they held meetings in more than 1,000 schools. Students tell them: "You opened a new way of thinking for us," and "This changed my life." The organization hosts a call-in radio program in Arabic and Hebrew on All for Peace Radio and a telephone hotline that gives Jews and Palestinians an opportunity to talk to each other. In four years, more than four million phone calls have been placed. They also run summer camps for Israeli and Palestinian teens who have lost family members to violence.

Aziz Abu Sarah came with Rami to tell his family's story. A fourth-generation resident of Jerusalem, Aziz is the Palestinian chairman of the Bereaved Families Forum.

"When people come here and spend a few days touring the Holy Land, they start feeling hopeless," Aziz began. They see how people are living and don't know any way to make a difference.

"I grew up in Bethany," he explained. "It was a normal childhood, in a sense, but nothing is normal here. By the time I was seven, I had been shot at. I saw a neighbor killed. If it's not near your home, it's not so close. When I was nine, soldiers came into our house looking for something and didn't find it, so they took my older brother. We finally figured out that he was suspected of throwing stones. He was beaten during interrogation. They released him, but already his liver and spleen were damaged. We

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America Completes the 12,000 Peace Message Events Goal

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

We sincerely thank Dr. Yang and all our leaders, especially all the District Directors and State directors, Blessed Families from all backgrounds, Ambassadors for Peace, clergy and other leaders who shared the Message of Peace in a one-on one-effort, to the home, to the church and other public gatherings. At 10:35 PM on March 31, America's result crossed the 12,000 mark. Let us continue to sow the seed of God's Word!

Just as our forefathers gathered together family by family to read God's Word, we also have kindled a new spirit of faith and hope in our homes and in the hearts of the faithful and the patriots to set the condition for a new beginning for America.

America is the Second Israel, the Elder Son Nation, and the providential nation chosen by God to help unify the races, religions, and nations of the world to bring about the Peace Kingdom. God's direction coming through our True Parents is allowing us to set the conditions of faith and substance that secures the destiny of America. Let us rise up and lead this nation out of the darkness of divorce, immorali-

ty, and despair. Through True Parents' Holy Blessing we are bringing a new covenant in which we are creating blessed husbands and wives that become one in heart and mind who will not be unfaithful, a new covenant in which we can now become the dwelling of God through the Blessing. Through the New Beginning grace ceremony we now stand without any barriers or roadblocks between us and the possibility of becoming one with God, centering on true love. How do we cultivate a heart of true love? By establishing the parent-child relationship with God. That is our course now, to really TRUST GOD with all our hearts and believe Father's words that the era in which evil prospers has now ended -- goodness is on the rise.

Our Blessed Central Families are so faithful and committed. It is a comfort to God and True Parents. Let us all, Korean, Japanese, Americans, all races and nations, and Muslims, Christians and Jews resolve without question that we will hasten the day in which the "guns will fall silent" in the Middle East and the 38th parallel will become the place where all enemies are reconciled once and forever.



The Word is the essential element that created man's spirit and character in the Garden of Eden; it's by the "Word" that we recreate families of the Peace Kingdom. The Word has power. The Scripture says that the word is like "bread" that God casts upon the waters, and that bread will not come back void.

In other words - each "word" we sow will not return to us void or empty but always at one time or another will

yield a harvest of bringing humankind to God. The Word will bring the resurrection of America, and love will secure us permanently to remain on the path of heaven. It is the Word, or truth, that sets us free; it is true love that brings us to the heart of God in a way in which our heart becomes one with God's heart.

True Parents' heart is one with God's heart, and God's heart can only think about how to rapidly go forth and save His people. Let us go forth and save the people of America and the world for God.

The Scripture says that faith cometh by "hearing" and hearing by the word of God. American Blessed Families through giving the messages of peace and reading them aloud, you gave the spoken word which instills and stimulates faith in the heart of the people. We have raised the faith of America and now as God is pouring out His spirit upon us a new day dawns for America on this the 1st of April, 2007, in the 7th year of Cheon Il Guk. ❖

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2007 Cheon Il Guk Horsemanship Challenge

The dates for the 2007 Cheon Il Guk Horsemanship Challenge for ages 14 and up will be from August 4 through August 12, 2007 at New Hope Farms Equestrian Park in Port Jervis, New York.

This year, the 2007 Challenge is open to international applicants and a full scholarship will be available for one applicant.

The 2007 Challenge will involve a new Service for Peace project of therapeutic riding with the Special Needs Second Gen., as well as a trip to a horse rescue auction. As always, there will be a lot of riding and horse care but this year, the students will participate in games on horseback, an overnight horse trek, a horse show for those who wish to compete, paintball, swimming, and other activities. Join us and share the love of the Creation!

Applications can be obtained by emailing ellanson@frontiernet.net. Applications should be remitted as soon as possible to Lesa Ellanson, 517 Neversink Drive, Port Jervis, New York 12771



BRIDGEPORT INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

New Scholarships

In celebration of the tenth anniversary of Bridgeport International Academy, the chairman of BIA, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, announced that the Family Federation will offer five New Eden Scholarships for American students who wish to attend BIA, a college preparatory high school. The scholarship will cover full tuition for students with outstanding academic records who are ready to enter the ninth grade.

To be considered for a scholarship, a youth must be fluent in English, have an overall Grade Point Average of 3.5 for the last two years of school, have parents who are Unification members, and either be an American citizen or have a US permanent resident card.

Bridgeport International Academy is taking two giant leaps forward this year: The first was the announcement that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), which is the most prestigious accrediting body in New England, granted regional accreditation to BIA for ten years and that the State of Connecticut renewed BIA's accreditation. Founded by our True Parents, the Academy has a high standard of moral and academic excellence.

The second step is that in August BIA will begin the new school year in a beautiful, newly renovated facility, which will allow the Academy to enroll more students. The Academy's arrangement with the University of Bridgeport will continue with BIA students taking courses at U.B. and using university facilities. To celebrate its tenth anniversary, on September 1st BIA will have an alumni reunion and open house in the new building. It has been an hardworking decade of building a foundation upon which the school can now expand.

Scholarship decisions will be made by a committee chaired by Dr. Yang. To apply for a New Eden Scholarship, please contact Mrs. Nora Spurgin, Principal BIA, 285 Lafayette Street, Box 100, Bridgeport, CT 06604; phone 203-260-6801 or 203-366-5799; or email norasurgin@yahoo.com. The website is <http://www.bridgeportacademy.org>

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Arrived event in Jerusalem for the MEPI on Easter Sunday. We first went to the holy ground of Gethsemane. It is always so meaningful to go to the place where Jesus offered his tearful prayer. This is the day of Resurrection for Jesus. Through overcoming death and revealing eternal life - he opened up the realm between heaven and earth. This is the time of resurrection for the world from the history of darkness, death and destruction. This is the time of the Peace Kingdom.

We have been chosen for such a time as this. A time when God's word of Peace is now being sown in every heart in every nation and race throughout the world. This is the time of harvest.

The development of the work of UPF and the Ambassadors for Peace is profound. It is continuing to expand among the true believers of every faith. It has the power to unite the faiths without diminishing their fundamental core values and beliefs. It has the power to inspire the people of faith to bring ethics and morality to the decision making process of elected officials so that a spirit of love for the enemy can guide the process of bringing peace.

Here we are in Jerusalem at the time of Passover. Jesus had the Passover dinner which became the last supper and then washed the disciples feet. Judas revealed himself and then left Jesus. Jesus called for loyalty and faith and then established the Lord's Supper. Giving the bread and wine became a covenant of oneness with the heart, spirit and actions of Jesus. Then he went to Gethsemane and prayed three times.

Three key disciples could not stay awake and the "Son of Man" was betrayed into the hands of sinners."

He was betrayed with a kiss from Judas and arrested. He was examined by Annas the father in law of Caiaphas and then tried by Caiaphas and the council who spit on him and struck him and rent their robes when he would admit no wrong doing. Peter denied him three times just as Jesus walked up the steps to the prison that was under Caiaphas' residence. Jesus caught Peter's eye and, according to scripture, Peter wept bitterly knowing that the prediction of his three denials had come true.

Jesus was condemned by the council and he was led to Pilate, then to Herod, who refused to try him and then Pilate again who responded to the cries of the chief priests, the scribes and the people - crucify him.

He was given 39 lashes and a crown of thorns by the Roman Soldiers and they put on him a scarlet robe and mocked him kneeling as if before the king. They mocked him saying this is no king and the spit in his face.

It was the custom of Passover to allow a man to be released. Pilate offered to release one man. He brought Barabbas and Jesus before the people and they cried to let Barabbas go. Then Jesus picked up the cross and walked the Via Dolorosa carrying the cross to Golgotha. We gratitude he gave his life for all. He

Easter in Jerusalem



asked God to "forgive them for they know not what they do." This was the essence of Jesus victory.

Then he died. On the third day he resurrected. His oneness with God allowed him to open up the gate to eternal life between heaven and earth. He fulfilled all conditions for the Pentecost and resurrection of believers. All who believe are spiritually saved and secured to go to Paradise.

On good Friday, April 18, 2003, 2000 years later, 120 Christian leaders of the Second Israel of America, inspired by the message of Father Moon, ended the era of the cross recognizing Jesus victory was in his forgiveness on the cross, his oneness with God

David to Jesus and honored him as the King of Peace. Jesus course ultimately became victorious not only in heaven but also one earth. Because he anointed True Parents and from heaven supported the work of the Peace Kingdom, True Parents could manifest through the unity of all the various religious leaders the fulfillment of the prayer of Jesus in John 17:21 - "that all may be one."

This is why we are inspired, as we see the work expanding and developing 4 years later. All the principal leaders who led the conflict and refused to talk years ago have moved on. All the principals now are talking and genuinely seeking the final end of the conflict in this Holy City of Jerusalem.

The conflict is still going on, but it the root cause of the conflict, the rejection of Jesus - has been healed and restored. Therefore the power of the conflict is destined to diminish if we continue to courageously cross over all barriers and religious lines and venture into what was once called the "enemy camp" and win our brother's heart by serving him and loving him. This is the power that is rising now - the power not of hate, but the power of love.

Providential leaders have inherited the victory of 2000 years ago and have come to Jerusalem at this Passover Time - at this time of Easter - at this time of Resurrection and the Peace Kingdom to proclaim the reality from God's viewpoint.

The reality from God's view is that the dwelling of God has now been established with his people permanently because the perfection of love and heart has manifested in the True Parents. True Family and the Blessed Couples who are on their path to perfecting their love and now the Ambassadors for Peace of all faiths are now pursuing the power of love to resolve all conflicts. God is dwelling with these people who have become One Family Under God, Aju. Jews, Muslims and Christians who have been blessed have become one lineage of heaven before one God.

Though the world didn't think anything even happened when Jesus was crucified, little did they know

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what happened when he resurrected. The expansion of believers could not be stopped because the right conditions of faith and love were set. The world doesn't know what happened when Christians gave True Love to the Jews who then came together and loved and embraced Jesus. This in turn is causing Muslims, Christians and Jews embraced each other as one family. Those who pioneered this path are all assembling this week in Jerusalem. None of them have been lost. They were bitterly persecuted but they have

survived and they have multiplied in spirit and numbers.

I can report honestly that they all have become stronger and more confident that the path we are on will end the hatred and violence. Though persecuted by their communities because of this work they have endured. On this foundation the expansion of blessed couples who stand firm in their different faiths cannot be stopped as the power of God's faith and love continues to expand. A massive body of believers is assembling in every nation of the world. They are joining in heart, not from just one religion, but based on a common faith that there is one God and Creator of all mankind. They believe that the essence of God is love and that if we unite and believe in the

God of love and life a life of love for one another the love of God will manifest and dissolve hatred melting all hearts into one - as one family.

The UPF is rising now with the element of faith and love to support the people that God has prepared from every community. The people that God has prepared to lead the way to Peace. They are in every community. That is why when we have sown twelve thousand messages of peace in each country a "great awakening" is inevitable because the people prepared by God

come to life.

We are deeply grateful for Jesus on this day of Easter. We are grateful that in the midst of his greatest moment of suffering, he expressed love and asked for God's forgiveness for the people. We are grateful for the crowning of Jesus in Jerusalem and the anointing that he gave to True Parents. We are grateful for the confirmation that God has given that True Parents have fulfilled the course of the providence. Now the True Family is rising and the path that has opened now for all families to become "True" Families that are truly the dwelling of God. Families that are faithful to their spouses and loyal to the parents and children. Families who love all other families as their own. Families who have one heavenly lineage rooted in God. This is the spirit of God - who sees ALL families as his own.

This is the time for all of us to be bold and courageous in our faith. Each step we take will bring a huge harvest for the Peace Kingdom. God has prepared all. True Parents have secured all the conditions. The True Family is now rising to lead the providence in this new era after the coming of heaven. It is now our time to bring in the harvest and heal the world. Let us celebrate and be jubilant in this 7th Year of Cheon Il Guk (the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth). This year of 2007 is the year that our True Parents have proclaimed is the JUBILEE YEAR. This is the time of JUBILEE. ❖

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There were 67 young people, aged 14 - 22, who came to the workshop from as far as North Carolina, Georgia, and even Canada and the Bahamas! They were joined by 34 parents, who enthusiastically participated in the workshop, including the lectures, Dads' discussion groups, and Moms' group sharings.

One of the key factors that made this workshop special was the presence of the national level leaders of the Family



ly Fed Education Department and Second Generation Department. They spearheaded the lectures and leadership of the overall event. Our Florida young people were thrilled to hear that Rev. Philip Schanker would be presenting the lectures. He exceeded their expectations with sincere heartfelt presen-

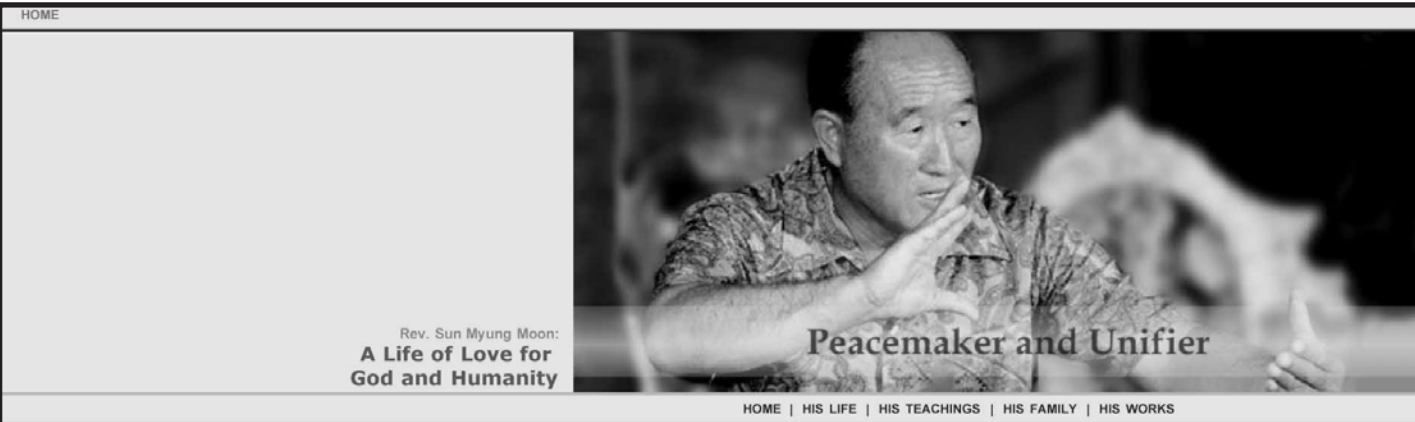
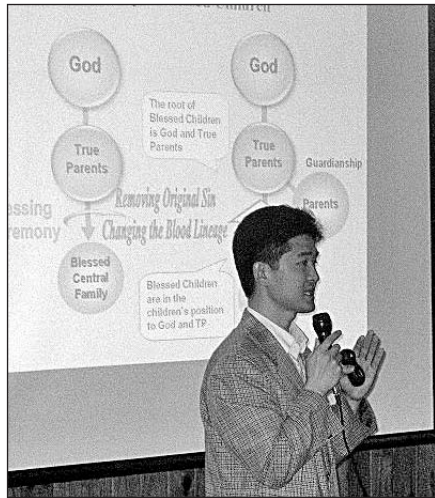
tations. The participants were moved by his honesty and concern for them.

One of the most meaningful lectures was from Rev. Inguk Seo, the Director of Second Generation Blessing, on the identity and role of the 2G. We also heard two very relevant (and very different) testimonies from David Hunter and Naokimi Ushiroda, as elder members of the Second Generation. Naokimi also was the MC and leader of the workshop, meeting and asking questions of the ten 2G group leaders.

As a central theme to the workshop, Rev. Schanker encouraged each young person to focus on becoming the right person for the blessing, rather than looking for the right person to be blessed to. He emphasized that if I'm looking for someone who's the perfect fit for me; my chances of success are very low, because no one will fit all the criteria I set. If we commit to become the right person to serve God, True Parents, and True Family, and make the world a better place, then we learn the culture of heart and the way of true love. With this approach, our chance of success in the matching and blessing is extremely high, because we have learned to put others before ourselves, and live for the greater good.

Each second generation participant over 16 years of age received a graduation certificate that fulfills the workshop requirement for matching and blessing. The parents who attended received certificates of gratitude that read, "You are hereby thanked thousands of times for your heart, your dedication, and your assistance to the Second Generation during the 2 Day Blessing Workshop for matching candidates."

Every person who invested their weekend into this Blessing preparation was able to experience a little heaven, reconnect with core values, and feel a great surge of hope and excitement about the very special mission of being a couple Blessed by True Parents. ❖



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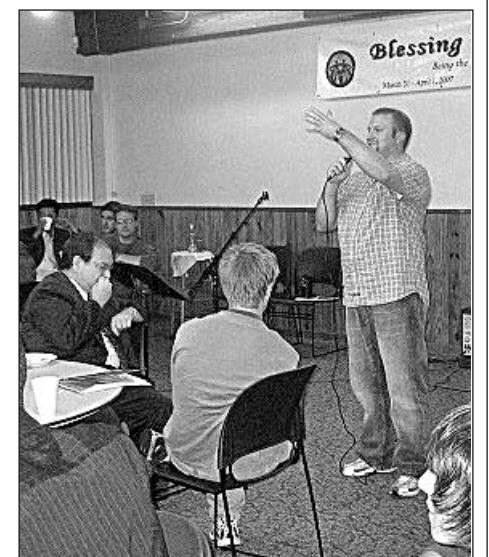
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ACLCLC Houston Conference: Best One Yet!

by Maria L. Vargas

The ACLCLC conference in Houston, held from March 22-24, 2007 was an incredible turning point in ACLCLC and the work with empowering the clergy. It is indeed a new era and time, with events turning and developing in ways beyond our imagination.

The testimony of Mrs. Jackson, the wife of Rev. Andrew Jackson, the ACLCLC Co-Convenor from the Bay Area in California, summarizes and reflects the sentiments of many of the participants. She said the conference was the best ACLCLC conference she has attended. She said that she has been to many ACLCLC conferences and that after the conferences one sometimes does not feel if one wants to return or not, but that this time one had a feeling of wanting to return again. She said that the Holy Spirit descended during the lectures on Friday and gave her more understanding of the content that was being read.

This was the first time that a conference was held in a location that was not a tourist attraction. The only attraction was the conference itself. In addition, most participants paid their own registration fee. Interestingly, we reached full conference participant capacity with 10 days after the conference invitations were first sent out, with the conference being held only 3 1/2 weeks later from the date of the invitations(!) As Bishop Margie de la Rosa, the ACLCLC Co-Convenor of New York noted, that if participants had a 2-month notice to register we could have easily had 200-300 paid participants.

The Hispanic Clergy and the Native Americans contributed substantially to the conference. They had a deep and rich experience and expressed much appreciation and gratitude for the conference and for having been able to participate.

I had received a vision in the early planning stages of this conference that we should include Native Americans in this conference in order for the conference to be successful. Interestingly, in fulfillment of this vision, 8 Native Americans attended, including Bishop Margie de la Rosa.

Fr. Contreras gave a Character Education curriculum introduction lecture at the conference, and many of the participants, both English and Spanish speaking, expressed much interest in the curriculum. Many wanted to get the curriculum CDs from Fr. Contreras. Fr. Contreras not only is providing copies of the CD (with a donation), he is creating a mailing list and forum for all that want to be involved in it. Through this mailing list and forum, he will keep them all



when and where!
It is indeed a new time. The Hispanic clergy, together with the married priests, will play an important role in saving America. This was revealed in a spiritual vision that Bishop Margie de la Rosa had.

In addition, I believe very strongly that the Native Americans will play an important role along with this group.

But their being called is not just for the Hispanic Clergy. They are being called to reach out and serve the whole. To serve our White brothers and sisters, Black brothers and sisters and all nations and all peoples.

My personal reflection of the conference was that it was successful, in the sense that we were able to draw good, serious, participants, and they left empowered, with tools to carry on their work. ❖

informed of what other leaders are doing with the curriculum, success stories, and provide updates and new materials, as it is available to the participants.

When Fr. Contreras and I went to Mexico, we distributed the Character Education CDs to the priests and clergy there. Since that visit only a short time ago, Fr. Jorge is already teaching 60 students Character Education and has another 140 leaders that are interested in the material.

In addition, Fr. Contreras will be

teaching this curriculum on a radio station in California and has plans for expansion of the radio program. Fr. Jorge also plans to teach this curriculum on a radio station in Mexico.

Bishop Kim and I had a lunch meeting with several of the Hispanic Clergy at the conference. Bishop Kim discussed about having a conference for 400 Hispanic clergy in 6 months from the conference date, and possibly inviting True Parents to this conference. The Hispanic Clergy became very excited about this and asked me excitedly,



A Providential View of the Pacific

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“the Way of the Heavenly Father.”

At such intense times, what exactly is the role of America and the United Nations? Norfolk and Hawaii—which is located at the center of the Pacific Rim region—represent the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and also all the five great oceans. Hawaii in the Pacific and Norfolk on the Atlantic bridge East and West and link North and South. With the support and protection of the American continent, Hawaii should bring together the island nations of the Pacific and preserve and defend the Pacific Rim region. I say this because the future of humankind lies in the preservation of the Pacific Rim region centering on the United States.

As I was fully aware of Heaven’s plans for this area, I invested thirty-three of the golden years of my life beginning in the early 1970s, for the sake of world peace, centering on America. I first visited Hawaii and prayed here at a critical moment, when I was on my way to meet Kim Il Sung of North Korea in 1991 with the purpose of



bringing an end to the cold war era. Ladies and gentlemen, I ask that you closely analyze the current state of affairs in the world and in

the Pacific Rim. Although the days of communism are gone, even now powerful nations such as China and Russia are constantly on the lookout for opportunities to aggressively pursue their own interests with the powerless and small island nations. Regardless of what nation it may be, no small island nation by itself can deal with these powerful surrounding nations and their economic, political or even military ambitions. Those nations are so powerful that, if they wanted to, they could dominate any of the smaller nations in a single day, without shedding blood.

Only when peace and security are settled in the Pacific Rim can peace for all humankind be guaranteed. As I said, the small island nations by themselves will not be able to stop the incredible tsunami of powerful nations moving into the region. The time has come, therefore, for all the small island nations in the Pacific Rim sphere to unite as one. The small island nations dispersed in both the northern and southern regions of the Pacific, on either side of the equator, as well as Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, the Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand and other countries, should enter into an agreement as one body to sustain peace throughout the Pacific Rim sphere. This will secure peace and stability for all people.

What I am saying to you is that you have the responsibility to protect and save the oceanic realm, which is the resource on which humanity’s future depends, from the environmental destruction and conflicts that are worsening by the day, and shield the raw materials for the sake of peace in the future. This year, in particular, a jubilee year in the providence, I have come to Hawaii as the first transit stop on my visit to America. I am now completing the providence of establishing God’s homeland and hometown.

True Parents’ Achievements

Distinguished guests, I have surmounted and triumphed over a course of inexpressible suffering and tribulations. I have not lived for personal glory or comfort. Even as I walked a thorny path hovering in a state between life and death, I received heaven’s seal and was fully aware of the destination of God’s will. Thus, I held dearly to Heaven’s command to bring salvation to humanity as I carried on, like a phoenix, with my eventful life.

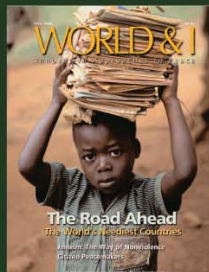
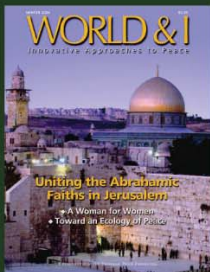
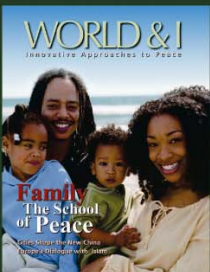
In Jerusalem, in 2003, on the foundation of the victory attained through such blood, sweat and tears, I had Jesus proclaimed as the king of kings before heaven and earth with the acknowledgement of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Following this, in 2004, I was acknowledged as the King of Peace both in a United States Senate Office Building and at the Korean National Assembly. Subsequently, in June 2006, we held the Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and Earth.

Ladies and gentlemen, on September 12, 2005, I proclaimed throughout all of heaven and earth the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), which will enable God’s providence to flourish. Now, it is entirely possible for the Universal Peace Federation to serve as an “Abel-type” counterpart to the United Nations in the era after the coming of heaven. It will renew the “Cain-type” United Nations and activate millions of Ambassadors for Peace throughout the world who have taken up my teachings, “the Way of the Heavenly Father”—which consists of principles of true love and the ideal of a true family—and, without fail, fulfill the heavenly will of creating “one family under God.”

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Rim Era in Light of God's Will

Marriage Blessing

Ladies and gentlemen, the Universal Peace Federation will be the vanguard carrying out the great revolution of restoring the original lineage of humanity back to that of Adam before the Fall through the International and Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing held on the interreligious and international level. Some may laugh and say that it is impossible. Yet, please think about this: what do you think will happen if people from the United States and Russia marry across the boundaries of their nationalities through the International and Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing, according to the teachings of Rev. Moon, who does God's works on His behalf. The two nations will become one family under God, who is the eternal, absolute Master. How could anyone harbor antagonism toward, much less point guns and knives at, a nation which billions of grandchildren from their own lineage make their home?

Distinguished guests, the holy task of restoring the 6.5 billion people of the world to the true lineage, and fulfilling God's wish for an ideal kingdom of heaven that is the sacred reign of peace on earth, is being carried out in all corners of the world. At this very moment, people are in intense competition to fulfill their responsibility to hold Hoondok-Blessing Rallies in 12,000 locations in each of the 185 nations of the world.

Advent of the Culture of Women

You have truly come to a meaningful occasion today. Please do not miss your chance to ride on the currents of heavenly fortune that will surge together during this important and sacred jubilee year. Take the lead in developing the realm of the oceans, which cover seventy-five percent of the earth. Where else will you find a treasure-store of raw materials that hold the promise to resuscitate the earth endangered by all manner of pollution and resource exhaustion?

The oceanic era that has begun represents the women's era. The Pacific Rim region must fulfill its mission as the vehicle for creating the culture of the oceanic sphere, which is the sphere of women's culture. It transcends nations and transcends the ocean itself. Please inscribe this in your hearts. Again I say to you who have come to this meaningful occasion, please engrave this message on your hearts.

The families of your good ancestors in heaven are blessed. Numbering in the billions, they have come to the earth today and are hearing this message with you. They too must perfect themselves and they

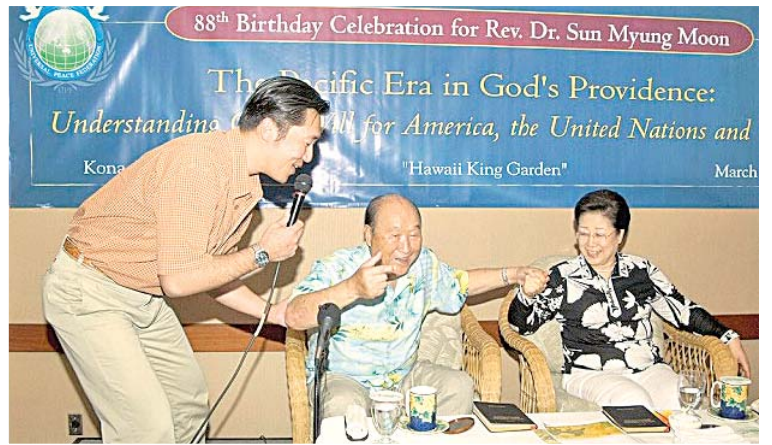
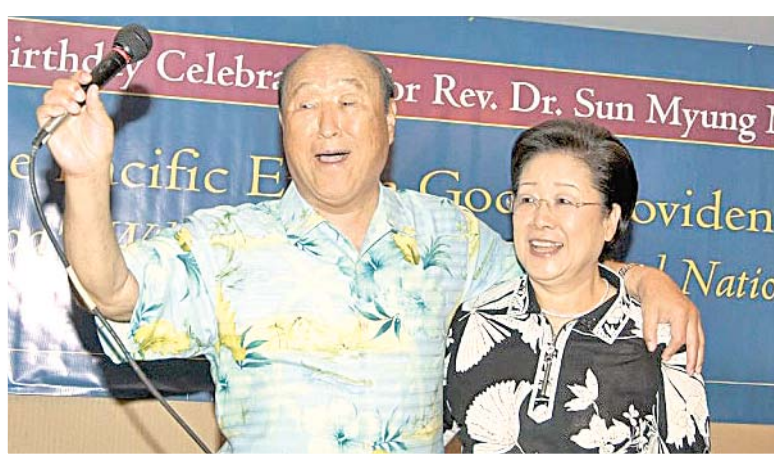
do so through you, their descendants. Thereby they advance to the position of true parents, true teachers and true owners and lords. Furthermore, they must become one in heart and body with the True Parents, the king of kings. They must uphold the True Parents' standard absolutely, take an active

role in carrying out their works, and be mobilized for the creation of the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven through a life of service and attendance. Please do not forget that in this way, the spirit world and the physical world exist as one entity, and move and breathe together.

There is one special request I would like to ask of you today. Please immerse yourselves in the contents of the "Peace Messages" and make them the guidelines of your life. These Messages of Peace are a summary of my teachings that can be found in over a thousand volumes of True Parents' speeches. God will take the lead in uniting the spiritual and physical worlds to protect and aid you in creating the peaceful, ideal world of God's desire in which you can enjoy eternal liberation and complete freedom. Aju!

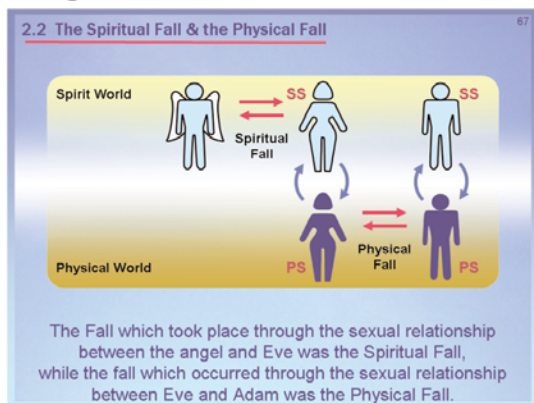
May God's blessings be with you, your nation and especially upon America and the Pacific Rim region. Thank you very much.

Note: This is the text of an official speech and does not include remarks made by True Father impromptu. ❖



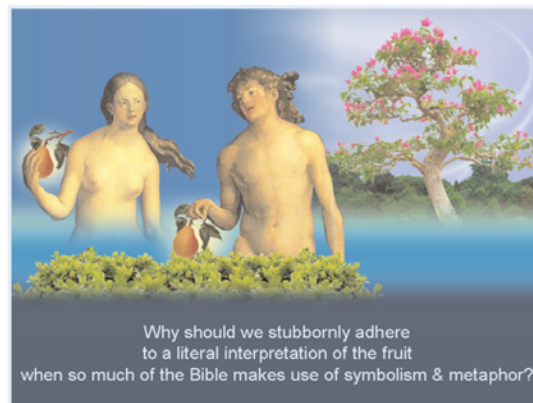
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Los Angeles Prayer Breakfast Hits New Spiritual High



by Rev. Mark Tengan
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In preparation for Holy Week, members and guests of the Los Angeles Chapter of ACLC gathered on Saturday, March 31, at Sadoc Christian Peace Family Church in Compton to hold the monthly ministers' prayer breakfast. Fresh from the national ACLC conference in Houston, St. John's Lutheran Church Pastoral Assistant Rev. Carlos Torres served as MC with a passion and enthusiasm that reflected the excitement generated at the Houston convocation.


Host pastor, Rev. Dr. Walter W. Millsap, gave the invocation followed by Rev. James Toldson, pastor of New Mt. Zion MBC, who gave the scripture reading. Dr. William R. Johnson, ACLC co-chairman, gave the Peace Message readings. In keeping with the morning's theme of focusing on the restoration of the family, three ACLC pastors and their wives—the Millsap couple, the Henning couple and the Morris couple, led all participants in the blessing of their marriages.

The inspired Gospel selection performed by the Sadoc Christian Choir prepared the attendees to receive Minister Michelene Millsap's clear and spir-

itual meal while reports and announcements were given, beginning with Ms. Norma Foster, director of the Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Service. She encouraged all ACLC ministers to be involved with the annual historical Easter event. Several ACLC ministers, their choirs, and their members will be on the stage April 8th this year as 5,000 to 8,000 people gather in the early hours to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.


Rev. J.L. Briggs and Rev. Margaret Tate then gave inspirational reports about their experiences at the Houston ACLC National Convocation. In a different vein, new ACLC member Mrs. Linda Harris Foster,





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it-filled talk about the ACLC goals and objectives. She asked the participants to join her in reciting the ACLC motto: "Restore the Family, Rebuild the Community, Renew the Nation and the World!" In addition, the new easy membership payment system was explained; the simplicity of the new system is really helping to spearhead new memberships. Special recognition of the seven new ACLC members was also given.

Keynote speaker Bishop John Morris gave his talk on "Restoring the Family to Build God's Kingdom." Both Bishop and Mrs. Morris have been appointed to be Ambassadors for Peace with the Universal Peace Federation because of their dedicated ministry called "IAM", short for International Anointed Ministries of Jesus Christ. With humor, compassion, and precise teaching, Bishop Morris proceeded to share several practical points that we Christians need to be aware of in both our relationships with God as individuals, and in our intimate relationships as husband and wife. He really challenged us to bring God's Blessing to our homes by continuously praying and "seeking His face."

After the offering, we moved to Fellowship Hall where Sadoc members served a delicious homemade breakfast. In the warm, hospitable atmosphere everybody enjoyed

daughter of Sweet Alice Harris, founder of Parents of Watts (POW), gave a passionate testimony about how she grew up in a difficult neighborhood where so many tragedies were experienced. She fully endorses the important role that churches have in supporting and changing the community. Also, she decided to join the pilgrimage to Israel right there in the breakfast meeting--there was a real sense that the Holy Spirit was working on the righteous people of God.

Finally, Ms. Elizabeth Millsap described the Sadoc Christian Church Ministry, where youth can come and learn dance performance, computer skills, and, of course, the word of God.

Overall, this meeting can only be described, in the words of one participant, as "high spirited and the best yet!" Such a high spirit can only be attributed to the fact that host church pastor Rev. Dr. Millsap and his congregation and family supported not only this breakfast meeting but continually support the work of Peace Ambassadors and the ACLC ministry. Thank you, Sadoc Christian Peace Family Church! ♦

New Ageless, Completed Testament

Down through the corridors of time,
Through countless leaves of countless books,
The canticles are calling.

Calling, up, up and away to sweep us
ever upwards and onwards,
Ever, onwards, breathing deeply, in and out, the newest
Realisations of love.

Brian Goldstein

ACLCLC New York Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Tom Corley

With warm remarks, Bishop Cecil G. Riley, New York ACLC Co-Chairman, welcomed our ACLC members and guests to the Freedom Hall Church of God on Saturday, March 10. After greeting everyone, he asked us to move around and sit at different tables other than with the people we came with, in order to get to know each other and make new friends. Bishop Riley then introduced Rev. Bruce Grodner, New York ACLC Co-Chairman.

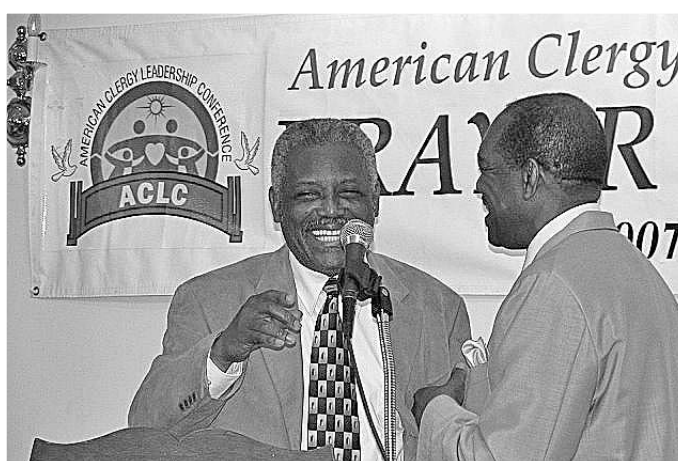
Rev. Grodner started by saying that not only is Bishop Riley the bishop and pastor to his congregation but he also stands in the position of parent. He emphasized the need for unity and cooperation between different denominations and religions. Recently, he said, a friend had asked him if he knew the reason why God was not residing at the UN. In answering the question for himself, his friend said God was not at the UN because of religion. Religions are not represented at the UN because they have such a hard time getting along with each other. He continued by saying that the body of Christ, the Christian denominations, must come together in order to accomplish God's will and make this possible. Rev. Grodner asked, how does the human spirit grow? He answered, through good action. In concluding, he said, the more you invest, the more you will receive, and he encouraged all, as Bishop Riley had done, to get to know each other.

Evangelist Beryl Green was called on to give the invocation. Bishop Riley asked for a moment of silent prayer for the victims of the terrible Bronx fire during the previous week. As breakfast was served, a youthful nearby church choir from the Truth Center for Higher Consciousness sang, "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" Rev. Kennard Davis, pastor, was scheduled to give the day's sermon but was not able to attend due to an emergency. In his reflections on the song, Bishop Riley commented that when we get delivered, racial barriers disappear. A sumptuous breakfast was enjoyed by all.

After breakfast Bishop Dr. Margie de la Rosa of the Christ Family Church in Mount Vernon, NY, led us through a reading of the ACLC goals and objectives, which is captured in its closing statement: "to rebuild the family, restore the community, renew the nation and world." In preparation for the day's main message a Bible reading was taken from Matthew 19, verses 4-6. It was read by Rev. Yasuhiro Hori of the Brooklyn Family Church. Dr. Gilda Price read the ACLC founder's words, a short excerpt from his speech, "God's Model for Absoluteness, Peace and the Ideal."

In introducing Dr. H.G. McGhee, Jr., our speaker for the day, Bishop Riley said we are here to receive a word from the Lord through his messenger. He said Rev. McGhee is a fourth generation pastor whose sister is also a preacher, and Rev. McGhee is a proud husband and father.

The title of Dr. McGhee's message was "Who's Got Your Ear?" He said we have to be careful about what we allow into our hearts, that we should take time to look in Deuteronomy Chapter



18, Verses 18-19, where Moses gives guidance about who the Israelites should listen to. He shared about growing up in Virginia and being familiar with the flying of bats. He and his brother spent time observing the bats and noticed how they were always able to avoid collisions, not because of their sight, but because of what they heard, that what they heard influenced their direction. In essence, we have to be careful who we listen to; if we study the Word about the beginning, we would discover that we were all together prior to the time of Babel. We were the children of the family of God, he proclaimed. He said society would have us believe that anyone who associates with Rev. Sun Myung Moon is headed for destruction, but it depends on who we are listening to. We have to learn how to listen critically to the voices we hear in the world. We have to understand that God would have us come together as one family.

We also have to be careful when we get to the gate of the Kingdom of Heaven because there are people who have set traps for us. When you get to the Kingdom you will find wells that you did not dig, vineyards that you did not plant. Let us not forget how we got there. Moses warned the Israelites as they were heading into the land of Canaan that they had to be careful who they listened to. You will find people who tell

you that you are not what you think you are, so you have to be careful who you listen to. You have to listen to the right voice. You have to walk with the right crowd. He continued: "I am here to tell you that you are in the right place. The right voice will always give you hope. Who's got your ear? I can't tell. However, I know who I'm listening to. All of us are to become one family under God."

Following Dr. McGhee's sermon, Rev. Grodner introduced the Holy Wine ceremony and invited three couples to the front as representative couples. Rev. Kendrick of the First Grace Baptist Church in Harlem was invited to say a few words and to lead the offering for our keynote speaker. As the offering was taken, the choir from Dr. Kennard Davis' church blessed us by singing, "We Are Blessed." Rev. Kendrick concluded the offering with a prayer. Rev. Grodner welcomed new members and reminded everyone about renewing their membership as it comes due each year. Rev. Desmond Green was called on to encourage those who were not yet members to join. He concluded his talk with a song sung together with his wife Beryl entitled, "This Is My Island In The Sun," which transported us all to the Caribbean, if only for a few minutes.

Miss. Sophia Kirkley, a representative from the student organization CARP,

was introduced. She shared how Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, during his recent tour, had asked youth from CARP to work together with the youth from the ACLC churches. After a short personal introduction she said the purpose of CARP was to create a desire in our youth to live for the sake of others. She stated that we would serve better through working together with local pastors and churches, as they are more aware of what is needed in the community. Sister Maria Vargas introduced the Kingmaker magazine, a magazine that highlights role models in the African-American community, as an inspirational publication that can assist churches in their efforts to raise funds for local activities. The Houston convocation was announced, to be held March 22-24.

In closing, Bishop Riley noted that black folk get a hard time when they associate with Rev. Moon. However, we are proud to do so, he said, and when we read the scripture we must remember that it was a black man who helped Jesus. He complemented the many people behind the scenes who worked hard to bring the monthly breakfast meetings together, and concluded the meeting with a prayer. ❖

Northeast Ohio Prayer Breakfast

by Keiko Biddle

The April prayer breakfast was held at Fairfax Place, a family-owned nursing home founded by 89-year-old Mrs. Ethel Pye, a supporter and friend of our movement since 1985. She was with us that morning, which was also St. Patrick's day.

It was a cold and snowy day in Cleveland, yet we were warmed up quickly as we entered the room where our wonderful variety of friends gathered. Old and young greeted and hugged as we began. Rev. Joel Lindstrom gave a beautiful opening prayer, and Rev. Bruce Biddle offered words of welcome. Testimonies expressed many grateful hearts. Sister Denise Burton, who came with her mother, aunts, and children, spoke of how wonderful it was to be there together though they are of different denominations in faith.

District 6 ACLC Co-convenor Dr. Thelma Johnson read the Message of Peace, in union with the 6th World Peace Tour, and the words of hope were well received.



Speaker for the day, Dr. Melva Dorsey of Early Church, was introduced by our MC, Elder Walton. Dr. Dorsey went recently to Japan, Korea, and Lebanon during the 4th World Peace Tour. She spoke with spirit and wisdom on the theme of the "Power of Love". Her message embraced all of us in God's love. A Blessing Ceremony was led by the Biddle and the Dorsey couples. Elder Walton read ACLC goals and objectives, and Rev. Dorothy



Burton closed the meeting with a beautiful, tearful prayer.

It was beautiful to see our friends, so many nationalities and ages, sharing casually and joyfully afterwards. The chaplain of the nursing home greeted us and showed interest in attending a future meeting.

We sometimes hear of families that struggle because members are of different faiths or denominations. But today I think I saw how through ACLC there is a way to unite a new family that can be one under God. I think that God saw today our group of 24 different children playing and sharing peacefully in the "Fairfax Sandbox". Aju!❖

Ambassadors for Peace Shine in New Jerusalem

by Rev. Barry Geller

Mr. Jum-Nung Kim and Mr. Tae Ho Choi, both former high school principals near Busan, arrived in New Jersey on Monday, March 19th. On Tuesday, March 20, we began our activities with a lunch meeting together with a local middle-school principal. He was moved by the heart and commitment of our peace ambassadors and after lunch we

toured his school and met some of his teachers and students. We discussed the differences in approach to education between Korea and America. We look forward to our local educator's involvement in the Ambassador for Peace initiative. That evening we held an event in United Missionary Baptist Church, where Pastor Sykes testified to the great vision of True Parents and the Ambassadors for Peace program. Mr. Kim spoke from his heart about how True Parents saved his life and helped in his recovery from cancer.

On Day 3 we toured local schools, including one Catholic elementary school. The principal is one of our peace ambassadors and she conducted the tour. In every class the children stood up and greeted us with the phrase "Peace be with you". When we visited New Hope School, the children greeted us with a beautiful rendition of the Song of Unity. Finally at Jin-a pre-school, Mrs. Christal Brunkhorst took the time to show us the "Peace Labyrinth" the children use as part of their education in



"Peace Studies" that is integrated into their daily activities. "We also instruct the children in problem solving and conflict resolution," Mrs Brunkhorst informed us. That evening we held our second event at a local hotel. Over 100 people gathered to hear Mr. Choi share about his deep love for True Parents and their work with the Ambassadors for Peace.

Day 4 was spent out on the ocean, sightseeing in spectacular New York Harbor. Fortunately, we had the privilege to welcome the New York delegation on this outing. We held our closing banquet in a restaurant overlooking the New Jersey Palisades and a beautiful view of Manhattan Island. We bid farewell with hopes and dreams of more and deeper opportunities for educational exchange of ideas. New Jerusalem Community is grateful for the love of True Parents expressed through our Korean Ambassadors for Peace, and we look forward to ongoing developments for true peace.❖



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Witnessing in the Age of the Internet: New UPF Website Educates the World about the Life and Works of True Parents

by Nancy Hanna

Where on the Internet do you refer your contacts for a basic introduction to True Parents?

Check out: The Life and Works of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, [HYPERLINK "http://www.reverendsunmyungmoon.org"](http://www.reverendsunmyungmoon.org) www.reverendsunmyungmoon.org

For True Father's 88th Birthday, the Universal Peace Federation launched this website to resurrect True Father's name on the Internet and introduce the public to the extraordinary life and works of True Parents through a well-designed, well-organized and easy-to-navigate website with the latest in web technology and design. These days, the most effective way to get out the word about anything is through a well-done website. This website is an invaluable witnessing resource to reach out to friends, family and important contacts.

View Principle Lectures on Internet TV

One important feature of the website are the prominent links inviting people worldwide to view Divine Principle lectures in the privacy of their home and download the mp3 audios of the lectures. On the His Teaching section, there are links to Kevin McCarthy's Divine Principle lectures as well as presentations on Unificationism for people of all faiths and backgrounds.

Visitors can also see internet TV programs about True Parents' projects on the His Works section through links to excellent internet TV programs on another UPF website, Universal Peace TV, www.uptv.org. For example there are programs about Ambassadors for Peace, Hyun Jin Nim speaking to youth about Service For Peace and the Bering Strait project.

Testimonies of Prominent Leaders about True Father and His Works

If something is really good, not only the parties directly involved will testify to its value but others as well. In public relations this is known as a "third party" endorsement. Therefore, an important feature of the website are many testimonies from prominent religious, academic, civil society and political leaders who have who have worked with True Father and our movement for decades and well as from Ambassadors for Peace. Many of the testimonies are excerpts taken from the new book *Peace King: Essays on the Life and Work of Dr. Sun Myung Moon*. The contents of this important book can reach the whole world via the Internet.

His Life, His Teachings, His Family, His Works

The website has four main sections: His Life, His Teachings, His Family, His Works. Each section has a flash photo show and many pages of relevant content. One of the most important website features are testimonies by prominent leaders about True Father himself, his teachings and his

works.

His Life: This section has a biography of True Father, a description of True Father's daily lifestyle, the historical interview with Dr. Frederick Sontag, many historical photos, information about the unjust persecution True Father has suffered, especially his United States imprisonment, and a wonderful section entitled What Others Say About Him, with personal testimonies about True Father from religious leaders, scholars, heads of state and political leaders.

His Teachings: This section introduces Divine Principle, Unification Thought and True Father's Sermons. There are positive scholarly comments about Divine Principle from prominent religious scholars and leaders, a sample sermon and--most important--internet TV presentations of Divine Principle and Unification Principle and MP3 audio downloads.

His Family: A biography of True Mother and short biographical information of several of the True Children as well as many family photos are featured in this section. The His Family section introduces True Mother as a world leader in her own right and members of three generations of the Moon family who are active in carrying out True Father's work.

His Works: This is by far the largest section, since True Father's works are numerous and cover nearly every field of human endeavor. A flash show on the main page shows the scope of True Father's work, ranging from interreligious work to social service to a world-class ballet company. The 18 sections of His Works include the categories of religious organizations, educational institutions, media, the arts, humanitarian aid, etc. Each section has a description of the organizations, photos and, where appropriate, a link to the respective websites.

Some of the many comments UPF has received about reverendsunmyungmoon.org:

Second Generation:

I'm a 2nd Generation Unificationist and for many years I struggled with the fact that there wasn't a site where I could direct my friends to so that they could learn more about True Parents, the Movement, and our teachings and impact in the world. Other sites (familyfed.org) were more historical archives, or for people who were already members.

Especially after seeing www.mormon.org, I was real-

ly impressed with it as a witnessing tool and felt that we really needed something similar. So it was a real breath of fresh air and even a relief when I found your site; it's exactly what the doctor ordered. Especially the multimedia section is really important for younger people as it actively shows the breadth and power of True Parent's thought and activity. Thank you so much for this site, it's an answer to my prayers and I know it will be a gateway for many people to find True Parents. Keep expanding the multimedia

American Leader

Congratulations to you and anyone else involved in creating the beautiful website at reverendsunmyungmoon.com. Lovely graphics, attractive design, and great content.

Thanks for this wonderful gift to all our movement!

European Leader:

About reverendsunmyungmoon.org: I cannot help but exclaim a very large THANK YOU for this website. It has been missing for decades. I am very

glad to have it as a resource and a point to refer to. I am proud of it. Again, thank you very much

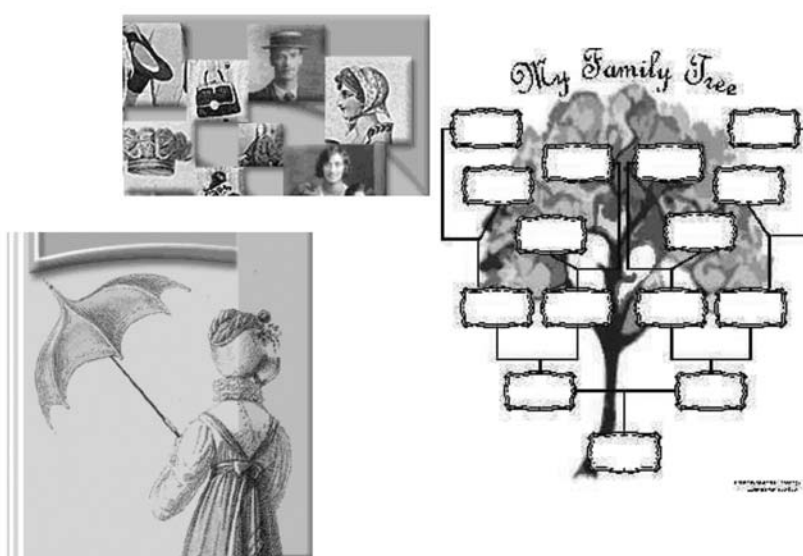
How you can help

Translate the site: UPF has already received some inquiries about translating the site into other languages. The UPF will grant permission for authorized persons to create such translations. All requests and correspondence should be emailed to [HYPERLINK "nfo@reverendsunmyungmoon.org"](mailto:HYPERLINK) info@reverendsunmyungmoon.org

Give feedback: New content will be added regularly. UPF welcomes your suggestions and content contributions. Material should be introductory in nature.

Spread the word: We also ask that leaders and members let our whole movement know about this invaluable new resource to witness to our family, friends and VIP contacts about the work of True Parents, through official and unofficial e-news, memos and announcements. English is today's universal language, and thus people in every country can learn about the life and works of True Parents through this site. ❖

Where on the Internet do you refer your contacts for a basic introduction to True Parents?



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by Wesley Samuel

This poem is dedicated to all little store-front churches in America, and throughout the world

The little store-front churches
Have a congregation
Of about 50 to 300 membership

This small congregation of people
May seem insignificant to some,
But they work very hard,
Providing all the spirituality
That keeps the community strong.

The little store-front Church is supported
By the little one dollar donation,
It's not much,
But it helps out.

The usher board sells Saturday afternoon dinners
To but their beautiful white uniforms
They wear to usher in the congregations
To their seats.

The senior choir gives a little concert to purchase
Their beautiful robes they wear on Sunday morning
To sing the songs of Zion.

The little children go door-to-door
Selling raffle tickets
To help out

The entire community
Gets involved in supporting
Their little store-front church

The Pastor
Well he's always available
He stops whatever he's doing
When the call comes in

The Little Store-Front Church

Whether sickness in the home,
Some on stranded,
Tragedies on the highways...
Just call him - he'll be there.

Family problems
Or the last hour
Just call him.

This poem was inspired from a recent trip
To Boston, Massachusetts

I visited Plymouth Rock,
For the first time

There I sense the spirit of those pilgrim-fathers
Who bravely crossed the Atlantic
With one goal in min,
That was to serve GOD.

When they arrived
The very first building was
A little store-front church

From there came
The greatest Nation in the world:
those beautiful skyscraper buildings
The bridges that run from river to river
The roads we built that will take us
From one end of the country to the other

Museums that are packed
with awards and great accomplishments
All the beautiful homes we just marvel at,

As we pass by.

Yes, all that, and much, much more.

Then, what has happened to us?
Have we forgotten God?
Have we forgotten those Pilgrim
Fathers?

Have we forgotten the sacrifices it took
To build this great nation?

Well, take a look at us today:
Family break-down which is the very core of our society
Immorality that is out of control
Young people are confused
And continue looking for stimulation.

Have we wandered, off course?
The answer is yes, yes we have.

God will never give up.
Will we?

When He's rejected by the strong,
He finds some other way

Recently, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon
Engaged in a 50 state speaking tour, preaching:
"Rebuild the family,
Restore the community,
Renew the Nation,
And the World."

The Pastors of these little store-front churches said,
"You are not alone, we ill stand with you."
And stand they did.

This small congregation of people
Packed their little store-front churches
With love, Prayers, and good wishers
50 consecutive nights.

God is always looking
For a way He can bless His children
And lift them up.

This is the time,
A new Millennium

God is calling once again.

We may not understand or agree some-
times, for He said,
"My ways are not your ways, said the
Lord."

He has sent his messenger, a new voice,
The Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon,
True Parents of humanity, calling,
"In the name o Jesus,
Let us rebuild the family, restore the
community,
Renew the nation, and the world."

Yes, that's our calling today.

Are you with me?
Are you really with me?

If you are, then
Let us rebuild the Family,
Let us restore the Community,
Let us renew the Nation.
And let us restore the World.

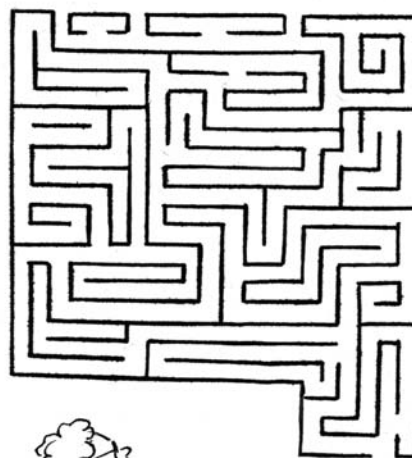
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FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of
spring cleaning GranMa's house



Help them find the flowers

IN MEMORIAM

Sumiko Murayama Miyagi

My beloved wife, Sumiko Miyagi, passed away on Friday night, March 9, 2007 due to cancer.

She is the mother of five children, Takayasu (10th grade at Mark Keppel High, Alhambra), Shuhei (9th grade at Keppel), Yoshikuni (6th grade at Brightwood Elementary), Yuka (5th grade at Brightwood), and Mika (3rd grade at Brightwood).

The Miyagi's are part of the 1,800 couples Blessing and are best known as the hosts of the Nikkei Parents' Day, perhaps the largest Parents' Day celebration in America.

Brief biography:

Sumiko Miyagi, 50, was a hard working mother and music lover. She joined our church when she was a high school student in Yamagata, Japan, and joined the 1800 couples blessing group through her blessing to Ted Miyagi. She served as a full time church member in Texas and Louisiana for many years until joining her husband in California to raise their family.

She had been on hospice care at home due to cancer since she was released from the hospital last December. Her husband Ted is the Monterey Park District leader for the Los Angeles Peace Family church and has been serving the community as a coordinator for Nikkei Parents Day Festival for 12 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth R. Gray

Kenneth R. Gray, 55, eminent scholar chair professor of international management at the school of business and industry, Florida A&M University, died suddenly of a heart attack Saturday, March 24, 2007, while on a rock climbing trip in Tennessee. He died on top of a steep cliff, doing what he loved most, challenging his limits. He will be buried in Philadelphia.

Ken was born in Camp Lejeune, S.C., and grew up in Philadelphia from 1984 to 1994, attending Central High School. He received his bachelor's of science in civil engineering from New York University; an MBA and a MA from University of Chicago; and a Ph.D. in Administration and Management from Walden University, Minneapolis, Minn. Ken and Doris lived in Kenya, where Ken taught at U.S. International University in Nairobi.

Their three daughters, Lancy, Tunuka and Khadijah were born in Kenya. Ken is survived by his wife of 25 years, Doris H. Gray, of the Department of Modern Languages at Florida State University; 2 daughters, Tunuka (17) and Khadijah (15); his mother Melvia K. Gray of Philadelphia; his brothers, Jeffrey and Timothy; and a sister, Marta. In 2000, while Ken and his family were living in Morocco and Ken was teaching as a Senior Fulbright Scholar at Al Akhawayn University, his oldest daughter, Lancy Amelie Gray, died in a car accident in Morocco, at age 15.

IN MEMORIAM

Elizardo (Eli) Santiago

Iwant to announce the sudden passing of our dear brother, Mr. Elizardo (Eli) Santiago. He passed away at Beth Israel Hospital in Passaic, NJ. He was 54 years old.

Mr. Santiago joined our TP and the Unification Movement on May 26, 1971. He joined in the church of Rev. "Papa-san" Choi in the San Francisco Bay area, where Eli was studying Math on a full scholarship at San Francisco University.

In the early days of the American movement, Mr. Santiago was very active serving 2 years as a missionary to Valenzuela and 5 years of Mobile Fundraising Team in America. Mr. Santiago was blessed in 1982 (2075 couples) to Mrs. Sun Kyung Lee Santiago.

They have 2 children: Adam (18) and Jaklin (16). Both are students at the Clifton High School. After 5 years of MFT, he worked in New York City for Christina Bahn and Go World Travel. He was also a dedicated Sunday School teacher in our New Jerusalem community and more recently worked as a financial consultant.

The Seung Hwa Ceremony was held at the Allwood Funeral Home.

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We are looking for well-composed, inspiring human-interest photos that convey the joy and meaning of the Unificationist experience; photos that are warm and friendly, moving or powerful.

PHOTO SUBJECT MATTER: Can include family photos (formal and informal); Blessing photos (are there ANY informal Blessing photos out there that capture the thrill, the joy, the nervousness, the pre-event chaos, the post-event celebration of the moment?); shots of kids

playing, learning, competing, etc.; nature photos, ideally with people included (foreground or background); photos of adults and families at work, at play, at table, at prayer, at worship, with pets, with babies, doing missionary work, serving others. Inspirational moments at community events are welcome. Photos will be judged on the basis of their innate human interest, emotional impact, and aesthetic appeal.

The Family Federation will publish the best such photos on its upcoming new website for religious seekers and as illustrations in future literature (credit will be given on each photo used). Submitting photos in the contest automatically provides the Family Federation with permission to use them on an as-needed basis, but their ownership remains

with the submitting photographers. Please submit high-resolution photos by e-mail, ideally in JPEG format, to bobangelika@yahoo.com. If you prefer, hard copies of photos can be mailed to Bob Selle, 6719 Willow Creek Rd., Bowie, MD 20720. We'll return hard copies only upon specific request. ❖

ADVERTISE IN THE UNIFICATION NEWS

BFD Ministry for Special Needs Children

is planning a summer camp from Aug. 2 to 5, 2007. It will be at the New Hope Farms and horse ranch in New York. Read all about it at the following webpage.

http://www.familyfed.org/bfd/special_news.htm


The main page for the Special Needs Ministry which has all the information: <http://www.familyfed.org/bfd/special.html>

Contact: Yoshi and Fran Ichijo for more information: Ichijoy@aol.com.

VERY IMPORTANT: Volunteers are needed to help with the Special Needs kids. Great opportunity for your BC to volunteer, have a wonderful experience, get some "service hours" for high school, have fun, learn a lot from the Special Needs ministry, and experience God's heart. Contact Yoshi or Fran 301-482-0070.

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The Encyclopedia Project

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

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

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

THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



Interview With Rev. Dong Woo Kim



Interview by Yen Chang

I first met Rev. Dong Woo Kim over ten years ago in Toronto. He had just been transferred from Korea. His timing couldn't have been any better. I remember many of the Korean and Canadian members not getting along, feeling misunderstood and overlooked by their brethren and all of them wanting someone to simply sit and listen to their hurt. All I remember thinking was, great, another Korean dude who won't be able to relate. He doesn't know what he was getting into. Just two weeks later I was proven wrong.

Rev. Dong Woo Kim is a likable guy; you can't help but like him. He came to Toronto, that huge smile on his face, that pleasing demeanor and all around charismatic personality and in two weeks, he had the brothers and sisters in Toronto feeling loved and understood. His secret? He did exactly what they wanted; he sat down with them one-by-one and listened.

When Rev. Kim was made regional director of New Jersey - what is now proudly referred to as The New Jerusalem - he worked his magic there and to everyone's great surprise and happiness, Rev. Kim is now the overseer of education for the American Unification movement.

On Wednesday, April 18th, 2007, I was fortunate enough to get an hour of his time for a short interview where I asked him various questions about the education of second generation in America and Hyun Jin Nim vision for second gen. Following is Rev. Kim's responses, edited only for its format and grammar.

I'm basically in charge of the education of 2nd generation right now. I'm not in a certain position of responsibility within that umbrella, but I act as an overall advisor to those within that umbrella. I am also in charge of the education of first generation overall. So I don't make

decisions. We already have department directors or responsible persons, so my position is one of building up and integrating a system bridging 1st and 2nd gen. that existing departments under the umbrella of education in the American Movement can incorporate themselves into. That is the kind of mission that I have.

Do you know what the ideal education for 2nd gen is?

From my experience talking with many 1st gen.'s, I've come to really understand why 1st gen.

will never be able to know what the ideal education for 2nd gen. is because they have different roots.

My understanding of my present position is as an advisor. I can give advice and share my life experiences with 2nd gen. to help them find their own, true way of doing things but though I've been put in charge of overseeing the education of our members in the American movement, I don't have any answers or a vision or way for the creation of the best educational system for 2nd gen because only 2nd gen who are leaders in their own right can create the ideal educational system for their younger brother's and sisters. But I want to be very clear about this concept and my statement. My main point in saying this is how can 2nd gen. reach a point in their understanding where they come to have the right means to create that ideal educational system?

I identify that the responsibility to build the foundation of faith is the mission of 1st gen. and the mission of the 2nd gen. is to achieve the foundation of substance. I can accept that idea and that understanding but as we see in the bible, the parents, in order to achieve the whole restoration, the parents' generation must fulfill the foundation of faith, and of course the children must go the way of the foundation of substance in order to fulfill restoration, however, they must together do this under one condition: there must be some internal condition or internal way of inheriting the foundation of faith. So whether you are 1st gen. or 2nd gen., you must discover what that condition is whereupon everyone can agree, "Oh this is the condition whereupon everyone can inherit the foundation of faith from the 1st gen. to 2nd gen."

When we discover how to pass on this faith inheritance in such a way that 2nd gen. will fully come to realize their position in the restorative process, then 1st gen. will accept everything 2nd gen. does from that point on and will support them in whatever way they go because they have inherited

the foundation of faith.

1st gen.'s mentality - or what we have tried to do to in this world - is to apply the principle of restoration. But the 2nd gen. aren't supposed to live in THAT world. Originally, the 2nd gen. is supposed to live in the original world of the principle of creation. That is a difference between 1st and 2nd gen. that I've come to is a big difference. But again, without some kind of 1st gen.'s influence, 2nd gen. cannot build up the ideal. So if I say, "Only 2nd gen. can create the ideal..." I don't mean without 1st gen. No. We should do this together. But the perspectives of 1st gen., their experiences, may have certain limits in creating the best and ideal education for 2nd gen. That's my main point.

2nd gen. can say, "We have to build up our own system," but this cannot come from character or personality. In what sense can 2nd gen. inherit and build up that inheritance of the foundation of faith? If we can know this, then 2nd gen.'s foundation of substance - the many things our 2nd gen. are doing - can directly connect with 1st gen. and the results of their whole life and their whole vertical tradition. Upon this foundation, 2nd gen. can build and create their path.

I had a very strong experience when I was CARP leader in Korea. I was CARP leader the same year the first time 2nd gen. became college students - children from the 36 couples, 72, and 124 couples. The age gap between myself and them was actually less than 5 or 6 years. We were almost the same generation on campus. I was so interested in them because I was beginning to realize my future - how my children could come to have true families. I became so anxious. I questioned them internally: who are they? What is the difference between them and myself? I was really thirsty to know what the difference is between 1st gen. and 2nd gen. before God. I couldn't see any difference in the general areas of life, like during witnessing and church activities, but what I discovered was, that once 2nd gen. comes to discover who they are - by that I mean when they find God within them, they start to build up this mutual relationship with God and it wow's me! Their growth, their heartistic expression, their understanding or spiritual growth, totally takes leaps and bounds. over and over! They are lifted so much! I never imagined that kind of level of living. That's why I was wowed.

As an educator, I try to build things up but my results are less compared to even a single 2nd gen.'s results who is really aligned with God's heart, with God's spirit. That was my conclusion from my experience as CARP leader in Korea. That is why I'm saying now that only

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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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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



Movie Review

by Helena Hendricks

Some people might not want to look into the lives and thoughts of suicide bombers. Said and Khaled are two normal young men, who are best friends. They work at an auto-mechanic shop and spend their evenings drinking tea and smoking. One day they are recruited to be suicide bombers for a mission that will take place the next day. They are given the night to spend with their families, but they cannot tell them, for fear or discovery. On their way across the border, the two friends become separated. With the mission in jeopardy, they are now searching for each other and also searching if they really want to fulfill the mission.

Having been to Israel twice, I was interested to see this movie, not only because it was nominated in the Foreign Language Film category at the 2006 Academy Awards, but also because it was actually made by Palestinians and shot in the West Bank. I felt that it would really show the situation from their perspective. I always wondered what would drive someone to the point of being a suicide bomber. On the way to the mission, the two young men are assured that when they die, two angels will meet them and bring them to heaven. But are you really a martyr if you believe that you will be rewarded for what you are doing? Is that really sacrifice?

This movie raises many questions such as that. One part of the movie that really struck me was a conversation between a young woman, Suha, and Khaled. She had just found out about their mission, and is asking

him what the people they leave behind are expected to do once they are gone. She is the daughter of a respected martyr, and she tells him that dying for a cause is not the only way to fight for

you leave for the ones you leave behind?

For me, Suha was a very important character in the story. As a daughter of a martyr, she has already lived through what the act does to the

that there are other ways to promote their cause and bring change. She believes that violence only creates more violence, not peace. She just started to fall in love with Said, and you can feel her pain when she discovers what he is going to do.

The movie was shot in Palestine, which brings a realism and authenticity to the movie, that would

not be there if it was shot anywhere else. Most people have not been there, and it gives us a little taste as to what their world is like. Many of us only see what is on the news. It is easy for us to judge other people, when they do things for reasons we do not understand. Maybe this is what I found so chilling and surprising about the movie. It made me sympathetic toward suicide bombers. They had real reasons to want to carry out the mission. These young men were not crazy. I actually did not find them crazy.

The people in the movie that scared me were the organizers of the mission. The fact that they thought that they had the right to send these young men to their death, and confidently tell them that they were doing the right thing, and that they were going to heaven scared me.

I would recommend this movie to anyone, and especially to people who have been to Israel or the Middle East, or is thinking of going. This is not your typical Hollywood movie, with special effects and famous actors. It shows the real human story.

Paradise Now



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From the most unexpected place, comes a bold new call for peace.

it. Living is harder. You have to work out the problems. Being willing to live for a cause is better than being willing to die for it. What about the mess and pain

people who care for the martyr, and she knows that it doesn't change anything in the big picture. She has lived in the world, and she is trying to tell people

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second gen can create an ideal educational system or way for their brothers and sisters.

Of course our role as 1st gen. is very clear. We can support our children and we can see whether they develop in a peaceful way or not. That's all. Until they can discover and take the right way, based upon the foundation of faith. then their results, or what they do, will not be much higher or better than what we can do as 1st gen.

Perception is thinking what I'm thinking. Perspective is very different. It comes from cultural background and from what is studied. It comes from an internal base. So when we look at a certain situation, there is always two aspects: one is perspective and the other one is perception. When it comes to how we think about the Unification traditions, we can say perception is the Divine Principle facts. But when Korean Unification church system and Japanese Unification church system and American Unification church system try to implement those Divine Principle facts according to their cultural backgrounds and many different situations, the implementation may not be totally the same among those three countries. That's why the key to implementing the Divine Principle facts and create a successful foundation or result anywhere is to build up a certain perspective from the perception.

Hyun Jin Nim recently and has, ever since he concerned himself with 2nd generation more directly, in the past as well really wanted to build up an educational pipeline. I don't know if that's the right term to use or not. Maybe it's better to say 'educational track'. Education for our 2nd gen., especially elementary, middle and highschool students is not what happens in the camps. At the camps there are many programs to create friendships and have inter-relationship with other blessed children. There is an identity educational component to the camps - a "who am I?" - and then, on top of that, there is the desire to incorporate value education and Divine Principle fact into camp experiences. I don't think these three components put together in one week or ten days will

bring lasting results. I don't think it works.

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Hyun Jin Nim has said that we need to evaluate how our present educational systems is composed for 2nd gen. - what kind of elements should education incorporate? What aspects? In order to fulfill hyun jin nim's ideal, we really need to figure out, how many aspects, how many components are being taught in our second generation department and then see how these aspects and components connect, react, and develop. So we really need to implement an educational perspective to analyse what we have and then we need to build up a different concept and provide a new, overall educational track.

So we need to decide, for example, on summer camp: what constitutes elementary, middle and junior highschool camp and college student programs? They are all different, but at present, we only use different age groups to decide this difference. There is no clear step-by-step constitution of each level of education. So we are challenged now to figure out how to divide the levels for camp and other educational programs and give reason for that division, and provide what is being taught at those levels. This needs to be figured out and set as the pipeline from which all the departments will build from.

This is my basic understanding of Hyun Jin Nim's explanation of the educational pipeline. STF education and the second year formula course is also included within this whole educational pipeline. Educational leaders in America a particularly focusing on building up one track. So from elementary school, Junior highschool, senior highschool, college with CARP and how this 2nd gen. course includes STF is 2nd gen. education right now. But the most important point is family education. Without making sure what family education is - and here i don't mean teaching verbally or giving lectures to children in the family - just

showing, what we are doing as educators with these programs means nothing. Education within the family and Family Education is a more important, fundamental fact in the education of our second gen. In other words, if there is no such spiritual, heartistic, Divine Principle educational component within the family, then second gen, no matter what kind of amazing education track we have, cannot follow or fit within this education. So the most important question we have at this moment is what is family tradition? How should blessed central families live? What kind of family life do they have and should they have? This is very serious. The educators' meeting goals is to build up all these components of education from the first level to - well on ward.

It is our aim to build up a long-term educational track to include 1st and 2nd gen. On the other hand we have been developing each department in the educational area on a short-term goal as well. We are basically developing a strong college education centering on CARP. Centering on Naokimi Ushiroda, the new director of 2nd Gen. Department, for junior and senior highschool, we are focusing on building up junior STF program, which is a 'lack of faith' oriented program and leadership program.

Many 2nd gen. look at 2nd gen. blessed couples and they wonder because they cannot figure out what is the model of a 2nd gen. blessed family? When they look at college 2nd gen., they ask who here is the model? Middle and high schoolers look at their older brothers and sisters and they often see what is the wrong model. That's why in short-term goals in each area among the staff is to create the right model in each age level. These models will be incorporated into the long-term vision - the educational pipeline.

When we look at any organization or system on the whole, they all have certain problems they try to fix short-term. From an external point of view, we have the same problems. We, like them, try our best to try to contain these problems but we have a lot of limitations in terms of what we can do, what can be done, especially where 2nd gen. are concerned. I don't really want to deal with the short-term situation because there is no short-term answer. The only answer I have for solving problems we face is we really need to give vision to 2nd gen. We need to build a real vision. And if we successfully instill ownership in them, by taking ownership OF them in terms of giving them a vision, then I think in a short time, 2nd gen. will really change. But this kind of result depends actually on leadership commitment.

1st gen. like to say, "Okay, now 2nd gen. can take leadership." But almost next to none of them have real vision. That's why 1st gen. has to work together with our youth to build up a vision. Once we discover that

vision, all 1st gen. should give everything to 2nd gen. - all organizations, all power, and everything to 2nd gen. so that they become real owners. I am very clear on this point in my mind.

Hyun Jin Nim does not think that he is solely a leader of 2nd gen. right now. He is concerned with the bigger picture, really thinking about our entire movement, including 1st and 2nd gen. in his thoughts. This is what I've come to understand from talking with and listening to him. I really listen to what he's talking about, try to understand where he is heading. For the future, I believe Hyun Jin Nim really wants to build up a strong internal foundation for 2nd gen. so they can take ownership for the future providence. On the other hand, Hyun Jin Nim doesn't want to ignore 1st gen. He realizes now how much 1st gen. has done. Because of their sacrifices, Father was able to build up this foundation and based on this foundation, Hyun Jin Nim can work now. So what I received from him is, no matter what kind of idea, or theory, or values he spoke of before, now he is very clear about wanting to see unity between 1st and 2nd gen. That is his main point that I have been able to gather from listening to him.

A couple of years ago, Hyun Jin Nim's perspective was very clear - only 2nd gen. That was my honest feeling! That was everybody's feeling. but now, he has totally changed. He really wants to embrace 1st gen. and walk with them together. 1st gen. can now be moved by HJN. He has a changed perspective.

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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

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.

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