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by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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The most important thing is to be a blessed couple. You did not fulfill yet, but you must be born anew and continue. Titles and positions mean nothing. The essential thing is your blessing.

Blessed families can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. They must be completely cleansed of the past. Your lineage must be clean; only then you can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Any shadow of sin that you cast at all will immediately block your path to heaven. The assets you accumulate from the world actually do not come from God. Ambassadors for Peace should understand this. Those who drink and smoke cannot enter. The creation will reject such people, and the fish of heaven may spit upon them. The people who enter the Kingdom of Heaven must be the most pure and beautiful. Anyone participating in this kind of event should manifest and represent this kind of purity.

I may go to the spirit world this year. When I leave, you may become prey to the beasts of this world. Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong, the Cheong Seong Gyeong, and the Family Pledge. You must be able to create peace, not just live in peace. You must create it through the Holy Scriptures. Saying you have a great nation is useless if there are impurities in the nation before God. Does God have a homeland yet? What kind of people are you, and what exactly do you do?

You must go beyond the family to the tribe to the nation. A descendant who comes from that tribe or clan could succeed Jesus' mission and would be truly the fulfillment of God's desire.

The cosmic parent must be a substantial entity. What is it that we must be doing? What answer do the other religions give? We talk about intellect, emotion and will. Which is first? Should it be emotion? What does righteousness or will mean? Philosophy has not tried to understand God. Where does religion



come in here?

How can you define the miracle of God? What is it that God wants? What he wants most is a close intimate relationship with human beings. Their hearts have to come together. What is that angle? As we have a conscience, we have a spiritual heart. What did Lucifer do? He is the one who completely messed up this world. Many evil powers gained strength and have continued to strike against goodness. They developed a Cain-type ideology or thought system. What did Cain do? He killed Abel. So what does that mean? The elder struck the younger. For the Ambassadors for Peace here - how did you prosper? Did you do so by following God?

You may think that I would treat you with great respect and love, but actually it is very strict in the Kingdom of Heaven. You cannot stand before God and receive that love if you have failed your responsibility. Before history, did you fulfill or fail your responsibility as blessed families? I went through the eight stages. To directly relate with God, you must go through these eight stages successfully. The family law is central in the Kingdom of Heaven. The Lord of the Second Advent, the Savior and the Messiah must come to fulfill the way of Heaven and establish the family law.

I have to set up a representative or successor before I can complete this mission. Is there anyone? Rev.

Kwak? Dr. Bo Hi Pak? Is there? No, not one is qualified. The Unification Church doesn't belong to any individual. What is it? It is a place where people can be trained as warriors against evil; it is also the place that can save people and train them in the way of the True Family. Jesus died before completing all he wanted to. How about me? I didn't die yet. You may have weighed the pros and cons of joining this movement. But how can you wage battle against evil from the individual, to the family, to the national levels? What about the Ambassadors for Peace? I always speak, and I always ask others to give testimonies. However, when people give testimonies, they only speak about the good things and give me all the bad things.

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MIDNIGHT
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Many of the preparations I made had to do with saving the nation. I went to America to save America. Many things that I did have not been understood. I have worked to save the UN and the nations. Rev. Kwak, how many nations are in the UN? (192 in the UN; 194 in the Abel UN). I never lost a major battle. I am still strong and ready to fight, but now I am aching. Why am I saying these things on the first day of a new year? I must completely make a new world. I must go down to the source of this world. We have come from the Old, New and Completed Testament ages.

This day is the day we are building a banner of a new homeland. The Christian teaching is the teaching of the individual and can even be selfish in that believers may only care about their own indi-

vidual salvation and not about that of the family or others. They also often see respect for ancestors as idol worship. These points are not universal. I do not order people around to serve me and attend me as the True Parent. I will raise the heavenly law, and that will judge everyone according to his or her accomplishments. I am fierce, and

I am the one who can intervene between communism and democracy. Who was it that intervened? Was it me, or was it you?

What is the theme for my address this morning? Rev. Kwak? (This year's motto).

Everything is contained in that motto. What is Cheon Ju (Heaven and Earth or Cosmos or Universal) Why should I give an explanation? Rev. Kwak, you give it. (Cosmos means the spirit world and physical world.) It means the nation in which the owners and citizens of heaven can live there in oneness with God. What does it mean to go to Sun Moon University? Do you know or not? I told you to go to Sun Moon University. What about Ambassadors for Peace? If you heard it, you should do it. Isn't it Cain's responsibili-

ty to raise support for the other siblings?

Now North and South (America) must be united. We held the conference in December to initiate that. I have lived this kind of life. We must live a life that is correct before Heaven. Rev. Hwang? What if as of today we cancel all Ambassadors for Peace appointments and dissolve the Unification Church? What would happen?

It took God 4,000 years to bring Jesus to the earth. Now 2,000 years have passed, and Jesus must return. Many Christians believe that he will come on the clouds. We talk about Jesus and the saints. Are we practicing fraud? I battled in the spirit world and won the approval of Jesus and all the saints. This is a reality that the world will understand one day.

There is an ongoing conflict between two areas of Korea. It seems that the conflict actually manifests in our movement. When I went to America, I didn't proclaim I was the Lord of the Second Advent. Many Christians had revelations and felt they must testify or they would become sick. They testified and wanted to be my disciples.

You don't know how many internal difficulties I had to go through in my



F E B R U A R Y 2 0 0 8

Ahn Shi Il • 2nd, 10th, 18th, 26th

- 1 Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)
Segye Ilbo Established (1989)
- 2 Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)
- 6 Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace Established (1999)
- 7 Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)
360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 9 Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)
- 11 16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 12 Father's Birthday (1/6/20)
Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)
- 13 Shin Heung Nim's Birthday (1/7/01)
Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68)
First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples (2000)
Cosmic True Parents' Federation Established (2000)
Family Center for Universal Peace and Unification (2000)
- 16 4000 Couples' Blessing (2002)
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)
Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
Montevideo Declaration World University Federation (1996)
- 22 Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)
430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- 23 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)
Day of the Victory of Earth (1977)
- 26 Kwon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/20/75)
- 27 Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998)
- 28 One World Crusade Established (1972)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 29 Shin Sook Nim's Birthday (1/23/84)

M A R C H 2 0 0 8

Ahn Shi Il • 5th, 13th, 21st, 29th

- 7 Dong Sook Nim's Birthday (1/30/55)
Middle East Time Founded (1983)
- 17 Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/88)

- 21 WRIST Established (1984)
- 25 Jin Sung Nim's Birthday (2/18/62)
- 26 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)
Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
- 27 New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA) Inauguration (1980)
- 28 International Christian Professors Association (1981)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 29 Cheon Il Guk Established (2/22/2001)
Grand Liberation of 6,000 Years of Providential History (2/22/2002)
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)
The Sao Paulo Declaration (1995)

A P R I L 2 0 0 8

Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 3 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)
New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
- 6 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)
Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)
57 Single Blessing (1989)
Declaration for the Blessed Family (1995)
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)
Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)
Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (1996)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 13 Proclamation of Liberation and Release (2004)
- 16 Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- 17 Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
Day of the Resurrection of Shimjung (1960)
Day of the Resurrection of Substance (1961)
- 21 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
- 27 Shin Joon Nim's Birthday (3/22/2004)
60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
Interreligious (144,000) Clergy Blessing (2002)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Ascension (2001)

C A L E N D A R

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Mansei for the conjoined Jubilee Years of the 7th and 8th years of Cheon Il Guk of the Universal Peace Federation

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(天宙平和聯合 天一國 双合 七八禧年 萬歲)

88 years. I fought so much. Now the people who opposed us have joined us, or they have to hide in shame.

Who is the one who proclaimed the Jubilee Year of Cheon Il Guk? Yang Chang Shik - what is the Jubilee year? Does it come from the Bible? (Yes. It's when God forgave the people after seven seven-year periods, 49 years. The fiftieth year was when God forgave all sins and past debts.)

After going to America, what did I do? I received about 1,400 proclamations and honors from all the states and the governors and presidents. Do you know what True God's Day is? Do you know what these holidays are? If any Ambassadors for Peace were going the wrong way, I sought to reverse their path toward heaven. Even if the Ambassadors for Peace can't understand the spirit world, they can gain faith from relationships with the members of the Unification movement.

If you have done wrong, shouldn't I scold you and rectify the situation? Sodom and Gomorrah could have been spared if there had been just five righteous people. You should be serious about my warnings now, and you must change your ways to that of Heaven.

Why did I go to America for 34 years? To set a victorious standard in Heaven for the 1st and 2nd Israel. Without that victory and establishing the 1st and 2nd Israel in such a way, I could not complete the work in Korea. You should be able to go to your hometown and be a representative of Heaven and of True Parents with authority and power.

Now I will put forth Mother, and I can set up any of my sons to become church leaders. They are fully capable to fulfill the responsibility. What about the True Children in the seats here? What is your relationship to me? You call me Father, right? I could make you presidents, but that is not what I want. I want you to become ancestors and really establish the way of Heaven. You should live cleanly, as I have instructed you. Don't think you are smart. The wives of Hyun Jin, Kook Jin, and Hyung Jin Nim must be united as one. You must inherit the position of a king, queen, or president who can make God's tradition grow forever in a nation. I hope that you can become such people. Don't worry that you may be called to leadership in the Abel UN or of a nation. Everything has been prepared by God for you.

You have to be able to save those people who are on the way to hell. True Parents have given this appointment and promise. When you go back, you will be asked, what have you received from True God's Day? You must be able to shine out your light before heaven. You must be able to take this message, as expressed in the Cheong Seong Gyo-



eng, out to the families of the world.

What is the meaning of the motto "Mansei for the Ssang Hab Jubilee years of the 7th and 8th years of Cheon Il Guk of the Universal Peace Federation"? This means that the Jubilee year has been extended for the 8th year of Cheon Il Guk. With the victory of 2008, we can fulfill 2009 and 2010. I have completed everything necessary for the fulfillment of Cheon Il Guk.

Hoon Mo Nim, you and your husband should work with Rev. Hwang and his wife and also with Dr. Bong Tae Kim and his wife in the Yeosu area to complete the project there. If these three families unite, then the tradition of the Unification Church will be preserved.

From now, you should screen all people who come to the palace. They must make a special offering to come here. If you can do so, then your descendants can live well. You must live cleanly, holding on to the way of the Principle. You must become people who can take action. Do not ask me for money from this day on. These funds should be accumulated for the sake of the future and the world. You young people must keep that in mind.

Rev. Hwang, I have told you what to do, right? We must be family centered, and building for the sake of the future. Parents should take care of their children well. Members of the Unification Church should be able to follow the tradition of the parents. I have been serious with you today so that you can jump up and fly into the future.

How about Rev. Hur Yang here? He was a missionary for many years. I watched him as a lonely missionary and have never asked him to sing in all of this time. Now I will ask him to sing.

(Father had us sing and dance with Reverend Hur.)

Then Father asked Dae Mo Nim to testify: I am rarely called upon to give a report or testimony, so I believe this must be an important moment. There are 120 billion good ancestors in the spirit world. Due to the Fall, we could

not live with absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience. In the spirit world, evil will be totally transformed into goodness from March 2008. In the past, people who were evil could prosper. Now the time has come when good people who live according to the Principle will prosper. This will be the place where we can see goodness prosper and grow. We will see that those who live an unprincipled life will be plagued more and more with illness and problems. Those who live a good life will not be plagued with those things



as of March 2008. The purpose of God's creation is to feel joy and happiness. In the past history, from Cain and Abel, to Moses then Jacob, providences often ended in failure. Father loved the Cain side completely; through doing that, he could restore history, bless us, and forgive the original sin.

This is the time when the good spirits and ancestors can come and support the providence of God. In that context, we should work hard to make a world of peace and joy in our lives. It is a time when evil and good forces are watching us closely. The good ancestors are beseeching us that they can use our bodies to fulfill the providence

of God. Father always emphasizes that we should have absolute faith, love, and obedience. Now Father will be 89. Let us fulfill all the conditions that are necessary to totally reciprocate and fulfill for True Parents all that God desires.

Father: We have to make it so that there is not a single person on earth who has not received the blessing. That is the best condition that you can set. Rev. Hwang, come explain what I have taught you.

Rev. Hwang: Seven represents the Sabbath. Seven sets of seven years make 49 years. In the 50th year, God will give forgiveness. On the Sabbath, the slaves could rest and be protected. However, the Jubilee is not a time of protecting the slaves but totally liberating them. It is the most amazing thing that True Parents could extend this Jubilee Year to the 8th year.

There are 7,000 here. We will chose 3,600, then 360, then 72, then 12 for special assignments.

The establishment of True Parents in 1960 was the greatest accomplishment of all of human history. There were no True Parents before. The next great moment was when Father established the four providential holidays. Then the Coronation for God's Kingship was critical. Then the 12-year

course from 2001 - 2012. In the first four years, Father established Kingship. In the second four years, Father established the Abel UN. Father established the core tribes; then by lot you will draw your tribe.

We are going to organize a new world organization for heaven and earth. We are entering the time of Father's final stages in life. The period after the 88th year is the time of reviewing the victories of life and passing them on to future generations. On his 88th birthday, Father proclaimed that he was making a new beginning in life. Then he established the Abel UN and established the foundation for the Peace Kingdom in 194 countries. ❖

The 25th Day of Victory of Love

January 2, 2008
Cheon Jeong Goong
Museum, Korea

It was a great honor to attend True God's Day, the Day of Victory of Love and the Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship. Along with honoring Jesus' birthday, it was such a wonderful and spiritually fulfilling experience. True Parents are vibrant and filled with confidence that goodness is rising dramatically at this time and evil will decline.

The Day of the Victory of Love was very tearful as we remembered the course of Heung Jin Nim and the providence that came forth from that path. On this day Father shared with us more about God's heart and His longing for the Ideal.

The year of 2008 is the time of a new beginning in God's providence - the 8th year of Cheon Il Guk. It is a time when we must come to know God's heart substantially and build true families, and a world of Cheon Il Guk. Dr. Yang and I pray for your victorious course in 2008. Let us bring victory for America, the Abel UN and all the world.

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Rev. Hwang led the Day of Victory of Love Service.

True Parents and True Family entered. We offered a standing bow to True Parents. Hoon Sook Nim lit the candles at the offering table together with her children. Then True Family offered a bow to honor Heung Jin Nim and the congregation offered a full bow of respect.

Rev. Im Do Soon offered the prayer, and Rev. Kwak read excerpts of Father's speeches concerning Heung Jin Nim's ascension to heaven. Heung Jin Nim, Hye Jin Nim, Hee Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim and Shin Gil and Shin Yea, who all passed into the spirit world as members of True Family, should be remembered on this day.

Just before Heung Jin Nim's accident the scholars of ICUS had just finished a meeting in Chicago. After the conference was over, the participants went back to their homes or were in transit. Many went to states in the United States and were hard to reach. Father invited them to Korea for a providential reason. For the protection of Korea, he intended that 70 nations should be represented by scholars on his speaking tour. The Kwang Ju rally was not



secure. The 8-city tour was dangerous; many spiritualists predicted grave danger and that Kwang Ju could be fatal.

The accident occurred while Father was speaking in Kwang Ju. Heung Jin Nim was in a car accident near Barrytown and taken to St. Francis Hospital. Father completed the schedule through December 27th and then returned to America. Heung Jin Nim was unconscious since the accident and never regained it. At 1:15 AM on January 2, 1984, he made the transition to the spirit world.

After reviewing the background of Heung Jin Nim's ascension, Rev. Kwak then read Heung Jin Nim's letter.

Father's Address

It is impossible to even imagine how serious it is to remove the connection and stain from the Fall. How can fallen people become the heirs to God? Because of the Fall, who will really serve and attend God and work on His behalf? You all say that you are blessed central families yet you are only thinking of how to receive the blessing. To what extent have you really reached that original status before the Fall?

God created Adam and Eve, but did He have a chance to love them in a true way? No. He didn't have the chance because they never matured, fell at 16,

How much has your blessed family fulfilled the original ideal for a true family? How about a eunuch who sacrifices love for Heaven? Would such a man forget that love exists, or would he be longing for it? How can there be anyone who can go his or her whole life without love.

Many of you are proud of your titles and think you will be right next to True Parents in the spirit world. However, the most important title is that of a filial child, a patriot, a saint, and a divine son and daughter. There are people who walk around and contaminate this world. Now the world is filled with immorality and people are committing all kinds of sins at this time. Heung Jin Nim cannot come and go as he pleases. Why? He is the com-



mander-in-chief of the spirit world and he cannot think, "Oh, I have this personal thing to do or I want to do that." His role is so serious. When he sees the sins of this world, he must think that God must want to incinerate the whole thing.

The fact that you are not fulfilling the ideal of the family is a great sin. It is comparable to the Fall. Many of you are making a separation between your family and God. The problem we are facing right now is how to transform this world into heaven. Not in the future; this is the problem that is facing us now. This is a most serious issue right now. God is like a father, and men should resemble Him. However, women also should resemble God. When a man and woman come together in their first love, they must have the original root of love that gives birth to that first love. The question is, does that man have the original root? How much higher must have been God's standard than that of Adam and Eve.

We must take the path of genuine love. The path we must take must be the path of Heaven. Have you grown to the point where you have really overcome the past and secured a permanent seat in heaven? When I look at you, I see that not one of you is truly

secure and that each and every one of you has the possibility of falling away. If there is a tree with a lot of branches (family with a lot of children), is that a point for sorrow or for joy?

Is God still conscious of the event of the Fall, or do you think He forgot about it? Shouldn't we take action to resolve this so that the Fall won't occur as we are now seeking to recreate the Garden of Eden? If you are a woman, your sexual organ doesn't belong to you but to your spouse. Do you think that God wants to have a spouse from among slaves or from the archangel's family? Maybe you will have to go through 10 years of living like a eunuch. This would be quite an experience. When you think about how precious this love is, whom should we seek? Shouldn't we seek our spouse with more sincerity? No matter how passionate your desire is and your love is, is God moved by that? What does God need to fulfill His love? God needs both man and woman because God is man and woman combined.

Many come to me and say they don't

have a spouse and that they are lonely. What should we do for them? How much does God sympathize? The best way to resolve loneliness is to find God. The best way to treat Eve is as your pure younger sister. If you really treat her as your younger sister, you can have the proper attitude toward women. God has been searching for His first love. Of all the children that came from Adam

and Eve, can God find even one that is qualified to fulfill God's desire for His first love?

You have your spouses and children, but you must be prepared for anything. What about Adam? He never experienced that first pure love. It was a love tainted by the selfish desire of the archangel and had nothing to do with God.

Do you think God wants to freely give the blessing to such people? All blessed couples, I am warning you that if you forsake your pledge to fulfill the blessing and the true family, you will find that no matter how hard you try, I cannot relate with you. Blessed couples who drink and smoke or who have big titles will have no place in heaven.

Don't you think you want to love your children the most? Should you love them or should you not love them? God cannot love them on your behalf. God is in a complicated situation. Christians talk about individual salvation. However, it is beautiful that we talk about family salvation. God stands at the center of a unique and complex situation. God cannot fulfill your responsibility for you. You Korean blessed families here, how different are you from me? Should I just keep you here when you are so different from me?

You must really think whether you are somebody whom God would really want, or whether you are a false person. Do you think God can freely love

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True God's Day Congratulatory Performance

On January 1, 2008, at 2:07 pm, True Parents entered the Main Hall of Cheonseong Wanglim Palace (Heavenly Palace) for the Congratulatory Performance to celebrate the 41st True God's Day. As many as 2,000 members gathered for this congratulatory performance from Japan, Korea, and the world. Director In-seok Nam, the emcee, introduced True Parents, and everyone offered a bow to them.

For the first program, there was a video presentation by the Public Relations Department of Central Korea Headquarters. It showed the highlights of True Parents work for the year 2007 as well as looked back at True Parents life on their path of blood, sweat, and tears to open the new civilization for the people of Cheon Il Guk. After this short brilliant presentation, there was a moment to thank True Parents for their work. Then Director Nam introduced the next program, titled Establishment of Heart Culture. Twenty Japanese students who have come to True Parents homeland, Korea, as exchange students expressed the true love heart Cculture through their instruments and beautiful chorus. They performed Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, in E Minor, From the New World.

Then was a performance by the La Strada Ensemble, who sang Chil-gapsan, New Arirang, Kagopa, and Seoul Hymn. To thank True Parents ever-giving love and grace, their favorite songs were sung beautifully.

Sincerely wishing that True Par-



ents love and grace would spread throughout the world, and the Sun Moon University CARP performed sang two songs and made True Parents truly happy.

Then an opera titled Cheon Il Guk, the Nation of Hope was performed. It expressed how the true love and heart culture, which should be spread to the world, will eventually create Cheon Il Guk.

Then lastly there was a medley of invited singers. The invited singers were He-ok Moon and Kuk-han Gum, who sang joyful songs that True Parents really enjoyed. In the last part of Mr. Gum's song, True Father came to the stage dancing.

After gathering the performers and the True Family, True Father asked True Mother to sing the song Homeland Hymn. Then together they sang Mother and Older Sister and My Heart's New Heaven and Earth. Then there was a flower presentation to True Parents. Hyung Jin Nim grabbed the mike and sang the song Together with You and all the members in the hall as well as True Parents sang and danced to the cheering song. At 3:37 pm, after the joyful singing by all members, Katsumi Otsuka, President of FFWPU Japan, gave three cheers of Eok Mansei and ended the congratulatory performance for the 41st True God's Day. ❖

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and deal with the people that are here? All of you are confined in your little compartments. Each nation is equally bad; they all have their own laws and ways that have nothing to do with God. What if there were a nation where 80 percent of the population were women and 20 percent were men? What if all the women were free and all the men were in prison? Would there be happiness there? No. Plus and minus must come together. Mind and body, man and woman must come together, or all value is lost.

Think about the fact that God is the embodiment of the father's nature and the mother's nature and that when Adam and Eve had realized True Love centering on God they would have become God's perfect Object partner of love. This love was never fulfilled because of the fall. In a sense God become a eunuch because of the fall. The Holy Spirit cannot help us here because the Holy Spirit came after the Fall. You cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven and be of the fallen lineage. Man can never live without woman. How many times did God deny women after the Fall? You have to go back to the source and understand the root issues. What is this system called marriage? Should people be alone? Many people have gone wrong after marriage. Many blessed couples have not progressed but relapsed into the old ways. Many people had affairs even after they

were blessed to their spouses. Rev. Kwak, Rev. Hwang, do you know that?

When you have children, you as a father and mother become like the world. The problem was that you were never a true son before you became a father. God never had a chance to use His own seed. Then do you think God would like the fetus growing in Eve's womb when it was not His own? At the time of Israel, God had completely taken back all His seed; the Israelites were the chosen nation. God's seeds were in there. It was because of the Fall that such a nation came to exist in the first place.

You have all heard about restoration through indemnity. Are Japanese more intuitive and quick than Koreans? What is Korea called? The Adam nation. What is Japan called? The Eve nation. Adam is the only one that has the seed of life. Who is the closest to Father? Mother is. Who can be closest to us? A true son and true daughter. However, God is the king of kings. The first requirement is that you must be liked by God. For Eve to truly be loved by God, she must raise true sons and daughters before God.

In the world of religion, am I at the top? I don't like to be at the top. If I were at the bottom, all I would have to do is follow God. When it comes to island

nations, Japan is number one. If Japan would have had the atomic bomb, it might have won World War II. Many Asians died in the Pacific. Many blameless Koreans died. The people who have no fault are sacrificed a lot in war. From the viewpoint of God, whom do we have to console?

(Father had several Korean leaders testify and sing, including Hoon Mo

your family and relatives.

The people I love the most have gone to the spirit world. Now the time is different. We have a new seed and a new lineage. When you truly live on the front line, the spiritual world will protect you. All of you should consider how to go to your hometown and restore your tribe and from there restore the nation.

Now I am doing conferences for North and South America. These are not simple conferences. Our level is at the very highest now, and our influence in heaven and earth is very powerful. Through our speeches we can move nations, presidents, and peoples. Have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and you will fulfill. You can overcome and establish victory in your hometown. You can educate your ancestors and relatives



Nim's husband, Mr. Kim. One elder gave a profound testimony of early pioneering and witnessing and his experiences with Jesus and True Parents.)

Today is a very important day. Tomorrow is the anniversary of God's Coronation Ceremony. We all need a new witnessing spirit this year. We must have the heart of God to go to the front line and witness. You must witness to

tives as well as the people and be victorious. You can educate the religious leaders and the heads of government, and they will respond.

With conditions, we can achieve total revolution. Miracles will happen. The dream will come true. A new era has now come. We must go forward 100 percent with the mind of True Parents and bring God's victorious result. ❖

by Hyung Jin Moon

This speech was given during the induction Ceremony of Hyung Jin Nim as Senior Pastor of the original Headquarter Church in Korea on December 1, 2007.

I do not know what I can say to you who have worked hard for the church. In 1999 my elder brother Young Jin Nim passed in to the spirit world, His Ascension was a great shock to our family. Since then, however, I can feel that our family has grown and matured. It was from then that I began my 21 years course. That was about the time when I shaved my head and began wearing the long robes. there was a lot of talk around me. Curiously though, Father never reprimanded me but always supported and encouraged me.

Actually I was fearful as to what True Father would say to my appearance. Honestly speaking I was actually waiting for Father's judgement wondering "When is he going to scold me?" Yet strangely during the six years I spent with that shaved head not once did Father scold me about that. I was also quite shocked when I looked at the pictures of myself from that time. I was completely bald and I completely looked like a Buddhist monk. Yet, Father supported me and encouraged me.

Continue your studies, study the world religions. Learn from all religion; once you penetrate their teachings you will become God's most beloved son.

At that time I had many doubts about myself. I struggled deeply wondering "What is the meaning of life" and "What kind of path I should take from now". Curiously though, Father never reprimanded me but always supported and encouraged me, telling me "Continue your studies, study the world religions. Learn from all religion; once you penetrate their teachings you will become God's most beloved son." These are the things he said as he encouraged me. That was I became a genuine Unification Church Member. A group of buddhist monks from the Joogye Order once visited Harvard University when I was a student.

I tell Father, "Father, we grew up in your love. Your grandchildren are also being raised in your love."

Along with these monks there were reporters from the Joongang Ilbo and Gonga Ilbo(from Korea). They knew I was the son of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and seeing my shaved head they interviewed me "Didn't your father kick you out of the house?"(laughter from audience). I told them candidly, "I honestly thought my father would kick me out. But instead he supported and encouraged me telling me to continue with my studies. He enveloped me in

his love. That's the only father I know." I was the youngest in my family and thus grew up in my father's love. While living in Cheongpyeong with True Parents, I see Father loving Shin Joon and Shin Deuk. I tell Father, "Father, we grew up in your love. Your grandchildren are also being raised in your love."

My wife and I are together in this ministry. We have one goal. It is to convey the love we receive from True Parents to our members. Unlike my brothers I haven't actually experienced the fearful side of Father, nor do I wish to find out. The most impor-

tant part in my life was True Parent's love. Likewise, I believe True Parent's love is what is most important to our members. Father has said in the Peace Messages that "God is not our judge, we are our own judge." I do not believe in God who judges. I do not serve such a God. The True Parents that I know was one who unconditionally loved me, encouraged me and supported me. That is the only God I serve.(continues crying) Other people can probably tell you about True Parent's fearful side. I'm sure that True Parents do have kind of side. When I was in doubt of myself the only experience I went through was that of receiving boundless love, encouragement and strength - not judgement - from True Parents. I believe that all the members of the world need this love from True Parents. I believe that Korea could have been True Parent's nation. If in the 1960's all the religious Foundation, especially the Christian foundation prepared by God in Korea had attended True Parents. The year 2007 ushered in the age of the complete settlement of Cheon Il Guk, the Era of Liberation and Complete Freedom and True Father's misoo celebration.

In this year, declared a providential jubilee by True Parents my elder brother Kook Jin Nim and I were assigned a great mission. True Father instructed us to create within three years a church where 20,000 can gath-

er. When He first told me this I had doubts as to why had to be done. Father explained the reasons to us, as you know there are many prominent church organizations in the vicinity of the Headquarter Church. There is the Chulrigo Building nearby and right next to our building there is a Covenant. If you walk a bit further you will see a Samil Church. As you might know early 20,000 Christians gather every Sunday to that Samil church.

Among our Churches we have churches where about hundred people gath-

er each week. Some of the larger churches have 200. You can not compare a church with 200 with that of 20,000. Honestly speaking Christians will not come to Father. About a month and half ago, Father gave us this great mission to create a 20,000 church.

If we truly wish to move the Christian foundations we have to be one of the same levels as the Christian churches would not be able to ignore us. All the religions in Korea, the father nation, in the other words, Buddhism, Catholicism, Protestant, Christianity and all other religion should all speak in high praise of True Parents. They should extol and attend True Parents when they are here in flesh. A certain promise can be found in the Divine Principle. It says that when the messiah comes all the religions would come together under the messiah who would stand on the foundation prepared by God, and that all religious people would



serve and attend the messiah as the king of peace in heaven and earth.

Although all our members have read those words in the Principle, they still doubt whether the world would truly come to serve and attend True Parents. In reality many members might have already given up on that promise elucidated in the Principles. Yet, Father join their strengths and make even the Christian foundations serve and attend True Parents before 2010. The Full Gospel Church has about 100,000 people gather to their services each week. Samil church has about 20,000 each week. The Church of Love has about 30,000-40,000 each week. Father has told us that if we wish to have the Christians from the reputable churches come and serve True Parents, we have to be on the same level as them. Although I was assigned to this position our goal is the same as before. "In the field of ministry, let us convey True Parent's love to the members. Let us convey True Parent's love to the world. Let us create a loveable church, a church that is filled and overflowing with True Love." That is the goal I cherish in my heart. I have conviction in my heart. My older brother Kook Jin also has that same goal.

I was one year younger than Young Jin, my elder brother. Yet, Young Jin and Kook Jin were quite similar in character. Both of them good at their studies and excellent in whatever they did. When they were young my elder brothers Young Jin and Kook Jin grew up in a field of "A's" and awards I grew up in a corn field(Laugh). I actually did not excel in my studies. I enjoyed playing in the outdoors and in nature.

Yet, I was very close with my elder brother Young Jin. Kook Jin and Young Jin hyung were also very close. Whenever I walked

passed Kook Jin hyung's room, Young Jin hyung was always there.

I have many good memories of spending time with him, talking and playing games with him. When Young Jin hyung passed away(start crying), it was a great shock to me. There was another person who was even more shocked than me. It was Kook Jin hyung. Kook Jin hyung was not a scary elder brother to us, he always loved his younger siblings. He was reliable elder brother. He had a strong sense of ethics and was an absolute model of an elder brother. I remember right after Young Jin hyung passed away going to True Parents room, there I found True Father and True Mother sitting in their seats but Kook Jin hyung was on the floor crying out loud like a baby. That was the first time for me to see that confident brother of mine so vulnerable. The sight of him still remains in my heart to this day.

I would like to reiterate that we all have the same goal. We all want to return eternal glory to True Parents; we want to return glory to our members who have worked so hard to this day; our brothers wish to show you how much we have grown and matured. I will put my life on the line and as towards that goal. We have to make that determination. We will bury our bones in this land of Korea. I will go through to the end if not for this world then for my brother Young Jin. We will not stop until the day this nation can serve and attend True Parents while they are in the earth, people praise them as the True Parents, and great Christian ministers support True Parents and glorify them.

Still, honestly speaking, I believe that no matter how determined we brothers maybe, that day will never come unless we are walking with you. I am not here today to preach you; rather I am here to ask a request. Please help us. Please guide us. We are still young and have so much to learn. We all need to put our strength together in order. If this church can be filled with True Parent's love instead of fear or power; if it can be a church where we yearn for True Parents as if they were truly our parents, where we run to them, embrace them and kiss them; if we can become that kind of church of love, I'm confident that 20,000 and even 100,000 will come to this church and that we can become a church larger than the Full Gospel Church and return greater glory to heaven.

This is my request to you. Please help us. This church is our church. It is our tradition. Our children should grow within this church. As the day passes by let us elevate True Parents to heaven and in history by created the greatest church in this world. We should never give up. We will not give up on our members. So we ask that you not give up upon us. We will do our best. Don't we all serve and attend the same True Parents? Let us walk forth from now together so that True Parents can receive the greatest glory from the world while they are on the earth.❖

True Father's Prayer on January 3, 2008

Edited from an unofficial transcript provided by ipeacstv.

Beloved Parent of heaven and earth, you were supposed to be totally victorious in the world based on love, where the ideal of creation coming from the depth of Your heart was to be realized; You wanted to stretch Your arms to reach all directions. Yet the mistake of Adam and Eve, the ancestors of humankind, which they committed in just one day, compelled You to undergo the bitter history of restoration through indemnity.

Because of that one mistake, heaven and earth were submerged into darkness, plunged into a bottomless pit. Humanity lost its destination and wandered in grief and lamentations. However, Your heart, Father, could not abandon humankind, so You kept watching over us and holding on to us even when we were at the very bottom. You took responsibility for the realization of Your ideal of creation, so You had to shoulder the sorrowful history of re-creation in order to liberate us.

We, members of the Unification Family, know that You were looking forward to establishing someone in the position of the True Parents, united true husband and wife, in whom Your corporeal and incorporeal substance would become one and true love would settle. You wanted such a couple to become a kind of extension of Your



Peace Federation, all beings on earth and in heaven are watching the height of heaven and the dark depths of hell, for True Parents have lit the candle, the torch, and the beacon lighting all those places. We are approaching the position on the horizontal line analogous to the original garden of Eden before the Fall; we are entering the unified jubilee years of Cheon Il Guk, so, please, Father, guide humanity that it may pass through every precious day that remains until January 13, 2013, overcome all eight ridges starting from the individual and family, and stand unashamed in front of God, who has been toiling so hard.

I know how difficult the path of restoration through indemnity is and Heaven knows it also, so as we come together to praise the liberation and



complete freedom, please forgive all inadequacies that I reported to You in the name of True Parents.

From the depths of Your heart, You have been wishing for this world to reach the age of noon, when there is no darkness, when all families and the entire unified body of the Heavenly Kingdom can live eternally in the bosom of boundless love.

Please instill more of this heart into us so that we can build the foundation for liberation. On our path we still have rigorous orders to fulfill, and the mission we are called to accomplish requires our readiness to risk our life, so please, Father, guide Your children with Your loving heart, I earnestly implore You. In this hour close to noon of January 3, 2008, let all beings on

earth and in heaven be embraced in True Parents' bosom.

We beseech You to please put the seal of "liberation" upon us. We know that the unified realm of God's and True Parents' heart is in fact the realm of liberation and complete freedom, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven, where God can act freely. Please do not abandon us and protect us so that we may spend each day, month, and year of the remaining five years with confidence.

I beg You, please urge us and push us, so that we can walk a straight path. Now this son of Yours and this daughter of Yours, who is heading toward her 70th birthday, are determined not

to leave any shameful stains on their path and within their lifetime undo the mistake of the false parents, even if it means that True Parents have to extend their life of strife beyond 90 years toward 100 years. In this hour we report to You such determination, so please accept it.

These people love True Parents, and True Parents love God. Based on this tradition, our hearts are the same, wherever we are. Therefore I earnestly implore You to bestow Your special grace of liberation and complete freedom upon all blessed families on the individual level, on the levels of family, tribe, people, nation, world, heaven, and earth, so that they can inherit the authority of princess and princesses of light in the age of noon.

Enable them to become one in heart and body with True Parents, so that they can settle in the land of equal value and be embraced in the bosom of God and True Parents.

May Heaven mobilize our blessed ancestors to help us reach the precious final destination of our life. Please guide us that we may enter the shining world of God's direct dominion, blooming with flowers.

I earnestly ask, report, and proclaim these things to the universe in the name of True Parents. Aju! Aju! Aju!❖



body amidst all things of the universe.

This was Your ardent wish and hope. People did not realize the sadness in Your heart, but this son of Yours day and night could not forget that humanity has such a universal Parent who knows the sadness of the history created by fallen descendants more than anybody else, who has paved the road of indemnity, who has been teaching us, advising us, and comforting us on this road of sorrow, and who has not abandoned us to this day. Thank You, Father, for Your grace of putting me in this position. Today is January 3rd of the 8th year of Cheon Il Guk.

As we enter the unified 7th and 8th jubilee years of Cheon Il Guk led by the Universal



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Peacemakers for Sacred Healing

by Brenda E. Miller

To commemorate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America which is recognized as the historic beginning of the United States, a special gathering was held to honor our ancestors and pledge to restore some of the tragic mistakes of our past. The goal was to repent to our Native American brothers and sisters for the painful history between the First People of this land and the new settlers.

In addition to beginning the healing of the past, a resolve was made to make a new history. Although the initial response of the Virginia Indians was to welcome the new immigrants, share food with them and try to form alliances, these peace-making efforts were not successful. Women in Ministry of American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) held their first national convocation with the theme of Rebirth, Renewal, Reconciliation and Empowerment for a New Nation and World. On the foundation of more than three years of biweekly national prayer teleconferences the convocation was a tremendous success and opened a new opportunity for healing and renewal in America.

Peacemakers for Sacred Healing was the beautiful theme for exactly what happened on Saturday, December 1, 2007 when 160 people from all around America including guests from England, Israel, and Japan gathered at the Airport Holiday Inn in Norfolk, Virginia. A day of repentance, reconciliation and peacemaking led by women between Native Americans and non-Native Americans was evident in each part of the program. To begin, a prayer was offered by Rev. George Akeen (Cheyenne, Chairman of The Native American Church in Oklahoma and a Methodist minister). Following was a Smudging Ceremony by Rev. Akeen from Oklahoma, Clay Two Bears from San Diego and Shuki Ben Ami from Israel.

While the smudging was being done throughout the room, Gail Paine, Secretary General of Universal Peace Federation (UPF), Wash., D.C., offered a beautiful flute solo. Reiko Jenkins, National Coordinator for American Clergy Leadership Conference's (ACLC) Women in Ministry gave opening remarks. Rev. Linda Cornier (Pueblo), Director, United Native American Council from Colorado and Caroline Betancourt, Vice President, Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP)-USA were program facilitators. They introduced a beautiful dance presentation given by Delwin Fiddler, Jr. (Great-Great Grandson to Chief Elk Head Red Hair otherwise known as the Hehakapa family) and Vaughnda Hilton (Blackfeet/Seminole/Creek) of



the Native Nations Dance Theater from Philadelphia. Vaughnda sang the Lakota Sioux National Anthem and Delwin offered a flute solo and then the Hoop Dance (a dance of the Hopi Indians of the Southwest) while Vaughnda drummed in support. They showed the beauty of traditional Native American dance which is considered worship to the Great Spirit.

Remarks were offered by Maria Williams Cole, Vice Regent, Toaping Castle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The keynote address, "It is Never Too Late for Peace" was given by Angela L. Daniel "Silver Star," author of the book, *The True Story of Pocahontas: The Other Side of History*. Rev. Claire Daugherty, National Coordinator for ACLC's Women in Ministry, who was the inspiration for this conference, gave healing words of repentance and atonement for wrongs of the past, explaining that we cannot rewrite the tragic history, but the future is a blank slate. She explained that December 1st is the beginning of a new history for Amer-

icana), Josiah Bartlett, Samuel Huntington, John Hancock, Charles Carroll (signers of the Declaration of Independence), Jonathan Edwards (The Great Awakening), John Carroll (first Catholic Bishop), Nathan Hale (American Revolution - "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country"), John Adams and John Quincy Adams (former presidents), and Alexander Hamilton (first secretary of the Treasury whose face is on the ten dollar bill). The deep, symbolic meaning of each gift showing restoration for the painful past was spoken by Brenda as each representative, one by one, offered the gift to each Native Amer-

ican gift recipient, respectively. Tears were released within the room as deep healing occurred between the spiritual and physical worlds, ancestors and descendants. The gifts were: a statue of repentance, candle holder, covered crystal bowl, wooden bowl, drum, necklace, homemade pillow, blanket, basket carrying sequined shawl, heart made of crystal, original oil painting and "four races of mankind" statue. Also, a special scholarship gift was offered by the Mustard Seed Family Society from Manassas, Virginia (Founders: Nathan and Debra Loew) for a member of one of Virginia's eight state recognized tribes, specifically a Native American student for the academic



year 2007-2008. It was announced that the Chickahominy Tribe of Charles City, Virginia would receive the scholarship. A beautiful Native Honor song led by Rev. Linda Cornier and Troylynn Yellow Wood, both Native Americans from Colorado, and joined in by the audience symbolized acceptance of the offering made by the Miller family and the white American side as all involved in the Give Away embraced. Participants of the Give Away and in the audience were moved to tears as hearts were deeply moved and more substantial healing in the spiritual world and on earth was realized. The room

was filled with so much electricity and vitality that it was hard to settle down for the banquet meal.

Rev. Linda Cornier led the toast for sacred healing for America's blessing. "Stand up, smile at the sacred circle in front of you, the people's faces in front of you, and look and celebrate the beauty of your brothers and sisters. This is a special ceremony; this is a celebration time. At our ceremonies we always have a cup for our ancestors so I will put this cup right here (on the podium). In almost all our gatherings we have a very special time when we can feel like the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, One Family Under God. The sacred circle—that's what we created around your table. Gather hands with those around your table and I will pray. Heavenly Father, Creator, thank you so much for this very special time. We want to now toast in our sacred circle this very



special blessing that you give us, this blessing of the vision of the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon to become One Family Under God, a special prayer of Native Americans, of our ancestors that we can become One Family Under God, to bring all races together. I ask this in my name, Linda Cornier, Amen, Aho, Aju! Toast!"

Rev. Cornier invited the Hawaiian representatives to the podium to offer a prayer over the food. Carol Keanania offered it in Hawaiian and in English: "Offer guidance, that we may have faith and safety with the Everlasting, a place where pain and sorrow are no more and hope is restored

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ica based on the forgiveness received by all present (both Natives and non-Natives) the day before at Jamestown and that together we will bring peace. This set the tone for the White American Give Away presented by Brenda Miller of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) in Maryland. A Give Away is an important tradition for Native Americans, but in this case it was a symbolic prayer and repentance in its own way with the majority of people of white Colonial ancestry offering twelve gifts to twelve Native American guests whose names were chosen by lottery. The Colonial ancestry represented were: James Allen (Jamestown settler), Roger Williams (founder of Rhode Island), William Penn (founder of Pennsylvania), George Sutton (1633 Plymouth Colony), George Durant (founder of North

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7TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOD'S CORONATION CEREMONY

Prayer and Tree-Planting Commemoration

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

King Garden - Kono, Hawaii

Beloved Father, today is January 13th of the 8th year of Cheon Il Guk. This is a memorable day: we have entered the 8th year of Your royal authority over heaven and earth. On this day we have arrived to Hawaii to draw a dividing line in the providence.

Number 13 signifies such a dividing line marking the beginning of Your millennium kingdom.

We have come to the land of Hawaii from the Cheon Jeong Palace and on this important day stand here in the name of True Parents to embrace long-suffering creation, the universe, so that heaven and earth become one within our family.

Thank you, Father, for this opportunity to announce the final providential destination where we can establish the world under the royal governance of Heaven.

Hawaiian archipelago has 8 major islands, but particularly 5 of these represent parents and 3 children.

Father, remember these islands and make them representative oceanic nation.

Let all creatures in the ocean become the nourishment for the living realm of God's ideal and let them be used by their new masters in the garden of God.

Let us start out on a new path from this palace in Hawaii towards the completion of ideal purpose of creation.

Enable us to freely go over all stages outlined by the Peace Scripture.

So far, all created things were unable to take their proper positions and manifest their value.

On this day, January 13th of the 8th year of Cheon Il Guk we want to connect them all to the realm of True Parents' heart and establish the standard of their value as True Parents' objects.

On the basis of God's ideal principles of creation rooted in true love we want to announce the emergence of the fruit, the world of God's eternal ideal inhabited by people and other creatures, the universe where we'll be able to travel freely.

From 4:20 to 4:30 in this garden we offered to You all things, that you may govern over them directly.

We did so in the name of True Parents and with a heart full of tears.

May this bond be strong and may Your lineage spread to all 4 corners of the world.

May life sprout from the root of such unity of hearts.

We pray fervently that humans and all things of creation make the free world of God's ideal the arena of their lives.

May people observe this universe and travel freely to its every corner following the principles of love.

We pray for the unity of peninsular and continental realms and unification of North and South.

We pray that Korea, central point of the Pacific Rim of the ideal world and final destination of all cultures, could attend

Until this day True Parents have offered everything to accomplish this.

Establish your singular authority in all undertakings that will take place from now on.

Connect all people to the roots of Your

only blood lineage these earth-dwellers and 5 great saints as well as thousands of blessed families in the spirit world.

May the liberated kingdom of the reign of peace be established for ages where You will be able to govern all things directly with Your authority.

We earnestly desire this and wish to attend you eternally as the almighty God, our Lord, our Savior, our True Parent and true Progenitor of our lineage.

We hope that in this moment You can rejoice and be glad and Your ideology will rule all things in the universe; that You will govern the world of peace from Your throne for ages.

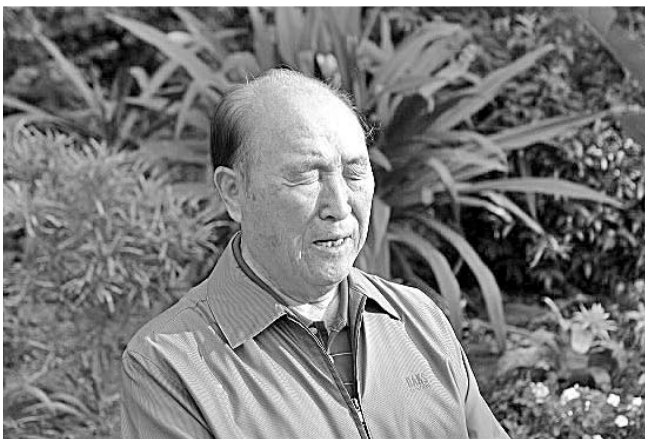
We beg you to become the sole Master of this liberated and glorious world to which we all march forward to.

As we offer this prayer we sincerely ask You to bestow Your heavenly fortune upon all creatures on earth that they may rejoice.

True Parents were called to take charge of this earth where You had toiled so much.

They were unable to disclose to all people what mission they were to fulfill and had to start their work in the position of mediators.

But now we ask You to become the absolute and only Owner of all accomplishments they made while fulfilling Your Will and to take these



God to become the foundation for all other nations to do the same.

We ask that on the basis of this complete offering You, Father, may welcome and rule over the world of Your ideal on earth and in heaven where all people can manifest their value.

May Your absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal royal dominion start from this moment on. Show us our position and direction to go. We want to reach our final destination and establish a model of Your ideal of creation - the world and universe which would be comfortable for You and people to rule.

Father, You know this desire of ours, so may the hopes that we are laying out to you become one with the core of Your heart.

May the motive, process and the outcome be absolute.

We earnestly pray that You may govern the ideal world of Your desire where You will be able to love eternally countless generations of Your descendants and extend Your authority over all people and things in this garden.

lineage and embrace all things in Your realm, so that all creatures in such unified and liberated world on earth and in heaven would eternally praise Your power and glory, Father, as a Great Master of all.

Enable us to create families of dutiful children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters of God.

May you govern everything without any accusations on the part of Satan.

May all beings in all corners of the world sing You praise and as symbols bring joy to their substantial Master.

May we go on and on and on towards the liberated ideal world, the Kingdom of Heaven where God would rule all of heaven and earth and where we can live in His bosom and attend Him as our King and Progenitor of our lineage; may we attend Him upon settling safely in our original homeland, peaceful Kingdom of Heaven.

True Parents are standing here together with blessed families who serve God's Will in various nations of the world.

Bind together with the bonds of heav-

results to Your bosom.

In the name of True Parents we offer this present world to You, so receive it with joy.

May all things in the universe, all blessed families on earth and in heaven unite as one in attendance to God and fulfill the duty of filial piety.

Enable these families to manifest such nature and face the glory of Your providence.

May the kingdom of liberation and complete freedom governed directly by Your almighty power come and may Your ideal of creation be substantialized in the form of eternal reign of peace.

We earnestly pray for this and notify You of all the above in the name of True Parents. Aju!

Father and mother plant avocado trees. Shin-joon nim plants a mango tree. Trees were planted according to Father's direction: East was avocado, pineapple, West: banana, papaya, South: orange, mango, North: apple, pear, apricot, Center: fig tree. ❖

MEPI TESTIMONY

Hearts Touched as Brothers Embrace

by Raymond J. Mas

At sunset on the plaza outside the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, a Jewish scholar from Jerusalem, a Muslim cleric from Kazakhstan, a Buddhist priest from Japan, and a Christian bishop from Nazareth all offered prayers for the unity of God's people and appreciation to God for sending Jesus. This interfaith service was a highlight of the 33rd Middle East Peace Initiative trip, December 4-9, 2007. The moment was enhanced by the Muslim call to prayer, the church bells chiming the hour, and a Buddhist chant.

More than 170 delegates from 41 countries participated in the International Leadership Conference in Tiberias, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and visited the nearby Druze holy site as well as Jewish, Christian, and Muslim holy sites.

A Russian participant was deeply inspired by the historical aspect of the Holy Land. To be where Jesus was born, preached, and walked the Biblical stories come alive for him. He also expressed appreciation for the representatives of different religions speaking about the common base of all religions.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz from Burkina Faso said, "The diversity of people in the conference was very inspiring. I read the Bible for the past seven years, but this time it becomes reality." An imam from Kazakhstan was impressed that religious leaders did not try to convert each other but embraced each other, publicly affirming their commitment to live in peace together. He agreed with the assertion that all people are children of the same parents—Adam and Eve—and thus brothers, because it is also expressed in the Qur'an.

Breakthroughs of insights and relationships come on the foundation of the many years of MEPI development and the work of the Universal Peace Federation.

"The Middle East Peace Initiative brings the different faiths together to respect and love and not suspicion, distrust and fear," said Hon. Lois Snow-Mello, a state senator from Maine, US. She had participated in a MEPI peace trip in 2003. "To be present while Christians, Muslims, Hindus, and Native Americans participate in a Passover Service was an extraordinary dream come true. We have come a long way since December 2003. It changed my life, how I serve my constituents, and how I work with my fellow legislators of all parties."

The variety of participants allowed for the creation of a stimulating and

productive environment. An interfaith dialogue session chaired by Rev. Michael Jenkins, president of UPF-USA, in Tiberias was engaging and powerful. He skillfully guided the session and challenged participants to go beyond speeches and platitudes.

The panel was asked to address the question of why individuals are able to express love and unity in dialogue but families and communities still fight one another. A rabbi answered that faith leaders need to take the lead and bring the faith communities together.

A former Anglican bishop called for courageous, prophetic voices like Isaiah and Jeremiah to speak out and take public stands against the violence; he said that many people cooperate with

brothers moved many participants to tears. "Morning prayer touched my heart," remarked Rabbi Michael Wiesser from Nebraska, USA. "Meetings with leaders of Islam, Christianity, and Judaism were so exceptional that it was often difficult to hold back my tears. The feeling of universal love has been palpable. In my long experience as a rabbi I have been blessed, but the blessings I sense now as a result of my interaction with all of the MEPI team are immense."

Bishop Musa Bongani Mbingo from Swaziland had a similar response: "To see the religious leaders embrace was the fulfillment of our trip." Bishop Grady Walker from Ohio, US, remarked, "Reading and teaching the Holy Scriptures

him two assistant mayors and two political advisers. On a previous MEPI trip, he had resolved to engage his district in a collaborative project with a Palestinian community. He and his staff visited the Bethlehem Caritas Baby Hospital during this trip and made plans for ongoing cooperation.

The diplomats on the trip had a special appreciation for UPF's ability to bring people together. Ambassador H.E. Mrs. Kan Akissi Yao-Ya, Permanent Delegate from Ivory Coast to UNESCO, was inspired by the spiritual atmosphere around the MEPI conference and appreciated UPF's ability to bring such a diverse group of prominent people together for peace.

Hon. Willem Bertens, former member of the European Parliament who had visited Israel as a representative of the Netherlands government, was impressed by the level of engagement among religious leaders and the atmosphere of openness engendered by MEPI. Mr. Hiroshi Matsumoto, who had worked in the UN system for thirty years, was impressed by UPF's vision for an "Abel UN" and UN reform.

People from Eastern religious traditions enriched the discussions. A Shinto priest

from Japan, Rev. Tasu Nara, stated that a close examination of Shintoism reveals commonality with Abrahamic faiths. "People understand Shinto as paganism," he said, "but Shinto also has a sense of monotheism. The important ideas of Shintoism are not pagan, but show that God dwells in all things."

There are ongoing challenges for the MEPI trips. One of MEPI's great strengths is the diverse religious and cultural backgrounds of its participants, but large groups can make it difficult to ensure that all participants are fully involved. This is especially so when some participants cannot speak English and are thus limited in how much they can share with the group as a whole.

The right balance between time given to lectures and question-and-answer sessions needs to be reached. Time for meaningful interaction between participants allows them to feel ownership, deepens their bonds, and helps to make MEPI a lasting experience. True peace in the Middle East must engage all the region. Previous MEPI trips have included Jordan and Lebanon; the next level for MEPI's development should extend its impact to other countries in the region. ♦



the situation because they don't want to make trouble for themselves. An American civil rights activist pointed to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as an example of such courage.

Mrs. Anjum Anwar was the only woman among that panel of religious leaders. She is the Dialogue Development Officer of England's Blackburn Cathedral (a diocese where there is a large Muslim community) and the only Muslim anywhere in the world to be appointed to a position by an Anglican cathedral.

After listening to nice words spoken by the men, she pointed out the need to openly acknowledge the serious problems which are dividing religious people and causing hatred and violence. Many participants came away impressed with the depth and honesty displayed. Mrs. Anwar moderated a women's interfaith panel and urged UPF to include more women speakers in the future.

Hon. Jean Augustine, Member of the Canadian Parliament, echoed Mrs. Anwar's call for giving more women a voice. "It was a moving and touching experience so see our brothers of different faiths—Muslims, Jews, Christians—praying together for peace," she added.

Witnessing people of different faiths praying together and embracing as

for over thirty-six years is nothing like being on site. We saw miracles of brothers coming together."

During morning meditation, Canon Chris Chivers of Blackburn Cathedral in England talked about his experiences in South Africa with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, witnessing people rising above terrible sufferings and reach out to reconcile with former enemies.

The experiences of the trip and the reports of interfaith reconciliation encouraged people to make greater efforts for peace. "I want us to show Rev. Moon that we are advancing his dream for peace in the Middle East and the world," said Dr. Rahim Kahn of the United Kingdom.

"There is no other world leader who has gathered all religious leaders together. Muslims feel quite proud to join with Rev. Moon." Hong Kong residents Zaman Minthas Oaman and Ajaz Muhammed were inspired by UPF's vision of "One Family under God" and its potential hope for their home country of Pakistan.

Some participants had come with plans to establish ongoing relations with local people. For example, Herve Doyen, a member of the Belgian Parliament who is also a mayor of one of the districts of Brussels, brought with

International Volunteer Day Jerusalem

The Religious Youth Service, in conjunction with Service for Peace-Israel, implemented a 5-days Experiential Social Service Learning project for the International Volunteer Day, December 7 - 14, 2007. The project gave twenty-two interreligious participants from various cultural backgrounds and origins a chance to interact, to learn more about each other and the power of acting together, and about joining forces in the action of a common service for a common goal.

The Project included both a service and a learning perspective. The service took the form of artwork, decorating the walls in two community centers in Jerusalem. One project was held in East Jerusalem, having a predominantly Arab population, and one was carried out on the boundary line



between East and West Jerusalem where there is a predominantly Jewish neighborhood. The participants and local youth worked together painting the walls in the community centers, making them more pleasant for children and young people.

The educational part of the project included workshops, training ses-

sions, and reflection upon the service. The training sessions were based on one of the most effective non-formal educational methods, namely experiential learning. Participants gained leadership skills, deeper understanding of themselves and of the others, and of how to actualize joint efforts and undertake small community service projects in their own communities. They reflected on the concepts of human rights, peace and joint action for development. As a result, the participants who



completed the project were highly motivated to continue their service efforts and to undertake their own service projects in their communities. Another result of the project was that the local young people in the two community centers were involved in the decoration and care for their centers and gained a vital sense of contributing to the their communities.

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in the heart of man. We shall always remember Heavenly Father. Bless the food we are to receive, strengthen us in heart and spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Gayokla Nichi J. Ayala, a director of Native American Leadership Alliance and traditional Native healer from California gave personal reflections, and Mrs. Alexa Ward, president of WFWP-USA and vice president of WFWP-International explained the history of the Bridge Crossing. Linda Cornier read the declaration that was prepared for the gathering: "This is the declaration, the new one, for this new age that I received in prayer. It says,

Mary Benavidez Holden, FFWPU-Maryland (Apache/Cherokee), and Rev. Ange-

Father and True Parents is most important in the bridge ceremonies. Gail Paine followed by presenting the five main points of UPF which are universal principles reflecting the ideals which make us One Family Under God. She appointed new Native American Ambassadors for Peace and asked all other Natives already appointed to join them in front. The audience followed by honoring them with a handshake or hug, ending in the Native American Friendship and Honor Dance and Oek Manseis.

With the atmosphere high and heavenly, the room very full of spiritual and physical persons, and a new commitment for peace on earth permeating each heart, the theme Peacemakers for Sacred Healing was realized beyond everyone's fondest dreams.

A big thank you to the steering committee, for all who participated in and supported this event and the following co-sponsors: United Native American Council, Native American Leadership Alliance, American Clergy Leadership Conference Women in Ministry, Women's Federation for World Peace,

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Norfolk Declaration - December 1, 2007

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Message from Spiritual World through Pat Piorkowski about the Peace-



makers for Sacred Healing Event, Sat., November 24, 2007

On Sat., Nov. 24, 2007 Brenda Miller visited Pat Piorkowski (77 year old blessed wife who lives in Maryland) to see if she could buy one of Pat's homemade pillows or quilts Pat makes to offer for the Give Away part of the program that Brenda will be conducting. As soon as Brenda sat in the chair in Pat's room, she started to speak: "The Cherokee nation, generation upon generation, are gathered and are coming to this (event). It is very profound and they are very serious about this. We must make this right - we must settle this for the sake of the future of our people as well as the sake of all the other people. They had all kinds of meetings about it (the event) and brought each other to the same mind." Pat doesn't know who is leading them in the spirit world. She said the

word "Geronimo" but she isn't sure if that is correct. Spirit world continued: "They are determined and on it and set this straight: to be acknowledged as noble people. They had to work on each other, talk about it, deal with things. They had disagreements, fighting, etc. and did ceremonies and proceedings to gather one mind and heart to do this. They come as one nation of all tribal nations united.

They were treated as less than nothing. That's the resentment they had to overcome. Pride and

self-respect was gone; they lived like nothing. The noble warriors are re-inspiring the others with the greatness to resurrect within their own descendants to rise to this nobility to be a proud nation once again. This kind of nation (tribe) is coming to the banquet. They want to be treated nobly, to be treated just as they are, equal to equal. If the President comes, they would feel as his equal. There should be a feeling of equal respect. They don't want to be treated like cry babies to be pitied or patted on the head. This is different from Africans. This was the Native's land. They were dislodged from their land that had been their land for centuries. (Non-Natives) meet them in the ceremony with mutual respect. They are coming on their horses in their regalia and head gear with their heads held high, coming in large hoards, like when buffalo run forward in a large herd. We come as your equals." Pat's words: This is a very serious ceremony for them. They want us to be us and them to be them and it is very important to meet as equals with no condescension of any sort.

The next morning Pat called Brenda back to say that it was Geronimo who was leading the Native Americans in the spiritual world. Geronimo led warriors evading the US Army for 25 years. If he is coming, Pat said, this is big in the Native American community. The event will be very effective.❖



lika Selle, pastor of New Hope Family Church, Landover Hills, Maryland, facilitated the Bridge of Peace Crossing ceremony. About twelve pairs of women, Native and non-Native crossed the Bridge of Peace one pair at a time, each coming from the opposite side of the stage, meeting in the middle, exchanging a flower and other gifts. After a warm embrace they came through a beautiful flower and cedar-covered arch to proclaim sisterhood from that moment forward. Each pair of sisters posed for a picture at the arch and signed the Norfolk Declaration.

The audience was so inspired about the new friendships created that everyone in the room was invited to form lines on either side of the stage and also cross the Bridge of Peace and receive a sister or brother. The atmosphere was swept up by heavenly angels as everyone wanted to partake in the beauty of the ceremony.

Mrs. Erikawa, senior vice president for WFWP, added closing words about the significance of the Bridge Ceremony, reminding us that the motivation for Heavenly

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UPF: Young Italians with Israeli and Palestinian Youth

by Hod Ben Zvi

Twenty young Italians ages 16 to 24 spent a week in Israel and Palestinian Territories learning to know the young people there and getting involved in community service activities. Mr. Giorgio Gasperoni, Secretary General of UPF-San Marino, led the group of high school and university students and recent graduates from ten cities in Italy.

"Israel is very close to the hearts of Italians and to our history," said his daughter Daniela, a university student who organizes service projects for young people. "This trip brought me much closer to the historical places where Jesus grew up but also to the people who are living there today."

From December 27, 2007 to January 3, 2008, the young people did community volunteer work, met with local Jewish and Arab youth, and toured the country. They were welcomed by both Palestinians and Israelis, and many friendships developed.

In consultation with senior Ambassadors for Peace, young Israelis and Palestinians organized an informative program that would give their Italian visitors as much time as possible to engage with local people of various communities. Meetings were held with all the major faith groups, giving the Italians opportunities to understand the diverse society in Holy Land.

The participants were welcomed to Jerusalem by Hod Ben Zvi, Secretary General of UPF-Israel, and Dr. Muli Peleg, a professor of political science from Tel Aviv University and co-chair OneVoice, an organization of young Israelis and Palestinians working for peace. Dr. Peleg gave an introduction to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and explained his organization's work to



resolve conflict. A few "icebreaker" games with local youth led to laughter and helped the young people feel comfortable with each other.

Prof. Eliezer Glaubach, former Jerusalem City Councilman, led a tour of the Old City of Jerusalem that included the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Western Wall, a place of prayer for over two thousand years. Visiting Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial, offered the Italians insight into a painful part of Jewish history. The Italians also met city officials and religious leaders in various communities.

The itinerary included visits to holy sites and refugee camps in Bethlehem and East Jerusalem. They rode a boat on the Sea of Galilee and saw historic sites in Tiberias and Nazareth. Tours of Jaffa and Tel Aviv gave the young people experiences of modern metropolitan Israel, in contrast to the traditional religious atmosphere of Jerusalem.

What made the week unforgettable were the many opportunities to do projects with local people, play with children, and discuss common concerns with other youth. Each encounter had a unique flavor.

At the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, they met leaders of the Student Union and volunteer groups. In discussion groups they shared freely with one another, with the Italians asking about Israeli student life and the Israelis ask-

ing the Italians what they thought about the separation wall. They also met with two women serving in the Israeli army. The Italians asked them many questions about their lives as soldiers and their concerns for Israel, and the soldiers asked the Italians about their concerns for their own country.

The Italians helped a Jewish scout group, Mashatzim, clear an area of trash in a forest where Jewish settlers used to live. Together, they joked while they picked up items such as old picture frames and inflatable swimming pools.

At a community center for Ethiopian Jews in the southern city of Beer Sheva, one group painted an electrical box in a poor neighborhood, decorating it with lots of color and the word "Peace." The local people were disappointed that the young people could not decorate the entire neighborhood. The second group planted trees in the yard of the community center and cleaned the area. Afterwards, they played with children at a kindergarten.

An Italian high school student, Chiara De Notaris, said, "I will never forget the eyes of the children, the smiles of the

youth were inspired to hear about the Global Peace Festival.

They met both Christian and Muslim Arabs living in Israel. The Italians met with Christian Arab youth in Nazareth, who shared their visions for life and what they want to accomplish. The Italians asked a lot of questions about their political points of view. In the end both groups felt so close that none of them wanted to part. Arab-Israeli Muslim students from Haifa University described their frustrations with the conflict and the walls dividing Israeli and Palestinian territories. After an Arab-style meal and a performance by Arab dancers, the Italians joined in the traditional dancing.

There were opportunities to meet Palestinians. At the only community center in the Old City of Jerusalem, they played with Arab children who were hesitant to respond at first but in the end did not want to part from their new Italian friends. At the Shoafat refugee camp in East Jerusalem, the Italians visited a girls' high school and asked many questions about the Muslim culture and dress code. Some of the girls accompanied the Italians on their visit to NGOs in Ramallah, in the West Bank, so they could continue

their conversations. The Secretary General of UPF-Palestine, Mr. Kamal Thabet, described the breakfast feeding projects in kindergartens and youth activities in Gaza.

"What struck me most was to see young people 18 and 19 years old having to serve in the army and carry weapons," Daniela said. She was also touched by the Arabs who told her they were always judged or feared because of their Arab heritage. Chiara said, "The stories of teenagers



like us were unforgettable and gave us insiders' views of the conflict." One person told her that peace was a matter of trust. Another person expressed hope that peace would come step by step. Still others seemed skeptical about the prospects for resolving conflict because decisions rest "in the hands of the people in power." ♦

boys and girls so extraordinarily similar to us, who share the same dreams, fears, and hopes for peace."

In the central Israeli town of Petach Tikva, the Italians met with 25 youths in a leadership program for community volunteering. The Italians listened with interest to their explanations about their volunteer programs, and the Israeli

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RYS Netherlands: Bridging Religious and Cultural Differences

by Daniel Bessell

Sponsored by UPF, "Bridging the gap between religious and cultural differences" was the motto which brought twenty young people from different cultures and faiths together in Utrecht, The Netherlands, for an interfaith service project beginning July 28, 2007.

The ten-day project was organized by Youth Service Initiative, a youth volunteer group, and Religious Youth Service, an international interfaith organization. It was carried out in partnership with the city of Utrecht and supported by Kerk en Wereld [Church and World].

The project aimed at providing an opportunity for young people from different faiths to serve the local community and, in doing so, to come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the faiths of the other participants.

The participants worked with the local Social Center, Doenja Dienstverlening, to create a peace mosaic at a playground in Kanaleneiland, a neighborhood with a bad reputation in Utrecht, and also at De Paraplu, a center for handicapped people.

These projects gave the group an opportunity to connect with the local neighborhood, working with children, youth, and handicapped adults at the project site. Working together for one week on these artistic projects brought everyone closer together and engendered deep friendships among the participants and local residents.

After six days of investment and effort, the participants and the local community gathered for an inter-cultural evening, offering performances from their own cultures for each other.

This became a special bonding experience that served to harmonize and inspire all attending. Everyone thoroughly

enjoyed the entertainment, which ranged from national children's songs to national anthems, from plays to an inter-cultural cooking show, and from classical piano to rock 'n' roll dancing! It was an evening of uniting through diversity, and everyone truly experienced what every culture enjoys the most—happiness, laughter, and joy.

The other aspects of the program also focused on fulfilling the motto of gaining deeper interfaith understanding and appreciation. Each day began with morning meditation on a spiritual or religious quote, with each participating youth then sharing how the quote related to his or her own



faith.

The group also visited several places of worship, including the Domkerk [Cathedral] and Mosque Al Farouq in Utrecht, a Hindu temple in Den Haag, and a Buddhist temple in Amsterdam. By participating in a Buddhist meditation and dialoguing with other youth at the mosque, the young people deepened their understanding of these different traditions and beliefs.

To further encourage dialogue, the group traveled using the "FORUM Discussion Bus," which allowed the group to discuss some burning topics regarding faith and life in a multicultural society. These discussions continued throughout the daily educational activities, which were focused on conflict management, communication skills, and character development. All of these experiences served to provide the young

people with tools to enable them to become agents of constructive change in their respective communities.

To close the project, the youth spent the last day in the peaceful surroundings of Reeuwijk. This reflection day incorporated a long boat ride on a beautiful lake, an interlude conducive to digesting the varied experiences and appreciating the relationships developed with the community.

This project was made possible thanks to the Paraplu, Doenja, Kerk

en Wereld, the Gemeente of Utrecht, the Moskee Al Farouq in Overvecht, FORUM, the Sewa Dham community, and the Fgs He Hua Temple.

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Fishing and Meeting

by Rev. Michael Lamson

On January 5th, 6th, and 7th the State Leaders gathered together with Rev. Lamson in Nags Head, North Carolina, to evaluate 2007 and develop strategies for accomplishing the 2008 goals. The State Leaders, Rev. Wooley, Rev. Harford, Rev. Schrattenecker, Rev. Saito, Rev. Hutcherson and Rev. Kambara, along with Alexei Tioukalov, Rev. Fermin Bocanegra, Martin Kampich, Mamoru Uyama and Rev. Lamson put in their best efforts to create the unity needed so that God's heart and inspiration could become the guiding force behind our discussions.

The meeting was held at a house on the beach in Nags Head, which was big enough to allow all of us to meet and be together for meals and fellowship. Art and Mika Lamson cooked and took care of us during the meeting (I think I gained 5 pounds).

Everyone arrived in North Carolina on Saturday, and Saturday night we shared a meal and played poker. Playing poker was an amazing way to get to know each other, and it was a night filled with laughter, bluffing and fun. Sunday we started the day with HDH and then it was meeting and eating all day. Our main focus covered three areas:

- * Tithing
- * Happy, Healthy BCFs
- * Church Growth

On Monday we chartered fishing boats and fished for striped bass (rock fish). We headed to the marina at 6:30 and each boat caught the allowed number of fish by 1pm. One boat spent a few hours catching and releasing fish because the limit had been reached. We returned to the marina with a little under 650 pounds of fish. Art Lamson and Rev. Schrattenecker caught citation fish. The State of North Carolina will send them certificates for these fish.



I personally felt so close to Father when we were fishing, and the day on the ocean brought all of us closer to God and to the purpose of our lives.

I have confidence that 2008 will be a year filled with happiness as True Father proclaimed in his midnight prayer. As we were discussing all the things that the providence will require from us in 2008, we could easily have felt overloaded but instead each leader was able to turn the potential bur-



dens into blessings.

I thank Heavenly Father for the guidance from Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins and for the amazing State Leaders whom I am honored and privileged to work with for another year. ❖



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Witnessing Summit, New York-New Jersey

by David Eaton

The following is a summation and the presentation of ideas from the “Power of Music” Breakout Sessions at the New York-New Jersey Witnessing Summit, held January 14, 2008. There were eight initiatives suggested by the participants of the two breakout sessions. George Kasakos, Joe Leonard, Vince Aparo and I were the moderators and are committed to expedite these ideas. Obviously there are many issues to discuss, but here are eight that were front and center.

Initiatives:

1.) A Band in Every Church! This might not be possible in many places, but in larger communities, the development of a serious music ministry with a good band and singers can greatly enhance any service or activity. Saddleback, Journey Church, Baptist Full Gospel Churches all make music a priority--not an afterthought, (Chapter 15 of Rick Warren’s book, The Purpose Driven Church.) In relationship to this, it was strongly suggested (by several BCs) that in local communities where bands already exist, that there is more inclusion of other musicians/participants and ideas about repertory with an emphasis on more contemporary (newer) styles/songs. This is crucial for the outreach to the 18-35 demographic.



2.) Develop a small local recording studio. Again, this might only be attainable in larger church communities. A co-op situation, where different individuals contribute or buy components of a studio (microphones, mixer, speakers, instruments, etc.), can be a way to make it cost-effective and allows for “ownership” to develop. George Kasakos and Diego Costa have a wealth of understanding about this topic. A small studio can be a significant lure to people whom BCs want to attract and witness to. It also is something that Father has told us to develop over the years. By assisting others with their music, one can more easily create the conditions for “natural surrender.”

3.) The Coffee House. Once a month (or more) have an evening of music and fellowship (no lectures). Open mike/karaoke can be a part of this. This can be an effective icebreaker. We did this in CARP and with the Go World Brass Band in the Boston center on Beacon Street. If there is a local BC band or musicians, they can perform or invite others to participate. Timan Brown has been a pioneer of this type of initiative.

4.) An Annual Music/Art Workshop. This is something the BC Artsfest was doing for awhile. Having a week long gathering (at UTS or UB, e.g.) of talented individuals where BCs can get together and share and study can be a valuable experience. There would be three areas of emphasis: The study of Unificationism vis-a-vis art (Unification

Thought, DP, Father’s words on art/music, music history), practical skills (recording technology, performances, song writing, MIDI technology, etc.) and having a public performance at the end of the workshop would be a great vehicle for witnessing for the local community in which the workshop is held.

Panel of Second generation

5.) Peace Song Writing Contest. A peace song contest can be a way to create way outreach and, like the Coffee House idea, can facilitate an icebreaker strategy. A theme like “What Does Peace Sound Like” would be a great tie-in to the Global Peace Festival in August 2008. The winning entries could be considered for performance at the GPF, and a CD could be produced that might be used to fund-raise or witness for future GPF events. This kind of project could be done on a national or local level. Also, with the video age in full swing, a video contest is also a viable way to develop good contacts, “What Does Peace Look Like?”

6.) Songwriters Circle. This is related to Initiative No. 5. Many people have expressed the desire to use songwriting



ing as away to invite friends into our sphere. This can help people develop their craft as well as a way to meet people and witness.

7.) Talent Shows/Contests. Several people suggested this idea as a way to meet people in the manner of the Scientology ads for attracting people who are interested in the music/arts industry. Again, this could be a local event. Rev. Darryl Clark of New York FREETEENS has produced several annual Gospel music competitions with prize money and performances that have been used as icebreaker events.

8.) A National Cultural Department/Office. This is something that Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins have suggested and perhaps the time is right to bring this idea to fruition in recent discussion. The Korean and Japanese movements have this type of office with a staff that expedites the various production and cultural activities within those nations---tours, Holy Days, Blessings. Having several interns working in conjunction with National



Headquarters, in much the same way that Rev. Schanker has done in Washington, might be the way to get this started. The establishment of a Cultural Department in America can be a way to help create a greater focus.

Third Day

200 participants (group photo) join the Witnessing Summit at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa at Long Branch, New Jersey

As someone who has worked in the performing arts in the Unification Church for 32 years, (and professionally before joining UC), I have been a staunch advocate for a significant arts/culture presence. In the truth/beauty/goodness paradigm as articulated in the Divine Principle, beauty corresponds to emotion and art is powerful expression of emotion. In a very real sense, artistic endeavors can be said to be the realization of the Third Blessing as we become co-creators with God. Our 2nd Generation surely intuits this and as a result, they are influenced greatly by culture and desire to get involved with culture and art.

In the early history of performing arts in America, Father often asserted the idea that music and religion go “hand in hand” as agents to bring people to a higher consciousness and to ultimately establish a culture of peace.



In 1995 (in Brazil) Father called and me to a meeting and over breakfast he outlined a plan to use art as a way to advance God’s providence. and I have continued to implement Father’s ideas wherever and whenever we can. It remains the *raison d’etre* of our musical endeavors, and imparting this to BCs is a necessary aspect of our

future as mentors. In that meeting Father instructed us to assist other musicians in the pursuit of their career development by helping them record, videotape, and perform their music. In the process we could then teach the ideals of our movement and create an international arts movement based on the idea of “creating a moral revolution in the arts.” The idea of utilizing art and culture as a way to create the conditions for a moral and ethical society has been articulated by Confucius, Plato, Augustine, Beethoven---and True Father. We, as Unificationists, need to be doing



exactly this in a much more “focused” fashion. Especially in America.

I could go on and on as to why this hasn’t happened to the degree it should have, but the focus needs to be the here and now.

America, as a Christian country, has a love affair with culture, much the same way the European Christian societies did. Yet in our movement, we have not prioritized this, which for a movement that is essentially a progeny of Christianity, is to our distinct disadvantage. In his book, Rick Warren asserts that, “music, not baseball, is America’s national pastime.” It seems apparent that we must be more fully engaged in this.

By not utilizing and supporting a more concerted effort in the arts in America, we are fighting an uphill battle to transform the “fallen” culture with heaven’s culture. A case can be made that entertainers and artists are equally, if not more powerful than clergy or politicians in shaping values and attitudes in our society.

Getting back to the truth/beauty/goodness paradigm: by fighting the fight for God with only truth (theology/conferences) and goodness (service) and without beauty (music/art/culture) being seriously in the equation, it will be difficult to inspire the 2nd Generation in the witnessing process and attain our goals.

George Kasakos, Joe Leonard, Diego Costa, myself, and others are deeply committed to assist in this effort. It’s our passion.❖



Interaction of the Generations

by John Doroski

From January 11-13, my wife and I participated in a 2nd generation led, American National Witnessing Summit, guided by elder leaders of our movement. I attended out of curiosity and skepticism with a glimmer of hope that something just might be truly happening. It was not until Saturday afternoon that my skepticism began to melt and it sunk in that this was a genuine rebirth of our movement back to the early days of America where we were all caring brothers and sisters except with a maturity of hindsight wisdom to truly make it work this time. I did not take notes but will share as best I can. In 2007, when I heard that the American Movement was now being called to witness and gain 30,000 new members by the year 2013, frankly I was very critical in my mind of the motives and did not believe in any way we could gain 30,000 let alone even 500 new core members; my critical mind of the motives have been totally turned around and

needs and our American movement can now focus 70% of our effort and even resources into producing more brothers and sisters of the love Kingdom.” The summit was centered around “World Cafe Sessions” where 10 people per each of 20 tables intensely shared their views around penetrating topics for about 15 minutes until we would get up and move to another table with a different topic question and a whole new mix of 1st and 2nd generation. The subject and wording of each discussion topic alone revealed the sincerity of the 4th World Witnessing Summit and willingness to hold back nothing to get to a core understanding of our movement’s problems with membership growth, the problems of the 2nd generation and the generation gap between 1st and 2nd generation. Each table had 3 or 4 2nd generation who were not shy at confronting issues, 1st generation or sharing their insights of what we needed to change. I counted over 80 2nd generation between 22 and 28 who were serious about

after learning about all of our movements problems over the years on our list serve discussions; “Our 2nd generation, are catching a powerful wind in their sails; they are learning from our mistakes and employing the best of the best to build anew a “family” of brothers and sisters. I have come on board and will be contributing much to this 30,000 quest to find our massive extended family of love. I have left out a list of the exciting discussion questions and already initiated changes and infrastruc-

ture to empower this quest to gain 30,000 new brothers and sisters, that was shared and is perhaps the most exciting part, not knowing if it is wise to have such broad-casted across the world. The problems we have discussed many 2nd gen are having will be healed through this growing new movement to find lost and new brothers and sisters. ♦



now I do believe we will gain those 30,000. To begin the entire witnessing summit was a working process of defining what witnessing was and what the new members would be doing; the conclusion first. During Mike Jenkins closing speech he did a parody, “Yes, we need 30,000 new members so they all can go on fundraising teams and we can earn #### money each day”.....“Absolutely not!”, he proclaimed. The entire summit communicated in substance that witnessing meant making “new friends to be our brother and sisters who cared for each other and the new members would be precious disciples we mentored and guided to creative contributing situations they could blossom in while participating with building God’s substantial kingdom. The structure of the summit communicated this and the apparent implementation of previous conference suggestions, complaints and intense dialogue output between 1st and 2nd generations. The entire summit suggested our movements leadership is on an “emergency change mode” to “get things right by the members”. Mike insured the change would be permanent, “In the past, emergency conditions, conferences and providential events have dominate our lives, caused so many 2nd generation to not receive the love and time needed from their parents due to the 1st generation being called to sacrifice everything to ensure the Messiah’s course be fulfilled, but that now we have the victory foundation established that it is self-fulfilling without our needed inputs.” “That, our Ambassadors for Peace, our ACLC ministers and network, etc. can cover the new, upcoming Providential

reviving and getting our movement correct; many of them were 2nd generation who had “so called” left the movement but now returned. Many of the 2nd generation leaders of our summit, entertaining and empowering the atmosphere were actually not bloodline 2nd generation, but new youth members who had joined in recent years. I also witnessed that the leadership of this revival of the American movement to help the 2nd generation “Catch the Vision and Pass on a Legacy of Love” had already implemented many suggestions made at the earlier 3 summits and even within our 4th summit make suggested changes within the summit itself. My opinion is this witnessing summit was much more than a summit on witnessing; that actually it was more of a 3 day healing interact between the 1st generation and the 2nd generation and also could be called an attempt to reach out to the “old farts” to get us to become hip and relevant. Frankly, I am so excited, especially

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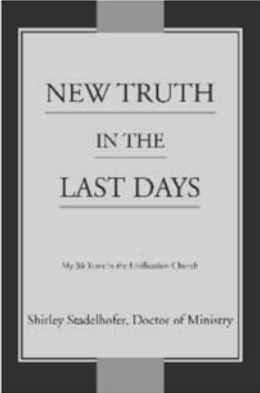
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Tong-Il Moo-Do Promotions Nationwide

by Shota Iwasaki

Since the promotion tests in the Queens Church in December, three Tong-Il Moo-Do chapters, San Diego, New Jersey, and San Francisco

also completed them.

San Diego Tong-Il Moo-Do chapter was just started in September 2007 by Mr. Satoh, a third-degree black belt graduate from UTS and has been well supported by Pastor Walter Frank Jr. and members of the San Diego Family Church. The chapter promotion test

was held in November, when several 2nd generation tried out for the rank of yellow belt. Furthermore, the pastor himself set the example by participating in every practice and is striving to obtain a black belt besides his already-attained high rank.

San Francisco began its chapter a few years back and has increased its membership. Many of Tong-Il Moo-do chapters combined training and service projects as part of their leadership and character development programs.

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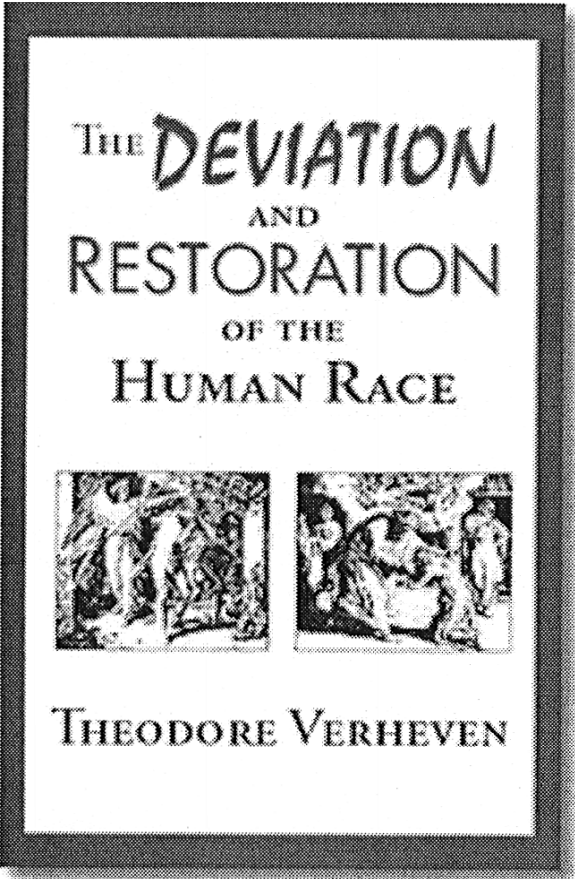
The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race

by Theodore Verheven

Teddy Verheven was sent as a lone missionary in 1965 from Los Angeles to Holland (his country of birth), by the leader of the Unified Family, Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

This writing not only explains the purification and development of the inner personality (moral and intellectual), but also the unfoldment of the innermost spark, by awakening and feeding the growing soul with the Love and Truth of God.

For more detail, go to: "The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race" on AtlasBooks.com - "Category" Biblical Studies or Body, Mind, Spirit. See Summary and Testimony and click on "excerpt" for Foreward and 10 pages of Table of Contents.

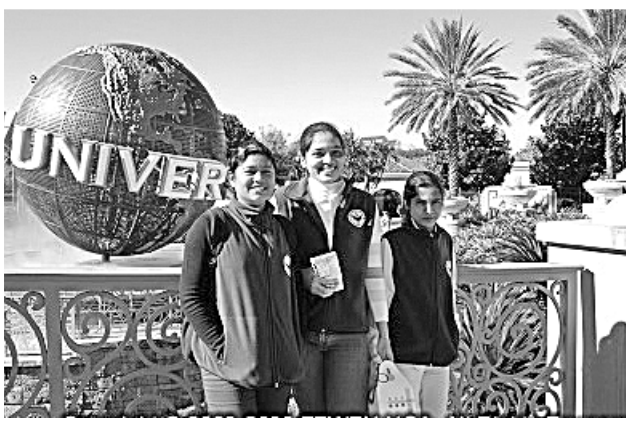


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National Conference of BFD Representatives

by Jim Stephens

The third annual National Conference for BFD Representatives at Homewood Suites, BWI Airport, December 7 – 9, 2007 was attended by 36 participants from all 12 Districts. At least 2 representatives came from each of the 12 Districts. Boston District sent 5 people.

Also attending were Rev. Phillip Schanker, Mrs. Yasue Erikawa and Chizuko Hosoe from the Missionary Office, Rev. Inguk Seo from Second Gen. Blessing Affairs, Noah and Kathy Ross from the BFA, John and Cathy Williams who visit Districts on behalf of the BFD and also present Teleseminars.

The evening began with a lasagna dinner lovingly prepared by Mrs. Hiromi Stephens, Nari Stephens, and Amadea de Groot (BFD staff). Throughout the weekend we saved a lot of money on food by cooking most of the meals ourselves. The participants expressed only praise for the meals as far as I know.

The first presentation was “Year in Review and Looking Ahead to 2008” by Rev. Phillip Schanker. He mentioned some key BFD achievements and emphasized the development of a more clear process of education, matching and Blessing for First Generation in the coming year, and stressed the importance of the BFD as a representative of True Parents, and maintaining a relationship with God’s Providence and church leadership.

Participants were all given a Master CD of computer files of BFD documents that can be very helpful in the field. Jim Stephens gave an overview of the contents. It is also filled with valuable resources, even including Holy Songs and recordings of True Parents singing in the early 1970’s in America.

Each District was presented with a set of 6 DVD’s of videos taken during the Parents Matching Convocation #3 at the end of October, 2007, at UTS. These DVDs are meant to be shown to parents to help guide them in the process of matching their children.

Next each attendee spent time writing down their inspirations regarding their roles in the BFD and reporting on events they have organized in their Districts over the last year, 2007.

Saturday morning started at 5:00am with Ahn Shi Il and the reading of Peace Message #5.

After breakfast, Jim Stephens shared inspirations in his life that he has received from God about leadership using the

subject-object relationship and how God loves each of us so much beyond our sins but that He is limited by the people He has to work through. Jim also gave a powerpoint on guidance for the BFD Reps in how to lead the growth of BFD efforts back home. He reminded them to always build teams and never do it alone.

Rev. Inguk Seo shared about the Seonghwa Dept. (formerly the Second Generation Dept.) and connected the BFD leaders to the efforts in their department. He also explained about efforts to assist in making international matches by parents and the new International Matching Website.

Dave Hunter, Director of Youth Education at HQ, presented some of the projects they are working on, in particular the Internship Program they have developed for Second Gen. to connect with Unificationist projects and businesses.

Noah Ross, Chairman of the BFA, gave a powerpoint Explanation and Update on the BFA Activities. Noah also presented an Introduction to the new 2nd Gen Matching Website: MATCHBOOK.

After lunch Mrs. Yasue Erikawa spoke on Matching the First Generation members and shared the significance and importance of thorough education and understanding of the meaning and value of the Blessing. The BFD nationwide will have a very large role to play when new members are joining on the way to the goal of 30,000.

Next followed personal time for each Representative to think, pray, and write down plans on the subject: Planning for the Blessed Family Dept. in your District, identifying dates and projects for 2008. This was followed by gathering by District level for reflections and writing, team building, deciding programs and events and assigning dates for 2008.

Next Rev. Phillip Schanker gave guidance and clarification on the subject: Understanding the Amnesty, emphasizing the impact of this important grace from God and True Parents upon Second Generation candidates for the Blessing, and how to address questions about the past when discussing potential matchings between families.

John Williams was the next speaker and he gave a powerpoint on Domestic Violence and How to Respond. It must

clearly be stated for all members that absolutely no physical violence is acceptable in our families.

John Williams continued with a second powerpoint on The Internet Pornography Plague, Protecting our Sons. He shared important insights on the impact of this problem on individuals and relationships. It is known that nearly every teenage boy in our church has been exposed to pornography and likely is masturbating. This is a very important topic that needs to start to be addressed in the field with heavenly understanding and through developing successful programs to help our youth and all those in society as well.

Dinner was another great home-cooked meal which was followed by a DVD (created by a Second Gen couple) of the Camp for Special Needs Children held in August,

2007. Yoshi and Fran Ichijo shared their heart and experiences leading the camp and the Special Needs Ministry and their desire to see all Blessed Children with Special Needs receive the matching.

The New BFD Website was shown by Nari Stephens (BFD staff) who has been working hard to give our old website a face-lift and a re-organization.

Next the participants were divided into 6 groups and each was asked to share stories of successful events and programs that they have had in their Districts. The discussions seemed very stimulating and all of the groups kept on going for 30 minutes beyond the allotted time.

On Sunday morning, inspiration was given by Mrs. Hiromi Stephens on the topic, “God is working through you all the time but you may not realize it.” Following her sharing each attendee was asked to pray to God and write down a message that He wanted to give to the person sitting next to them. Many had deeply moving experiences.

Next, Amadea de Groot (BFD staff), gave a report on all the BFD ministries. Amadea had the responsibility to call all the National Coordinators of the ministries and share their reports with the participants. She handed out written reports and then gave a verbal summary. She reported on the Ministries for Adoption, Second Gen. Matching Support (Mrs. Takahashi), Children with Special Needs, Adult Singles and Divorcees, Counseling, Senior Services, Marriage Support and Enrichment, Prayer, Seung-Hwa & Won-Jeon, Western Women Married to Japanese Men, and Mentoring Second Gen Couples.

The last session was a time for reflections and sharing all together about how God has worked in different Districts and the lives of the Representatives. I think the attendees were able to catch a vision that it’s possible to develop the BFD all across America and really contribute to making the Heavenly Kingdom one family at a time.

We closed with a group picture and special sushi lunch boxes for everyone prepared by a local couple.

The individual reflections and plans for 2008 are being typed up and will be available soon. There seemed to be a general consensus that we should probably meet twice a year and have regular conference calls as well. ❖

Blessed Family Association

The Blessed Family Association is non-profit organization open to all couples Blessed in Marriage by Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, founders of the Unification Movement and the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. The purpose of the BFA is to help Blessed Families support and communicate with one another.

The BFA is distinctly different from the Blessed Family Department (BFD). The BFA is a membership organization that you may join and support, whereas the BFD is a church department. The two organizations work closely together, and the BFD director, Jim Stephens, is on our board. While the BFD concerns itself with official church standards and policies, our goal is to help blessed families organize to meet our common needs. We elect our own board and we are self-funding. Our plans are to provide financial support, education, communication, matching and other important services to all our members.

The BFA was recently reorganized at an inaugural convocation on November 22, 2004 at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, NY. At that time, bylaws and a Board of Directors were affirmed.

BFA elections will be held annually at the BFA convocation. The current Board of Directors is: * Noah Ross - chairman, * Laurence Baer - secretary, * Michael Stewart - treasurer, * Bruce Bonini - communications, * Casey Cox - mentoring, * Robin Cox, * Fran Ichijo - BFA groups, * Rob Sayre - membership, * Jim Stephens - BFD representative, * Elizabeth Stewart, * Kitty Wojcik - finance

The BFA office is located at: Blessed Family Association, 30 Seminary Drive, Barrytown, NY 12507 (845) 758-9698, info@blessedfamilies.org

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Celebrating Our True Parents' Blessing

by Charko Patterson

Last year On Dec 26, 2007, I helped organized a 3 year Anniv Dinner for our Blessing which was the 2004 CIG Blessing at East Garden. 12 couples from as far as DC and Texas were able to Attend. InGuk hyung, who is the National Director of Blessings for BCs showed his support by attending and giving the couples some opening remarks of congratulations and guidance on the meaning and significance of our Blessing. Several couples gave Toasts in recognition of those who made an impact on our Couples, including Rev. Schanker, our fellow brothers and sisters, our parents, and of course, our True Parents. Many couples offered a song over the dinner, which was accompanied by our brother Dilmar, who did and excellent job. After dinner Won Gyu Tamura gave all of use a few

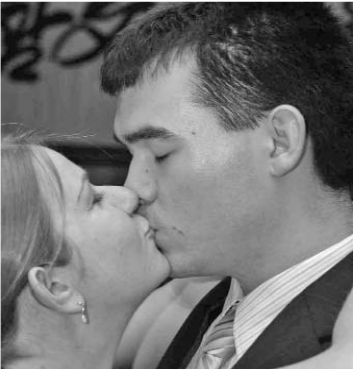
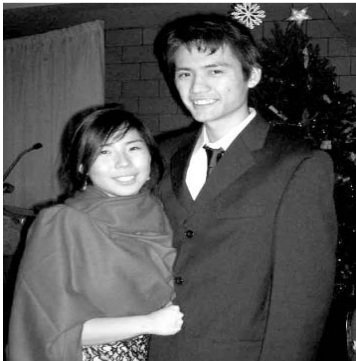
lessons in Ballroom dancing and the Tango, which was a lot of fun. Earlier in the event, my brother, Richard Patterson, took some beautiful portrait shots of each couple that we were able to print and frame as a gift for each couple at the event. We also had everyone sign eachothers frames, which made for a wonderful memento for the event. I would like to especially thank the National BC Blessing Department for their show of support. In Guk hyung offered a donation that covered nearly half of our expenses! I would also like to thank the private donators as well as the staff of the event:

My Father, AV
Dilmar, Catering
Richard, Photography
Won Gyu, Dance
Joe Lenard, Emcee

I would personally like to thank all the Couples who were able to attend,

In the years to come, I hope we can all continue to celebrate the Blessings given by our True Parents. Thank you.

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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!**

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

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

Those who wish to apply need to review the grant requirements and submit an application. go to www.centerforeducation.net for more Grant Information and details.



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I Know My Roots

Kaeleigh Fefferman

DCBC High School Workshop
December 27th- January 1st

Workshops give us the opportunity to go where we can shine. The world around us is clouded with so much smog and pollution that our inner hearts get overwhelmed. Our hearts stop working as well because the air isn't healthy for us. And unfortunately, most of us can barely breathe in the world. That's why I feel workshops are so important. They give people a chance to breathe. This workshop was special. We had 66 kids, 13 full time staff, and beautiful camp scenery to enhance the experience. The chance to bring Virginia and Maryland communities together was refreshing. And though in the beginning we definitely saw ourselves as two completely different communities, I think I can speak for all of us when I say we are all one big family now. One of the main topics we discussed at the workshop was that True Parents are our roots. And if we have the same roots that literally makes us all part of the same family tree. And we are.

Workshops are challenging, this one included. But we did everything we could for our younger brothers and sisters. Murphy's Law seems to be a constant in workshops, and I have to say that we have gotten extremely talented at "going with the flow" when things go wrong. But the truth of the matter is that God has our back. In preparing for this workshop I felt a constant push from Heavenly Father. Like he had been waiting for us to do this workshop. I really felt his desperate heart to be with His children. And I also feel like the many conditions our staff did in preparation for this workshop allowed spirit world to bless us and provide an amazing, and safe atmosphere.

Youth at our workshop had life changing experiences, and that is beautiful. We always hope we can provide environments where our brothers and sisters can "see the burning bush" and realize how special their life is. I feel everyone needs a break and a chance to take a look at their hearts and spirits and think. For once I think these kids actually felt connected to True Parents. I truly believe that we set a foundation for our brothers and sisters to make their choice, just like our parents did. We are witnessing, and that's what being a youth minister is about. Witnessing to people who haven't had a chance to see the miracles of our own community.

I cannot wait to see the results of this workshop in the months to come. Our youth are amazing. God is amazing.

And this workshop was amazing.

Before sharing some excerpts from workshop reflections I'd like to share a

basic overview of what took place at this workshop.

1. Prerequisites: We had all the participants complete 3 prerequisites prior to attending the workshop: write a letter to True Parents, interview a parent or elder and ask them how they joined the church, and serve your parents in 3 ways. Prerequisites, in our opinion, serve as spiritual conditions for the sake of everyone's experience at the workshop, and they also help all of the participants to begin thinking about the workshop before they get here.

2. Mission Impossible: At the workshop, teams spent 2 days by themselves completing mission impossible objectives geared towards building a foundation of faith and a foundation of substance. Once they

helped me to bring my faith back and I thank you so much. The song singing was great and it was festive. On God's Day at midnight when everyone was singing around the fire, I went off on my own by the benches and had a deep prayer by myself. That prayer, backed up with all of the spiritual energy that we had all camp was the first truly sincere prayer that I've had in my life and I actually cried, which is something that does not come easily for me. Once again, I would truly and sincerely from the bottom of my heart like to thank you for such a sweet workshop where I was able to meet more BC's from Maryland and Virginia areas. This was a truly amazing workshop.

-My workshop experience was probably the best I've had so far. I feel like I've learned so much more about the

to come to another workshop like this. And I will really try and use what I've gained here in my life when I get home. Staying here for 5/6 days felt like a few weeks, but in the end I felt like it was too short. I will miss Camp Letts and everyone a lot. I feel a lot more confidence in myself already from this experience, which is really great for me because my main goal for 2008 is already being made. Thank you!

-Overall I was very impressed with the dedication, positive attitude, and energy of the staff. Because of it, the workshop's pace never felt slow or unprepared. The food was great, the testimonies moving, and the lectures encouraging and thought-provoking. My only regret is that it all had to end so soon. Inviting/coordinating with VA BC's enlarged our community and I think some long lasting relationships have begun here. I feel that it's very important to start each year with the mindset instilled here. I can't wait to see what you have in store for us next year! 5 out of 5! You've helped me realize that it's not that impossible.

-I feel this workshop was very helpful and meaningful to me. The testimonies and way of life conveyed to us really spoke true to me- I definitely gained a lot by coming. Initially I didn't want to come because I was set in my ways and comfortable with my lifestyle, not to mention it was almost my entire break, 6 days! I came to the workshop not expecting anything but a little resentful. I was also searching for something I could take with me and I found it. I know that I need to change so many things in my life, but going about changing them is going to be a challenge for me. I also feel very disconnected with BC's my age and church on

Sundays is lame. So I know I have to work very hard to keep it going. Thanks for this experience. It was very meaningful and gave me a better understanding. I needed this.

-The best prayer so far in my life has taken place here at this workshop in the rain, freezing cold, holding on to a tree. There were no words, just feelings. My goal for this workshop was to have an experience with God. And I know that I have. It's something totally real that I can take home with me. I'm so grateful.

-I really feel like I learned a lot and I'm ready to start the New Year with new motivation and try to become a true person. I had been so confused within myself before I came and I really felt like it helped me clarify in my head. I really loved the challenges and creating a great bond with my team. Within my team I felt trust and comfort. I didn't want to come here, but I am SO glad I did.

I feel like kicking myself for staying this, and I know, it's the most lame-sounding thing a guy like me could possibly write, but it's 100% true, despite how typical and embarrassed it makes me feel.... This workshop might

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completed their objectives they came back to the camp and then had the foundation to receive the Messiah.

3. Meat of the Workshop: The workshop was full of talks, lectures, and testimonies from 1st Gen and 2nd Gen that focused on True Parents heart and having a relationship with True Parents. We had a day- long experiential hike showing Jesus' and True Father's course which turned out to be more moving than we expected. We had an amazing bonfire on God's Day night where God's love freely flowed between the entire workshop. And so much more.

And now for the reflections which will be kept anonymous for the sake of not embarrassing anyone who might not want to be published:

- I have to be honest; this was a really sweet workshop. I really liked the team bonding exercises that we did on the first two days and even though they seemed impossible at first, it was so sweet when we finally accomplished it. The lectures were awesome and really helped me grow, especially since before I came to the workshop, when I wrote my prerequisites, I began to realize that I really didn't know the True Family very well. Everything at this workshop

church and True Parents. Of course, I struggled a lot when we fundraised and when we played unity ball in the rain. I found myself getting frustrated and negative. When I look back though, I realize how much more True Father suffered in the prison camp. Every moment I suffered gave me a peek into True Father's life and I can't even begin to imagine how Father could possibly survive through so much. Overall, I definitely enjoyed the workshop, and I will clearly remember it for years to come.

-This workshop was very very inspiring and SO AMAZING! I really truly felt that I was part of an amazing thing. Coming from VA made me at first feel that I would just stick with my VA friends. But I was so wrong. I really felt like MD/VA were me and it didn't matter that VA community was so small. I really loved the testimonies and lectures. Some were way too long, but I just realized so much from them about why I'm here and my purpose. The whole workshop experience meant truly so much to me. I liked having the first two days to bond with my group and then really enjoyed the sports, food, small group challenges and feeling that I belong here. I can't wait



THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

First Jr. STF Candidates

Dec 26-30, 2007

The workshop was held at UTS, NY. Since the 1st Jr. STF Candidate's summer workshop in 2007, where we had 17 participants, 5 of which were new candidates, and 2 of them passing to Green Level, the participation has increased significantly. There were a total of 70 people: 2 guest speakers, 13 staff and 55 participants. Among the Jr. STF participants, 47 were new candidates, 6 were green level members and 2 were pink level members. They came from 7 different communities: 17 from NY, 6 from NJ, 3 from CT, 8 from MA, 3 from VA, 9 from MI, 8 from Canada.

Promotion

11 passed to Green Level, 4 passed to Pink Level
One 17 yr old 1st Generation (Klein Gauthier) passed to Green Level. As for the quality of the workshop, many of the participants had transformative experiences. The theme of the workshop was "Discovering my Heart of Attendance". Over the course of 4 days, we presented on the topics of God, True Parents and the Blessing, had team activities, and testimonies, followed by two levels of Jr. STF promotion tests.

The promotion tests included the

- following:
- Team Challenge Activities
 - Divine Principle Test
 - 90 min. test on POC (Green Level)
 - 60 min test on Fall & Restoration (Pink Level)
 - 10 minute lecturing test on one section of POC (Pink Level)
 - Essays on lecture content
 - 1 on 1 Interview
 - Outdoor Challenge Activity



- 2 hour run (Green Level)
 - Overnight Hike (Pink Level)
- We concluded with a certificate ceremony recognizing all those who completed the workshop, and also those who were successful in promoting to the next level of Jr. STF. Several parents attended the ceremony together with us. Here are some of the testimonies from the workshop:

"The feeling is so invigorating, the feeling that you know your mission,

and you know how to fulfill God's will. It feels great!" (Daniel Heller, 17, NY)
"God has shown me that He really is with me at all times, and He is always guiding me... God has also shown me that I will never be lost ever again... I will take everything I have learned here, and apply it to my life. And I also want to try and help another BC or any person going through a hard time. I just want to do my best to really help God's Providence." (EiJung Kim, 14,



NJ)
"God has shown me so many things through this workshop - How to be grateful for everything and everyone. Also, how I should...help others to touch their lives about God - To challenge myself and try everything. And lots more I don't know how to put into words...I'll share my experience with my friends who couldn't come." (Monalee Machado, 12, MA)

"I want to share with my parents what

I learned and try harder to do things for them and for God that will make them happy." (Virginia Rose Loew, 13, VA)

"God has shown me through this workshop many things but mainly that I can do so much, I can do anything because he loves me, I'm an extended member of True Family, and I'm a blessed child of God. Centered on God, True Parents, and True Love I can and will fulfill, strive, sacrifice, and accomplish an ideal Family, perfect myself, be the greatest son, brother, husband, and father ever..."(Klein Gauthier, 17, MI)

"God has shown me that He is always here to help and that if we work Hard enough and are faithful enough we can accomplish anything, even if it is 10 times what we've previously accomplished" (Christian Sullivan, 16, Canada)

"As a result of learning these things, I will now put them into practice during school, and hopefully change my friends and peers through teaching some of the Divine Principle lessons and core values to better themselves and spread a way of living for the sake of others." (Mica White, 13, Canada)

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be the single most important church function I've ever been to in my entire life. Honestly, I'm at a point in my life where there's the potential to either completely screw up or do the right thing. I'm being case into almost every situation that was brought up in this workshop concerning high school life. Everything. As I reflect I can almost close my eyes and see how I was slowly slipping away from all that I thought was the right way in the past year. This workshop came at the perfect time for me and I feel like I now have the determination and strength to change and focus on who I want to become. I think what I'm trying to say is that this workshop is probably the only time I've ever truly had the desire and zeal to better myself because I finally understand what my life mans. Yeah, this workshop pretty much turned my life around.

Report on the Save Abstinence & Values Education in DC

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Mission: To provide education, peer counseling and clubs for youth that will empower them to be successful in life by choosing abstinence from sex outside of marriage and abstinence from drugs, alcohol and tobacco. We provide services to schools and youth serving organizations, including services by college students from nearby universities who support these values.

The Save Abstinence & Values Education in DC (SAVE DC) Coalition held a successful rally on Thursday, December 27, 2007. If you missed it, you can view

video highlights at:

<http://www.ultrateenchoice.org/pages/SAVEDC.htm>.

Thanks to Miilhan Stephens for shooting and editing this video.

We received coverage in the Examiner Newspaper, on WMAL and WTOP radio, and a reporter also came out from the District Chronicles, which will be coming out on Thursday, January 3rd. To listen to and read this coverage, go to:

<http://www.ultrateenchoice.org/default.asp?contentID=629>.

We have also been featured on the Michael Baisden show, and I appeared on the 2K Nation radio program on WPFW to discuss sex education, the new health

standards, and ULTRA Teen Choice. You can listen to these programs at:

<http://www.ultrateenchoice.org/default.asp?contentID=585>.

Finally, we have added video of the Abstinence Awareness Week Youth Forum, including Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr. Councilmember Thomas promised to help make abstinence the first choice for youth in Washington, DC. However, that has not been fulfilled yet. You can watch that at:

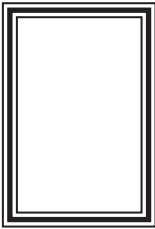
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We have requested a meeting with Mayor Fenty. We want an independent

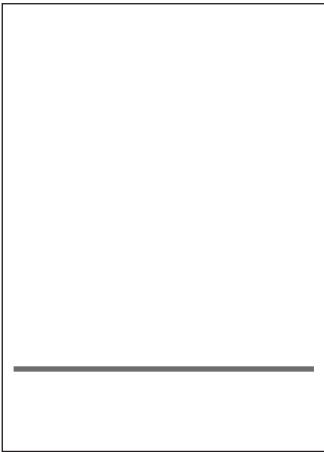
investigation into why ULTRA Teen Choice has been kicked out of two DC Public Schools by the Chancellor's office. Please call Mayor Fenty at 202-727-1429 to ask that Mayor Fenty investigate immediately.

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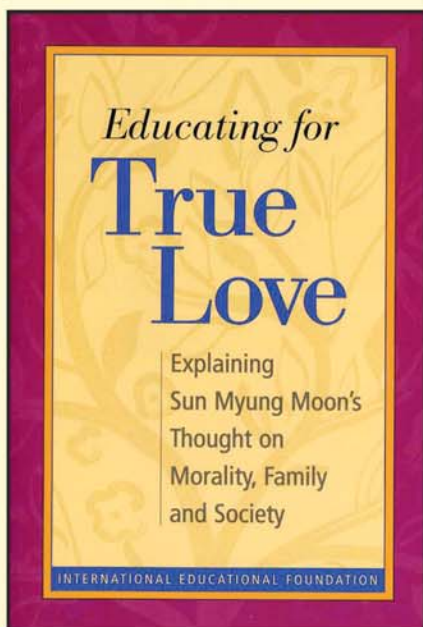
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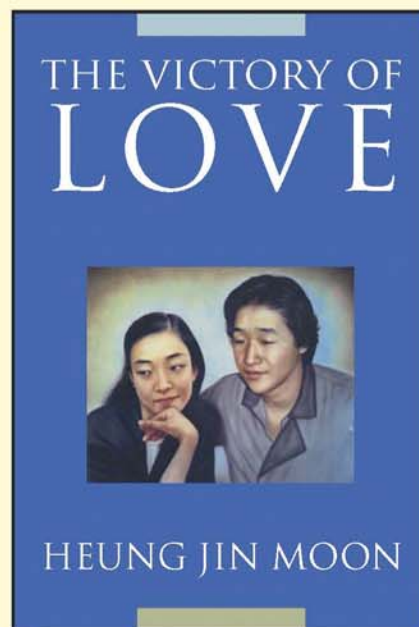
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