

Cheongshim World Peace Center

True Parents in Korea for Groundbreaking Ceremony



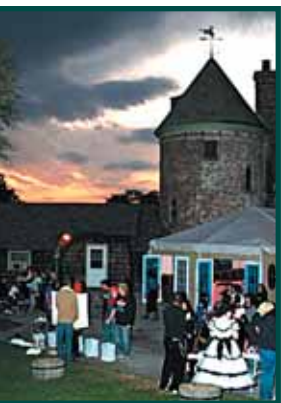
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The following is an edited version of Rev. Yeong-ho Ha, President of Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, a Progress Report which was read during the 'Ground Breaking Ceremony of Cheongshim Peace World Center' that was held on October 28.

The Cheongshim Peace World Center will be built as a All Purpose Cultural Gymnasium to have humanity as One Family Under God. The building site was bought by True Parents in the early 1970s as a Cheongpyeong Holy Ground and became a precious site because of the 40 years of sincere devotion that was offered.

The Cheongshim Peace World Center was designed centering on True Parents' wish for a World Peace center, which they have yearned for for many years. First, the building's site and plane are circle and square representing the completion of the Four Position Foundation that centers on True Parents that is the Ideal Creation of God.

Secondly, the arch kind rooftop shows the five different ethnic groups uniting centering on True Parents and establishing a family. Also, like the sun rising from the sea, its shape is like the true love emerging from within the people. Furthermore, it also shows as if the blessed families in heaven and on earth are united as one, like the infinite vitality of the pacific wave marching to the world and universe.

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Artist's rendering of finished building

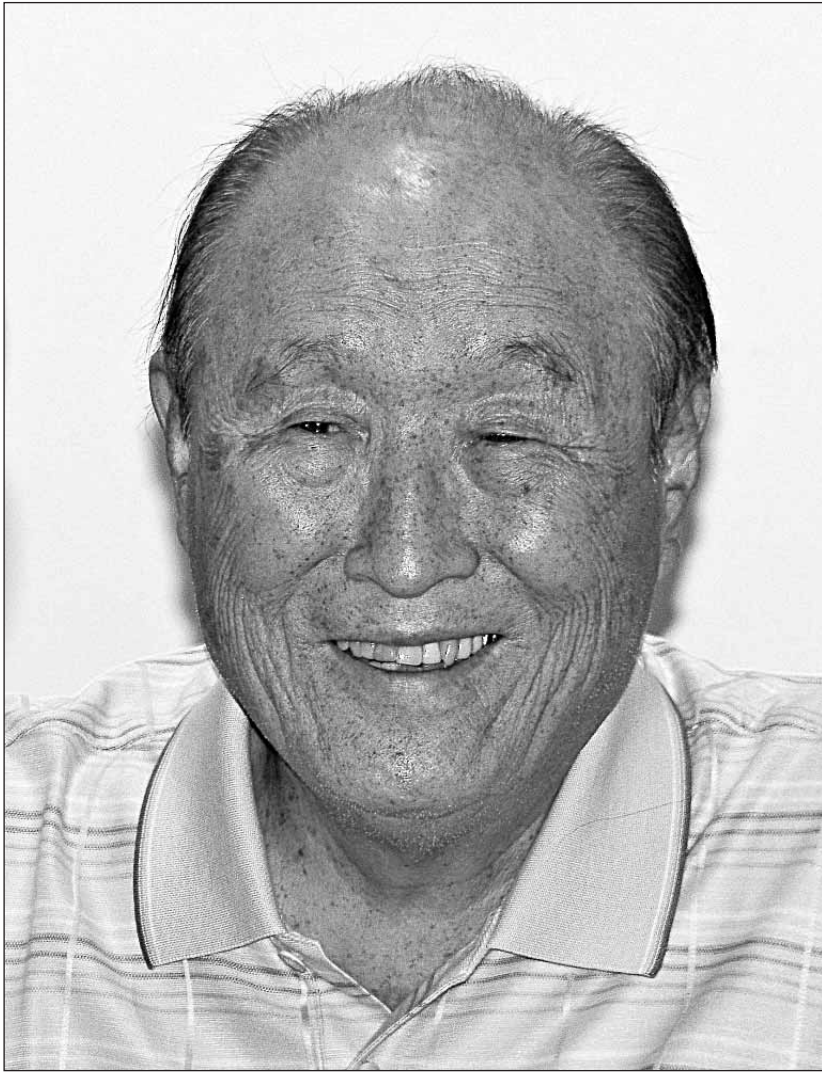
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Harmony

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

From a speech given on October 12, 2008, at Hawaii King Garden, Kona, Hawaii. Notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins, translation by Tossa Cromwell, edited by L. Strait and J. Flynn. These notes are taken from a simultaneous translation. Simultaneous translation is done in summary form and depends greatly on the translator's ability to communicate the essence of the message. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future as an "official" publication on Rev. Moon's words. However they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message.

Fish farming is important here. We can control the temperature of the water and therefore cultivate different species. The problem is that human beings pollute the ocean. Whenever I would come to Hawaii, I used to fish from morning to night. Now it is difficult because I am so busy. I'm studying bears in Kodiak. I want to understand how to prevent bears from coming into human habitats. We want to master the creation.



Here in this workshop, you are studying the Divine Principle to strengthen your spirit and treating your body with Moksa (mugwort), which has a quicker effect than acupuncture. The Happy Health machine is very important. We can rid our body of impurities. You can be healed through an internal condition of the heart.

in the age of huge changes and transitions. Nothing in this world that is not of God will remain.

What is first? Harmony or unification? Harmony comes first. We must make harmonized relationships, and then unification can come.

Is there anyone here that has a unified mind and body? Not one? Then

The key to your spiritual life is the Cheon Seong Gyeong and the Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong. The first through the sixth Peace Messages are really focused on the Kingship of True Parents. The tenth Peace Message introduces absolute sexual morality. Hoon Dok Hae is the key to unifying your mind and body and overcoming all problems on each level. Unifying the mind and body is the center of establishing your family's stability.

We are seeking to establish one people; we have finished the opening of the gates of heaven. Jesus is not the only one who will return. God and Jesus must come together - Jesus took responsibility for Christianity, but the Second Coming goes beyond, to the whole world. We are

you can't go to heaven. You will not be free to be with True Parents. They can approach you, but you will not be free to be with God and True Parents if you don't unify your mind and body. If your mind and body are disunited, then you may be interested in a woman other than your wife. This can happen. Mind and body unity is the key to establishing a stable blessed central family. Mind and body must be unified on the basis of true love. It is because my heart is desperate to liberate God that I can sacrifice everything. It is for the love of God that we can overcome all challenges.

Absolute sexual morality is based on true love. The man is the owner of his wife's sexual organ, and the woman her husband's. A woman's hymen should be broken only by her eternal husband. No other.

You should miss me so much that you can't eat. You should be really praying and shedding tears because you miss me. Without doing that, you cannot get to the world of God's heart.

Hyo Jin Nim knew that he had responsibilities, and he made mistakes. He thought that he could get help from me through True Mother. However, overall, he was a son of filial piety. Mother-son cooperation is a most serious providence at this time. True Children must come to me through True Mother. True Mother's role is to unify them and bring them into oneness with me.

When we look at the fifteenth Peace Message, we are amazed at the con-

NOVEMBER 2008

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th,

- 1 Shin Sun Nim's Birthday (10/4/90)
- 3 Shin Hoon Nim's Birthday (10/6/94)
Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 10 Hye Shin Nim's Birthday (10/13/63)
- 11 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (10/14/99)
- 14 International Christian Students Association Established (1981)
- 15 Jin Whi Nim's Birthday (10/18/63)
Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
- 20 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
- 23 Tiempos Del Mundo Established (1996)
- 27 Sun Hwa Academy purchased (2002)
- 29 3.6 Million Couples' & 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

DECEMBER 2008

Ahn Shi Il • 2nd, 10th, 18th, 26th

- 1 Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of the Spiritual World (1997)
- 3 Yeon Ah Nim's Birthday (11/6/78)
- 4 Opening of Columbia Road Church (1977)
- 7 Supra-denominational Christian Association Est. (1966)
- 8 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)
- 18 Yun Ah Nim's Birthday (11/21/?)
Summit Council for World Peace Inaugurated (1981)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Yun Ah Nim's, Un Jin Nim's, Shin Choon Nim's, and Hyo Jin Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2009. Contact me if you come across any errors. (c) 1999-2004 Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

CALENDAR

- 20 Un Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)
- 22 35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 28 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
Shin Gil Nim's Ascension (2005)
- 29 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)
International Cross-cultural Blessing Ceremony for World Peace (2005)

JANUARY 2009

Ahn Shi Il • 3rd, 11th, 19th, 27th

- 1 True God's Day (1968)
Sekkai Nippo Established (1975)
- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984)
Heung Jin Nim's Ascension (1984)
- 6 Ye Jin Nim's Birthday (12/11/60)
- 11 72 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1989)
- 12 1275 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 13 Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God (2001)
International Federation for the Victory Over Communism (1968)
- 14 Shin Yul Nim's Birthday (12/19/92)
- 19 Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)
- 21 Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)
- 26 Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)
Lunar New Year
- 27 WCSF Blessing Ceremony (2001)
- 28 Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)
- 31 Father's Birthday (1/6/20)
Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)

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and Unification

tent. How about the thirteenth Peace Message?

We must understand the value of the True Family. We must remember that the Israelites had to put the blood of the lamb on their door. You must receive and accomplish this same kind of condition. The blood of True Parents' son protects you and opens the way to the heavenly fulfillment of our responsibility. When Hyo Jin Nim went to the spirit world, I labeled him as the Son of Filial Piety to open the way to the Garden of Heaven. Hyo Jin Nim's sacrifice was a condition to protect the blessed central families.

I came to Hawaii at this time for a providential purpose: To unify True Parents, True Family and the representatives of the Peace King, and to expand God's sovereignty on earth. My timetable is exact and clear. You shouldn't be influenced by the crisis in the world. Our path is clear. We must restore one nation. America is key to protecting the Pacific Rim and allowing the homeland to be unified. In order to inherit True Parents' tradition, you should leave Christianity as it is and reach out to the other world religions to help them enter heaven. This is very important. You are making many mistakes now. That is why you are here: to make a new start, to indemnify past mistakes.

We are on a lonely island here. I am setting the direction for the era after the coming of heaven right here on this lonely island.

Do you have a clear plan for your mission for the future? Should I send you back? Or should I send you to the central place of Satan and let you show the standard there? The Divine Principle teaches us that we must go from the levels of the individual, family, society, nation, and the world. I worked so hard so that the True Children could take their proper role. When one of the True Children dies, you think that it has nothing to do with you. Yet it is through the course of the True Family that your way to heaven is opened up.

We are reading Peace Message 15. When I look at you, I can see that you haven't fulfilled yet. You don't fully understand what you are to do. There are a lot of things I have been angry about in the past. Maybe you should go to your homes and forget about trying to be leaders of God's providence. However, you still have to train yourself to love from God's point of view.

I am counting 40-day periods from the time I left the hospital. July 19 was the accident; a few days later I left the hospital. Now it's 82 days since I came out of the hospital. I came to Hawaii on the 80th day. I have opened up the gates for the world to come to God.

We must be able to liberate God. Boon Bong Wang

(peace king representative) means that you must open the door for each party. The age of the Second Coming is going to pass now. I don't have to do anything now. However, I feel that if I work, everything will move faster. You should attend God and keep Him with you in front of me.

Resentment must be resolved on earth to resolve it in heaven. You have to develop your own nation and your own world. The door between heaven and hell has been broken open. We must make a nation in which God can be free.

When there is true love there can be only peace. If you see a couple who is fighting, you can see the sadness in the wife's eyes.

This is the time when the realm of the fourth Adam can begin. When I assign a Boon Bong Wang to each nation, my responsibility is finished. What I'm going to declare today is that the Abel UN is the key to unifying the world. Who has been really loving the nation? When Cain and Abel are separated and can't resolve anything, the Unification movement will be shown to be the most valuable and patriotic. We are the Headwing movement that can bring cooperation and

harmony between enemies. Without that, the nation is stuck and can't be blessed by God.

After I stayed three days in Las Vegas, I wanted to leave. Las Vegas is a place of promiscuity. It is very powerful and dangerous; it can lead people to destroy their lives. However, I went there directly and made conditions to establish a way back to the heavenly standard. All three generations in many cases have been captured by the promiscuous culture: the grandfather, son, and grandson drink and smoke and lose their way to promiscuity. However, no matter how evil they are, they can go through a 40-day workshop and totally change. If they don't go, however, they may be lost and not find their way. I am responsible to draw the line on promiscuity one day. In the next few years, we must solve all the problems of Las Vegas. We have the authority and the power to end all promiscuity. We have to set the condition by unifying our minds and bodies and perfecting ourselves. As we do that, the spirit of promiscuity will lose power.

We must become one with the King and Queen of Peace. The world will change so much in the next three years: You wait and see.

I don't want to hear people calling to God and True Parents while they are in anguish because of their mistakes. We must avoid that by fulfilling what is required now. The key now for the world is the Pacific Rim and the Abel UN. America's role is central. ❖



The Hawaii Seminar

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

We are here in Kona, Hawaii, with True Parents. Rev. Jeong Ok Eu is teaching all the special advisors and representatives of the King and Queen of Peace to 190 countries. He is taking the 200 plus representatives here through a meticulous and profoundly insightful series of lectures on every part of the Divine Principle.

The Assembly is called "The 1st Proclamation Rally for the Completion of the Realm of Liberating God's Portion of Responsibility in Providential History." Through True Parents providential success God's portion of responsibility is now completed and True Parents, True Family and all Blessed Central Families will complete all final responsibilities and allow God to be comforted. Hawaii is like the Garden of Eden and therefore a new condition is being made centering on the word to launch the True Family and all blessed central families on a new dispensational level.

Father has called all the Cheon Il Guk special representatives and key leaders from many countries for a special time with True Parents and True Family.

We are receiving guidance on the providential course which we are walking centering on the Pacific Rim Era. Do not be confused at this time. God is guiding the world directly according to this historic period until 2013.

True Family is rising to fulfill their course and expand God's providence centering on True Parents.

God's providential time table is unfolding centering on True Parents victorious course. Though there are great challenges at this time for America and the world we should not be disturbed. We are witnessing the final stages of the fulfillment of scripture and the destiny that God has mapped out for the world. People of faith and especially

blessed families should strengthen their confidence and trust in God. The world must go through a period of trial and difficulty to allow for great people of faith to emerge to guide each nation to God. Everything is going according to the Principle.

Please have great courage that the

and a new world. The response of the Megachurch pastors representing Christianity to our public sector movement is evidence that a new era has dawned. The interfaith leaders response is outstanding.

In 2000 on January 22nd Father stated:

family of humankind is formed on Earth. This means the perfection of the Completed Testament Age, in which the promises of the Old Testament and New Testament will be fulfilled.

The time has come. The time has come when America must awaken once again. It is time for the country as a whole to create a new movement to build true parents, true families, a true country and a true world centered on God. In

this way, America must keep God from leaving, and again become a society that attends Him. God worked a thousand years to establish America. If He leaves America, where can He go?

If America attends God properly, all America's problems - the family problems, moral problems, youth problems and racial problems - will be solved naturally. When America becomes a place where people of all races can live together in harmony, it will be a model for the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Attendance is a matter of heart starting from our internal lifestyle of faith and manifestation of True Love in all relations - from the family to the community to our heart for God, the nation and world. Most importantly the unity in heart of all blessed central families with True Parents and True Family and the representatives that Father has appointed such as the District directors and other representatives is a critical condition at this time to ensure that we "attend" the God properly.

This special seminar beginning from today is designed to strengthen and enhance the unity of our global leadership with True Parents and True Family and to set conditions for the fulfillment of the Pacific Rim Era.

Please know that God's timetable is unfolding according to exact and unchanging providential conditions. The helicopter accident and the resurrection of True Parents overcoming death has profoundly secured the steps to 2013. ❖



path we walk is secured by heaven - if America attends God properly in this time of trial - America will be taken to a new level. The first step for America to attend God is that the people chosen to represent God must attend him. In other words the blessed families and people of faith are critically important at this time. We must not waiver but understand that the weight and burden we shoulder is the burden to give birth to a new America

The transition moment of the start of a new millennium marks the completion of the New Testament Age, the point at which the promises of the Old Testament and New Testament are fulfilled. The future will be a time when God's realm of direct dominion will become apparent through His omnipresence and omniscience. It is an age when the East and West will come together centering on the Parents of Heaven and Earth as "one universe under God" so that a grand

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The Cheongshim Peace World Center has five levels, from basement to the 4th floor. Inside there is a center stage where opera and various concerts could be held, stadiums for indoor sports and has a structure where exhibitions could be held for other events. A maximum of 25,000 people can enter

and enjoy events.

The roof is made out of ten iron frame arches, with the latest design enabling the roof to be held up without any central framework. Therefore, we were able to increase its beauty and efficiency. Cheongshim Peace World Center will be a world class building representing Korea in the 21st century for its artistic external building site.

The design of the Cheongshim Peace World Center was done by PDI compa-

ny, USA, centering on True Parents the design was nurtured for three years since 2005 under the instruction of Heung Jin Nim, Dae Mo Nim and Hoon Mo Nim. On August 25, True Parents named this place as 'Cheongshim World Center' and today, this morning before this event, confirmed it as 'Cheongshim Peace World Center'.

The Cheongshim Peace World Center, centering on the true love heartistic culture, it will melt away the barri-

ers between religions, ethnicity, nations, and levels and will become a space of harmony and unification to establish One Family Under God. As Cheongshim Peace World Center as a catalyst Cheongpyeong Works will become much bigger pillar of fire and shall lead the hearts of humanity towards True Parents until January 13, 2013. ❖

Palace of Cheon Il Guk's Culture, Art, and Festival Ground Breaking Ceremony for Cheongshim Peace World Center

The 'Ground Breaking Ceremony for Cheongshim Peace World Center' took place with True Parents and the True Children (Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim) on October 28 at the building grounds. Around 3,000 of distinguished guests, pastors and blessed families from Korea and Japan, as well as the Cheongpyeong 40-day workshop members attended the ceremony. It was a historical day to have 'Cheongshim Peace World Center', a palace of culture, art and festivals, here in Cheongpyeong Holy Ground, a place full of True Parents' long prayer and sincere devotion.

Through the speech at the ground breaking ceremony, True Parents said that the Cheongshim Peace World Center, "Not only would this place fulfill its mission as the general cultural center for the Unification Church, but it will also be an auditorium that will hold various sports in all weathers". Also, "It is a Holy Wedding Place where it can give birth to few thousands of blessed couples" and blessed this place with Heavenly Fortune. Heung Jin Nim, True Children of the spirit world, and Dae Mo Nim's support as well as Hoon Mo Nim's sincere devotion contributed and made it possible to have this meaningful ground breaking ceremony. Also, True Parents gave the calligraphy writing of 'Cheongshim Peace World Complex'.

A Blessed Place that bear fruit in the Era after the Coming of Heaven

On the day, in starting the ground breaking of the Cheongshim Peace World Center, the balloons flew into the beautiful autumn sky of Cheongpyeong. On either side of the special stage that was prepared, there were many congratulatory flowers and message banners that surrounded the stage that was sent from each parish of Korea and area of Japan. 30 minutes before the ceremony, the place was filled with over 3,000 members and the Samulnori (Korean drum dance) really brought up the mood of the crowd.

At 10:00 am, the Ground Breaking Ceremony started with Rev. Changshik Yang, President of FFWPU-Korea, as the emcee after welcoming True Parents on the special stage. After purifying the place with the Holy Salt, True Parents did the tape cutting with the distinguished guests from inside and outside. When True Parents and the distinguished guests pressed the button at the same time, 5 colors of different guns were fired which told the blessed families in heaven and earth about the commencing of the Cheongshim Peace World Center.

Starting with Rev. Yang's opening address, there was the national courtesy, prayer (Rev. Do-sun Lim, General President of FFWPU-Japan), progress report (Rev. Yeong-ho Ha, President of Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center), and flower presentation to True Parents. Also, after the introduction of the distinguished guests, there were congratulatory messages from the current members of the parliament.

At the congratulatory addresses, Gov. Jin-yong Lee, Gappyeong Coun-

ty governor, and Mr. Tae-seok Hong, chairman of Gappyeong County Province Assembly gave speeches. Mr. Lee said, "To be self-aware of its beautiful nature, we will make it more beautiful so that people will recognize the sight of Gappyeong County and at the same time we plan to provide incomes for local economies". Then, "I named this plan, Ecotopia Gappyeong, 'Eco' from ecology and economics and combined it with utopia." "To be able to commence construction on this Cheongshim Peace World Center that can display 'Ecotopia Gappyeong' to the world was only possible with the help of the Gappyeong people and others". He also said as the leader of the Gappyeong County he will make sure that a good facility will be built.

Mr. Hong said that he expects this Cheongshim Peace World Center to be a symbolic cultural building that will tell the whole world about Gappyeong

County and also followed with a word of gratitude to True Parents.

Then there was a video presentation about the Cheongshim Peace World

Center and congratulatory songs. The video presentation showed the Cheongshim Peace World Center with computer graphics and expressed its sophistication and its beautifulness.

After True Parents' speech, there was cutting of the congratulatory cake which was then followed by the writing of the calligraphy. Cheongshim Peace World Center, training grounds for descendants of blessed families of their mind and body, a building that represents True Parents' ideal. True Parents wrote the calligraphy writing, 'Cheongshim Peace World Complex' with deep hearts.

After the 3 cheers of Eokmanse by Rev. Jong-gwan Yu, President of the Citizens Federation for the North-South Unification, the ground breaking ceremony ended at 11:20 am. After that, the attendants had lunch where True Parents offered 3 cows for the delicious sagoldleongtang (cow bone soup).

"As Dae Mo Nim said that this place is a very important place I will offer sincere devotion so that True Parents can use this place" said Ye-ju Ko, 2nd generation,

Korean Headquarters Church.

"In starting the Cheongshim Peace World Center it will probably be the greatest achievement of Cheongpyeong Works and also wish for the fulfillment of True Parents love for humanity" said Zodzi Anagonou Augustine, 30,000 couples from Congo. ❖



In Jin Moon Inspires NY Family at Camp Sunrise

by Rev. Bruce and Debby Grodner.

The leaves glowed in shades of crimson and amber as a soft autumn mist clung to the mountainside; the sweet scents of fall wafted through the unspoiled air. So began the astonishing day the New York Family spent with Dr. In Jin Moon and family, Sunday, September 28, 2008!

Dr. In Jin Moon and Dr. Jin Sung Park, together with two of their children Shin Yul Nim and Shin Pyung Nim and four of Hyo Jin Nim's children joined the celebration as Dr. In Jin Moon delivered her message at Camp Sunrise to over 800 members.

A bright sunny day it wasn't; however the overcast skies and light rain kept everyone close and warm, a chance to focus on the words and heart of our elder sister, Dr. Moon, in the cathedral-like dining hall of Camp Sunrise, which had been beautifully transformed and decorated with autumn flowers and pumpkins for the occasion. Dr.s' Pyung Hwa and Julia Kim, Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins as well as many elders, leaders and members from both 1st and 2nd generations were in attendance.

The atmosphere was truly enhanced by the songs we sang together; the harmony of the WestRock Choir and the incredible voice and spirit of Mrs.

filled the sweet mountain air as we prepared for Dr. Moon's address.

Dr. Pyung Hwa (Peace) Kim gave welcoming remarks, just returning early that morning from Kodiak, Alaska where he had a chance to spend intimate time with True Father and True Mother. He was impressed at how well True Parents are doing after their helicopter ordeal and was surprised to meet them in Alaska so late in the fishing season; but our Father was serious, making conditions for the providence.

Rev. Michael Jenkins also recently returned from Kodiak after spending precious time with True Father; he shared his appreciation for True Parents, True Family and brothers and sisters. He also recognized Mr. Sy Grodner, father of Rev. Bruce Grodner, who on that day was celebrating his 85th birthday, by leading a rousing chorus of happy birthday. Then Rev. Jenkins introduced Dr. In Jin Moon with much love and sincerity, conveying his deep respect for his true elder sister.

As we sat trying to catch and hold onto her comforting words, our hearts moved as In Jin Nim expressed how much God and True Parents love us, and how much True Parents yearn to see this great nation fulfill its' destiny.

Everyone could feel In Jin Nim's love and respect for the sacrifice and service of the 1st generation, walking the historic and challenging course to follow True Parents. The destiny of the 2nd generation, she explained, is to recognize and inherit this legacy, continuing on the path of Heaven's design, and be known as the Generation of Peace.

Dr. Moon shared the story of her investment in helping create a beautiful choir in Japan. When it was begun the members were inexperienced, and



many wondered if the choir had a future. However, with a lot of hard work it became sensational, traveled widely, and sang at many of the embassies throughout Japan, receiving rave reviews and compliments. Dr. Moon went on to share her desire to see the church embrace more culture and music.

In addition, she urged the youth to find their passion, growing internally through purity of character and perfecting their professionalism. She encouraged the youth to utilize their time well, focusing on the future, to become great musicians, artists and lawyers. Dr. Moon challenged them to take their artistic and musical skills seriously.

Her speech was followed by an offering to raise money to support NY District and Camp Sunrise, which has been

the place where so many of our youth have spent inspiring summers in nature, discovering their identity and heavenly heart, and developing an awareness of our true-love culture.

When the service concluded there was about thirty minutes of entertainment by our 2nd generation, including children from the Jin Ah nursery, a martial arts demonstration and a super righteous rap performance. It was exciting to witness the passion of our youth and the range of their talents.

Dr. Pyung Hwa Kim and his son sang together, causing everyone to remark at the beauty of the blended generations. In conclusion Dr. In Jin Moon and Dr. Pyung Hwa Kim sang harmoniously together; it was truly moving.

Afterwards, the dining hall was rearranged into a magnificent banquet hall, with three feasting areas and a lunch designed to please both the younger children and the adults. In addition to the fabulous meal, there was a pumpkin spice celebration cake that measured 6' x 3' and 20" tall.

As everyone enjoyed the lunch In Jin Nim took time to talk personally with many of our members. A huge line formed as brothers and sisters eagerly greeted her and expressed their thoughts and appreciation. Several hours passed pleasantly, and the celebration ended with everyone coming together for a photo to commemorate the amazing event. ❖

In Jin Nim Meets Boston Family Church

Families from throughout Northern New England were pleased to spend the day together with In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim and their family at 46 Beacon Street in Boston on Sunday, October 19.

Our brothers and sisters made a diligent effort to prepare our beautiful and historic building for this special occasion. The cleaning, repainting, polishing, repairing, and decorating involved a community-wide effort, creating a strong sense of pride and unity in preparation for October 19. Our state administrator, Mrs. Yoko Miranda, and the wife of the State Director, Mrs. Kinuyo Edgerly, led the effort every day for two weeks. The building looked beautiful for the day of our big event.

Based upon our experience from God's Day, our initial plan was for about 325 participants. As it turned out, about 415 people came to be with In Jin Nim and her family. During the service, about 215 people were seated in the sanctuary and rear hallway. An additional 200 people were seated in the Function Room, French Room, and Dining Room, all of which were set up with audiovisual feed.

In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, and their family arrived at 46 Beacon Street at 10:00 AM and received warm applause as they came into the sanctuary. The YAM Band, led by Sarah Groenendyk and Tadamichi Hosokawa, provided powerful music for congregational singing, including a YAM-Band original titled "Jubilee". State Director James Edgerly was the Master of Ceremonies, and District Director Rev. Richard Buessing introduced In Jin Nim.

In Jin Nim spoke for one hour and twenty minutes, giving a gracious, honest, confident and encouraging message that was enthusiastically received by everyone. Her message stressed that the quality of our movement and the love of God and True Parents are most directly expressed in the quality of our children. We need to become the movement that raises incredible children. Our children should be raised to attain excellence both internally and externally.

This is an age when we see individuals accomplish things that were previously unimaginable. The stories of Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Barak Obama all illustrate that an unimaginable breakthrough can be achieved by just one person. These stories and particularly that of Barak Obama should be considered as preludes to what can be

accomplished by our blessed children, who have the potential to become people of power and influence. The world has never seen the combination of true competence and humility that our children are capable of.

Blessed children must understand that they have been "hand-crafted" by True Parents. Therefore, they are uniquely talented and uniquely gifted. They should be raised to be the "future Barak Obamas." Through our families and our children, we need to manifest the beauty of our movement to the world. People

mon purpose and goal. There are defensive players, offensive players, kickers, and catchers. However, they work together to create a single family that represents our True Parents.

In describing the roles played in the True Family, she also used the analogy of the hand. She explained that there is not one mission that is more important than the others, any more than we can say that the ring finger is more important than the thumb. Each finger looks different and has a different role, but they function together to create a hand.

expressed her interpretation of the meaning of "ideal family": that is - "I deal", as in "I deal with this spouse" and "I deal with this family." Creating an ideal family means choosing to make a total commitment to deal with the challenges of raising a family. This is the mission that True Parents came to complete - the creation of the ideal family. This is an immense challenge that Jesus did not have a chance to accomplish. The mission of True Parents is to complete the mission of Jesus.

There are lots of training and testing requirements before one can be licensed to drive a car. The holy blessing of marriage is far more precious than a driver's license. Unfortunately, we have not been adequately trained and prepared to receive the blessing of marriage, and we hardly understand what creating an ideal family really requires. We still do not have a cohesive educational track preparing individuals for marriage, preparing them to be spouses, preparing them to be parents, and an educational curriculum that is age-appropriate for developing blessed children.

She told us the story of how she and her sisters used to cringe when they heard Father chastising American women during his talks in earlier days. Her sisters would look at each other, saying "Here he goes again!" Her brothers used to chide their sisters after hearing these words from Father. Several years ago, Father announced the Pacific Rim Era and the age of women leadership. Now, her brothers are her strongest supporters in her public mission.

She reported that recently she became a naturalized U.S. citizen. When she visited True Parents in Hawaii earlier this month, In Jin Nim surprised Father by reporting: "You know, Father, now I am an American woman." This gave Father

a good laugh.

She gave True Mother credit for being an incredible fighter for sisters. Through her constant dedication to the mission of True Parents, she has restored the original position of mother and sister. On that foundation, women are now able to play a leadership role in the life of faith, as she is now demonstrating. One needs to have studied the long and bloody history of the world's religions in order to appreciate the significance of women taking on roles of spiritual leadership.

In Jin Nim explained that on one hand, we don't have much time. Some people favor only a traditional witnessing process, which is great. However, now we need to move faster. This means that that we need to use the Internet and the media, with the understanding that kids in this

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will come to understand the parents by observing the children. In America, our blessed children are a beautiful blend of many races, like a tapestry representing all of humanity.

In Jin Nim expressed that, in her role as Chairman, she feels like a mother and that we are now her children. In that role, naturally she wants to make us better. She feels that the best way to do that is to bring us closer to True Parents. She wants the second generation to have personal experiences with True Parents just like their parents had. This way, they can understand just how incredible True Parents are and how incredible their own parents are for following True Parents all of these years.

She described the family as being like a sports team, with each person playing a different role but all focused on a com-

mon purpose and goal. Each is playing a different role, but all in support of the victory in the mission of the True Parents.

In Jin Nim said that even in the True Family there have been obstacles and problems to work through. She knows that some marriage blessings have been easy and some have been nightmares. When we started our families, we expected our children to be angelic. But we found that our marriages and our children are something that had to be worked out over time. As the Principle teaches us, the most precious things in life are those that have to be worked out over an extended period.

We shared a laugh when In Jin

UTS Workshop for Marriage Blessing

by Kimikami Miyake

On September 19, the Blessed Children (BC) Blessing Department hosted a marriage-education workshop at the Unification Theological Seminary. The idea was to help prepare "Blessed Children," those born to parents who themselves obtained "Blessed Marriages," for the Blessing of Marriage.

Around 40 participants, including parents and children, arrived on the evening of September 19, when they were given an introduction to the purpose of the Blessing as the key to creating happiness between couples and within families. However, this process should not be confused with modern societal standards, meaning it doesn't lie in finding the right mate for yourself but being the right mate for your future partner.

The second day touched on understanding the meaning of the Blessing through the Divine Principle and how much that applies to our lives. A significant point that was made by our excellent presenter, Rev. Phillip Schanker (Vice President of Education, Family



Federation) was the importance for Blessed Children to understand what kind of foundation we are standing on so that we can receive the Blessing. This caused us in turn to appreciate the sacrifices and investment of the True Parents and our own parents for all that they've done for us. We ended the day offering repentance and renewal through any issues we've dealt with in the past as well as victories claimed in our spiritual lives.

The last day helped us comprehend how to prepare for the Blessing itself, especially that it consists of focusing on our own growth and development to become that right person. We were fortunate enough to hear from elder BC Blessed Couples with children (Chunghee and Sonja Bissell and Naokimi Ushiroda), who shared how much they themselves have prepared for their Blessings and the insights they've gained through their experiences. Morning services by Reverend Kazushi Mito and Naokimi Ushiroda about the goal of



creating ideal families and understanding our identity as Blessed Children helped begin our mornings with spiritual nourishment and guidance.

This weekend has been meaningful for both the parents and children who've attended. Issues were resolved through the help of Reverend Schanker, Reverend Inguk Seo (Director of the BC Blessing Department), and the assistance of Jim and Hiromi Stephens (Co-directors of the Blessed Family Department). Tes-

timonies near the end revealed how this workshop has been a good steppingstone in Blessing preparation as well as helping us gain further insights and clarity into the essential meaning behind it, given by God. As completion certificates were awarded, participants were left with greater conviction in what the Blessing means to us and how we can grow to

become that right person for our future spouses. ❖



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generation want to choose their own religion on their own time.

However, on the other hand, we may not appreciate how close we are to success. The foundation for our success is much larger and stronger than we may think. This is largely due to the accomplishments of Christianity. We are approaching a tipping point.

In Jin Nim shared that she was quite surprised to be asked by some families if we should teach our children about Jesus. She reminded us that Father received his commission directly from Jesus and that we can't fully understand and value and love Father unless we understand the foundation that preceded him, established by Jesus and Christianity. In that context, she was very pleased to see that a passage from the Holy Bible (Ephesians 4:14-16) was included in the Scripture reading earlier in the program.

In Jin Nim recalled how exciting it was in the earlier days of our U.S. movement, when hundreds of people would attend workshops each weekend. She explained that the backpacker types that we witnessed to in years past have relocated their search from the street to the Internet. Therefore, we need to revamp our presence on the Internet, which is the "homework" that she has been working on. The audience loudly applauded the announcement of this initiative.

In Jin Nim referred to the fact that only about one third of the approximately 17,000 blessed children are actively connected to our movement. One of the most effective means of outreach will be to reconnect to those precious young people. She explained the importance of the

"Witnessing Summit" coming up in Los Angeles in two weeks. While the title includes the "W word," the summit is really a wonderful opportunity to get our children inspired about our movement. It is a place where everyone is treated equally, where everyone's voice is listened to and everyone's words are written down and analyzed. Her opinion is that the "witnessing summit" initiative is a good use of our movement's resources.

In Jin Nim spoke most passionately when she explained, "Anybody can do



drugs; anybody can have sex; but not everybody can be faithful and live a life dedicated to God and the world." She went on to explain, My society is telling me to do whatever I want - to get drunk, to have relationships, to only worry about my own happiness. You should be a rebel. A rebel WITH a cause. Rebel against this society. This is exactly what Jesus and True Parents have done. They are rebels, reacting against society, saying that we need to make it better.

Toward the end of her talk, In Jin stressed that all of our blessed children and blessed families are headed in the same direction, though the path for each may vary. We are all one single family. When she meets with parents who have

children involved with unblessed relationships, she encourages the parents to take a positive view of this situation, explaining that the relationship presents an opportunity to witness to someone whom we may not reach otherwise; it is an opportunity to reach their parents, their in-laws, and their relatives.

In Jin's talk inspired a big ovation. It was very special for us to have a daughter of our True Parents speaking to us openly, eloquently, and honestly, in our own sanctuary.

Following the Sunday Service, we enjoyed a one-hour talent show, emceed by Dan and Tamara Perry. The first song performed by the New England YAM Band was "Brand New Feeling," written by In Jin Nim and recorded on her Cerulean Sketches CD. Soonia Loom and Patrick Yamane performed a beautiful duet of John Denver's "What One Man Can Do." Letisha Feraboli sang "Memory" from the A.L. Webber musical "Cats." Sarah Groenedyk performed an original song titled "Challenge & Victory", and Iris Quesada read two original poems. The show concluded with an enchanting dance performance by Josh and Keishu Perry, plus a high-energy performance by the Worcester WAIT Team, which is composed of 19 brothers and 18 sisters.

At the close of entertainment, In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim were presented with flowers, and their entire family came to the stage to cut the celebration cake. Then we orchestrated a photo session that involved trying to fit every single person in the building into the second-floor sanctuary. After much coaxing, we got just about everyone in the room for the photo by Ken Owens. Undoubtedly, this was largest number of people to ever fit into that space!

Dinner tables with tablecloths and centerpieces were set up in three differ-

ent rooms and in the first floor hallways, providing seating for more than 300. In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, and their family were escorted to the head table. However, rather than sit at the head table, their children quickly disbursed and spent lunchtime and the rest of the day among our blessed children.

A delicious pesto noodle dinner was prepared and served by Hiromi and Catherine Ono's Family Fellowship team. They did an excellent job, serving a wonderful meal. We also enjoyed sushi from Sakurabana Restaurant, Ginseng Up from Worcester, and LOTS of ice cream.

At about 2:30 PM, as lunch wound down, families who had to depart for home came over to the head table to greet and thank In Jin Nim. We then set up a greeting line. Over the next two and a half hours, In Jin met each family and member one at a time, asking their names and sharing brief but intimate conversation. No matter how we tried to expedite the process, In Jin seemed to insist on taking lots of time with each and every family. Despite having a cold, she stood for two and a half hours and met every single person in the building! No one complained about the long wait, as each one of us was so proud and grateful to meet her.

We gave In Jin Nim a big cheer as she completed her meeting with the last family. We could imagine that she must have been exhausted, never taking a break or sitting down even for a moment.

At about 5:00 PM, the schedule was complete. Jin Sung Nim gathered his kids, who were scattered around the building, and a large crowd lined the entry area to wish the family good-bye. It was a wonderful day. We were happy that so many families and members could come to Boston to share the experience of receiving God's Words and sharing in fellowship with In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, and their beautiful family. ❖

GPF Touches Hearts in Atlanta...

by Rev. Tom Cutts, GPF-USA

An Atlanta lawyer who attended the Global Peace Festival August 9 in Washington, DC, returned home to organize service activities to bring together local young people for the sake of peace. As a federal attorney and founder of the mentoring group "Brother to Brother," Sheila Arnum had seen the effect that divisions in society have on young people, and the Global Peace Festival gave her new hope.

In preparation for the October 7 Global Peace Festival in Atlanta, Mrs. Arnum organized weekly opportunities for young people to make friends with people they would not ordinarily meet and experience the joy of doing good for others. The Saturday before the festival, 400 people young and old alike came together to clean Washington Park in Atlanta, working harmoniously as a sea of blue "Global Peace Festival" T-shirts.

Atlanta's Global Peace Festival took place on October 7 in the 2,600-seat sanctuary of the Church In

The Now in Conyers, Georgia. Bishop Jim Swilley and Pastor Debye Swilley were the host and hostess to this spectacular Atlanta event.

The emcee for the evening was Senator Steen Miles, host of a television program and an ordained minister. Rev. Paul Murray, Executive Director of GPF-USA and Pastor of the Apostolic Lighthouse Church in Glen Burnie, Mary-

land, introduced the festival and a video report of events in Paraguay, Kenya, Mongolia, and Washington, DC.

Atlanta and three other American cities were selected to host festivals in October. The Steering Committee included Bishop Swilley, Pastor Swilley, Senator Miles, Minister Steven Muhammad, Pastor Mark Abernathy, Rev. Tom Cutts, Sheila Arnum, Rev. Dr. Gloria

Wright, and Ambassador Ted Britton.

The audience was drawn together and uplifted through music. The Manga African Dance troupe of dancers and drummers performed in colorful costumes, with powerful rhythms and athletic prowess. Then Prophet Emil Holder blew the shofar, and David Phelps sang the National Anthem accompanied by a violinist and pianist.

Three representatives of the Abrahamic faiths came onto the stage to offer prayers for the family, for compassion and service, and for peace – the three pillars of the Global Peace Festival. Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Co-President of the American Clergy Leadership Conference and Founder of the Imani Temple in Washington, DC, spoke about the importance of family. Imam Hamad Chebli, Imam of the Islamic Society of Central New Jersey, spoke on compassion and service. Finally, Rabbi Mordecai Waldman from Michigan mentioned

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...and Albania

Approximately 2,000 people joined a high-spirited peace march through the ancient Albanian city of Korça to mark the Global Peace Festival on October 18. Led by the Korça City Band and hundreds of Ambassadors for Peace, the throng of peace marchers grew so rapidly that it became clear there wouldn't be enough space at the main celebration in the Sports Hall for all the marchers to join an even larger crowd who were already assembled there.

The Sports Hall, with a capacity of 4,000 people, was completely full, and the 1,000 people who were unable to enter remained outside for a long time. The master of ceremonies, nationally-known musician and producer Dhimiter Orgocka, moved people's hearts with his appeals for peace, along with his assistant, Mrs. Melisa Demiri, who had come from Kosovo to support the event.

The video message of Global Peace Festival Founder Dr. Hyun Jin Moon was well received by the audience, and Dr. Young-Cheol Song, regional chair of UPF-Europe, spoke next. Many well-known singers and performers from Albania and neighboring countries highlighted the Main Event, culminating with Alban Skenderaj, the leading young singer in Albania at the moment, who came directly from

Germany to participate in the event. The program went far longer than planned, but everybody stayed until the end.

Life in Korça was very lively from October 11 to 18. People could feel that something very special was going on,

support people in need of such care. The activity was covered by local media and made a very positive impact.

An Exhibition of Figurative Arts promoting talented new artists in the city opened on October 13. The event was organized in partnership with UPF, City

and the student government of the university. Approximately 200 students attended the event on the theme "Mankind One Family, the Earth One Home." Participants were greeted by the Rector, Prof. Dr. Gjergji Mero, along with GPF organizers Mr. Massimo Trombin and Mrs. Tomiko Duggan.

That afternoon, the district director of the Ministry of Education hosted an award ceremony for the winners of the high school essay competition on the theme, "Mankind One Family, the World One Home." Three winners were chosen from the 40 finalists out of about 2,000 student essays that were submitted. This is the second year the essay contest took place in Korça, and it has become a tradition.

On October 17, 1,500 young people and students joined in a social impact project to increase the green areas in the whole city by planting trees and cleaning schoolyards. All of the schools of the city were involved in the project. The Korça City Hall, in cooperation with Regional Education Department of the Ministry of Education and Science and UPF, initiated a project with all the schools in the city called "One Student, One Tree," which will continue in the months to come.

The same day, a scientific confer-

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and many remarked that the atmosphere of the city had changed completely. The festival week opened on October 11 with an event sponsored by UPF in partnership with the Mary Potter Palliative Care Center. October 11 is honored as the International Day of People with Cancer, and volunteers with UPF and the Palliative Care Center raised funds throughout the city to

Hall, and the Korça Arts Gallery. The exhibition stayed opened until October 18, and hundreds of people visited it.

October 15 was a very busy day with GPF activities. In the morning, a Student Convention was held at the University of Korça in partnership with the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, the University of Korça,

Educating for Peace in Canada

Canada's Ambassadors for Peace drew upon their nation's principal role in drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, developing UN peacekeeping forces, and offering a warm welcome to people in planning their Global Peace Festival at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa October 2-5, 2008.

The theme of the conference was "Educating for Peace." Canada is among 30 nations in the world where peace activists are developing a Citizens Peace Corps and promoting a Ministry of Peace or Department of Peace. Dr.

Bill Bhaneja, founder of Canada's Department of Peace Initiative, and Hans Sinn, Chair of the Civilian Peace Service in Canada, gave updates on these projects at a plenary session. Questions were raised about training for such peace professionals. Ambassadors for Peace spoke of the need for peacemakers who are grounded in spiritual values and can draw on the wisdom of religious teachings in the work of reconciliation.

The Ambassadors for Peace in Canada include many immigrants from the Caribbean, Africa, South Asia, and the Russia who hold fast to their spiritual roots in an increasingly secular society, and dedicate themselves to causes such as education, sports, mediation, youth empowerment, and women as peacemakers. They say people on opposing sides of the civil war in their homeland—such as the Tamils and Sinhalese in Sri Lanka—learn to live in harmony in Toronto and other Canadian cities, where they shop at the same grocery stores and their children attend the same schools. They are communicating these hopeful examples back to their homeland.

Recognizing the common objection that religions, and Christianity in particular, have been used as instruments of subjugation, Dr. Thomas Walsh, UPF Secretary General, challenged partic-

ipants to look beyond doctrine and rituals and recognize that we are one human family created by God and that the highest qualities of the human being are spiritual and moral.

Hon. Dr. Alvin Curling, chair of the



Canada Peace Festival and former speaker of the Ontario Legislature, reminded participants of the "war to end all wars" in the early 20th century that led only to more wars. He said, "Canada's Lester B. Pearson, who later became Prime Minister, proposed during the 1950s a novel notion of UN peace-

keepers. That concept has endured to this day and signals Canadians as the most creative chemist of a peaceful solution." He and other speakers challenged participants to become architects of peace and for groups to cross-fertilize in a collaborative work for peace. Conference participants joined other peace groups on October 4 to participate in Peace Prayer Day at the Ottawa City Hall.

At UPF's leadership conferences, sometimes the most challenging issues are addressed not in a conference hall but around a meal table. To difficult questions raised by immigrants to Canada about the effects of colonization, Dr. Hyun Jin Moon replied that he too came from a nation that suffered under Japanese domination. Holding onto resentment will not enable nations to move forward, he said. "The only real solution is spiritual."

Rev. Darryl Gray recounted how his church, the Imani Family and Full Gospel Church in Montreal, gave

shelter to three families who were about to be deported. One family were Muslims from Algeria. "People called me to ask why a church would give sanctuary to a Muslim family, and I replied that two thousand years ago a man and a woman carrying a baby were given refuge in their time of need by people who didn't make an issue of what they believed." The families were eventually granted asylum by the Canadian government and are now citizens.

Decades ago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote a letter to Christian leaders from the Birmingham jail that still pricks the conscience of faith leaders. His assistant, Rev. Walter Fauntroy, a Christian pastor from Washington DC and former US Congressman, called religious leaders to be "headlights on the road to peace, not tail lights, and thermostats, not thermometers," merely recording the climate of the times.

Several Muslim Ambassadors for Peace spoke passionately about the Islamic view of God as full of compas-

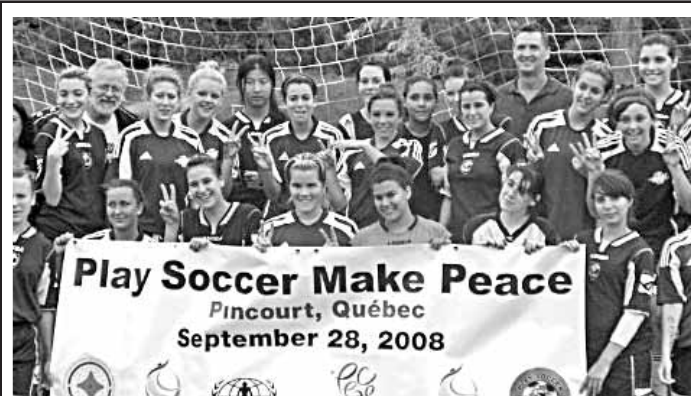
sion and mercy, and the calling of Muslims to spread this compassion and mercy in the world. Several people gave out books they had written to convey their insights about peace. Among them a Muslim woman, Zeinabel Ghatit, wrote books to help her two Christian daughters-in-law understand and respect the faith of her sons.

"Peacemaking is a very personal commitment," said Dr. Bhaneja, as he accepted the Canada Peace Award at the closing banquet, "but it is always a team effort." He quoted the words of Mahatma Gandhi, whose birthday was the first day of the conference: "Be the change you want to see."

GPF Founder Dr. Hyun Jin Moon delivered the keynote address at the Gala Awards banquet, starting with a warm tribute to Canada's outstanding record as a peacemaking country. "Canada is the certainly the right place to talk about peace, with her long and proud history of peace and non-violence," he said. "Canada has always been a strong supporter of the United Nation's work for peace and is also known for its warm and uncomplicated welcome for people from all over the world."

"Nevertheless, when we consider the number of wars and conflicts that continue to plague humanity, it is clear that the world undeniably needs a new vision of peace for the 21st Century," he continued. "And unlike the secular thinking of our recent past, it should be a spiritual vision, rooted in universal values. Dealing with only the symptoms of global crisis and ignoring the root cause will not work."

As the conference ended, Ambassadors for Peace from Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, and Vancouver were discussing ways to collaborate in hosting a Global Peace Festival in their cities in the future. ❖



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that it was fitting for this event to take place the day before Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement.

The day after these leaders from Christianity, Islam, and Judaism embraced one another and committed to building a world of peace, one person reported, "I woke up this morning still in awe of seeing all of the different faiths coming together and praying together."

Local vocalist Chandra Currelley sang with the Church In The Now choir, followed by a 13-year-old rapper, Little "D" Wheeler. Then Marita Michael and Michelle Postell from Washington, DC, shared their experience of reconciliation and healing. Michelle's son killed Marita's son in gang-related violence, and the two mothers talked about how God led them to find forgiveness and acceptance and they began to see each other's children as their own. Rappers Judah Swilley and Scott Pettite

continued the family theme with their original song, "One Family under God."

A special, interfaith "water ceremony" followed, moderated by Rev. Michael Jenkins, chairman of UPF-USA. Fourteen representatives of various faith traditions came to the podium, each holding a bowl of water. The water symbolized the spiritual treasures of their faith. One by one, they poured their water into a common bowl, thus sharing their treasures, all which come from one God. The faiths represented included Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism. When people started pouring their water into the one vessel showing the unity of one family under God, one participant reported, "Tears started flowing. This is a new day!" From this symbolic ceremony, another person gained the insight that "living water lives in each one of us" and that it was a time to let that living water flow.

"To have people from all of those nations in our house is what this is all about," commented one member of the Church In The Now. "The Holy Spirit

filled the house and fed our souls on all levels. I am so honored and blessed to have a bishop with the global vision to lead us on this journey."

Pastor Debye Swilley envisions others taking up the baton and good news of true peace as the Global Peace Festival continues across the United States to Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York.

Former US Congressman Earl F. Hilliard from Alabama introduced Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, the keynote speaker. "The dream to build 'One Family under God' is not the dream of just one man, woman, or family but belongs to all humanity, and most of all, to God," Dr. Moon said. "As my father explained in one of his recent peace messages, 'God, the Creator of all things under the sun, is the true parent of all humanity. He is not a parent in the parochial sense, existing only for a certain religion, a certain race, or the residents of a certain region.' You may call Him by any name, be it Jehovah, Allah, Heaven, or any other. What is important is that He certainly exists, lives as the true parent of all people, and is carrying on the

great work of Creation."

"This challenged me to want to make a difference in this world, more now than ever before," one person said later; "if this world is going to change, it will change one family at a time."

When the speakers and performers returned to the stage to sing and celebrate being "One Family Under God," many people in the audience resonated with the family spirit. For one person, it brought back distant memories as a six-year-old singing about the family of God: "Somehow my child's mind saw a vision then similar to what was seen by many last night." Another person said, "A decaying dream of peace has been resurrected by the Spirit of the Living God and manifested in the spirit of all who shared in the Global Peace Festival this evening. I have seen the Kingdom of God. For this I was born."

Even the children caught the spirit of the event. Upon returning home, a nine-year-old child offered to lead the family's bedtime prayer and prayed for peace in their home and in the world. ❖

A New Vision of Peace for Canada

by Dr. Hyun Jin Moon

Excerpts of keynote address at the Global Peace Festival, Ottawa, Canada, October 4, 2008

Esteemed dignitaries, family, friends, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Global Peace Festival in beautiful Ottawa, Canada. It is a great honor and pleasure to be with you today.

Today I want to share a vision of peace. To begin with, we must admit that we will have to be bold and break new ground in our search for peace and prosperity, if we are to really go beyond the failures of our past.

We only need to look back to the last century to recognize the futility of tackling the world's problems through the same old military, economic, political, diplomatic and scientific solutions. Dealing with only the symptoms of global crisis and conflict and ignoring the root cause will not work. That is why even the grand vision behind the League of Nations and, later, the United Nations was unable to prevent the 20th century from being the bloodiest era in human history.

The world needs a new vision of peace for the 21st Century. Unlike the secular thinking of our recent past, it should be a spiritual vision, rooted in time-enduring values. That vision is "One Family under God!"

The one who has taken on the mantle to champion this vision around the world is none other than my father, the Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon. He has devoted his entire life, resources and wealth to the fulfillment of that dream.

The dream to build "One Family under God" is not the dream of just one man, woman or family but belongs to all humanity and, most of all, to God. As my father explained in one of his recent peace messages, "God, the Creator of all things under the sun, is the true parent of all humanity. He is not a parent in the parochial sense, existing only for a certain religion, a certain race, or the residents of a certain region."

You may call Him by any name, be

it Jehovah, Allah, Heaven, or any other. What is important is that He certainly exists, lives as the true parent of all people, and is carrying on the great work of Creation.

Why is the family the fundamental building block for peace? First and foremost, the family is universal. Regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality and religious affiliations, we are all members of families. Secondly, the family represents the most intimate of human relationships. We use familial terms to describe the closeness of any relationship, saying "that person is like my father, like my mother, like my brother, like my sister, like my son and like my daughter."

Most importantly, the family is the school of love. I believe that the three-generational model of grandparents, parents and children is the paragon of family virtue.

Those generations represent the past,

we should own the dream to realize "One Family under God" one family at a time, by uplifting all families beyond race, nationality or creed.



Undecided territorial, ethnic and national divisions and broken economic and social ties all provoke instability, uncertainty and violence. If Canada could own the vision of "One Family under God," it could inspire many nations to look beyond its narrow interests and recognize its common heritage and, thereby, its common future. Will you take on this challenge?

Creating a culture of service is necessary for peace to exist, and the Global Peace Festival has created a new spirit of volunteerism in many countries around the world.

At the Global Peace Festival in Paraguay, more than 10,000 high school and college students spent several weeks cleaning almost every park in the capital city of Asunción.

At the Global Peace Festival in Washington, DC, we worked with President George H. Bush's Points of Light Institute and held a food drive to feed the hungry in the nation's capital.

In Kenya more than 25,000 volunteers helped clean the polluted banks of the Nairobi River.

In Mongolia, volunteers from Service for Peace and a dozen other agencies worked to make the city of Ulaanbaatar a place of beauty and harmony for all its residents.

To all those who participated in these acts of service and kindness, I want to say a heartfelt "thank you!" I'd like to see Canada's volunteers and service partners joining with other nations, such as the United States, Russia, China, Europe, and Asia to establish

a Global Peace Corps. Imagine if young people from enemy nations worked side by side in service with the heart of "living for the sake of others." Any misunderstandings and hatred that existed would fade away as they sweat, cry and laugh together with a common vision to build "One Family under God."

Another goal of the Global Peace Festival is to celebrate the common universal values shared by all faiths. Religious and spiritual leaders must lead the peace process. Instead of advocating their own narrow doctrinal perspective, they must lead all people of faith to recognize the shared values and principles that come from our common heritage in one God.

I would like to suggest that all nations second the motion that my father made in the United Nations to establish an Interreligious Council of faith leaders, similar to the UN Security Council. This new UN council could be the forum for all faiths to find common ground and lead the peace process.

Today, I invite you to aspire to an even greater dream. That dream is "One Family under God." It should be the clarion call for our age. The power of one human family united can quell the turmoil of conflict throughout the world - from the conflict in the Middle East, to the final remnant of the Cold War on the Korean Peninsula, to the poverty and disease of Africa and to the civil, ethnic and national strife of Eurasia.

As we stand under the steadfast gaze of our ancestors, let us make a solemn



pledge to lead the world to peace by realizing the dream to create "One Family under God." Then, as surely as light overcomes the darkness, an era of peace and prosperity will emerge from the depths of distrust and hatred both at home and in the far corners of our world.

Together, we can dare to dream the greatest dream of all! Let us own the dream to create "One Family under God." May God bless you and your families, this great nation, and all the nations represented here. Thank you very much! ❖

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ence on environmental protection entitled "My City, My Home" was held at the university auditorium in partnership with UPF, City Hall, and the University of Korça. Nationally-known scholars spoke at the conference. In addition to the 50 distinguished guests and Ambassadors for Peace, more than 100 students attended the sessions. The conference concluded with an important proposal to open an Environmental Engineering Faculty at Korça Uni-

versity.

The final day of the Albania GPF, October 18, started with a Tree Planting Ceremony, building on the social impact program of the previous day. Many dignitaries participated in the ceremony, including Former President of Albania H.E. Alfred Moisiu, Korça Mayor Niko Peleshi, the Regional Education Department Director Mr. Andrea Mano, and many Ambassadors for Peace from Albania and other Balkan nations. The media covered all the events.

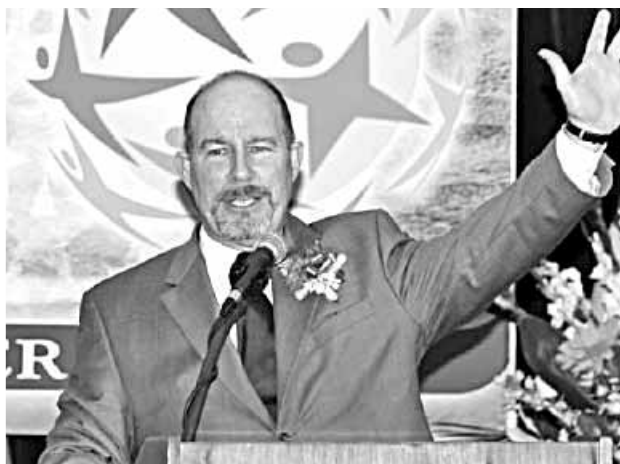
Approximately 150 distinguished guests and Ambassadors for Peace from Albania and other Balkan nations par-

ticipated in the International Leadership Conference entitled "Toward Leadership and Good Governance for Lasting Peace and Development in Albania and Balkans." Two thirds of the participants were from Albania, including former President Moisiu, who attended all the events on that day. International participants included Prof. Ivan Kaltchev from Bulgaria, President of South East Europe Philosophers Association, and Mr. Nadim Gemayel, son of a former president of Lebanon. The presentations were much appreciated, and at the end of the conference 60 new Ambassadors for Peace were appoint-

ed, including six musicians who sang at the main event. The conference was organized in partnership with Korça Municipality.

On the morning of October 19, 150 people gathered to reflect on the events of the week. Former President Moisiu joined in the celebration, during which key organizers were recognized. Ambassadors for Peace from Albania and other Balkan nations shared highlights of their experiences during the many events that took place during the week-long Global Peace Festival. ❖

California Unites for Global Peace Festival



The Global Peace Festival on October 9 in Los Angeles capped a 21-day focus on peace events that included the annual ringing of the United Nations Peace Bell at Maguire Gardens in Central Los Angeles, an International Day of Peace Speech and Drawing Contest, Prayers for Peace at the Pasadena City College Campus, "Pinwheels for Peace" at the Monrovia Coffee Company, "Kites for Peace" by the Brahma-Kumari sisters, a tree planting at the Malibu Canyon Peace Center, a Women's Federation for World Peace event supporting African schools, a "Clean Slate" presentation for inner peace among inner-city youth, and a kaleidoscope of other significant and colorful events designed to promote a culture of peace.

Participants at the GPF special celebration included renowned partners for peace such as Ms. Norma Foster, President of the United Nations Association of Los Angeles; Dr. Cecil "Chip" Murray, a well-known pastor, professor and social activist; His Holiness Vishwaguru Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda, who is a Yoga Master and the International Peace Ambassador and Humanitarian of Rajasthan India; Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi, and eminent Muslim scholar; Mr. Mohammad Khan;

Dr. Austin Williams; Bishop Noel Jones of "the City of Refuge"; and many more.

The Westin Airport Hotel at Los Angeles Airport, the finest on Century Boulevard, welcomed a thousand guests to the Grand Ballroom that night. The event was a jubilant celebration of the oneness felt as the theme "One Family Under God" echoed in the lyrics of song, speeches, and ceremonies. The Agape International Choir, led by Tim McAfee Lewis, stunned the audience with bright spirit and overwhelming joy from 100 professional singers. This is the choir performing at the church pastored by Rev. Dr. Michael Beckwith, a visionary featured in the best-selling book, *The Secret*, by Rhonda Byrne. Another highlight was the Interfaith Water Ceremony for Peace, during which seven of the most influential religious leaders of the various faiths in Los Angeles symbolically offered their faith traditions in support of a unified peace for humanity through pouring water from a glass bowl embellished with a painted symbol of their faith into a large crystal basin representing the unity of "One Family Under God." The ceremony touched the heart and demonstrated loving unity through the presence and wisdom of each leader.

The "One Family Under God" Choir, led by Minister John Millsap, voiced a

soul-filled rendition of "Lean on Me" by Kirk Franklin. The choir itself is a unity of youth from several churches and worked for more than a month of rehearsals perfecting their delivery. Their international costumes together with the flags of 40 Pacific Rim nations radiated colorful brightness from the stage.

The theme song, "Where Peace Begins" was sung by Miyuki Harley, while stage left and right a video was shown highlighting all the events for peace that had been done in the weeks before the program. What better example of peace could be shown than honoring young men, now appointed Ambassadors for Peace, gathered from the notorious "Crips" and "Bloods" gangs of South Los Angeles actively making a stand for peace by organizing a truce in their neighborhoods.

The finale evoked memories of the Middle East Peace Initiative in Jerusalem. The song, "Peace, Shalom, Salaam Aleikum," written by Barry Fasman (producer of six albums of the TV show *FAME*) and Rick Joswick, was sung by all choirs in unison echoing the chants for peace sung by marchers in the narrow passages of the Holy City on the way to the Western Wall.

Dr. Hyun Jin Moon's presentation is always brilliant, but it was especial-

ly crisp and confident that evening. On the reflection sheets, many voiced new confidence to promote peace as the dream of God and the common ideal owned by each of us and all of us together. Ambassadors for Peace who attended the American Leadership Conference earlier the same day in the Concourse Ballroom had already been treated to a very persuasive and highly interactive seminar outlining core values that provide common grounds for cooperation in service of peace in the Southland communities. One bishop, active in the Orange County area, testified that he is highly impressed and is now eager to participate, where he had been somewhat hesitant before coming.

The Global Peace Festival was a spectacular and deeply moving celebration, but so much more than just entertainment, it provided a new beginning for the community of faith in Los Angeles. Together with the surrounding events it forged a commitment to partnership for peace. "I feel blessed to have been a part of this event!" wrote Medina Song. "We need to send the important message of unity in this world, appreciating differences and learning to love as one 'family.' Thank you. It is incredible to have the opportunity to receive such a powerful and positive message!" ♦



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Educators Take on Challenges

Report by the Center for Education Steering Committee

The thirst for professional development brought together a broad spectrum of educators to the 2008 Educators Conference from October 3-5 at Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, New York. Bringing together a hundred participants from across America and two from Israel, the gathering featured the theme "Strengthening Educational Communities of Practice." The grass-roots based presenters, including keynote Thomas Lickona, the Winings-Sabourin 4-session certification program, and numerous breakout speakers, paid shared a concern for issues surrounding youth and young adult ministry, and generated balanced and in-depth coverage of this important educational ministry.

Pre-Conference Workshops

The conference began with four Pre-Conference Workshops. These in-depth full-day or half-day workshops equipped participants with tools necessary either to develop an effective program or strengthen an existing one. They included "Relationship Intelligence Training," with Dr. Richard Panzer and Mrs. L. Haft. Participants learned of the need for Relationship Intelligence education, its utilization of multimedia and research on its effectiveness, its use with 100,000 students in New York and New Jersey schools and the field experience of a Relationship Intelligence educator in the Jersey City Public Schools. They learned the relationship intelligence (RI) method to engage teens in an exploration of the meaning of love and commitment, male responsibility and parent-child relationships, case-based learning activities contained in the RI workbook activities, how to engage teens in an exploration of stages of intimacy and research on marriage, cohabitation, and divorce, and much more.

Alan Saunders, Poppy Richie and Sally Sayre presented a pre-workshop on "Creating A Culture of Heart, Love and Service through Implementing Character Education in the Home, School and Community." They guided participants through this fascinating and

effective Marriage Education Program, looking at the key concepts and goals so as to begin to understand how they can teach the program in their own communities. Participants looked at some of the typical gender differences in communication in marriage and investigated the various strategies used to overcome these differences. Also, participants looked at how learning some of the key negotiation strategies can help couples solve differences of opinion. Participants did a self-evaluation of their 'partnering skills' and developed a plan to support their personal growth.

Heather Thalheimer offered a valuable half-day workshop on "Creating Communities of Practice" for the express purpose of training those individuals who were considering becoming facilitators of diverse communities of practice.

Mark Callahan, chief powerpoint designer at the FFWPU American national office, offered a pre-conference on "The Principles of (PowerPoint) Creation," an opportunity for anyone who believes in the magic of PowerPoint to change peoples' lives. He taught how to set up Raster Images, Vector Images, ColorImpact software and Special Effects. He covered how to decide which kind of PowerPoint is best for your needs, how to coordinate the main work panels, how to align text and graphic objects, capitalization, color, word choices, punctuation, the value of space, how to avoid clutter and see from the audience's viewpoint, the value of a child's perspective and much more.

General Sessions

Each of the General Sessions was a focused and dynamic multi-media event blending praise and worship, spiritu-

al inspiration, educational content, practical wisdom and vision setting. This year's general sessions featured Chris Alan Duerflinger and his band together with the UTS worship band and choir, along with graphics and musical accompaniment programmed by Rev. Brian Sabourin.

The concept of a "community of practice," introduced at the 2007 Conference, was developed further in this year's program. In his opening remarks during the first plenary session, Dr. Tony Devine set the tone by reminding participants that a community of practice engages a diverse group of individuals that are focused and committed to addressing a common goal, outcome or issue so as to gain from the group's collective wisdom. He then introduced the Educators Conference steering committee and the summer camp collective as examples of

communities of practice.

After Dr. Devine's orientation, Dr. Richard Panzer served as the keynote speaker for the General Session on Friday night. He delivered a powerful talk on the challenges our contemporary culture presents to teens and couples attempting to maintain integrity and purity. It was a sobering view of the toxicity our young people encounter on a daily basis.

The second General Session, "Ethical Learning Communities," featured Keynote Speaker Dr. Thomas Lickona, author of *Educating for Character*. Dr. Lickona directs the Center for the Fourth and Fifth Rs (Respect and Responsibility), and is well known for his pioneering work in character education and the moral development of young people. His keynote address focused on Ethical Learning Communities as a foundation for the development of excellence and ethics. Dr. Lickona outlined the six operating principles by which an ethical learning community is created, sustained, and continuously improved. While his research was school based, the relevancy to Strengthening Educational Communities of Practice was readily apparent.

1. Develop shared purpose and identity. Make excellence and ethics the cornerstone of the school's mission, identity, and sense of community.

2. Align practices with desired outcomes and relevant research. Ask, How does a given practice contribute to the integration of excellence and ethics—performance character and

moral character? What is the evidence of its effectiveness?

3. Have a voice, take a stand. Create a democratic community that maximizes participation in the quest for excellence and ethics; challenge staff, students, and parents to use their voices with integrity and courage.

4. Take personal responsibility for continuous self-development. See yourself as a work in progress; pursue your personal best.

5. Practice collective responsibility. Care enough to expect the best from others; commit to the norm of "care-frontation" in relationships.

6. Grapple with the tough issues—the elephants in the living room. Address the often neglected issues—in school and outside school—that affect excellence and ethics.

The third General Session was entitled, "Dream a Little Dream: Strengthening My Community of Practice," Dr. Kathy Winings had participants in the audience share, anonymously, the expression of their personal vision and dreams, prior to her message encouraging us all to dream. These heartfelt visions, plus stirring music and Dr. Winings's message, created a moving experience to conclude the conference.

Breakout Sessions

The breakout sessions, as always,



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provided the conference meat and potatoes. This year, we incorporated a Youth Ministry Certification and Training Program as a special Youth Ministry Track during the breakout sessions. Dr. Kathy Winings and Rev. Brian Sabourin developed 4 separate breakouts for this Track. Youth Ministers who attended all 4 sessions received a Certificate of Completion. The topics were, "Getting to Know Who Teens Are and Learning the Basics of Counseling Teens," "How to Effectively Organize Your Youth Ministry for Maximum Effect," "Planning Lessons that Grab Your Kids" and "Teaching Strategies that Motivate and Engage the Learner."

Along the same lines, Joe Leonard shared the insights he has gained with the young adult worship service in New Jersey, to make young adult worship exciting, engaging, emotionally fulfilling, educational and inspiring to the point of action toward multiplication. He asked his audience, "would you want to go to church if it stunk?" Getting a "no" answer, he stated that neither do young adults, and shared strategies to sweeten up young adult worship.

Rev. Hiroshi Higashino discussed how the Heart of God is hidden behind the seemingly dry Divine Principle terminologies, and how to convey this heart to our youth. In his session, entitled "Changing Our Youth and Communities Through Jr. STF," Kimikami Miyake shared live testimonies of youth and communities affected by the Jr. STF program. He discussed how to implement such a program in one's own community. Bruce Clarke then rounded out the Youth Ministry offerings with his session, "Applying a Purpose-Driven Model to YM," where he looked at how the youth ministry of the Family Church of Connecticut has been applying the purpose-driven model from a Unificationist perspective and how the components of the model can be applied to any existing ministry.

The Conference was most fortunate this year to have a special breakout session offered by two professional educators from Israel. In "A Model of Educational Intervention in School Violence: The Case of 'Netivim' School," professors Dr. Yaffa bar-Ziv and Dr. Shefi Pnina, from the Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology, and the Arts, discussed how school violence is reported daily in the media and has become a global challenge. Their research documented the change that the "Netivim" school has gone through. This school absorbs students, ages 6-16, who are intelligent but have behavioral disturbances.

Two breakout sessions focused on experiential learning and service learning programs, which are highly important in youth and young adult education. Coming fresh from a summer project in Peru, Paul Byrne introduced "Discover True Friendship Service Tour: The Value and Purpose of Experiential Learning Programs." Paul presented how he has brought young men and women together to overcome the boundaries of nationality, ethnicity, religion and even language by working and spending time with the residents of diverse communities in need. In a related breakout, the panel of Robert Sayre, Cresentia Hinkle and Julia McKenna led a session on "Case Studies from

Service and Teaching Abroad." They discussed how you can create an education program that, with a little advanced planning and a few dedicated local staff members, can be replicated anywhere in the world, one that can also be particularly helpful in urban settings among at-risk youth.

Two other breakouts looked at the value of technology when it comes to teaching. Mark Callahan followed up on his pre-conference workshop with a session to help the power-point user generate excitement and anticipation as each new slide unfolds, rather than put people to sleep. He outlined some of the do's and don'ts in PowerPoint that professional lecturers teach to businesses and educators. Then Jonathan Gullery outlined simple techniques that an educator can use to tighten up material, streamline presentations and reach and maintain the interest of the intended audience in his session entitled, "How to Package and Present Your Message to Target Your Audience."

Addressing the practical needs of young people entering the job market and family life, Phillip G. Soaivan, a financial advisor, presented a common sense approach with simple, self-directed exercises loaded with inspirational teen success stories. The goal is to teach teens how to avoid credit card traps, reduce debt, escape common mistake relayed to financial needless charges, get a job, invest wisely, tap into the power of entrepreneurship and turn a hobby into cash.

In his breakouts, Dr. Thomas Lickona addressed the issues that educational communities have limited impact unless both students and adults take personal responsibility for their own character development and view their growth in character as a lifelong project. He answered the question, how we can help students develop the kind of ethical thinking that prepares them to act ethically in real situations. He drew upon his nationally acclaimed "Smart & Good Schools" definition of ethical thinking to include: (1) moral discernment (knowing right from wrong); (2) a well-formed conscience, including a sense of obligation to do the right thing; (3) a strong moral identity, such that doing what's right defines "who I am"; and (4) moral "know-how" that enables us to translate discernment, conscience, and moral identity into effective moral action.

Two different breakouts were grounded in character education. Kristina Seher, Poppy Richie, Sally Sayre, and Alan Saunders presented highlights of the Discovering the Real Me storybooks and teacher's manuals, which are suitable for use in homes, schools, and community venues. They demonstrated the "Train the Trainer" workshops, which are available with helpful materials, colorful and interesting PowerPoint presentations, and lots of tips on the importance of character education

and how to bring it to your community. Using live animals for her presentation, Lesa Ellanson discussed the value of our animals to help educate principled morals to children and youth can be developed in your homes, churches, schools and community groups in her session on: "Animals and Blessed Families: The Era After the Coming of Heaven."

Focusing on the field of Marriage and Family, presenter Debby Gullery demonstrated how to make the central theme of ideal marriages and families "do-

and workbook lessons.

As the only Children's Ministry breakout, Dr. Kathy Winings discussed current research in neuroscience focusing on the brain and its impact on education and parenting. She covered such cutting-edge issues as brain development, how we learn, gender differences in the physical brain, how to organize our classrooms based on these ideas, and how to unlearn bad habits.

Unique Aspects

The new revised Center for Education website was unveiled: www.centerforeducation.net. The web site is designed to facilitate Communities of Practice, whereby educators can connect in relevant groups, upload resources that are rated and reviewed by users, and discuss educational issues and practices.

As always, the conference was enriched with supplemental meetings including the Special Camp Coordinator Lunch Meeting and Blessed Family Association Reception that included time for socializing and sharing about what we have been doing over the past year and what is on line for the coming years. Noah Ross demonstrated the new and impressive BFA web site, featuring "matchbook" and the "college registry."

Participants also networked in the Exhibit Hall that featured resources, books, materials, programs and ideas. The Barrytown campus of UTS offered full wireless Internet access, the quiet library and new Information Commons, and the tranquil grounds, where many walked Father's Trail and the Labyrinth.

UTS Center for Education

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so much work to build the quality of everyone's experience at the conference, and to Charko Patterson who led the redesign of the CFE website.

The Center for Education at UTS Steering Committee consists of Ms. Shin Young Chang, Dr. Tony Devine, Dr. Tyler Hendricks, Mr. Charko Patterson, Mr. Noah Ross, Rev. Brian Sabourin, Mr. Naokimi Ushiroda and Dr. Kathy Winings. As a program of professional development, the mission of the Center for Education at UTS is to bring people together to facilitate educational growth through networking and the conference and to inspire the creation and sharing of vital educational resources.

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able" by offering practical tools to enable couples to take spiritual responsibility for themselves and their most important relationships. Her title, "Reaching and Teaching Instead of Preaching - Using Marriage Education as an Effective Witnessing Tool," said it all.

Rev. Gavin Hamnett led participants to a deeper understanding of the spiritual nature of addiction and the role of emotion. We gained an understanding of how proper meditation can assist in the dissolution of the roots of addiction.

Glenn Strait, editor of The World & I, shared a "new mindset," that the doable first step of learning Korean is learning to read Unification scripture in Korean. The new methodology is "reading immersion" as embodied in "Reading True Parents' Word" (RTP Word), which provides customized tools

Elder Chang, Song Do; His Legacy

The following is a short biography of Elder Chang's time in Korea from the viewpoint of his second son, Rev. Choong Keun Chang, National Messiah to D.R. Congo. Rev. Chang's family took care of Elder Chang.

I was born in 1941 on November 15, Lunar Calendar. I am the second son of six children. I was born during a time of war; Japan was allied with Germany, working together to conquer South East Asia. My Father, Songdo Chang, was a Presbyterian elder at the time. My mother, Youngbok Jun married my father on the condition that he convert and believe in Jesus Christ. My Mother comes from a line of devote Presbyterians. During the Japanese Colonial time my Presbyterian great grandfather on my mothers side, was arrested, tortured, and killed during the Independence movement for participating in the March 1st Mansie movement. My mother was only seven years old.

My father is a great spiritual force in my life. He is very spiritually open. He has conversed many times with God and the saints of history. During the war, my father said that God guided him explicitly during his service in the army and created many avenues for him to take that kept him from ever taking another man's life. God sent angels who spoke to my father and helped him avert death many times on the battlefield and off. I believe God kept my Father alive for some great plan. My father is also the second son of six children. I have six children, all of which are girls except for one boy; our destinies are inexorably connected and will continue from my father, down to me, down to my son, and to my son's sons.

My father visits the holy ground in Toronto everyday at four am to pray for Rev. Moon's mission and our family. He reads forty pages of Divine Principle (Unification principle text of study) everyday to set a condition to keep his relationship with God open. I have listened to him and sought his spiritual guidance since an early age and have continued to do so in my old age. He has guided me spiritually throughout my ministry.

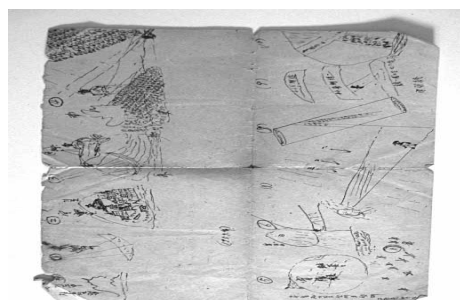
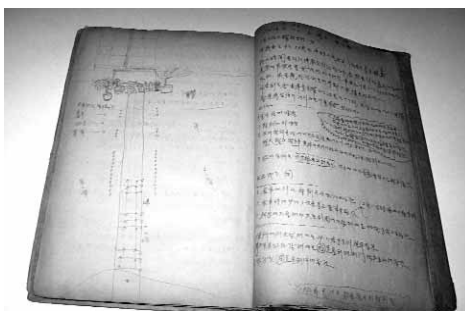
My parents are originally from Pyeong Yang, North Korea. I was nine years old in 1950 and on July 25th of that year, civil war occurred and we had no other choice but to escape to South Korea the next year. The north had become communist and we could not live there. At that time, six of my family members fled to the south and became refugees. The angels guided my father, telling him to travel only by night and to stay only in places that were vacant. I was easier to travel at night. When the angels told him to hide, he would hide where they told him too. The empty places always had food in them because people had left so quickly so we never starved will be escaped. When we reached south Korea we stayed with our uncle in his home in Myungdong Seoul. When the war was over, the 38th parallel was



Most recent photo taken of Elder Chang mid 2008. He was 94 years old



26 Couples Pre-Married Blessing February 8, 1963. Elder Chang, Song Do is top row center, Elder Chun, Yung Bok is sixth from the right, third row from the bottom.



Left: An inside look at Elder Chang's study journal; Right: A photocopy of a hand drawn depiction of a spiritual revelation given to Chang Song Do Halaboji of the Spirit World

established.

While living in Myungdong, my Father established the Choong-mo-ro church, a Christian based church, and worked as the church elder. However, he grew skeptical towards the church when he saw the administrative people fight with the minister and for a while,

he stopped attending church. It was when our family moved to Pil-dong that we had our first contact with the Unification Church.

My father was working in a supermarket when a delivery man who was bringing towels witnessed to him. He began to ignore household affairs

and continuously attended the church in rapture. Eventually my mother started to follow him and they ended up going together. In 1956, when I was in middle school, my younger siblings and I started to attend the Unification church and my older brother followed after a couple of months.

At that time my mother was attending the Calvin Theological school. I helped my mother do her homework so I learned many things about theology at that time. I also attended the mission school. As an adolescent, while I was still living in North Korea, the Western missionaries that came to PyeongYang (North Korea) wanted to teach me, however, due to the opposition of my grandmother on my mother's side, my religious studies began instead at this time while I was in mission school.

I continued to attend the mission school in junior and learned a lot about the bible from our reverend. What I learned at the church where my father went to was so different from the things that I learned at school.

At first, I just followed my parents to the Unification Church services without any sense or understanding of what was being taught but as the time went on, I started to attend the early morning services, and every weekend, through the words that I heard, I began to realize and believe that the one they called 'Teacher' was the Messiah. After that, I came to understand the whole content of each sermon and started to receive all the words in a positive light. The ministers and teachers at school would tell me not to fall for heretical doctrine. Their discouragement caused me to go even more. As the days went by, I attended the early morning service, Wednesday evening meeting and did not miss a single student service. These were the foundations of my religious and spiritual growth.

Timeline

Born 1914, November 27th in Pyeongyang North Korea.

Among 5 siblings he was the second born, first son.

Married in 1938 to Chun, Yong Bok. He was a Christian at that time.

He had 6 children, 3 sons and 3 daughters.

On 1950 June 25th, he fled to South Korea during the civil war.

In 1953 he established Chung Mu Church in Seoul which was a Presbyterian Church.

In 1954 he left that Church and in 1955 he joined the Unification Church. In 1963 he was Blessed with the 24 pre-married couples.

In 1975 he emigrated to Toronto, Canada.

He passed away 2008, October 3rd at 12:15pm.

The following testimony is given by Elder Chang's granddaughter, Yeunhee Chang

I am the granddaughter of Mr. Song Do Chang, who just recently passed away. He leaves behind 2 sons and a daughter and a growing lineage reaching to the 3rd generation. He was born in 1914 November 27th and seunghwa'd at the age of 93. Not many people knew him personally or even as a member but I wanted to share this small tribute to him with all of our UC members because I believe that it is important to remember the pioneering members and to listen to their stories so that we can remember them in our lives of faith and let their lives inspire us to keep moving forward.

I was the closest grandchild mainly because I could communicate with him in Korean. We used to talk for hours on the phone and also in person. If I could sum up or describe him in a sentence I would have to say that he lived and breathed a life centered on True Parents and God's will. Below I want to share some stories about him that has left a strong impression in my mind.

Realizing that True Father was the Returning Messiah

He first met True Father, back in the early 1950's. My grandfather was spiritually open and could converse with the spirit world. During the civil war he was guided to Seoul from North Korea by the spirit world. During the night he was told to travel and during the day he was guided to sleep in safe areas. As him and his family settled in what we know today as ChoongMoroh city inside Seoul, he became

one of 5 presbyter elders. He was always very religious, with a strong Christian background. He told me many stories about how his faith in Jesus saved him from the communists. He had some problems with the church he was affiliated with so he stopped attending for about a year and a half. One day a man by the name of Jang Woo No(??) came to the store he worked at. He was a member of the church and a delivery man. This man witnessed to my grandfather and soon he was invited to the weekly services they had on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Back in the 1950's the movement was known as a heretical cult, therefore it was difficult to gather and meet in public so the meeting places for the service kept changing without ample notice. At that time the many women were expelled from Ewha University and strange rumors were circulating everywhere, but still my grandfather attended the services because he liked 'Teachers' (this is



Chang, Song Do and Chun, Yung Bok, were blessed with the 26 Pre-Married Couples Blessing, in 1963, Korea. They had six children when they joined in Seoul, Korea and raised them in the tradition of the church. This photo was taken on their wedding date before they joined.

what the early members called True Father before he was Blessed to True Mother) lectures about the Divine Principle.

One day, 'Teacher' approached my grandfather and spoke to him. He asked him to work for one of the church organizations as an electrician (he was a very skilled electrician, shoe maker, leader etc... during the Japanese occupation) however, Teacher asked him using the lower form of Korean. True Father called my grandfather, "Chang 'yong kam' (which roughly means 'old man') instead of Chang Jang-roh, which means Presbyterian Chang in an honorific way. My Grandfather was almost 6 years older than Him so this agitated him greatly and he wondered how this minister could be so rude! My grandfather turned down True Father's request to have him work for the factory 6 times. Then my grandfather asked True Father, how much he would pay him if he worked in the factory. Father replied by saying he would give him a certain amount of rice, however, my grandfather felt that it wasn't a sufficient amount to feed his family of 8, so he turned True Father down another 3 times.

He is the One who has returned

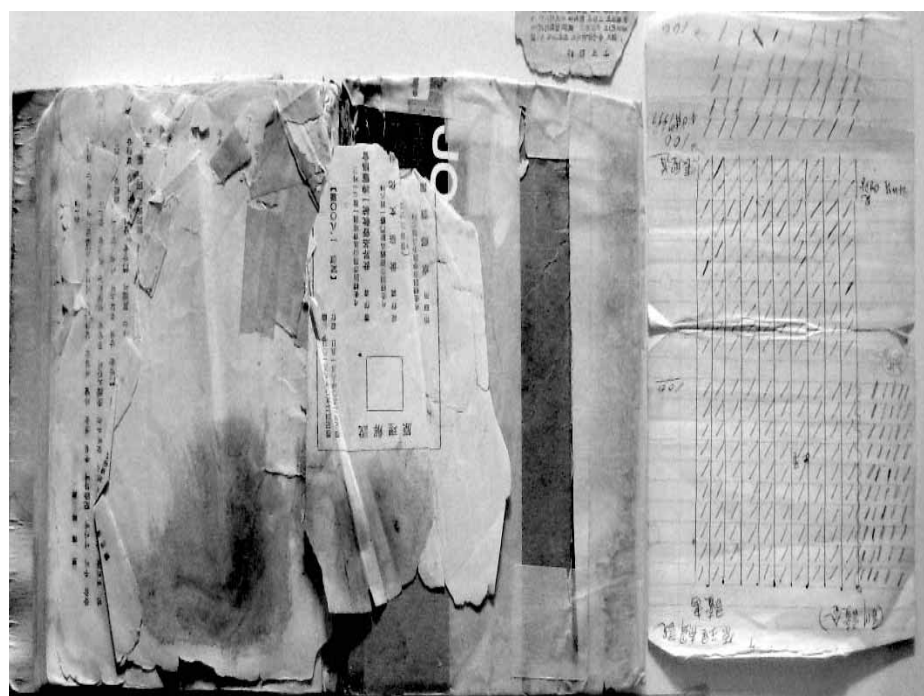
My grandfather couldn't get how Teacher could call him Chang yong-gam and as it bothered him so much, he decided to pray to God and ask him, just who this man was exactly. As he prayed God showed him a vision of the world. My grandfather was floating out in the universe and he saw the world before him. Then standing on his left he saw Jesus and standing to his right was True Father (The Teacher).

My grandfather looked at him and saw that he was dressed in a bright beautiful Korean Nobleman's clothing and also a nobleman's Korean black hat. Then from behind my grandfather he heard God's voice saying, " This is the one who has returned, attend him well." After having this experience my grandfather quickly realized who his Teacher was and regretted having turned him down so many times. He decided that on that following gathering he would tell his Teacher what he experienced and that he would work in his factory.

When my grandfather went to the church and saw True Father, he didn't even open his mouth and the first thing True Father said to him was, " Did you see something last night?" as if True Father already knew that he had had such an experience. My grandfather told True Father that he was the one who had returned. True Father was very happy to hear this and he told him to testify to the rest of the members about what he experienced.



Top left: Elder Mrs. Chang's graduation from her Bachelor in Theology; Top right: Elder and Mrs. Chang's 60th birthday celebration. They were born the same year; Bottom Left: extended Chang family gathers for Chun, Yung Bok Halmoni's seunghwa ceremony, Toronto, 1992; Bottom right: taken in 1973, Elder Chang's 3rd daughter Choongduk, Elder Chang, Elder Chang's wife, Rev. Choong Keun Chang, Mrs. Chang, Mrs. Chang's younger sister, won suk and her older brother, wonmyung at the airport before leaving for Canada



Chang Song Do halaboji's copy of the original hand-written Divine Principle worn down from frequent use at the right, and a check sheet used to mark the number of times the book was read. There are about 500 check marks



Yeunhee Chang with her Grandfather, Elder Chang, Song Do Halaboji

My grandfather became an official member in 1955 and was blessed as a pre-married couple in 1963 February 8th.

My Grandfathers legacy/lineage

Messages to True Father

I want to share 2 special instances where the revelations my grandfather received were received my True Parents. There were a few times when True Father would look for my father to ask him what kind of revelations my grandfather had received from Heaven.

I believe that it was in the year 2000-2001 when True Mother was giving her speech tour. True Father was in South America fishing with leaders. My father also participated in that workshop. Prior to meeting True Father, my grandfather told my father before he left for the workshop that if True Father were to ask him if he had anything to say then to tell him the message he was about to tell him.

When my father heard that True Father was looking for him twice, my father finally was able to find father fishing in his boat. He asked my father to enter his boat and he immediately asked my father, "What did your father say?" My father said, "That from now on, if you want to say something then you have to tell the people exactly what you want to say." With that, TF changed his schedule. TM was going on the tour alone, but instead TF asked Mr. Peter Kim to change the schedule so that he could do the tour together.

Another incident took place in 1995 December 7 True Parents arrived in Toronto, Canada as they were on a world speaking tour. Before they came to Canada, they were turned away from the French and English immigration. We had received reports that True Parents were very saddened by this and that the immigration had contacted the Canadian immigration

to make sure that True Parents could not pass through into Canada. When my father told my Grandfather this, he started a 5 day prayer condition so that the Canadian immigration would become blind to the fact of True Parents were coming.

True Parents arrived in Canada escorted by their lawyer Mr. Bruce Casino. As they were going through immigration he took both True Parents passports along with his and handed them to the immigration officer. The officer asked Mr. Casino, "who are those people standing behind you?" He responded, "They are my True Parents." According to the testimony that was given later, they felt that the immigration officers must have believed that they were Bruce Casino's adopted parents since they didn't look ethnically the same, so she stamped all three passports without looking at the names on the passports. True Parents went swiftly out the front gates

he didn't mind being mistaken as Father for those 3 hours. Eventually all parties were let through. When the event was over, True Father blessed my parents by telling them that they received all the blessings of that event.

His Daily Schedule for almost 15 years.

My grandfather was a very orderly man. He planned out his day and followed it, though he was open to spontaneous situations. He had a very special schedule that started at around 3:30am. He would wake up every morning at around 3:30 am and prepare to go to the holy ground which was located close to his apartment. He made a condition to pray for the glory and victory of True Parents mission on earth and for God's will to be realized. He would go there rain or shine. My parents decided to attend one of these prayer sessions, thinking they would be back home in no time. The session lasted for 2 hours. My grandfather would prayer twenty minutes at eight

morning. He once told me that when it snowed, the snow came up to his waist but he pushed away the snow to get to the holy ground. I yelled at him, "Why did you go there when the weather was so bad, what if you got hurt? What if something happened to you?" He would insist that he would be alright. He also said that some patrol cops were around and they stopped to ask if he was alright, but my grandfather waved them on and continued on to the holy ground. In this way, at that age, he prayed.

He also read 40 pages of the Divine Principle, every morning, and would make a mark on the back of the book and later on a sheet of paper to show how many times he read it. I believe he read the Divine Principle over 500 times. He told me that this was like a condition which allowed him to converse with God and also for God to reveal revelations of True Parents to him. He received proclamations from Heaven that True Father would announce sometimes 1 to 3 years later.

Being with Him

What I am always reminded of my grandfather is that he really loved God and True Parents. He lived and breathed speaking words of love and whenever he had the chance spoke about the greatness of True Parents and all they accomplished for God and the world. He was also a romantic. If I told him that I was thinking about so and so about the Blessing, he would create a whole romantic love story of how the two of us could create an ideal family and express love to one another. I could talk to him like he was my best friend.

Grandpa Napoleon

In 1991 when True Parents went to Toronto, Canada, True Father called on my Grandfather and described him as "Napoleon." True Father was at the recent workshop in Hawaii when he heard of my grandfather's passing. He spoke of my grandfather with my father during the Hawaii workshop and said, "What was his name again?" and my father gave my grandfather's name, Chang, Song do, but True Father said, "No, no it was Napoleon. He was the man that brought victory to the French Revolution." Our family is still not completely clear on why True Father

compared him to Napoleon, but I believe that it will become clearer as his lineage grows and perhaps creates a revolution for God and humanity. As his granddaughter, I want to pledge that I will become the fruit of his seed of love and faith for God and True Parents. ❖



Top left: Blessing of Rev/ Chang's eldest child, Lina Chang to Une Herzer; Top right: Blessing of Rev. Chang's only son, William Chang to Unity Hendricks; Bottom Left: Matthias and Mackenzie-Rose Herzer, Elder Chang's great-grandchildren; Bottom right: William Chang with son Jae-Ho Chang. He and Unity are expecting their second son this month



Left: Elder Chang's first grandson from his first son, Damian Chang, attends his grandfather's seunghwa; Center: Dr. and Mrs. Chae Hee Lee, National Messiah's to Canada, pay their respects; Right: Elder Chang's second born, Rev. Chang, offers testimony at his father's seunghwa

of the airport and went quickly away. The other people that came with True Parents were caught in immigration, however, one in particular, President Dong Moon Joo, had in his passport the Korean style printing of names, Joo (last name first) Dong Moon. It made it seem as though he was the 'Moon.' President Joo later said that

different points around the tree, saying he had to face all the corners of the universe. My parents were so exhausted that day but my grandfather was fine. He had conditioned himself to fulfill this condition everyday.

For at least 15 years until his accident, he went every single

ACLCL Gets Jazzed in New Orleans

by Sister Tanya Edwards

The energy of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLCL) Convocation in New Orleans from October 13-15 was insurmountable and moved from person to person. I was amazed by the atmosphere of enthusiasm, and, indeed, the spirit of everyone was high as well as anointed.

Faith leaders' involvement with each other and with the Word, the singing, the testimonies, and the participation were truly uplifting.

Conferees heard a superb explanation of the ACLCL vision by Archbishop George Stallings, whose eloquence set the tone for the convocation. The teaching by Bishop Jesse Edwards on the "True Family Values" enraptured the assembly, which also was receptive to an introduction to the Divine Principle by Rev. Levy Daugherty, followed by lectures on the Divine Principle by Rev. Kevin McCarthy.

Rev. Mark Abernathy, Rev. Carl Rawls, and Rev. Bennit Hayes did a fantastic job as they opened the sessions and introduced each speaker and lecturer. During the daily devotions, Bishop Michael Sykes, Bishop Ernest Hamilton, and Senator Steen Miles gave incredibly inspiring messages, as did Rev. D.C. Corson. There was singing by different groups and various songs introduced to us, and we didn't hesitate to join in unity and praise.

All lectures were well prepared and organized, prompting many to praise the manifest talent of Reverend McCarthy. Group discussion guided



participants into even deeper understanding about the contents of each lecture. The lecture on the "Human Fall," taught by Sister Marilyn Rawls, inspired several to testify that her words touched their hearts. Another session, "Building the Kingdom for God's Heart," given by Pastor Joel Barnaby, also was warmly received. Bishop Jim Swilley gave a wonderful report of the Global

Peace Festival that was held in his church, Church In The Now, in Atlanta.

During the dinner sessions, we heard from the ACLCL's new pastors, who were elated with the convocation. On October 14, after lunch, Bishop Kim announced that all could take a walk to the mall and around New Orleans. We all were so excited because it gave us the opportunity to have fellowship and to enjoy the city. We are so grateful to Bishop Kim for allowing us to take advantage of this time.

On the last day, we heard from Dr. Lonnie

us in music and instrumentals. Their efforts to usher in the spirit to this convocation were uplifting and enlightening. At our last dinner we were blessed by a musician and a singer from the New Orleans area.

This conference began on a vision and ended on a vision. It wasn't just the lecturers that captivated all in attendance, but the oneness of those who were able to become more united with one another. I believe that this convocation set the tone for future convocations. ❖

McLeod, dean of the Unification Theological Seminary, who briefed us on developments at the UTS campus in New York City. We were then blessed to hear from the Women in Ministry, who not only inspired us, but challenged us to get involved as women and to attend the different events they offer, including their conference calls and their upcoming conference in Atlanta in November. Sister Edwards spoke about introducing local rallies for women as well as women's prayer breakfasts every three to four months, and how to inspire new ministers to join the ACLCL. Mr. Alan Saunders then inspired us with a presentation on a curriculum of character education, which inspired us to bring it into our churches, schools, and so forth.

Rev. Kasongo, with his wife and other members from the Family Church, blessed



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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



Youth Educators Seminar Identity Series 1

Shin Young Chang

October 10-11

Camp Sunrise

Sung-Hwa Department

It's not difficult to grasp the concept that blessed children are different, and yet in every community we continue to go through the struggle of accepting that we are different. Personally, I never had any problem accepting this fact, but I always found I could not explain with clarity the why of it.

Naokimi Ushiroda amazes me. He spends all his time trying to connect with heavenly inspiration so that he might discover a way to communicate lineage, identity, and purpose to blessed children and I think he has brought much clarity to the table through this educators seminar.

I didn't really want to go to the Youth Educators Seminar when I first heard about it, one, because it was at Camp Sunrise and it's cold there and the showers are gross, and two, I work too hard as it is and I get tired and have precious little time to work on my personal career goals so if I'm going to give up my Friday night and Saturday for something I want to know I'm not wasting my time.

I did not waste my time at this seminar. It was awesome!

My definition of a seminar worth spending time at is the kind of seminar that gives you the theory/concept, gives you a practical, active method towards experiential understanding of the theory/concept, then provides you with methods/tools for you to take back to your community so that you may become a wiser teacher, better able to teach seemingly difficult ideas with clarity.

The seminar was divided into three parts. We spent Saturday morning focusing on our identity in relation to our family, our friends, and on how we identified ourselves in comparison to how they identified us. I'm always telling people they need to be more self-reflective, take the time out of their day to evaluate their actions at the end of the day, their thoughts, their motives, their reactions, their attitude and how it fluctuated during the day, and assess how they are, where they are, on their path to realizing their full-potential as a blessed child. This first segment to the seminar was a great way to start it off. We all paired up and reflected on our identity and got to know another person better. We could have done that one exercise all day.

The second segment was spent participating in an interactive lecture about our identity as blessed children. We fleshed out the notions of lineage, responsibility, the meaning of 'blessed', our challenges, our strengths, what about our identity is our choice, and what is not; I found myself engaged

in the dialogue. Usually, I'll hear lectures on the wonders of being a blessed child and I think to myself, "I read all this years ago in books and heard the same thing over and over again many times" and my eyes just glaze over, or else I daydream and count the minutes until it's over. Not this time. Perhaps it was the coffee in my system, or the

ther", etc. We touched on our role as Blessed Family members to True Family and our relationship to them. What we gained from this experience was an awareness of how we behave towards our parents, our siblings, and what that said about ourselves. Our verbal communication, our body language, our attitudes differ greatly depending on the

various areas of youth ministry that I am involved in.

Props to you, Naokimi, and to those who helped him put this seminar together. He will be conducting several more in several other districts. ❖



fact that it was a beautiful day outside, but I was awake, attentive, and really enjoying the question/answer method of this portion of the seminar. It wasn't a dictation on my identity, it was a self-reflective discovery.

The third part of the seminar was spent around the camp fire playing a guessing game. Identities were written on pieces of paper and passed out faced down. We were asked to hold the identity to our foreheads and split into groups of three and based on our interaction alone, we each had to guess what our identity was. It turned out we were "mother", "brother", "grandfa-

relationship and most of us found we behaved self-centeredly, without a sense of empathy, and that we all needed to spend more time correcting our own actions rather than pointing out everyone else's flaws.

One of the goals of this seminar was to bring the Jersey and New York youth ministry groups networking and planning for the year. There were over 20 of us in attendance. We made some new friends, caught up with some old, ate a whole lot of s'mores, enjoyed the beautiful autumn weather, hiked all the way around the small lake, and went away with enough material to incorporate into the

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

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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

Peer Education Program: What Have We Learned



UPF's Peer Educator program began in 2007 with young adults traveling to Pohnpei, the Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Belize, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and the Gambia. These young educators worked in after-school programs and in community centers as well as in public and private schools. As educators they were not just part of a group, serving a community in need, but teachers—leading and teaching through their example and using UPF's character education curriculum, *Discovering the Real Me*. If you are not familiar with the program, please refer to the links below for program reports.

Belize Report

http://www.upf.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=194&catid=97

St. Lucia Report

http://www.upf.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=223&catid=97

In 2008, educators returned to the Gambia, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago, and programs were added in Jamaica, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Thailand and Sri Lanka. To familiarize yourself with the program, please review the reports via the links below.

Jamaica Report

http://www.upf.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=921&catid=97

St. Lucia Report

http://www.upf.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=943&catid=97&Itemid=85

Trinidad and Tobago Report

http://www.upf.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=922&catid=97

What have we learned?

The proposition of taking young adults who had little formal training in education or teaching, and placing them into programs where they were teaching and leading character education programs in foreign countries was

unproven at the time.

Two quotes from our educators answer this question definitively:

"When we evaluated the program, we found that the stories in the curriculum were effective in teaching the lessons. Incidents of violence and fighting decreased throughout our time there."

"We helped students to become more familiar with their consciences, which can serve as a compass when pressure comes to stray from the best path to a happy, successful life."

Does the program have a lasting effect on the communities?

In the countries where we returned, we were able to re-establish ties to the local communities and establish longer programs with the same community partners. In several countries in Asia, character education clubs were established with local leadership. In Belize, Ambassadors for Peace have taken the program to every area of the country, introducing programs in schools and community centers. Based upon our work in St. Lucia, *Discovering the Real Me* is being used by a local college to prepare new teachers.

So the answer is "Yes!" Our Peer Educator Program is working as a spark or catalyst in diverse communities all seeking to re-establish virtues and character in their families, schools and communities.

What has the experience been like for our Peer Educators?

"The most significant thing I learned while being a peer educator

was to be prepared for anything, think creatively when teaching, and never lose your cool."

"To others considering the peer educators program: do it, you'll have a great time. Enter the program feeling confident in yourself and the material, and you'll leave with knowledge of just how powerful your voice can be. The confidence you gain has the power to inspire a class."

"We all expressed that while we came to teach, we ended up learning much more than we could have ever imagined. Not only did we learn much about ourselves, teaching, managing a classroom, etcetera, but we were immersed in such a rich culture that we were learning new things every minute."

"We were able to recognize the importance of empowering parents and supporting them through our character education programs. We felt that efforts such as workshops that the Parent Teacher

Association had held for parents directly related to our work in improving communication between parents and children."

To become a Peer Educator in 2009, what must I do?

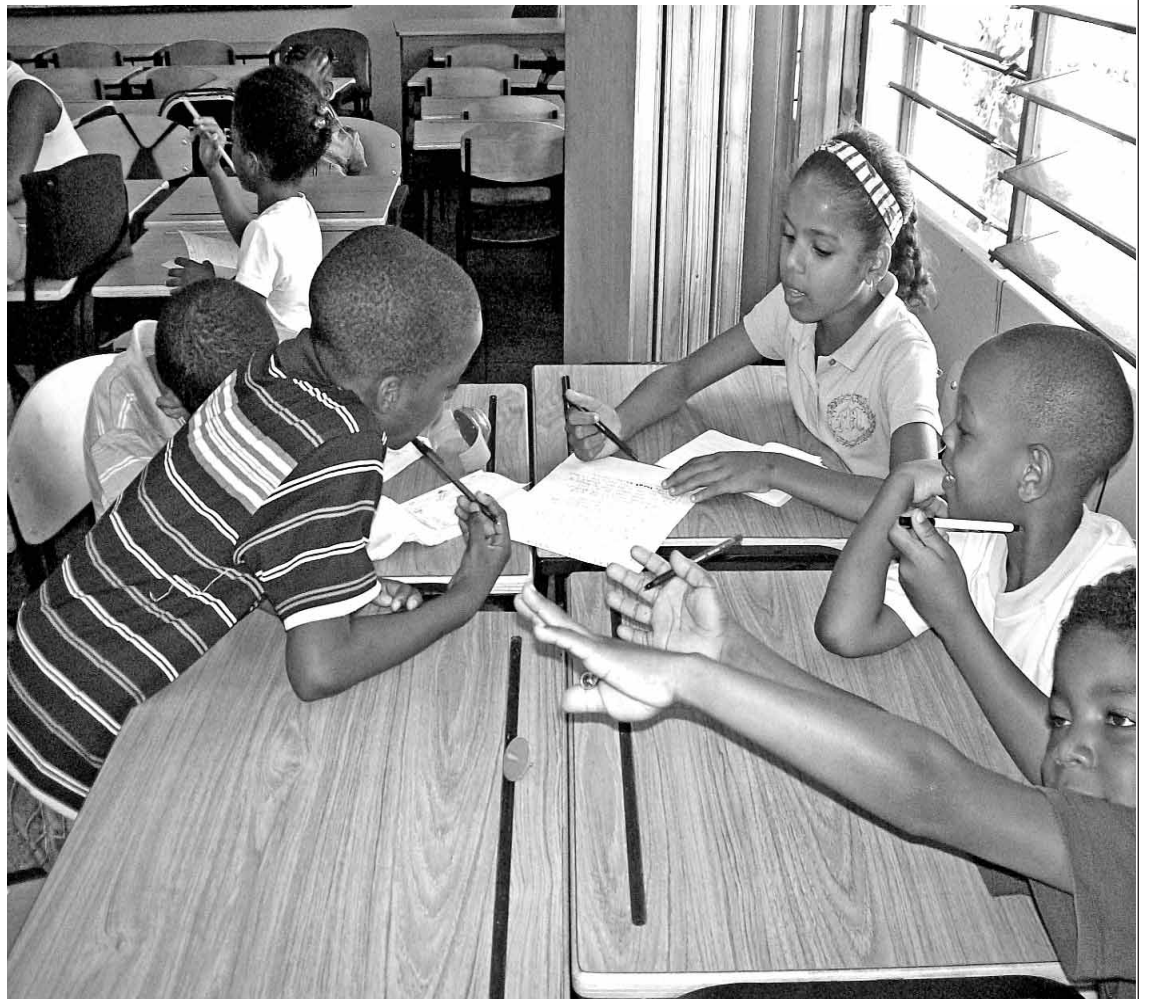
Contact Sally Sayre, UPF Peer Educator Coordinator at interns@upf.org

Send in your application by Jan. 1. If you have friends who might want to go with you, ask them. This is ideal. Groups of three to four are ideal.

Make a plan to raise the money necessary to go. Ask for UPF's Fundraising Guide.

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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

Autumn Recipes

by ChiYun Breland

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As we pass Halloween and look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are moving into a string of holidays that will have many of us devouring sugar. It's no secret that Americans love sweets! It is estimated that we each consume over 150 pounds a year of the white stuff. Sugar actually qualifies as an addictive substance, because even eating a small amount creates a desire for more, and suddenly quitting it causes withdrawal symptoms such as headaches, mood swings, cravings, and fatigue.

There are a lot of detrimental effects of sugar on our health. According to Marion Nestle, chair of the Department of Nutrition and Food Studies at NYU, "Because sugary foods often replace more healthful foods, diets high in sugar are almost certainly contributing to osteoporosis, cancer, and heart disease." Eating excess amounts of sugar has been shown to have a number of harmful effects on the body. It can suppress your immune system, lead to depression, cause kidney damage, weaken your eyesight, cause varicose veins, increase the risk of coronary heart disease, and speed the aging process (causing wrinkles and grey hair).

Why is sugar so harmful? Sugar is what is known as "empty calories". It is made by refining sugar cane or beets to the point where all the vitamins and minerals are taken out and you are left with this highly concentrated sweetener. However, your body needs vitamins and minerals to digest any food. Because sugar has none of its own, the body must rob its own mineral reserves in order to metabolize sugar properly. Over time, eating sugar leaches nutrition from your body, causing it to break down.

Almost all of us have experienced the roller coaster ride that comes from sugar highs and lows. We'll eat a candy bar or some ice cream and we feel really great. Sugar is highly refined, so it enters the bloodstream almost instantly. Our mood becomes lighter and more relaxed - we feel happy and carefree. But then a little while later we crash - we get irritated or sleepy, and crave more sugar to bring back our energy and good feelings. We keep swinging back between these severe highs and lows, which not only wreak havoc on our moods and energy levels, but also our health.

Let's compare the sharp spike in our blood sugar that comes from eating a candy bar, versus what happens when we eat a bowl of brown rice. Brown rice is a whole food full of complex carbohydrates that still have all its natural vitamins, minerals, and fiber intact. Brown rice must be chewed well in order to be digested - it won't just "melt in your mouth" like a package of M&Ms. And the more you chew it, the sweeter and tastier it becomes. As complex carbohydrates are digested, they slowly enter the bloodstream, causing a gentle rise and fall over a period of a few hours. Thus, you stay fuller longer and experience long term energy, as well as gaining the nourishment of what you've eaten.

Sweet root vegetables are another whole food which can greatly help combat sweet cravings. Pumpkin, carrots, squash, and sweet potatoes have a deep, sweet flavor when cooked. They soothe the internal organs of the body, energize the mind, and are also energetically grounding. This helps balance out the spacey feeling people often experience from eating other sweets. Eating a serving of these nutritious, sweet foods every day can greatly reduce your cravings for refined sugar.

The following is a delicious recipe using kabocha squash (Japanese pumpkin). It is very filling and makes enough for a family dinner. By eating the fall vegetables that are readily available during this season, we can nourish our bodies and our sweet cravings in the way nature intended.

JAPANESE-STYLE PUMPKIN WITH GROUND PORK

Ingredients:

Vegetable oil

- 1 small kabocha
- 1/2 pound ground pork
- 2 slices ginger
- 4 scallions, cut into 1" lengths, plus one thinly sliced, for garnish
- 2 tablespoons white wine or sherry
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch, mixed with water (optional)

After scooping out the seeds, cut pumpkin into large chunks (can leave it unpeeled). Combine water, wine, soy sauce, sugar, and salt, stirring to dissolve the sugar and salt. Set aside. Fry meat in a couple tablespoons of oil. Add 1" lengths of scallion and ginger and sauté. Add pumpkin and stir. Pour in water mixture, cover, and cook until pumpkin is thoroughly tender (about 30 minutes), stirring occasionally. Add sesame oil and cornstarch, if using, to thicken. Garnish with chopped scallion and serve with rice. ❖

All Saints Day Bash

Hanako Ikeno

The spirits of All Hallows Eve revisited Belvedere for one extra day on November 1st for the All Saint's Day Bash. The main hall was trans-

formed into a medieval castle, with drapes, chandeliers and spooky tapestries, and the grounds were opened for the spirits to frolic and play - apple bobbing, guess the animal organ, pumpkin carving, a haunted relay and much more.

Robert Downey Jr. was present with his army fatigue and blackened face, there was a cheerful bag of M and M's, Blue Man Tube were out representing, and Shrek kept up the spirit. A little bush danced next to a sweater thingy and a crypt keeper, little bunnies stuffed their faces with candied apples, and medieval princesses hopped centuries to hang out with Marie Antoinette, Hamlet and a southern belle. Oh, and everyone was spooked at the Haunted Agora house hosted by the New Jersey Youth Ministry.

A special thanks to all the parents who brought their best goods to the feast table, how lovely the fare was, and how fantastic the glowing faces of our dear parents, dressed to

the nines in their Halloween garb - a tree and Dorothy, witches and vampires, you could hardly recognize our them under their costumes.

"We had such a good time with the kids. We're just happy to help." beamed one parent. The same

sentiment was reflected from a child who noticed, "They were in the mix of it all, dancing, laughing and playing. I love to see parents play!"

It was a chance for brothers and sisters to see each other and catch up in the midst of all the business in their lives. "It was good to see people I normally don't get to see." smiled one Blessed Child dressed as a fortune teller. "It's important to have time to invest in each other."

I'm sure God was present with each interaction, and each beloved child. There is one story hat has to be told, a girl, her sister and mother, who drove all the way from Canada to be with other Blessed Children. She left her costume at home, so on the way - she concocted an ingenious impromptu design that brought her the grand prize for the costume contest. Although she was a control freak, in the end, God was, and gave her an experience to last her the year.

Thanks again to all who made it possible, and here's to more memories and good times we want to create together with God! ❖



Rev. Hyung Jin Nim

This is from a sermon given September 20, 2008 at the HQ Church, Seoul, Korea

Having the Strength to Share

Today, I would like to share with you from Cheong Seong Gyung, page 998. Father speaks about himself, he says, "Because I knew that God was such a lonely and isolated being, I have gone forth known that my mission until the day that I die was to fulfill even a portion of God's will and desire, to expand a foundation in at least one field and gather together those who can live for the sake of God. It is because I was born as God's son and because I felt myself responsible for establishing His will that I have persevered until now with love. Even though I was persecuted and even though I was beaten, I endured all these without taking revenge. Even as I fought my way forward, staggering or crawling on my belly, I always thought about how to set up this tradition and bequeath it to this world."

Brothers and sisters, when we hear those passages we can see the type of determination that True Father had from the very beginning. When he was going through all the persecution and difficulty, the tribulations, the doubts, the fear, in the beginning, he had this kind of heart, investing himself fully and being able then to bequeath the tradition to this world. We stand upon that amazing foundation in this new age of liberation. We stand upon that amazing foundation that our brothers and sisters also walk (build) with True Parents.

I would like to talk to you about "Having the Strength to Share." In order to live the blessed life one of the keys, of course, is to live the blessed life (ourselves) and then to be a blessing to others. In order to do so, one of the real keys is learning how to have the strength to share. And too many people live their lives without sharing their talents, ambitions, resources, hopes and dreams. When we share we are practicing. We are doing what God does. We resemble God's nature and thus we can receive more blessings into our lives. By sharing our lives with one another, investing into one another, sharing our time with one another, we learn to live the blessed life and to be a blessing to this world.

"But you know, I don't have anything. How can I possibly share?" Well, even if we have nothing, we can always share a smile, a word of encouragement, a prayer, for somebody in need. "But I tried sharing. I ended up gaining nothing." But when we share, we gain character, we gain integrity, we gain compassion and by gaining these traits over time, we become someone that people wish to support and help.

"But I'm busy with my own life, how can I share with others?" Because we are busy, it's even more important to learn how to share because then we will lessen our own load and we will be giving the others the opportunity to grow. "But what can I do?" We can start with very small things in our lives. We can volunteer to help the Sunday school, volunteer to help with the phone ministry, to help encourage others by calling them or writing them little messages, just giving them strength during the week. We can mentor somebody in the community. We can sign up to volunteer to be a math teacher, math tutor, to help somebody with school, study music, soccer etc. We can pray for our families in need or write a letter to

somebody who is sick and in the hospital right now.

There are always young blessed children that are coming here. They're voluntarily helping in the church. We're seeing these wonderful phenomena. So many young people are coming, volunteering at the cafe, at the choir etc. and we're so proud of seeing this sharing mentality. Our Japanese sisters are always volunteering to the cleaning of the church. Whenever one of you guys comes here before service, they are in here hours before you guys, already in here, cleaning up, already making sure the pews are clean, the floors are clean, the stage is right, etc.

One successful CEO told me something like this, that the secret to succeed in his view is learning how to share. He explained, "It's very simple. Its basic economics and it is called the Law of Comparative Advantage." He said, "When nations specialize in a trade and partner up, they will have an advantage over nations who try to do everything themselves like North Korea for example. South Korea may design hand phones but they don't necessarily manufacture them. China will manufacture them. And because they specialize in those fields, when they work together, they have a competitive advantage over North Korea."

And he was explaining to me like this, "People, who don't succeed, think, 'If I share, I'll never be successful. If I share, he may become greater than me. If I share, I'll have less in the long run. Why share when I can have it all?' That's how people think who can't succeed big."

People who succeed think, "If I share the success, people will want to help me succeed. If I share the success, even though he gets bigger than me, I'm still can be bigger off than when I started. If I share we will be able to create more value together and thus in the end, we'll both be better off than when we started. So why wouldn't I share?" You see, it's one of the most important principles in our lives.

This principle also we see throughout the natural kingdom. True Father has always said, "The natural kingdom, the creation, is the true Bible." He has taught us that.

This week I was with my kids and we had a chance to watch animal planet program and I happened to find a program where there was an amazing thing about animal synergies. They even have an example of a fish called the Gobble fish who shares its home with a shrimp. And this Gobble fish specializes with eyesight, he has amazing eyesight. He has, what normal fishes don't have, which is a binocular vision. His eyes are set in such a way that he can actually look in the distance like human beings and so he has very excellent eyesight. But he shares a home and shelter with the shrimp. The shrimp of course stays inside, he cleans and makes the hole big, if there's sand in there, he'll bring it out, etc. He'll keep it in order. The shrimp doesn't have to do anything alone. He relies on the Gobble fish, he shares the food, he shares the home, he shares the shelter, and togeth-

er, by specializing and pairing up, they make up for each other's weaknesses, but their strengths are in the end doubled. No one succeeds alone. By sharing the talents, this natural pair becomes an amazing team.

We see this dynamic tool in our larger church community, when we see our HQ church developing. Now we're starting with the home group movement. We

are seeing that the building of more church community means opportunities to share our talents, our affirmations, our skills, our resources, etc., partnering up like the Gobble fish and the shrimp.

One CEO donated for the best blessed children's education, and the facilities that you see now downstairs with the new library, the new facilities with the playground, etc., that's all because of this man donating to our blessed children's community. We are seeing this kind of development here at the HQ church because we are having a community that is learning to share, to volunteer, to invest in each other.

As we continue to share and build this sharing mentality in our church, we will have continued success. We will continue to create goodness, benefit and improvement for our church community.

Whether we realize it or not, we are always sharing something with other people. But what we share, will determine what we get back in our lives. If we are negative, if we curse others, if we blame others and are jealous of others, then this is what we will receive. We will receive jealousy; we will receive revenge, etc. But if we wish for others to give us smiles, we have to first give others smiles. If we wish to receive help and encouragement, we must first give encouragement and help to others. If we wish to receive grace, we must in our lives show grace and give grace as a habit.

One sister, after finding out she had cancer, didn't stay at home, did not get depressed of her situation, saying my life is over, etc. She told how she immediately, as soon as she found out, she made a plan. The doctor said the result would come out in weeks, but already while she was waiting for the result she made a plan. She said, "I knew it was going to be positive. I've been having this pain, etc." So when it came out that she was cancer positive, she already had a plan. She was not going to sit at home. She was not going to dwell on how painful that is or how she's going to die in a couple of months. She was not going to dwell on any of that. She said, "I made a plan and that was this. As soon as I heard of the diagnosis, I went straight to the head cancer department, the hospital cancer center, and I volunteered to help other people with cancer."

As soon as she did that, of course, her attitude in life became positive because she now had to be encouraging other people with cancer, getting them out of their own depressed minds. She had to start mustering up her own strength to say, "Wait a minute! Don't give up on yourself. Wait a minute, believe in your future. Wait a minute! We can get through this.

I'm with you. I'm in the same boat. Let's get through this together." And she did that. She told us how she did

that, getting a sedative, being still in pain, etc. but she stayed positive and she remained a sharer. She didn't expect others to give. She wasn't in the receiving mentality only. She was a giver. She was a sharer. She started giving positive encouragement. She started giving hope to other people. And what happened? God blessed her. Today she is healthy, she is whole and she is completely free from cancer! Give it up for our sister! (Applause).

It's a very ironic thing. When we learn to share, we receive so much more. When I first had to take on this responsibility over the church, I started, at one point, really wondering, "Why did Father, since the early 80's, why was he sharing our faith?" I am not only talking of witnessing. I'm talking about our resources. I am talking about our community. I am talking about our victories. "Why is he sharing this with other people? We are still small ourselves. We have plenty of work to do with our own community. Why the heck are we sharing everything with everybody else?"

You know, we've been doing inter-religious conferences for about 30 years now. Our church is burdened basically with all of the cost. All the other religions who are invited to those conferences, etc. hardly any cost was carried by those organizations. We have that burden for 30 years.

Now in the age of liberation and complete release, we are starting to invest back into our community. And on top of that we have the 30 years of network building. We can now, as our community gets strong, start to synergize with that amazing resource.

You see, Father understood this principle that says that when we share in the in the long run, we do receive in the long run.

What can we learn today? By sharing we resemble God's nature. God from the very beginning was the ultimate sharer. He wanted to share life, love. He wanted to share His family with humanity. That is why His desire led to Him to create human beings, to have that kind of reciprocal partner through which He could not only receive but GIVE love, where He could SHARE love. Whether we know or not, we are sharing, but God is asking us, "WHAT are you sharing?" Are we sharing negativity? Are we sharing blame? Are we sharing jealousy? Or are we sharing positivity, compassion, caring, concern? We will only receive as much blessing as we will give or share.

When we share we also receive benefit. Remember, it is a simple economics, it is called the Law of Comparative Advantage and every time we share we become closer to God. And as Jesus said, "Today we receive salvation." Not yesterday, not in the future...today, we will receive salvation.

Because of True Parents sharing with the world in the age of indemnity, a worldwide network can be brought to the next level as we build up the strength in our own communities right now in the age of liberation and complete release and as we work on that worldwide foundation, to truly actualize the visions, the dreams and the hopes that True Parents have held close to the hearts for 50 plus years of their ministry. Let's give it up for God and True Parents, brothers and sisters!

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Humanity Mark II

This article is about the future development of humanity. Specifically, the improvement of individual human beings. I recently participated on a science fiction discussion panel with this topic, and was honored to sit beside one of my favorite authors.

PROBLEMS

Is humanity in need of improvement? The answer, of course, is a great big yes. But, improved how? What are the actual problems, and which ones can really be solved? How might, and how should, any developments be handled?

Human problems can be divided into several categories: medical, mental, social; and for believers, spiritual. What improvements might scientific progress offer? Could our bodies, and even our minds, be upgraded?

OUR BODIES

Medical problems need no introduction. If you haven't had one, just wait--or ask your family and neighbors.

Those problems are often the easiest to solve, with basic sanitation and simple remedies. Infant mortality has plummeted. However, not many older people

would be up and around without medical intervention at some point in their lives. Surgery, antibiotics, even dentistry have saved billions of people. Shoes and eyeglasses have much improved our lives, and pacemakers have taken this a step further.

Older folks always have a list of what could be physically improved. Eyes and ears, bladder, spine, skin, and darn near everything else, could function so much better, and last far longer. Never mind the spirit world: numerous middle-aged people endure infirmity for decades.

Any child can imagine some vast improvements. Our senses could be much sharper, and extra ones would come in handy. Disease resistance, plus faster and more complete healing, would be great. The list goes on and on.

OUR BRAINS

What about our physical minds? They fade with age, in many cases to a sorrowful extent, and any improvement would be a blessing.

Our memories could have more capacity and, just as good, a faster retrieval system. Injury and strokes can rob even the young of mental functioning, so some type of backup system (as with computers) would be a godsend.

Arthur C. Clarke depicted an alien visitor who could read two books at once, one with each eye. Why can't humans do that? With advanced enhancement this might become possible.

These improvement techniques will develop in concert with numerous scientific and medical advances. As time goes on, smarter people and better computers will push those advances ever faster.

Bionic implants are one possibility, and already there are computerized implants that may replace the hippocampus, allowing brain-damaged people to again store memories. Genetic engineering is another path, which could bring fresh capacities into the body and brain. Charles Sheffield depicted both advances in his far-out 'mechanist and shaper' novels.

Later, nanotechnology offers many possibilities, though experts disagree on how far that can really go. Point is, right now we aren't even imagining half of what the future will hold.

FAIRNESS

How will these techniques be implemented? Even now, athletes hope for genetic boosts to their muscle cells, legal or otherwise. College students are seeking new memory-enhancing drugs, to increase their test scores. Is that unfair, or no different than using caffeine?

Will wealthy parents enhance their children, to obtain what medical science has dubbed 'designer babies?' (In a test tube, or in the womb, or later on.) Will there be any regulation, and if so, how much cheating?

Might an ambitious parent 'select' their child to become a great swimmer, or a genius mathematician? Would that narrow specialization be obvious? What if the growing child has other plans? Lois McMas-

ter Bujold's novels depict 'quaddies,' children designed to crew space stations, who (instead of legs) have a second pair or arms.

How will humanity relate to such unusual children, as they grow? How will poorer societies respond, as developed nations produce new (and perhaps superior) varieties of human? What will various religious and political leaders say?

There might be fairness and understanding, but if history is any indication--maybe not. Many science fiction stories depict a higher-tech version of villagers with torches and pitchforks, and the 'homo novis' children escaping to remote space colonies. One hopes the real impact will be more smooth!

CHANGES

Might alterations to the body cause changes in the mind, whether unrecognized or profound? So far, it seems not. More and better prosthetics, internal and external, have not brought forth any markedly different human behaviors or relationships.

At what point might humans declare themselves to be a superior Mark 2 version? In the past century, such notions ranged from the ludicrous to the horrific. Even so, future improvements will make such a designation more and more likely. It might come quietly, or be noticed only in hindsight, but there's no escaping the basic idea.

Later still, Mark 3 humans could be more protean. Senses and abilities could be gained and shed, as needed. Our physical shape, and even gender, might be altered at will, perhaps over a period of several days. However, no matter how fantastic such a future might be, it's not a guaranteed paradise!

Almost all science fiction stories depict humans that, no matter their shape or intelligence or location, are still recognizable as human. That is: self centered, emotionally driven, and focused on relationships; none of which are consistent, or reliably pleasant.

Ask a secular friend how their dating relationships are going. More needs improvement than our bodies. (Though better memories might just help, in such impulsive situations.)

Modern terrorists have plenty of physical stamina. The Enron financial crew had sharp enough brains! Improving those functions might not be an overall improvement for humanity.

So, will these Mark 2 and 3 humans have need of a Dear Abby column? Jails? Armies? It would seem so. Hopefully their solution will not

be an imposed uniformity, much less, a drug-induced passive acceptance. (Many dystopian stories feature both.)

A few stories are more optimistic. For example, implying that a genetic tweak to the brain might induce more kindness, and thus stronger and more altruistic relationships. One can always hope!

The best solution lies beyond science. Humans are fallen, and thus in need of full salvation. Only then can we reach true fulfillment.

HISTORY

Legends of an ancient paradise, mistaken fall, and ongoing redemption are universal in human cultures. Some of these tales are pessimistic, and others very hopeful.

These aren't just dusty old myths, because modern secular ideologies have incorporated them. Feminists speak of a prehistoric matriarchal paradise, ruined by the aggressions of men. Marxists believe in ancient 'primitive communism,' ruined by the advent of private property.

Monotheistic religions have best developed this idea, with complimentary prophecies and theology. The Garden of Eden was lost to us, but a heavenly Paradise awaits, for believers at least. (Polytheistic religions tend to believe in vast ongoing cycles of inevitable growth and destruction.)

Unificationists assume that humans started out pure if not perfect, fell into a maelstrom of spiritual and physical maladies--and will again become good, and fully mature. Believers must sacrifice to bring this about, until eventually all of humanity can share in the Heavenly Kingdom. (This renewed humanity will not be wholly innocent, because of memories of the fallen world, plus the billions of restored people in the spiritual realm.)

CONCLUSION

Science is rushing forward, whether believers even notice, or care. Big changes are coming, and sooner than most people think. We must ask: what is ethical to pursue, much less Godly?

When Mark 2 people arrive, let's be ready with some principled guidance. Any sort of human could really use it. ❖

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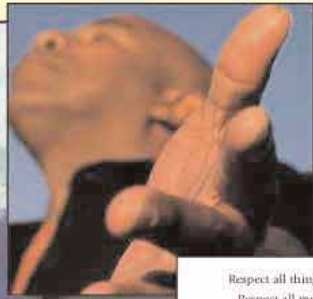
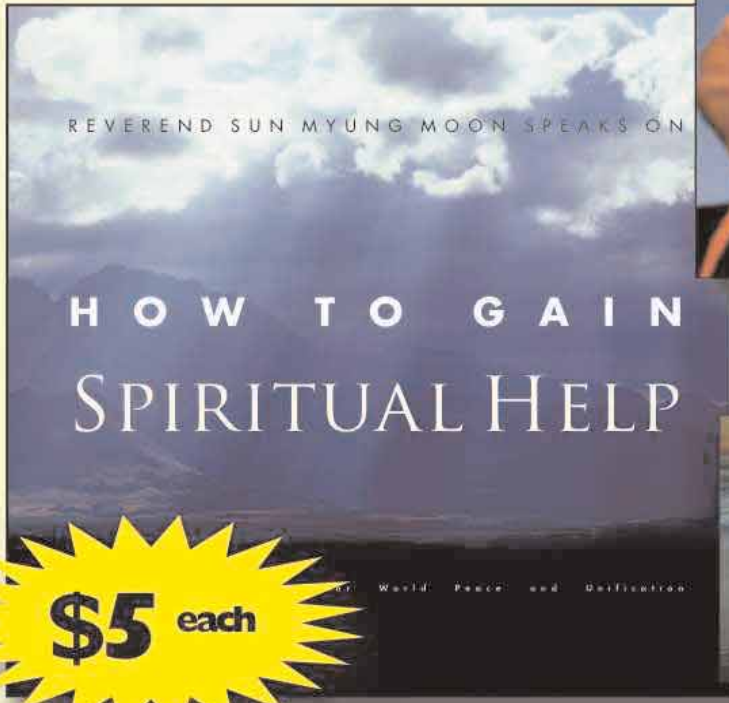
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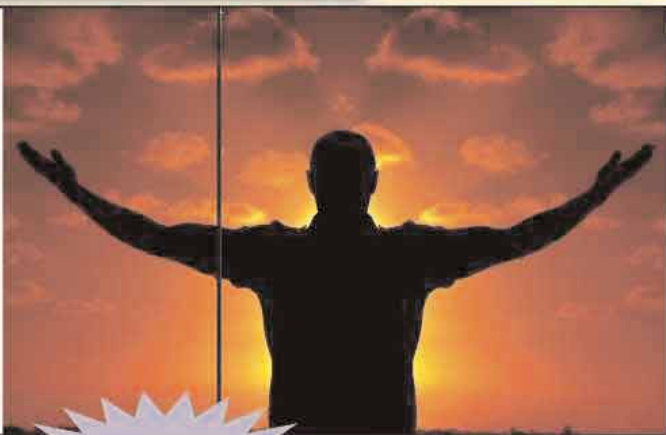
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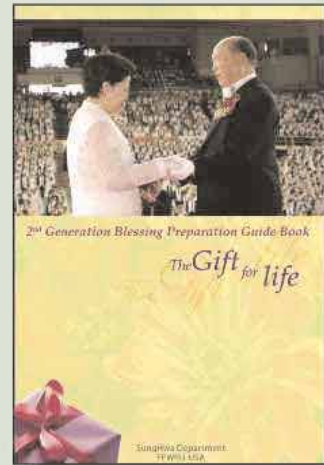
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