

This Week in History (August 23-29)

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30,000-Couple International Blessing Ceremony (August 25, 1992, Seoul Olympic Stadium)

On August 25, 1992, True Parents officiated the 30,000-Couple International Blessing Ceremony. Over 100,000 brides, grooms and guests from 131 countries participated and satellite marriage ceremonies were held in 6 nations and 10 districts by broadcast for the first time. True Father said, "Now that the 40 year course in the wilderness is over and we have arrived in Canaan, you must proclaim the True Parents and restore your nations." (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



360,000-Couple International Blessing Ceremony (August 25, 1995, Seoul Olympic Stadium)

On August 25, 1995, at the Seoul Olympic Stadium, True Parents officiated the 360,000-Couple International Blessing Ceremony. 110,000 brides and grooms plus thousands of guests attended at the stadium or at ceremonies held through broadcast around the world live via satellite. True Father said, "The 360,000-Couple Blessing Ceremony is the backbone of everything in the world." (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



**Inauguration of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP)
(August 27, 1991, Seoul)**

On August 27, 1991, the inauguration of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace was held at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul. Some 1,200 people attended, notably representatives of twelve world religions including Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism. Religious scholars also attended the event. Participants vowed to work together to further world peace and interreligious unity. In True Father's keynote address, he emphasized that peace can be attained when there is harmony among religious traditions and a movement to realize world peace is pursued based on the activities of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

