

Michael Jenkins Kingdom Building Convocation Comes to Los Angeles and Boston

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Rev. Michael Jenkins began the program for the Kingdom Building Convocation in Los Angeles with a lecture on the "Principles of Creation."

More than 100 pastors and faith leaders discovered ways to revitalize their congregations with insights from the Divine Principle at the "Kingdom-Building Convocations" in Los Angeles and Boston on July 14, 2012.

The Los Angeles event took place at the New Vision Ministries Church in south central Los Angeles on July 14, 2012. The all-day event organized by American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) and hosted by Dr. Frederick Murph, founder of New Vision Ministries, is part of a movement to bring all denominations together through the study of the Bible and the Divine Principle. Organizers said the formal name of the lecture content was the "Original Substance of the Divine Principle (OSDP)."

Rev. Walter W. Millsap, co-pastor of the Sadoc Christian Church in Los Angeles and who traveled to Korea in September 2011 to answer the call of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon said, "The most meaningful aspect of the convocation for me was the teaching of the scriptures and getting people to respond to the Bible. I can envision applying this to my ministry by encouraging our people to search the Scriptures more with the help of the Holy Spirit in order to understand the new wine." Rev. Millsap's church has been active in ACLC activities since ACLC's founding in 2001.

"So many new ministers came for the first time," said Rev. Michael Jenkins, chairman of ACLC. "This is one of the most encouraging things: We're getting proficient in communicating this new wine that new ministers can be confident on the spot that they want to be part of ACLC."

Rev. Jenkins opened the program with the "Principles of Creation" lecture, citing Gen. 1:27: "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created." Rev. Millsap's wife, Rev. Michelene Millsap, a co-pastor of the Sadoc Christian Church with her husband, presented the "Fall of Man" lecture with "care and clarity," Rev. Jenkins said.

"It was clear that she had thoroughly studied the teaching, and her PowerPoint message came over loud and clear that the problem with Adam and Eve was disobedience, which led to the misuse of love," said Rev. Jenkins. He continued: "Rev. Millsap, a professional educator in Los Angeles in both the universities and in the public school system, brought prestige and quality to her presentation. In the beginning, she didn't want to present, because she felt she needed to prepare more, but on the urging of other key pastors, especially her husband, she agreed to do so. Definitely the power of a woman pastor's teaching gives an exciting transformational spirit to both men and women attending."

Bishop Sulanch Grant Lewis of the ACLC national board followed with a sermon during lunch hour that encouraged her audience to understand how deeply anointed Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon are during this time. "[ACLC] is not just another movement to improve our ministries," said Bishop Lewis, "but to truly prepare us for the Second Coming of Christ. If you join ACLC, the purpose of our ministries can be more readily realized, as we are the ones called by Jesus to prepare the way for the Kingdom of God. I believe that the Kingdom is being ushered in in great part by the work of ACLC."

According to Rev. Jenkins, during pastors' forums that were held throughout July 10-13, Bishop Lewis had encouraged many pastors to "come forward and step up to higher ground."

"We cannot express adequately the impact that women leaders of ACLC are bringing to both men and women pastors as they visit," he said. "Bishop Lewis has an extensive ministry in Brooklyn and in

Jamaica, with many churches under her organization, Little Rock Zion International Ministries. Truly, she stands as a pastor's pastor with love and heart, convicting people in their hearts by the word of God and by the Love of Jesus."



More than 100 pastors and faith leaders gathered to study the Bible and Divine Principle in a group setting.

Dr. Nicholas Benson, the senior pastor of the Summit Evangelical Free Church of Pasadena, said, "When Bishop Lewis comes, it opens the door for us to bring new pastors in. She summarizes so well the spirit of ACLC and what Father and Mother Moon are doing."

The conference concluded with other presentations by Rev. Jenkins, during which all ministers read from their Bibles and partook in discussion. Rev. Joe Waller, a former co-chair of ACLC in Los Angeles, said, "I am so pleased with the development of ACLC. I remember going to Korea with my wife in 2000 for the rededication and Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon's blessing of marriage. I knew the Holy Spirit was moving with this. My uncle, Rev. Amos Waller, one of the most famous clergy in Chicago, worked closely with Rev. Jenkins and encouraged Baptist ministers to get involved. Our church has been strengthened. I am so grateful to be with the family today."

Other pastors provided personal insights on scripture, including Don Garrick and Mrs. Garrick of the Church of Latter Day Saints and Rev. Brownlee and his wife, founding members of ACLC.

One of the guests, Dr. Jose Figueroa, of "Voice of God in Your Home," who had also traveled to Korea with 171 other ministers to attend a Kingdom-Building Conference hosted by Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, testified: "When I was fishing in Korea with Rev. Moon, I could feel the spirit of Jesus teaching the disciples that we must become fishers of men, but to learn to be fishers of men we must also master the principles of fishing in terms of prayer and what Jesus taught the disciples, throwing the net from one side to another. In Korea, Father Moon gave us all fishing poles. Now here I am at the Kingdom-building conference and I want to testify that I feel another fishing pole has been given to me, the new wine of the OSDP. As I teach this from the Bible, I feel I can catch the big fish that God has prepared to help lead Christianity into the Kingdom of God and be a light unto America and the world, to bring about that day of glory." According to Rev. Jenkins, Rev. Figueroa is a strong believer in the teachings of the Divine Principle and the preparation it gives to churches to receive the Lord of the Second Advent.

Rev. Carlos Torres, a member of the core ministerial committee of ACLC with Rev. Figueroa said, "I am now making plans for regular presentations on the Divine Principle. To keep building, we have to make a tenacious and conscious effort."

Rev. Mark Tengan, a pastor of Lovin' Life Ministries, together with Dr. Benson and Rev. Susan Munsell, a representative of ACLC in southern California, co-chaired the convocation and helped shape the discussion. Dr. Benson said at the conclusion, "I am inspired to start a session teaching the Divine Principle at my church so the clergy can see everything in the fulfillment of God's word."

"Truly, I feel as chairman of ACLC that we are just hitting the top of the first peak of a roller coaster," said Rev. Jenkins. "We have been chugging up that first incline, slowly jerking along, but suddenly I could feel that the roller coaster is passing over the peak. I know we'll achieve the goal of educating 13,000 ministers in the Divine Principle, as Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon have instructed us to do, well before Christmas this year. Thank you, Los Angeles leadership. The ministerial committee of ACLC is planning to have 300 attend a convocation in September. The ministers are re-inspired to bring the holy wine to all of God's children."

One bishop said that studying the Divine Principle "Does something that I haven't experienced for years. The teaching is so powerful and so biblically founded, but also so new and fresh that it sends me back to my Bible like never before. I'm reading my Bible more now and giving better sermons because of it. What I'm amazed about is the teachings of Jesus that are written in the Bible in Jesus' own words that often have not really been looked at carefully or discussed. For instance, in Matthew 5:48, Jesus said

‘You must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.’ We know and believe these teachings but we have not looked deeply at what it means. I learned that it means completion like Jesus had that can never be broken.”



From left to right: Bishop Lewis, Minister Reiko Jenkins, Rev. Michael Jenkins, Stan Paczynski, Rev. Amos Young and Guillermo Perez.

Kingdom Building Conference in Boston

The “Kingdom Building Convocation” that took place in Boston on July 14, 2012 featured Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, co-president of ACLC as a guest speaker and gathered 53 participants from Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

The first lecture, the “Principle of Creation,” was presented by Rev. Bismarck Bamfo, Massachusetts Lovin' Life Ministries outreach coordinator. Rev. Dr. Tina Saxon, pastor of the Saxon Fellowship Center, received a standing ovation after she presented, for the first time, the “Fall of Man” lecture.

“Dr. Saxon went through half of her presentation without her prepared notes,” said Rev. Bamfo, who had helped Dr. Saxon prepare for the presentation at Rev. Jenkins request that she lecture after she had attended an OSDP conference at Bridgeport, Connecticut on June 16, 2012. “Many of our members came to me asking for the number of times she presented the Fall because she was very good.”

According to Rev. Bamfo, Dr. Saxon has been preaching for over 30 years and has attended Divine Principle lectures several times, but only after Bishop Jesse Edwards, co-president of ACLC, challenged participants of the June 16th OSDP conference to “love” and “forgive your enemies,” Dr. Saxon shed tears of repentance for her failure to forgive her biological sister for past actions and has been communicating with her nearly every day since.

“I believe in the principle and I feel confident to present it anywhere because I have studied it, did research on my own and I have been able to present it publicly to over 50 people,” said Dr. Saxon. “I am not afraid anymore to share with others. In fact when is the next conference, I want to do it again.”

After lunch, guest speaker Archbishop Stallings said, “Today I will be presenting the Purpose of the Messiah and the Second Coming,” he said. “What I want you to concentrate on is the message not the messenger. Many at times we pay much attention to the messenger instead of the message.

“Father Moon is not Jesus – as the message indicates and pinpoints. He has been appointed, anointed and approved to do what he and his wife have done and still are doing – to bring God’s love, God’s life and God’s lineage to all mankind in order to substantiate the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven.”

According to Rev. Bamfo, “Archbishop Stallings went through the topics with ease. He has a profound command of his presentation from beginning to the end. His presentation was right to the point and inspiring. Brothers and sisters were highly anticipating what Archbishop Stallings had to say.”

Archbishop Stallings encouraged participants to get detailed information from the Exposition of the Divine Principle, which was well received by all participants. Many of the attendees continued to mingle after the program was over.

“When people are inspired they forget about the concept of time and fellowship with one another for a longtime,” said Rev. Bamfo. “Overall it was indeed a great event. We look forward to sharing the “breaking news” with all participants, their friends and families at our August event. Thanks to all the staff, brothers and sisters and ministers whose presence and support, prepared the atmosphere for a successful conference. May the Good Lord Bless us all! Aju!”