

This Week in History (May 24–May 30)

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Middle East Peace Initiative (May 24, 2004, Jerusalem)

The Middle East Peace Initiative by woman leaders covered four days in Jerusalem, Israel, beginning from May 24, 2005. The Women's Federation for World Peace International, and the Interreligious and International Peace Council co-hosted the programs, which included a seminar on religious harmony, followed by a ceremony to bring harmony and peace in the Middle East and a peace march. The participating women have maintained connections with one another through continuous meetings. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



**The Holy Blessing of Religious Leaders
(May 27, 2001, New York Hilton Hotel)**

On May 27, 2001, True Parents held the Holy Blessing of Religious Leaders in the New York Hilton Hotel. Participants included couples from all five races, Catholics, Protestants and Muslims. Archbishop Milingo, Archbishop Stallings and Benjamin Mohammed and their wives held a press conference where they testified about True Parents and revealed news of their receiving the blessing, attracting great attention from the media. True Father said in a sermon, “Now, we will move on to an era of church blessings.” (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



**True Mother—Rally to Globalize True Families
(May 29, 1999, Great Hall of the People, Beijing)**

On May 29, 1999, True Mother held the Rally to Globalize True Families at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China. Her speech that day was titled, “The Path of Life for All Humankind.” In it, she said, “There must be some common content that will be pleasing to God, to the angels, to the rest of creation and to human beings themselves.” She went on to say that this common content is “true love.” This was the final rally that True Mother held in her 32-nation speaking tour, which had begun on April 12. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

