

The Interreligious and International World Peace Blessing and Marriage Rededication Ceremony

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True Parents conducted an "Interreligious and International World Peace Blessing and Marriage Rededication Ceremony" on December 7, 2002. It was the fourth in a series of clergy and interreligious blessings conducted during that year.

This Holy Marriage Blessing, also referred to as the "National Blessing for Reconciliation," marked the 61st anniversary of the Japanese bombing raid on Pearl Harbor. It included some 300 Japanese leaders who expressed their wish for reconciliation among former enemy nations.

More than 1,200 couples filled the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington, Virginia, which was the main Blessing venue. The Rev. Dr. E.V. Hill, a nationally famous pastor and friend of presidents, participated and said in his public remarks, "God meant for me to be with you. All races and religions are here. I am meant to be with you and know you and become your brother."

There was a reconciliation ceremony for three representatives of the Abrahamic faiths and others for representatives of the communist and democratic worlds, white and black pastors, and for Native Americans. It was noteworthy that American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) pastors formed a highly effective outreach team in supporting the Holy Marriage Blessing.