

FROM CROSS TO CROWN

123 Churches Across America End Era of Cross Begin Era of Resurrection



Washington DC



Bronx



San Francisco



Maryland

"I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross and exchange it some day for a Crown"

HYMN: The Old Rugged Cross



New Jersey



Chicago



Boston



Los Angeles

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

A truly profound moment in history has occurred. 123 clergy took down their crosses over the Easter weekend. This was supported by another 135 clergy who attended services participating and in accord with this dispensation. All told, 258 clergy directly affirmed the taking down

of the cross proclaiming an end the era of bloodshed and sacrifice and the beginning of a new era of faith and resurrection.

The desire of God for the second Israel is now being realized. Christian pastors are uniting with the Lord of the Second Advent and taking down the cross. They are embracing the blessing and coming forward to build the Kingdom of God on

Earth. These pastors are standing on the foundation of direct experience with Father during the 50 state tour and the profound leadership he has given to the ACLC through the Blessing of Marriage movement and the courageous public proclamation of the revelations of Jesus and saints from the spirit world which confirm that True Parents are

the ones anointed by Jesus to fulfill the second coming.

These pastors are now standing on the foundation of the Divine Principle combined with the fires of immense persecution that each and everyone of them have experienced and overcome. They are standing together with a profound understanding that the Cross must come down because it

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FOUNDER’S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

This is from a speech given at the Sheraton National Hotel, DC, March 1, 2003. Notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins.

At the time of Adam there should have been the establishment of three generations, God as the first, Adam and Eve as the second and their children as the third. Thus, at the fall, God lost his grandchildren. At Jesus time he should have been received by Israel and welcomed. He should have been supported to find a bride and to have a family thus recreating God’s lost grandchildren.

This all was restored through the Cheon Il Guk Blessing and Coronation of True Parents as king. This blessing was then given to all blessed couples throughout the world and upon this condition God could claim not only True Parents as the second generation (God being the first) but all True Family together with all Blessed Central Families in the 4th Adam’s position and representing the third generation. Because of this condition Father could establish the Owners of Cheon Il Guk. Family King, Tribal King, National King and World King should be established by each family.

Before this the owner of the world is Satan. The ownership has been changed. God’s family must be united centering on the Coronation of God and the Coronation of the King of Blessed Families. Now we are to inherit God’s property and blessing. To do this we have to sever all attachments to the things of the past and offer them all to God. In the process God can then bequeath His inheritance to you. Always God’s blessing to man was blocked by Satan’s accusation. Satan could lay claim to everything. Thus the restoration course is to give up all property and then receive God’s inheritance through the blessing of God. To do this we must also be engrafted into True Parents lineage. Until we secure God’s sovereignty we must be willing to totally sacrifice ourselves and our spouses and children or otherwise Satan can lay claim.

This is why Father severed all attachments to any past ownership. Father took his and mother’s name off of any ownership of anything and then at the end of last year in December, Father gave away all of

his belongings to the Blessed Central Families. Father gave away 1320 items thus giving everything for Korea. Then Father made a condition for Korea, before the Cheon Il Guk blessing, of giving away all money. Father took a symbolic amount of money representing every penny he could gather and gave it all away to many organizations. This is the time that we shouldn’t have any

trace of ownership. This is similar to the time in the Old Testament in which the offering had to made completely. It had to be divided and completely offered. In the New Testament age the children of God were sacrificed centering on God’s son Jesus. The Complete Testament age was that in which the parents are sacrificed. Now Blessed Central Families must take the fourth Adam’s role and fulfill their parental responsibility.

All belongings should be offered to God at this time and then inherited back from God. This will eliminate any trace of Satan’s connection. This must be done. When we offer we must offer everything, family, children and all things symbolically. They must be like a purified divided offering. To achieve this we must completely give all we have to God with our whole heart. If we try to keep them for ourselves or with self in mind they will still be linked to the Satanic dominion and will not be liberated.

With this heart toward God, achieving God’s sovereignty is not difficult to achieve. That’s why those blessed couples who are registered must connect with and eventually take dominion in their hometowns in the Fatherland.

This creates the condition for real hometown and real nation.

That’s why True Parents have been investing all their heart and being and everything they have for the sake of the world. Because America represents the world, Father gave the most in this country. Especially the Christian clergy, you should understand. For 33 years Father poured everything into America. Now is the time for the harvest. The fruit is ready to be harvested in America.

If you clergy understand True Parents’ dispensation then utilize the missionaries from Japan that I have sent to you. You must take care of them well and work with them. They represent the position of the Mother and the Holy Spirit. Each of you should take two Japanese missionaries into your home and care for them. The Archangel Lucifer stole Eve the Mother of mankind and destroyed God’s ideal. That’s why through them the clergy should set the

condition to restore this. The clergy as Archangel should support the Mother and recreate the family together with the Mother by conducting the Blessing of Marriage in your church, community and so forth all the way until the whole nation of America receives the blessing.

By taking care of two missionaries representing the Holy Spirit a profound rebirth will occur in your congregation. The clergy should give more attention and love to the Japanese missionaries, restoring what the archangel did to Eve. By giving the missionaries True Love the congregation will then receive rebirth through them.

Remember 50 years ago. Japan and America were enemies. The white people of America still feel an enemy feeling toward the Japanese. How about the black people? Father feels that black people, and particularly, black leaders feel differently. They don’t look at the Japanese as enemies. Therefore the black church can be the base through which God can work to bring rebirth. If you really embrace these missionaries then the Hispanic clergy and people are ready to follow. When you create a revival of black and Hispanic Christians that follow this way are whose congregations are experiencing rebirth, then the white Christians will follow. If you proclaim the messiah, do the blessings and embrace the missionaries. Then you must take your followers through the course of interracial marriage. By setting this condition and trend eventually it will become mainstream. Eventually the whole world will follow. If you can accommodate two Japanese missionaries in your home, so much fortune will come. They come in the position of Leah and Rachel. They will give rebirth to your congregation.

The black Christian church is supporting God’s dispensation now. If you continue the Hispanic Christians will soon follow and then finally the white Christians will unite. The key are the clergy that are here. Black families should have in-laws from all other races. It has the significance of making unity between South and North and East and West. The crossing line to receive God’s blessing is to cross the line of loving one’s enemies. This is the basis by which you should love the Japanese missionaries and why they must sacrifice their families to love America.

Father heard that some black folks complained that Father took a good man like Bishop and married him outside of the black community. But Father is thinking only according to the law of loving one’s enemy. Bishop, your children should marry children from other races. Particularly your children should marry white children. Raise them with that understanding.

Asians descended from Shem, Black people descended from Ham and white people from Japeth. Right now the descendants of Japeth are controlling everything by power. The era has now dawned in which the descendants of Ham must become the Elder Son or central position in all fields. This is the law of indemnity. This is the restoration of a heavenly order. At the time of

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C A L E N D A R

APRIL 2003

- 2 44th True Parents’ Day
Sung-jin nim’s 57th Birthday (lunar)
- 3 Shin-nyu nim’s 1st Birthday (lunar)
- 6 Moon Yong-su Dae Hyung nim’s Ascension Day
- 7 8th Anniversary of Declaration of Blessed Families
WMC Blessing (1989)
- 10 10th Anniversary of Declaration of True Parents and
the Completed Testament Age (1993)
- 10 World-Level Blessing of Married Couples (1992)
- 11 Jin-hun nim and Un-jin nim’s 17th Blessing
Anniversary
- 12 Shin-hwa nim’s 15th Birthday (lunar)
- 12 2nd Generation 36-Couple Blessing (1986)
- 16 Kwon-jin nim & Hwa-yun nim’s Blessing; Sun-jin nim &
In-sup nim’s Blessing (1995)
- 17 True Parents’ Holy Blessing (1960) (lunar)
- 17 Declaration of Opening the Door of the Realms of
Eldersonship, Parentship and Kingship
- 27 1st Anniversary of the 144,000-Couple Clergy Blessing
- 28 Shin-yea nim’s Ascension (2001)

MAY 2003

- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
43 Couples’ Blessing (1969)
Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy (1973)
- 7 Jin Hun Nim’s Birthday (3/25/63)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 14 Shin Bok Nim’s Birthday (4/3/82)
Cheonju Haebang Shi Liberation of the Universe (1999)
- 15 Shin Il Nim’s Birthday (4/4/81)
36 Couples’ Blessing (1961)
- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim’s Blessing (1981)
Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 21 Hyun Jin Nim’s Birthday (4/10/69)
118 Couples’ Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference (2000)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents’ East and West (1999)

JUNE 2003

- 3 Shin Yeon Nim’s Birthday (4/23/90)
- 4 72 Couples’ Blessing (1962)
- 10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
- 11 True Day of All Things (5/1/63)
- 13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim’s Blessing (1998)
39 Couples’ Blessing (1981)
1st 360 Million Couples’ Blessing (1998)
- 14 Jeung Jin Nim’s Birthday (1982)
Declaration of Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 16 Washington Times Established (1982)
- 23 Il-Sung Construction (1978)
Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 27 Young Jin Nim’s Birthday (5/17/78)
- 29 Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

This is from a speech given on March 7, 2003, at the ACLC Breakfast at East Garden, NY.

ACLC Clergy Breakfast Address

Since America is in the role of the Second Israel. America must create an Abel type organization comparable to the UN. The American Clergy Leadership Conference and the larger Christian foundation must move the American government to create this Abel type institution.

When you look at the world there are two most critical areas. North Korea and the Middle East. We must solve these problems by applying religious solutions. Father is going to Korea to create a new movement there. Saints and sages have united to give a resolution in the spirit world (Clouds of Witnesses). We should make the same movement on earth centering on the first Israel, Second Israel and Third Israel to unite to do the work. The same proclamation must be made on earth.

As we understand history, the first Israel failed, the second Israel must fulfill or it will also be in danger of failure. If the first Israel had received Jesus God's Kingdom could have come. Buddhism, Confucianism, Zoroaster, Hinduism and Rome (externally) were prepared to receive Jesus and go forth and build God's kingdom.

Because it failed all the different religions came out, Catholicism, Islam, Protestantism all emerged as divided religions. Now at the time of the Second Advent, because the UN is the only body that truly represents the world, Father has to deal with it. You Christian ministers must clarify the mission of the first and second Israel at the UN and then the spirit world will come down.

The parents of Jesus should have helped in Jesus marriage. Jesus now has a bride and has fulfilled the family. The first Israel, which is a sovereign nation, must now be prepared and must receive Jesus as the Lord and King.

If Jesus had been accepted, Jesus descendants would have been restored to be the rulers of different districts and regions of the world. It would have taken less than 600 years to build the Kingdom. Because of Christianity's failure after 600 years, Islam was created by God.

If they succeeded at Jesus time there would have been no Christianity but rather a "family" movement to bring the Kingdom of God on earth. Because Jesus was crucified the chosen people suffered incredibly, especially in World War II. Also, hundreds of millions of

people went to hell because of the failure to receive Jesus.

To rectify this, Israel must repent and receive Jesus as their Lord and King. This is why the Lord of the Second Advent has the mission to restore the mission of the first, second and third Israel. As Christian leaders you must work with Father to bring unity of all the races, black, white and Hispanic. We still see the trend of white people that don't want to deal with other races. These ways must be ended. You have to assist in that.

The kingship of Jesus in the first Israel and second Israel will allow the spirit world and the Jews and Christians who failed will be liberated in the spirit world.

Religion and politics must be harmonized. Hispanics represent Catholicism, Jews represent the first Israel, the western people (other) represent the Protestant. These all must be united as one. With this Islam must also be united together with them as one.

Soon the time is coming that we can proclaim that we will build the Kingdom of God on earth with all religions. That proclamation should be given at the UN. Father is going to give this kind of education to Korea. Since Korea was formed there have been 8 different administrations, they all opposed Rev. Moon. Now the Korean people all feel that Father is the only one who can unify North and South.

The North Korean leader is communist and President Roh is liberal leaning to the left. Many think they may be working together to bring unity. At Jesus time the thief on the left and the thief on the right and Barabbas were there. Christianity is the thief on the right, Communism is the thief on the left and Islam is in Barabbas role.

Father is going there to educate them as to how they must become one. Three

primary nations are Korea as the Fatherland, Japan as the Motherland and America as the Elder Son nation. Even the Abel people of this world are still descendants of the satanic lineage. They may be closer to God but they are still linked to the false lineage. Because of this course of indemnity Jesus appeared

Israel, yet this is the cause of much of the conflict. Judaism, which rejected Jesus, is really the enemy of Christianity yet America embraces Judaism as an act of loving its enemy.

Japan is Father's enemy countries, Even though the missionaries have been persecuted by American embassies and Father has been mistreated, Father is still loving America from the principle that we must love our enemy.

Now, because of Father's victory, the evil people of Cain and Abel can now become one. The main way that resolution came come is through interracial and interreligious Blessing of marriage. For example, even though you Pastors believe and now receive Father's words seriously you must recognize that you have some kind of tail on you. You still cannot abandon your denomination. You have a tail that still is linking you to the fallen world and holding you back. You have a tail that is connecting you to your old ways and it is hard to break out and become free.

However, your tail must be cut off. The Bible teaches that "those who are willing to die will live." Don't be excited about being here this morning but rather the depth and the scope of the responsibility that you have before heaven.

Skin color doesn't mean anything. The filament of a light bulb is black but when the electricity hits it, it becomes a bright light. Don't pay attention to skin color, pay attention to lineage. Make sure that your lineage is clean. You didn't know the importance of blood lineage. Again, Father is emphasizing that there should be no racial concept within you. Those who are in a less fortunate position must be embraced with a parental heart. ❖



to cleanse the lineage.

We must learn the lesson from the Jews. Not only 6 million, but possibly the whole worlds population could be destroyed in the first, second and third Israel and all religions fail. It is that serious.

In God's providence, if that happens. There will be a sinless lineage that will be preserved. Think about how serious this is. America has been supporting

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Jesus, Shem's descendants were in control.

Now the Elder son's role must be restored. If black leaders continue to unite with the coming Lord then they will assume the central role as the Elder son. As the black leaders continue to unite they will become a powerful force for God. This will quickly draw in the unity of the Hispanic Christians and then the white Christians will follow. This is God's plan at this time.

With brotherly love alone you can't overcome the problems of the division

of race and religion. Only through parental love can this be changed.

The parental heart must go forth, particularly for those who do the work of God in the field. Few can understand the base and value of the parental heart. You leaders must have the parental heart.

The sooner we take down the crosses, the sooner the Second Israel will rise to take ownership of its role. The Second Israel will prosper. You must build a Blessing movement and a movement to take down the cross and lift up the resurrection of Jesus. Then Jesus will be liberated.

Father is older now but his mind is

stronger and clearer than ever. My mind has not changed even one tiny iota from the direction that I saw for America when I first came here in 1971. There is no change. Our direction is unchanging. We must go through the way of restoration through indemnity. Father's victory and accomplishment is so vast that what I believed has now been proven to be true. The way of indemnity is the way we must go.

The majority of the representatives at the UN are black. The leadership of the UN is black. Unfortunately many leaders want to lead from the top. They don't want to go to the foundation and become part of it. You must consider

Father's way. The way of indemnity. The bottom of the ladder, in terms of the legs and rungs are taking all the pressure from the whole ladder from the top to the bottom. Though it is the foundation, no one ever sees the bottom rung of the ladder and yet it is the foundation and basis for the whole ladder. The bottom of the ladder gets no glory and yet is the foundation. I want to encourage all of you clergy to beome the bottom rung of the ladder and you will be assured to be placed at the top by God. ❖

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represents the secondary course that Jesus had to walk to pay indemnity due to the failure in faith of the chosen people to receive him 2000 years ago. They feel a sense of history knowing that they are walking a path as the Second Israel to restore the path of the First Israel. Now step by step, though almost unknown to humanity an enormous transition is occurring in which each condition of failure is now being restored substantially with a condition of victory. Just as it was with Jesus victorious resurrection, just as it was with the blessing of True Parents in 1960, most of the world doesn't even know what happened. But history will mark this moment forever, as the Pastors (priests) of the Second Israel obeyed the voice of the Lord in his most significant hour. The hour in which the gateway to the Cheon Il Guk was opened.

Over 220 pastors participated so far in 56 services across this nation. We want to express our profound gratitude to True Parents for setting the conditions through the Cheon Il Guk Blessing and Coronation Ceremony that allowed for this historic providence. By the end of this Easter day of resurrection, 12,000 will have been touched directly by True Parents words and message concerning the cross.

We also want to thank Jesus on the Easter Morning for the path of suffering that he endured not only on the cross but for 2000 years in which he carried the heartistic cross of preparing the Second Israel for this day. True Parents are now ending the history of tears in the heart of Jesus.

We cannot fathom the anguish of God over the cross and the rejection and humiliation that he felt over the rejection of his son. If you read the story of Jesus in the book of John in Chapters 18 and 19 you will be overwhelmed at what happened. The King had come to his own and his own received him not.

Today however, Easter Sunday is the day of resurrection !! This is the day that Jesus is totally liberated. A new day has dawned. Our original goal of 120 pastors was surpassed and an outpouring of spirit, tears and heart are now combining with overwhelming joy

over this time. The cross is coming down in full public view, with clarity of understanding that this was not what God originally intended for his son.

We cannot imagine the relief and release that God must feel when he sees the crosses coming down from his churches. We cannot imagine the comfort that God experiences when he sees the Second Israel grafting into to True Parents through the change of blood lineage and the Blessing.

We will now walk this path to Israel and on to the 38th Parallel. We will see the day of the Glory of the Lord.

We realize however that God's heart is still in great anguish over the fact that he still has no sovereign nation to call his own. Therefore let us go forward with great confidence to carry out the dispensation leading to securing the Fatherland as the nation of God's sovereignty.

Cross to Crown

With this tearful realization, the Second Israel is setting the condition to come forward in faith to take down the cross. They are receiving Heaven's confirmation that this is the direction Jesus himself is initiating. Why? Because it is the time of his return and it is also the time of building God's Kingdom on the Earth.

Therefore through the Blessing of Marriage and sharing the communion cup together as husband and wife the fulfillment of scripture in I Peter 5:4 is coming to pass. "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

This scripture is moving the heart of Christianity. Its time now to receive our crowns. In Houston, Rev. Bennit H. put up a crown for a King and one for a Queen in place of the cross that he and his clergy and church took down. The Coronation of True Parents as King and Queen of all blessed families opened this historical door. That's why our Christian leaders feel absolutely sure that they are to be blessed in marriage and receive the "Crown of Glory". Many more are following in this historic course.

We thank Jesus for this victory and see this as a major turning point in the

heart of our Christian family. (Many testimonies are posted on the Familyfed.org website).

As each pastor steps forward in faith a deep sense of confirmation is given to them by the Holy Spirit. With this they become deeply confident. The scripture is solid in revealing that Israel should have believed in the Lord. John 6:28-29 "Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."

As Bishop C. Phillip Johnson and Rev. Dr. H.G. McGhee gave a crown to each member of New Prospect Family Praise and Worship Center at the Good Friday service, it was special moment. Dr. McGhee stated, "There

was a jubilant flavor of victory as the people of God exchanged their cross for a crown." In turn, led by Dr. McGhee, a blessed Christian pastor, they crowned Bishop Johnson and Mrs. Johnson with great celebration. Rev. In Hoi Lee reported sincerely, "this was the most inspiring experience I've ever had in Christian fellowship." Then a crown (on a 4 ft. x 3 ft. full color high gloss photo) was unveiled to replace the cross that was taken down that night by the members and Christian leaders, who were led by Bishop Johnson and Dr. McGhee. Dr. McGhee said, "The picture the "Crown of Glory" now hangs as a monument to victory for all to see the mighty works of God. Above the crown are hands folded in prayer and doves symbolizing peace. Now we are proclaiming an end of the era of war and time for peace and reconciliation has now dawned."

In teaching concerning the cross. Bishop Johnson said that as we are now Blessed and moving beyond the cross to the Kingdom we are reminded in the scripture in 1 John 3:2: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." Bishop Johnson goes on to teach that because Jesus has revealed the Lord has returned we are now becoming like him. We are becoming blessed and standing as Kings and Queens. We

are becoming like him, little Messiahs. Without a doubt it was God's will that Israel would receive the Messiah. That is why the Second Israel (now having received the Lord in Glory) must now journey to the First Israel to humbly serve and love our elder Brother and reconcile and restore the past history in which Jesus was not received. The scripture in John 1:11-12 says, He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Now that the Second Israel has received him in his second coming they are receiving a power like unto the time of the Pentecost, 2000 years ago. That is why Father has predicted that the when crosses come down a revival unlike anything in history will break out among the Christian family. The ACLC is in the center of this dispensational revival and world changing movement.

Father's Direction

Following Father's direction is the core of our life of faith. The direction he gives is not just a reaction to current affairs but is based on God's direct revelation and many years of preparation.

The victory has already been won completely by our True Parents. Through the Coronation of God's Kingship the way has been secured to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth. The Holy Wedding and Blessing of our True Parents on the third and final dispensational level opened the way for the world to enter the Cheon Il Guk (Kingdom of God on Earth) and on that day True Parents were coronated as King and Queen of all Blessed Families. This foundation and authority is so vast that we do not yet understand its meaning. As we also received the Cheon Il Guk blessing on February 6th our authority and inheritance is directly linked with our True Parents. To the degree we are one in heart and action with True Parents will determine the degree in which their spirit, power and authority manifest through us.

Central to the building of the Kingdom of God is the establishment of God's sovereignty through the securing of one nation. That one nation is the Father-

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Take Down the Cross - New Jersey



by Rev. Barry Geller

The event at the Liberian Christian Fellowship Church on April 18, 2003 began with Bishop Johnson's invocation, Rev. Ledlum's warm welcome to the FFWPU/ACLC and his



praise of our founder's work and an inspiring powerpoint presentation "Healthy Family, Healthy Church" presented by Rev. John Hong. The presentation opens with the inspiring words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, "Free at last, Free at last.....".It closes with a brief overview of DP.

Next, Rev. Dairo Ferrabolli shared more detail from the Principle, with a summary of restoration and special emphasis on the dual prophesy in the Hebrew Testament. This prepared the way for the inspirational ceremony, which used Rev. Swett's 7 Last Words and the quotes from Romans concerning



the redemption of the body.

During the ceremony several pastors and some other congregants were moved to tears. Many commented on the beauty and deep meaning to the liturgy. ❖



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by Dr. Chang Shik Yang

Welcoming Remarks at the Special Seminars for Clergy on the Divine Principle

This seminar has been organized by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, in response to the many questions, suggestions and realizations that have been voiced by our closest and most stalwart supporters in America. The purpose of this gathering is not to convert you from one religion or denomination to another. It is to allow each of us to consider more deeply than before, what is the root from which this work has come? What is the vision that inspired our founder to gather clergy from all denominations, to commit incredible manpower and resources to rebuilding the family, reconciling races and breaking down the barriers that divide the peoples of the world? What drives Reverend Sun Myung Moon?

Each of us has been called by God for our own unique mission, and we have spent most our lives following that calling. Some of us have crossed paths with Father Moon only a few months ago. Most of us have known and worked with him for years. But we can all see that he has a special calling, and a mission that has led him to reach out and touch the entire world on a level that few, if any, ever reach.

He began in the simplest of circumstances, the humble son of a farmer in a distant, forgotten land. He grew up amidst severe oppression, under the cruel occupation of a foreign power. In his youth he was a passionate and prayerful Christian. He was a great Sunday school teacher. The Lord called and anointed him at the tender age of sixteen, and during the tragic and miserable days of the Second World War, he prepared himself for his mission

with endless tears in prayer.

His ministry challenged conventional and traditional thinking, and threatened established authority. He was arrested by communist authorities who opposed religion, beaten, tortured, and sent to a concentration camp to be broken or to die. Altogether he was imprisoned six times in several countries, including the United States of America. His first church was built from mud and cardboard. His first followers in war-torn Korea laughed when he spoke of a movement that one day would touch every race and nation, and unite people of all faiths.

No matter what the obstacle, he confronted it and overcame it. His work now touches 190 countries, and virtually every realm of human endeavor. Father Moon has founded dozens of papers such as the Washington Times and the UPI wire service in North America, South America, the Middle East, Asia, and so on. Father Moon has established organizations in all aspects of human endeavor, the religions, sciences, education, arts, humanities and athletics.

Father Moon is building an international network of educational institutions, from preschool to graduate school; ocean enterprises, fishing and shipbuilding, sports, soccer teams and a new international Olympics; the World Association of Non Governmental Organizations (WANGO); I could go on and on.

But as one of our ACLC founders has often said, the measure of a man is not just what he has done, but what he has inspired others to do. When we think of the millions of couples around the world who have married beyond race and religion, specifically to heal the world, or the millions of dollars invested in bringing people together beyond these barriers, it is truly remarkable. What everyone comes to recognize, even those who oppose the move-

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ment, is the wonderful heart and uncommon dedication of those who have been called to work with Father and Mother Moon. Many of us are in this room today simply because of one or two such remarkable, sincere people.

All of these accomplishments have been achieved not by building on the foundation of an established denomination or existing institution. They were built from nothing, and carried out under severe persecution and opposition. But Father Moon cannot be measured or understood by external accomplishments. I only mention them because all these fruits of the movement arose from Father Moon's deep and special understanding of God's heart and God's will for the world. What did Jesus really ask of him? What is it that Heavenly Father has shown him, and how can we be edified by it?

Father Moon is an extraordinary, unfathomable and mysterious person with a profound relationship with God. In my thirty-three years of following him, I have witnessed so many special moments, shared so much laughter and tears, some of which I hope to share with you during this week. But his deepest insights are embodied in the teaching of Divine Principle, and this will be our topic of study during these few days. There will be time for discussion, and questions and answers, but I recommend that you not worry about theological debates, or who is right or wrong. Father Moon's desire is certainly that you continue in your ministry. But let us simply seek a deeper answer to the question, "Who is Reverend Moon, and what drives him to do what he does?"

Recently, inspirations and revelations have been received from the Spirit World, testifying to the meaning of this ministry and the mission of its founder. These messages have inspired some, and challenged others. But one

thing we should understand is that the opening of the heavenly realms is but another sign of the Last Days, together with the wars and rumors of wars, the terrorism, the calamities and natural disasters that we see increasing all around us every day. Acts 2:17 promised, "In the Last Days I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh, your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams."

We are the generation that is living in the time of the Last Days. And as religious leaders we are deeply responsible to help guide the people of God across the troubled waters of this difficult time. For each of us, it is truly a "great and terrible day." We should each carefully consider what God is asking of us. None of us crossed paths with Father Moon by accident. We are gathered here for a reason.

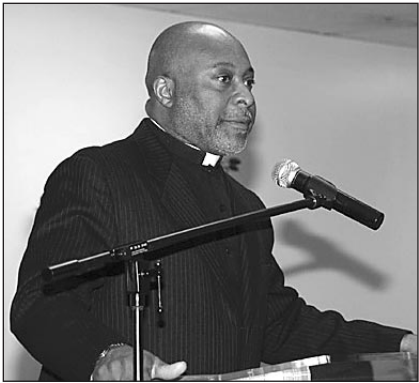
I promise you, as we study together this week, the real, deeper question is not, "who is Reverend Moon and what is his mission," but "who am I, and what is my mission?" It is not simply about the Messiahship of Father Moon, but the Messiahship of each and every one of us. We must not just understand Father and Mother Moon as True Parents, but how can I become a true husband or wife, a true father or mother, and a true son or daughter of God. We must consider what it means, as the scriptures say, to be about the "greater works." What are the things that Jesus promised we would do, that are even greater than what he did?

I look forward to spending these coming days with you in pursuit of the answer to these questions. This retreat is a great place to be for this purpose. We have serious work to do during the next few days. There will be moments for relaxation and enjoyment, but the schedule is a demanding one. Please remember all that Father and Mother Moon have invested in each of us, and let us in turn invest ourselves fully. ❖

Take Down the Cross - Maryland

by Angelika Selle

Very historical and spirit-filled "Trade Your Cross for a Crown" rally and press conference was held on Good Friday, April 18th, 2003, at 11:00am at Bishop



Floyd E. Nelson's Lively Stone Worship Center, in Landover, MD.

Ten keynote speakers; clergy of the ACLC, took a public stand on why today they planned to take down the crosses from their churches after carrying them in remembrance of Christ's suffering. Among them were

Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Bishop C. Phillip Johnson, Bishop Floyd Nelson, Rev. Michael Jenkins, Rev. H. G. McGhee, and Rev. Levy Daugherty.

Also, in attendance were other pastors including Dr. Chang Shik Yang. Soon the press conference turned into a pow-

erful service; the spirit escalating with each speaker and eliciting spontaneous applause and shouting from the audience which consisted of various racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Archbishop Stallings began his speech by quoting the Song of the Old Rugged Cross, and he ended his speech by saying "Why not exchange the cross for a crown TODAY." Bishop Floyd Nelson made closing remarks as the audience joined in singing the Song of the Old Rugged Cross. Bishop C. Phillip Johnson held up a small



golden cross and laid it down on the pulpit. In exchange he received a crown pin from Bishop Nelson. A crown was then given to all other pastors on stage as well. The spirit of celebration and liberation filled the air with singing, dancing and carrying on. Truly this was a Good Friday. ❖



Take Down the Cross - Los Angeles

Two services were held on Friday, April 18th, 2003 at: Christian Light MBC and at the Opportunity Baptist Church.

Each service followed the same schedule with the objective of taking down the cross and putting up the crown. We bought a beautiful golden crown with jewels which was placed on a small red velvet pillow sitting on a golden tray. An 11 x 14 color photo of the crown was beautifully photographed ahead of time and framed to be left with the pastor. We made 300 palm crosses which were given



to everyone, then exchanged for a 2 1/4 inch lapel button with a large color picture of a cross.

The order of each service was as follows: Welcoming Remarks by VRD Rev. Tim Henning; Opening Hymns by ACLC Choir; 7 last words of Jesus Resurrection by ACLC ministers; Musical selection by presiding pastor; An End to the Era of the Cross video (20 minute); Message "From the Old Rugged Cross to the Crown of Glory" by church pastor; Cross to Crown Ceremony by church pastor, deacons; Musical selection by ACLC Choir; Benediction by church pastor; and refreshments

This was a very inspiring uplifting spiritual ceremony. Rev. Walter Millsap, pastor of Sadoc Christian Church who attended the morning service, has scheduled his church to take down the cross for Easter Sunday. ❖

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land. Central to the unification of the Fatherland is the unity of the Mother nation of Japan and the Elder Son Nation of America. Our central purpose now is to secure the sovereignty of the unified Fatherland under God's dominion.

To build and expand God's Kingdom on Earth the religious foundation that God established must be unified as one. Therefore the central religions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam cannot be united by simple means. The unity that is now coming within Christianity is based on profound vertical and horizontal indemnity conditions set by our True Parents. These conditions allow these three special religions to unite. From God's standpoint Christianity has been prepared by God to play the central role.

To set the condition for this unity Father has prepared all the way since 1945 for this time. So much of the focus of True Father's indemnity was centered upon saving Christianity. This was the reason he came to America in 1971. America represents Christianity on a world level. The 50 state tour was a most important foundation upon which Father could truly expand the one unified body of Christ. Now Father is emphasizing the United Federation of Churches to represent the oneness of the body of Christ. This has been established. The core of this Federation is the American Clergy Leadership Conference. Both of these were established by True Parents at Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training center with 120 important Christian leaders in May of 2000.

In 2001 the 50 state tour vastly expanded the ACLC into thousands of clergy who had been touched. This tour set the condition for America and Christianity to stand in unity with True Parents as the Second Israel. The 144,000 blessing "grafted" the leadership of Christianity into the blood lineage of God. The partaking of the Holy Wine and the subsequent April 27th blessing secured the condition to fulfill the prophecy of the book of Revelation in which the 144,000 of all the "tribes of Israel" were "sealed" before the living God. This was done a great sacrifice by

True Parents, the National Messiahs representing the Father nation, the Japanese Missionaries representing the Mother nation and American Blessed Central Families (Unification and Christian) representing the Elder Son nation.

The subsequent blessings were expansions of that foundation. July 3rd went from the first to the second generation of Christians. September 14th in Manhattan restored the September 11th tragedy and took the blessing beyond the 144,000 to the Moslem and Jewish world's religious leaders. Because this was done in America it meant it was done on a world level. The December 7th blessing on Pearl Harbor day allowed for a reconciliation between Japan and America as former enemies. It opened the gate for all former enemies to reconcile - Black, White, American Indian and Moslem, Christian and Jew. In conjunction with this providence the IIFWP performed and initiated blessings in all of the major countries of the world fully embracing all of the world religions. In Rev. Kwak's recent address to the Council of Affiliated Organizations, he stated that in all of True Parents ministry and work in every area of man's endeavor and profession, True Parent central role and ministry has been to bring the change of blood lineage and the blessing of marriage.

Now a blessing movement is naturally growing throughout America and the world. Soon there will be a blessing in Korea. Then the blessing of marriage movement will begin to occur regularly in America centering on True Parents.

To allow Christianity to play the central role to heal and unify the world, Christianity centering on ACLC is being asked to fulfill another condition. That is to take down the cross. Through the power of the teaching of Divine Principle and the preaching of the principle through our lecturers, Rev. Jesse Edwards and Bishop Stallings and several other key ministers as well as Dr. Chang Shik Yang's testimony concerning Father's life, the "scales" have fallen off of many

eyes. There is a deep acceptance growing based on the solid rock of God's word in the Bible as revealed and "decoded" by the Divine Principle. Because this acceptance of True Parents is firmly rooted in the "Word" I can report with confidence before the True Parents of Heaven and Earth that victory is secure. Based on the Divine Principle clergy are coming to understand and accept that Father was chosen to manifest the Second Coming. That Jesus anointed and chose him.

Why do they believe? We have to attribute much to True Parents course of indemnity. Especially sending Dae Mo Nim and Heung Jin Nim into the spirit world to break down the walls and unify all religions. Because the spirit world has completely changed and is accepting and supporting of the Principle we just have to teach clearly and the religious leaders original minds spring into life. The spirit is pouring out on all flesh as was promised in the book of Acts chapter 2:17.

Also, the Principle is now being expressed through the preaching of the clergy which, through their decades of fighting evil with the power of the resurrected Jesus and the scriptures, they are able to bring forth a flowering of Biblical support for the Principle in a way never imagined.

Therefore Brothers and Sisters the Cross is Coming Down. It cannot be reversed. Destiny is upon us and the Second Israel has responded in the affirmative.

The amazing thing about following Father's direction is that you don't see the result right away. It's like planting the seeds. When we were directed to proclaim the revelations of Jesus and the saints concerning Father being the Messiah. It planted a seed. It looked as if, for the first few months, that all the key ACLC ministers would just collapse and fall away. Fortunately Rev. Jesse Edwards and Bishop Stallings, Bishop Johnson and a few others would not be moved away from their support and faith in the anointing of Jesus on True

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Parents. Because of that they suffered greatly but they overcame. The September 14th blessing was the first major event that came after the Clouds of Witnesses. Through the blessing activity together with our New York family centering on Rev. Dong Woo Kim and the New York Clergy. The first breakthrough came.

The Cross is Coming Down. Then the Second Israel will go to Jerusalem to set the condition of embracing and loving the elder brother. Together they will lift up Jesus. On that basis they will know True Parents and the Moslem family can be liberated from the pain and resentment caused by the failure of the chosen people to demonstrate true faith and lift up the Lord.

The Elder Son Nation

True Parents are setting the foundation for the expansion of the Kingdom of God on earth. (Cheon Il Guk). We must be confident in True Parents power and courageous to fulfill the Will of God. Our central goal is to secure the Fatherland as one nation for God and America is precious and central to this path. Therefore, we must protect and seek to bring this nation under God's blessing and guidance.

War is not the hope of mankind or the complete solution for a lasting peace. Yet war has come upon us. Since that is the course that America has taken, we must pray that God will guide her into successful reconciliation after the war. Please pray that God will guide our President and our nation. We must pray for the future reconciliation of all.

What is the path to peace that we as Blessed Central Families are called to pursue? Father's direction is that our first step toward peace must be repentance. When we see family breakdown, hostility and suspicion between religions and races, and rampant immorality, we realize that God's blessing cannot flow freely to America unless we turn this country back to God.

It is important that we understand America's central role at this time. On the foundation of the Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship Father launched his life-risking 50-state tour. On that tour Father proclaimed that Christianity as the central religion and

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Take down the Cross - Oregon

by Daniel V. Hicks

Bishop Scott of Portland Miracle Revival Church had a great Easter service. There were a few skits that focused around trading the cross for the crown.

First there was some story dancing along with praise music. Then three boys dressed in white came in carrying crosses. They walked to the front and traded their cross for their crowns with Bishop Scott. It was a wonderful ceremony.

The last skit was a group of people, some of them chained and two were carrying crosses. The devil came in with his henchman and began accusing the people. Then Jesus came in wearing his crown and they released their chains and dropped their crosses and left with Jesus and the devil



ran away. This skit was great at emphasizing the fact that Jesus does not exist on a cross, He is beyond the cross with His crown.

Bishop Scott was very much confident and at ease when he began his sermon by pushing down the cross! I could hear

many people gasp and it seemed to get a bit quiet. Bishop Scott then began to explain everything from the Bible. That the cross was a curse not a blessing! That it is time to move past the curse of the cross and into the blessing of the crown. People began to get excited and seemed relieved that the shock of the cross being pushed over was being relieved by scripture and Bishop Scott's good nature and sincere delivery.

Bishop Scott referred to True Father many times while focusing his sermon on fidelity in marriage and the value of the Family. He also referred to our local church and his happiness in working with us over the years. Our hopes are with Bishop Scott and the success of his church here in Portland. ♦

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America as the elder son nation both carry the title of the "Second Israel." With this understanding Christianity is to be unified as one Body of Christ. This unity must be nurtured until it becomes a substantial foundation for reconciling all peoples, and for guiding the external leaders of the Second Israel - just as the prophets guided the kings in the Old Testament. This is the work of the American Clergy Leadership Conference working directly upon the inspiration of True Parents.

The current effort to educate 12,000 clergy is central to the American providence at this time. It is not only bringing unity to the body of Christ but is also the preparation for the Second Israel to move beyond the old age into the new. Jesus said we can't put new wine into "old" wineskins. With this "new" understanding of scripture the clergy are streaming through the gates.

We are building a movement to end the era of the cross and focus on the resurrection. With this message the National ACLC team such as Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings, Rev. Jesse Edwards and many others are cutting a new path in history. A path not unlike that of Martin Luther. Under the inspiration of the God's words in the Bible as decoded by Father's words and the Divine Principle, many of the clergy now have pledged that they will take down their crosses on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday each will trade his cross for a crown as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Then Father has asked that this "resurrected body" go to Jerusalem and have a conference in which the second Israel, having repented and removed the barriers between itself, and the first Israel will humbly ask them to lift up Jesus as the Lord that Israel was to receive. With this condition the failure of the chosen people 2000 years ago will be restored. Upon that basis we must embrace and love the Islamic world more than ever before. Through this path the conditions will be set to neutralize the seemingly endless strife between Islam, Christianity and the Jewish people. This path does not only deal with those on earth but is rooted in the path of those in heaven. We see

that, without a doubt, Jesus is with us - that's what the clergy feel. Also, the prophet Muhammad is with us as well as all the saints.

Father is directing us now to reach out to Christianity and beyond to the leaders of all faiths of the world to ensure that the current conflict doesn't polarize into irreversible religious enmity. He is asking the Family Federation and all related organizations to join with ACLC Christian leaders and Ambassadors for Peace to aggressively embrace and strengthen our bonds of love and heart between all religious people, races and nations, and particularly between the Christian and Muslim worlds. This is a crucial moment in history. The worlds religions must come under the love of our True Parents, therefore the work of IIFWP and the ACLC is in a critical role to prevent total polarization and world strife.

In addition to these efforts in education, Father is asking us to build bridges between religious youth through the upcoming Interreligious Sports Peace Festival from May 21-25 in Korea. It will be a world Olympics for all people of the Christian, Moslem and Jewish faiths as well as all the world religions. Through friendly competition of religious youth we will foster unity and understanding between the youth of the world's religions. America has been asked to send 150 athletes. We can work with our Christian clergy, Moslem leaders or Ambassadors for Peace to identify and sponsor young people from their organizations to participate in this special opportunity.

Father is also emphasizing that the blessing movement is the central point through which world peace can be achieved. Last year the four Interreligious Blessings that True Parents conducted in America brought an unprecedented agreement and understanding that God's clearest expression of love is to be found in marriage and family. The blessings also fostered an acknowledgement from Christian, Moslem and Jewish leaders that Father and Mother Moon were chosen to bring the blessing of God to the family, and that a covenant of blessed marriage, covered with the prayers of all religious leaders, secures not only the family but

binds all religions and nations together as one under God. His direction is that the Blessing ultimately is the path to peace. We must continue to expand the blessing to all religious leaders and through them to their followers.

Father is asking that every Christian leader bless 12 couples from the leaders of their congregation and community and then bless 12 pastors from among their colleagues. To be stable Father would like to see 120 couples blessed in each church. This also applies to the Imams, the Rabbis and all religious leaders - Father is asking them to "bless" their followers so that the curse in the Garden of Eden will be broken.

To foster peace Father is calling for Interreligious blessing between people of different faiths. In the September 14th blessing in New York last year one Moslem leader, who is the brother of an African President, asked for and received True Parent's blessing for his marriage with his Christian fiancé. Thus blessing revolution is occurring not only in Christianity but is expanding throughout many major Moslem countries. One major Moslem country is planning for the blessing of 100,000 leader couples in conjunction with the upcoming May blessing in Korea at the World Culture and Sports festival. This phenomenon is happening in all 185 countries. This is the day of the Lord.

The ACLC clergy are embracing Father's inspiration that the era of the cross and the way of shedding blood must now be replaced with an era of life and resurrection based on True Love, True Life and True Lineage through the blessing of marriage. One minister said, "You might be surprised, but Rev. Moon knows the Holy Ghost better than most Christian leaders!" He went on to make it clear that Jesus is with the movement of Father Moon and as he said at the December 7th Blessing in Washington, D.C. "God is using Rev. Moon to save the family."

We never dreamed that the ministers currently attending the Divine Principle seminars would agree to take down their church crosses, yet the many have confirmed that they feel that it is right because the cross was not the original

symbol for Christianity. For many the cross is an important symbol but not essential. Yet the value of the cross is that Jesus turned it into victory. Many pastors have shared that the real essence is that Jesus "gave" his life as a willing sacrifice while forgiving and loving his enemies - the enemies of God.

The clergy in great part agree that the essential meaning of atonement is tied to Jesus sacrifice, love and most importantly his resurrection. His blood was shed as a condition of sacrifice to save mankind. The cross did not bring the victory, Jesus did. It was how he overcame the cross that allows God's spirit to bring victory through the cross. Therefore we should bear the cross instead of displaying it. The ultimate victory was that Jesus did was not stopped by his death. His resurrection conquered death.

The victory of Jesus was that unlike Moses and all Biblical figures before him, he resurrected and has remained the "active" central figure of Christianity from the heavenly realm. From the day of Pentecost on through a simple prayer offered by a believer, Jesus could be called upon for guidance and direction and thus a "Living Lord" led Christianity until today. Jesus speaks to and guides the heart of the individual believer directly. The resurrection brought victory of life over death, so that Satan's attack only multiplied God's power while creating the Second Israel. America is the inheritor of this spirit and victory. Therefore, whether we bring forth the true spirit of Jesus' love is crucial in determining whether God will bless or curse the Second Israel of America.

Fortunately, the Christian leaders are accepting the Divine Principle in substantial numbers. We are absolutely humbled by this change in history. It is clear to all of us involved in the teaching and preaching that the "spirit world" behind the Christian leaders has changed. There is now a hunger to understand more about the Bible through the Divine Principle. Therefore we must know our identity clearly. The direction of America is firmly resting on the direction of its religious heritage. We must foster that heritage and rekindle the "founding spirit" of this nation. We realize that the Christian movement centering on Father is not yet where it needs to be, but we see the promised land

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Take Down the Cross - Texas

by Rev. Mark Hernandez

A month ago, prior to attending the Chicago ACLC Convocation, I had read a report to Rev C. and Rev O. concerning True Father's comments about the Cross to Jewish and Christians leaders who had attended the Middle East Conference. Then upon attending the Chicago workshop, Rev. C.was met by a smiling sister who recognized him from the Ocean City 2002 workshop. According to Rev C., she said, "Rev C. it's so nice to see you. Did you take down your cross yet?" He didn't know what to say. Actually since he had heard TF's words, he had begun to feel the Holy Spirit telling him to take his church's cross down. What that sister blurted out struck him to his core. He declared publicly that he would obey the Spirit and take down the cross as soon as he returned to Dallas.

Unfortunately, he got wrapped up in his usual busy schedule and forgot to keep his promise. Then, while Rev C.was out of town and his pastor friend Rev Ricky C. (who had attended Chicago and heard C's promise) was presiding over Palm Sunday service for C., the church's 8' by 4' cross fell off the wall and struck one of the church's elders. By God's grace the elder was not terribly hurt. After service when Ricky C. called C. to report what had happened, he immediately began to repent of his failure to keep his word. Rev. C. returned from his trip on Wed. night 4/16 and met with me the next day, Maundy Thursday, to plan a noontime Good Friday Service to Take Down the Cross.

As invited ministers and C's own members arrived in the hour before service was to begin, we found him on the church grounds shoveling out the last of the 9' x 5' hole in which he was

going to lay to rest his church's sanctuary cross. The service, having been hastily called into being was attended by 2 of his church leaders and 12 other members. Other attending and fully

siastically supported Bishop Shin's closing prayer (in Korean) with outbursts of praise and gratitude. They all said they would wear their crowns with responsibility.

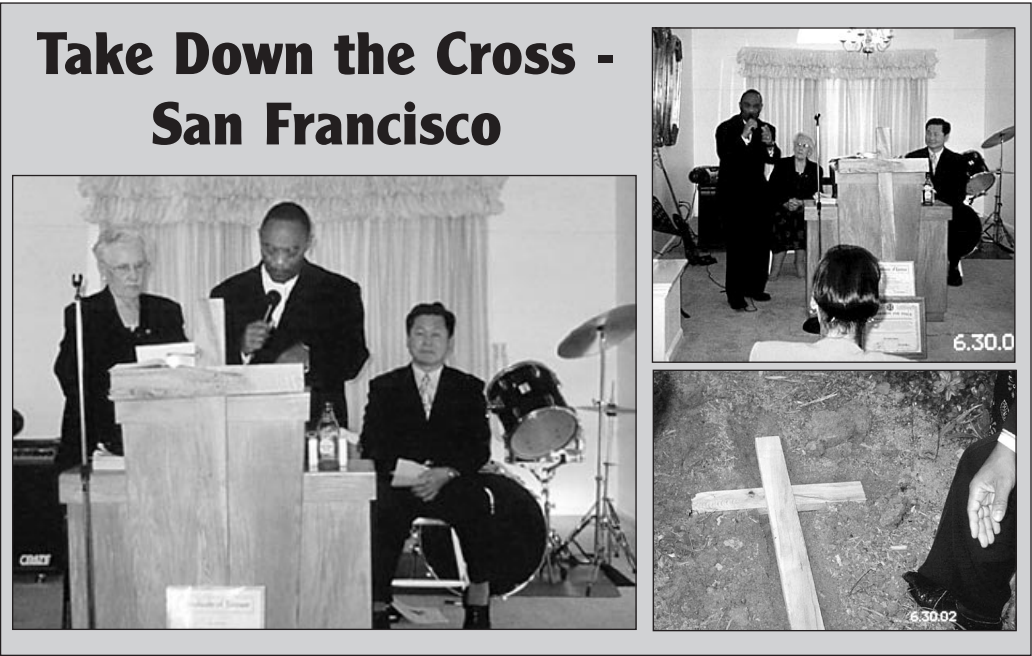
own ministers) I would put at 30. They represented 11 churches. Amongst the visiting pastors whose names I was able to confirm were: Rev Charles K. , his co-pastor Rev Essie K. Rev. Nathan B. and his first lady, Magnolia B., Rev. Eth. and his evangelist wife assistant, Rev Mary P. Asst Pastor, Holy Cross and co-founder of Bible Answers Institute, Rev Elijah P. and first lady, whose church name I was not able to clearly hear. I will call Mrs. H. to help me with ascertaining more names of guests.

Every ACLC speaker spoke with absolute authority to let the truth be known. All of Rev. H.'s members had been to the 1 day workshop exactly a week before and mentioned that proudly. They were hungry to hear more truth from a host of different speakers.

Rev H. called the day, Bad Friday because it was the day a tragic injustice was carried out against the Messiah and Son of God who was to have become the King of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. The cross was taken down and draped in white shroud to be laid to rest and never to reappear in Rev. H's church. The members came forth with paper crosses as in an altar call, to surrender their cross and receive their crown (pins that had been made and sent out by Levy).

Hayes temporarily placed on his sanctuary wall, not one but two crowns—a larger one for a King and a smaller one for a Queen. They will eventually fill the spot where the old cross had been hung.

It was clear to me that Rev. H. and his people and all the other ACLC clergy realized fully the historical significance of what they were undertaking and H. gave all the credit for this era of resurrection and new truth to Rev Sun Myung Moon. ❖



Take Down the Cross - San Francisco

Houston, TX event

Rev Hayes had begun to plan out this Good Friday service about ten days ago. He asked his friend and DP spiritual parent, Rev Charles K. , Pastor of Will of God Family Church, to give the evening's sermon and then had asked Rev Nathan B., Pastor of 2nd Baptist Church to give comments on the Seven Last Words, asked me to give a 20 minute reading from The New Future of Christianity, and asked Rev Curtis Walker to receive the taken-down-Cross and lay it to rest symbolically. Several of Rev Hayes' own ministers participated in the reading and explanation of the 7 Last Words. Almost persons attended the nighttime service. The number of supporting clergy in attendance (including Rev Hayes'

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before us. The day is coming very soon when those who lift up the Lord will also gain the authority to guide the "Kings" of the second Israel.

Father is setting the conditions that will untangle the world conflict, but as always it is occurring in ways that most cannot see or understand. Let us be reminded of how few if any thought that the crucifixion and mysterious resurrection of Jesus would have any bearing whatsoever on the "solid" 2000 year history of Israel. Yet 70 short years after his death and resurrection, that very Israel was totally scattered to the four winds. Let us remember how Communism seemed to have global invincibility in Korea, Vietnam and in many other countries, and yet Father set conditions through his own course and the worldwide teaching of Godism that confronted and destroyed the ideological power of Marxism-Leninism. Then the impossible came to pass as reality. As Father predicted, after 70 years of unrestricted power and hegemony, the Berlin Wall as well as the whole global Soviet communist empire collapsed. Father is now setting the conditions, enormous conditions with his own physical body to

directly prevent the current conflict from spreading to a world conflict. Ultimately this will cause the 38th parallel to crumble. Father has been paying physical indemnity in the last 14 days to protect America and the World. As sons and daughters of filial piety we must also put our lives on the line at this time to secure our path to final victory.

Father's central goal now is to unify the Fatherland and to give God a sovereign nation so that, as in the time of Israel, He will have a nation and a secure foundation from which to expand the Cheon Il Guk (Kingdom of God on earth). America is essential for this unification. Therefore the conflicts in the world must be addressed by America. It is inevitable. How we address these crises will determine whether or not God can continue to bless this nation.

Again, Father is setting the conditions for the Second Israel to fulfill. For America to play the key role in the unification of North and South, we went to Korea. Through our unity with True Parents we could receive the Cheon Il Guk Blessing and participate in the Lord's Coronation. Then we could go to every hamlet in Korea and proclaim True Parents and the way of peaceful Unification of North and South. In a climate of anti-Americanism in some sec-

tors of the nation our Blessed Central Families went out from Korea, Japan , America and many nations of the world and showed unity and love. This internally reversed the negative atmosphere toward America on the community level and laid the foundation for a Family movement to rise that will lead the North and the South through peaceful unification.

Father has asked all to plant into their hometowns into Korea and yet in America he is asking the American blessed Central families to stay here to focus on Christianity. Therefore our work with the Christian leaders is now at a critical stage. The Second Israel is now called upon to make a sacrifice of old tradition to usher in the Kingdom. Under God's guidance, the Second Israel is being asked to shed the old traditions like Jesus said we have to have get rid of the "old" wineskins to receive the "new" wine that God has prepared. The new wine has to do with all churches removing their denominational walls and then as a "body" of Christ removing the symbol of the failure of the chosen people. The cross.

By sacrificing itself, the Second Israel comes into to an "essential" position of faith where it is holding on to the essence or spirit of Jesus and not to a symbol. Therefore, to fulfill we as blessed cen-

tral families together with the blessed Christian leaders must take the cross down as a symbol and instead walk the "way of the cross" in sacrifice to heal the division of the sons of Abraham.

Father is preparing a renewed "Second Israel" in this way. We are confident that this "resurrected" body of the Second Israel, having sacrificed itself to remove the barriers to winning our elder brother, the First Israel's heart, will travel to Jerusalem to humbly ask the first Israel to embrace Jesus as the Lord that God sent to them. Only a small number is needed to fulfill this condition, but it must be fulfilled. This condition will allow for a transformation of the culture of war that now exists in the Middle East. On this basis the Moslem family can be liberated from their pain, and massive reconciliation will occur. Then with this victory, Father is asking the Second Israel to go to Korea to restore what Christianity in Korea failed to do 57 years ago - to lift up the Lord of the Second Advent. Then we will see the 38th parallel crumble before our eyes.

Therefore, beloved Blessed Central Families, this is the time to sacrifice, to respond to and follow the call of the Lord. Let us fulfill our destiny and bring reconciliation to all. ❖

Chicago Divine Principle Seminar for Clergy

by Marina Acevedo

It was a cloudy Wednesday morning, when the whole world was expecting the most important news of the decade. What would happen? Would there be a peaceful settlement or the beginning of war. In Chicago a whole different scenario was taking shape. Two Hundred clergy made their way from Florida, Texas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, and all over the Midwest region to join in our 4-Day Divine Principle seminar for clergy. It was held March 19 - 21, 2003 in the Ramada Plaza Hotel near the O'Hare Airport. At exactly 11 o'clock in the morning the whole lobby was filled with clergy. Our gracious host Bishop Ki Hoon Kim and Chicago family church members welcomed all the participants with a warm reception and southern hospitality that made them all feel at home.

The schedule was tight, starting with a Hoon Dok hae at 6am and a series of lectures and panel discussions throughout the whole day and into the night. Amazingly the majority of participants were present from the 6am Hoon dok Hae until the 8pm testimonies in the evening.

The spiritual atmosphere of the first day was heavy! The majority of participants were new, some have known and worked with our church for many years and still had difficulties accepting certain truths. They all were attentive to lectures and were not shy with their comments. All the lecturers were outstanding not to mention our very own President Rev. Michael Jenkins, Rev. Philip Schanker and Rev. Kevin McCarthy. Our toastmaster was the excellence of the Rev. Levy Daugherty the vice president of the F.F.W.P. There were powerful testimonies from our dynamic resource speakers like Arch-Bishop George Augustus Stallings, Rev. Jessie Edwards and the mighty Bishop McGee.

All of them worked so hard to lessen the tension and soften the blow of the ultimate question that was to be given to our participants.

The second day was like the growth stage. The tension and confusion that arose during the panel discussion about the Cross and the meaning of Salvation really caused a stir. Various ideas and objections came as well as support for the idea. The majority was not ready to bring down their crosses. In spite of such differences of opinions and beliefs, everybody gathered and prayed together for good health, strength and long life for our True Parents. It was very moving and inspiring to hear their prayers on how they cared for Father Moon.

The third day was the completion stage. The Resurrection, Christology, and the Value of the Blessing were presented. Right at that moment, the Holy Spirit descended from heaven and poured down upon us. All the

participants hailed and praised God throughout the lectures. No objections were heard when Rev. Jenkins concluded that Rev. Moon is the second coming of Jesus. He was given strong cheers and a standing ovation.

The panel discussion was about what would have happened if Israel had accepted Jesus? The majority of clergy expressed their deep sorrow as to why Jesus was not able to have his lineage. They considered the prospect of Rev. Moon being in the position of the rejected Christ of the new Israel. During the luncheon, one lady pastor from Indianapolis testified about her conviction and faith concerning Father Moon. She shared about the countless blessings she had received from God as a result of her belief. She gave \$500.00 donation to ACLC and encouraged all the pastors to give as well. With that everybody gave and we raised around five thousand dollars. It was very moving to see how those clergy were united to give a love offering as a way to express

their thanks for all the blessings they received in the seminar.

That afternoon was even more amazing! When Archbishop Stallings gave his address, "Tear down the Wall/Let this Cup Pass, the Beginning of the Era of Liberation, Blessing and Unity of all God's Children" it was very powerful presentation. The whole crowd gave him a standing ovation. The spiritual atmosphere was so high, everybody started to praise God with tears of joy and it all ended with a very beautiful fellowship among all the participants and staff.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang challenged the clergy in his opening speech by saying, "Don't ask who is Rev. Moon?" but ask yourselves who am I? In his closing speech he explained so well who is Reverend Moon and what is his fruits as a champion. That was the best conclusion! Everybody got so inspired and many promised to bring down their crosses in support of Father Moon.

The seminar was a great success! Based on the comments and reactions of the participants, they were so inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the love and unity fostered in every corner of the convention hall. They left feeling great joy and were very thankful to be a part of this seminar. Congratulations to all the energetic lecturers for a job well done. ❖



Boston One Day Conference April 5 2003



NY Region DP for Clergy in March...

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

We had a profound experience March 12, 2003 in New Jersey at the Ocean Place Conference Resort. The clergy are absorbing the DP with profound depth. The state president of one Baptist convention is here. He is studying very seriously. Bishop Stallings, Rev. Edwards, Bishop Johnson and Rev. McGhee are the hosts from the ACLC National Executive Committee. Rev. Daugherty is our moderator, Rev. Schanker, Rev. Kevin McCarthy and I are giving the DP. New power point lectures with powerful graphics are being used now.

The theme of tearing down the walls is connected with ending the era of the cross. The typical problems that used to exist concerning the fall of man, Jesus



mission and the fact the cross was God's secondary plan. There used to be walls and tensions abounding in the past.

Now the clergy are asking questions like, "Why didn't Israel understand and believe in Jesus." "How can we keep from repeating the mistake of the first Israel?" Some have completely come to the conclusion as one pastor stated, "Flesh and Blood didn't reveal this to me, it has been confirmed in my spirit that Father Moon is the one Jesus chose as the Second Coming!"

The depth of these clergy is significant. They have suffered greatly to remain in the battlefield standing by Rev. Moon. All of them. They are now becoming quite proud of their suffering course and how God blessed them as they overcame.

It is a most hopeful development. One pastor, who is also a theologian and professor at New York Theological seminary stated, "I understood something today that I never saw before. The depth of Rev. Moon's teaching is profound and shines the light on Biblical truths that were not yet uncovered. I come away with a profound sense of inspiration and the desire to study more. I've already made my reservations to come back for the Washington D.C.

conference. It is great. I also realized now that Father Moon is the first that Jesus has anointed to build the True Family. We are also receiving that commission through him. I found myself thinking, Rev. Moon is like Noah. Clearly Jesus is with him. I feel he is like Noah calling us to get on the Ark. The question is now, will we be like the people at Noah's time and miss the ark? I can say for myself. That I will not miss this time!!"

At the opening session, upon the request of Bishop Stallings, we read Father's speech, the New Future of Christianity given at MSG in 1974. This gives a most profound expression of the whole DP from beginning to the end. The pastors are deeply moved. Father speaks so clearly in this speech about Jesus and reveals to the pastors (Pg. 34 Christianity In Crisis - New Hope) the following:



"There is so much to know, so many hidden truths within the Bible which are not written explicitly. If I revealed some of those secrets, I am sure you would be amazed. Even though I know these things, I could not tell you those stories lightly. For you would then ask, "How do you know such things?.... I learned them from Jesus." ❖

by Rev. Andrew Compton

First let me acknowledge the wonderful leadership of Rev. Dong Woo Kim and the hard work of all the New York region District Leaders (especially Rev. Galvan who invested such a bright and uplifting spirit as the Emcee) and the church outreach coordinators.

This event on April 12 at the Sheraton LaGuardia East hotel, which we named "Tear Down the Walls: From the Cross to the Crown," was probably the best regional level event we have ever held in New York. All together there were about 300 guests including clergy and members of their congregations (deacons, elders, and evangelists). The total number of churches that were represented was about 155. One good sign of the success of the program was that very few left early.

When our leaders met to evaluate the event, Rev. Kim expressed that this seminar represented a major turning point in our one-family one-church ministerial outreach effort. With this number of positive ministers in support of our programs we can begin to advance our work to a higher level.

We were extremely fortunate to have both Rev. Jenkins and Archbishop Stallings as our main speakers. Everyone that I spoke to was inspired by the presentations even though nothing was held back. Archbishop Stallings gave a presentation that was powerful, convincing, biblical, and spirited which made it very clear that now is the time to bring down the cross. At the end of his presentation everyone was on their feet giving praise.

Dr. McLeod gave a strong introduction which called upon the clergy to seize the moment. He then stayed for the entire program, absorbing all the content. Although he has not yet

indicated his willingness to remove the cross in his own church, I am sure he is considering it.

Most of our key ministers attended, including Rev. Kenyatta (the Pope of Harlem). And although Bishop Riley was away in Jamaica he phoned during the program to lend his support. We were especially pleased that



Dr. Nicholas came (he has a congregation of about 2 - 3 thousand) and Rev. Lorient from the Haitian community. He had been a strong supporter, but due to persecution from his denomination we hadn't seen him for a while. It's good to see him back!

Bishop Angel Torres is stronger now than ever and as you may know he is already planning to conduct a special ceremony to take down the cross on Good Friday.

Other testimonies from the Bronx: Rev. Carmen De Ponce was inspired by



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the Power point presentation.

Rev. Jacob said "Oh this is good! I want to learn how to give this in Spanish. We've got to get this out to the people."

Bishop Armah testified, "The cross is done, over. Thank you God for what I've learned! For me what is most important is to bring down the cross now. I believe it is time. I want to do it."

Rev. Isaac Hernandez: "Yes! Hallelujah! I knew this all along to be true. Just not everybody is on the same level. Nevertheless it is the truth."

Rev. Richard Acosta: "Thank you for inviting me. Once again I know this is right. Rev. Moon has hit the nail on the head. Right on!"

One testimony came from Queens, one sister has been doing many conditions for the AME Zion church, praying for the founder Bishop Varick (who is in the spirit world). It has been very difficult to bring guests from this denomination, but Rev. Tillery brought one minister friend, Minister Varick, who is a descendent of the founder, Bishop Varick. She felt that spiritual world was working.

Also from Queens, Rev. Hutchinson expressed that he needs to change the doctrine of his church, and Rev. Dr. Witsell of the Community Baptist Church, in his sermon the next morning testified to how inspired he was and encouraged his congregation to attend in the future.

From Westchester, The Wife of a Thai minister (her name - Chomsurang is pro-

nounced like "true love" in Korean) was completely convinced by the program that it is time to take down the cross. When she returned home she was able to convey the contents to her husband, the pastor of the church, who has now agreed to take down the cross.

Gail Veith brought a negative fundamentalist Christian whom she has been faithfully loving. The victory was that he took everything in without giving a negative response. The atmosphere which was created by the positive ministers and the power of Archbishop Stallings presentation enabled him to remain through the program without making protest. Step by step even the most stubborn Christians are beginning to receive our True Parent's words.

Dr. Leon Blunt was very inspired, agreeing with all of Archbishop Stallings' message, although he brought an elder of the church who responded quite negatively. He will need time to bring his congregation to his side.

Pastor Garson Prosper brought 2 ministers, and wanted to bring more, but they expressed to him that "they already knew everything." Now he has requested the set of videos that were made of the seminar. He is going to educate them himself. ❖



DC Region DP Seminar for Clergy

by Deborah Taylor

The fourth convocation of clergy was held March 26—29, 2003 in Ocean City, Maryland, the states included Washington, DC, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Maryland, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama,

We came to Ocean City after weeks of prayer, visitations and numerous conditions. We came with hopes but also with some fears: what if the ministers don't show up, what if, what if... Well, our hopes were fulfilled and our fears faded. Not only did we reach our Regional goal of 120; we came very close to reaching the Block goal of 300 as well.

Our next dilemma: Yikes, what do we do with all these people? Again, no need to worry—Heavenly Father was in control. Hoon Dok Hae got us off to a great start every morning, many ministers attended as well as our members. The lecturers Rev. Phillip Schanker and Rev. Kevin McCarthy and the lectures were excellent. The panel discussions gave the ministers a chance to talk to us, to say what was in their hearts and minds. And in the evenings we heard inspiring sermons, one from Rev. Jesse Edwards from Philadelphia and one from Rev. Bennie Owens from Texas.



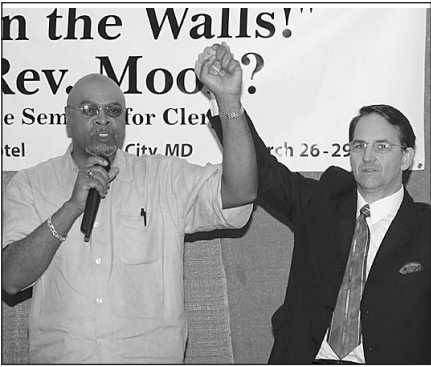
On a personal note, it was almost unbelievable to me to see how much the ministers and guests were able to grasp in comparison to ten, fifteen years ago. I sat holding my breath through Fall of Man and Mission of Messiah, but finally relaxed when one of my most 'objective' contacts came to me and confided, "I've been in my room wailing, I never knew God and Jesus had so much pain." This is truly a new age!

One very different aspect this time is that we are not alone. Both panel discussions I attended we were firmly supported by warm ministers. They, not we,



answered the questions and handled the debates with appropriate bible verses, when new ministers struggling to digest all they had just heard, asked question after question.

One minister, Rev. M from Florida sat patiently for a long time listening to the ongoing exchange about 'What if Jesus had been accepted by Israel?' Finally unable to sustain herself, she burst out of her chair and marched up to the front saying firmly, "This is not Jesus' time and if it was and everything had been fulfilled, we would not have the opportunity to be here today.



So, it's time for us to put up or shut up!" And that was the end of our group discussion for that period.

Archbishop George Agustus Stallings gave a very logical and convincing explanation of why we adopted the cross and have given it such high prestige and why we now out of consideration to Heavenly Father and Jesus should take it down. He drew rousing applause time after time. Rev. Michael Jenkins displayed his 'full anointing' as he wisely taught them and readied them for the next step.

Rev. Levy Daugherty supported by Bishop C. Phillip Johnson and Bishop McGee were superb hosts. Dr. Chang Shik Yang's animated and intimate account of True Father and his own relationship and understanding of Him was very refreshing and touched many hearts. A special thanks to Rev. In Hoi Lee for overseeing everything for without him, DC wouldn't be DC. And thanks to all the ministers and the volunteers who supported us in this great effort. ❖



Houston Region Clergy DP Seminar

by Rev. Curtis Walker

The mighty wind of the Holy Spirit combined masterfully with the fire of God's Word at Houston's Hobby-Airport-Hilton Hotel on Friday, April 11. The result was a heavenly "blow torch" that roared throughout the Moody Ballrooms I and II, anointing and empowering 100 seminar participants with the Glory of God.

As a result of this, Houston's ACLC clergy, their church staff members, and their ministerial colleagues moved yet higher in their understanding of the time we are in and of the clarion call Heaven now issues to the Body of Christ.

Under the theme of "Tear Down the Walls for World Peace," conference participants found in this one-day seminar the caliber of content for which thinking Christians have been hungering all their lives.

Indeed, the Divine Principle reveals to them all that they need, in order to be transformed for total commitment to a discipline, an action plan, and a Biblical Worldview more comprehensive than anything they've previously encountered. Their excitement and

their sense of satisfaction and hope are beautiful to behold.

Following registration, as the participants took their seats in preparation for the Welcome Session, their sense of expectation was so intense that it seemed to tangibly flow from person to person.

Building upon this, Rev. Bennit Hayes and Rev. Charles Keys offered opening remarks. Their words assured everyone gathered that, "This confer-

ence is anointed of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and by no other name is salvation possible."

Upon that foundation, an official welcome, delivered by this writer, was offered, to explain the "Why" behind this gathering. Rev. Levy Daugherty then presented his orientation message, making clear to everyone the objective we intended to reach by the end of the conference. Following that, selected readings from the New Future

of Christianity were done by Rev. Mark Hernandez. We then recessed for a scrumptious luncheon, during which we were serenaded by Gospel recording artist, Ms. Betty Washington.

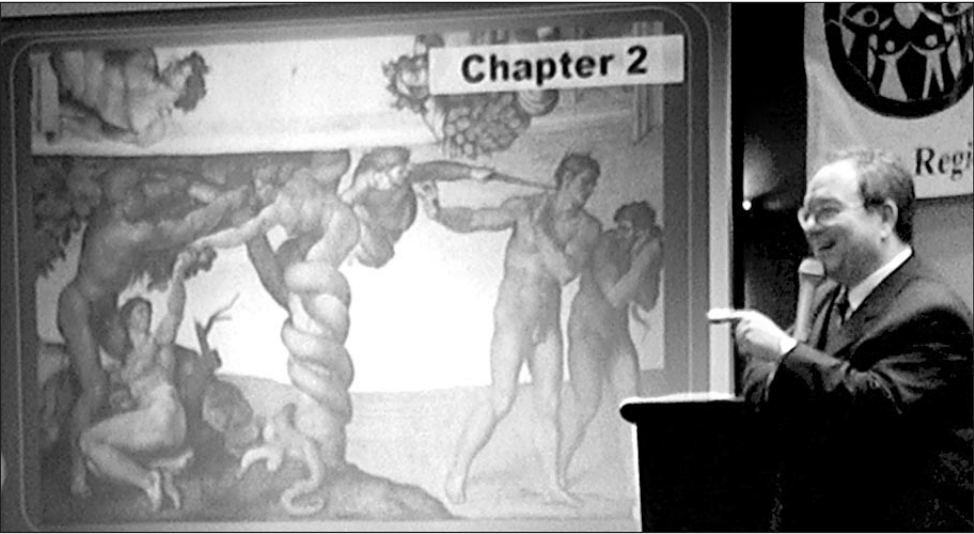
After our session reconvened, Rev. Daugherty gave an abridged introduction to the Divine Principle, whetting everyone's appetite for real meat. He then brought on our lecturer, Rev. Phillip Schanker, who'd flown in from Detroit.

For an almost solid five-hour span (coffee breaks included), Rev. Schanker covered the "Principle of Creation," the "Human Fall," and "God's Providence and New Biblical Insight."

"Awe-inspiring" is the only way to describe the ministers' openness and receptivity. They had come to listen and to learn. And Rev. Schanker's skill, his heart, and the sprinklings here and there of his lambent wit worked to elicit the audience's full respect and complete attention.

Following dinner, the video, "ACLC—From the Cross to a Crown," was shown. This writer then had the opportunity to give a condensed, closing manifesto, emphasizing that now is the time to trade in our crosses for

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Los Angeles Region DP Seminar in March...

by BillieAnn Sabo

Our West Block 3-day seminar started March 24th. Pastors attended from 15 states, including Hawaii and Alaska. Our weather was very good, which was great for them since many were coming from 6 feet of snow. Fortunately, even though Los Angeles Airport was reported to be a terrorist target on many news channels, we did not experience any cancellations. We held our seminar at the beautiful Sheraton Gateway Hotel at LAX. They always provide us with luxurious rooms and wonderful meals. From our West Block, we had 126 pastors attend, 33 leaders and 12 HQ staff. Total 171 plus our own local leadership staff.

The revivals each evening were very exciting for our clergy. Especially on the first night, when Rev. Jesse Edwards spoke. He brought down so much holy spirit, you could hear him on the other side of the



hotel We encouraged our local members to join the “revival” each evening. Many pastors considered this seminar to be a real blessing. They found the teaching was great and in-depth which opened their eyes to some truths of the lineage of Jesus. One local pastor shared...”I have been blessed by the teaching of the Divine Principle. I learned many things I did not know, even from the bible”. Most joined every morning for Hoon

Dok Hae. The day held a very tight schedule, but they listened attentively until closing at 9:30 each night. When we asked for reflections, a common comment was that the lecture series was excellent and well explained. Many of our local ACLC pastors attended this seminar from Los Angeles and swore they would do whatever they could to support this movement. One pastor shared...”I do stand with ACLC 100% and what-



ever I can do to promote the prosperity and the advancement of ACLC, I am willing to do”. 17 pastors from our block signed the statement to take down the cross. One out-of-state pastor said ...”A great movement in unity to honor all men by removing the cross”. Some pastors struggled with the message, of course, but most left very inspired and ready to go to the next step. ❖

by Mrs. BillieAnn Sabo

Our One Day DP Seminar event was held on Friday, April 11th at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel - LAX, where we have held many programs and blessings in the past. This was the first time we have tried a full one day seminar on a weekday. Always before, we have held one day events on a Saturday, but because of the difficulty to secure a national speaker, we changed our original plan to a Friday. Up until the day before, our confirmation numbers were not so high, so we really went forth with a huge amount of faith. But, Friday morning, clergy guests started arriving by 8:30am, —hours before the starting time of 10:00am. We had hoped for 200, planned for 200, set up for 200 and amazingly, 193 were total in attendance! Praise the Lord! Our Regional Director, Rev. Baek Joong Ku, kept



telling us not to worry that Heavenly Father was truly supporting all the one day seminars and he was right!! We were filled with guests, the event was perfectly organized by our wonderful staff and all was ready for God to work.



The event started at 9:45am with Mrs. Blinky Williams leading our newly formed ACLC Choir. Blinky is the famous choir director from Dr. E.V. Hill’s Mt Zion MBC. The choir was composed of singers and musicians from the Hollywood Choir (Dr. Hill’s church), Shiloh MBC (Rev. Joe Waller’s church), Sadoc Christian Choir (Rev. Walter Mill-sap’s church) and our own

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Japanese Choir. They sounded and looked great! The welcoming remarks were given by our M.C., Rev. Tim Henning followed by a song and invocation from Rev. Eugene Smallwood (Opportunity Baptist Church). He attended the 4 day seminar in March and WOW was he on fire. After the invocation, Rev. Joe Waller, ACLC LA Co-convenor, gave an introduction to ACLC and read the 9 ACLC Statement of Purpose points. He did a great job and HF was really pushing him to give more and more. You could tell his famous cousin, Rev. Amos Waller (now deceased) from Chicago was really behind him pushing him! The orientation message was given by one of our local clergy, Dr. William Johnson, Superintendent of all Los Angeles/San Diego CME’s. He did a splendid job. He also mobilized 10 of his “associates” to the event. The excerpts from “The New Future of Christianity” were read by Bishop Alfred Moore (Greater All Nation Pentecost). His reading was excellent.

The next portion of our program was the Powerpoint Presentation on the essential points of the Principle and Jesus’ thought. This was given by our Vice Regional Director, Rev. Tim Henning. It was a one hour presentation and was incredibly powerful. Many of the original slides had been carefully edited and expanded by Rev. Henning and it was a wonderful presentation. The entire

room stayed glued to his teaching and shouts of hallelujah could be heard throughout this hour. Following this was our delicious plated lunch of green salad, chicken breast with wild mushrooms, mashed potatoes and warm apple pie. They were still licking their lips 2 hours later. One key to victory is always a satisfied stomach! The “Tear Down the Walls for Peace - the End of the Era of the Cross” video tape was shown next. Archbishop G.A. Stallings was scheduled for his keynote speech at this point, but his plane was late. He was coming from the program in Atlanta and his plane not only had mechanical difficulties but also a medical emergency in its layover in Phoenix. AB Stallings was praying and holy salting all over the plane for it to get going. As soon as he arrived at the hotel (about one hour late), he quickly showered and ran down to the seminar room. We filled the “waiting time” with more spirit filled songs from the ACLC Choir. Mrs. Blinky Williams is really a very energetic choir director, so she made this portion exciting. Our Japanese sisters had now become Japanese African-Americans!! It looked like they were going to start speaking in tongue any minute! AB Stallings finally came into the room, which was filled with loud applause as he was introduced. Because his adrenaline was really flowing, he

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Oregon DP Clergy Seminar

by Rev. John Dickson

Our event was held April 12, 2003 at the Sheraton in the Garden rooms with a luncheon banquet served next door in the Atrium with floor to ceiling windows to a beautiful garden. It was a very beautiful venue for the event.

Rev. Fr. Muntean of the Descent of the Holy Spirit Romanian Orthodox Church opened the program with a prayer and a song. (When Rev. Ware was reading the 9 points of ACLC, he said that he recognized that language because he'd spoken it before). Father Muntean, Romanian Orthodox priest, studied 9 years at seminary and has read the Bible in Greek Latin and Eng-

lish was taking notes the whole time. He had never experienced anything like this kind of worship service. He and his wife sat at the front row and were engaged in the program from the first moments. They were joined at this event by their daughter, a medical doctor.

Rev. Jesse Edwards lit up the audience with a powerful presentation that was very personal and providential. He hit all the key points pouring out his anointing on all the participants. Most of our Japanese sisters had a tearful experience of the Holy Spirit for the first time. I believe that this will have a great impact on our minister outreach from this point forward.

We showed the video at the luncheon and because some of our pastors were in it, everyone applauded with enthusiasm. A great gospel performance preceded the video.

Rev. Johnny Pickett, who was very inspired in LA brought many members from his congregation. One of his ministers has been regularly giving him negative information from the internet about Rev. Moon. Pastor Pickett explained to me that he was so grateful for this event, because his 'researcher' ministers really got the message and was reborn. Now his ministry will explode. Rev. Pickett testified powerfully to the ACLC and Father's vision in our concluding call to action.

The Fleming couple testified powerfully to this new providence and pronounced their total willingness to work with God, Jesus and True Parents. The Flemings, Rev. and Mrs. Moonshik Kim, and the Munteans presided over the blessing ceremony in the afternoon.

We had an excellent keyboardist this time that enabled us to have songs between each part of the program and background chords for the keynote speech. This really creates a stronger spirit and made our program feel more like the national convocations.

At least four pastors are taking down the cross this week in Oregon. Everyone wants to go to Jerusalem. ❖



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gave the most powerful speech I've ever heard. Of course, his topic was "Trade Your Cross for a Crown". He spoke for 70 minutes and the guests were screaming with joy, shouting hallelujah, standing, jumping, waving their arms and hands. They were literally bouncing off the walls. You could hear AB Stallings all over the hotel. Hotel guests were listening in the hallways, people from other seminars at the hotel, would come to the hallway and stay there. Jesus was pushing him, Heavenly Father was pushing him, True Parents were inside of him. IT WAS POWERFUL!!!

Believe it or not, we still had more to go!! Our second keynote speaker was Rev. Michael Jenkins. This was a real powerhouse day. Not only did we have powerful local pastors in attendance but two holy speakers! One guest we were really grateful for was Mrs. LaDean Hill, spouse of the now deceased Rev. Dr. E.V. Hill. Before Dr. Hill passed, he told his wife, LaDean, and his choir director, Mrs. Blinky Williams, among others, that they must continue to



follow Father Moon and support all of our activities and events. Before Rev. Jenkins started his speech, he asked Mrs. Hill to come up to the stage where he publicly thanked her and Dr. Hill

for their love, support and dedication to True Parents and presented her with a beautiful evening bag and diamond zircon bracelet. She was given a standing ovation. Rev. Jenkins then gave a powerful speech regarding ACLC, their mission and the importance of all churches exchanging the cross for a crown through their local church ceremonies on Good Friday.

We closed at 4:15pm with another ACLC Choir song and a holy spirited filled prayer for peace and end the war by Dr. Jerome Fisher (Little Zion MBC).

His prayer content was wonderful. He supports taking down the cross, and first met Father 30 years ago. He was supposed to give the invocation, but due to circumstances, he arrived too late. But the closing prayer was best for him to lead, as he really understands this time in history and the mission of True Parents.

It was a great day and most clergy were flying high! On their way out, they demanded to know what is the date of our event next month?!?!?! They bought Divine Principle books!! They are ready!! God bless them and we gratefully offer this Los Angeles victory to God and True Parents. ❖



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crowns, as we rise up, in the role of a New Israel, to precipitate the tumbling down of the Jericho Walls.

Audience members rose to their feet in applause. Rev. Tevon Varlack then whipped out his trumpet and, in the spirit of Joshua 6:12-20, began to passionately blow it, as we envisioned the walls being torn down. On that note, we concluded with a closing prayer by Minister Mary Preston.

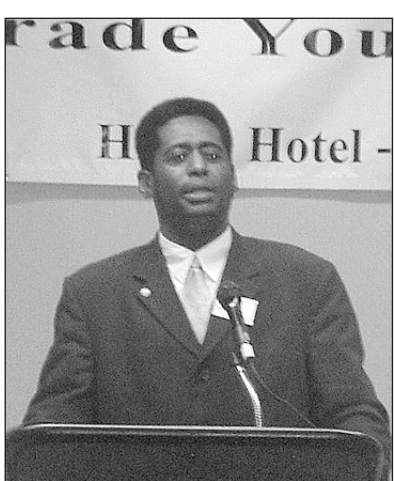
We thank God for the leadership of Regional Director, Bishop Gi Young



Shin. Likewise, we give thanks for Rev. Daugherty and Rev. Schanker, whose



support helped to make this conference the success that it was. ❖



Take Down The Cross - Boston

by Rev. Bismarck Bamfo

It is indeed unbelievable scene to see and witness in our life time the walls of races, denominations, religions and nationalities are all coming down. Above all, "Taking Down the Cross," what most Christians considered and believed to be the symbol of their hope and salvation is now coming down. Such a revolution is taking place because of the foundation of sweat, tears and blood of our True Parents and the sacrifices made in the cause of history.

Rev. John Kingara, Worldwide Greater Mission Church, Worcester, Massachusetts had an incredible understanding and experience during the Ocean City Divine Principle Workshop for Ministers. He confirmed his determination to remove the cross after attending April 5, & 14, 2003 One Day workshop both



in Boston, MA and Providence, RI respectively. The Cross outside his church was taken right after the said workshops. However, he was advised by Rev. Kil Hwan Kim, Regional Director to wait until April 18, 2003, for an official ceremony to take the Cross at his church.

Although headquarters sent liturgy outline, due circumstances every thing was rearranged after meeting with the Ministers present. Mrs. Hiroko Hiroi prepares the environment as she led everyone in singing. The invocation was given by Deacon Musee of Worldwide Greater Mission Church. The Seven words of Jesus to the Cross were read by our sister Catherine Ono. These set the stage for the Ministers present to give a short sermon.

Rev. Richard Wright, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Worcester, MA, (Signed Resolution) preached about the

need to re-examine the Christian belief system. He said, most of them were passed down to us without questioning its validity or basis in the scripture. We were misled concerning the meaning of the cross. Now that we know we have to get rid of it. Rev. Father Cecil Cozier, African Orthodox Church, MA (Signed Resolution) also emphasized the need to know the truth, practice the truth on earth and receive the crown of glory on the earth first before going to the spirit world. The reason is that, "Whatever is bind on earth is Bound in Heaven..."

The lead pastor Rev. Kingara preached repenting for placing the symbol of Satan's victory in the Church. "It is important to understand the heart of God towards the Cross. How will you feel looking at or keeping a car which killed your beloved son?" Rev. Kingara



read the book of Mark 16:1-20 pointing out that the signs given by Jesus himself to his disciples after his crucifixion and resurrection did not include that of the Cross. "It was introduced by Constantine, over 300 years after the death of Jesus. What is of God always unites his children. The fact that the Cross is a symbol of division, shame, suffering and bloodshed prove that it is not of God but Satan. On this 18th day of April 2003, we are beginning a new history. Pastors, please, help me to bring the cross down, because it is not of God but the devil."

After the Cross came down, the Minister on stage congratulated Rev. Kingara for his bold initiative and determination as the first pastor and church to take down the Cross in Massachusetts. Both the lead pastor and Rev. Wright took the cross outside and throw it into a garbage container.

On his returned, Rev. Kingara

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Take Down the Cross - Washington DC

by Rev. Kazuaki Ogawa

Bishop C. Phillip Johnson led the Good Friday service at New Prospect Family Praise and Worship Center in Washington, DC. About 150 people gathered with the support of ACLC ministers such as Dr. McGhee, Dr. Haupts and Min. Robb, and our Blessed Families centering on Rev. Lee.

"The BEGINNING of the END of the Era of the Cross" was the theme of this service and New Prospect Family offered such a historical gathering of "Taking Down the Cross."

One of the unique offering in the service was a drama, "Initiating the ERA of the CROWN" played by New Prospect Family members. Through this drama, they explained the history and origin of the Cross and its negativity.

Then, Bishop C. Phillip Johnson came out and spoke more about the End of the Era of the Cross and new era of the Crown. He said the Cross was a symbol of death, suffering and darkness and used as the instrument for

persecution and the weapon for the war. Cross brought separation among religions, and many people were persecuted in the name of the Cross. It was also influenced by the Paganism. We have to look for Jesus. People want to see Jesus Himself and not the Cross. Victorious Jesus who brought life and

the Crown is the symbol of life.

Dr. McGhee supported Bishop Johnson with his powerful speech and encouraged us to step out of the box. We were picked out, put down and picked up!

Then, in the solemn atmosphere, Bishop Johnson and Dr. McGhee started "Taking Down the Cross" and "Coronation" ceremony for Jesus and all who were there. The big wooden cross at Bishop Johnson's church was taken down, laid down and carried out of the room, and replaced by the newly designed Crown painted on the wall. Then, Bishop Johnson asked participants to come out to pick up their "crowns" (a paper crown and small pin). "The Old Rugged Cross" was sung throughout the ceremony and service was concluded with Bishop Johnson's remark, reminding us of our responsibility as a member of loyal family. Jesus promised that he would be seated on the throne of God, and we will be sharing it with sonship and kingship. But, we can't



sit on the throne with a cross. We have to take down the Cross and practice our loyalty with the Crown while we are on earth.

Whole service was very creative, inspiring and digestible, and everybody was lifted up in the end. It was really one of the historical services on Good Friday of this year. ❖



Take Down the Cross - Chicago

by Rev. Owens

As Rev. Randall would later say, it wasn't a Good Friday it was a great Friday. The day April 18, 2003 started out with an incredible Baptist Holy Day. Rev. Henry Hardy's Cosmopolitan Community Church hosted the all day event (literally 6 hours featuring 7 of the leading Baptist ministers in Chicago, each preaching on one of Jesus last 7 words. Chicago's patron saint and Baptist icon Clay Evans gave such a moving sermon on, "My God, My God, Why hast thou forsaken me?" Rev. Gregory Macon served as the Moderator for the Day. Rev. Macon is celebrating his anniversary this month. We had worshipped with him this past Sunday as he had invited ACLC Co-Convenor Pastor T.L. Barrett to give the word on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Macon, one of Pastor Barrett's spiritual sons, returned from Memphis, Tennessee to take over the reins at Pastor Amos Waller's Mercy Seat MB Church. This was the church that really launched Rev. Jenkins preaching career. It was also the host church for our first Chicago blessing in 1995. Representing Bishop Ki Hoon Kim and Rev. Michael Jenkins, I was



welcomed with open arms. Upon my return home, I told my wife that every major Baptist preacher in Illinois was present in the service. My wife then asked me, if God was also present. But I could say, yes he was. This was not a "political" or social service. It was 6 hours of ministers and congregants



celebrating the life of Jesus and celebrating the greatness and the goodness of God.

So the holy spirit was already really high as we arrived at Twelve Gates MBC on Friday evening to join senior pastor Rev. A.P. Randall and Rev. Benjie Owens to usher in their Good Friday, Take Down the Cross service.

The brand new West Side church was filled beyond capacity with over 20 pastors and 200 members in the congregation. As she always does, Rev. Owens had prepared a meticulous service to honor our God and our True Parents. The family federation flag hangs boldly on the wall of the brand new pastor's office.

ACLC Co-Convenor Dr. A. Harold White gave the first word of Luke 23:34.

He was immediately followed by Milwaukee's Bishop John T. Bishop Witherspoon arrived in the sanctuary wearing his red Bishop's Cloak

And sporting a golden jeweled crown upon his head. Bishop Witherspoon has already taken down the cross in his church. He now tells the members of his congregation that from now on I will carry only the crown. (Bishop Witherspoon not only took down the cross from his church two week ago, but every Thurs-



day he is teaching DP at his church. The day before Good Friday he held a DP class and lectured about the Messiah's mission and testified that True Parents are the Second Coming messiah. Rev. Isaac Strong, Sr. a veteran of CAUSA and Common Suffering for over 20 years spoke honestly and elo-

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Take down the Cross - Bronx

Removal of the Cross at the Pentecostal Family Center of the pastor, Archbishop Dr. Angel M. Torres in the Bronx, New York on April 18, 2003. The program was officially titled the True Holy Friday, Re-enactment of Jesus' Crucifixion and "From The Cross To The Crown." Archbishop Torres welcomed a full crowd in attendance that was a standing room only. He welcomed everyone to this True Holy Friday with gladly saying that it was not as much for the cross but rather for the Resurrection because for our people the cross has been a curse with the cross shaped he believed to be Y shaped to signify Yahweh who was wrongly treated and ridiculed to the end. He said the miracle is that of the Resurrection. All of us together united this evening is a real miracle.

Rev. Mrs. Zulma Torres attended along with their daughter-in-law(graduated from Columbia University) and members of the Church. Mrs. Torres remained for the entire program and she gave the Invocation prayer to start off the evening program. All the time she was very happy and expressed complete agreement during the program.

This whole evening has been truly made possible because of the leadership and inspiration of Bishop Dong Woo Kim who so faithful and powerfully conveys the direction and desire of the True Parents for this particular



historical event of the Holy Friday service of removing the cross together with the consent and supportive agreement of the pastors. The Archbishop Torres truly listens to and respects the Bishop Kim so there is the foundation of mutual trust and confidence that made this evening really possible. One thing leads to another. There has been no hesitation at all with Bishop Torres.

The Bishop Kim gave a very clear and inspiring explanation of the evening's purpose and its history. I could see that the ministers did agree and support his

ideas with his explanation on the points of tradition, symbols and truth and Jesus' meaning. We were thankful to Bishop Kim's detailed and simple observations leading us up to the Resurrection and letting go freely, prayerfully of the Cross for the Crown.

Next, the Bronx Family Youth Drama Committee presented a vivid and dramatically touching re-enactment of the Crucifixion. With the spot lighting, costuming, background music for effect, clear and emphatic reading of the exact Biblical version of the Crucifixion by Mrs. Lorna Galvan, and the heartistic preparation of the Bronx members the audience, particularly the ministers, expressed an appreciation and sentimentality with the salvational touch played out so well. The sounds of silence showed that everybody got something real out of the dramatic replay of Jesus' last hours before death by the Cross. This presentation was effective because the approach with its emphasis on Jesus' love and sacrifice and being made lonely hit the ministers right at home with a love for Jesus and a new focus on the victory of the Resurrection. The tapping sound of the make believe nailing of Jesus with the two criminals by his side left



people with a reflection type realness indicating that we have to take Jesus off his cross and finally remove the cross. The Christians are more and more turning to this type of historical re-enactment of the particular play like Jesus' crucifixion. The Church members were excellent with their seriousness, delivery, and their unity. They just wanted to do Father's Will.

Then Rev. Dr. Edward Chambers, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge in the Bronx spoke

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supportive words and shared how good for him and his Church that we work together. He brought his wife, son, and membership. He told us how meaningful the day was because we had just spent 31/2 hours in service listening to the reading and commentary of Jesus' Last Seven Words together at his Church and he really liked and appreciated ACLC rep. Rev. Esteban Galvan's participation.

He gave special emphasis that this day was important not for the cross but for the sacrifice of Christ not for one church, one family, one nation but that He gave his life for the sake of others, that is , all of mankind. He's been with us now for two years, completed 4 day DP seminar in Chicago, and he really hopes that our relationship will only get better. He's a loving person and is becoming really bonded with us in love and truth.

During the evening , we heard inspiring and new music appropriate with the evening and the occasion from the Bronx membership ACLC singing chorus. They sang Jesucristo, Gloria, Gloria, Halleluya, and Pescador de Hombres.

Archbishop Torres gave the main message of True Holy Friday and he was hot. As he put so well, 'Don't invite a Spanish Rabbi speak if you don't think it's not going to be long and hot.' He's said more than once that he's very clear that for him it's not the Cross. He's put it away and is one with our explanation of taking down of the Cross. He's not just doing it for this evening but getting behind this event and leaving the cross to rest. It's over and done with as he's said. Going back to the finale of the Crucifixion the Archbishop and Mrs. Torres together during the drama removed the thorny head piece from Jesus' head with the crown of gold indicating their feeling that Jesus should be seen in His love

and glory not thorns and gore. His powerful and apocalyptic preaching gave us the seriousness of this evening in this being a true miracle that we're together and nobody should be less or better than anyone else and we're all equal before God. We should love each other. He really gave his testimony in its realness and emphasized why he wants to work so hard with ACLC and its foundation of "family value". He put it very strongly that no one was supposed to hang on the cross, least of all, Jesus. He spoke against prejudice of

all kinds. He testified that when he attended True Father at East Garden he caught that story, metaphor of the light bulb and the message of black and white and having love and respect for all races and colors, with no hate toward anyone. He added how ACLC has brought True Family Values and at that point in his presentation he publicly apologized to his wife and how at times in his long ministry how he had forgotten her or not been enough for her. He had given his first sermon 53 years ago. He explained of a recent

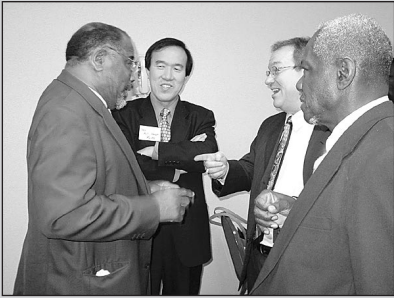
personal tragedy and he said we have to be like True Parents. I believe he made a nice spiritual slip that maybe he didn't totally know what he was saying. But this is good.

Next in the program, Bishop Moses De La Rosa testified how his life had been a blessing because of Jesus' healing him and giving miracles. He made reference how he'd been persecuted and told not to work with ACLC and he said 'as long as God does not persecute me, I'm fine.' Meaning, he's in with ACLC and he's not leaving us. He's got a very deep heart. He gave emphasis to Jesus' foundation and his work with ACLC and not the cross symbol. The words were good and well taken by everyone.

The high point of the evening came here when Archbishop Torres hand in hand took up the life-sized cross which traditionally was situated in the center of the altar , he removed from the altar, carrying the cross over his shoulder, leading all the clergy present in a procession from the altar through the church aisle and to the back out the door , chanting Halleluiah, together in unison, leading the clergy back to the front of the altar without the cross.

The evening didn't stop there because the spirit got higher and the Archbishop got more zealous and together with the clergy assisting he 'laid the cross down' on the altar to rest with the full intention of lifting up the resurrected Jesus. And everyone joined in with singing Jesucristo and everyone in the Church was waving a white handkerchief in praise and in spirit of the Victory of the Love of Son of God , Jesus and his resurrection everyone united in song and praise, giving thanks. Oh, God the evening was a True Holy Friday that all who participated and witnessed will be talking about and wanting to have in their Churches. So the evening didn't seem so radical and heretical. In the closing, Archbishop Torres and Bishop Kim embraced and everyone was happy. Rev. Dr. Margia De La Rosa gave ;us the final benediction. She is great. ❖

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read, "We have now concluded the era of the cross which a time when blood had to be shed due to the chosen people missing the time of His coming. Jesus victory on the cross was concerning how he loved all humanity at the pinnacle moment of his suffering. We are now entering the era of the resurrection in which we are now focusing on the era of life. He passed on crown to all the Ministers and the congregation." Rev. Gomes (Signed Resolution) offered prayer after the offering.

The final portion of the program was HDH reading, "The Life of Jesus as Seen from God's Will, and God's Warning to the Present Age, the Period of the Last Days, a speech given by True father

during the 20th Anniversary of the Washington Times Banquet, Washington Hilton, Washington, DC May 21, 2002. It was very powerful and appropriate for the occasion because it summarized what ACLC wanted to tell those present. The program ended with benediction from the lead pastor, Rev. Kingara.

Our next destination from Rev. Kingara's Church was the Church of God of Prophecy, Fall River, MA. Rev. David Solis whose denomination does not accept the cross invited us into his church. There was no formal ceremony held. Brother Beat Bauer did a very good job to bring it down without difficulties. It happened very fast. It was possible once again because of the merit of the age. A prayer was made and photos taken. ❖

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quently as his Fisk University Degree would expect him to exhibit. He was followed by Rev. Owens and Rev. Sutchar. Then Rev. Randall with his purple robes flying brought down the house as he waxed so eloquently the sermonette; "It is finished." (Rev. Randall, who is very short, as been described by saying, dynamite comes in small packages). To conclude, Rev. Joseph McAfee paid homage to Bishop Kim and our True Parents preaching on, Father, into thy hands, I commend my spirit." Rev. McAfee will host the Sunday Easter Service entitled, "Taking Down the Cross" and he has invited Bishop Ki Hoon Kim to deliver the message.

Finally, Rev. Owens had each pastor exchange their cross for the ACLC crown pin. Some of them will bring the cross to Israel and participate in its burial. Three churches asked to hold this service before rev. Owens, Twelve Gates Church was chosen. And again, on Easter Sunday, Pastor McAfee's Central United Community Church will host the service to Take down the Cross. 19 churches in Chicago, 9 in Milwaukee and 7 in Detroit will host the same kind of service.

For all of us, as we prepare and reflect on this Easter weekend, we need to only open our eyes to be amazed at the incredible response that True Parent's direction is getting from our Christian ministers. ❖

Argentina WFWP Conference

by Miguel Werner

On Thursday March 27, the WFWP of Argentina held an event which consists of a lecture given by Women who are contacts of the WFWP, a lecture of Divine Principle or Values, a Video about the WFWP International, songs etc.

The guests received a warm welcome by our staff sisters and those who arrived before the beginning of the event could enjoy a wonderful Music Video played on the screen.

The event was opened by the Words of the MC and Vice president of the WFWP in Argentina Mrs. Gloria Dantas after which the Japanese sisters presented a wonderful song (The Mother) part in Japanese and part in Spanish.

After this, the videotape “Women behind the scene” was presented to the guests.

Then came the lecture “Ecology And Environment, The Awakening of a Cosmic Conscience” given by Elena Faggionato (Social Worker and researcher on Cosmic Sciences and Metaphysics). The lecture was very deep and inspiring and was given in Powerpoint system showing the ecological disasters caused by human being, but ending with a invitation to change our attitude in front of a new world that’s arriving in which we will enter in a state of unity between the spiritual and physical world and she called to an awakening of the spirituality and love.

The audience had an opportunity to ask questions which were answered with a great knowledge on the ecological theme and the times to come as a consequence of the aggressions produced by men to the creation. Note: Mrs. Faggionato is niece of the last



Argentinean Constitutional President (1958-1962) Dr. Arturo Frondizi. This

lecture gave the way for our next lecture given by Mrs. Rosetta Castellón titled “The universal Principles and the goals in life”, a vision of the WFWP.

After this, Roswitha Giuliano, President of the WFWP in Argentina gave a short message about the urgency to educate people in Argentina on values and asked for a serious commitment to join the “Sexual Education in Values Campaign” titled “Towards a true revolution of sexuality, promoting lasting values”, which started in the beginning of the year 2002.

Finally, Gloria Dantas invited all guests to join the “Sharing the love “ Campaign, asking for voluntary donations in order to realize educational and solidarity activities, this campaign was initiated in Korea and started last year in Argentina.

We also invited the guest for the lecture next month given by the prestigious journalist Georgette Grayeb called “Women’s participation in the political changes through poetry”. ❖



Universal Ballet in Paris

Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet was performed on stage in Paris by Korean dancers. Universal Ballet’s rendition expressed the conflict between two families with dynamic group dancing and the two lovers’ heartrending passion was expressed beautifully. The performance lasted about two and a half hours. Pairs of males and females dressed in jeans gave the medieval love story a contemporary touch. They brought the evening to a close by descending from the stage to the audience with lit candles.

The briefest though intense wait for the reaction of the audience was instantaneously terminated by thunderous applause. The audience in the front row began to stamp their feet for the first curtain call. By the time all soloists and members of the corps de ballet had emerged for the third curtain call, the Palais des Sports was completely filled with the clapping of hands and the stamping of feet.

Paris is the Mecca of ballet. Universal Ballet’s debut in Paris was successful. In early March, the company had performed in Tours and Cannes, and the dancers were elated to finally arrive in Paris. Some two thousand seats had been filled, with ninety percent of paid tickets during the performances of Romeo and Juliet from the 14th to the 16th.

Dynamic group dancing and fierce fighting scenes captured the audience.



Love was expressed by the performers who played the roles of Romeo and Juliet with their body language, leaving deep impressions on their Parisian audience. Their magnificent costumes and props became the talk of the town. Some said that they were considering the sentiment of the Middle Ages “too much”. However, most of critics said that the sentiment of the Middle Ages was successfully expressed by Asians through classical ballet in spite of the fact that people talk about crisis classical ballet faces in general.

Yannick Stefani (48), a former principal dancer at the Paris Opera Ballet said, “The dancers’ ability of expression was outstanding and their dynamic group dancing made perfect ensembles.” He also said, “The interpretations of the dancers who played the

roles of Romeo (Jae-Yong Ohm and Wang Yi) and Juliet (Seh-Yun Kim and Hye-Min Hwang) were really magnificent”

The dance composition made in 2002 of Oleg Vinogradov who had led the Kirov Ballet for twenty years captured the attention of Parisians. Well-known dance critique, René Sirvin highly praised the performance in the review in Le Figaro (March 18) “Mr. Vinogradov’s dance composition brought out the feelings and heart more than performers’ dancing technique.” He highly evaluated the leading dancers’ expression of feelings and Simon Pastukh’s dignified

stage setting, Galina Solovyeva’s brilliant costumes.

Romeo and Juliet was followed by Shim Chung which opened on the 18th. Although it was quite a foreign theme for Parisians, about 1,700 audience watched it. It showed Parisians’ increasing interest in Korean ballet for a short period of time.

One of the audiences, Natalie Ferrera (33) said, “the theme was much easier to understand than I thought. The sailors’ dynamic dancing and Shim Chung’s dancing like a feather were really impressive.”

Julia H. Moon who is the head of the Universal Ballet played Shim Chung for sixteen years since the first Shim

Chung performance in 1986. This Shim Chung performance was a new beginning of new Shim Chung. Nan-Hee Yu (21), who graduated from the Korean National University of Arts this year and joined Universal Ballet, made amazingly soft and light-hearted movements as Shim Chung. She successfully assimilated the Shim Chung role and captivated the audience.

Julia said, “Korean dancers might not be the world’s best in dancing and acting. However we have the charm to convey moving feelings to the audience breaking down the wall between the stage and the audience seats. I believe our Paris performance proved it to be true again.” ❖



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by Joy Garratt

Bridgeport International Academy Develops New Programs

As Bridgeport International Academy, formerly known as New Eden Academy, prepares for its seventh year as an educational institution, new plans are being made for the 2003-2004 school year. The following is an interview with Dr. Hugh Spurgin, principal, Bridgeport International Academy, based on the most frequently asked questions.

How has Bridgeport International Academy (BIA) changed?

Our state approved, college preparatory school began in 1997 and has had four graduating classes. In order to focus on academics, two years ago we rented out most rooms in our dormitory and became primarily a day school. We now have a core day student population and have arranged home-stay opportunities for several international students. This was a successful move. We are proud of the academic achievements of our students and the quality of our character education / community service program. In 2001, one BIA student qualified as a National Merit Finalist.

Second generation students from the Bridgeport community make up the majority of our student body, although there are several non-Unification pupils, including two Seventh Day Adventist students. Also, we have established a home-stay program with local host families in order to accommodate international students who are enrolled at BIA. We have found this more stabilizing and economical than living in dorms; home-stay students have a family environment in a local home, while mingling with the growing and exciting second generation community in Bridgeport. An active World CARP chapter at the University of Bridgeport (UB) has a dedicated group of college students who provide Service for Peace activities, Sunday worship service, Friday evening gatherings, and sports activities.

Is there a way for students who do not live in Connecticut to enroll at BIA?

Yes! We found that running a high school dormitory is expensive since it requires providing meals, entertainment, transportation, medical attention, recreational activities and staff on a 24 hour basis. A core of families who live near UB are willing to host youth; for those interested in such an opportunity, we will seek a local family for them. This year we had seven home stay students. We may again open our dormitory to international students whose parents are willing and able to pay a substantial fee to cover the additional costs.

Who are your teachers? What courses do they teach?

Bridgeport International has a solid core of full-time teachers and adjuncts who teach foreign language, fine arts, and physical education courses. Most faculty members are graduates of Unification Theological Seminary.

Joy Garratt, the academic dean and English/world history teacher, is com-

pleting her master's degree in educational leadership and brings 15 years of professional training and experience teaching K to 12 both in America and Korea to our school. Tatiana Vyazikina, who graduated from a teacher's college in Uzbekistan and taught there, works with Joy



as an assistant teacher and monitors self-study, correspondence courses, and distance learning. .

Anthony Martinez, M.D. teaches health, biology, earth science, genetics, and oceanography, and serves as the Academy's medical doctor when health care is needed. Ambroise Katundu taught mathematics and physics in the Congo (formerly called Zaire) prior to graduating from UTS. Ambroise brings an in-depth understanding to the range of math and physics courses he teaches and assists BIA students taking calculus courses at the UB with their questions as well.

Nora Spurgin, in addition to serving as the dean of students, facilitates our character education and community service course which includes 25 hours of service per semester and discussions and presentations on values, ethical issues, and social and religious topics. Recently, students gave presentations on social issues, and the faculty presented the lives and teachings of the founders of the major world religions, including Unificationism.

Two months were also focused on marriage and family life preparation. In addition, Mrs. Spurgin teaches a course entitled College and Careers to prepare students to take standardized tests, complete college applications, and discover their own skills and career interests.

Along with my duties as principal, I enjoy teaching courses in U.S. history,

American government, and modern world history. With an M.S. in education, Kenya Sohn, the computer administrator, teaches several computer and computer graphics courses. As a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, he serves as the instructor for the BIA martial arts course. Kum Taek Oh, a master ceramist, teaches a much enjoyed, well-attended ceramics class in a university studio outfitted with pottery wheels and kilns.

For our Korean, Japanese, and Span-

ish courses, we have three adjunct instructors Yeonsil Choi, Michiko Kim, and Maria Balbin respectively. Students wanting to study other languages are able to enroll in university courses. Robyn Dilg, who has taught English as a Second Language (ESL) in Spain, is the primary instructor for our Intensive English program for students whose native language is not English.

What are some of the unique aspects of BIA?

Many BIA students have studied in a variety of languages, countries, methods and schools. As a small school, BIA can properly credit students for their varied past educational experiences and offer students an opportunity to tailor their academic curriculum and social experience into one in which they will thrive. While students must meet strict graduation requirements, we are flexible in our curriculum, offer personalized instruction, and provide opportunities to make-up courses through correspondence and distance learning courses

Our course offerings would not be complete without mentioning the wealth of opportunities available at the university. BIA has a special arrangement with UB and Housatonic Community College for juniors and seniors to take a maximum of four university courses per year which means 12 or more college credits. This



enables BIA students to broaden their horizons with a variety of English, science, mathematics, computer, psychology, foreign language, music, and fine art courses. They will receive both high school and college credit (this may vary by college). Thus, it is possible for a student to graduate from BIA with nearly one year of college credits – a tremendous financial benefit. Also, graduates of BIA receive a 30% discount in the costs of tuition at UB

Please describe your computer system.

BIA utilizes an NT network system for all of its computers, including those in the classrooms, the offices and the computer lab; thus, all computers have monitored-access to the Internet. We have just installed fourteen new study carrels and are preparing to purchase new computers for each carrel in the student computer lab. The computer lab is used for classroom instruction, multi-media presentations, self-study, independent research, and access to the distance learning curriculum. All students are taught computer skills and various software applications. We believe that an education is not complete without technological skills.

What are the Academy's plans for 2003-04?

Every year we develop new course offerings, upgrade our computer technology, and provide teachers with opportunities for professional development.

Several BIA teachers attended training in Phoenix in how to use a state-of-the-art, computerized curriculum called Switched on Schoolhouse (SOS) developed by Alpha Omega that exists in paper, CD ROM and online versions. We are pleased that it incorporates a general backbone of religious values without impinging on the specific subject matter of most of the courses, although we will also continue to use a variety of other educational curriculum. We have two plans for the SOS distance learning curriculum: (1) to provide a greater variety of self-study courses for BIA students who need to take courses that we are not able to offer to them at the moment; and (2) to provide the foundation for a distance learning program for students doing home-schooling anywhere in the world.

We intend to expand our ESL program for international students whose native language is not English. ESL students also take a variety of other courses as they are mainstreamed into the regular curriculum step-by-step.

What have your alumni been doing since graduating from BIA?

Students from the graduating classes of 2000, 2001, and 2002 have been accepted

by or are attending Bucknell University, Cornell University, Fordham University, George Mason University, Ithaca College, Mt. Holyoke College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, Temple University, Montclair State University Honors Program, and the University of

Bridgeport. Students with outstanding SAT scores have received a combined total of hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarship money.

Many students have chosen to do community service and volunteer projects following high school and are still in the process of applying to college. More than twenty former BIA students have jointed STF or ETF for either one or two years.

Do you offer scholarships?

We try to keep our costs as low as possible. At the present time, we do not have the resources to offer scholarships.

BIA intends to hire more teachers in the near future. Our Academy has a particular need for English and ESL teachers, although we will consider applications from both experienced and second generation teachers in a variety of disciplines. If you are interested in helping to build a college preparatory school in an exciting, dynamic location or in attending BIA, please write to Dr. Hugh and Mrs. Nora Spurgin, Bridgeport International Academy, 400 Linden Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604; phone (203) 334-3434; send an email to biahighschool@hotmail.com; or consult our website at <http://www.bridgeportacademy.org>. ♦

A Witness to the Lord of the Second Advent

reviewed by Bob Selle

The title of this memoir could well be “How Rev. Sun Myung Moon Has Influenced the Course of World History.”

From his unique position as special assistant and intimate of the Rev. Moon, Dr. Bo Hi Pak provides readers with a never-before-heard, behind-the-scenes running account of a variety of projects launched over the years by the famed Korean evangelist. These initiatives, Dr. Pak shows, profoundly altered the course of global events in the twentieth century. Rev. Moon’s works were crucial if little-known contributions to Ronald Reagan’s presidential victory, the demise of Soviet communism, and the beginnings of a thaw in the relations between North and South Korea, a thaw that he intends to carry through to an eventual peaceful reunification of the divided peninsula nation.

“This book does not aim to be nor can it be described as a history of the Unification Church or of the work of Reverend Moon,” says Dr. Pak. “Rather, this book seeks to be a testimony to ‘taste and touch’ Reverend Moon—his character, his thought, his true love—as experienced by someone who had the unique opportunity to be so close to him, perhaps as close as anyone else in history.”

This second and final volume of his memoirs is fascinating reading and covers the period from the 1980 U.S. presidential election to the present. Volume I dealt with the author’s humble birth on a farm, his time during the Korean War, his personal conversion experience, and his various high-profile missions in the Unification Church through 1978. Both volumes are suitable for morning or evening devotions. Volume II, in particular, illuminates the God-centered brilliance and spiritual profundity of the man who is emerging today to the acclaim of a growing body of Christian clergymen as the One to whom Jesus has passed his providential torch, the Lord of the Second Advent.

The memoir’s political content may strike the reader as unusual for a devotional text, but Dr. Pak succeeds in powerfully utilizing it as a backdrop for a variety of stories that illuminate Rev. Moon’s God-centered heart, passion, and intuitive capacities. The writer shows that, just as God often works His Providence through the political affairs of men, so men of God who want to help His Providence must work through these same affairs. (It’s not surprising that Dr. Pak focuses on the political dimension. For most of his life, he has been involved in world affairs, first as a diplomat in the Republic of Korea’s embassy in Washington, D.C., and later as president of The Washington Times Corporation, leader of the CAUSA International anticommunism movement. Rev. Moon’s envoy to presidents and politicians the world over, and organizer of the American Freedom Coalition, a 50-state government-interface organization that promotes values relating to family, faith, and freedom.)

BOOK REVIEW

“Messiah: My Testimony to Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Vol. II,” by Dr. Bo Hi Pak; translated from the Korean by Andrew Lausberg

One of Dr. Pak’s stories, which deals with the election of Ronald Reagan as president in 1980, shows Rev. Moon’s boldness, serene confidence in his relationship with God, and strategic brilliance—as least as interpreted by the world after the fact. Rev. Moon, Dr. Pak writes, had been appalled for years by President Jimmy Carter’s “naïve” human rights policy. The evangelist had criticized it loudly and frequently for penalizing America’s friends while turning almost a blind eye to the far worse abuses of communist regimes.

Rev. Moon prayed earnestly over who could effectively replace Carter. Finally, the Korean evangelist called Dr. Pak to a meeting and told him God had given him the answer. “If President Carter runs for office and is elected again,” Rev. Moon said, “the communization of the world is inevitable. The next president of the United States will hold the fate of the world in his hands, and Heaven has chosen Ronald Reagan. It is up to us to make sure that he is elected in the next election. I’m going to invest all our resources and manpower, all my fame, and even my life for this effort. Do you get the picture?”

So Rev. Moon ordered Dr. Pak to arrange a meeting with Reagan and convey to him the message that he, Ronald Reagan, was God’s very own candidate and that his election was assured—provided he was determined to “bring an end to world communism, which is the enemy of God and humankind.” Dr. Pak followed through with a meeting with the candidate in Toledo, Ohio.

Then, on November 3, the day before the election, Rev. Moon summoned Dr. Pak to his home to alert him to a miracle that the evangelist’s assistant would help bring about. The miracle would be overcoming Carter’s apparently huge lead in the polls and assuring instead that Reagan would be the winner—by a landslide. At the time, Dr. Pak was publisher of The News World, a daily newspaper in New York City founded by Rev. Moon. The evangelist asked Dr. Pak to run a big

headline predicting a landslide victory for the former California governor.

“It will be an earth-shaking victory [for Reagan],” Rev. Moon said. “Write it up so that all of America jumps with surprise tomorrow morning!”

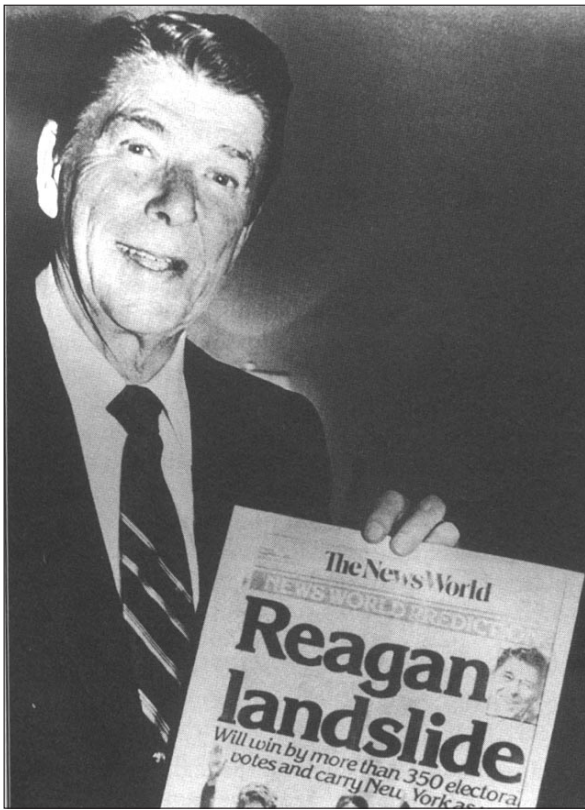
After a half-hearted initial effort by the News World editorial staff, Rev. Moon sat Dr. Pak down and asked him, “Bo Hi, if the third world war erupted, what kind of headline would you write?”

Dr. Pak replied that a mammoth banner headline would be in order.

“That’s it!” Rev. Moon cried out. “That’s the way you’ve got to write this prediction! This prediction is [figuratively] my declaration of a third world war!”

So it was that a Reagan-victory prediction story was crafted beneath the now-famous banner headline “Reagan landslide” in huge black letters that could be seen from far across a large room. Dr. Pak sent a bundle of newspapers to Reagan’s campaign office in California on that morning of Election Day, November 4, 1980. When the former governor saw the paper, he immediately brought a copy into the press room and displayed it to the amazement of all the newspaper and wire-service photographers and TV network cameramen. The image of “Reagan landslide” was broadcast all around the country, hitting most Americans before they voted with the subtle message, “Reagan is a winner!” Certainly it had an influence on how the election turned out, and political pundits were astounded by the genius of the “gambit.” What they glossed over, though, even though Dr. Pak plainly told the media, was that it had been hatched by the Holy Spirit.

There are also chapters devoted to Reverend Moon’s historic meetings with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and North Korean President Kim Il Sung from Dr. Pak’s unique perspective. They all contribute to a portrait of the Korean evangelist’s extraordinary character, spirit, and godliness and the powerful influence he has had on world



affairs.

In the last chapter of his book, Dr. Pak provides a broad analysis of both the progress and sins of the twentieth century. He contrasts the darkness of the past century with the light the Lord of the Second Advent is bringing. Running through the predictions of the Second Coming of Christ from Eastern and Western sources, especially the Book of Revelation, Dr. Pak declares that Rev. Moon is their fulfillment. He cites exactly what it will take to build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth—and what it will take for each person to become a citizen thereof.

He gives an eloquent testimony to the power of Rev. and Mrs. Moon’s marriage Blessing, calling it “the ark of salvation.” And he concludes by saying, “From these crossroads, where will humanity go? Will it be the new Kingdom, the ideal world? Or will it be destruction, the great cataclysm? The thing that decides it will be whether we board the True Parents’ ark or not. We are on the threshold of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Now is the dawning of heavenly fortune.”

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Blessing Candidate and Parent Workshop

by Matthew Jones

We had a small group of 11 candidates and 3 parents gather March 28th, 2003 at the UFC Building in Washington DC for a Blessing workshop. The goal of the workshop was to be an edu-

cational, inspiring and fun experience where 2nd Generation participants and their parents understand the Blessing more deeply and gain insights and tools to build a God centered marriage of true love.

In terms of educational content, the workshop covered three main areas: meaning, insight and skills.

“Meaning” is about understanding the Divine Principle and the value of the Blessing. This topic got the most attention. Rev. Shanker went into detail about explaining how Jesus could be born without original sin, and in that context explained the value of being a 2nd Generation.

“Insight” covered more internal guidance-related topics, such as why developing a relationship with our parents is an important part of preparing for the matching, understanding sexuality, understanding why drinking, smoking and drugs impede our growth and the importance of matching our words and deeds.

“Skills” taught useful communication techniques for effectively expressing one’s feelings that can be used by children with their parents and between spouses. These topics were covered by our presenters, Rev. McCarthy, Rev. Shanker and Matthew Jones.

Dr. Yang also gave a presentation



about Father’s work, using pictures and slides, so that the participants could understand who Father is by the work he is doing. Of course, we also had great entertainment, including skits prepared by the participants about the matching and blessing. ❖



Blessing Candidate & Parent Workshop at UTS with Dr. Chang Shik Yang, April 4 - 6, 2003

DP Educational Materials

by Eleonore de Watteville

Over the past 4 years my husband and I have worked on developing computer slideshows and videos for introducing DP.

We have posted information about the video tapes and the PowerPoint computer slideshow on a web site (<http://home.winfirst.net/charlesd/>). We are happy to give the PowerPoint files to anyone who would like to use them. We have them in English, Spanish, German, Italian, French and Tongan.

At this point only parts of the English PowerPoint files are available for downloading from the web. Any of the other files we can e-mail directly to you. Please remember, they are pretty large files. They use PowerPoint version 2000.

There are 3 lectures (taken from CARP CIS slideshow lectures):

1. The Hunger Within (Introduction) (3 MB zip file)
2. The Principle of Creation 1 (5 MB zip file)
3. The Principle of Creation 2 - Our Invisible Life (3 MB zip file)

We also created a video tape of all three slideshows with music and live introductions that is approximately 55 minutes. You can also see samples of the videos on the website. We are asking a donation for those. ❖

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IRFF-Tanzania for Zero AIDS Transmission

by Arnold Kashembe

When we look at Tanzania today ,we cannot but feel appealed by the rapid disappearance of the sense of moral and ethical consciousness. At the same time, anti-moral ways of thinking are rapidly increasing, modernization, introduction of formal school system, rural migration among other factors have disrupted the traditional systems of socializing young people for adult life.

As a resort, there is a general decline of health situation among the adolescent youths due to the involvement into unwanted health practices (pre-marital sex) leading to high risk situation including unwanted pregnancies, abortion, STI/STD infections leading to HIV/AIDS.

Promiscuous behavior among people of all ages has degraded the human

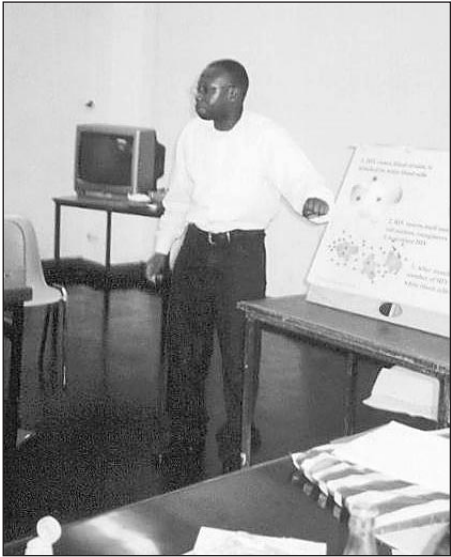
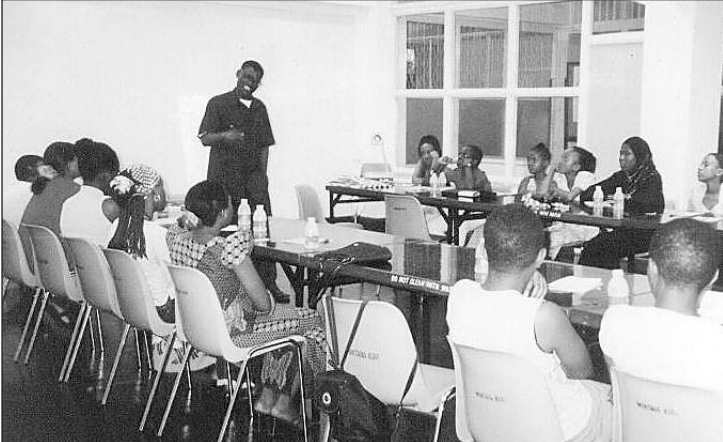


value of our society: No respect is seen among adults and youths, parents and children, husbands and wives. Considering these values degradation, the IRFF makes a difference; following the success of our HIV/AIDS radio program and the demands from different people ; the IRFF-Tanzania in

collaboration with ENVIRO-CARE has started the communities outreach program. The program focuses on going into

selected communities to teach the IIFWP Zero Transmission by using the flip chart. This program has been of interest to parents and youths that we train as peer educators in other to rescue their communities.

Recently we selected 25 active girls aged from 16 to 20 from different communities that underwent a training for peer educators. These girls are coming up with Anti AIDS CLUBS in their respective areas. We receive appreciation from parents and different peoples for this program. There is also a great demands of this program



from different regions of Tanzania.

Our message remains clear and healthy “Abstinence before marriage and Fidelity within marriage” ♦



RYS Upcoming Projects - 2003

by Rev. John W. Gehring

April 2-8 Kathmandu, Nepal

Promote World Peace through Religious Harmony while building a school for orphans.

May 21 - 25, Seoul, Korea

RYS supports the Inter-religious Peace Sports Festival - click here for more details.

June 8-15 Perlis, Malaysia

“Give life” to a delapidated seniors home in Perlis, a small quiet town in northern Malaysia at the border of Thailand

June 15 - July 2 Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala

Serve Rural Schools, help Los Amigos del Lago Atitlan and Global Education Partnership, two great NGOs in Guatemala in our first partnership with Global Peacemakers.

June 20 - 30 Jogjakarta, Indonesia

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A Cook for Camp Sunrise

by Debby Grodner

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40 YEARS IN AMERICA

by Dr. Michael Mickler

Dr. Mickler is Vice-president and Professor of Church History at the Unification Theological Seminary.

Following her address at Seoul Olympic Stadium, Mrs. Moon undertook a twenty-one city speaking tour in South Korea between May 11-June 2, 1992. This was followed by a “new round of speaking tours” in forty major Korean cities between June 10-30th. Mrs. Moon delivered two speeches each day, “a morning speech in one city, usually at 10:30 a.m., and a second speech at 3:30 p.m. in another city.” During the same period, several of the Moon’s elder children delivered speeches in twenty additional cities, bringing the total number of WFWP speeches delivered to eighty-one by the end of June. All of these speeches were preparatory to a culminating WFWP four-city tour between July 6-9, 1992 which featured joint appearances by Rev. and Mrs. Moon. This time, Rev. Moon took the lead in publicly and unambiguously announcing their position. In a speech, entitled “The Reappearance of the True Parents and the Ideal Family,” he declared:

“I have fulfilled my mission as Lord of the Second Advent, Savior and the True Parent. I am proclaiming this in this place because the time has come to do so. Those who accept this will be blessed. If this race listens to me, how good that would be for this country. How good it would be, if the statesmen listen to me.”

He also stated that Mrs. Moon had come to stand in an “equal position” with him. Rev. and Mrs. Moon’s speeches, delivered to WFWP audiences totaling some 73,000 in Chungju, Pusan, Kwanju and Seoul were subsequently published in national newspapers throughout Korea. However, these pronouncements were limited to Korea. There remained the challenge of declaring their messiahship on the world stage.

The venue for this was the first Word Culture and Sports Festival held in Seoul, August 19-30, 1992. Rev. Moon stated his intention of sponsoring an “Olympics of World Culture” following the conclusion of the Seoul Olympics in 1988. The World Culture and Sports Festival essentially represented the culmination of Rev. Moon’s worldwide activity, bringing together representatives from all of the organizations he had initiated. The Festival included the nineteenth International Conference the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS), the fifth International Congress of the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), the twelfth World Media Conference, the fifth Summit Council for World Peace, the first Women’s Federation for World Peace convention, the third Assembly of the World’s Religions, and the eighth CARP Convention of World Students which also included the Hanmadang Sports Festival. The centerpiece of the Festival was the International Holy Wedding of 30,000 Couples in Seoul Olympic Stadium on August 25, 1992, the largest Blessing yet conducted by Rev. Moon.

On August 24th, in the evening prior to the Blessing, Rev. Moon hosted a banquet for more than a thousand selected participants from the various conferences at the Little Angels School. In his banquet speech, “Becoming the Leaders in Building a World of Peace,” Rev. Moon reviewed his life course, noted that the Festival was “an occasion to let the entire world see, and to offer to God, the harvest reaped from the seeds I have sown and nurtured,” and proposed the creation of “The House of Unification for World Peace” as “a structure for the peaceful unification of the world.” However, the real focus of the speech was his announcement of the declaration he

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Peace. There I declared that my wife, WFWP President Hak Ja Han Moon, and I are the True Parents of all humanity. I declared that we are the Savior, the Lord of the Second Advent, the Messiah.”

Rev. Moon described the announcement as “astounding and fearful.” He stated that he made it before women leaders because “women are the central point for the love, peace and spirit of service that protect our families, and it is the healthy family that must be the starting point in our work to build world peace.” He continued, saying that “The establishment of God-



centered family ethics and the education of our children lie at the innermost core of my teachings” and that his declaration was “an exhortation to all who follow my teachings to join Mrs. Moon and me in our attendance to God on the path of sacrifice and service for the salvation of this world.” Almost immediately following the Festival, Mrs. Moon departed on a global speaking tour, delivering a speech on “Women’s Role in World Peace” to public WFWP gatherings in cities on four continents. She spoke in seven Japanese cities, eight cities in the U.S., eight cities in Europe, Moscow in the C.I.S., three cities on the Pacific Rim, and in Beijing, China.

It was somewhat unclear whether Rev. Moon’s banquet declaration was directed primarily to the selected guests, to his followers or to history. As noted, he described the declaration as “an exhortation to all who follow my teachings” to join he and Mrs. Moon in their work. Of course, following his teachings could be interpreted broadly or narrowly. There also was a sense in which Rev. Moon was speaking to history, defining the way he intended his life and ministry to be understood and experienced. He waited nearly half a century to make the declaration and, according to his special assistant’s testimony, was “proud of it” and considered that it “completed my mission.”

Predictably, the declaration generated conversation and controversy among those in attendance, though less so among the scientists and former heads of state than among the assembled religious leaders, especially those who viewed it as a contradicting the purposes of their interreligious dialogue. Dr. Richard Rubenstein, Distinguished Professor of Religion at Florida State University, spoke immediately after Rev. Moon, stating:

“I must confess that as a historian of religion...I find your explicit and unambiguous sharing with us of your understanding of who you are to be one of the most extraordinary moments of my entire career.... For myself and for many of my peers whose vocation is the scientific study of religion, awesome religious

Heung Jin Nim

had made previously, “In early July, I spoke in...cities around Korea at rallies held by the Women’s Federation for World

inspiration is something that happened, if at all, long ago. We are more comfortable studying derivative accounts of religious inspiration and revelation in books and manuscripts. Engaged in this labor, we are interested in our subject matter; we are calm; we are dispassionate and without inner disturbance.

“The situation is radically transformed...when we are confronted by an inspired religious leader whose vocation is in the process of unfolding even before our very eyes. We are not accustomed to such a manifestation of spiritual power and charisma. Our scientific and professional training has not prepared us for the encounter. Hence, we guard ourselves...[and] our discomfort before it. Nevertheless, the spiritual power is there, and, whatever may be the religious tradition in which we are rooted, we feel it.”

Some participants felt Rev. Moon’s declaration was out-of-bounds and complained of being used. However, there were remarkably few defections among the leadership of the various affiliated organizations. More than a hundred conference participants, none of whom were members of the Unification Church, participated in the next day’s Blessing ceremony at Seoul Olympic Stadium. Still, there were some bruised sensibilities among participants in the Assembly of the World’s Religions. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, chairman of the sponsoring organization, summarized the movement’s position on Rev. Moon’s declaration in farewell remarks at the Assembly’s closing banquet:

“He [Rev. Moon] has already spoken straightforwardly to you about his mission, and there have been straightforward responses. He recognizes and appreciates the important theological concerns, and the conceptual difficulties that stand in the way of a full meeting of the minds on certain issues. However...he does not consider his understanding of his mission as interference with his resolve to promote inter-religious harmony.... This address was in no way intended to create distance or present a barrier...he remains ever committed to working with you, respectfully and cooperatively, believing that while there are points of difference, there are significant points of similarity....he welcomes your collaboration in the great and necessary task of creating world peace.”

While no one at either of the banquets could be certain about the outcome of Rev. Moon’s declaration, it was apparent that there were ample topics for dialogue.

Spiritual Revival

During the 1970s and early 1980s, Rev. Moon concentrated his activities almost exclusively in the United States, conducting evangelical tours between 1972-76 and building an institutional base between 1977-85. After 1985, he shifted the focus of his ministry, conducting concurrent marches on Moscow and Korea between 1985-92 which this chapter has documented. While he elevated his ministry to the international level, the real focus between 1985-92 was on Korea. Rev. Moon hoped to harvest the fruits of his worldwide ministry there and to play a central role in the nation’s reunification. This was apparent in the succession of the movement’s annual mottos after 1986: “The Unification of the Fatherland” in 1987 and 1988; “The Unification of Korea” in 1989; and “The Unification of My Nation” in 1990 and 1991. There was a sense that Korea as the holy land of Unification faith

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and Spiritual Revival

was always the internal focus of Rev. Moon's ministry. The difference was that between 1985-92, it became the substantial focus as well.

From the perspective of the American movement, this shift was not a negative development as it built upon the foundation of Rev. Moon's foundation in America, and activities in Korea as well as in the C.I.S. required the assistance of American members and their contacts. Still, the situation had changed. The most fundamental change was that after being at the center of Rev. Moon's attention for nearly a decade and a half, the U.S. movement was less in a central than a supportive role. The movement continued to fund *The Washington Times* and its oceanic enterprises as well as a broad array of educational and interreligious non-profits in the U.S. However, rather than breaking new ground, this support served to maintain and extend activities already in place. The only dramatic new initiative in the U.S. during the period was the Professors World Peace Academy's acquisition of a controlling interest on the Board of Trustees of the University of Bridgeport, Connecticut in 1992. This was a hotly contested and highly controversial situation that resurfaced anti-Unification Church sentiment and recalled the "cult wars" of the 1970s. Nevertheless, apart from the University of Bridgeport involvement which occurred at the end of the period and had more relevance for later developments, the cutting edge of the movement's efforts between 1985-92 was not in the U.S.

The membership in America plunged into CAUSA signature drives and recruitment for ICC minister tours as they had with previous providential tasks. However, there was an undeniable void. This was not simply due to the numerous and lengthy absences of Rev. and Mrs. Moon. It was more due to the fact that their interest lay elsewhere. In reality, this shift of focus offered the American movement and its membership possibilities for growth, especially a deepening of its spiritual roots. The wider culture, for the most part, still held them in contempt, and the movement's Asian leadership, including Rev. Moon, told them on numerous occasions that they were horizontal and individualistic, lacking in dedication, and spiritually dry. In addition, members continued to struggle with the conflicting demands of family and mission responsibilities. Some struggled with additional issues such as infertility or infidelity, matters that struck at the heart of their faith. In summary, at the grassroots level, the American movement was primed for a spiritual revival.

It would be a mistake to assert that these issues were unique to American members. The membership worldwide tended to regard their efforts as inadequate. While the True Parents turned some of their failures into victories, most felt that they had increased rather than lessened the True Family's burden. Some self-abasement was rhetorical. In other words, it was considered good form to depreciate one's own efforts and attribute all success to heaven, the True Parents, or one's superiors. Also, no segment of the movement was exempt from Rev. Moon's scolding. If American members labored under unflattering comparisons to Asians, Rev. Moon reversed field when addressing Korean audiences, comparing their settled state with the suffering and sacrificial efforts of American witnessing and fundraising members. And his criticism of the U.S. and American members paled in comparison to his treatment of the Japanese.

Again, some of this was rhetorical. However, other aspects of the movement's sense of inadequacy or even failure were rooted in fact. The world was still an unfriendly place for most Unificationists after 1985, and despite certain gains, no country or culture held members in high esteem or considered them part of their mainstream. Beyond this, there was disunity among members themselves, which

raised the question of whether the movement truly offered the promise of transformation or, in fact, mirrored the world's divisions. Korean, Japanese and American members had problems understanding and trusting each other. European members perpetuated centuries-old conflicts, and native African members distrusted their missionaries. The movement's interracial, international and intercultural marriage blessings were a witness to the ideal of unification. Yet, in some cases, blessed marriages were religious, racial and cross-cultural battlegrounds. The high regard that members had for Rev. and Mrs. Moon held the movement and many marriages together externally. Internally, members often felt impoverished. In this respect, not only the American membership but the worldwide Unification movement of the mid-1980s was ripe for revival.

A revival did come. It was not a conventional revival, and in the end it raised a number of troubling questions. Nevertheless, it had a profound effect on many members. Rev. Moon and numerous participants described it as a "Unification Pentecost." In outline, it centered around extraordinary experiences that an increasing number of members had with Heung Jin Moon, Rev. Moon's deceased second son. Shortly after his death on January 2, 1984 as a result of a car accident, a number of spiritually sensitive members in a variety of locations throughout the world claimed to have received messages and direct guidance from him. These appearances were particularly intense during the forty days following Heung Jin Nim's Sung Hwa or "ascension" ceremony, after which they subsided for three years. A second phase, associated with the ICC minister conferences, began in 1987 and led to widespread channeling of Heung Jin throughout the movement. This phase quickly escalated into a third, culminating phase in late 1987 and 1988 when Heung Jin Nim was under-



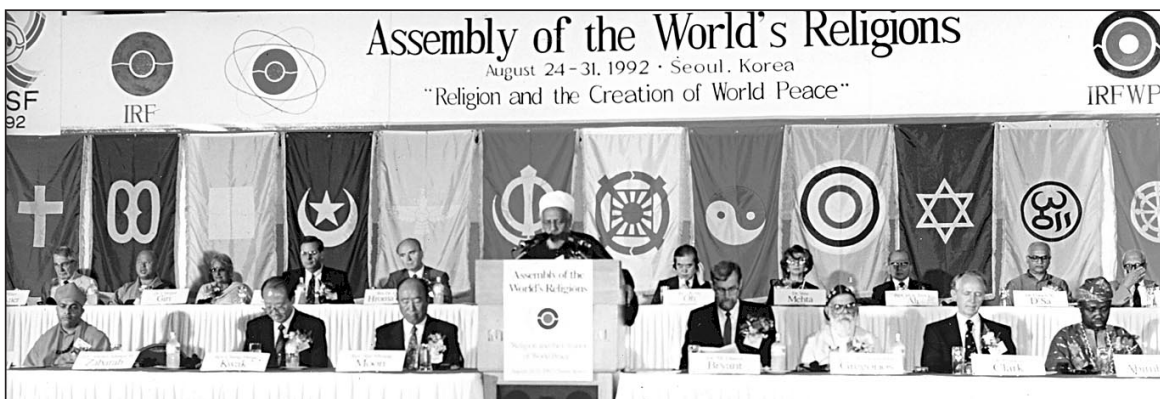
Hose, a major ICC leader, wrote, "I had reached a point of real dryness...feeling that my love channel was cut off, that I was just going through the motions in my work." He also generalized beyond his situation to that of others: "I could give lectures to thousands of people on the Principle and explain how much God loves each and every one of us, but I could not really accept in my heart that God loves...[me]. As I look around our American movement, I find that there are a lot of people in the same position."

The Heung Jin Nim phenomena addressed these areas of need and more, empowering members in

their public missions and personal lives. In Britain, a forty-day witnessing condition under the guidance and in the spirit of Heung Jin Nim between January 21 and February 29, 1984 gained 733 new members. Although many of them signed associate rather than full-time membership forms, the British Church surpassed its original goal of 200, and its revised figure of 500. ICC staff also attributed break-

throughs with Christian ministers to the influence of Heung Jin Nim. At the church's World Mission Headquarters in Manhattan, a small prayer group exploded from five or six people to 150 within a few days once several participants began channeling Heung Jin Nim. At the church's seminary in Barrytown, New York, a small prayer group likewise expanded to the whole community, and a student-sponsored "Soul of Russia" prayer walk grew from 20 walkers in the previous year to more than 200 with front-page coverage in local media. This, as well, was attributed to Heung Jin Nim's direct involvement.

Received messages affirmed that Heung Jin Nim wanted to be close to each and every member, that he was "their brother, not only some distant Lord," that God had not forgotten their sacrifices, and that they were "beautiful children—each one handpicked." In the face of contempt from without the movement and scolding or layers of hierarchy within, affirmations of this sort were deeply stirring. Heung Jin Nim also held forth the promise of overcoming barriers and disunity among members. As one account put it, he came "as a great equalizer and redresser. No single nationality is superior or inferior." Position, organization, self-consciousness and image were out. Heartistic unity was in. ❖



The Opening Plenary at the Assembly of World Religions, Seoul, August, 1992

stood to be embodied twenty-four hours a day in a young Black Zimbabwean member who led a series of revival meetings attended by thousands of church members worldwide.

There were several reasons why this revival took hold. The first factor, already described in general terms, related to the membership's receptivity, indeed, hunger for revival. The editor of *Today's World*, the church's world mission magazine, summarized the situation: "The last few years...have truly been painful for me in that it has been increasingly difficult to find the fresh enthusiasm and purity of heart that I felt was a precious, core aspect of our movement. Those who join the Unification Church have to be among the most fundamentally idealistic people on earth. Yet the perspective of many brothers and sisters had become tinged with cynicism, revealing the hurt, disappointment, and resentment that had accumulated from Satan's attack on our ideals. Our original mind's expectations for ourselves and each other—leaders and members—had been too often betrayed. I and many others were praying desperately for some sort of rebirth or revival, but we had no idea from where it would come."

Prior to "having experiences with Heung Jin," David

by Nadine Andre

A new, subtle addition to IIFWP Conferences has been the development and deliberate effort to weave within the evening entertainment, artistic and creative interpretations that use and incorporate key conference themes.

Traditionally, the evening dinners and opening and closing banquets have included some type of entertainment. Recent attempts however, have been made to build a greater synchronicity between conference themes and the choice and content of entertainment, providing a greater synergy and connection within the creative process.

As my background has been in the theater it has been a logical progression for me to move in this direction. I often see conferences as a type of theatrical event that takes participants on a journey of transformation from the beginning to the conclusion, with its high points, low points, climaxes and resolution, all ingredients of great drama.

Working with Mr. David Eaton, Director of the New York City Symphony, an accomplished composer, conductor and arranger and long-time colleague, the partnership has been natural and effortless. We have both waged throughout the years our subliminal and clandestine campaigns to bring the elements of art, harmony, beauty and grace to the sometimes vigorous and heady proceedings of conferences.

Working closely with many academics and PhD's, I imagine if I were to do a thesis it would be to study how to integrate the process of creativity in diplomacy. Many times in creating, whether

collaboratively or alone, there is a process of brainstorming or putting out on the table all possibilities without censure, judgment or attachment. And then by a process of refinement and paring away, you wean away the unnecessary parts and are left with the best of the best.

There is a freedom and release in being fully self-expressed that is quite liberating. We can all think of a time where we have "let it all out," and it has felt good. Unfortunately, it is this same process that has also deemed many artists insane or have caused them to push the limits of decency and ethical behavior. But there is a thin line between insanity and genius and as we learn to perfect our characters we can master these elements and use the creative process for transformation and growth.

I like to equate the process with a painter facing a blank canvas. Sometimes you might know beforehand what you want to paint. Other times, you must mix all the colors and lay them out on your palette, then by seeing them laid out, you can choose which ones you will use, by seeing first all the possibilities in front of you. Also, there is the process of allowing yourself the freedom to change your idea or concept in midstream, if the need be or the vision changes.

There is often not very much lead-time in putting the conferences together, thus the entertainment as well. We

have to use various creative brainstorming techniques. For the Middle East Peace Initiative, we sat around the evening before the Opening Night, not knowing what we would do, so we did a structured brainstorming where for about 1/2 hour the parties involved put all possibilities on the table. There were no rules except to not judge another's idea. Through this process we were able to come up with several possibilities and what emerged was a montage of bringing Jewish, Islamic and Christian oratory and song together, with the attempt to dramatize the IIFWP Founders words.

In a piece we put together for the

has been a common thread woven throughout all great and noble traditions.

Recently, we brought a very unique dance company, "Silkroad," to work with us. The artistic director has spent the last 15 years of her career working on bringing Middle Eastern and Eastern European dances to a Western audience after spending many years in Uzbekistan. When she began, the dances were foreign and many of her colleagues tried to dissuade her because they were not familiar with these dances. Who was interested at that time in Kurdish folk dancing? However, who could have foreseen the recent turn of events, where now her company is in great demand and there is great interest in their work.

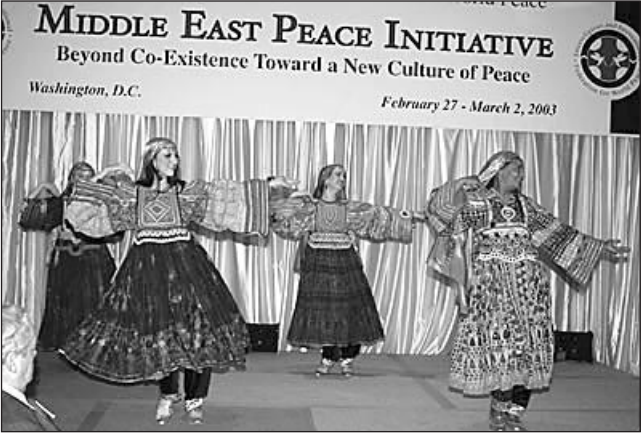
Often the proceedings and events of the day can be intense. During the recent Middle East Peace Initiative, there were some very heated moments, where emotions ran high. During the third evening after the first folkdance, there was a spontaneous joyful outburst by Jews, Christians and Muslims, Israelis and Palestinians alike, coming onto the stage to sing in unison. It was quite beautiful and through that simple act you could feel that peace was indeed possible. There is a catharsis that comes about through singing, dancing, and being joyful. In modern times

we have confined those activities to professionals, however the truth is everyone can sing, dance and be playful. These are all expressions of cultural joy. Each culture has its folk traditions of music and dancing. These are natural human inclinations to be encouraged in any culture. I remember in my youth, my mother and father would dance and teach me how to dance and it worries me when we lose these things in modern life.

I acknowledge and commend the IIFWP organizers for seeing the importance of this aspect of culture. Just as many of our colleagues argue the need for religion in political, economic and human affairs, I expand the case and urge the need for culture and art as well. The first known formal theater, as we know, were traveling minstrel groups that would portray the biblical stories called miracle plays.

One of the fascinations modern culture has, I believe, with popular music which oftentimes gives misguided messages, is because we've lost the music, dance and joy in our own lives, particularly young people. So we look to these other means. Young people walk around with headphones stuck in their ears in order to feel "something."

Perhaps by bringing these joyful elements back into our lives, we can all embrace the creative spirit that is imbued in all of us, young and old, and go beyond our often held self-imposed limitations, striving to push out the boundaries within ourselves. When we allow ourselves to live creatively, by our very doing, we give others the permission to do the same. ♦



Conference held in September 2002, "The Role of Religion in Peace and Security," prompted by the vision of Dr. Walsh, we put together, "The Hope Of All Ages," patterned after the IIFWP motto, "The Hope of all Ages is a Unified World of Peace." This is a piece still in development which seeks to trace through music, verse, drama and dance the fact that throughout history there

FOR KIDS

by Françoise

Find the seven differences between these two drawings of storing away the cold weather clothes

Help them find the closet

Moment of Meditation

Every time I hear Divine Principle I apply it to myself.



PAUL
CARLSON

Mr. Carlson is involved with
marine aspects of the
Providence in the Bay Area

This article is about history. In the April 1993 issue of this newspaper, I wrote about some of my own experiences in the church, and invited others to share their testimonies. Since then, a whole series of books about church history have come out. Most recently, the large *We Will Stand* commemorative book.

Herman Wouk's novel *The Winds of War* follows the life of a fictional military officer named Victor 'Pug' Henry. (He was portrayed by Robert Mitchum in the lengthy TV miniseries.)

In the story, Henry and his family manage to encounter most of the major historical (and thus Providential) figures surrounding World War II. Without becoming famous themselves, the Henrys witness the entire course of the war.

For this article, I'm going to write about a few of the people I've met over the years, and testify to their little-known role in some of our movement's greatest accomplishments.

I joined the church in 1975 and, without really trying, I've managed to stay close to the 'front line' of activity. This has given your author the opportunity, and the honor, to witness the actions of many who have achieved for more than I.

Here I will tell three stories, in order of their occurrence. As I write this, dozens of names come to mind. I'd love to mention them all, but in this limited space I can only focus on a few key individuals.

Yankee Stadium

The first story involves my own mother, Serenity Carlson. She joined the church in 1976, in Oakland.

Among other things, she ran the HSA Publications Dept. in New York, while doing Home Church in one of the city's toughest housing projects. Later, she made two solo missionary visits to Zambia in Africa. As far as I can determine, she is the oldest person ever to serve full time on the National MFT.

In the summer of 1976, Serenity traveled cross-country with a group of Oakland members to attend the Yankee Stadium rally. They were seated behind home plate, near the member's parent's section.

What happened next is familiar to all, but not the full details. The Oakland members, led by my mother and one brother, were singing songs. They continued as gusty winds blew away many of the decorations, and prevented a hot air balloon from flying over the stadium. They were aware that the weather forecast called for rain showers.

Just before the program was to open, a heavy downpour began. The church members responded by chanting the event's motto, "Let's Go Over," again and again.

Meanwhile, Serenity and the other brother jumped back up. They began to sing "You Are My Sunshine." The Oakland group sang along, and within moments the entire stadium picked up the refrain.

I did also, from my assigned seat high in the upper bleachers. Only later did I learn of my mother's role that day.

Serenity now lives in her home town

area, in North Dakota.

Pictures

Fundraising is a key activity in our church, and it's practiced by our members in almost every nation. The local Korean members don't fundraise, but members from several other nations have been successful at it, in that newly-prosperous country.

Nearly all of our first generation members spent time fundraising, and now with the STF, our second generation is also enjoying this formative experience.

The second series of events took place in 1978-79, while I was serving as an MFT regional manager under Jack Hagel. Our region encompassed several western states, including Arizona and Colorado.

I don't know if he was the first, but for one Mother's Day, Mr. Hagel organized corner flower stands. None of us had ever tried it before, but with improvised signs, and Phoenix city permits in hand, we made a good go of it!

One of today's most popular fundraising products is the shiny, metallic 'impact' picture. They are colorful, and appear to have a depth not seen in ordinary pictures.

On a sunny day in Phoenix, Arizona, two of our MFT sisters encountered a young man selling impact pictures. (Due to their famously litigious nature, I will not name the religion to which this man belonged.)

The sisters, Maria Caputi and Theresa Hile (then single) were quite impressed, and the other man rightly grasped the potential of further cooperation. He met with Mr. Hagel, then trained several of our members in the handling and presentation of these pictures.

Soon we were buying them in quantity, and offering them both 'plain' and with wooden frames. We used luggage wheels to move them around, and then custom-made wooden carts. This was extremely successful, and within a few weeks, other MFT regions began using them as product.

One interesting note: inflation has affected fundraising as it has everything else. We were asking a one dollar donation for the plain pictures, and a whopping fifteen dollars with the wooden frames. Now, the picture alone is offered for fifteen—and I'm afraid to ask how much they are with a frame...

Malls

A few weeks later, I moved to Golden, Colorado (near Denver), along with the regional office. Our brother Reid White had just broken his jaw. It was wired shut, making it difficult for him to fundraise, so we had a lot of time together. Meanwhile, Mr. Hagel, was looking for new fundraising ideas.

We hit upon the idea of marketing the impact pictures, and perhaps our other items, in busy public areas. We phoned every mall in the Denver area, until we found one that was willing to try our idea. Our members made a booth, and set it up in the walking area in between the stores.

It was a big success, and the idea spread across the country. Other people observed this, and competition sprang up. Within two years John Hessel had organized a company to focus

exclusively on this type of marketing.

These days, it's hard to find a mall that *doesn't* have its own permanent booths set up.

Idaho

The third series of events took place in Idaho. Eventually, they culminated in New York City.

In 1983-84, I served with the IOWC under Mr. Jim (Timothy) Comey. We traveled the western states until, in May 1984, we settled down in Idaho and established nine pioneer centers.

I was assigned to Twin Falls along with a British brother, Jim Owen. We worked out a method of fundraising adapted to our area, canvassing the isolated farms and ranches via bicycle, leaving the town itself to be 'hit' by numerous mobile teams.

In this way, *we* did not have to travel far, and were in fact home each evening. Thus we were able to establish Home Church areas, and set about meeting with every minister in town. We also encountered many conservative activists, and even the handful of liberals in the area.

Our best contact was a long-time activist named Paul Victor. As faithful Mormons, Paul and his wife Ruby had no trouble accepting us, and began working to support our activities. (Several of our other pioneers also met brave patriots in their towns.) With much assistance from Rosemary Yokoi, the Victors were able to bring almost half of Idaho's government (all three branches, plus local officials) to CAUSA conferences.

They also supported our Religious Freedom conferences, and we helped with some Mormon-founded projects.

Later, this paved the way for many Idaho clergymen to visit Korea.

Trophy

When Rev. Moon was about to be released from Danbury prison, Mr. Victor decided it would be a good idea to present him with a plaque, to thank him for his efforts on behalf of freedom. It was to be signed by as many Idaho VIPs as possible.

Mr. Comey assigned our brother Will Ramos to accompany Mr. Victor, and in a couple of days they gathered some forty signatures. Meanwhile, our Korean Regional Leader, Rev. JH Pak, had an inspiration. Instead of an ordinary little plaque, he thought, how about a large (sports type) winner's trophy?

The trophy was created, with Mr. Victor's dedication and the VIP signatures engraved on it. Two Idaho legislators, Dieter Bayer and Robert Forrey, volunteered to present it to Rev. Moon.

A photo of the event was published on the front page of the *New York Times*. This photo, along with a much-reproduced editorial cartoon from the *New York Post*, radically changed the public's perception of Rev. Moon, and of the outcome of his prison ordeal.

Both of those Idaho officials sacrificed their political careers for that courageous act. However, in the years since, they have been greatly blessed, and enjoyed success in other endeavors.

I have touched upon only three events which I have personally witnessed. Many others are being recorded in new books and articles. Recently, Rev. Yang created a fascinating PowerPoint presentation about his many experiences with the True Parents.

There are hundreds more stories waiting to be told. If you know any, please set about recording them.

Our new Book of Acts is going to be bigger than the Encyclopedia Britannica! ❖

Teaching English Conversation at Sun Moon University

by Lynne Kim

The Foreign Language Institute at Sun Moon University will be hiring three more native-speaker English conversation lecturers for the fall semester. Information about the jobs and application forms will be available on the university's web page probably from late Monday, April 21, 2003. The English information will probably be at the bottom of the pop-up that appears on the web page.

The minimum requirement for the lecturers is a Bachelor's degree in any field. The hoped for, ideal qualification would be a Master's degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages) . PhDs would of course be welcome, but the position is a teaching position, not a research position, and it is not on a tenure track.

Salaries start at 22,000,000 (won) a year paid in 12 installments. People with extensive experience or advanced degrees qualify for a higher rate. Housing is provided: a dorm room for single people, or a small one-room apartment for married people. A shared office is provided with a private desk, computer and phone, and a shared bookshelf and conference table. Korean National Medical Insur-

ance and entrance into the Korean Social Security system are provided. The university pays half of the insurance fee, and the individual the other half. There will be at least one month paid vacation a year.

If needed, lecturers are expected to teach classes, special camps and training sessions held during the university vacation periods. Extra pay is given for that work.

During the semesters, most lecturers are teaching several classes of the same course. The textbooks and desired teaching methods have been decided and orientation is provided. Accordingly, there is not so much work in terms of class creation, but preparation is required.

Because of that, if the opportunity presents itself through the university, teaching more hours during the semesters is also feasible in order to supplement one's income. Requests for teaching sometimes come from local industries and businesses.

Visas require the original of one's university diploma. The university requires one's university transcript/s. Only native speakers should apply.

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My life has been very blessed with the pleasure of having known certain animals. One of our most beloved pets was Rupert, our white and black kitty whom we had for five years. He was discovered dead yesterday in our cornfield, the victim of a stray dog.

Some people might think it very silly to write a tribute to a cat. Cats are selfish animals—they neither toil nor do they spin. In fact all they do is lay around a lot. Rupert did an awful lot of sleeping. Most of his waking hours were spent eating and sleeping. He also did a lot

of hunting and I hated that part of him—the part that brought dead mice or birds or even baby bunnies and laid them on our doorstep.

I wonder about God's thoughts as He created animals. They reflect such a variety of moods and imagination. He made such a huge number of species, colors, textures, feeding habits and habitat. Many have nobility and grace, all have personality. The wild ones intrigue us and domestic animals are friends.

Life is such a roller coaster. There is so little of what I would call, "normalcy". The older I am, the more shocked I am by the death of friends, fiendish acts of terrorism, and other crimes and cruelties that rock our little planet every day.

They say a man's home is his cas-

tle, and it extends to women and children too. Our home is our nest, our cave, our comfort. The members of our family and our house and belongings give us a sense of safe haven—we can be ourselves at home. We can scratch and burp or worse without looking around wondering what societal gaff we've committed.

In my role as mommy, I spend a lot of time delivering folded laundry to bedrooms and prowling around the house trying to maintain order. Glancing into a bedroom I often saw Rupert lying on someone's bed, his head on the pillow, his peaceful face utterly relaxed, his slightly wheezing breathing keeping a beat. The sight of him always brought a smile. Frequently I buried my face in his warm fur and he would immediately start purring. His calm and responsive personality provided stress relief. He was so utterly guiltless, and since I usually carry twice the guilt of normal people, he helped abate that impulse in me..

He loved to stretch out and have his white belly rubbed—he liked to climb on a lap for kitty treats. His footsteps were agonizing because he weighed 20lbs. We called him Rupert Orson Marlon Alfred—middle names after the prominent fat men Orson Wells, Marlon Brando and Alfred Hitchcock. He acquired his gigantic girth from eating only catfood. I never once saw him eating bowls of ice cream or drinking beer. What do they put in that stuff?

There are arguments for and against letting cats roam at night. We let him out because he wanted out, he pounded on the door like a man in jail. In the back of my mind I knew we were gambling, that he might get hit by a car or

some other fate. We've only lived in this farm house two months. Hunters let their dogs run loose by the dozens in the woods in our county. Many of them end up being uncared for, skinny and lost, skulking around homes looking for food.

When we got up yesterday our garbage cans were knocked over and the trash was strewn on the ground. We also couldn't find Rupert who is usually pounding on the door to get in when we get up. We set up a family dragnet and it took just a few minutes before our daughter discovered Rupie, lying on his back, drenched, and quite dead and stiff in the middle of the cornfield. The wail of mourning from our kids was primal. We buried him last night, wrapped in a cloth with ashes, and bid him good-bye and thanks for the unnamable comforts he brought us.

There are arguments as to whether pets go to heaven or not. Frankly, I don't care what anybody says about it. It is logical to me that since God gave us the ability to love animals, and they can love us, that the curtain of death will not continue to separate us ultimately. When death separates

loved ones, I believe that it is for just a little while. One day we all will see each other again - fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, friends and relatives, and dogs, cats, and other animals. And boy will I be glad to see my Rupie.

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This month we are proud to present: Roger and Daniela Wetherall, Blessed in 1989, with their three children: Lucas (10/10/1996), Mimi (5/29/1998) and Micar (3/19/2003) in Milford, CT.

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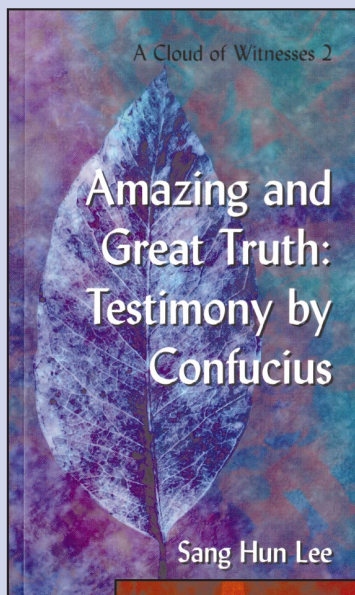
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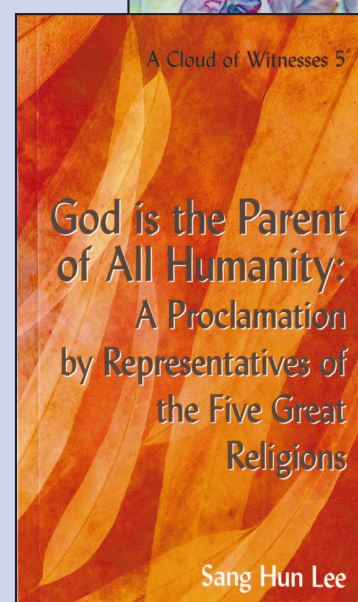
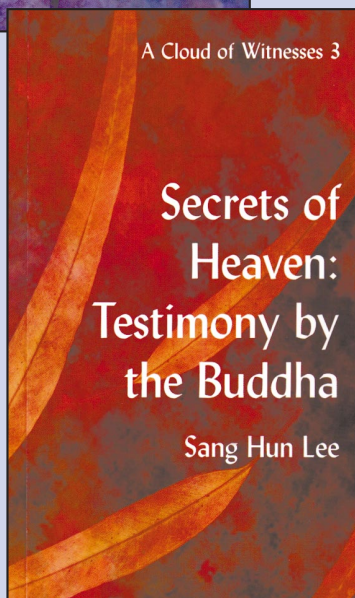
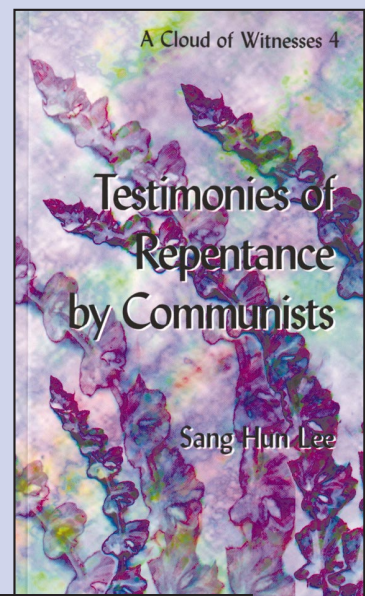
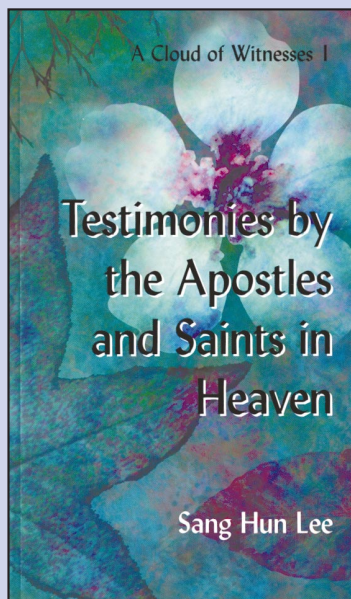
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