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by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This address was given July 10, 2003 at the Opening Ceremony of the WCSF in Seoul.

Respected present and former heads of state, eminent religious leaders, leaders in various fields from countries around the world, young people representing each major religion, ladies and gentlemen:

I sincerely welcome you to the Republic of Korea and the ninth World Culture and Sports Festival. The Korean Peninsula is my homeland and also the place where God will bring His providence of restoration (providence of salvation) to its final conclusion.

From when I was a boy, I had amazing spiritual experiences that enabled me to know God and commune with Jesus and other saints. Through profound spiritual experiences, I plumbed the depths of God’s will and heart, and examined the heavenly way and the original path



of human life. Human life does not end with the death of the physical body on earth. In the heavenly world, that is, the spirit world, the saints and sages and also all of our ancestors live as spirit selves, which is a form of human existence that is of a higher order than the physical body. Compared with the fundamental world that God created, that is, the infinite and eternal world, this world of nature where our physical bodies dwell is nothing more than a minute part.

The spirit world is an eternal world, and it is also the fundamental and essential world that is the subject partner to this world of reality. I have invested a great deal of sincerity and dedication into the effort to recover principled communion and linkage between

the earthly world and the spirit world, which was severed by the human fall. This has been a truly difficult task that would not have been possible unless the appropriate conditions had been set on earth and in heaven. Recently, in accordance with God’s will, I am able to work through mediums to send instructional messages to spirit world, and receive exact responses to those instructions and reports on the actual situation there. What is even more amazing is that the representatives of the five major religions gathered in one place to declare that God is the Parent of humankind, declare that I am the savior and messiah of humanity, affirm that the Unification Principle is a message of peace for human salvation, and affirm that the peaceful unification of the cosmos will be completed through true love and through the “life lived for the sake of others” on a level transcending religion, nationality, and race. They further resolved that they would attend the True Parents and harmonize, unite, and devote themselves for the sake of God’s Kingdom and world peace.

These events happened in the spirit world as the new millennium was beginning. God’s will in the providence of restoration has been extended through the Old Testament Age, New Testament Age, and Completed Testament Ages, but now I am indemnifying all this completely so as to bring about a final conclusion within the current generation. That is why good spirits in the spirit world centering on the five great saints are testifying to these things and actively cooperating. The spirit world is the fundamental world and in the subject partner position to the

physical world, so whatever happens there is sure to have an impact on earth. Many spiritual phenomena have begun to take place, and resolutions containing the same content are being made with increased frequency. The World Culture and Sports Festival did not begin on the basis of human thinking alone. Its motivation lies in the will of God, and it is conducted with the full cooperation and support of the spirit world. It is a celebration to offer the champions of love to God.

I ask you to remember that the good ancestors of all the participants as well as the religious leaders in spirit world are sending you their encouragement from the spirit world. One important mission of religions is to educate people properly about the spirit world. If people knew with certainty about God and spirit world, they would fulfill their divine calling and responsibility with conviction and hope, and through that become whole.

In the present age, many countries are realizing that the security of their nation is not an issue that can be addressed by any country alone. No country is free from international issues such as war, terror, and the threat of nuclear weapons. World leaders agree that harmony and cooperation among religions is necessary for the sake of world peace, and this is even more important following September 11. For the past fifty years, I have warned about the dire threat of conflicts and war among religions, and finally now people are beginning to understand the seriousness of these issues.

Reconciliation and cooperation among religions is a prerequisite to world peace. The important events of the World Culture and Sports Festival are intended to create lasting harmony among religions.

Leaders, particularly religious leaders, must understand the importance of the true love lineage of people and teach this correctly. God’s will in creating the first man and first woman as the ancestors of humankind was that they would each become perfected in true love and bring about a healthy reciprocal ideal as husband and wife, thereby establishing a family centering on God. In this way, their descendants were to have multiplied generation after generation as God’s people.

Our first human ancestors failed to complete the first family that would have been formed through God’s marriage blessing. They fell by creating a bond to Satan’s false love, and were expelled from the Garden of Eden. As a result, they established a family that had no relation to God’s true love. Adam and Eve failed to become God’s son and daughter of goodness, a husband and wife of goodness, and parents of goodness. For this reason, humanity had its origin in false parents and false ancestors, and has multiplied evil descendants by passing on a false lineage.

The first human ancestors failed to pass on God’s true love, true life, and true lineage. Humanity descended from false ancestors and must, by destiny, endeavor with true love to recover the true family that God desires. True love, true life, and true lineage are all important, but among these, true lineage is particularly precious, because it transcends the life span of a single person and connects one generation to another.

You representatives of youth who have gathered transcending nations and religions, you are the most important participants in this festival seeking to bring about a new world of the true love culture of heart. You possess things that are truly precious. You possess those qualities, such as youth, fervor, purity, righteous spirit, and bravery, that are closest to God’s nature. Because of this, God desires to be with you. You should use your open minds to go beyond the barriers of exclusivity, antipathy, conflict, and hatred to set the roots of religious harmony firmly in the ground.

One thing I have practiced and taught through my life is the breaking down of barriers. We must rise above differ-



C A L E N D A R
J U L Y 2 0 0 3

1 Chil Il Jeol: Declaration Day of God’s Eternal Blessing (1991)

Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)
2075 Couples’ Blessing (1982)

13 Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)

18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim’s Blessing (1973)

23 Kook Jin Nim’s Birthday (6/14/70)

24 Sun Jin Nim’s Birthday (6/15/76)

124 Couples’ Blessing (1963)

26 Youth Federation for World Peace Inauguration (1994)

27 Hye Jin Nim’s Birthday (1964)

A U G U S T 2 0 0 3

1 Hee Jin Nim’s Ascension (1969)

4 Hye Jin Nim’s Ascension (1964)

16 Il Sung Il: Total Victory Day (1985)

17 Declaration Day Jeon-ban & Jeon-neung (1999)

20 Shin Goon Nim’s Birthday (7/12/83)

Shin Kwon Nim’s Birthday (7/12/89)

25 30,000 Couples’ Blessing (1992)

360,000 Couples’ Blessing (1995)

Chil Pal Jeol: Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth (7/7/97)

26 In Jin Nim’s Birthday (7/18/65)

27 Hwa Jung Nim’s Birthday (7/19/77)

28 Federation for World Peace (1991)

31 Pal Jong Shik: Day of the Settlement of 8 Stages (1989)

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 0 3

1 Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)

6 Young Jin Nim & Hwa Jung Nim’s Blessing (1997)

Hyung Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim’s Blessing (1997)

7 Shin Ji Nim’s Birthday (7/30/94)

8 Shin Joong Nim’s Birthday (8/2/93)

Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)

99.9 Jeol: Heaven and Earth Unification and Liberation Ceremony (1999)

10 3.10 Jeol (1999)

12 Hyung Jin Nim’s Birthday (8/6/79)

15 Hye Shin Nim’s Ascension (1971)

18 Foundation Day (1976)

Ultimas Noticias Established (1981)

21 Soon Ju Nim’s Birthday (8/15/72)

27 Day of Dispensational Reversal Toward Unification (1988)

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World Culture and Sports Festival

ences of race, religion, and nationality and live together. We are all members of a "one world family living in brotherly heart" centering on God. This must not be a mere slogan or rhetoric; we must actually live this way. God places His greatest hope in the young university students. We must transcend the consciousness of belonging to an exclusive race, language, religion, country, or culture.

I would like to give you a truly precious teaching today. People, particularly young people, must understand correctly about the value of the love organs, and treat these precious-ly. The love organs in their original purity are the center and origin of love, life, and lineage. The consummation of love, as well as the conception of new life, is possible only by means of the love organs. Without the proper use of the love organs, the parents' lineage cannot be passed down to the next generation. For this reason, the love organ is the most important part of the human body. Unfortunately in the fallen society, the love organs are mis-used in too many instances.

The worldwide trend of the current social and cultural environments, particularly through movies, music, journalism, and the Internet, is misleading people to misuse their love organs. Young people are easily swept away by the waves of free sex that are ruining countries, and breaking apart families. This is a tragic reality. It is time for religious leader and other leaders of conscience to raise their voices loudly in support of what is morally right.

In every culture, the preciousness of the family must be recovered, and a proper standard of ethics for love relationships between men and women must be established. It is here that we find the reason for the marriage blessing ceremony of true love through True Parents and why a movement of young people for pure love must spread throughout the world in a manner that transcends nations and religions. The precious significance of the inter-religious and international Holy Blessing Ceremony that will be held on July 13th can be found here.

I have encouraged people to participate in marriages blessing that transcend nationality, race, culture, and religion. I particularly promote the exchange marriage blessings between peoples of nations that were formerly enemies. I have done so for Koreans and Japanese, white and black Americans, Christians and Moslems, and Israelis and Palestinians. When this effort becomes universal, think how much it will shorten the path to the world of peace. By practicing love for our enemies, we can make our leadership manifest, tear down the barriers in our minds and bodies, and bring about God's world of peace in which sincerity and dedication

are offered in true love.

Respected world leaders, we have long spoken of the United Nations as the most representative organization for peace. As we can see in the U.N.'s growth from 51 member states to its current 191 over the past 58 years, the internal and external environment of this organization has changed enormously. The U.N. has many accomplishments, but it now faces many challenges both from within and from outside. There are many limitations and problems, including the issues concerning special rights in the Security Council, fairness between powerful and weak countries, the power of imposing compulsory sanctions, and budgetary issues.

If the U.N. in its activities ignores the spirituality and importance of religions, it will bring on itself a fate similar to that of a body without a conscience. In a multipolar world, the U.N. has become a body without a mind, become unable to deal effectively with the problems facing the world, and has lost its impartiality in analyzing world issues, causing it to favor one side over

another. If the U.N. continues on this path, it will not achieve the purposes for which it was originally founded, and, far from developing further, may face a crisis that will decide whether it will continue or be forced out of existence.

For the past 30 years, I have watched the U.N. with hope and concern to see whether it would become an organization for true world peace, and over the past four years I have taken every opportunity to call for the renewal of the U.N. My plan for the renewal of the U.N. is to establish an inter-religious council within its structure as an organ of superior position. Fortunately, the representatives of the Philippines and the United States, with the support of several countries, are going to submit a plan for the renewal of the U.N. to the 58th General Assembly in September. I am confident that many countries will cooperate so that the United Nations can become an energetic structure centered on God bringing about true peace.

In the spirit world, the five great saints and other leaders have already resolved that they will cooperate. Delegates to the inter-religious council that will be created within the U.N. will have the opportunity to accomplish the ideals the founders of their religions attempted to achieve, but to do so they will need character and wisdom that are models of true love. To do this, religion itself must stand firmly on the path of altruism. If religion cannot do this, the inter-religious council will have no value. Today's world needs religious leaders who go beyond denominationalism, the self-interest of their own religious groups, and fanatical extremes to practice true love.

The events that make up the cultural festival – the international and inter-religious marriage blessings ceremony, inter-religious youth peace athletic festival, international peace conference, World CARP Convention, Service for Peace – are all for the purpose of world peace. I have also built worldwide foundations in the areas of education and the arts. The Sunmoon Peace King Cup on the 15th of this month with famous clubs from around the world aimed at building a peaceful world of the culture of heart. I believe that over the next few days, under the watchful eyes of the spirit world and this earthly world, we will make manifest for all to see our vision for peace, our resolution, and our leadership. I am confident that we will inspire the people of the world, and create a common bond of heart planting a message of hope. ❖



World Culture and Sports Festival Opening Ceremony

A highlight of the WCSF is the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival (IPSF), in which athletes representing various religions meet in friendly competition and a spirit of unity transcending their religious differences, thus planting the seed of peace. Last July 10, 2003 marked this significant event. It was held at the Yu Gwan Sun Arena, in Chugnam City, Korea. IPSF is one to be the first in the history of sports initiated and guided by the founder of WCSF, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon in their noble quest for true and lasting peace.

The chairman of the WCSF, Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, gave the main address. This event was attended by significant guests namely, the Governor of Chungnam Province, Mr. Dae Pyung Shim, the Former President of Costa Rica, H.E. Rodrigo Carazo, and many

other foreign dignitaries.

In the founder's keynote address,

Rev. Moon said that God places his hope in young university students. The



of establishing the true ideal of peace, which is beyond religions and nationality. Young people need character and wisdom to achieve this and thus must practice true love. Young people, being the central figures of IPSF, will establish the hope of humanity as the seeds of peace. Youth organizations such as World CARP will bring a chance for new personal resolutions and inspiration to bring substantial peace and an ideal world. After his speech Rev. Moon received a resounding applause from the audience and all the participants together shouted cheers of victory!

World CARP President, Hyun Jin Moon, received the Oath of Athletes,

handed over by two representative athletes, Il Jae Kim and Akina Nakagawa.

In his congratulatory remark, the Governor of Chungnam Province, Mr. Shim, said that we are now entering the global village where the world is becoming

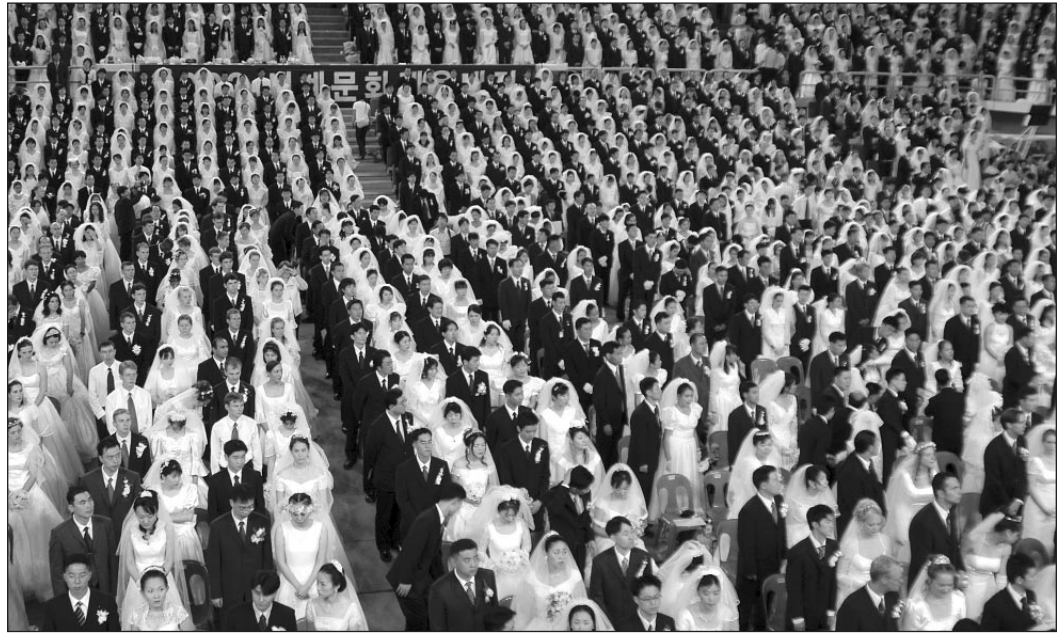
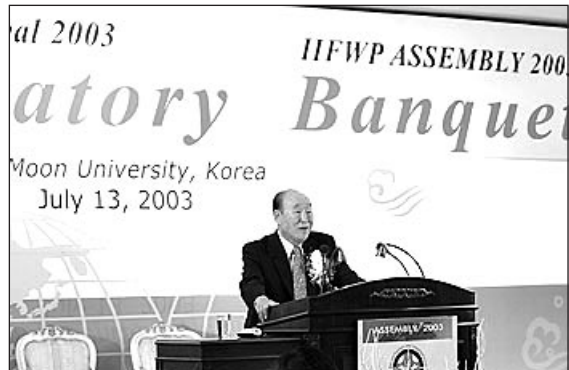
one family. As we try to realize we are all brothers and sisters, we must have true friendship and noble love. He is deeply moved by this cause of WCSF centering on IPSF, the sacrifice and service it brings and the sight of the participants and members' unity and peace efforts.

The former president of Costa Rica also spoke. He said, "This is a good example of living together, working together, and

building efforts to achieving peace. Achieving peace is a personal and permanent responsibility that should come from within. When you come and participate in this event, you are making peace."

During the second half of the program were outstanding performances by the Colors of Love. They are four young girls coming from four different races and nationalities ? Korea, Japan, America, and Europe. They sang two of songs entitled, "Come to me" and "Peace in the Hearts of Men."

Other performances were the Aewon Girls Marching Band, a Korean traditional dance of "Mugunghwa" (Korea's national flower the Rose of Sharon), and a Japanese traditional dance "Hanagasa Ondo". ❖



youth must understand this point correctly. God does not like free sex; many young people are being misled by the movies, music, and many bad publications present in the society. Therefore he encourages young people to have mind and body united in this cause

With True Parents on WCSF Opening Day

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Hoon dok hae was very special the morning of July 11 at Hannam dong. Only 8 leaders were there. Mrs. Won Jun McDevitt read True Father's keynote address for the opening of the WCSF. Then Rev. Peter Kim read it in English. Through this True Father was practicing for his speech.

Religious leaders and religious youth must take central leadership towards a world of peace. They must cooperate with political leaders and bring the blessing to every nation. Peace must be achieved through the blessing of marriage, and the intermarriage of different religions, races and cultures. Especially representatives of enemy countries should be blessed together. This is the key that will finally reconcile all humanity. Father clearly calls for the

responsibility to liberate God and True Parents by healing humanity, we can lighten the burden on our True Parents and hasten the expansion of CIG.

We attended breakfast with True Parents. Rev. Im, Rev. Sa (the former continental director of Europe, now president of Segye Ilbo), and several others attended with Rev. Peter Kim, Dr. Yang and I. Somehow, though I had much to share from the recent American Leadership Initiative, the 4-day Divine Principle workshop for Christians, Jews, and Muslims, the Middle East Peace Initiative, and the clergy blessing on July 5th, I felt I should quietly attend True Parents. Dr. Yang was able to give extensive reports the night before so I was confident Father was briefed in detail.

Father's heart is so rich. Omanim kept appearing and encouraging Abonim to get ready for the trip to the stadium in Asan. Because of traffic the trip

blessed central families God knows we can be.

As I received this gift of love for America, I prayed in my heart that I can sacrifice more to hasten the day of the full realization of God's kingdom. I responded to Father, kam-sa-ham-nida, Abonim, from America. True Parents have created an ongoing revolution in America at this time. Kam-sa-ham-nida. I have to say from my heart that the new development with Rev. Kwak, Dr. Yang and Mr. Joo as a united trinity guiding our work, and the unity all of the leaders and organizations in America is creating a new level of relationship between Father and America. Let us please sacrifice ourselves to unite. I sincerely thank Dr. Yang for the way he's able to report to Father all the details that we share with him, from the smallest testimony of the personal victories of members, to the victories with clergy and on Capitol

Lord of the Second Advent, and the King of Kings." The prayer went on beautifully. To Archbishop Stallings' surprise, many of the IIFWP delegates later came and told him it was the best prayer they'd ever heard. Especially surprising was the number of Christians that came forward. Truly Heaven is pouring out upon the earth at this time, and proclaiming True Parents' messiahship is becoming so natural that presidents, kings, queens, world religious leaders have become comfortable with it. As we continue to proclaim it and express True Parents' principle of living for the sake of others, then world leaders feel new understanding and they begin to proclaim it themselves.

Two young people representing the athletes came forward and recited the pledge of the athletes, and offered this pledge to Hyun Jin nim. Pres. Carazo gave a welcome address. Rev. Kwak gave a special address, and True Father deliv-



Inter-religious Council to be formed worldwide to advise the UN.

After the speech was read, everyone was so moved at the profound heart that Father was conveying to world leaders. As Rev. Peter Kim mentioned to me later, Father is stating and proclaiming exactly what he wants, very straight and very direct. We can truly see that since the coronation of True Parents on Feb. 6, Father is the king and the world is coming together through his love and direction. Father looks better than ever. He's tanned, healthy looking, with good color. His face is full and radiant. Mother looks very beautiful.

Finally, the return of True Parents to the Fatherland that was initiated at the end of 2002 with the Cheon Il Guk blessing has taken place. Through Father's overcoming his trial in March, April and May, he was able to return to the Fatherland. Father has now achieved a completely new level of victory. This is the basis for the reconciling of all enemies at this time and the forgiveness of all people so that we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Father is on the eternal throne of God and at maximum power. If Father gets excited, he has no lack of energy to go for even 7, 10, or 12 hours. It's our responsibility now to embody True Parents' heart, spirit and words so we can fulfill our responsibility and liberate True Parents by healing humanity. If we fulfill our

would take 1.5 hours and it was already 7:40. Father was to speak at 10 a.m. and he was still guiding us dressed in a red Izod cardigan and light-colored pants. Mother then appeared again dressed in a most beautiful white dress suit with silver trim and sequins, ready to greet the world leaders. Father said, okay, and went on to make one more final point to the leaders gathered.

Suddenly Father got up from the table, and stuck out his closed hand, palm down and waved for me to come over. Father motioned for me to open my hands and then he opened his hand and gave me two chestnuts and five raisins. I felt only one thing—Father loves America and he's counting on us to fulfill our responsibility. Because blessed couples in America are rising up, uniting with the regional directors and their leaders, Father could express such love. Father loves America and he longs for us to become the nation and

Hill. He presents it all to Father.

At this point Father left. To my surprise, Father and Mother were already at the door going to the car. We drove from Seoul to the WCSF. Father gave the opening address at 10:00 a.m. at the stadium in Asan. Also in procession participants representing Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Confucianism, Sikhism, and all major religions marched onto the main floor of the stadium. The stadium was absolutely packed with people, including especially 400 world leaders brought by the IIFWP, from all nations and cultures and major religions.

Archbishop Stallings gave the invocation, and that was another special moment in history. He began by saying, "Oh, God, the creator of all life, the author of the purpose of creation, we are grateful that you have given us the True Parents of humanity who stand as the messiah, the second coming, the

ered his message with boldness, love, and tremendous power. Father stuck with the text this time. The content was so deep and powerful. Three giant digital screens allowed everyone in the stadium to see everything on the stage.

Father's message conveyed the need for the holy blessing of marriage as the path to peace, and that the Inter-religious Council must now be established at the United Nations.

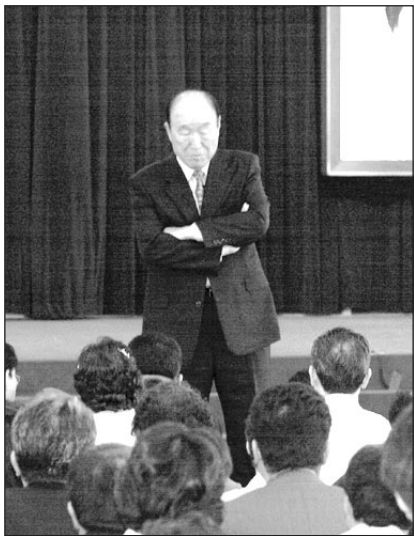
He called on all delegates there to understand this is the hour of the substantiation of the Kingdom of God on earth.

The program concluded with six different performances, bringing in the beauty of the cultures of the world, including a Korean marching band, Korean folk dance, Japanese folk dance, and entertainment from all over the world. It was truly a grand opening to the Inter-Religious Peace Sports Festival and the WCSF.

Father's next major concern for America is that we fulfill our responsibility to bring young students to the Lasting Love Conference in Korea on August 1. This is another historic and providential event. Let us bind our hearts together as one and go forward with absolute faith, love and obedience. ❖



13th Chil Il Jeol (Day of the Declaration of God's Eternal Blessing) Celebration



ident of IIFWP, as the MC. First, the Kyungbaes (full bows) were offered in the following order: True Parents, True Children and the representatives of the Five Great Saints, the Second Generation, blessed couples representing both the spiritual and physical worlds, representatives of the Three Central Nations of the Providence, representatives of the Six Continents, representatives of the central religions of the providence, representatives of the national messiahs to 185 nations, representatives of True Parents' clans, representatives of the Abel realm of the whole world, representatives of the Cain realm of the whole world, and finally the representatives of the spirit world.

The bows were followed by the recital of the Family Pledge, the reporting prayer of the family of Reverend and Mrs. Chung-hwan Kwak, True Parents' celebratory cake-cutting and the three-fold mansei led by



Rev. Jong-kwan Yoo, Chairman of the Citizens Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland.

Right after the pledge ceremony, True Father told Rev. Kwak to read his speech following the declaration of Chil Il Jeol on 1 July 1991, the May 4th Declaratory Prayer of the Great Transition to the Realm of Dominion of the Ideal of Creation, as well as his word given on May 2nd, 10th and 17th for hoondokhae.

After the reading, True Father spoke as follows:

Father speaks

Centering on the peace ambassadors of 190 nations around the world, carry out the education of 180-360 leaders before the end of August.

In order to be number one, lineage is most important. God's love and life are connected together and the flesh and blood of the mother and the father become one and connect to God. There is no one in the fallen world who wants to be connected to God's love, life and lineage. The people clad in white means the people who have inherited pure love, life and lineage. It centers on one of God's main attrib-

utes, God's true love, and this attribute is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. That is why God's lineage is also absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal.

What is the most precious thing? Love and life are also important, but the true sons and daughters of a lineage formed by the union of true lives centering on true love are more important.

The person in the subject position should be able to take responsibility, and protect others in the object position.

In the word "Gyohwe (church)", the first Chinese character Gyo is made up of two basic Chinese characters; the character for father over the character for filial piety. In other words, a church is a place that teaches how to be true sons and true fathers.

In unification, there must be a center of command.

How can one unite one's mind and body? I have never felt that my body and mind ever fought, because I was too engrossed with knowing God, knowing God's Will, and following it. This is the way to unite mind and body.

Where does God want to live? Should He live in a house along with his sons and daughters? God can live anywhere He pleases forever, and so we should consider in which center He wants to live. He lives in the center of true love, true life and true lineage.

The people who can connect bloodlines are the daughters and sons-in-law.

There should be weddings of opposites, such as the wedding of an enemy and a saint. From August 12th to 16th, we will hold the World Peace Conference and the wedding of opposites for the Seoul Declaration.

Kinship changes as true love, true life and true lineage develop. As it changes, the love, life and lineage of both men and women improve as well.

What does God like the most?

Love? Life? It is having true sons and daughters by establishing a true lineage through true love and true life. How about you? You should all become families where God can reside, by centering on true love, true life and true lineage, just like Him.



In particular, True Father gave a short sermon entitled "The Renewal Movement for the Peace and Unification of the First Realm of Israel is the Ideal of the Establishment of God's Fatherland". He especially emphasized the point that, because the second and third realms of Israel arose out of the fact that the First Realm of Israel did not fulfill its mission, even the Third Realm of Israel cannot fulfill the ideal of the establishment of God's Fatherland unless it regenerates peace and unification of the First Realm of Israel.

At 11:40 a.m., True Father concluded his sermon, and from 1 p.m. there was a reporting meeting, in which Rev. Kwak gave a report on the providence, and Rev. Chang-shik Yang also gave a report on the major providential activities in America, including the "ceremonies to take down the cross" and the Movement for the Unification of the First, Second and Third Israels. The Chil Il Jeol evening entertainment kicked off at 6:30 p.m. at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center. ❖



Fishing in Kodiak June 23, 2003



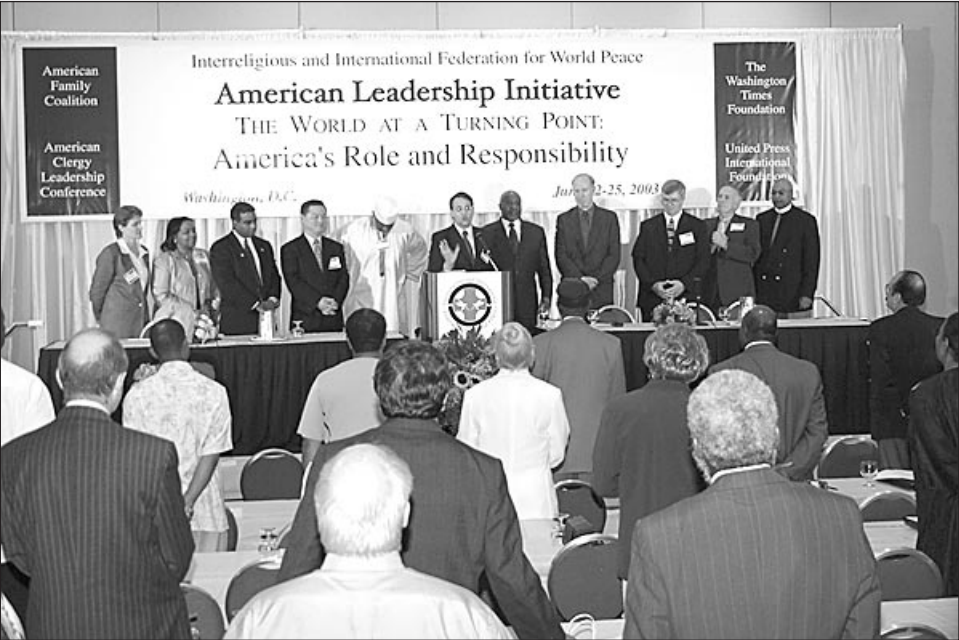
AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE

American Leadership Initiative Conference in DC

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

We are pleased to report that the American Leadership Initiative was launched successfully in Washington D.C. on June 22-25. Two hundred Ambassadors for Peace representing all 50 states came together for a national conference on the American Leadership Initiative: The World at a Turning Point: The Role and Responsibility of America in A Changing World. The Conference represented the launch of an historic coming together of all the divergent organizations and professions within that were founded by our True Parents. Co-Sponsored by the American Freedom Coalition, the American Clergy Leadership Conference, the Washington Times Foundation, the United Press International Foundation the effort worked through a "Council of Affiliated Organizations" which includes, the World Media Association, FFWPU, WFWP, CARP, SFP and the Summit Council for World Peace.

The Chairman of this educational



effort is Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak. The Vice Chairman are Dr. Chang Shik Yang and Mr. Douglas M. Joo. The Steering Committee is Co-Chaired by Dr. Thomas Walsh and Rev. Michael Jenkins.

The IIFWP, through the American Leadership Initiative has received the support of the 200 Ambassadors for Peace of its proposal for an Interreligious Council as an advisory body for heads of state and parliaments through-

out the world as well as the UN. The Interreligious Council is functioning in an Ad Hoc developmental stage in the U.S. primarily through the American Clergy Leadership Conference which has Christian, Jewish and Muslim clerics as the body of it 14,000 religious leader membership.

Congressman Davis was inspired by the ACLC and their work with IIFWP in Israel. Many Jewish leaders are feeling that the ACLC "Take Down the Cross Movement" and effort to repent and reconcile is genuine. One Jewish leader expressed that this the "First ray of light in 2,000 years !!" This movement is touching the heart of Jewish pain with a an experiential vision of the cooperation between Muslim, Christians and Jews in an advisory relations to the political leaders concerning Freedom, Faith and Family. The IIFWP Chairman Rev. Gi and the IIFWP Pres. and VP Rev. Abe and Hod Ben Zwi are to be commended for the effort they made that allowed the Rabbis and others not only to embrace the Christians in Israel but once again in Washington D.C. at the Middle East Peace Initiative.

The impact has been enormous.

The Ambassadors for Peace are focused on three key areas: 1. Living for the sake of others, 2. Transcending religious and racial barriers and 3. Strengthening marriage and family as the basis for a healthy moral and peaceful society.

Led by Congressman Davis and many other key Congressional leaders Co-Chaired with Congressman Weldon the American Leadership Initiative banquet attracted over 80 key congressmen from the U.S. and celebrated Excellence in Leadership for the Ambassadors for Peace. Over 120 Congressional Offices were represented. Congressman Davis at the end praised the courage and vision of the founders of the Ambassadors For Peace: Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon.

Congressman Davis who serves as Co-Chairman of the IIFWP USA earlier that week took action in the Congressional Record and is encouraging all Ambassadors for Peace to take similar action as well as his counterparts in the parliaments of the world. Lift up



the Interreligious Councils and the advisory body will provide insight and understanding to heal not only the Middle East but the religious tensions that now exist worldwide in the Post 9/11 Era. These tensions can be alleviated. The Ambassadors for Peace have the power.

Resolutions from the parliaments of the world should pour down like a rushing mighty stream because there has never been a time when the sensitivities of religious views and understanding must be understood and respected for there to be lasting peace in any region of the world.

May God bless and strengthen you as the Religious leaders join hands with those who are seeking peace as heads of state and leaders of different fields come together with the Interreligious Council. ❖



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COMMITMENT TO WORLD PEACE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Davis) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my commitment to world peace and to stress the importance of establishing dialogue and understanding among all people. It is in recognition of this need that on Tuesday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rayburn Room B338-340, the American Leadership Initiative of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace will hold a special awards ceremony to honor great Americans from all 50 States who have demonstrated a commitment to peace. Many of my colleagues will join me and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), co-chair, in giving tribute to some of the outstanding Americans from our districts. Members of the clergy, legislators, educators, business and community leaders will be among those honored with the "Ambassadors for Peace Award-Excellence in Leadership." These committed citizens have been working to renew and strengthen our families and marriages, restore our communities, and rebuild our Nation and indeed our world. **We are grateful to the founders of Ambassadors for Peace, the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, for promoting the vision of world peace, and we commend them for their work.**

These Ambassadors for Peace have become increasingly effective and relevant in their communities since the tragedy of 9-11. They have been working together to promote understanding among all faiths, particularly with Muslim, Jewish, and Christian leaders. With the realization that many of the tensions currently facing the world cannot be addressed without consideration of the religious implications involved, the Ambassadors for Peace have formed an American Interreligious council. This council seeks to support and advise our Nation's leaders concerning the issues and challenges of seeking lasting peace. The American Interreligious council is also part of the effort to create an international council of religious leaders. The members of this council will support the leaders of the United Nations as they work to resolve conflicts throughout the world. This body will provide a direct link between international leaders and the various religious peoples in their constituencies. This will help to ensure that peace agreements are embraced by the diverse communities these leaders represent.

Today, though crisis is at our doorstep, we must maintain an unwavering hope for peace. It has become clear that the establishment of a lasting peace throughout the world will only come to full fruition through the ongoing dialogue and cooperation of religious and political leaders. The Ambassadors for Peace are working tirelessly to bring about international cooperation and are to be commended for their leadership in this great effort. I again commend them for their efforts because they understand that peace is not necessarily found in covenants, treaties, and charters, as was once echoed by President John F. Kennedy but is indeed found in the hearts of men and women. And as they work throughout the nation and throughout the world to spread the message of peace, we look forward to seeing them here on Tuesday, June 24, and share with them as they give awards to those who do the work in the field.

M o m e n t o f M e d i t a t i o n

Sin is crouching everywhere. Its desire is for me, but I must master it.

American Leadership Initiative

Ambassadors for Peace Awards Keynote Address

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

This is from a speech given on June 24, 2003.

The world situation at the present time is filled with both danger and opportunity. On the one hand, the shocking and tragic events of September 11, 2001 rudely awakened us from any illusion that the world is at peace in the post-Cold War era. It also made us very aware that we in America cannot understand our own security outside the framework of the international situation. Both global terrorism and nuclear proliferation are serious matters that threaten our security. Recent tensions in both the Middle East and the Korean peninsula evidence the dangers we face at this time.

But while we face profound challenges and threats, our time is also one in which we can hope for a brighter tomorrow for our children. Human history does not follow a course laid out by fate or total predestination, but, rather, human history unfolds according to the ideas and actions of human beings. When good people, who live according to wisdom and principle, act courageously and righteously, the course of history can be set on the correct path to peace and universal well-being. In this way, goodness and peace may prevail, where evil and tyranny might otherwise have ruled.

Within human history, even after decades and centuries of noble accomplishment, there can be no time of moral relaxation. Surely this principle applies at the present moment.

Historically, most civilizations have embraced worldviews that affirm a divine and guiding force in human history. This divine power does not seek to totally control the outcomes of human history, but does seek to fulfill the divine will. Here in America, we say “one nation under God.” That is truly a beautiful and correct expression of God’s ideal. But, God also seeks a unified world under God’s blessing.

The ancient people of Israel, as recorded in the Torah, understood themselves to be a covenant community, called to live according to God’s will and called to establish a God-centered nation. As the ultimate origin and source of all life and love, God’s heart is not for the well being of any single nation or people. God seeks universal joy, happiness and peace, through true love. At the same time, in order to achieve this ideal, God works his will through a particular individual, family, society, and nation, all for the sake of creating one harmonious world and cosmos of true love. Individual’s and groups, even within God’s providence of salvation, have their portion

of responsibility. When we fall short or fail, we must repent.

Christianity emerged on the foundation of the first Israel and Judaism. It has its roots there. Unfortunately, owing to the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus, along with the history of Christian anti-semitism that followed, there has not been enough mutual respect, appreciation, and cooperation between Jews and Christians. This is one of history’s tragic realities, a fact which has been harmful not only to Jews and Christians, but to the world. For, had Jews and Christians united and worked together, they could have done much more to help the entire world.

Christianity, building on the foundation of its roots, spread beyond the boundaries of ancient Israel.

Moreover, through the early Pilgrims and the many devout Christian communities who came in search of religious freedom, and the opportunity to establish a “city upon a hill” or a “new Jerusalem,” America was born with a religious vision at its center. As the representative and largely Christian nation, America stands in the position of a central nation in the providence of God, and one with a similar responsibility to the people of early Israel. That is, America inherited, as a largely Christian nation, the mission to receive and follow the Lord and, in turn, serve the world with true love.

Of course, American leadership in the world today is unquestioned. The recent display of force in both Afghanistan and Iraq, aimed at undermining both terrorism and tyranny, has made clear the military superiority of the United States. America’s position and power, however, are rooted in deeper conditions and qualities. If America departs from its moral and spiritual foundation, and fails to serve the world with a heart of love and sacrifice for the sake of others, it cannot stand as a true “elder brother” to the world, a true “second Israel” in a covenanted relationship with God.

There are internal purposes related to the rise of America. Just as the first Israel understood its mission in relation to the coming of the Messiah and the establishment of a kingdom of righteousness, America, too, has been blessed by God in order that it may create a nation of goodness, and stand as an example of God’s true love for all the world.

America’s history in the 20th century is remarkable. In both World War I and World War II, America played a leading role. After World War I and World War II, these situations of global crisis gave rise to major peace initiatives such as the League of Nations

that comes from religion. This situation weakens the United Nations as it seeks to carry out its most crucial mission. To correct this imbalance, the United Nations should develop a council of men and women who are uniquely and specially appointed to the task of representing universal, spiritual and moral principles that are related to the issues under consideration by the General Assembly. Many of these representatives can be religious leaders, and others may be lay professionals in various fields, but who are known for their spiritual wisdom and exemplary character. Some could be nominated for a position on the Council by United Nations member states and others by their religions. The selection process should be untainted by narrow or special interests, and, if necessary, the final selection should be carried out by a lottery system of some kind. The process should stand above any nationalistic or sectarian self-interest.

Dr. Moon, from Korea, a land where Christianity thrives, and a place where Rev. Moon’s own worldview took shape, stands distant from the birthplace of the three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Yet, he understands God’s heart and His providence. For this reason, for nearly thirty years, he has devoted himself to promoting peace in the Middle East, especially by encouraging dialogue, respect and cooperation among religious leaders and believers.

Traditionally, and in part because of the closeness between Judaism and Christianity, America has a very close relationship to Israel. America also has a close relationship to Korea, and remains committed to South Korea’s protection. Israel, America and Korea are in many ways at the center of the world’s current crises. In this respect, America is looking both East and West as it considers its global responsibilities. It is not by accident that these three nations are at the center of the current world situation. These three nations have a significant place in God’s providence at this time. They are each related in very significant ways to God’s providence to establish an ideal nation and world of peace and goodness.

The de-militarized zone [DMZ] that stands between South and North Korea is symbol of the suffering caused by conflict and war. The pain and misery of that place is too deep to be fully comprehended. This situation should be reversed, and a place of war converted into a place of peace. The DMZ should become a peace zone that provides a model of peace, harmony and cooperation among people of all races, nations, religions and cultures, living together as one family. Rev. Moon and IIFWP have encouraged the UN to consider making the DMZ into a peace zone.

Both the United States and the United Nations need to address the criti-

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Ambassadors for Peace and America's Role in the World



DR. CHANG SHIK YANG

Dr. Yang is the Continental Director of the Church in North America.

This is from an address given to the IIFWP seminar held at the Washington Hilton, Washington D.C. on June 22, 2003.

World peace and the renewal of America and all nations is the fundamental goal of the IIFWP and the co-sponsors of this conference. This has been the life-long mission of our Founder, Rev. Moon. He sees America as the central nation to lead all the nations of the world toward peace. Throughout his entire life he has devoted himself to the objective of achieving lasting peace. His strategy has been straightforward and unchanging.

First, world peace begins with personal transformation of individuals who are renewed in their personal relationship with God. Second, world peace has its foundation in the family where the most basic personal and public virtues are learned. The family is the school of love and morality. Third, peace will only emerge as people learn to live for the sake of others, overcoming selfishness and practicing the ideal of true love. Fourth, the barriers that divide people must be overcome, that is, barriers created by race, nationality, religion, language and culture.

This can only be accomplished through the teaching of Jesus that one must "love your enemy". Father Moon has lived by this principle all of his life. God has prepared religious leaders and people of faith to break through these barriers. These basic principles lie at the heart of the IIFWP vision, guide its worldwide programs, and shape its approach to our current crisis. Ambassadors for Peace are central to the accomplishment of such a vision.

Father Moon envisions two basic groups as being crucial to provide leadership for the nation—the religious leaders and secondly people of faith—men, women and youth who are called by God to work in the area of politics, academia, media, business, non-governmental community and social service fields. Religious leaders and faith based professional leaders make up the Ambassadors for Peace.

The religious leaders here are represented in great part by the American Clergy Leadership Conference. Archbishop George Augustus Stallings and Pastor T. L. Barrett Jr. and ACLC clergy have been leading a most historic movement of Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders. These Clergy together with IIFWP and its affiliated organizations have been tearing down the walls between denominations and religions. They have joined with leaders of other faiths to spark a worldwide Interreligious and International Blessing of Marriage movement in which marriages are blessed by True Parents. Last year 144,000 clergy participated in the blessing expanding throughout the year to millions of clergy and international leaders of all faiths.

President Wahid, the former President of Indonesia who is also a religious leader blessed over 100,000 couples with IIFWP. These blessed couples are pledging to become True husband and wife, based

on a covenant with God that there will be no divorce or infidelity. The movement of the Blessing is for all Ambassadors for Peace of all faiths and has become one of the most solid foundations upon which religious leaders can stand together in harmony. Through the common ground of marriage and family unbreakable bonds have formed between Christian, Moslem, and Jewish leaders as well leaders of all the faiths of the world.

Their recent Pilgrimage to Israel sponsored IIFWP and ACLC opened the door to begin the healing process of the ancient division between Christianity and Judaism. In this effort an explosion is occurring in which the Christian churches are removing their crosses as it is an impenetrable barrier to the reconciliation process between Christians and Jews. Theologians at a recent conference at Georgetown University entitled "The Cross Reconsidered: Historical Perspectives" reex-

ers, you are equally important because you are people of faith who have been called by God to work as legislators, civic leaders, youth and community leaders who are committed to uplifting the ideals of strong families. The honoring of Parents through the National Parents Day Coalition is but one example of the work you are doing. Ethics based work that you infuse into all professions is critical to causing a cultural shift in the direction of America and the World. Your efforts to inspire family values based legislation, media, economic development and community renewal are the foundations for a prosperous and successful society because it is based on faith in God. Now you have come together to inspire the world.

3000 outstanding leaders from the United States have been appointed by Rev. and Mrs. Moon, our True Parents as Ambassadors for Peace. 200 are here



amined the cross and are now discussing what would have happened if Jesus' family, disciples and the larger body of chosen people had believed in him. This discussion is causing people to "Step Out Of The Box" which is required if we are to come together. Dr. Cain Hope Felder, professor on New Testament Literature and theologian from Howard Divinity School predicts removing this barrier to Jewish Christian unity is going to spark a revolution greater than the reformation!!

Interestingly it was this historic and controversial stand by the ACLC Clergy that attracted the Jewish leaders to the Pilgrimage conference. Rabbis who normally don't meet with Christians were touched by the courage and sincerity of these leaders who set the cross aside to remove the barriers with their elder brothers. Together all repented for the fact that we have not achieved the Kingdom that God is seeking. We could agree that Jesus was misunderstood and that due to that the Kingdom did not come at that time. Father Moon's work through IIFWP inspired repentance in such a way that the Christian, Moslem and Jewish family could come together for the historic Jerusalem Declaration. Many wept at the moment of the signing and though violence continues to break out in Israel our religious leaders feel hope that peace will be realized through this reconciliation process.

Many of you are Ambassadors for Peace standing as leaders from the professional fields. Though you are not religious lead-

ers tonight for this historic conference. 30,000 Ambassadors for Peace have been established world wide. However, though your mission is in some ways similar to that of the Ambassadors of the world, your appointment is not as an Ambassador or representative of a nation, religion or people but rather as representatives of God and True Parents. Thus, Ambassadors for Peace are God's Ambassadors to the world.

This commission originated in the Bible. In I Corinthians 5:20 St. Paul wrote, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God".

A central theme of IIFWP is that the key to peace is linked to the relationship between America and the UN. America, to be secure, must cooperate with the nations of the world. Recently Father Moon gave a special message for the Ambassadors for Peace concerning the international dimension of their mission:

In order to realize the ideal of a world of peace in a fundamental and comprehensive manner, I once again advocate that the United Nations establish an assembly consisting of representatives from all religions. At that time, the representatives must implement the central ideal that their founders sought to realize, and they must do it with wisdom, exemplifying in their personalities a true love that can serve as a model for everyone. I hope that many leaders will take this matter seriously and continue to strive to establish an assembly of global religious and spiritual lead-

ers within the UN.

I have worked without ceasing my entire life for the sake of realizing the one nation in Heaven and on earth that is the will of the true love of God. I did not teach concepts alone, but I led the way and provided the example.

On that worldwide foundation, I established the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, and appointed Ambassadors for Peace throughout the world. That was in order to cultivate leaders who will realize the world of peace and harmony by eliminating the boundaries that cause conflict and struggle and by serving as living examples of altruistic true love. In addition, I am building "Peace Embassies" in every nation of the world as bases for our peace movement and our service movement, and as educational centers to teach and accomplish the vision and wisdom that our IIFWP advocates."

Ladies and Gentleman this is the essence of our mission. We are to bring the proper balance and cooperation between the world's religious and political leaders. This is the path that will lead to peace. America must set the example for the world. On this occasion we go forth to the halls of Congress to bring a message of hope and vision for the elected officials of our nation. We not only bring a message, but also a commitment that from this day forward we want to work together with our elected officials to realize the vision of God for America and the World. A vision of faith, family and freedom for all.

We bring a message that encourages the understanding that God's hand of providence is guiding this nation and that America must become a light unto the world. The Ambassadors For Peace are God's representatives to reveal this course and guide this nation accordingly.

God chose certain individuals to stand at the pivotal moments in history. In this light George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were chosen. The Ambassadors for Peace should see themselves in this light, as forefathers not only of a new nation but also of a new world.

Ambassadors For Peace! Now is the Time! The time has come to end the hatred, religious conflict, violence and bloodshed. Now is the time to end the history of broken families and broken hearts!! Now is the time!! From the Sun kissed shores of California. Now Is The Time. From the snow capped Rockies to the wheat fields of Kansas, Now is the Time. From New York Harbor to Stone Mountain in Georgia Now is the Time!! From Sea of Galilee to the Gaza Strip. Now is the Time. From the East Bank of the Jordan to the Western Wailing Wall – Now Is The Time to realize a world of peace.

The Scriptures say.... "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."(II Chronicle 7:14)

Our task is great, but Father and Mother Moon deeply trust you and believe that God has touched your lives in a special way. You have the power and the authority to bring God's hope to America and the World. ♦

Preparing for Blessing 2003 Chicago

by Bruce Sutchar

What an experience! It was such a peaceful easy spirit. But how much effort it took to create Blessing. Dr. Yang, Rev. Jenkins and Bishop Kim looked so handsome in their tuxedos. We all missed the presence of True Parents, but could also feel God's pride that his children, Dr. Yang, Rev. Jenkins and Bishop Kim were standing in and taking responsibility for this historic Blessing 2003 in Chicago.

The very first weekend after we did our initial mailing, over 120 ministers sent their registration forms back to our church. Bishop Kim was amazed at this phenomenon.

Then, our three key ministers all left town for Washington, DC. Dr. A. Harold White and Rev. Bennie Owens both left for a week, in order to attend the American Freedom Initiative, the Divine Principle Seminar and the Middle East Peace Conferences in Washington, DC. In addition, Pastor T.L. Barrett, who was hosting the Blessing, went bouncing back and forth between, Washington, DC, Chicago, UTS and the nation's capital.

I mean this was one week before the nationwide blessing in Chicago. But Bishop Kim did not say a word of complaint or issue one statement of fear or concern. (Later, when it was all completed, Mrs. Kim mentioned that he did not sleep at home even one time in the month prior to the Blessing—as he spent so many late nights coordinating every minute detail at the church). And God would send us a power surge at the last minute as our 2 Chicago evangelists,

Sister Yukimi (24 hours a day on the telephone—she has every ministers private number this side of heaven)—Lemont, and Hitoshi (Praise the Lord) Onishi back to Chicago from UTS, to help make straight the way of the Lord. And then three days



before the blessed event, Rev. Jenkins and Bishop Stallings arrived with spiritual guns loaded, accompanied by 5 of Israel's finest—four professors and our beloved Israeli member Shelley to help prepare the way. As any of you who know Rev. Jenkins can imagine, EVERY minute of the next three days was utilized in preparation.

First we had an Hispanic prayer din-

ner (the Hispanic Community had pledged to bring 300 of the 1200 couples coming to the blessing (and led by Jon and Marina Acevedo and Rev. Jesse Avila (who also brought his parents all the way from Mexico) they would more than succeed.

Then we held banquets on both the West and South Sides of Chicago.

And the spirit was raging. By the time



Archbishop Stallings (complete with Sayomi and George Jr.) and Rev. Jenkins took center stage, the room was already aflame with righteousness.

Our Israeli guests, testified to the power of taking down the cross, our ministers cried, repented and hallelujahed, and the holy spirit led the way up the mountain to July 5th blessing.

Several years ago when True Mother spoke to us after her speech in Chicago she gave us the following guidance. She said that now the spirit world will help us so much more than ever before. She told us that from now on with the same amount of effort; we will be able to bring much greater result. I really want to give testimony to this fact.

One example is with my spiritual child. She is a professor of World religions at a local Chicago land college, who is an Egyptian Coptic Christian. She has been to the American Leadership Conference and most recently on our trip to Rome and Israel (where she paid indemnity for being an Egyptian boarding an Israeli airline. She had to wait 4 hours in the security office where they accused her of trying to bring anthrax disguised as Epsom salt onto the plane). In all the years that I have known her I have only met her wonderful engineer husband 2 or 3 times, for he is on call 24 X 7 for Commonwealth Edison. One time was when they invited me to meet the Patriarch of Alexandria when he came to Chicago. So when I invited her to the blessing, she gave me a lukewarm, maybe. I challenged her and said that I was going to pull out all of the ICONS that I bought when I was in Russia and pray that she and her husband could attend. Then, right in the middle of the July 4th fireworks, my cell phone started top ring. She was on the other end of the line and she said, "Well, I guess you must really have been praying—see PREPARING on page 13

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cal tensions in the Middle East and Korea. In this regard, the United States and the United Nations should work closely together, for the sake of the world.

As America emerges from the recent interventions in Afghanistan and Iraq, it is in a unique position to draw upon its history of peace-making, compassion and unselfishness. The recent decision to strike Sadaam Hussein's regime in Iraq, taken without Security Council support, dealt a serious blow to the United Nations. In this sense the very nation that gave birth to the United Nations has threatened its relevance, if not its existence.

It is also most important that Americans are aware and sensitive to the views and feelings that many, many people around the world hold about America at the present time. Suffice to say that, fairly or unfairly, there is, in many places, a deep hurt, anger and resentment toward America and Americans. Of course, what is most important is not how you or I view this situation, but how God views this situation. Based on all we know of God, through the founders and the scriptures of our world's religions, God seeks peace and harmony. Thus, war is to be avoided. But, when it occurs, suffering

must be minimized and the peace must be quickly restored.

At this time, the United States can take an unprecedented step toward world peace. While it continues its loyal support of both Israel and South Korea, it should show the world its global compassion and desire for justice. But more importantly, America should show the world its secret of success. That secret is not simply the freedom we value. Rather it lies in the religious and spiritual life of the people. The roots of America can be seen in the Pilgrim Fathers who sacrificed everything for their faith in God. They put God's will for the establishment of his Kingdom above their own comfort or desire. In particular, they remained open to God's providence. This same heart and commitment must be renewed in America today. For we stand at a turning point.

It is with this in mind that the IIFWP has been working since 1998 to share its vision and build support in every nation around the world for Rev. Moon's proposal to establish an Interreligious Council at the United Nations. Recently, the Republic of the Philippines has indicated that it is preparing to submit a formal resolution to the 58th General Assembly of the United Nations this September 2003, advocating the establishment of an Interreligious Council at the United Nations. I hope that the United States, and many of you will support this very important initiative.

The time is right and the need is great. There is too much at stake to allow for delay. This is an historic moment.....a turning point.

Truly, if America takes a stand to support this initiative it will be making a significant step, demonstrating its true spirit and character as the leading nation of peace. In this way, it can stand as a loving elder brother to the nations of the world.

God's desire is much broader than for "one nation under God." God's eternal longing is for one worldwide family of true love, where all children live together in mutual respect, harmony and cooperation: one world under God. The era of interreligious conflict and disharmony must come to an end, just as the quarrels among nations must come to an end. In this respect, all religions and all nations should repent for past mistakes, and make a new determination for peace. It is precisely through the establishment of an Interreligious Council at the United Nations that the entire world can show its resolve in starting a new history of peace, and ending the suffering caused by war, disease, poverty.

America, together with the United Nations, can lead the way to a new era centered on God's will for a unified cosmos of universal true love and joy. In God's ideal, wealth, technology, and quality of life should be enjoyed by all his children. There should be no dis-

crimination based on race, religion, nationality, geographical location, etc.

In order to realize this ideal, an institution such as the United Nations is essential. As technology, communications, transportation, and international trade develop, unification will occur more and more around the world. We see evidence of this in the increasing tendency toward regional cooperation, for example, in the development of the European Union. This trend will continue. It is unrealistic for developed nations to think they can continue to prosper in isolation from teeming masses that suffer from disease, famine and poverty. The United Nations can be the instrument to facilitate this change. However, and this is so very important, any institution dedicated to peace and global governance, such as the United Nations, must inherit the vision, heart and love of God if it is to successfully carry out its mission. Hence, the Interreligious Council is imperative at this time in history.

We are at a turning point in history. Let us work together for peace. Let us work together to fulfill God's will for America and the world, and let us work together to establish an Interreligious Council at the United Nations. In this way we can solve the world's most critical global problems, and end the suffering of millions around the world. ❖

July 5th Blessing in Chicago

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The July 5th Blessing in Chicago was a special moment in the dispensation for the Second Israel. Incredible healing and reconciliation occurred as Pastor Barrett stood strong on faith. The sanctuary was jammed with couples from the most prominent Christian churches in Chicago. Beloved Bishop Kim and Chicago Family did not hesitate when Father directed that the blessing had to be done on July 4 th or 5th.

Because of the International conferences in Washington D.C. June 22- 29th the blessing could not be on the east coast, yet Dr. Yang and I felt the urgent sense that we must fulfill Father's direction. Bishop Kim, without hesitation stepped up to the challenge. As with the urgency of going on the Pilgrimage to Jerusalem, I can see that this blessing was a key stepping stone to bringing total unity between ACLC and the Jewish and Moslem leaders, centered on the most important thing. The Blessing of Marriage.

The most important thing that we are learning is that when we follow Father's providential direction, not worrying about whether we can do it perfectly or not, but just that we faithfully follow, a brick by brick foundation is laid upon which the next providence unfolds. Who would imagine that by following Father's direction to publicly read and proclaim the Clouds of Witnesses testimony of the Saints, there would be such trial where many key clergy, including Pastor Barrett could not stand with us? That through this trial we would be driven to bring the clergy to the Divine Principle, for it is the only way they could understand.

Due to the fact that we followed Father's direction we have now taken over 1700 clergy through the Divine Principle. This created a spiritual revolution of proportions that is not understood at all. This path is sure to bring the victory. We will continue the DP convocations—this breakthrough came from following Father's direction. This came due to the fact that when the testimonies from the heavenly realm are read the saints can link their power and spirit with the people who hear their testimony on earth. This allows them to continue to work with those people even thought their initial reaction may be difficult.

Then we took down the cross in another incredible revolutionary move. Though it seemed it would destroy our ACLC foundation, Father's direction and revelation actually set the very condition necessary to heal and open the heart of the Jewish Rabbis and leaders. By witnessing this result, the clergy are becoming deeply convicted in this path. It was the feeling we got when we stood in the prison that held Peter and Paul in Rome and Paul prayed from such a controversial and unpopular position that Rome and the world would receive the Gospel.

This is also what we saw at the July 5th Interreligious and International Holy Blessing of our True Parents. Chicago Clergy could not believe that it was being held at Life Center. At the Blessing, Rev. Bennie Owens (woman clergy) of Twelve Gates Baptist Church in Chicago gave the opening prayer. She took down her

cross on Good Friday and went to Israel. She joined Bishop Stallings and our ACLC preparation team and she Dr. Shelly the former women's federation president from Israel wanted to stay together—they bond-



ed because of the end of the cross. They are true sisters. She has become a total believer that this is the Second Coming of the Lord. She stands now as a pillar and Co-Convener of the Chicago ACLC.

Rev. Daugherty was our Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Daugherty is the one who teaches True Parents heart, thought and standard to the clergy; he is the one that keeps all the clergy together through the highs and the lows. He introduced Rev. Beverly to open the program. Rev. Monet Beverly, Pastor of the Love All People's Ministries and our ACLC Co-Convener in Indiana, had the Youth Divine Dance Ensemble perform praise dancing lifting up True Parents and the Blessing.

The youth ensemble came in praising Jesus and True Parents as one. The led the procession of dance with a 4 x 4 foot banner (like a college marching band) that had the Family Federation Logo on it. None of us knew it was going to be like this. These Christian leaders, particularly black ministers have powerful ancestries that have cared their faith from centuries of suffering in slavery. Once they commit to something in faith, it permeates everything in their lives, their faith becomes their live. The way the black church raises the children and the congregation, is holistic.

Now that these clergy believe in True Parents!! This root in America will never be uprooted and will only continue to grow and grow. That's what I felt when I was looking at over 30 beautiful families from the Nation of Islam. You've seen them, they love True Parents and feel in

the bottom of their souls that this is the Family of God. (Dear God, you are so great !!! Your love is so profound and complete that you are bringing all the traditions that you started with Islam,

Christianity, Judaism and all major faiths together with a "feeling" of one heart, yet our external differences in traditions, cultures, races and traditional clothing all become beautifully complimentary when we have one family under you—made possible by having True Parents.)

It was in this church—Life Center that Pastor Barrett introduced us to Minister Farrakhan and a journey toward the Kingdom of God began. We sincerely appreciate the Minister and the Nation of Islam for their unchanging heart of support and work for the Kingdom. Imagine, Sister Claudette Marie Muhammad Chief of Protocol for the nation, sitting in the front row with the Jewish Rabbi, Dr. Joshua "Shuki" Ben Ami from Israel who now says, "it is not proper for me to call Rev. Moon, Rev. or Doctor. From now I must call him Father!!! Father brought



my family together with my cousin Ishmael. We must thank God "

Then the True Family Values Choir performed composed of Japanese American wives and the Japanese Missionaries that came to America. They left their homes and their families with a Mother's role to sacrifice their lives to give birth to a new Christianity and a new Israel. When they sing the saints and martyrs are summoned and their presence changes the atmosphere. Sacrifice brings the holy spirit and attracts all those who have sacrificed and are holy.

How do we know such things. Personal and direct experience. A few years ago, missionaries were singing in Rev. Eliot's church and suddenly he stood up

and asked the missionaries to circle with his congregation and all would join hands. He proclaimed that he knew that they had left their babies and the husbands at home and that many can't endure the pain of separation and many, especially the children don't understand sometimes being racked with resentment, only increasing the tears.

Rev. Eliot explained this as he circled us all in his church. Who is Leroy Eliot? He's a Baptist preacher—very popular—yet he observed the ministry of Father Moon for years from a distance. It was during the RFK stadium blessing that the missionaries and our sister Sachiyo just kept coming to the church. Finally his heart was touched, he and his wife Katie came to the blessing at RFK in 1997. It was during Father's prayer that all of the sudden the holy spirit touched his heart and he joined the movement. That's why he testifies on some of our ACLC videos that blessing changed his life and his marriage.

He says, "I can see better now, I can walk better now, my wife looks better to me now, my children look better to me now!—This thing is real—you have to come on into the inside to understand. This is the work of God." Rev. Eliot circled our sisters proclaiming that their suffering was a comfort to the mothers of his church. There was a healing balm that these suffering missionaries brought to his church family at New Greater St. John Community Baptist Church.

I've been with Rev. Eliot through the highs and the lows. With him preaching to thousands and people flocking and experiencing the joy of God's word and salvation, only to return back to the hotel room that night to here that one of his best members sons had just been killed by a stray bullet from a drive by shooting. The young man had just finished his senior year in high school with a 4 point average. He was working at the local drug store and had just locked the front door when the bullet struck him in the head. This precious child, the son of a great mother in Rev. Eliot's church. He had just been notified that he received a full scholarship to the University of Illinois for being the top of his class.

This is what I mean by the highs and the lows. I saw Rev. Eliot weep for the children. This particular night he was weeping in the pulpit for the missionaries, because he could feel that the mother and the others who lost their children to violence could be comforted by the effort to heal and revive the Christian family. It was there that Leroy proclaimed with tears, oh Lord God, we feel that the martyrs of Christian history who shed their blood are now present with us in the church. They have been brought forth because these suffering missionaries from

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Japan have come to see us. The martyrs are here family!! “ At that point the congregation was all in tears !! My beloved brothers and sisters we cannot fathom the profound and eternal impact that True Parents are having through this work.

That’s why when the True Family Values choir sang at the Blessing at Life Center—I felt the spirit of the Martyrs and saints enter the room. All I could feel was that I am sorry that I have not suffered enough and sacrificed enough to merit their help and presence. I’m grateful that though we are not enough True Parents and True Families suffering is covering us with grace. Also, through the suffering of our elders (especially Dr. and Mrs. Yang) to follow God’s direction, a small condition is set that allows us to link to Father’s infinite spiritual power.

The Missionaries sang. Keep singing missionaries, it won’t be long now. Hold on and don’t waiver. It won’t be much longer. It is inevitable that America is going to burst forth with an outpouring of spirit that will cleanse this nation and the world. It’s time for America to rise up. True Parents, True Family have sown their blood into this soil. The Korean Leaders and National Messiahs, Japanese missionaries gave up their families that this nation would become the Elder Son. Christian martyrs and saints from all faiths and patriots blood from every race has poured onto the American soil. Slaves in chains with the shackles cutting their ankles with blood flowing down onto the dirt of their prison floors cried out to Jesus to see the day of the Lord and liberation. Today they are now seeing that their suffering was not in vain. Their prayers have been answered.

It is no wonder that the Black church was the first to understand. Now it not only understands but forged in the fires of spiritual turmoil they have formed the vanguard of suffering love. They are leading the Second Israel according to Father’s direction. This suffering base, like the missionaries has now become the well-spring to pull down the martyrs not only from Christianity but now the prophets of Israel who shed their blood to bring light into this world of darkness are now stepping through this gate.

The Jewish leaders are now testifying that their 400 years of suffering in Egypt gives them a bond of heart with the black leaders who suffered for 400 years in slavery!!! The Jewish leaders are testifying that it was two things, Christians taking down their crosses to reach their brothers and the fact that it was led by the descendants of slaves opens the Jewish heart and makes Dr. Baruch Shalev (who is a Jewish scholar and leader for peace—feel free to say for the first time in history—”Through the black Christians I feel that their love comes from a place of suffering, If this is what the real Jesus is about then—I Love Jesus”.

Now the American family is rising up together with the members from all over

the world. American’s who have placed their lives, fortunes, families and sacred honor on the altar of history know what I’m talking about. The patriots and saints travel with us wherever we go. We have the power and the authority to transform this world into the Kingdom of God. Right Now!!! We shall overcome.

Pastor Barrett gave the welcoming address. His church was the first in the world to have True Mother speak in 1996. 70 women leaders from his church attended Women’s federation and that is why they supported True Mother. Pastor Barrett’s face is shining. Since Israel he has had such a feeling of confidence and confirmation that there is no doubt.

This is the work of the Lord. He say that True Parent’s power was bringing Moslem, Jewish and Christian leaders together in heart with one another. He proclaimed that only God can do this work and he is doing it only through True Parents.

It was just a year ago that the hemorrhaging of membership from his church and attacks from his national denomination made it so difficult to work with us. Now, through the path of faith the first time the official central Interreligious and International World Blessing was held in a church was in Life Center Family Church of God in Christ. This is a day of Glory.

Imagine, for the Old Testament Reading in the July 5th Blessing, Rabbi Joshua Ben Ami read Genesis and the Song of Solomon in English and the original language—Hebrew. Then Rev. Leroy Eliot read Gen. 19:4-6—“What God has joined together let no man put asunder!” With such a short reading the blessing congregation was transformed. Rev. Eliot, with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, began the cadence over and over again until the couples about to be blessed jumped to their feet, “What God Has Joined Together, Let No Man Put Asunder!”

The holy spirit is now moving with incredible fire and a cleansing spirit of joy. Dr. H.G. McGhee read with his deep and rich resonating voice the Clouds of Witnesses and the Letter from God. Jesus revealed for the first time in his own home, a Christian church, before heaven and earth, and the saints resolution and the testimonies from all major religions were read clearly and slowly. Father Moon is the Messiah and the Lord of the Second Advent. The audience proclaimed AMEN!! Glory to God.

Pastor Barrett came to the podium after the Clouds were read and said, “We all may have different beliefs and traditions but through the holy spirit today we have all become one family. I want to ask you now to make an offering. We need to give something back to Father and Mother Moon for the work of God through our True Parents. I’m grateful to God to

see this glorious day.”

Pastor Barrett asked for the clergy to give \$100 each and for 10 minutes they just kept coming in a steady stream. This sealed the Clouds and the testimony of Jesus with a commitment. Jesus is liberated on this day. His testimony was received by his own and now we are one with our True Parents. What was particularly comforting to Jesus was the fact that not only was the Second Israel there receiving the message but 5 major representatives of Israel that also accept and believe in the message. That means that Jesus own family accepted him and is receiving his testimony to follow True Parents receiving the Blessing and becoming True Parents ourselves.

The video “The Power of True Love” was presented, which highlights the reconciling and blessing of Pastor Barrett and his wife. Tory Barrett’s beautiful testimony of his experience at the 60 couple blessing and the healing of his marriage. The testimony of Dr. E.V. Hill, Rev. Edwards, confirmed for the couples ready for Blessing that the truly righteous religious leaders are standing firm with True Parents. It was thrilling to watch and “feel” the atmosphere that was created. This particular video gives extensive visual education concerning clergy taking the holy wine and the call for all to bless their congregations and marriages under the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Daugherty introduced me and I began with expressing gratitude for True Parents and the work of Pastor Barrett and Bishop Stallings. Their sacrifices which have taken them through great testing has also catapulted them into the center of history. The evidence of the global impact of this work was the presence and testimony of the 5 special Israeli leaders who came and testified that their work was central to bringing peace in the Middle East and reconciling Jews and Christians and ultimately bringing the Moslem family into harmony.

It was truly amazing the list of ministers who came for the blessing. Many had assured us that they could never walk with us again just one year ago and now they are sitting proudly in the front of the blessed couples with their wives. Some were even leading the procession of Concelebrant Blessed Clergy. Some we thought we would never see again. Some, never wavered in this path. Rev. Connie Crawford Bansa who was blessed in Pastor Barrett’s church with Bishop Pak in 1997 has never wavered. She and her Father Bishop Crawford led the procession with Dr. A Harold White.

Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings gave a profound and inspired message of the meaning of the blessing. It was unreal. His depth of understanding the principle is exact and clear shaped by years of graduate study at the Vatican guided American University. Bishop Stallings had the couples standing to their feet. He is living it. He received his wife from

heaven and knows that the blessing is the power that fulfills the purpose of creation. Bishop Stallings message clarified that because of the fall the blood lineage was destroyed and God could not dwell with men. Restoration is the course we are on and the blood lineage is now restored through the holy wine and the blessing. True Parents brought this forth and therefore they are the Messiah, Savior and Second Coming. Jesus has sanctioned it, the saints have blessed it and we today confirm it for history.” God bless Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings and Sayomi who joined him on the stage for the Holy Wine ceremony. My wife and I also joined and all 1200 couples represented there joined in. Alleluia—God’s lineage is multiplying on the earth.

The prayers of the religious leaders were breathtaking, Minister Amar Nath Gupta, one of the most influential Hindu leaders in America came from Washington to pray for the couples. Congressman Tom Davis is a regular at Minister Gupta’s Virginia as Minister Gupta’s congregation of 3,000 is one of the wealthiest religious groups in America (mostly Indian doctors and professional families.) Minister Gupta gave a beautiful prayer in Hindi. Then Dr. Singh representing the Sikh tradition, then the sons of Abraham prayed. Rabbi David Ben Ami of Judaism. Rabbi Ben Ami has become so active with us since we took down the crosses.

He was a prominent Rabbi working in the civil rights movement and therefore his stand with Father is absolute from the civil rights position. Now the Rabbi is coming forward in unity based on the word of God. Imam MuMin from Detroit and Imam Dr. Jodeh from Denver represented the Islamic family. Finally, the ACLC national executive committee and most fearless Christian leader of the ACLC, Rev. Jesse Edwards gave the Christian prayer. Rev. Edwards began, “ Praise the Lord everyone. This is a day that the Lord has made.” His prayer was deep and rich. He said we are grateful that Jesus has called us to this time of the Second coming and he has anointed Father and Mother Moon to fulfill the role of the Messiah. We pray for God’s blessing on these couples before heaven and earth that they also might become Messiah’s for mankind.”

The entrance of the attendants was beautiful and graceful. Concelebrant Clergy, Dr. A. Harold White and 10 other special clergy led a procession of Moslem, Christian and Jewish leaders who would be blessing the couples with the Holy Water. Pastor and Mrs. Barrett, Archbishop and Mrs. Stallings, Bishop and Mrs. Kim led the procession of the Officiators entrance. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chang Shik Yang entered. True Parents spirit was there! This was the first central providential blessing in America in which True Parents officiated through their representative. This is the era of Cheon Il Guk.

The Holy Water Ceremony was conducted with representative couples com-

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ing forward. Representing Judaism was Dr. and Mrs. Joshua Ben Ami, Islam (Palestinian) represented by Imam Dr. and Mrs. Jodeh, Christianity—Rev. and Mrs. John Porter (Pleasant Green Baptist Church and key ACLC leader) and a newly matched interracial couple. It was glorious. The ceremony was blessed by God and brought everyone to a special pinnacle of peace and hope. 40 newly matched couples were present in full wedding attire—white gowns and dark suits. (This is all because of the diligent work of Mrs. Erikawa.) All the women present—rededicating and those marrying for the first time had beautiful white veils and both men and women had the white blessing scarves. This is what it is all about. The Blessing of marriage, the completion of restoration and the fulfillment of the Purpose of Creation. It is also the central power to heal the rifts of enemies. That's what was overwhelming when the Jewish leader from Jerusalem embraced the Palestinian Moslem and proclaimed that they will sacrifice themselves to heal Israel and Palestine. I proclaimed from the pulpit that the Bible had prophesied



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because we are going to be there tomorrow for the blessing. And they came and they had a wonderful time. Somehow, I just don't think that this would have happened several years ago—the spirit world is really working and bringing concrete results more than ever. At our celebration Sunday service in Chicago, Bishop Kim told us how happy True Parents were at the outcome of the event. He told Bishop Kim that it was a success, even before Bishop Kim could even utter one word of report. Father just told him that from Bishop Kim's very voice, Father could tell that the event was a great success. The event was truly a national level event, not a Chicago event. I could tell this last week, when I visited Columbus, Ohio. I could tell that everyone was preparing to descend on Chicago in one week. And in fact this is just what happened. We had 43 nationalities represented. We had Palestinians hugging Israelis, Hindus hugging Moslems, Sufis, Seekers, Imams, Rabbis, professors, Hispanics, Latin Americans (who comprised a significant number of blessing couples—as per the commitment of the Latin American Community in Chicago led by Jon and Marina Acevedo and Jesse Avila and Santiago. We had Africans in full tribal garb from Uganda, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, South Africa, North Africa, Central Africa and the rest. There were

this day—that the “Lion will lay down with the Lamb”. To seal their reconciliation the Christian leader joined the two in the embrace and finally the newly matched couple representing the Cheon Il Guk era also joined their embrace. The four vows were affirmed with a loud YES!!! True Parents sealed the blessing through the prayer of Blessing of



their representative officiators. Pastor Barrett and all joined in a great moment of rejoicing. Dr. Baruch Shalev testified that we must thank Father and Mother Moon for this incredible blessing. Dr. Glaubach who was a city councilman of Jerusalem for 16 years said, “This is a moment in history, we are striving and seeking peace in Israel and throughout the world, however the most essential step toward peace is occurring today, the cornerstone of peace and stability in every society is the family, what we

are seeing today is the Blessing of marriages by Father and Mother Moon and I recognize on this day that this Blessing is healing all the strife in the world, black and white, Palestinian and Israeli, Christian, Moslem and Jew.

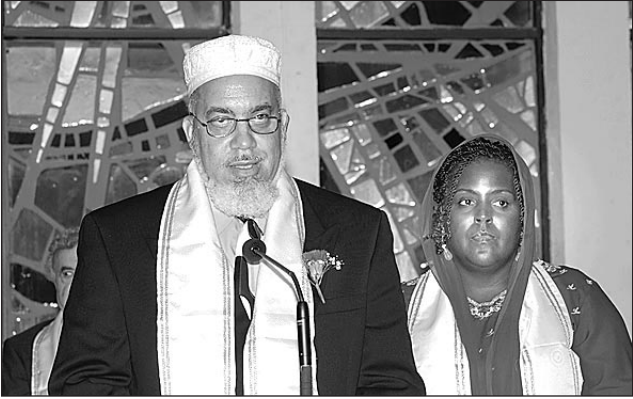
Our Officiators concluded with four cheers of Monsei, 100 million years of blessing. The ceremony concluded and then we reassembled for the final pictures. Dr. McGhee and Dr. Porter played the piano and the organ and Rev. Daugherty sang with joy a very modern version of Amazing Grace. Joy is the purpose of life. If we follow Father's direction we will see the Joy of the Lord.

We joined a luncheon for 1000 in Pastor Barrett's dining hall and out into the parking lot. It was pure joy. Pastor and Mrs. Barrett and Dr. and Mrs. Yang, Bishop Kim and Bishop Stallings couple cut the cake. Dr. Glaubach gave a beautiful presentation to our wives and Shelly from Israel pinned it on Mrs. Yang and my wife. It was from Jerusalem and it was a pin that had four letters—L O V E. Love from the first Israel to the Second Israel and now on to the third Israel. Love will heal our families. The Love of God and the Love of True Parents is pouring down from heaven. This is the day of the Lord.

Chicago Once Again



Has Set The Direction For The Dispensation! Upon reporting to True Father, Father congratulated Dr. Yang, Bishop Kim and our team and to Bishop Kim, “This was a great and historic providential victory today. It has very deep meaning. Bishop Kim, do you want to walk, run or fly? He said, “I want to fly Abonim. True Mother congratulated Bishop Kim.” Pastor Barrett's heart is melted. His members had a beautiful and glorious experience. Let us follow our True Parents step by step from providence to providence until the Fatherland becomes the sovereign nation of the Cheon Il Guk and the world becomes the Kingdom of God on earth. ❖



Chinese, Burmese, Himalayan, Philippine, Thai, and of course Japanese and Korean. This could only happen because of the national level spirit world kicking in full blast. Probably the biggest challenge was to end the program before midnight—we began about 11am!. I don't want to give individual accolades, but our host Pastor Dr. T.L. Barrett, Jr. was a magnificent host. And he is a great fundraiser, donating the first \$100 of what turned out to be over a \$7,000 offering. Inspiration readings and prayers were offered by Dr. Shuki Ben Ami (one of 5 Israelis who had come to Chicago after participating in the conferences in Israel and the middle East Peace Conference in Washington, DC last week), Rev. James Porter (who can be seen holding the Jerusalem Declaration in Israel as the participants signed it, rev Leroy Elliott (no one and I mean no one prays like Rev. Elliott who challenged the congregation to repeat in unison, what God has put together, “let no man put asunder,” (MT: 19:6) and Dr. McGhee. Archbishop Stallings explained the meaning of the Blessing. Dr. H.G. McGhee read the cloud of witnesses. Bishop Earnest Hamilton almost missed his plane out of Chicago, so he could stay to offer the invocation (rumor has it that Rev. Jenkins would not let him leave). Representative prayers were offered from Hinduism, Sikhism, Judaism, Islam and Christianity. The clergy celebrants included Dr. and Mrs. A. Harold White, Pastor and Mrs. T.L. Barrett, Jr. (many of whose children were also present), Archbishop

and Mrs. G. Augustus Stallings, and Bishop and Mrs. Ki Hoon Kim. Dr. and Mrs. Chang Shik Yang were the officiators. Proclamations and letters of congratulations and greetings were read by Rev. Jenkins from US Speaker of the House, J. Dennis Hastert congratulating our Founders directly by name, the State of Illinois and our dear friend, Secretary of State Jesse C. White, and Congressman Danny K. Davis (who just last week hosted 79 members of Congress at our American Leadership Initiative in Washington, D.C.) The entertainment was wonderful, including Rev. Monet Beverly's youth

dancing ensemble, “Models of Christ,” which included several of our Indiana 2nd generation sisters, our incredible True Family Values (ever growing bigger) Choir and Life Center's own Mime troupe. All it was topped off by an incredible performance from Mrs. Seko Lee near the conclusion of the ceremony. 50 solid gold rings were distributed to the raffle winners and then Dr. and Mrs. Yang led the standing-room-only crowd on 4 cheers of Ok-Mansei. We concluded the event with a splendid catered buffet while guests remained for hours, as the spirit was so high that nobody seemed to want to leave. ❖



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25th Mister & Miss University International

This year's Mister & Miss University International Beauty Pageant was held at Asan Campus Gymnasium in Sun Moon University last July 11, 2003. Around 800 people including local, and international participants of the World Culture and Sports Festival gathered there and lifted the atmosphere as the pageant moved on. Mr. Fadle Saad of Lebanon, and Miss Mei-I Shih of Chinese Taipei, have been chosen as the 25th Mister & Miss University International.



The pageant begun and the delegates appeared on stage in their respective national costumes. As the MCs introduced each pair, the candidates were very enthusiastic in greeting the audience. The audience in return sent them with a warm applause and cheers of encouragement. After the introduction of each participants finished, Ms. Kyung June Lee, President of Sun Moon University, Asia University Federation, and the Co-organizer of

this pageant, gave the welcoming remark. Vice Mayor of Asan City, Mr. Dok Jin Yoo representing Chung Nam Province gave the welcoming remarks saying that he warmly welcomes the international participants and guests visiting the city. With this remark it uplifted the gymnasium atmosphere more.

There were a total of 24 participants from 12 countries who joined the pageant this time. They all passed through a thorough screening and competitive judging process. Only 10 participants were chosen at the preliminary talent contest and performed on stage. The audience as well as the candidates were becoming more and more intense as they entertained the audience with their talent presentations such as piano, fusion martial arts, national dance, mixed dance, speech, etc..

The second part of the program started with the performance of the Colors of Love, which is an international girl band consisting of a European, American, Japanese and Korean. A video followed showing the schedule of participants during whole period of the pageant preparation, the workshop and service activities. It showed a lot of the participants' aspects as they are enjoyed in Lotte World in Seoul together with handicapped children and the candidates' impressive behavior during the preliminary judging. We could also see in the video the scenes where in they signed on the soccer balls of peace that will be sent to North Korea as their symbolic contribution to peace.

The judges



were Mr. Thomas Phillips, the President of Service for Peace, Mr. Clifford Yank, the CIS Director and International Education Foundation, Neil Salonen, the President of World University Federation, Mr. Tae Jin Jeong, the Editor of Yonhap News Agency, and administrators of Sun Moon University as members of the board of judges.

In the second part of the program, 10 finalists were chosen. They were Mr. Chinese Taipei, Mr. Japan, Mr. Lebanon, Mr. Tanzania, Mr. Thailand and Miss America, Miss Taiwan, Miss Hungary, Miss India, Miss Thailand. All of them had the chance to give their best during the Question and Answer portion with the judges.

Finally the time for the announcement of the result has come and once more all the candidates appeared on stage in their formal attires. The Friendship Awards were given to Mr. Ken Abiru of Japan, and to Miss. Dushleen Mehta of India, as the result of votes by candidates themselves. The Talent Awards were given to Mr. Che-jung Chang of Chinese Taipei and Miss. Volha Sayavets of Belarus. The First Runner-up Awards were given to Mr. Matukio Chuma of Tanzania and Miss

Laurel Sayre of USA. Congratulations to all the winners and participants of this year's MMU International Beauty Pageant! ❖



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WCSF: Interreligious Peace Sports Festival

A Race for Peace

by Fidelis Iyebote

Even as the feet of Palestinian and Israeli leaders wobble along the path of the Middle East peace road map, Sunday, July 13, 2003 three Jordanian men — about the age of suicide bombers from the PLO and Chechnya ran steadily to win three of four top spots in a race for peace organized by the widely spreading Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace in the sleepy town of Cheonan, South Korea—442,593 people known for the hard work of its farming population.

Flanked by two of his triumphant countrymen, shortly after clinching the coveted crown for the world's number one runner for peace, Jordanian college marathoner, Methkel Abu Duras said in Arabic with his coach, Umm-Qise native, Talib Al Rousan interpreting, "We are in Korea to show our people and the entire world the right way to go — the way of peace, love and understanding. Peace and harmonious living are beautiful and attractive. Who says war and violence are not ugly and life destroying?"

Compatriots Sulman al Gdran won the second place, Bashar Rehael took the fourth, while Young Leal of the United States wrested the third position in this ding-dong race of five kilometers that rendered hundreds breathless and others heaving sighs of relief after chesting the tape at the end.

Altogether, 2,000 men and women, representing 43 nations and 10 different faiths—Buddhism, Chondokyo, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism,

Islam, Judaism, Shinto, Sikhism and Unification—vied for laurels and "at the same time enhance global peace, cultural, racial and religious harmony, and draw the attention of a world

at war with itself to the urgent need for peace and the role of non-conventional means like sports diplomacy and cultural festivals to attain it."

Hundreds of participants spoke from the podium and in press interviews in similar vein of the "enduring benefits for humankind" of this global peace movement which is the brainchild of Washington Times newspaper baron and United Press International news service owner, Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

One of the ardent believers in this global peace movement, Inderjeet Singh, a Bowling Green University-trained sports administrator from Malaysia said of the race for peace, "The world indeed is one home and humankind is one family. We are seek-

ing to build a new breed of boys and girls, men and women with broad enough horizons to see themselves as citizens of the world, not just citizens of one particular nation."

Intermittently referring to the immortal words, of India's Mahatma Gandhi of blessed memory, "Do we want the world to be blind? No! If it were eye for an eye, the whole world would have been blind,"—Mr. Singh, a Sikh added, "we are here to celebrate peace and the unity of the human race and our Creator, the only one God."

Others who spoke about the need for peoples and leaders of the world to engage in similar activities and events that may pull down the strongholds

of racial and cultural disharmony, intolerance and bigotry include Thailand's lawn tennis player and Buddhist, 18-year-old, Sukrit Samakketkarn, Russia's Ecology student, Ksenia Fesenko, Aila Willitts, an economist and Christian from Finland, Singapore's Polytechnic and Moslem student, Airin Astuty Samsuri, Kai-riin Saluste of Estonia, Rev. John Gehring of the United States, Korea's Kyung-June Lee and Lynne Kim.

Malaysia, with 110 participants, had the highest representation at the race, a total of 104 men and women came from the United States; from Japan came 90, the Philippines 86, Taiwan 70, and 60 Russians and hundreds from about two-score countries took part in the race for peace. ❖



ACLCLC/TFVM Conference in Boston

by Rev. Bamfo

The June 9th, 2003 ACLC / TFVM monthly conference held at the historic 46 Beacon St. Family Church Center brought another great success to God and True Parents. We had a total of 39 ministers, their wives and Elders attended. Among them were our cores ACLC Minister including those who participated in the Pilgrimage to Rome and Israel.

The MC was Bishop Erell Skyers (Chairman of TFVM, MA). Rev. Richard Wright an Executive member of ACLC in our region welcomes the participant. He also gave brief background information about ACLC. Among others were Rev. Father Cecil Cozier of African Orthodox Church, Rev. Bradshaw, Rev. Mathew Babalola, Christ Apostolic Church Mt Zion, Rev. Shola, Dr. and Mrs. Suluki of Islamic Society of America.

Rev. Philip O. Fakiyesi of Christ Apostolic Church, Providence, RI gave a profound testimony about the trip to Rome and Israel. He called all partic-



ipants to go beyond themselves, their denomination, religion, nationality and race for the sake of world peace. He said, "The outward expression should resonate with what is inside. Suicide bombers externally may look friendly;



in the next moment they are ready to destroy life. Let's repent and love one another especially as religious people."

The presentation of "Beyond The Cross: The Road to Victory in Jerusalem" a new video prepared by Rev. Philip Schanker established the ground work for the keynote speaker, Dr. Andrew Wilson, a lecturer at the Unification Theological Seminary, New

York. Dr. Wilson explained biblical and Historical conflicts between Jews, Christians and Moslem, the children of Abraham. He also emphasized the role of Christianity to help in this process of reconciliation, the need to help each other to overcome these historical barriers between the children of Abraham. He spent considerable amount of time explaining about why the cross should come down.

The majority of the ministers present, including one Moslem couple (Dr. & Mrs. Suluki) agreed with his presentation. Rev. Wayne Gadie, Rev. Wright and many others requested for a copy of Dr. Wilson's paper. Rev. Kil Hwan Kim, Regional Director brought the evening to a close explaining about True Parents background activities for the United Nations to consider the inclusion of Upper House Religious Senate in UN. Dr. Suluki closed the event with a prayer. ♦

SFP in Nepal

by Toshiaki Iwata.

World CARP Nepal has begun a national campaign of "Service for Peace" with several programs throughout the country. The first event was inaugurated by the Hon. Kamal Prasad Chaulagain, Minister of Labor and Transport with around 300 VIPs and CARP members.

A second event was held on Feb 22nd in



Gorkha—one of the most historical places of Nepal—and was chaired by the Hon. District Justice. Those in attendance included the chief of Police, the Chamber of Commerce, different political parties and NGO's of the district and representatives of the army and government, and there was great enthusiasm for the vision of changing a whole nation through service.

The keynote speech was delivered by Mr. Ek Nath Dhakal, President of World CARP Nepal, and was televised to more than 5,000 people on a local TV channel that evening The first stage national tour is aimed to convey the message, vision and plan for the national and is planned for 12 different cities by the end of March 2003 including Dhading, Lalitpur, Ghorai, Bharatpur, Pokhara, and Sarlahi. ♦

This past May 24th, the CGL's first Dandelion Family Festival, sponsored by Service for Peace Korea was held at the Little Angel's Performing Arts Center. The Colors of Love, the cultural ambassadors for Service for Peace performed special songs for the participants of the event.

CGL, which stands for "Culture", "Game" and "Leisure", is one of Service for Peace Korea's many cultural enriching projects. During this CGL event, handicapped people, children who must support their families and foreign workers were paired up one to one with regular college students.

Through the harmonious atmosphere created through cultural and athletic leisure activities, the participants, each with their individual differences, were able to overcome racial and social differences and become one. As the volunteers and those being served had previously been participating in a variety of CGL activities such as visiting an aquarium, watching a movie, and snow sledding together, this event became a place in where they could share their hearts and concern for one another like one big family.

The festival, filled with various programs was a new cultural experience in itself for the volunteers and the disabled. There were performances by

SFP: Korea's First Dandelion Family Festival

Sadakdari, a sign language performance group, activities involving interaction with the audience, as well as special performances by the Little Angels Performing Arts Group.

The Colors of Love, the cultural ambassadors for Service for Peace offered the congratulatory performances at this event. They prepared a special performance for the participants of this Dandelion Family Festival. The songs were "Because I love you" and Atomic Kittens' "Tide is High". Their performance was very meaningful as C.O.L. had been directly participating in the CGL activities. They had laughed, talked and shared their hearts with the disabled and the volunteers.



The four members of Colors of Love, representing the various rays of love with their different nationalities, races and culture, were introduced as cultural

ambassadors singing as one for the peace of the world. More than any other performance, C.O.L's energetic presence on the stage, was the most enjoyable and touching to those at the festival who had participated in the service activities. Colors of Love plans to continue participating in such cultural volunteer services with CGL and Service for Peace. ♦



UTS 27th Commencement Address

by Dr. Tyler O. Hendricks

This was given on June 28, 2003 at UTS.

The seminary is a servant institution to the church and society. The church leads the seminary, but the church leadership comes from the seminary. Hence the seminary is the spiritual and intellectual root of the church and through it the entire society. The leadership the seminary produces determines the effectiveness of the church in fulfilling its mission.

And how are we carrying out this important task? The Unification Church, in founding the Unification Theological Seminary, followed a traditional, standard model. We take students out of the world into a pure, untainted environment, teach them to be holy, and send them back into the world. Not only that: we take students out of the church and bring them into a different environment, called a school. It is ironic that a radical movement would create such a conventional seminary.

This conventional model presupposes that the leaders are a higher class than the regular members. Yes, maybe you are a prophet, priest and king, but the validation of this has come from the members. Our Founder speaks perceptively about the mistakes made by most new leaders when they arrive in their new church. New leaders, he said, “never contact the pioneers to find out the situation of each member and get advice on how to guide them. In other words, without even inquiring into background information about their life of faith, the succeeding leaders each took the casual attitude that he was used to and gave orders on his whims, saying, ‘You should do it this way and do that that way.’” Accordingly, since some stranger suddenly appeared and played the role of a master, they feel that he is not agreeable.

“Because a new leader goes to this region with public authority, ...he uses the excuse that he wants to solidify the system, and employs dominating methods based on his own concepts. If you act this way, you will lose all the members. You won’t be able to fulfill the responsibility of inheriting form the predecessor. Until now, all regional leaders made this mistake. You should not order members around when you have not even made all the plans about the heartistic and internal things and inherits them, or when you have not even created the environment for the members to voluntarily request that orders be given, more so when they do not desire nor understand the changes you want to make.

“A new leader should be receiving criticisms from the members at least for the first three months. You should not tell members to do this or do that according to your own opinion while members are still observing you. ...Because the leader behaved in this way, they felt disappointed. Even worse,

the new leader disappointed them further, instead of resolving their dissatisfaction, embracing and caring for them, providing solutions to their difficulties, or giving them hope for the future that will give them power to move on. When this happens, members simply have no choice but to fall away.” (The Way of the Spiritual Leader, Ch 4, Sec 1.4.4 [New York: Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, 1998])

Thus our Founder clarifies the mission of the spiritual leader: to resolve members’ dissatisfactions, embrace and care for them, provide solutions to their difficulties, and give them hope for the future and power to move on. This is the way of the servant leader. I believe that our core mission at UTS is to create such servant leaders. That in itself should be taken seriously. Our core mission is not to own and manage prop-

radically decentralizing their organizational structures—abandoning central offices and locating themselves in local churches, especially those flagship churches that are demonstrating leadership.

“I all think that seminaries need to be radically restructured, allowing more theological education to be done in the local churches. Let clergy who want a graduate education go to a major university and study philosophy, church history, or theology. Seminaries, in contrast, should be professional schools where people are mentored and taught while they serve within a local congregation.” (Reinventing American Protestantism: Christianity in the New Millennium [Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1998])

The Founder exemplified this model personally as he came here so often,



erty, gain accreditation, or teach any particular subjects. It is to create servant leaders, leaders who can transform lives, empower marriages, nurture our youth, grow the church and build community with other churches. How are we doing? Are we going about our task in the best possible way? Where can we improve?

I think there is always room for improvement, and that we might consider another model, one with which many churches find greater success. I would call it an integrative model, in which the school and church share the same location, and education emphasizes hands-on practice, apprenticeship and mentoring.

Conclusions drawn by sociologist Donald Miller in his 1998 study of the “new paradigm” churches that emerged in southern California a generation ago are of vital importance here. “The centers of energy and creativity in this decade lie at the local, not the national, level, and that will probably hold true in the twenty-first century. The really innovative ideas for reshaping the church will come from people working in the trenches, addressing the needs of people in their churches and communities, not from denominational officials. Therefore, I believe that denominations would be well served by

bringing, as it were, the church into the seminary. And he sent the seminarians into the church for the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument crusades in New York and Washington. But long term what we need is more than crusades and carp fishing, but solid, deep-rooted health and growth of the local church. In that setting, we become leaders by being leaders, by serving right here. In that way we go beyond and even break our concepts about leadership, right here in Red Hook.

How does the servant leader build the church? We do so by helping each member discover their gift for ministry and equipping and empowering them to exercise it. This is “gifts-based ministry, based upon the belief that each person has a gift from God. The leader is able to help the believer discover and release their gift. As Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:12, the leader’s mission is “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

You each have a gift, something irreplaceable that makes you who you are to God. For me, this is the essential charm of Harry Potter. He is a boy who discovers his gift. He was drifting through a hum-drum “muggle” life until he discovered his true identity as a wizard.

This opened him to a magical world. Discovering your gift opens you to a magical world, a meaningful world. You are drifting through a hum-drum life until you discover your true identity as a pastor, a counselor, a teacher, a leader, a church builder.

Whenever I can I speak to seminarians about gifts and I encourage them to discover their gift, their calling, their talent and passion that evokes their heart and zeal. You each have a gift that makes you great.

Most of us do not appreciate the power we have. We are too scared, or shy, or obnoxious, arrogant or obtuse to really become the person God created us to be. Your mission as a chosen person is shaped by five factors: your cultural inheritance, your ancestral lineage, your innate character, the experiences and education you had as

you grew up, and God’s plan for your life. (See Exposition of the Divine Principle, Part 1, Ch 6, Sec 3) Finally add the most important element of all: yourself.

You have power greater than God does to determine your future. You have power greater than Satan to control your life. There will be setbacks, but keep going! Release your gift. Become the person you dream of being. If you are not sure, then throw yourself upon God and let Him carry you. If you are sure, then let God throw Himself upon you, and carry Him with you.

Everything you studied here, you will remember. It will come to you when you need it. Thomas Jefferson’s glory came not in school, but when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. Abraham Lin-

coln’s glory came not in school, but when he wrote the Gettysburg Address. Martin Luther King’s glory came not at school, but when he wrote, “I Have a Dream.” But none of them could have written those documents if they did not have an education. They would never have been able to pen a great message if they had not read many speeches, and written many poor, difficult, student level attempts.

As a student you have learned to discipline your mind as you have made many attempts at writing great messages. To be great, you have to learn how to deny a good deal of your own thinking. Most of writing is re-writing, is throwing out what you’ve written and striving to improve it. You have worked hard. The result is not this diploma. The result is what you achieve from now on. The value of UTS is judged not by what happens here, but by what happens out there, in the church and in the world, as a result of you.

Don’t worry about UTS. If you prosper, UTS will prosper. If you bear fruit, UTS will reap with abundance. As you serve, UTS is serving. As you teach, UTS is teaching. As you lead, UTS is leading.

You are UTS; not this building, not these windows and banners, not the books and curricula, but you! ♦

Service for Peace Project Dorchester MA

by Rev. Bismarck Bamfo

Since last year Service for Peace activities in Washington, DC, the Second Generation in New England Region are doing everything possible to keep their heads high through serving our community. A DP workshop and a clean-up campaign were held on February 19-22 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Worcester with over 64 2nd Generation in attendance.

On June 14, another clean-up was done in Dorchester with over 25 in attendance. Through their activities they building friendship with youth from other churches and building bridges with other races. They are the fruit and testimony to the blessing of God and True Parents.

After their 5-Day intensive workshop at Camp Aurora, New Hampshire, again these future leaders are in the hot sun serving others in Worcester, MA. ❖



Self-Help CARP Scholarship Philippines

by Melchor S. Castro

The World CARP-Philippines and Philippine Teachers' Association for the Research of Principles (PTARP) joined their efforts together to take the lead in the mobilization of graduating high school students in promoting the Self-Help Scholarship Program to the different schools around National Capital Region and in the nearby provinces.

Since February 2003, hundreds of teachers and young students have attended series of lectures in their cam-



puses on the introduction of CARP and PTARP Programs. After the introductory seminar in the campus, they were invited to attend advance Seminar at

the WCARP Headquarters and Antipolo I Training Center for 1-Day and 2- Day Seminar to understand deeply the visions, principles and ideals of CARP and PTARP.

Mr. Michael G. Zablan, President of World CARP Philippines, encouraged the students to apply for a Self-Help Scholarship Program especially those who could not afford to enter college. It is their opportunity to develop their potentials in leadership and become financially independent from their parents. In order to avail of this program, students are requested to attend series of workshop seminar for 1-day, 2-day, and 4-day until 21-day during summer break for their preparation next school year in college. The topics are based on Principles of CARP, AIDS Awareness, Pure Love Education and others.

During school days, students can stay in the different CARP Centers in the Region near the school to continue their training and studies. In this way, students can become more responsible and dedicated to pursue their



studies with deeper commitment and determination to fulfill their goals in life.

Many schools have already opened their door to welcome our programs and activities. Some school principals wanted to adopt "Moral and Ethical Values for the Youth" a secondary textbook based on the Unification Principle for a pilot project of Values Education.

This mobilization will not be possible without the support of our untiring PTARP President, Dr. Felipe B. Cachola, Mr. Edmon Pacson, WCARP Phils. Executive Director for Education and Mr. Edgar Tanate, Vice-President for Administration, UTS-Phils. and the supporting staff. ❖

CARP Spreads Night of Peace in Taiwan

To greet the beginning of the new term, every school in Taiwan starts their ministry of witnessing in every campus. W-CARP Taiwan also held the special outreach event, "Night of Peace", which combined communication and witnessing. By the 11th Mr. & Miss University made a circuit of famous college schools, promoted the idea of Service for Peace to spread out the public welfare activity in the campus.

This is a pioneering event! By Mr. & Miss University entering the campus to propaganda the idea and activities of SFP, by them to lead and host, done and adjusted to match up the

need of every CARP Centers. The scope of every event was about 100 participants. The circuit had 5 college schools. Every CARP Centers also utilized this event to invite new guests, service organizations, teachers and professors to participate. Chinese Culture University invited teachers of Section of Extracurricular Activities.

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology also invited the Principal and OSA Dean to attend and also give our event a high appraisal.

At the beginning of the event, played the short film of the Mr. & Miss University Beauty Pageant. Then, their performance and the introduction about the idea of MMU, and the introduction of CARP's idea and vision through the way of RAP that was created by themselves. ❖



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who you are, upon what foundation you stand, and whose authority you are inheriting.

True Father emphasized that to be a true instrument of God to realize our inheritance in this era of Chun Il Geuk; we must have an absolutely vertical relationship with God, like the sun at high noon. At this moment, when the sun is shining down from directly overhead, no shadow is cast. We too should cast no shadow, living our relationship with God like the sun at high noon. This should manifest in your personal spiritual standard, and become the foundation for building an exemplary Blessed family. To achieve this, I encourage you to

follow the words of Jesus, who said in Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God (Chun Il Geuk), and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

I urge you to remain pure in heart, and you will become a true peacemaker. I challenge you to seek God's kingdom first, and its righteousness, and you will become a genuine "kingdom-maker." Then you will truly know what many Christian leaders are only beginning to understand in the movement to take down the cross... the meaning of receiving a crown.

Now, I challenge each and every one of you to carry the proud tradition of UTS and the example of our Parents deep in your hearts. Go forward into the world to liberate God, Bless all of humanity and make True Parents proud. ❖

UTS Commencement Congratulatory Remarks

by Rev. Dr. Chang Shik Yang

This was given on June 28, 2003 at the Unification Theological Seminary, Bar-rytown, NY

I am truly proud, honored and pleased to participate in this important day with you, a day that marks an important accomplishment in your lives; a day that represents a significant achievement for the providence of God. Today's commencement ceremony has special significance, for we honor the first students to graduate from the seminary's New York City extension site. This is the first step toward a grand vision, where leaders of all faiths will study together, becoming one body, and working to build the Kingdom of God on Earth.

I bring you the warm congratulations of Rev and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, our beloved True Parents and founders of the Unification Theological Seminary. You may naturally look at your graduation from UTS as the culmination, the climax, of several years of effort. But I am sure that from God's point of view it is also a beginning, and as each of you depart through the gates of this seminary you are entering a new and challenging realm of your life. This is therefore a precious opportunity to make a fresh start, a new beginning in your life of faith.

As you pass through these gates you are also part of a proud historical tradition. You may not realize how profoundly this institution will impact all of humanity and history, as a center of learning for the Completed Testament teaching of our True Parents. Father founded UTS to establish a standard of Unification religious education for the world, as well as to provide an official, formal training and education process to raise Unification leaders not only for America, but for the world.

When you first entered these gates you made a stirring and noble commitment to the public way of leadership, not only by knowledge but by example. This does not necessarily mean that every one of you will take up a leadership position in the church. But it does mean that to honor and carry on the proud tradition

of UTS that True Parents established, ALL of you must determine to lead exemplary lives of faith: lives that reflect the truth that Father has brought to the world; lives that represent the standard of faith that he teaches and lives.

Your determination to enter these gates to attain the goal for which you will be honored today was a profound, awesome decision. You could easily have chosen a different course for your life. You could have become a businessman or woman, providing the possibility of a life of some level of material comfort. You could have chosen a more private, personal way of life also. But true to the commitment you made when you entered these gates, you will soon leave them, having received your diploma, as a minister of God, an ambassador of our True Parents' teaching and heart, and a child of Heaven.

Please be true to your chosen path and calling. Like Father, Mother, our early church elders and leaders, and so many more historical figures, you are walking the way of a pioneer. You will be carrying on an important tradition, even as you spread the truth and plant roots for the future of your children, your descendants and all humanity. You must know that there is great glory on the road ahead of you, even as history honors those in the past who gave everything for the sake of God's will. But the path to that bright, shining victory will not be easy. The way of a pioneer is often lonely, and you may feel at times that you have no support from anyone—not even God. But how urgently you have studied, how seriously you have embraced your training, how deep is your knowledge of the Principle and how strong your faith; these will determine your strength in times of difficulty. With my whole heart I encourage you as the people encouraged Joshua: Be strong, and of good courage

Each of you may find yourselves in different missions, with different areas of responsibility. But as a Unification

minister, what is your main mission? What are your most essential responsibilities? Father has taught us that the true mission of a pastor or minister can be expressed in three offices: prophet, priest, and king. What do these mean, and how can we fulfill them? The mis-



sion of a prophet is to represent God in front of the people. The prophet speaks for God; his words must be God's words. The prophet must speak the truth, and always convey God's point of view, maintaining and conveying a vertical perspective. A prophet must never get sidetracked or distracted, caught up in horizontal, personal points of view.

The role of the priest is complementary to that of prophet, for the priest must represent the people in front of God. The priest must pray for the people, repent for the people, and lift them up, interceding on their behalf with Heavenly Father. Father has taught that a church leader should focus on representing God to the people during the day, leading with conviction, praying for guidance and being confident as you try your best to fulfill God's direction. But during the night, the leader should be a person of tears, reflecting on the decisions and experiences of the day and repenting for error or wrongdoing. We should repent for ourselves as well as for those we are responsible for.

One of our American teachers and elders tells a story of how he experienced

Father accomplishing these two responsibilities during Father's early speaking tours in America. He was the state leader and church director in one state, and when Father came to his city to speak, Father stayed in the church center that night after the tour program. Because several aspects of the program were not prepared well, Father chastised and corrected this leader quite strongly at dinner, guiding him to do better. As a young leader, our brother was quite shocked to receive Father's strong words, and the burden on his heart was quite heavy.

That night, unable to sleep well, this leader got up to go to the bathroom at around 3:30 in the morning. As he passed the door of Father's bedroom, he saw a light under the door. He slowed down, and he could hear sounds coming from Father's room. He could not help himself, and quietly put his ear to the door to listen. He heard the unmistakable sound of Father weeping in prayer. Although the prayer was in Korean, and our brother couldn't understand a word, he stood transfixed, unable to move from the door. Suddenly, in the midst of Father's tearful prayer in Korean, the leader heard two words that he clearly understood: Father called out this brother's name in tears! In that moment, he could understand how Father's absolute faith and strong leadership was balanced by his urgent and humble prayer, taking total responsibility in front of God.

The third aspect of the minister's mission is that of King, to lead with God's authority. This is particularly important as we have entered the era of Chun Il Geuk, the establishment of the Kingdom, and the reality of His sovereignty on earth and in the entire cosmos. True Parents are bequeathing their authority to us. Every one of us should realize that we only need to have faith and confidence, live publicly and speak and act for the glory of God and True Parents. You have the power! God will work through YOU to manifest His absolute sovereignty in each situation. You must only realize see CONGRATULATIONS on page 18

by Chen Lawrence Fong

I was part of the second graduating class of our seminary, class of '76. By now, I consider myself an ancient dinosaur of the past history of the school. But Heavenly Father gave me a gift during my visit to the campus this past summer that renewed my faith. My wife Kyoung-Sook and I, together with parents of STF teenagers, participated in an STF workshop. I definitely felt the hand of God and True Parents through the hearts of the families and the STF staff who came together for the annual orientation and send-off of our STF children.

More than the beautiful weather that weekend was the profound spiritual atmosphere of love. It was a new feeling unlike my student days. I never felt so light and bright.

That Saturday afternoon, our couple decided to walk Father's trail on the grounds of the seminary. A rush of memories came to me of those seminarian days with Father. His visiting the seminary got to be so wonderfully often that I began to worry that we would be neglect-

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ing our studies and upsetting the professors. As we were walking, I began to share a lot of memories with my wife: about Father's fishing project in a lagoon on the Hudson River, then a farming project, then a water pond expansion project, and the hours upon hours he spent talking with us. He said that we did not understand the value of our time with him. We certainly did not.

As we walked along the trail, I particularly remembered the day when it was time to set up the long fishing net in the nearby Hudson lagoon during the cold early spring. Many students had to go in the smelly, mucky, cold water to hold up the net in order to properly set it. Father was directing the project. A few seminarians had passed out and had to go to the hospital, including Dr. Hendricks.

As my wife and I approached a rest area, a clearing with a view of the lagoon, several STF teenagers were already there looking at the view. I heard them talk-

ing about Father's fishing project. One of them was asking the others where the net might be and was wondering about the time when Dr. Hendricks did his heroic best to hold up the net. Was it coincidence? It was a surprise to me that they were talking about this. Of course I interrupted and shared my eyewitness account of the whole fishing expedition with Father and the seminarians. Then a few other STF members came to the viewing area, looked at the Lagoon and started talking about the same thing. Again I shared with them what I had proudly experienced.

My wife and I continued on this interesting walk along Father's trail. A tremendous rush of emotion came through my whole being as I was thinking on the meaning of what I experienced at the clearing. I felt God giving a special love to me, a member of the first generation. All the hopes and dreams that Father had were given to us, the first generation. He personally cared enough to raise

us seminarians up in a special way. Now I see our second generation inheriting that home. It was heartwarming to see our second generation trying to make sense of our first generation's faith. They are learning to take ownership of life of faith. There were testimonies during the workshop by our teenagers who have gone through a year of STF. They tearfully said that they experienced God and True Parents and realized and appreciated what their parents had gone through in their life of faith. It was so gratifying and comforting to hear this. If there is a generation gap, the STF effort is helping to close it.

Who knows what the small fishing incident may mean to our second generation, than the third, fourth, etc.? But if our faith is to grow, I believe it must have a meaning for our children's life of faith in a more profound way than we, the first generation, who are generally slow to understand our significant times spent with True Parents. My deepest gratitude to our Beloved Parents of Heaven and Earth, from an unworthy person such as I. ❖

IIFWP Africa: AIDS Prevention and Character Education Training Seminars

Adapted from Reports by Allan Saunders,

Togo

Mrs. Kathy Rigney & Mr. Alan Saunders, IIFWP Director of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Character Education traveled to Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Kenya and Uganda in April 2003. The trip began in Togo where Mr. Saunders, gave a presentation on HIV/AIDS prevention and character education to members at the center in Lome, Togo. The following day the pair traveled to Kara in Togo to meet VIPs at the commemorative service for the brother of President Eyadema. Many VIPs were met at the event including the son of the President and Governors of each region of the country who agreed to have the IIFWP HIV/AIDS presentation in their respective regions. Other dignitaries that were met at the service included Mr. Theophile Panou and Dr. Richard Assih who is the personal doctor to the President of Togo.

Benin

Following the coast, Mr. Saunders and Mrs. Rigney traveled to Benin for an exciting schedule of meetings, conferences and presentations. Two half-day seminars on Character Education and developing successful communication and parenting skills were given to the members in Cotonou, which is known as the Latin quarter of the west coast of Africa. Mr. Paterne, Secretary General of IIFWP in Benin, did an excellent job in creating a lively schedule for the moral educators. Character Education seminars were held at the 'Complexe La Glycene,' high school to teachers and students and also at the National University of Benin to over 100 students. A meeting was held with Mr. Aminou Wabi Taofiki, Vice-Rector of the National University.

Other meetings were held with the Minister of the secondary schools of Benin and the Minister of Technical Schools for the country. They also met with the

Deputy of the HIV/AIDS Prevention Office for Benin. A meeting was held with Ambassadors for Peace at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Paterne. Chabi Kao, the Senior Government official and Professor Kogblevi attended the dinner meeting, which went late into the evening with exciting discussions



a b o u t e d u c a t i o n, p a r e n t i n g and c o n f l i c t r e s o l u t i o n. T h e f i n a l event in Cotonou was a half-day conference, which was at the National University of Benin. Over 120 people attended the seminar, which was called, "The Need for Moral Education and Education for Character," which covered topics that span the human life cycle, including relationships, marriage and family education. The participants were exuberant to receive the Ambassadors for Peace award. Stimulating group sessions were held on the topic of what the future moral education system would need to include in Benin. Other meetings were organized for future events including a follow-up conference in two months.

Nigeria

From this point, the group traveled to Lagos, Nigeria to meet other Ambassadors for Peace and give more presentations and seminars. "The Need for Moral Education," and other lectures were given to the Family Federation members in Lagos the following day. A meeting that evening was held with Minister Haruna-Elawi who is the current Communication Minister for Nigeria. History was observed as Nigeria held its first set of

elections given by an elected group of officials. President Obasanju was re-elected to power with his PDP party having taken many of the positions throughout the country. International observers viewed the elections, which were held without major disturbances or riots.

The following day, a group of IIFWP Representatives met with Dr. Idegbe who is the Director of the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research. A report that the Institute had produced was discussed and plans were initiated for Dr. Idegbe to speak at the World Culture and Sports Festival 2003 in Korea. Later that day a meeting was held at the Institute for the Lagos State Chapter of IIFWP. Many influential dignitaries attended the event including leaders of NGO's, professors and community leaders. Mr. Saunders presented a lecture on moral education and once again a lively discussion was pursued about the future of moral education for Nigeria. It was decided that a follow-up meeting would be held in the coming months to include teachers, administrators and government officials. From that meeting a Character Education committee will be formed to introduce the initiative formally.

Uganda

Mrs. Rigney and Mr. Saunders then traveled to Nairobi, Kenya and then on to Entebbe, Uganda. Meetings were held with HIV/AIDS Prevention leaders in



Uganda. Mr. Saunders gave a presentation to the girls at the Peace High School on the outskirts of Kampala. The group met many leaders of NGO's and also representatives of several HIV/AIDS government organizations. Presentations on moral education and relationship education were presented to a select group of Ambassadors for Peace and Family Federation leaders.

Meetings with representatives of the Ministry for Health, Ministry of Education and other NGO's were the highlight of the final day of the tour in Uganda. There was a lot of discussion on the success of NGO's to combat the HIV/AIDS problem in Uganda and reports were attained to document the initiatives held in that country. The group met with Dr. Chris Baroymunsi of the UN Population Fund and discussed the fact that now the organizations in Uganda were being challenged with a stagnation of HIV/AIDS infection rates. One of the challenges is that youth no longer want to hear about this issue as there has been a flood of NGO's giving presentations on this subject.

The culmination of the trip was the signing of the contract of the new Peace Embassy in Kampala. The Peace Embassy is centrally located near the President's quarters. The Lieutenant General, Moses Ali, formally signed the contract along with Mrs. Rigney and Mr. & Mrs. Rutangye. ❖

Man Sentenced to 40 Years for Jin-Joo's Murder

A 21-year-old Charlotte man was sentenced to at least 40 years in prison in the strangling death of Jin-Joo Byrne killed while fundraising. Eugene Evans pleaded guilty in Mecklenburg Superior Court to second-degree murder and first-degree sex offense. He was sentenced to serve consecutive sentences with a maximum of 49 1/2 years.

Prosecutors had said they would seek the death penalty against Evans, but apparently decided to accept the plea after the victim parents, who oppose the death penalty, raised concerns. "Their feelings played a key role in our decision," prosecutor Marsha Goodenow said.

Byrne, 18, was reported missing Aug. 28, hours after she began going door-to-door at the Roseland Apartments. Her unclothed body was found the next day in a vacant apartment at the complex.

"We visited with the district attorney in October and pleaded for (Evans') life," the victim's father, Martyn Byrne, said. "We appreciate the district attorney's willingness to take our feelings into consideration."

Legs shackled and dressed in an

orange jail jumpsuit, Evans was given a chance to address the court before he was sentenced. He apologized to his family, then said, "I hope that I get out and do something different with the rest of my life. Ain't a day that goes by that I don't regret what happened."

Evans was on probation for property crimes at the time of Byrne's slaying. Jail records show he had been arrested at least 11 times since October 2001. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police said he told investigators he was high on crack cocaine when he killed Byrne. Police said Byrne was lured into the vacant apartment, then choked until she was unconscious, sexually assaulted and robbed of money and the costume jewelry she was offering in exchange for donations.

Byrne had graduated from high school in Seattle in June 2002 and was among a group of church members who traveled to Charlotte to prepare for missionary work. She had teamed with another member in soliciting donations, but they decided to split up and work independently. She was reported missing after she failed to meet with her group. ❖



IN MEMORIAM

Carol Ann King

Carol Ann King departed from the physical world and ascended into the spirit world on July 12, 2003, ready to see her Father God and to reunite with her only child, Jeddie, Jr. She married Jeddie King, Sr. in January of 1965. They later became proud grandparents to Jeddie III, who currently resides with his mother in New York.

In 1975, Carol and her husband joined the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. She attended God and True Parents with unshakable Faith in the providence. She served in the local church of Queens, New York and the headquarters church in New York City until 1992. She then relocated to Kissimmee, Florida with her partner in both marriage and ministry to do Tribal Messiah mission. Together, they established a church center on Central Avenue in her new hometown. Soon thereafter, the couple was appointed Orlando City Leaders for the Family Federation.

Never ceasing from developing ideas

about how to invest herself for God's providence, Carol faithfully fulfilled many Conditions. Among them: Living Offering Fund; Jardim, Brazil 40-Day Condition; Cheong Pyung Forty Days; Twenty-One Days; and Kodan Fund.

Her loyalty in love moved her from the point of desire to the actual fulfillment of her responsibilities to God and True Parents.

Despite her very strong independent nature, Carol cherished her relationships with the family members, friends, and her spiritual children. In fact, she was very protective of her close ties to a multitude of people.

Besides her devoted husband and precious grandson, the former Carol Ann Webb leaves to mourn four brothers, (Ira, Theodore, Aaron, and Eugene); three sisters, (Rose, Louise, and Sonya); and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

She was born to the late Ira and Katherine Webb in Bronx, New York on February 19, 1944. ❖

Nature of God and Man; the Purpose of Life

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In order to survive physically, each of us needs physical nourishment. In a similar manner, Divine Principle teaches that our spiritual selves need spiritual nourishment. Such nourishment consists of two components - the “Life Elements” that come from God, which include love and truth, and the “Vitality Elements” which have their origin in the physical body.

These Vitality Elements flow from the body to the spirit as the individual lives in accordance with God’s Word and acts according to the principles of service and love. As the spirit receives Vitality Elements from the body and Life Elements form God, it becomes vibrant and beautiful. Reciprocally, our spirit selves project spirit elements to our physical bodies. A spirit filled with a divine ideal, hope and love imparts health and power to the physical self. For this reason, people filled with spiritual life often need less sleep and food, and generally have more enthusiasm about life.

The character of one’s spirit self is thus dependent on the quality of his physical actions. If a person for example has wronged another, or stolen property or exploited someone weaker, he will inevitably be called to rectify such matters during the course of his spiritual growth. If one fails to right his wrongs while he is on earth, he will enter the spirit world in a damaged state. Jesus’ encouragement to us to straighten out our difficulties with our fellow man before we offer our gifts at the altar (Mt 5:21) is thus not to be ignored.

Heaven and Hell

But, if one neglects to do this, he will be sent to “hell”? The Principle stresses that after physical death we continue life in the spirit world at whatever level we have attained during our lifetime. No one is “sent” to heaven or hell; rather one enters the spirit world at the level of spiritual growth he has attained on earth. We are the ones who determine our destiny.

The difference between heaven and hell has been suggested by one Emmanuel Swedenborg, a remarkable 17th century Swedish scholar and scientist who in his later years had an extended series of experiences in and with the spirit world. For this spiritual giant the distinction is clear cut:

The attitude that causes a drift toward heaven is in the feeling that there is a higher power...(and in the striving) to relate to it. This same spirit of humility and respect for the greatness of creation goes with an effort to be with others and to be of some use. By this a person faces toward heaven... The opposite attitude is to put down creation and elevate the self. The one bound for hell serves himself first, last and foremost. By this he is cut off from the opening-out possibilities of heaven and becomes enclosed in concerns for himself over and above others.

Love and Beauty

Since our spirit selves grow in conjunction with our physical bodies, our experience of love, beauty and joy on earth conditions our ability to experi-

ence them in the spirit world. Life in the spirit world is initially determined by whatever degree of love we have experienced on earth. Since, as we have seen, love is to be experienced most profoundly in the family, Divine Principle affirms it is through our families that we are meant to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, both on earth and in the spirit world.

Professor Charles Whitehead, twentieth century philosopher and theologian, is reported to have once complained that too many Christians think of God in terms of an absolute, autocratic, Roman emperor. Perhaps so. In any event, a special aspect of the Divine Principle revelation is its understanding of the heart of God. For Divine Principle, God’s heart is tender, sensitive—and grieving over a lost relationship of love.

Divine Principle underscores the fact that the almighty God is not only the source of energy, the origin and preserver of life, but also the Father of Heart. Man was to be one with his Creator, forming intimate relationships of father and child, friend and friend, lover and beloved, bridegroom and bride. However, as man’s relations with his fellow man have been ridden with conflict, so have his relations with his Creator been badly crippled. Although He is a God of love, the Almighty God cannot express His heart of love as He wishes; He is limited by the capacity of human beings to receive and respond to it.

Judge or Lover

While for much of the Old Testament God is portrayed as a strict judge or powerful monarch, there are nevertheless flashes of a God of tender heart and supreme sensitivity. The story of the prophet Hosea, a man whose wife was faithless is a case in point. Hosea’s knowledge of his wife’s infidelity, coupled with his continuing love for her, was a heart-breaking experience for the prophet.

What then must be the experience of God, Hosea asked, whose love for us is so much deeper and more sensitive? In the most profound and revealing of man’s relationships, Hosea found a metaphor for the relationship between a faithful God and a faithless nation. For the prophet, his own experience became a living parable of the suffering heart of God.

The truth then is that God has been hurt more than man. God feels crushed by the historic betrayal of His loved ones - as any lover would be. The injured heart of God, the suffering of the Heavenly Father, is beyond measurement and human comprehension.

It has been said that it is not so much we who seek God as it is God who seeks us. While humankind has walked a tortured and searching path through history, Divine Principle suggests that the same is true of God. The Lord’s call to Adam, “Where are you?” (Gen 3:9) expresses an inquiry directed to all humanity. Ever since man’s fall, God has been seeking His lost family with a grieving heart. Reflecting the difficulties of this search, Isaiah writes:

“Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken: ‘Sons have I reared and brought up, but they

have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owners, and the ass its master’s crib; but Israel does not know. My people do not understand.” (Is 1:2)

And Hosea describes a similar situation: “the more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baal, and burning incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk. I too, them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them.” (Hos 11:2)

On the other hand, alienated from God, humanity has also walked a torturous path. Separated from the love of God, humankind has hungered and thirsted in spirit. The Psalmist writes:

“As a heart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God. My tears have been my food day and night.” (Ps 42:1)

“I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.” (Ps 69:3)

Spiritual Death

For Divine Principle, man’s separation from the love and wisdom of God has prevented the human family from functioning at its optimum level. At its worst humanity’s alienation from

Women’s Federation in the Congo

by Ms. Marie Jeanne Balungila

The year 2002 was essentially focused on the re-definition of our responsibility and goals during the 2nd Decade of Education.

The goals of DR Congo WFWP Chapter for that year were:

- To promote WFWP and let the movement be known and recognized by the officials of the state

- To get the work of WFWP recognized by those officials for our work in the provinces.

These two goals were successfully attained and six major activities allowed us to become one of the most frequently consulted NGOs by the Family and Social Affairs

its Creator has brought spiritual death to man and has caused the sorrow and tragedy within man and the world.

Since the time of man’s fall, many religions have developed in human society; to seek God through Jesus, or for that matter, through any historical religious path, is man’s attempt to restore the original relationship of love with God. If man had not fallen, he would now be living in the bosom of God’s love, walking with Him, creating with Him.

For Divine Principle, then, the central goal of the person who would be a mature son or daughter of God is the alleviating of the divine sorrow and the comforting of God’s heart. This can be done as we realize God’s hope for us, step by step fulfilling the three Blessings and doing our part toward realizing the Kingdom of God on earth. God has been longing for His children and they, like orphans, long for Him.

Only when the meeting between this eager Father and these suffering children is sealed can restoration begin. The Lord is looking with great longing to the time of reunion, the day He and man can at last become one, as was the original intention. Then the great suffering of God, man and the universe will come to an end. ❖

Ministry.

The year 2003 is defined with the special motto, “Women, Peace and the Culture of Heart,” and has as its major goals:

- To extend and partner our activities in collaboration with other local and national NGOs
- To extend and expand our national activities in the provinces.

- To explain the WFWP founding vision of peace to women who are in responsible positions on the national level and who work in the government ministries.

We hope to accomplish our goals this year and expand the work of WFWP, DR Congo.

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by Dr. Michael Mickler

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By the late 1990s, the movement proliferated a dozen or more federations for world peace. Some of them were quite specific, i.e., the Artist Association for World Peace (est. 1995), Island Nations for World Peace (est. 1996), Peninsula Nations for World Peace (est. 1996), Continental Nations for World Peace (est. 1996), Martial Artists for World Peace (est. 1997). In addition, the movement sponsored a World Peace Conference for several years and inaugurated a World University Federation. Within this constellation of activity, the Interreligious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP) and the International Federation for World Peace (IFWP) functioned as umbrella organizations, representing internal and external approaches to the solution of world problems. These two federations coalesced into a single entity, the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, in 1999. The stated purpose of the merger was to bring their combined resources together.

This process began with a conference on “Realizing the Interfaith Ideal: Action Beyond Dialogue” sponsored by the IRFWP in Washington, D.C. from December 18-20, 1998. The “concept for the conference,” according to its coordinator Dr. Frank Kaufmann, “revolved around an initiative for religious leaders to work formally with the United Nations,” a vision which “was enthusiastically received by the 126 international participants in attendance.” Even more gratifying was the response of United Nations representatives present who “acknowledged the conference initiative as inspired, timely, necessary and doable.”

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak in an important plenary address, “New Directions for Interfaith,” stated: “World peacemaking calls not only for the wisdom of statesmen and diplomats but also for the wisdom of the world’s religions, as embodied in the most honored representatives of those religious traditions. To implement such a program would involve a re-structuring of the UN as currently conceived. For, in addition to the representation of nation states, there would be representatives of the world’s religious traditions.

“One can perhaps imagine a congress of two houses. One house—a House of Representatives—would be structured very much as the existing United Nations. It would consist of an assembly of wise and experienced representatives of the world’s national governments. In addition to this house, however, there would be added a second house or senate. This Senate would consist of distinguished religious leaders. Together, in a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation, these two houses would work together with a single objective: moving the world toward peace.”

Rev. Kwak’s sentiments

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Federations for

reflected those of Rev. Moon who had previously spoken along these lines. In his conference address, Rev. Moon stated, “the path to world peace will be incomplete if we build it merely upon the political, economic and military functions of the United Nations.... I hope the participants here today, and all the nations of the world, will seriously consider this proposal to establish a structure encompassing the world’s religions and the United Nations.”

The call to religious leaders for “action beyond dialogue” continued with the establishment of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) in February 1999. However, it was supplemented by another theme. According to Frank Kaufmann, a “second trademark insight” attributable to

ed: one a religious leader, one a political leader, and the other an academic leader.

Rev. Moon also gave “specific direction that the content of the conference program...should be dedicated to a series of *Hoon Dok Hae* readings.” These were “gathering for reading and learning” sessions based on passages from Rev. Moon’s speeches. The general membership had been encouraged to practice *Hoon Dok Hae* between 6:00-7:00 a.m. since late 1997, but it had not been tried at “any previous international conference for VIP contacts.” The program included a series of seven ninety-minute *Hoon Dok Hae* sessions, each consisting of a reading on a specific topic followed by responses by two assigned discussants and comments from the floor. Despite initial apprehensions, members with extensive experience in dialogues of this type offered glowing appraisals.

Dr. Anthony Guerra, Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies at the University of Bridgeport, commented:

“I have been comparing in my heart and mind over the past few days this first *Hoon Dok Hae* conference with the many other Unification-centered seminars for VIP guests. The strongest metaphor I’m left with is that of the difference between the atomic bomb and conventional weapons. In this first *Hoon Dok Hae* conference, our guests and also we members, are challenged by the direct words of True Parents. In the atmosphere created...we all seem to be delivered from our old selves.... Father has given us the formula for Pentecost.

Given the success of the initial gathering, the

movement undertook regular *Hoon Dok Hae* conferences for the remainder of the year in Washington, D.C. Beginning with the second conference on September 17-20, media representatives were included among the religious, political and academic leaders.

The introduction of *Hoon Dok Hae* and the emergence of high-level conferences devoted to “reading and learning” Rev. Moon’s words highlighted two important points. First, Rev. Moon’s speeches or excerpts from his speeches were beginning to supplant The Principle as the movement’s official canon in the Completed Testament Age. For some, the *Divine Principle* was reduced in stature from a sacred text to a systematic theology. Moreover, it was regarded as being

addressed primarily to Christian audiences. In this respect, *Hoon Dok Hae* was seen to underscore the “universalism” inherent in Rev. Moon’s message. Second, the study of Rev. Moon’s words on diverse topics related to the family and world peace was a clear indication that the movement pursued not only peace but also unification. In other words, it understood that true and lasting peace could not emerge without a central reference point. How explicit that reference point should be was open to interpretation. The *Hoon Dok Hae* conferences emphasized the “spiritual” and “internal



A Hoon Dok Hae Conference in Washington, D.C., 1999

Rev. Moon was “his understanding of the seamless web linking family order to world order.” This was apparent in the IIFWP’s first and succeeding International Seminars in Washington, D.C. on “True Families as the Foundation for World Peace in the New Millennium.” In early July 1999, Rev. Moon directed IIFWP staff to convene the first seminar “before the end of the month and to bring together two hundred distinguished participants representing more than forty nations” as well as participants from each of the twenty-two U.S. states in which Mrs. Moon had recently spoken. From each locale, three guests were to be invited.



American and Japanese WFWP presidents, Mrs. Nora Spurgin and Mrs. Motoko Sugiyama, cross the “Bridge of Peace.”

World Peace

aspects of the global peace process,” i.e., “common values and shared concerns.” Nevertheless, an unstated assumption behind the gatherings was that there could be no peace or unity among brothers and sisters at any level without True Parents.

Sisterhood Ceremonies

The second prong of the movement’s three-fold approach to world peace and unification was that of forgiveness and reconciliation. Some issues simply transcended the problem-solving capacity of rational discourse and social idealism. Among the most serious global problems in the 1990s were the vicious hatreds among ethnic, national, racial and religious groupings. These, in fact, became more pronounced during the post-Cold War period when they were no longer held in check by the competing superpowers. Tutsis and Hutus killed one another in Rwanda; Croats, Serbs and Muslims killed one another in Bosnia; Irish and English killed one another in Northern Ireland and elsewhere; Jews and Arabs killed one another in the Middle East. Additional examples of this could be cited throughout the globe. Any program for peace, therefore, needed to go beyond the normal bounds of interpersonal relations and address issues of forgiveness and reconciliation, especially between enemies and former adversaries.

Here, the movement took its cue from the experience of Rev. Moon. During the cold war, Rev. Moon was widely regarded as a virulent anti-communist. However, it was less widely known that prior to the demise of communism, he sought reconciliation and developed personal relationships with Mikhail Gorbachev and the late North Korean leader, Kim Il Sung, both of whom had been serious adversaries in the past. In fact, both were alleged by the movement to have been linked to assassination plots against him. Rev. Moon adopted a similar stance much earlier toward Japanese secret police who had tortured him for his underground activities during their occupation of Korea and whom he subsequently aided in escaping reprisals following Japan’s World War II defeat.

Out of these personal encounters, Rev. Moon derived the inspiration to pursue forgiveness and reconciliation on broader levels. He encouraged marriages between partners of formerly enemy states, created situations in which followers from adversary nations worked together, and sent them out as missionary teams to the field. During the mid-1990s, he pursued these measures in a more programmatic way, working with the Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP) to sponsor large-scale “Sisterhood Ceremonies,” first between Korean and Japanese and then between Japanese and American women. Rev. Moon understood that women would play a leading role in fostering peace in the Completed Testament Age. This sentiment was echoed in a particularly strong way by Mrs. Moon in a congratulatory address to participants in a Korean-Japanese sisterhood ceremony.

She stated, “None of you were treated properly by men who did not know the original value with which women

were created. In the existing order, which discriminates between men and women, you have had to endure much suffering. However, today, you are seeing the age of women which is now dawning for the first time in history.

“If women, who make up half of mankind, cannot enjoy proper human rights, can we have a peaceful world? The mistaken mentality that discriminates against women must be changed. The role of women must be expanded and corrected within all areas of society in which discrimination against women exists—including the spheres of politics, law and the economy.... A woman, as seen from the viewpoint of the ideal of creation, is not an assistant to a man, but must be a partner.... We women have the mission to correctly guide those men who have until now led history through power, and confused the order of love in their lives.”

Under the auspices of WFWP, more than 200,000 Korean and Japanese women “came together to create sisterly ties” in thirty-eight separate occasions between March 11 and November 8, 1994.

Sisterhood ceremonies conducted in the United States between Japanese and American women did not achieve those kinds of numbers, primarily due to the geographical distance between the two nations. However, they may have had more impact due to the involvement of persons with exceedingly high public profiles, most



Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak and Taj Hamad congratulating a graduate of an interreligious seminar at the New Yorker Hotel

notably, former President and First Lady George and Barbara Bush. Numerous other leaders of the highest rank and celebrities spoke or entertained at WFWP-sponsored sisterhood ceremonies in the U.S. They included former Department of Education Secretary and author of *The Book of Virtues*, William Bennet; Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick; television personality Barbara Walters; former Congressman Jack Kemp; “Superman” actor Christopher Reeves; Coretta Scott King; well-known psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers; Olympic swimmer Matt Biondi; Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale; Maureen Reagan; singers Shirley Jones, Jennifer Holliday, and Naomi Judd; and actress Phylicia Rashad. Taking part in the ceremonies, many were deeply touched and accepted additional invitations. The most prominent were President and Mrs. George Bush who accompanied and spoke in support of WFWP with Mrs. Moon on a six-city speaking tour in Japan.

Between January 22 and March 8, 1995, 4,000 Japanese women traveled to Washington, D.C. to be matched



Former U.S. President and First Lady, George and Barbara Bush at a WFWP conference

ed a number of “African-American/Caucasian-American” ceremonies. These activities in America inspired Austrian-Croatian, Czech-German, Russian-German, Hungarian-Slovakian, and Italian-Slovakian sisterhood ceremonies conducted by WFWP chapters in Europe.

The movement did not limit its efforts on behalf of forgiveness and reconciliation to symbolic exchanges. Members also took on sacrificial lifestyles and voluntary suffering. Rev. Moon referred to this as going to the “zero” point. Whatever the terminology, the group most embodying this and through whom Rev. Moon attempted to work most directly in the 1990s were Japanese women. In much the same way as he provided opportunities and encouraged Mrs. Moon in her leadership of WFWP and world speaking tours, so he looked to elevate the spiritual consciousness and commitment of Japanese women. Utilizing messianic imagery, he called upon them to take on an “Eve” or mother’s role in the world. Japan had been sacrificially funding movement activities for years. During the 1990s, the movement deployed thousands of Japanese women as missionary workers. Initially, 1,600 went out to the 160 countries in which the movement had missions, ten per nation. Later, some 4,000 Japanese women went out to countries in the Americas. At the end of the decade, most of these sisters were deployed in the United States, and Rev. Moon stated his intention of sending 20,000 more. Many of them left husbands and children behind. Their commitment was intended not only to augment movement activities but also to inspire sacrificial efforts in others. ❖

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Stop and watch the clouds drift past awhile.
Are they headed for some tropic isle?
Even though we may be miles apart,
I belong to you.
Now they brush across the mountaintops,
Dipping down to hidden valley spots.
Even though we may be miles apart.
I belong to you.

When the mist descends and clouds my view,
As the dampness chills me 'till I'm blue,
There's a part of you within my heart,
And it warms me through.
When I stumble blindly in the night,
Searching for the everlasting light,
There's a part of you within my heart,
And it warms me through.

Once we finally find the morning dawn;
Then we realize what we've become.
Now God's precious gift is this fresh start,
From His love so true.
Here our lives begin eternally;
Joined together through our family.
Now God's precious gift is this fresh start,
From His love so true.

Stop and watch the waves roll in awhile.
Are they coming from some distant isle?
Even though we may seem far apart,
We belong to You.
Now the breeze comes in so sweet and clear,
Since we sense Your presence always near.
There's a part of You within our heart,
And it guides us true.

Walter Lowe

by Carl Miffleton

Although we all believe in the same God, it is a distorted belief (I hesitate to call it “faith”) that motivated the terrorists to hijack jets and turn them into guided missiles. Such actions by so-called “religious” zealots makes me want to renounce religion altogether— even Unificationism. But that’s no answer, either.

Something has always troubled me in certain Christian rhetoric, in certain Islamic or other religious attitudes; something that I consider a threat. It’s a threat to me, to the nation, ultimately to God and humanity itself: fundamentalism. This is the bane of all religions and of all thinking people. Watching those two jets slam into the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 only served to solidify that resolution.

Born out of ignorance and fear—or fallen man’s inability to relate to the Living God— fundamentalism has always been stalking man’s spiritual life like a jealous lover. When one’s relationship with God ceases to be a thriving, growing, life-giving thing, fundamentalism takes over. Then it chokes the believer like Kudzu strangling an Oak tree. It has many aspects, I suppose, but the three main ones I see are: a) it is legalistic; b) it is adversarial; and c) it is blind.

Legalistic

Religious fundamentalism is preoccupied with questions of Authority— presumably God’s. True Father says that God’s love and God’s embracing heart are the ultimate source of authority, but the fundamentalist will have none of it. He understands God as a Lawgiver who rewards the righteous and punishes the “disobedient.” God’s Law is invariably codified in some written document: Bible, Koran, Divine Principle, etc. All authority stems from these documents, thus it is inherently legalistic. The best example of this attitude is the Pharisees at the time of Jesus (who Jesus condemned mercilessly). Rather than embrace the living God in Christ, these characters were worried about what the Bible said.

What’s the problem with a legalistic approach, anyway? One thing is, when the book is the ultimate authority, it is too easy to use scripture to justify almost anything. For many years, white Southern Christians used the Bible to support their enslavement of blacks. After emancipation they used those same scriptures to justify segregation and “Jim Crow” laws. That attitude is still prevalent in certain parts of the Deep South today. I

speak from personal experience: I worked as a missionary in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and some of the most virulent racists I ever encountered were white “Christians.”

Another problem is that it makes one inflexible and intransigent. Habit makes cowards of us all, and thus we become resistant to change. If someone should come along with something NEW— ex. Joseph Smith, Mary Baker Eddy, Sun Myung Moon— charges of heresy are brought, and the witch-hunt begins. So, how dangerous it is to think that God’s Authority resides in some book! Unificationists are not immune to this; how many times have I seen someone extract a quote from TF’s speeches to use as a cudgel or battering ram, or as a writ of mandamus when such was never the intent? 2000 years ago, this type of thinking got Jesus crucified.

Adversarial

In its never ending quest to be the “Chosen of God” or the “Elect,” fundamentalism draws a sharp line between us and them, thus it is adversarial. Even though God’s love and will encompasses all humanity, with no exclusions, the fundamentalist insists on a dichotomy between Jew and Gentile, saved and unsaved, Muslim and infidel, Family member and “outside people,” etc. The inevitable result is conflict and disunity, even religious warfare (like the Muslim fanatic’s Jihad against that Great Satan, the USA).

I have never liked the adversarial nature of Christianity— the “believe this or else” mentality. The whole notion of a small, exclusive group of religious people rejoicing in Heaven while the vast majority of the human race suffers in hell for all eternity is ridiculous. If this were true, what kind of God would that be? The fundamentalist God is a terrible, fearsome deity— the master of all cruelty. That being the case, almost any means is justified in coercing unbelievers to conversion, even torture. Read the bloody, barbaric history of European Christianity as a point of reference. The Inquisition especially showed a genius for inventing new methods of inflicting pain on “heretics.”

Unificationists seem obsessed with assigning Cain and Abel roles to people, cultures, and nations— and even members within the ranks— when it is not so clear that this has any basis in Principle. The classic exam-

ple is leaders who once taught, “I am Abel, you are Cain, so you must obey.” Fact is, Cain and Abel were both fallen men, both were sinners, and any difference between them was negligible in God’s sight. Divine Principle teaches the universal brotherhood of man under True Parents. We are all brothers and sisters so there can be no further discrimination. The Kingdom of Heaven is the dwelling of all people— either we all go together or no one goes.

There is no greater form of willful ignorance than fundamentalism. For example, regardless of how much evidence science accumulates to the contrary, many otherwise intelligent people insist that the Bible is literally true, therefore science must be mistaken. This doctrine of Biblical Inerrancy results in firm belief of the six-day creation, 6000 year-old earth, worldwide Flood, etc. None of these things are scientifically possible.

A theologian once explained, the reason why some Christians insist on the literal truth of Genesis is so that they may preserve the literal truth of Revelation— i.e. the Apocalypse, coming of Christ on the clouds, and so on. My question: why does having faith in God depend upon accepting, without reservation, the “truth” contained in documents written thousands of years ago? Do people actually believe that questioning the literal truth of the Bible is going to jeopardize their “salvation”?

Fundamentalists invariably reject other philosophies or traditions that either contradict their views or exist beyond them. Why else would Christian clergy assert that Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Islam, or (you name it) is “of the devil” and all their followers are going to hell? Why else would, say, Jehovah’s Witnesses call Roman Catholicism a “cult” and the Pope an Anti-Christ? Why would they want to persecute the Unification Church?

Conversely, why do I perceive intolerance in our own movement? Why are persons who “leave the church” reduced by some to persona non gratas, to the extent that even if someone wants to return, he knows full well how he is likely to be treated if he does? Thus, most do not return. Obviously, betraying the True Parents is a serious matter. But that has little to do with whether you are “in” or “out” of the church. I have met several ex-members who continued to love TPs but were unwilling to endure the humiliation of returning. If the movement cannot take care of its own (which it cannot), how does it expect to save the world?

What To Do

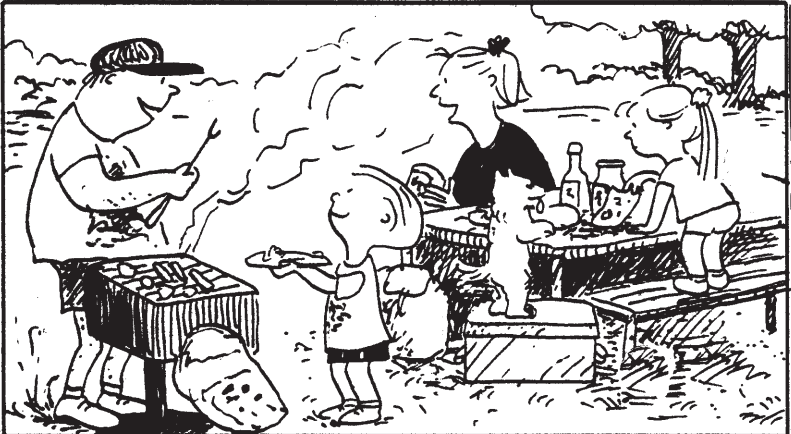
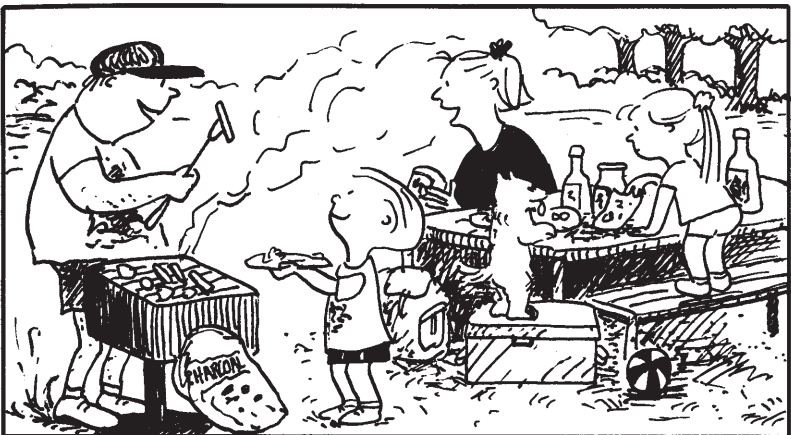
The core evil of religious fundamentalism is this: it denies the Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of humanity. It is patently insane to speak of “God’s love” while at the same time believing uncounted billions are going to suffer in hell for eternity. And how are you going to rejoice in Heaven when your own brother is in the pit? No, we are all in this life together— the fate of one is the fate of all.

Whence resides God’s Authority, then? It is the Principle that God’s truth be embodied in a human being— and so the necessity of Christ. God’s Authority is in the Messiah himself, not in his speeches or the DP text. Scriptures are meant to inspire faith and act as a guide; they are not statutes. The final authority in all matters is the conscience of each individual. So responsibility for one’s actions can never be transferred away from the self and no evil can ever be justified, regardless of what the Bible “says.” Any ideology that pits one against the other, divides human populations into sheep and wolves, or makes me Cain and you Abel should be questioned. The age of blind faith is over.

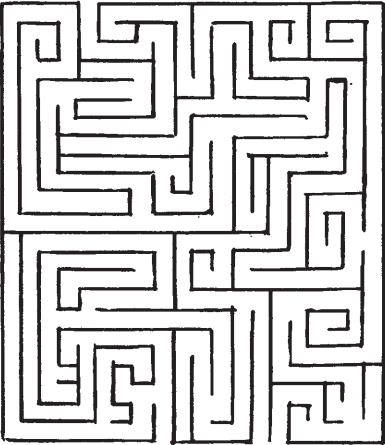
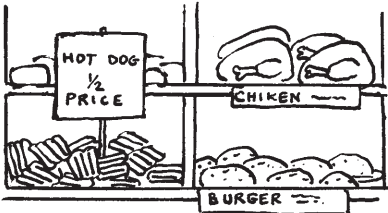
Unless the religious world neutralizes fundamentalism, it will continue to block the way of God’s providence. The sectarian strife will continue, the divisions and resentments and hatreds will continue, and yes, the terrorism will continue. America wants to wage a war against terrorism, but how do you fight an idea? Fundamentalism has to be marginalized and exposed for the virus it is. Otherwise, for every Osama bin Laden we liquidate three more will take his place. ❖

FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of having a barbeque



Help them find the hotdogs



PAUL
CARLSON

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

This is the second half of a short story about some portentous events in a small Mississippi town. All of the characters and places herein are fictional.

On Friday, traveling salesman Bill Mixner sensed it was time to switch gears once again. He'd encountered a large elderly population. This town was a backwater of the New South; its people were gracious, and pious, but few had an advanced education.

Besides, the package had just arrived from England.

Bill and his business partner Fred Brown knew that people worried about their health. They understood that men loved sports, and wives worried about their kids. They also knew that almost no one understands scientific principles, least of all in this humble, hard-working place.

Bill's colleague Dr. Edgerton ran an establishment in Oxford, England, and together they'd come up with something new. It was a line of household products based on Ludific Energy.

Eagerly, Bill and Fred opened the package.

"What's this Ludific Energy?" Fred asked.

"Some guy discovered it back in the 50's," Bill replied. "It's powerful but invisible."

"Like radiation?"

Bill flinched. "Never use that word! Say it's like magnetism, but more subtle."

"Okay," said Fred. "But how can I show customers if it's invisible?"

Bill grinned. "The inventor said it makes metal feel sticky." He rubbed his hand on his pants. Forget that. Just assure them we've purified the ingredients."

And they went on to discuss their plans.

The next morning they began to cover the territory once again. Both avoided places where they'd made heavy sales during their first go-round.

Their sales pitch used impressive, polysyllabic terms. Ludific Energy was said to "vibrate beyond relativistic levels, oscillating with accelerations in excess of the precipitance of luminousness." Thus the "harmonic vibrations" could "stimulate any molecules brought into direct proximity, raising them to an elevated quantum plane."

The folks of Dixie associated anything from distant Oxford with its famous university, and Bill and Fred did nothing to discourage this impression.

They sold Ludific hand lotion for fifty dollars, and sure enough, several elderly customers reported their arthritis clearing up.

Next, Bill introduced golf gloves studied with Ludific nodules. The following Sunday, the owner of a local car dealership scored his best game ever.

Fred sold housewives hundred dollar 'activated' food containers, and several husbands complimented them on the improved quality of their cooking. One lady caught Fred on the street and tearfully said he'd saved their marriage. Things really started to roll.

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Local gardeners bought gallons of Ludific 'water booster' to treat their gardens, and swore their vegetables were growing faster. The mother of one student sewed 'nodules' into his baseball cap, and the boy proceeded to win the local spelling bee.

Jim Faircloth knew what was up, but he didn't want to confront his friends and neighbors unless he had clear evidence. That very evening, Marta came home with a quart of Ludific soap.

"My sister insisted I should buy some," Marta asserted. "I didn't want her to feel bad."

"Honey," Jim told his wife, "you ought to know better." Then he held his tongue, and gave her a back rub instead.

"This cost me \$35," Marta finally said. "That's almost \$150 a gallon! Heck, if gasoline cost that much, someone like Dale would invent an Ultra-TurboBlaster."

"Look here," Jim said. "Mixner's Miraculous Soap. No patent. If Bill Mixner wanted one, he's have to show his plans and a sample to the Patent Office."

When Jim attempted to point this out to his neighbor, he received only a hostile glare.

Dale and a few others resisted the temptation to buy, as did Ellie May. Her RV had used more gas than ever, and they'd had to borrow money from a cousin just to get home from the lake.

The soap and one nodule were sacrificed on Jim's basement work bench. Every test revealed ordinary soap, and an inert lump of metal. Nonetheless, Bill and Fred were making hundreds of sales.

Organization

The two salesmen had always been loners; both were unmarried, always on the road. Now they had bigger ideas.

"If a hundred other MLMs can do it—" Bill told Fred, in the privacy of their motel room. They rented an empty storefront downtown.

Folks could buy in to the new organization at 'levels' costing anywhere from three hundred to ten thousand dollars. The golf-playing car dealer bought in at fifty thousand, and was appointed Senior Vice President. Bill rented himself a house in the nicest part of town.

Seriously worried, Jim Faircloth found that only about five townspeople had a degree in Physics. However, his brother-in-law was a professor at the University of Alabama, several hour's drive away. Long telephone consultations followed.

Word got around, and Bill learned of Jim's concerns.

With guidance from Dr. Edgerton, the salesmen prepared their troops. "Ludific energy will support the body in overcoming many diseases," Bill told this recruits. "Doctors need your hard-earned money to make their pool payments! Do you have any idea how many cancer cures the AMA has suppressed?" Angry shouts greeted Bill's asser-



tion. "My pa died of cancer," one lady cried. "The doctors did nothing—and left us broke anyhow!"

"That's not all," Fred followed up. "Do you know what they said about Galileo? The authorities always try to crush new ideas."

The following Saturday, Jim Faircloth dared to stand up during a monthly Businessmen's Breakfast meeting, and address the issue directly.

Several of his fellows gave him an unexpected, and apparently well informed reply. Jim had never heard of Lord Kelvin.

He soon got an earful.

It seemed that Kelvin, one of the nineteenth century's most prominent scientists, had pronounced: "Man will never fly." When informed that the Wright brothers had done so, he'd retorted: "Then they'll never carry a passenger." Jim soon found himself wishing that Lord Kelvin had never existed.

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Meanwhile, the town's leading Protestant minister was getting involved. He was a young man, just out of seminary, and his self-appointed goal was to help the townsfolk become more enlightened.

Pastor Bascomb had found little open racism; he'd almost felt disappointed about that. So he sought a new challenge, hoping to "raise the spiritual level" of the local people, and so "bring the whole community to a higher plane." Spiritual vibrations had been all the rage at his seminary, located as it was on Berkeley's Holy Hill.

It was proving difficult. Then, as if in answer to his prayers, along came Bill Mixner and his wondrous technology.

Pastor Bascomb was an intelligent man, and when Jim Faircloth had fixed his microwave oven, two months earlier, he's talked the repairman into giving a short lecture on how the oven really worked.

That afternoon, Bascomb had told his secretary about microwaves. "Invisible energy excites the water molecules directly," he'd enthused.

It seemed to Bascomb that Mixner's products must work on similar principles. Besides, Bill and Fred had started attending church each Sunday—and tithing generously.

One Sunday, Pastor Bascomb asked Bill and Fred to stand, and publicly thanked them for their contributions to the community.

Sales and recruitment had spread nationwide, and their town was set to boast of more wealth than it had since the Civil War.

Seated in a back pew, it was

all Jim could do to keep from jumping up and shouting objections, right then and there.

After the service, Jim requested a meeting with Bascomb. And could his brother-in-law, a professor from Alabama, sit in too? The Pastor said he could.

While waiting to see the Pastor, Jim and the professor talked about Lord Kelvin.

The professor explained, "Kelvin understood the basic principles. He knew that air resistance would increase with an aircraft's speed. They didn't have good engines back then, so more output meant more weight. His objections were entirely valid. It was mostly a question of better engineering."

Jim shook his head and sighed. "I doubt there are ten people in this entire town who could tell you how a VCR works, much less explain the principles behind it. That's plenty good for my business, but no wonder Mixner can snooker folks so easily. I'd love to put the truth about this whole business on the front page of the newspaper, like explaining what a 'placebo' is."

"Then you'll have to find those ten people, and get together," the professor said quietly. "Maybe you could put something in the local paper. Tell them how wondrous science really is. You know I belong to the American Scientific Affiliation, and we do see the Lord's hand in the cosmos. I hope your Pastor can see his way clear, too. He'd be able to get the truth out."

With this, we come to the close of our story. Dear Reader, if this town sounds familiar to you, that's because it was meant to. Which character would you be? ❖

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The Lawn Mower Man



**KIM KORMAN
BROWN**

Kim is a
Wife and Mother
in rural Virginia

Last year we discovered that it was time for our old Sears lawn-mower to be laid to rest. We had to pull the rope to the brink of shoulder dislocation to get it started, so we finally decided to buy a new one. I checked out new mowers at the local hundred acre hardware store, and finally settled on getting a used one out of the newspaper. I talked to a nice guy on the phone, and mailed him a deposit to hold it until I could drive out to his house to buy it. I called him three times after mailing the deposit —once to confirm that I'd mailed it, a second time to arrange an appointment to come for it, and again before I left my house to make sure he was home.

So when I arrived at his little trailer out in the country I was expecting a smooth sale but ended up with a moral dilemma. He had game show host good looks and hair. He greeted me and then surprised me by popping open the hood on my van and asking me about how the engine was attached because he'd just been given a van which needed a new engine and he wanted to see how it was bolted on. Huh?

I found this odd, but I waited until he finished. The next moment we were in the back yard where his Baywatch wife was slathering herself with sun tan lotion as she sunbathed in a bikini. He showed me the shiny, red mower and began to recite a litany of all its uncommon features. Amidst the game show pitch he mentioned, "Gee, you know, my wife is saying that we paid \$300 for this mower and she and I were hoping to get a little more than we previously agreed upon." He then chattered on about the mulch attachment, the 6.5 horsepower engine and whatever else seemed impressive to him.

We had agreed on \$150. and now he wanted \$175.

I was a bit unnerved. I said, "Well, I called you several times before coming out here. Why didn't you ask me about that during one of those calls. You're putting me on the spot. I thought we had a deal. In fact, you agreed to lower the price a b i t

f o r m e f r o m your ad (which he had!) the first time we talked. Now you're trying to fast talk me and get me to pay more than the agreed upon amount."

I thought to myself, I have been a softy all my life. Here I am again facing an attempt to be rooked by someone who couldn't give a rat's hiney about me.

He was talking a mile a minute about how his wife was irate and how it was worth more than what he was selling it for. She continued slathering and didn't look up. I was a bit mad because I thought, here I am — if I don't buy it, my time has been royally wasted. If I do buy it I'm being shanghaied. Should I stand up for "what's right"? Then I thought, what is right?

I looked at him. He was living in a trailer on the edge of a farm with broken machinery behind it. His wife looked rather shallow and external. She didn't look like a furnace of love, investing her soul into their marriage. It didn't exactly look like Eden before the fall. I thought, if I can give

him \$25. extra without fighting with him, who knows what the affect might be in the universe?

Maybe he'll think, "Wow, I took that lady." Maybe he'll think, "I'm so relieved she didn't fight me. I needed the money." Maybe he won't think anything.

Another time we hired a couple to help us move. They were kind of down on their luck at the time. They agreed to work for a certain amount and then after they worked, they wanted more money. I was annoyed at the way they demanded more. Their tone suggested that we were dishonest. But my husband said to me, look —they have nothing —let's just give them more than they asked for, and then they'll have nothing to say. Of course they expressed no gratitude (which I w a s expect-ing,) for t h e extra amount and even seemed to have contempt for us. We were moving from

a very tiny, poorly constructed, junky house, to a medium-income, split-level house. During the afternoon of the move, the woman sat in my rocking chair in the new living room for a moment and said, almost to herself, that she wished she had a place like this. Our home is more than ordinary —including particle board furniture assembled from K-Mart! But when I drove them home that night to the motel room they rented on a weekly basis, and thought about their difficult situation, I thought my husband did the right thing to give them more money.

One of the means to transform the world might just be good old generosity. Acting on the generous side of things could start a worldwide trend which becomes the norm rather than the exception. Eventually no one would be trying to "take" another person for a few extra bucks. Folks would be looking to see how they could leave the bargaining table on the side of generosity. What a knee-jerk moment that would be!

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Dreams

I dream of things that may some day come true,
and all I can think of is some nice, new person like you,
I hope that someday we can meet and have a friendship that
will forever keep!

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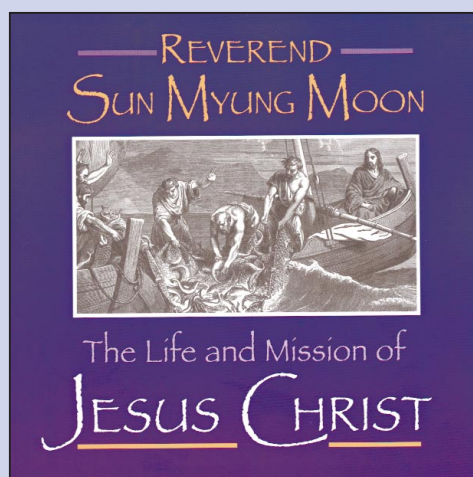
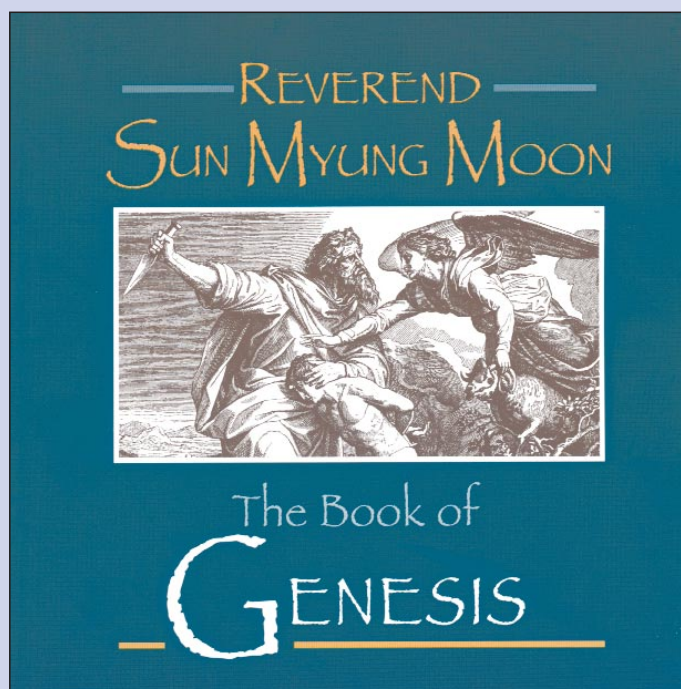
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