

## Ministers Mobilize

### Chicago

by Revs. Bruce & Ilse Sutchar

We pulled up to the warehouse on the West Side of Chicago at precisely the same time as the invited candidate for U.S. Senate in Illinois. The grip of one of the coldest winters in Chicago history was beginning to loosen and ministers were pouring in from all over the city. We had recently celebrated Martin Luther King's birthday together and had held a wonderful January prayer breakfast at our own Chicago Family Peace Church. The headlines had been filled with stories about the Democratic primary elections all across America and the premiere of the new Jesus movie.

Our first two guests February 24, 2004 both

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### Selma

by Pastor Carl V. Rawls

On Saturday, March 6th, the ACLC Selma Chapter of Alabama hosted its first Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. Pastor Carl V. Rawls, ACLC National Executive Board Committee Member and president of the Selma Chapter, emceed the event.

Pastor Rawls began his opening remarks echoing the words of Paul in II Corinthians 11:22..... "Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I." On that spiritual note, he said "Good morning, family." Pastor Rawls stated that this morning we are standing together as one. Standing before God

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### Kansas City

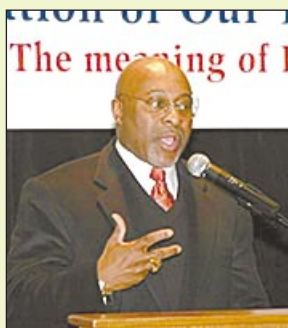
by Rev. Mary Anglin

Apostle Leo Standley is our Co-Convenor for ACLC in Kansas. He is a great man of faith and committed to the work of ACLC to allow the Holy Spirit to tear down the walls. Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr. cannot be summarized on paper, but I'll do my best to report on his visit to Kansas City on February 8th. It all began when Apostle Leo Standley expressed to me that he'd love to have Bishop Stallings or one of our other great ACLC leaders speak at his church anniversary. I proceeded to make arrangements, only to hear Rev. Standley testify that he had only voiced his dream; he didn't really believe it would happen.

He was so honored and humbled that Bishop Stallings would come. It is a great testimony to our national level organization: they are always ready to serve even the humblest and most out-of-the-way locales.

Bishop Stallings was originally scheduled

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### Los Angeles

by Rev. T. L. Henning

Saturday, March 6th, the ACLC Monthly Prayer Breakfast in Los Angeles at the McCarty Memorial Christian Church was a truly grand event with over one-hundred clergy attending, around one-hundred and fifty altogether. The theme was the Middle East Peace Initiative: Reconciling the Sons of Abraham.

1 Corinthians 13 from the New Testament was read by Rev. Millsap of the Sadoc Peace Family Church. Quotations from the Koran were read and explained by Imam Saddiq Safir, of the Masjid Ibaadillah of Los Angeles, one of the highest positioned leaders among Islamic clerics in Southern California. Rev. Sterling Brown read the 1956

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### St. Louis

by Carl Swearson

The Salad Bowl Restaurant on Saturday, January 24, in St. Louis was the setting for one of the more moving and successful programs appointing Ambassadors for Peace and updating the 70 attendees on last year's pilgrimages to Israel.

Even though registration did not begin until 8:30 a.m., some of the guests arrived 40 minutes early. "I really could not sleep well last night thinking about today. I didn't want to miss it," said one of the participants.

Rev. Cecelia Maclin, Chaplin at Jefferson Arms Apartments, opened the event with a reading from scripture (Psalms 41:1) and a blessing for the meal. The restaurant soon had to set out more plates and food, because more than expected decided to attend. At one point, the late comers had to sit on chairs along the wall because the tables were filled.

Since a number of the guests were attending for the first time, everyone briefly introduced themselves during the meal.

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### Winston-Salem

by Rev. Burgi Hutcherson

Once a month NC Blessed Families are gathering for a state wide event to strengthen the bonds between the Raleigh, Charlotte and the newly established Triad Family Church.

This month's event took place on Sunday February 22nd at the CRT Christian Farm of Bishop Willie Davis, Jr. in Winston-Salem, NC. At this event we were tremendously blessed to receive our president Rev. Michael Jenkins and his wife Reiko and their precious daughter Jessica.

We also received Rev. Dickerson, our Vice Regional Director from Kentucky. Rev. Dickerson was accompanied by his

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Proclamation Prayer of March 8, 2004

Dearest Beloved Heavenly Father, Amidst the flow of the times you raised the banner of your providence and established your will at the center of the heavens and earth. You longed for the sovereign nation of love of the ideal of creation, yet your will was lost because of the fall of the first human ancestors. When we see all the facts that can be reasoned out from the history of suffering and that which has been flowing since the fall of the first human ancestors, we know that hell and humankind has gone through this bitter course of human history filled with anguish and resentment as they stood along the sides of influence of these affairs. In order to bring these things together you have raised servants and promised that you would send the messiah. You raised the Israel nation within the realm of the chosen people. The 4000 years of history until the time of Jesus after the Old Testament Age which you prepared for 4000 years was spent in suffering and amidst the pain of prosperity, decline and patience. Throughout these times you persevered and I know more than anyone else how hard you worked to lay the foundations for



this victory. Jesus came to this earth and should have united with the people of Israel with the chosen nation of Israel. Then the Jewish people and the Israel nation should have created a nation. This was the foundation of God's will for the messiah. However this child here knows that Jesus who came with the mission of becoming the True Parents had tragically come from the lineage of illegitimate children and the messianic ideal had persevered with concern for the future of the Judaism and the Israel nation as he gazed upon them with a heart of suffering and patience during the pioneer course in the wilderness with the start of this miserable life, unbeknownst by all people. As in the time of Jesus, many were born whose origin and lineage are uncertain and all those on earth who represent this tragic history are like Jesus who was born alone as an illegitimate child not knowing for sure who his ancestors or parents were. We know that Jesus' life of which little is recorded aside from the prophecies

The historic series of events that we are participating in have very deep historic meaning. Perhaps far more than we can imagine. The suffering and heartbreak of God over the sacrifice of Jesus was infinite. Together with God, Jesus' suffering heart was immense and so profound that only God could understand. The hope of repairing such suffering was unimaginable. True Parents silently went through the broken hearted steps of history and by repeatedly going through the realm of death and resurrection with love for all humanity they came to fully grasp the immense and indescribable suffering of God due to the rejection of His son. Let us pray that we might understand and as children of filial piety humbly stand before God, Jesus and our True Parents and feel sorrowful to them that without our even knowing or understanding, they have been so lonely in their suffering. We didn't understand how vast the unspeakable anguish of 2000 years ago had never been dissolved and was never liberated until this time. From Father's prayer you can see and feel through his words and sobbing that

the Coronation of Jesus in Jerusalem and again on Capitol Hill was the watershed moment when this historical pain and broken heart of God and Jesus could begin to heal. True Father, through becoming one with the suffering heart of God, came to the place in which he found the profound secret of healing the heart of God. The Jewish family would come forth and crown Jesus as the King of Israel and the King of Peace. This occurred on December 22nd, 2003 in Jerusalem. On February 4th on Capitol Hill it expanded to the world. This would begin the healing process between all humanity and particularly the sons of Abraham. With tears flowing like a river we must now pray and sacrifice to comfort God and Jesus and extend our heart of gratitude to True Parents - who will now, before Heaven, Earth and Mankind will receive the Crowns of Glory. Thank you God, Thank you Jesus, Thank you True Parents. Thank you for your silent suffering and unchanging love which has been always seeking to find a way to restore us back to the Kingdom of Heart and forgiveness. The Kingdom of True Family and True Love. This is the time of the realization of the Peace Kingdom !!!—MJ

of the Old Testament that were recorded to be true in the New Testament, had been filled with many difficulties throughout its course and from the chaos of the environment. Centering on that tragic life of 33 years his dream as the messiah was to digest Rome centering on the Israel religion, eliminate all the boundaries of resentment in the heaven and earth, and bring about an ideal world of love which goes beyond the liberated horizon and sea line. But we have come to know that despite this dream Jesus was placed in a position where

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C A L E N D A R

MARCH 2004

- 7 Middle East Time Founded (1983)
- 8 Jin Sung Nim's Birthday (2/18/62)
- 9 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)
- 12 Cheon Il Guk Established (2/22/2001)  
Grand Liberation of 6,000 Years of Providential History (2/22/2002)
- 19 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)
- 26 Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
- 27 New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA) Inauguration (1980)
- 28 International Christian Professors Association Established (1981)  
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)  
The Sao Paulo Declaration (1995)

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- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)  
138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)  
57 Single Blessing (1989)
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)  
Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)  
Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (1996)
- 11 Un Jin Nim & Jin Hun Nim's Blessing (1986)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)  
Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 17 Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension  
Day of the Resurrection of Shimjung (1960)  
Day of the Resurrection of Substance (1961)

- 19 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)  
Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
- 22 Noticias del Mundo Established (1980)
- 27 Interreligious (144,000) Clergy Blessing (2002)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Ascension (2001)
- 29 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- MAY 2004
- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)  
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)  
Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 4 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 13 Jin Hun Nim's Birthday (3/25/63)
- 14 Cheonju Haebang Shik: Liberation of the Universe (1999)  
National (American) Won Jeon Shrine Dedicated (2002)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)  
Citizen's Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (1987)
- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)  
Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 21 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)  
118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)  
American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 27 60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
- 28 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' East and West (Global) Victory (1999)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Hyo Jin Nim's, Un Jin Nim's, Yun Ah Nim's and Shin Choon Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2004. Dong Sook Nim's birthdate (1/30) and Shin Ji Nim's birthday (7/30) does not exist in the 2004 lunar calendar; as with other leap days, it is celebrated the following day (as listed above). Every attempt has been made to create an accurate calendar, and I'd like to keep it that way. If there are discrepancies, please feel free to contact me. A lot of work and effort goes into this calendar's creation (annually for the past ten years)--including learning Japanese to be able to read an accurate lunar-solar calendar source, and gaining an understanding of the workings of the lunar calendar—Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]



## Era of the Settlement of the Cosmic Parent, Parents of Heaven and Earth and Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

The meaning of this day, February 22, in the 4th year of Cheon Il Guk, can be found in the number 6 centering on the number 4. From this day on, the era of safe settlement of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind shall begin.

Thus, the invisible God in the spirit world has appeared in the substantial True Parents, and centering on this, the foundation for all things of the entire spirit world to freely engage in activities on earth has been made. Since this day falls on the numbers 4 and 6, the numbers for indemnity and liberation, the True Parents who have appeared on earth as the substantial embodiment of God on the foundation of the safe settlement and liberation of the Comic Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, can through indemnity, make level all the walls created in the era of the individual, family, tribe, and cosmos from the Garden of Eden. As we designate this day to indemnify the number 6 on the foundation of the family, the four-position foundation, we pray for the complete settlement of the Cosmic Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Thus we must know that the gates of the liberated heaven on earth and in heaven have been opened along with the spirit world and the family of the safe settlement of the Cosmic Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

Repeat after me. God's desire was to perfect the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. This could be realized when the entire universe becomes God's universe by having Adam's family inherit God's love, life and lineage, thus bringing about the start of the blessed family which is God's ideal of creation. As we designate this day on this foundation, on this day I proclaim this after the establishment of the liberated realm of the number 10, which is a combination of the numbers 4 and 6 of the physical world and world of heaven.

In joy we pray that you become the eternal owner of the family kingdom of heaven, greater than the king of kings who reigns for eternity with the sovereignty of the Cosmic Parents of Heaven and Earth, the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind who can reign over the entire universe after inheriting the position of the liberated owner on the foundation of True Parents' hard work. In the name of True Parents, I



proclaim that the central kingdom, and liberation of all nations and the complete settlement of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind will advance to the infinite world of peace and eternity. We pray you accept this with joy and reign over all things on this foundation. This I report with joy in the name of True Parents. Amen. Amen. Thank you.

### The declaration

It is the beginning of the era of transcending the family, centering on the family related with the unified realm of the Heavenly Parent and Earthly Parents. Now is springtime. It is the first spring that God has seen, and is the era that is for love and blessing on earth. The number six is based on the number four (four-position foundation).

Korean leaders and the peace ambassadors representing seven nations in Korea joined True Parents for Pledge Service and Hoondokhae at Hannam-dong on Sunday, February 22. This day was the anniversary of Fathers' imprisonment in North Korea, the 36th Anniversary of the 430 couples blessing and the anniversary of the day of Unification of the spiritual and physical worlds (1982).

In his special prayer True Father proclaimed the "Era of the Settlement of the Cosmic Parent, Parents of Heaven and Earth and Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind."

True Father said that until now

God has been unable to claim anything as His own, because everything was dominated by Satan through the fall of the first human ancestors. But now, centering on True Parents' worldwide, victorious foundation to restore all things back to God's realm, as the number 4 and the number 6 on the earth and in the spirit world were united, liberating the number 10, this day became a happy day to proclaim the beginning of the "Era of the Settlement of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind," liberating God as the eternal Owner of the entire cosmos.

Because the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have proclaimed this in the realm of heaven and earth, nobody can escape this heavenly fortune. Even though the satanic world has tried to oppose this, it is the time to enter into God's Realm, Parents of Heaven; automatically God's nation has begun. Therefore the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind can work freely on the basis of liberation of heaven and earth and cosmos. On this base we are entering the era of liberated Cheon Il Guk by unifying three generations of our families.

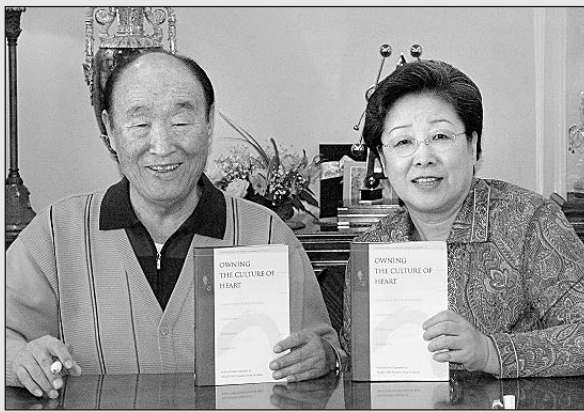
Because it is the family which is perfected centering on the perfection of the Family Pledge, from now on, God is not the owner; you who have families of heaven, earth and humankind, are the owners. Because Adam who lives on earth has the authority of the spirit world, he is the teacher at the same time as being installed as king. This time is therefore for moving toward

som and bear fruits, and you have to be filial sons and daughters, and loyal citizens (patriots) as it was to have been 6000 years ago. If you do not follow this, you will perish. All of you who are participating in this special declaration should be grateful. Today is the foundation stone of tremendous blessing.

Spring is important. Please think that Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are settling. Up to now we cannot use the word "we". You have to know that the words "My family", "Our family", are tremendously important. You have to be newly aware of yourselves. You have to understand that from now on, if you fall, you will fall into a more dreadful realm than where Adam went. All of you must not have cause to be ashamed of yourselves. Please welcome the spring, when we can shout mansei. Please be grateful for this fortune that can bear fruit eternally.

Don't speak casually. On such a

### February 23, 2004, Hannam-dong, Korea



Today is the fourth Sunday (Sabbath) of this month and from now on it is the era of the absolute family, in which the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind can settle completely. Therefore you must become the owner of the family and you have to inherit heaven and earth from the Parents, pray and live for establishing the four-position foundation and clan on the family level. Please absolutely keep the Family Pledge.

a developed world, and thus it will be a peaceful region centering on God's kingdom.

A subject partner hopes that his second self, as the inheritor, will be better than he is. Please keep in mind that our families are the owners of Cheon Il Guk. Up to now, God could not say "We". Because He has not welcomed spring, He has not been able to use the word "We." Therefore you have to be families, which as owners sprout, blos-

spring day it is not good to say bad words. Make a new resolution! Because God's resolution is my resolution, we should say it in a very dignified manner. You have to know the amazing truth that from today, the starting base, in the spiritual and physical worlds, of the complete settlement of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind in our family has been established. You have to live at that standard.



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he had no kin from the same nation, no friend, no sibling, no parent, no family, no nation and no home, Father. We as Unification Church members must never forget that Jesus bore this sad history of being the prince of princes, the legitimate son of all sons on earth after leaving behind his sorrow and anguish as he died nameless on the cross after the course of only 2 years and 8 months on earth. We need to succeed this lineage and inherit this tradition from beginning to end. But we know very well that the history of faith of this world had been a wintry one where your ties of blood which should have upheld the path of loyalty and filial piety regardless of the anguish which burns the body could not remain to carry out your will of one heart, one mind and one body.

We also know that from the crucifixion of Jesus 2000 years ago, and the 400 years of drudgery under the Roman Empire, the Israel people lost their nation and were driven away to become a sad nation who shed their blood on this earth. I also know very well the bloody history of Israel where they were torn apart, trampled on and eaten by those beasts as they faced the desolate field as they lost their nation, fatherland and master.

The individual anguish, family anguish, tribal anguish, national anguish was vanquished as this lost people were able to be restored to their land on April 15, 1945 and restore Israel in 1948 centering on USA after World War II. Yet the walls of resentment centering on this restored land of Israel could not be overcome and thus the Republic of Korea succeed them as the 3rd Israel. Because of the direct intervention of Satan who was playing it both ways, this land of Korea where the victorious authority of the kingship was to be established instead entered into a fratricidal war, shedding the blood of the nation. At this time we still see the reality where human life is tormented by this misfortunate history and the nation was lost as to where to go. Now we place this history of resentment which spreads out in all directions, at

the center and we wish to designate this day of liberation centering on the 4th year of Cheon Il Guk; centering on March 8th; centering on the number 24 (3x8), centering on the number 28, and centering on the number 40, the 4 great realms of the family centering on the number 32 centering on the 4 great realms. We pray that you stand at the center and clarify all things so that you can set forth your ideal of creation. The liberation of the kingdom of heaven on earth, and in heaven, you liberated your sovereignty of love. All the realms of your hometown for the liberation of the fatherland and this earth. Now let all the resentments of indemnity be cleared away and on the foundation of proclaiming the unifi-

us to the circuit where it can go in any direction, 360 degrees to the center, and upon the path where you can freely move about in all directions. To this we are able to proclaim the liberated gates of heaven, devoid of all obstacles, and centering on this day March 8th, 2004, we pray that you stand as the victorious owner of the victorious fatherland for eternity along with the establishment of Father's government centering on the liberation of all nations on top of the foundation of coronation ceremony of Jesus, the coronation ceremony of peace in Capitol Hill and on the foundation of proclaiming the era of the Peace Kingdom to liberate the universe and God's Fatherland upon which the ideal of Cheon Il Guk is estab-

dom. We pray that you seize the ideal realm, the center of heaven and earth in all 6 directions, and re-open the history of revolution, an upheaval of 180 degrees in all directions. We pray that you bestow your might to 360 degrees and with the authority of the owner who can assert the self, the owner of the ideal of creation, the creator and great lord of the universe, we fervently pray that you go about on the foundation of True Parents who have won through tribulations as the representative of all victors.

At this time 8 am, March 8th, 4th year of Cheon Il Guk, we pray that you look upon all of our hearts as we pray and ask to you in earnest. I pray that you look upon the blessed families and their children in the stead of True Parents who have taken care of these with the heart of suffering as I overcame the hurdles of resentment and the spirit world. Under your care we pray that you give us the authority to freely do your works throughout all nations on your behalf. All that has been proclaimed in spirit world, from the saints and sages to all the kings on this earth; all the saints who made this resolution, the kings of the Koryo dynasty, Yi dynasty of Korea, the US presidents, all 138 royal kings of Japan we prayed that if there is anything between the nations, let spirit world open the doors to bring in the morning and new day of the liberated realm on earth and in the free heavens and earth. Let us freely move about and march forward with the victorious authority in this providential spring season.

Let this spring that we welcome be the first spring that you can enjoy for the first time. Let this women's movement centering on the new mother of Korea go beyond the world, overcoming the struggle between Cain and Abel in the mind and body, in the family, society, tribe and nation and within the national assemblies of many nations. Let it stand at the top the United Nations and the top of the USA, and the White House to become the victorious master and your autonomous king of kings. This I pray in earnest. Let your ideal of creation be set forth and that all that you hoped for can go beyond the nations of heaven and be welcomed by you with joy. Let it become the liberated king of kings, the parent of love, the master of love and the king of love.

I pray in True Parents name that your reign of peace and everlasting the nation can be made. I truly pray that this can be transmitted with joy towards the world of everlasting love and peace as the victorious royal family. This we pray and report in the name of True Parents, centering on the number 8 on this day of March 8th, 4th year of Cheon Il Guk. Amen! Amen! Amen! ❖

*The First Volume of Hyun Jin Moon's Speeches!*

CARP is pleased to announce that the first book of W-CARP President Hyun Jin Moon's public speeches has been published: "OWNING THE CULTURE OF HEART."

Ever since the inauguration as the Vice President of Family Federation for World Peace in 1998, President Hyun Jin Moon has been asking all of us to become Owners of the Culture of Heart, in order to transform the world into a one God-centered human family. He has spoken in public numerous times in order to convey his heart, and in this book we have selected 21 of his speeches from the last five year period.



In this book of 21 select public speeches, readers will not only discover the core of the 50 year teachings of our True Parents Rev. & Mrs. Sun Myung Moon but also the true essence of leadership. With this book, we would like the leaders and members of our Unification Movement to deeply connect to the filial heart of a True Child and to start anew with unsullied determination to actualize God and True Parents' dream.

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cation of all things including the dignity of the Blessed Families we have ushered in this age where we can proclaim God's Fatherland and the era of the Peace Kingdom.

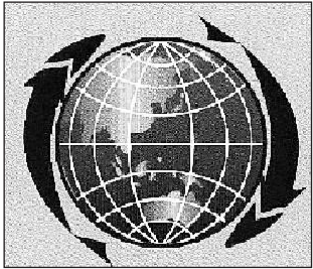
We pray that before the end of this year, the heavens, earth and cosmos can align itself towards the opened gates that have advanced throughout all directions upon the path that leads

lished. Now the age has come where you can gaze upon the entire universe, grasping it with both hands and freely going about as you wish in all directions, 360 degrees. Thus when I think about how much I toiled to reveal the secrets of heaven, Satan and this earth with these young children and how great the pains were to lay this victorious foundation under the banner of the True Parents, I know it was for the sake of serving the Father who had suffered hundreds and thousands of times more than my suffering. You had led me to stand in a position where I can carry out my duty as a loyal servant in building a nation and now we have come upon this prominent age where you have set me up at the center of your Fatherland and era of the Peace King-

World Sport Fishing  
Federation

World Sport Fishing Federation Under the direction of the International Vice Chairman and Continental Chairman Dr. Chang Sik Yang, The World Sport Fishing Federation - USA (WSFF-USA) will open its doors officially early in 2004.

After numerous experiences with fishing adventures and local tournaments in places such as Hawaii, Alaska, Gloucester (MA), Florida and the Hudson River in New York/New Jersey, Australia, Marshall Islands, Paraguay and Uruguay over the past twenty years, a cooperative effort of international individuals realized a calling of greater purpose. Thus, the Fishing World Cup was created and was sponsored by the original WSFF in Nagasaki, Japan on Hirado Island in 2001.



Some 510 fishermen from twenty-seven countries participated for prize money of \$90,000. The 2003 Fishing World Cup, under the guidance of the International Chairman Mr. Tae Geun Yoon, was held in The Republic of Korea. The tournament took place on the coastal waters and coastline in the vicinity of the city of Yeosu. Over sixty countries were represented competing for total prize money of over \$90,000.

World Sport Fishing Federation - USA is sponsoring its first official tournament April 24th and 25th, 2004 on the Hudson River in New York/New Jersey area. It will be called the Hudson Striper Peace Cup. It will be an open event for the largest striped bass fish of the two day tournament with awards and prize money over \$20,000. Winners from this tournament will be eligible to participate in future tournaments sponsored by WSFF-USA in the fall of 2004 and the next Fishing World Cup in Taiwan in 2005. ❖

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# 40-day Workshops for Blessed Wives are From God

by Dae Mo Nim

*Dae Mo Nim is deeply concerned about the life and welfare of all blessed families around the world and has emphasized the importance of the 40-day workshops for blessed wives on many occasions. The following is an excerpt from her speech which was given at the 626th 2-day Workshop on January 8, 2004.*

We can receive blessings from 2004 on. We have to remove our fallen nature. However, we sometimes forget about these things.

We do not really understand when we get angry, lose our tempers, or become proud. So I asked God requesting, "Heavenly Father! You love us, right?" God answered that He loves us. "Then please teach us when we do not know or have done something wrong."

Then God answered, "The 40-day workshops for blessed wives are being held so I can teach you."

God said, "All these days, I did not know." Why? It is certain that from a world of light, God knows whether we are doing wrong or right. Yet, He watches and says, "I did not know." God says, "We have entered bright time period as daylight. Now that we are in the Cheon Il Guk era, I can see you directly and you must learn the things that you must put into practice. You must purify yourself from evil and come to me. Look at the way you have been living since receiving the blessing. During these 40 days, report about all the various problems that your family is facing." Where? At Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall.

This is why I am including a time for self-reflection within the afternoon schedule of these 40-day workshops for blessed wives. I did it not because

you are not sleeping well or you are tired. It is not meant to be a time to rest. For 40 days, go to Jeong Shim



Won prayer hall and report every details of how you and your family have lived until now.

Knowing what we tell Him, God feels impelled to help us because we are His children. If you report constantly, I can

put your reports on record. Then I will be with you in your lives and will gladly help and teach you. I will gladly come to find you when you are facing difficulties. This is why He gave His consent to hold these 40-day workshops.

It is not only for the sake of liberating spirits or for teaching the Divine Principle. These are not the only goals. God wants us to graft to the Principle and remove all our sins, and wants to think that He has not seen the way we have lived in the past. This is God's Heart.

However, our sins are so great that God cannot simply say, "I did not see what I saw." Thus He says, "Now that I see, I will solve your wrongdoings, so report daily. If you report, then I will make your wishes come true without fail." The 40-day workshops for blessed wives hold this important meaning. ❖

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To whom does spring belong? It is "my" spring. It is to bequeath the position of Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind to the blessed families. God is the being of dual characteristics with masculine nature. He needs a body. He has to be the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind through the Parents of Heaven and Earth on earth. As a Parent, He could not appear as the Mother. From today, True Mother has the glory of appearing as His hyongsang (external form).

Absolute plus can create absolute minus. The families representing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd God, bearing and sons and daughters, have begun [to take] the position of Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Thanks to the settlement of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, we can bear fruit. Now we are the family of Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

On February 22 of year 4 of Cheon Il Guk, the numbers 4 and 6 are the keys which Satan used to close up heaven. Today, therefore, the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have appeared and these numbers have been completed. These add up to 10, which is the number of returning.

Now Yeosu-Suncheon is the city representing the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. I have more concern about Yeosu-Suncheon than about the U.S.A. and Korea. We can only achieve things by concentrating our thoughts on it. Please be a pioneer in welcoming the new spring. If you bear fruits you have to bring all of them in front of the owner. The sphere of the sovereignty of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind belongs to the sons and daughters who are the complete representatives of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

Ambassadors for peace can stand in a position higher than Koreans if they have more patriotic hearts than Koreans. Now is the time to see the spiritual world. Please do your best in witnessing ❖

## Special Workshop for Regional Directors

*On February 19, 2004, the opening ceremony for the First Special Workshop for Regional Directors was held at the lecture hall in Yeong Pyong Resort, with over 1,000 family members attending. True Father spoke completely Japanese and educated the family members who attended the workshop. The opening ceremony lasted 5 hours.*





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sermon of Rev. Moon, “Abraham Lived A Life Of Unseen Ordeals,” that highlighted Abraham’s character of sacrificial love. A delicious breakfast buffet brought the first part of the event to a happy conclusion.

Next, the video presentation, “The Path to Peace: Reconciling the Children of Abraham” really amazed the clergy who have not been able to participate directly in the Middle East Peace Initiative. It made a perfect atmosphere and foundation to prepare for our first speaker. Ms. Norma Foster, president of the United Nations Association, Pacific Coast Chapter and organizer of the annual Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Service spoke on her experience of interfaith unity and love because of the work of the True Parents both in Jerusalem and in Los Angeles. She has a wealth of experience in media and international net-



working. Many clergy were moved deeply and showed it with a spontaneous standing ovation. The spirit was high and the music was dazzling; especially the rendition of “Peace, Shalom, Salaam Aleikum” written and produced by Minister Rick Joswick and Mr. Barry Fosman. Two choir ensembles combined for maximum effect; Origin and the Sadoc Christian Singers. What a powerful performance!

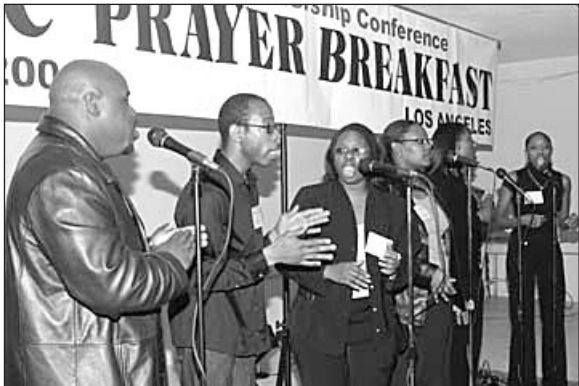
The audience was a blending of Christian and Islamic leaders. Several remarked how this kind of meeting is truly unprecedented in its demonstration of cooperation and unity like one large interfaith family.

Our speaker representing the Islamic faith was Imam Tariq Aquil. He is amazing in his ability to speak from the Bible and the Koran in the original languages of both. He preaches like a Gospel revivalist, but with great humor and he embodies the unity of faiths under God. Both Christians and Moslems cheered his presentation. His main point was the amazing ability of the True Parents to demonstrate love, even for those who show no love for them. This he pointed out, is the kind of love that leads the way to peace.

Rev. Godwin D'Silva, State Leader in Southern California, gave a presentation entitled “Affirming God-centered

Marriage” that reviewed the Biblical and Divine Principle based view that God’s Ideal of marriage can only be realized by a man and a woman who complete the four great realms of heart in living for God and the family. The meeting closed out with announcements of upcoming events such as the Pilgrimage, the Ocean City convocation, sponsored trips to Africa through the “Changing Hands” mission of Patrick Erlandson, the Unification Worldview Seminar for Leaders of the Second Israel, the “Crown of Peace” Awards Ceremony in Washington DC and the next ACLC Prayer Breakfast slated for April 17th. Thanks to all who invested their heart and effort to make the victory possible, from the volunteer cooks who produced a delicious and bountiful breakfast, to the staff whose audio-visual expertise made a wonderfully professional staging of choirs and speakers and projections on stage, to the ushering and registering staff whose serving with attention to detail made the audience very comfortable, to those of our Peace Family Churches who brought their own guests like owners and not visitors to the event,

to the youth of the Regional Task Force who volunteered their time to set things up and handle the odd jobs. Most especially I want to thank our Regional Director, Rev. Ku and also Mrs. Ku, for their inspiration and example that keeps the whole movement in Los Angeles on a course for victory. ❖



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So many of those already appointed as Ambassadors for Peace would proudly announce they were an Ambassador for Peace.

Carl Swearson, President of the American Family Coalition of Missouri, gave a powerpoint presentation on the four requirements for world peace, as well as what is expected for someone appointed as an Ambassador for Peace. One of the first-time guests, Dr. Behrad Majidi, director of the Baha’i Faith Information Center, said remarked, “I saw so much of the same principles of my faith in that lecture.”

Rev. Bill Stoner then shared about his life-changing experiences in Israel during the most recent rally and pilgrimage just before the Christmas hol-



idays, “I shall never forget the experience of traveling halfway around the world to see thousands of people from different backgrounds praying for harmony in the midst of so much violence. World peace begins when we can transcend the boundaries of race, religion and ideology to experience the love of God within each of our hearts.”

A powerful video, Peace under One God II, gave an overview of the first three pilgrimages was shown next. Many who watched it could not help crying as those traveling to Israel shared emotionally on camera what it meant to them to be there.

The regional leader of Missouri, Iowa and Kansas, Rev. Eog Cheon Choe, then brought many of the guests to tears as he shared his testimony of growing up in Korea and his spiritual search that

led him to read the Bible and discover the unconditional love of Jesus. That was when he wanted to offer his life to God as a sacrifice, “as Jesus had sacrificed himself for me, a lowly sinner,” he concluded.

State FFWP leader, Rev. Charles Cherutich, and Rev. Earlice Wrice of the Women’s Federation for World Peace then called up the newest recipients of the Ambassador for Peace appointment. First, Rev. Ceclia Maclin, spoke of a dream she had not long ago, where she was in the midst of leaders from many different faiths, all coming together to honor God. “I know this is the group that was in my dream,” she said in tears, “I know God has led me here!”

Another recipient, Eli Muhammad,



was so moved that it took him a few minutes to compose himself before speaking, “you don’t know how grateful I am to be given something like this.”

Bertha Gilkey Bonds, wife of Ambassador for Peace, Robert Bonds, asked that she be allowed to sponsor the next meeting on March 6th at her place of work, Carr Square Tenant Management Corporation. “You are doing exactly what needs to be done. All problems in our society can be traced directly back to the breakdown of the family,” she concluded.

Rev. Cherutich then closed the program with prayer and invited everyone to attend the next meeting. ❖

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to speak at 4:00 p.m., but since he arrived ahead of time, he offered to do the 11:00 a.m. service as well. Not realizing my connection to Bishop Stallings through ACLC, all my friends in the Rev. Standley’s congregation greeted me with “I’m so glad you came – we have the most incredible speaker you’ll ever hear!” and “This message today is so ahead of its time you’ll be blown

away!” and similar greetings from so many.

In a one hour sermon, the Archbishop presented the Principle of Creation, touched on the Fall of Man, clarified the Mission of Jesus and declared Our Responsibility to become Perfect Embodiments of God.

What did the crowd do when he expressed that God’s love is intense and he created man and woman to love intensely? They whooped and hollered. What did they do when he said Adam

and Eve got caught up in Lucifer’s promises and lost sight of God? They said Amen. And when he said that Jesus died only because the people didn’t hear the word of God? They said Amen. What did they do when he said that we each have the power to become like God? They shouted with joy. And when he declared that we must study the Bible and Divine Principle? They whooped and hollered.

In the crowd of 100; 10 being ministers of either Christianity or Nation

of Islam, there was not a single voice of dissent. The only question asked was “When are you coming back?!”

Apostle Standley is 100 times more committed., in a letter to Bishop Stallings he said the Pastor, his wife and the members of Reaping the Harvest Ministries have been touched in such a way that we will never be the same. We have been brought to another level in our relationship with God.

We are grateful to Bishop Stallings and the ACLC. ❖



by Hyun Jin Moon

# Substantiating the Culture of Heart through the Embodiment of the Core Values

As we entered the 4th year of *Cheonilguk*, True Parents gave us the motto of “Proclamation of God’s Fatherland and the Era of the Peace Kingdom” on the 37th True God’s Day. True Parents also added that “proclamation” is different from declaration. The age that they “proclaimed” does not mean that it will come in the future, but that it has already begun—the new age has started as of midnight of January 1st, in the 4th year of *Cheonilguk*.

So what is the era of God’s Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom that True Parents proclaimed? According to the New Year’s Day midnight prayer of True Parents, this 4th year of *Cheonilguk* is a year of great transition. Until the 3rd year of *Cheonilguk*, True Parents have completely restored all the ideals that God lost from the individual level to the cosmic level since the Fall of Adam and Eve through setting up all historical indemnity conditions with their blood, and then returned those original ideals back to God. Upon this foundation, True Parents can now proclaim God’s Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom where God stands in the position as the original parent, teacher and owner, and reign over the entire cosmos with the absolute authority of the king of kings. This is the era of God’s Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom which has just begun with the beginning of the 4th year of *Cheonilguk*.

Since the commencement of the Completed Testament Age in 1993, True Parents have already shown the coming of this age—in which God’s original ideal would be substantiated—through various age-defining proclamations, such as the age of the Fourth Adam, the age of *Cheonilguk*, the age of the Nation of the Fourth Israel, etc., and have prepared for this age through final indemnity conditions. Based on this providential progress, the age of God’s Kingdom on earth and in heaven, the age of God’s ideal world has finally opened, not in a conceptual or conditional sense but in a substantial or real sense—that is the era of God’s Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom.

## Owners of *Cheonilguk*

Then, how should I live in this time and age? Even though God’s Fatherland has been launched, if I don’t transform myself and become a completely new person reflecting the ideal of God’s Fatherland, then the “Proclamation of God’s Fatherland and the Era of the Peace Kingdom” will end up being just

another proclamation which has nothing to do with myself. Now, what can I do to transform myself, my family and my organization that would fit in this original time and age?

Normally, the process of transformation takes two steps. The first is the transformation of mindset and the second is the transformation of life itself. These two steps are obviously not separate, but feed off of each other and occur simultaneously. First, the transformation of mindset, in other words, means a paradigm shift. What we need is our clear understanding and perception of which providential time we are living in and our new identity of who we are and what we are in this time and age—not from my own eyes but from God’s eyes.

In the New Year speech, True Parents have strongly stated that as we are in the era of God’s Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom, we should completely deny, even forget all the things that were conducted during the Restoration Era and bear the traces of Satan, and now must go forth to build everything anew on the basis of God’s Fatherland as the owners of *Cheonilguk*. Ever since the beginning of his public mission in 1998, Hyun Jin Nim has also emphasized a new paradigm in the Settlement Age. He has always taught us that now is the time of accomplishing God’s original dream—the ideal of God’s creation. In order to do so, we have to throw out all the baggage accumulated during the Restoration Era or the Wilderness Age, and stand as the true owners of the Settlement Age.

Therefore, as we enter the 4th year of *Cheonilguk*, we all must first have the new mindset of “I am living in the original age of God’s creation and I am the owners of building *Cheonilguk*, aligning ourselves to the Vertical



Axial Line of God, True Parents and True Family.”

## Creating the Culture of Heart

Next, with that transformation of our mindset, we need to bring transformation to our life itself. As the owners of this original age we must relentlessly strive to fulfill our responsibility and to substantiate the original culture in our daily lives. Then, what is our responsibility? What is the original culture?

On the Day of Victory of Love on Jan. 2nd and on the commemoration day of Jesus’ birth on the 3rd, True Parents strongly emphasized that this is the time of going beyond the revolution of indemnity and the revolution of the

conscience, and creating the revolution of heart, so that we all become the owners of the revolution of heart. True Parents also stated that we have to bring about the safe settlement of the three generations of the family which represents the Four Realms of Heart and Three Kingships in order to create this revolution of heart. In other words, as

we enter the era of God’s Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom, we must substantiate God’s true love—that is, the four realms of heart or love—in our lives.

The 2004 motto for W-CARP as “Substantiating Core Values through the Embodiment of Culture of Heart.” Last year, I proclaimed that the most important battle that we have to fight and win is the cultural war in order to fulfill God’s final providence. He has strongly taught us that we all—from leaders down to the members—must substantially own the original Culture of Heart; it should not just be a concept or word. Then, I established the Core Values as a kind of specific code of conduct, which systematize the core teachings of True Parents based upon the Principle of Creation. If we practice and embody the four Core Values of *living for the greater good*, *ownership*, *teamwork* and *dream big* centered on the vertical tradition of God, True Parents and True Family, then we will be able to create the revolution of heart, to substantiate the original Culture of Heart. Especially, the most important among these four Core Values is the first one which is *living for the greater good* or *living for the sake of others*. This true love of living for the sake of others should be the motivation behind everything we do because this is the original impulse of God’s creation and the tradition of True

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n this gathering as one for we all are brothers and sisters...all from the seed of Abraham. Therefore, we ought to love each other as family. After introducing our National ACLC Co-Convenor, Rev. Michael Jenkins, our Regional Director, Bishop Weon Kim and Vice Regional Director FFWPU, Rev. Terry Yamane, we were ready to begin the program.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Earl Witherspoon, Sr., associate minister of Hopewell Baptist Church-Beloit and Selma Chapter ACLC member. Afterwards, we enjoyed a hearty breakfast and exhilarating fellowship as we moved throughout the room meeting and greeting our brothers and sisters – Christians and Muslims joining together in the spirit of peace. One of our sisters, a Japanese Missionary, captured the essence of the moment when she remarked, “I feel good.” Amen.

Minister Danette Bonner, a very gifted and talented vocalist, opened the next segment of the program with an uplifting rendition of “We Have Come into This House, Gathered in His Name to Worship Him.” After which, Minister Bonner shared with us what peace means to her. Using the word

peace as an acronym, she explained it as follows: P – Power, as in what a mighty God we serve; E – Endurance; A – Assessment of goals linking families, schools and religions; C – Community, everyone is involved spiritually, physically and emotionally; and E – Effort to endeavor to do better and achieve the empire of success....one body, with many members.

Next Vice Regional Director, Rev. Terry Yamane, gave an inspiring testimony regarding the first and fourth pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Rev. Yamane described her experience on the first pilgrimage to Rome and Israel as not just a site seeing trip. Growing up Catholic, she had an attachment with Rome. However, her most tearful and ultimate experience of the pilgrimage in March 2003 was the signing of the Jerusalem Declaration with Jews, Muslims and Christians.

She saw Imams and Jerusalem Rabbinis embracing the Christians ministers in a deep embrace - an embrace of the sons of Abraham. We are witnessing history. This is not something that ACLC is just doing; this is God’s work. When he traveled to Israel in December 2003, Rev. Yamane saw the building of the foundation laid in March. The rally in Jerusalem Independence Park of over 10,000 people changed the world.

Sis. Marilyn Rawls, wife of Pastor Earl Rawls, gave her heartfelt testimony regarding the fourth pilgrimage. She testified that God sent her to Jerusalem not only to march side by side with her husband to usher in the Kingdom of God, but to receive a personal bless-

ing as well.... a miraculous healing in Bethlehem. In August 2003, Sis. Rawls was diagnosed with having a mass on her liver. In December 2003 at the Church of Nativity, Pastor Rawls received an overflowing, outpouring anointing of oil. One of the lamps at the Church of the Nativity suddenly began leaking its oil all over Rev. Rawls. At first he was wiping his hair and worried about his suit and then suddenly he felt the power of the Holy Spirit. He gathered the clergy together for prayer. When Sister Marilyn took the hand of Rev. Rawls that was covered with oil it suddenly changed everything. She felt an unusual feeling inside. She knew it was healing. It was under this anointing of God that Sis. Rawls was



us very clearly, that Jesus loved those that weren’t saved. In fact, the ones who were actually against the Kingdom is where he went and ministered. He asked if we administered the love of God beyond our boundaries, our denominations, our religion, and our faith.

From Passion to Compassion! Rev. Jenkins said he’s told by the saints and prophets of this age that we’re living in the time of reconciliation - the Kingdom is at hand. We must have courage to stand up for what is right. The passion tells us that we must walk the way of truth. We must sacrifice. We cannot play about what is right and wrong. But the compassion is that when we’re standing on truth; when we know we’re being healed by walking the way of the Kingdom, we should not turn around and then judge our brothers. We should turn around and sacrifice for them. We should live in such a way that our light shines with joy. Rev. Jenkins testified to Father Moon. People struggle with Rev. Moon – the messiah. What if Jesus anointed him? Jesus said that “I am in the Father and the Father in me and I am in You !” . Rev. Moon received this anointing. Rev. Moon said I’m anointed and he said you must become messiahs. You must become in the Father and the Father in you.

Rev. Jenkins also testified to overcoming obstacles and the removal of barriers as they endeavored to fulfill the mission of the pilgrimages to the Holy Land. From marching to the Western Wall, into Gaza, to the rally in Independence Park – the foundation for these marches were made possible by the victorious battles of the believers with Dr. King marching over the Edmund Pettus bridge. When Rev. Rawls marched us over the bridge on September 1st

it opened the way for us to march to the holy sites and on to Gaza. Receiving a standing ovation, Rev. Jenkins concluded his message and we all joined in singing with a unified spirit; Peace, Shalom, Salaam Aleikum.

Rev. Jenkins message laid the foundation and prepared our hearts for the viewing of the video: “The Path to Peace.” Some were moved to shed tears of passion and compassion. Others shouted words of praise. It was very inspiring. The Prayer Breakfast concluded with the presentation of Ambassador for Peace Awards to Alabama State Representative and Selma Chapter ACLC member, Imam Yusuf Salaam, and Sis. Marilyn Rawls. Our hearts were then blessed as our Japanese Missionary sisters ministered to us in song. Singing with the voice of angels, we were moved by the joy and love that flowed with each melody. We are most thankful to our Regional Director, Bishop Weon Kim for his leadership and vision; and for supporting Selma’s efforts as well as the efforts of other ACLC members around the state, around the region, and nationally. We thank our Vice Regional Director FFWPU, Rev. Yamane for her support. Now, on to Capitol Hill and Jerusalem, Israel.

After the Prayer Breakfast, Rev. Jenkins, Bishop Kim and Rev. Yamane (not pictured) visited Pastor Rawls’ church – Hopewell Baptist Church. For seven years, there was a picture of a cross on the church sign. In March 2003, Hopewell traded its cross for a crown. Pastor Rawls has since had the signs redone – removing the cross and replacing it with a crown. Before departing, Rev. Jenkins offered prayer for God’s blessings upon Hopewell; that the saints in the spirit world guide us and help us usher in the Kingdom of God. ❖



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Parents’ whole life. Upon this foundation of living for the sake of others, we can naturally substantiate the life of ownership, teamwork and dreaming big.

We are now living in the providential *kairos*. In other words, all of history ever since the Fall of humankind came to naught, and God’s original ideal world, God’s Fatherland has just begun with the beginning of the 4th year of *Cheonilguk*. Like the verse from the Bible, “New wine must be poured into new wineskins,” we must first realize our new identity of who we are and then transform our lives to fit this

new time and age. As we enter upon the era of God’s Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom, following the teachings of our True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim, we should become the forerunners of substantiating the Culture of Heart as the owners of the revolution of heart embodying the Core Values centered on true love of living for the sake of others—in ourselves, in our families, in our organizations. Just like how darkness disappears with the wake of the dawn, we have no doubt in our minds that when the light of the Culture of Heart is lit up through our lives, the darkness will disappear and the bright light of God’s true love shall only shine the whole world. ❖



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made announcements about the business and politics of Illinois. They were both citizens of God’s kingdom and made their God-centered concerns apparent. Rev. Bennie Owens, Chicago’s “assistant” ACLC convenor, kept the meeting on target and in order. ACLC veterans Rev. Olivia Jones (the sweetheart of CARP) and Dr. Paul Swanson, a veteran with Pastor A.I. Dunlap of recent summits with Chicago leading Jewish and Methodist leaders, joined Bishop Ki Hoon Kim at the head table. Our host was 20 year Causa/ICC/ICUSA/ACLC veteran, Rev. C.L. White. Dr. White was one of the leaders of our ICUSA/Project Volunteer activities in the early 1980’s. Now our recent 2003 Divine Principle had brought him into the forefront once again.

After a passionate and moving prayer from one of Chicago’s elder statesmen, Rev. James Bass, Rev. Bruce Sutchar offered a power point slide show detailing the current providence in the Middle East. Our Japanese True Family Values Choir entertained the congregation and the room became one in the heart of Christ. Elder Harrison Bolton, who himself is fundraising to complete the building of his New St. Mary’s COGIC conducted the offering and raised over \$1000 to support the monthly prayer breakfast efforts. We have been meeting monthly in the home

church of a different minister for over 5 years - 150 guests is an average number for an usual monthly meeting.

The meeting recognized Rev. Satoshi Iida and his table filled with bright energetic CARP/STF faces, who are working so hard to reach the university students and young people of Chicago. Dr. White closed us in prayer and we departed to prepare for the March 23rd AFC conference in Washington, the Divine Principle Seminar at Ocean City, Maryland, and the 5th pilgrimage to Israel on March 30th.

Then, in the evening, our Family federation members gathered together at the Chicago Church Center for our monthly meeting and to hear an Iraqi Jewish professor talk about the sanctity of the family in Judaism. Under the able leadership of our Dutch brother Hans Rinkema, the Chicago Family Federation has prospered over the past several years. The 4th Sunday of every month is Family Federation Sun-



day and we have been meeting every 4th Tuesday of the month for the past 9 years. Usually a Family Federation member hosts the meeting (snacks at 7pm and meeting from 7:30-9:00pm) at their own home. This night the meeting was held at our Peace Church facility due to its size and proximity to the speaker’s home. A couple of months earlier National ACLC Co-Convenor Pastor and Mrs. T.L. Barrett, Jr. visited our monthly meeting as guest speakers. We do this periodically to inspire our members and liven up our monthly meeting.

This month’ speaker is Dr. Reading Dallal, an orthodox Jewish native of Iraq. He teaches Hebrew at DePaul University in Chicago and has been teaching Hebrew in the Public Schools for the past 30 years. He is on the front line of interfaith respect and cooperation. Dr. Dallal was a delightful speaker, telling wonderful Jewish stories (every great rabbi was a great storyteller—please remember that the parables that Jesus taught came out

of a long, rich and historic Hebrew tradition). He then taught us so much about Judaism and the family. After his formal speech, he left the podium, sat down in a comfortable chair and answered questions from our members and guests (one Hindu scholar was also present) for quite some time.

One final note: Dr. Dallal was met recently by our wonderful French sister Claudine Wojtowicz. Claudine volunteers to teach French at an historic church in downtown Chicago where she met Dr. Dallal who teaches Hebrew there as well. Through follow-up and staying on top of it, Claudine has visited Dr. Dallal’s home and through a great effort on her part this wonderful evening was possible. Now Claudine tells me that she has met another Jewish scholar—this time on the subway coming home from her teaching. As Father has always told us—witness, witness, witness. ❖



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faithful and loving wife and his beautiful daughter. Also Rev. Yukihiro Saito, state leader from Tennessee came and through representation of all states our event was raised up into a regional event. Gods blessing was truly amongst us.

We had 20 NC families represented. All together there were 37 Adults and 38 children with a total of 75. That included Donnie and Sun Niles family with their son Alan, who has just a few weeks ago connected with us, missionary Cynthia Hill, who is also a new supporter of our work and Tarik, a student from Charlotte, who looked us up after loosing contact with us for a few years.

We gathered first for potluck lunch and fellowship. Good talks and good foods nourished our hearts, souls and body. Then we celebrated all the January and February birthday’s for the region and we were cutting two cakes together.

At 2 pm the afternoon service began. We had some opening songs and family pledge in English. Rev. Tim Davis, city leader from Raleigh, gave the invocation. Then Rev. Dickerson reported about his past 5 month experiences in Korea, emphasizing about the importance of becoming second self of True Parents, owners of recreation and bring world peace through establishing the peace UN and opening the Peace King-

dom. Then missionary Cynthia Hill - who just a month prior learned about our work poured her heart into the song: “In all of His Glory”. Everyone was moved to hear her strong voice and investment of heart. God is getting ready for some breakthrough in NC.

Then the great moment we were all waiting for arrived. Rev. Michael Jenkins took the microphone and delivered in a powerful way the Word of God. There was joy, happiness, humor and seriousness filling the room. He also tested us on our understanding on the Divine Principle and was especially impressed about the straight answers given by Shawna Pace. Rev. Jenkins was able to give us also a deep understanding of the providence at this time. We were so grateful for his message and we all made a leap forward in under-



standing the heart of God and True Parents. We are truly thankful for this enormous blessing. I can’t remember ever that we had such an opportunity

in our NC Family Church before

Following the powerful message was the Offering and the Offering songs. Sharon Pace, NC AFC leader gave the announcements about the upcoming event on Capital Hill. Father is very excited about the fire that was ignited on the Capitol Hill through the February 4th event and now the urgency is on to spread the fire in the congress and senate. We are to seriously unite with our AFC leader to bring a great victory on March 23rd on Capitol Hill. Father will attend that event. We need to pray every day for that event. Then Hisae Baklarz, Kodan leader for NC encouraged members to start FR once a month for Kodan and the Church. She also asked the congregation who is willing to do that. Then Rev. Jenkins stressed the importance of Kodan and the advancement of Gods work through strong Kodan support. I concluded the announcement with the importance of the Tong Bang Kyok Pa activities, especially the giving of the Holy Wine to our friends, relatives and neighbors. We are all still working on the fulfillment of the special condition to give 360 people the Holy Wine before Rev. Cho, our Regional director is returning from Korea. He will come back this Saturday. We also announced the memo from Headquarter. We made the book from Hyung Jin Nim “The moment” available for sale. If somebody likes to get a copy please contact your city leader.

As time had already advanced to 6pm we concluded with the Benediction given by Rev. Michael Jenkins and Three Cheers of “Eok Mansei (100million manseis) by Rev. Y. Saito, state leader from Tennessee.

Rev. John Winfrey arrived and invited Rev. Jenkins and Mrs. Jenkins to join him at his Sunday night service. Rev. Tim Davis and myself joined into this event. We were very well received and once more Rev. Jenkins could share



God’s word to the congregation of the Cornerstone Baptist Church. Praise God!

Glory to our True Parents and thank you to our President for such a blessed day! Thank you to our Regional Leader Rev. Byung Seok Cho in his absence represented by his always cheerful and happy wife Mrs. Yasuyo Hattori Cho with their 2 beautiful children, thank you for the Vice Regional Leader Rev. Dickerson, who came all the way from Kentucky which means a 12 hour ride, the state leader from Tennessee Rev. Yukihiro Saito, which took upon him an 8 hour ride and all NC city leaders and blessed families. ❖



# PILGRIMAGES TO JERUSALEM AS HISTORICAL LESSONS

by Dr. Glaubach

History proves that collective pilgrimages to the Holy Land are always significant because they mark spiritual power, and therefore lead to historical turning points.

This is no doubt the case also with the current massive pilgrimage to Jerusalem initiated by the IIFWP, which took place during the later part of the year 2003, ending up with the huge rally (30,000) on December 22, 2003.

The pilgrimages mentioned above consisted mainly of members of the ‘Abrahamic Family” Jews, Christians and Muslims, but also of other denominations, such as Druze, Buddhists, Confucianists, etc. Among them were former heads of nations like Mr. Abdul Rahman Wahid of Indonesia, Senators from the U.S. and prominent leaders of European, Korean, American and Japanese communities, while on the great rally, the majority, of course, were citizens of all religions in the Holy Land, including Reverends, Rabbis and Muslim Imams. The proclaimed goal of this pilgrimage was “Peace in the Middle East.”

History repeats itself mainly because of the mere fact that Jerusalem is the most spiritual city in the world, with inherent ties to the monotheistic believers, but this time, the “invasion” of pilgrims was not of a monolithic nature. This was a multi-denominational and multi-religious cooperation with a spiritual message, a fact which marks the deep difference from the famous historical pilgrimages some of which had ‘different” messages, like those led by Richard Lyon Heart or Salah-a-din (1187 ACE). It’s also important to point out that the current Christian pilgrims were members of the New Movement – the ACLC who decided to turn the Cross into a Crown.

The Second Temple Period (537 BCE - 70 AD) marks an outstanding Temple Cult, which attracted many Jewish visitors – pilgrims to Jerusalem from all over the Holy Land: For Jews, that sacrifice worship to the deity was only efficacious in the place where regular pilgrimage to Jerusalem, at least by all adults male devotees, was a religious requirement. There is good evidence

that the biblical injunction to thrice yearly pilgrimages incentaged very large numbers of Jews to flow into the city for the short periods around the Jewish great festivals.

The political input of the Jewish pilgrim phenomena, which sets the spiritual meaning is well known from the historical fateful events. When the Greeks (169 BCE) or the Romans (66 AD) desecrated the Temple, the small Jewish nation did not hesitate to rebel against these world powers with the mere purpose to ensure God’s worship. The result was that the Romans expelled and dispersed the whole Jewish people for 2000 years.

The attitudes of the ancient Christian church fathers, regarding pilgrimage to Jerusalem, twice the fourth and fifth centuries, were quite positive and

that its political consequences were the establishing of the “Latin Kingdom” in Jerusalem (1099 – 1187 CE) restoring the Christendom’s holiest shrines. This Kingdom was established by the vast Crusader’s pilgrimage.

Pilgrims and pilgrimage to Jerusalem also became prevalent and has gained roots in the Muslim faith.

The politico-religious status of Jerusalem in the Muslim world was established at the beginning of the eighth century. Muslim religion was established in 622 CE Mecca, Saudi Arabia. The Umayyads 640-750 CE made efforts to exalt and glorify the religious and political status of Jerusalem. Although there is no explicit written testimony that Jerusalem is considered to be the capital of their district rule. Ritual ceremonies in Jerusalem

are found in early testimonies. Many of these rituals were performed in and around the Dome of the Rock, the Mosque which was built on the clear Temple Mount (691 CE).

Though Muslims usually relate their central pilgrimage and worship to Mecca – during the yearly hajj period, there are many testimonies that Muslim visitors and pilgrims used to come to Jerusalem to pray in its holy places already at the beginning of the eighth century. There are many traditions

attempting to encourage Muslim pilgrimage to Jerusalem, coming mainly from nearby places, some come in fulfillment of personal vows. The controversy among Muslim scholars regarding the holiness of Jerusalem and the holy sites is also demonstrated by the refusal of some of these eminent scholars to visit the holy sites in Jerusalem. It was only in the beginning of the eleventh century that a complete account of pilgrim’s itinerary of the holy places in Jerusalem was given in the late compilations of the “Literature in Praise of Jerusalem.”

Politically – the great Muslim leader Salah-a-Din recaptured Jerusalem from the Crusaders (1187 CE) and thus the Holy Land became again free for Muslim pilgrims.

Coming back to the present, we may ask if the great recent pilgrimages to the Holy Land, as mentioned above, will lead to political and spiritual “Road Map” for a peace settlement in the Middle East; to a permanent solution in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ending terror and violence, normalizing Palestinian and Israeli life, establishing a two-state system and maintain normal peaceful relations, as intended by the initiators.

The answer is: Yes! Mainly because due to these pilgrimages, a spiritual phase entered into the Middle East reality; because the great spiritual leaders of the pilgrimages trusted God and did not hesitate to visit many times Gaza and Ramallah also, the Knesset in Jerusalem. They also met with a vast amount of communities all over. This widespread activity in the Holy Land received a strong echo and a huge variety of repercussions in the media and within the population. It all was God’s will and thus the path to Middle East peace was

The First Israel and Second Israel failed in their appointed hour to receive the Lord. To restore that, True Father was sent by God from the third Israel to the second Israel in the reverse order according to the law of indemnity. God sent Father to America to save the second Israel. Once Father secured the Second Israel then he could now go back to save the First Israel. Now to the clergy I give the following instructions:

- You must embrace the first Israel, win their hearts and then solve the problem of the struggle in the Middle East, in particular solve the problem of the struggle between the Palestinians and Jews.
  - You must bring this solution before the key American leaders to show the power that True Parents now have.
  - Upon this foundation you must influence the Second Israel of America to help unify North and South Korea.
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proven. Thus during the last 60 years there were so many struggles and peace initiatives – Madrid, Oslo, Geneva, etc. - but they all were political only and failed. They led to wars, with so much suffering and bloodshed of innocent people on both sides, on all sides.

The political leaders did not realize that a political way alone does not work. What a pity and what a shame that the same mistake repeats itself continuously.

No doubt that a joined phase of political, combined with spiritual attitudes will lead to the desired goal. Unfortunately, similar global violence and bloody clashes are going on in many parts of the world.

Therefore, only through the moving power of the spirit, the Middle East and mankind may reach to a new realm, a realm of peace, a Peace Kingdom, also by establishing a Peace United Nations in cooperation with America may lead to a Peace Kingdom.

Since we are struggling for achieving a culture of peace in mankind, it may be wise to encounter the same system of work in at least 2-3 more locations of fierce conflict, such as the Philippines in Asia, the Balkans in Europe, Rwanda in Africa, Columbia in South America, Chechniah in Russia, etc.

Since Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon is no doubt the “moving spirit” of the present era in mankind, it would be desirable to have America, Israel and Korea become one as the basis for the desired Peace Kingdom.

Our consequences in the Middle East are that the powerful activities of ACLC and IIFWP at our end are a powerful omen to achieving peace and thus, we may achieve. No more Cain and Abel and no more conflict.

As to the Abrahamic family which comprises a confederation of Abrahamic faiths of the three monotheistic religions – Jewish, Christian, Muslim, which comprehend almost a half of mankind, it is suggested to think of establishing a kind of Confederation of Abrahamic Faiths for the purpose of enhancing harmony between the different worshipers. Such a new paradigm may create better conditions for strengthening the feeling of happiness and harmony, not only among nations, but also with individuals. This new paradigm may serve as an interim period and help to restore love that was lost to Satan, in the Kingdom of Peace under the Kingship of God. ❖



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# The work of Dr. Joshua Ben Ami and a great meeting in Miami

Rev. Michael Jenkins

We are deeply grateful for Dr. Joshua Ben Ami for the sacrifices that he made and the transition he went through in working over the years with IIFWP and World Media Association to gain confidence in his life of faith and trust for Father Moon to the degree that he believed that it was correct for Jewish representatives to give Jesus a crown on December 22nd, and again on February 4th. At the Feb. 4th event at the Reagan Building in Washington, D.C., before US senators, congressmen, representatives from the administration, and other key religious leaders and Ambassadors for Peace from all 50 states, Dr. Ben Ami led a delegation of three prestigious Jewish leaders coming forward in prayer, carrying a crown for Jesus similar to that which was given to King David thousands of years ago. Mr. Baruch Shalev and Dr. Eliezer Glaubach were in support, with Baruch carrying the purple robe of a king.

Dr. Ben Ami is currently the dean of the Emil Frank Institute in Jerusalem, affiliated with the University of Trier in Germany. He is a theologian and historian. He said, "Actually, there should have been no division between Jesus and his family. As I studied from a theological and historical perspective, Jesus was quite popular with the Jewish people, but it was the status quo and the establishment that were threatened by his popularity. This led to a rejection that should not have occurred. Jesus is our elder brother. We should respect him and love him to heal the division of the history between the Christians and the Jews. This process of healing began when Christians in America had the courage to see Jesus and his love as the center of their faith and remove their crosses, stating that the cross was not the true symbol of Christianity, and that Jesus should have been embraced.

"It was this act of taking down the cross in America that moved and continues to move the hearts of Jewish leaders in Israel. Because of this there is a growing trust for the ACLC movement in Israel. It is a Christian-based movement that also includes Muslim clerics and Jewish rabbis and scholars, and has transcended the period of history in which Christians have sought to convert Jews. Their leaders openly profess that our brotherhood will bring us together as one in the love of God, and that there is no more need for any conversion."

Dr. Ben Ami impacted America in a powerful way by meeting many rabbis and key Jewish leaders. To the absolute amazement of all involved, there is def-

initely a breakthrough occurring both in spirit and in substance between Jewish leaders, Christian and Muslim leaders. This is a profound moment in history.

We met the most influential rabbi in Washington and Dr. Ben Ami testified about ACLC removing the crosses, and the impact of the repeated pilgrimages on the Holy Land – the fact that the pilgrimages not only embrace Jewish leaders but also make repeated trips into Gaza and Ramallah and have now established trust with top Muslim clerics and authorities within both Palestine and Israel. Speaking in Hebrew, he and his wife Shoshana conveyed a testimony

Rev. Jenkins to Miami, Florida, where an ACLC meeting was organized by Rev. Hong, Mr. Gunter Freystetter, Rev. Gary Chidester and Mrs. Lily Kato. Dr. Joshua Ben Ami and his wife were totally inspired to see that the clergy are becoming stronger in their conviction to continue the work of peace in the Holy Land.

There in our meeting in Florida Rev. L.B. of a mainline denominational church stood up and said, "For all these years I've heard about Rev. Moon working to unify us as Christians, and I must say I felt uncomfortable, and yet I stretched to begin to embrace my Pentecostal brothers and sisters and people of other denominations. As soon as I began to

the Miami region centering on Rev. Hong and the team that works together there. They have such good unity that they bring the top quality people from all denominations and religious, and truly they are on the cutting edge of bringing Muslims, Christians and Jews together. Miami is shining.]

Rabbi F stood up and said, "I'm profoundly moved by this experience today, but somehow I feel that destiny is calling us and calling me personally to go this way. I feel no fear of people of other religions because my own personal conviction in God is absolute and real. I feel God is guiding me down the path that he has prepared, and that path is

leading us all to come together. As a Russian Jew I was bitterly persecuted when I grew up – harassed, mocked, ridiculed, and I couldn't understand why. In the Soviet Union we were not allowed to read the Torah, to read any of the prophets or the Scriptures. I never read one word all of my life from the Scriptures. So when the door opened and I could come to America, I really wanted to study why I was being persecuted so much. I felt the best way was to study the Scripture, so I went through the New York Jewish Theological Seminary, and I ended up responding to God's call to be a rabbi. I now lead a great congregation in Miami and believe that somehow my meeting with Dr. Ben Ami today and Rabbi David Ben Ami and Rev. Jenkins and others is not by chance. I feel something is very special here." Because of this experience Rabbi F joined the

ACLC on the spot and signed membership.

Rabbi David Ben Ami also shared at the meeting. He felt America was prepared by God to bring the religions together. He said, "Years ago I worked in the South. I moved to Hattiesburg, Mississippi intentionally to support Dr. King and the civil rights movement. I suffered greatly there in Mississippi, side by side with black religious leaders and black people. Somehow I could feel the plight of black people and Jewish people is very similar and tied together. Both have been through the path of slavery, both have held on to religious convictions to overcome the trials and tribulations of an evil world. In the American Forum for Jewish-Christian Cooperation I have now expanded the institute to be the American Forum for Jewish-Christian-Muslim Cooperation. I really want to thank Rev. Moon for his courage to continue this work beyond all kinds of criticism to strengthen America and strengthen the fundamental religious underpinnings of this nation that are tied to the Judeo-Christian heritage, and also linked to the Muslim faith in terms of principle and fam-

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about the work of peace that was going on in the Heart-to-Heart campaign. Dr. Ben Ami later shared with me, "What I said was, I will never change from being a devoted Jew, religiously and spiritually, but somehow a door has opened in which I clearly see God guiding Jews, Christians and Muslims, who are all children of Abraham, to take their God-given place in the same family together as brothers. I am confident that any rabbi that sees the work that I see of repentance and healing, in which Christians are repenting for not having loved and embraced their elder brothers, for Jews reconciling with Christians, and Muslims reconciling with Jews, I am confident that every rabbi I talk to will be transformed because a new era has dawned in history. It was the era that was prophesied by Isaiah and Ezekiel and Zechariah. The prophets' voices and words are now coming true before our eyes. Therefore, with each rabbi we are meeting I feel that I can embrace them, and if they feel the call of God then we will automatically begin to work for peace together in our homeland."

Dr. Ben Ami and Shoshana then traveled with Rabbi David Ben Ami and

feel comfortable with that, Rev. Moon stretched us to not only embrace Christian denominations but Muslims and Jews. I must say it wasn't until today that I believed it would be any fruit. I must say honestly that I thought this effort would totally fail, but today my heart has changed. Something has happened in my heart where I can see from the video, the Path to Peace, from the presentation from Rev. Jenkins, and also from hearing the testimony – a testimony I thought I'd never hear in my life – from a Jewish scholar testifying that Jews must love and embrace Jesus. I can see that the interreligious work of Rev. Moon is absolutely bearing fruit and it's working. I could feel from the testimony of Dr. Ben Ami that it's not just working to bring religious leaders close together but it's breaking down the wall between Palestine and Israel. This is an amazing phenomenon. I thank God that Rev. Moon never wavered in his conviction that God would bring us all together."

Rabbi F of the largest synagogue in Miami stood up and shared. Though he grew up in Russia, his English was perfect, without a trace of accent. [It's really a testimony to the great work of



# India Prayer-for-Peace Candlelight Ceremony

In India candlelight prayers were arranged in many different places, including New Delhi, Chennai, Jaipur, Unity of Man Ashram H.Q. in Punjab, and many other locations in Delhi. The main ceremony was at Rajghat, New Delhi, December 22, 2003, the cremation ground of Mahatma Gandhi, since Mahatma Gandhi is considered an apostle of peace worldwide. I firmly believe that it was the best place to do the Prayer for Peace in the Middle East. Our Ambassador for Peace and Chairperson of Rajghat, Ms. Nirmala Deshpande, helped us to secure the place.

We started inviting leaders and people from all religions from the beginning of December. Everyone was very positive about the program. Even though many people couldn't come, they offered us their moral support and assured us that they would do the prayer at their

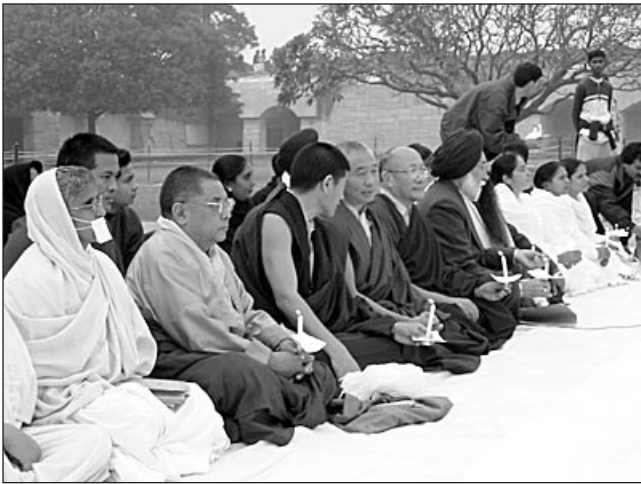


own place. In Delhi our main ceremony was held from 4 to 5 pm. The Rajghat authorities were very cooperative and welcomed us. Leaders from all the major religions, Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Sikhism, Jainism and Unificationism, were there. From each of the faiths we had a prayer and a song of peace.

The program started with a brief explanation of the purpose of the program by Manoj Jacob. The invocation was given by Ven. Lama Lobzang, followed by the prayer of a Hindu religious leader, Swami Pragyanand Ji Maharaj. Then a Muslim leader, Khwaja Ahmed Nizami, offered a prayer, and a group of Afghan Muslim children from a school run by WFWP-Afghanistan sang a song of peace. After that people from a large Hindu spiritual group called Brahma Kumaris prayed and chanted, followed by Sikh, Buddhist, Jain and Christian

religious leaders respectively.

Finally, representing Unificationism, Mrs. Ursula McLackland prayed for peace and all together we sang the "Song of Unity" in



Korean, English and Hindi. There were almost 100 participants from these religious groups. Additionally, there were around 600 people in the audience, most of whom had come to Rajghat to pay their homage to Gandhi Ji. Altogether 700 people were there.

Our Ambassador for Peace and close friend, Dr. V. Mohini Giri, arranged a candlelight vigil in her hostel with 100 girls for one hour; it was so beautiful that she continued the vigil for three days. Another A.P. and director of our WFWP school project, Mrs. Shivpuri, arranged a candlelight prayer in the school. There were 60 people. Our CARP members and I attended the program. It was at 11 o'clock in the morning of December 22nd. It was very nice to see all the children singing and praying together. Our A.P.s, Brig. Gen. Kapoor and Dr. Kapoor, arranged a prayer with friends in their home.

In Punjab there was a very good program arranged by Mr. Atham Prakash Singh from the "Unity of Man" Ashram.

Although he is a Sikh, he arranged a prayer program in a mosque. There were around 100 people. The program started with a prayer by the Imam of the mosque. Mr. Atham Prakash Singh gave a brief explanation about Rev. Moon and his works and he also offered a prayer for peace. All the people were very happy to hear about Rev. Moon and his works.

In Chennai, Shine



arranged a candlelight vigil with 50 to 60 participants at the Gandhi Peace Foundation with the assistance of A.P. Prof. Munuswamy. ❖



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ily. I am so encouraged by being here in Miami.

"For many years I've tried to open the door for rabbis to come and participate with this movement. So much misinformation and distortion has been put out that many people stand in fear of Rev. Moon as just another Christian seeking to convert Jews. But I have found over the years that my Jewish heritage and my faith has been strengthened by my relation with the Washington Times Foundation and the IIFWP. The scripture says, how beautiful it is when brethren dwell together in unity. I see here in Miami the beauty of the scriptures being fulfilled. I am so encouraged to see other rabbis joining the movement. I am very partial to rabbis. I believe that they have the longest history of relationship with the scriptures. Therefore, they should be the wise teachers. We need them and yet we need our Christian leaders and Muslim leaders together to move this world in God's direction, to strengthen families and build a culture of religious freedom and respect for all people." The atmosphere in the meeting was electrified after the rabbis testified about joining ACLC and were totally embraced by the Christians.

Another pastor, Rev. Huelta, said, I want to tell how I met this movement.

I am more sure than ever before that Rev. Moon has been chosen by God to bring the Kingdom of God. I was a colonel in the Air Force and a military officer when I was invited to the CAUSA military alliance. In the mid-1980s conferences were held for military officers concerning the principles of Godism and the dangers of God-denying communism. Being an exile from Cuba, I was immediately taken by Rev. Moon's having been exiled from his own country when communism took over. It was there as an officer that I came to know that I could trust Rev. Moon. I never dreamed that one day I would become a pastor. Somehow God touched me and I ended up going through seminary and got my doctorate of ministry at Yale Divinity School. But no matter what circles I participated in Christianity, I could never forget what Rev. Moon has done to practice the gospel and really show what it means to have faith in Jesus.

"When I went to the Holy Land with Rev. Jenkins, I saw the reality of God's work at the most central cutting edge. We are now engaged in a very serious battle to unify all believers. That means Muslims, Christians and Jews. I was deeply moved when I was invited to go to Gaza and stayed overnight in the Jerusalem International Hotel. The environment there was very serious and yet I always felt peace in my heart. It was truly beautiful. I saw the Holy Spirit move in Gaza. I saw Muslims

being touched by the love of God and I could see that truly if we pursue this path, the religious path, we can build a common bond of faith that transcends our religious barriers and allows us to become the people of God to challenge the forces of darkness and the forces that stand against peace, to challenge them now not with weapons of war but with words of truth and love.

"I really believe that Rev. Moon will bring peace in the Middle East and I am so grateful to be a part of this movement. Dr. Antonio Betancourt shared so much with me about how this movement has developed, and he took me to Gaza. I'm very grateful to him and for the work we shared together. I also want to thank Gunter and honor the serious work that's going on here in Miami. It's another part of the larger work that's going on globally by Rev. Moon and the ACLC to bring God's kingdom. I have hope in my heart. My eyes are filled with tears. We will see the liberation of all people who are oppressed if we pursue this path with absolute sincerity."

Rev. Byron Filus, one of the founding members of the ACLC in May of 2000, stood up and shared, "I'm so proud of ACLC. I'm proud to be part of this movement. The thing that's most encouraging to me is how it's focused on blessing and strengthening the family. Unless we bring the Holy Spirit into the family, there can be no peace at home, and if there's no peace at home,

there will be no peace in the community. This movement is dealing with the most fundamental aspects of healing – of family and marriage."

Rev. Don Olson, a Lutheran who is also a founding member of ACLC, said, "I want to say how grateful I am to have been given the opportunity to be here today. We attend many meetings together and many times I have been challenged and even concerned about which way we were going and how this would all turn out, but somehow I see over the years that this is bearing fruit I never imagined. It's really working. Very different from what I expected, but it is bringing Christian and religious leaders from all backgrounds together. I'm proud of being part of this movement. My wife and I are grateful to have had the chance to work together with all of you here and with Rev. and Mrs. Moon."

We concluded that night with dinner and a boat ride through the Ft. Lauderdale waterway. These moments are so precious because we're bonding together. When I traveled with Dr. Ben Ami and Shosh, Dr. Glaubach and Baruch, and now with my Palestinian and Muslim brothers and sisters, we are all becoming one family. The same feeling that I feel with the ACLC pastors is now rising and developing with rabbis and Muslim clerics. The time of the kingdom has come. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. ❖



# Conference on Peace-UN Leadership and Activities

IIPC was born in New York on October 3rd 2003 and with this, True Parents have started a new providence to bring about a peaceful world substantially. This new beginning marked a new age with a new leadership, the Ambassadors for Peace, to convey God's true desire for unity among religions.

There were many activities since October last year and this time in Korea a series of conferences were held to report on various activities done by IIPC. The first one was held in Seoul at the Lotte Hotel, on January 14th 2004 with 700 participants.

Religious leaders, NGO leaders, leaders of women's associations and leaders from other organizations participated in these conferences around Korea. The main speakers were Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan, Dr. Hwang Sun-jo, and Mr. Yun Jeong-no.

During the conference in Seoul at Lotte Hotel, Mr. Song Kuen-shik, the IIFWP regional leader of the northern region, mentioned in his congratulatory address that even though people feel new hope in the 21st century, a new millennium for all humanity, especially since the whole world is under the influence of terrorist activities. In this situation, Rev. Moon stresses the need for true love to bring real solutions to the world.

Mr. Kim Dong-euk, a member of the National Assembly [the Korean Congress], said in his congratulatory address that the human race is frustrated by the discord, even though there are many who are seriously pursuing world peace today. He said that he believes that Rev.

Moon's work through IIFWP is leading the construction of world peace, bringing hope and happiness to the people of the today's world.

President Kwak Chung-hwan said in his presentation (title: "New Vision for the Eternal Realization of World Peace") explained about various activ-



ities of IIFWP centering on the True Parents proposal for UN revival. He added that world peace can be realized through working toward the goal of peace beyond national, religious and racial boundaries.

Also he explained, as God created man with the character capable of becoming perfect and establishing families that would be the foundation of a peaceful world, as His children, we must strive to develop our relationship with God, our father.

Subsequently, with the desire to establish God's Ideal of creation on earth, Rev. Moon has established the Unification movement and is involved in many kinds of activities worldwide for the sake of peace.

He also explained about IIPC activities in

Israel and their result as a great success. He said we firmly believe that through these interreligious activities we are able to bring about substantial unification and world peace. And throughout his lecture the participants supported him by repeated warm

applause.

Mr. Yun Jeong-no, the second lecturer, gave a presentation entitled "God's Will and the Unification of the Fatherland."

In his lecture, he explained about the reality of the Korean War, Korea's division and our present responsibility regarding reunification. He shared about aspects of Rev. Moon's vision, such as, the Unification philosophy and his worldwide activities and the foundation he has laid. In his presentation, he showed some photos of the life in North Korea as he pointed out the necessity for education to bring the ideal of peace into reality.

After the lecture,

all the participant were invited for the holy wine ceremony. During the dinner party there was hoondokhae (some messages from the spirit world were read). And as participants were leaving, they received a copy of the "Messages from the Spirit World". ❖



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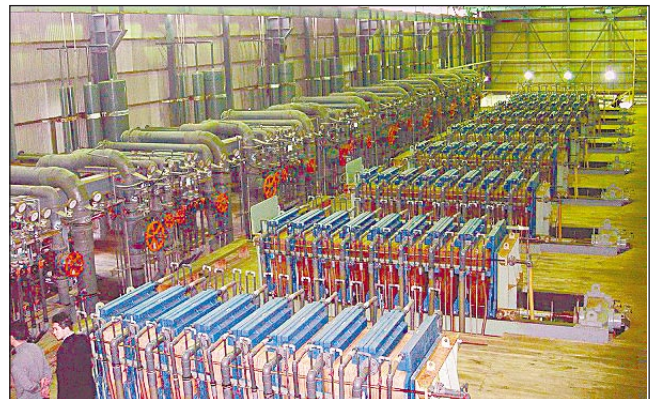
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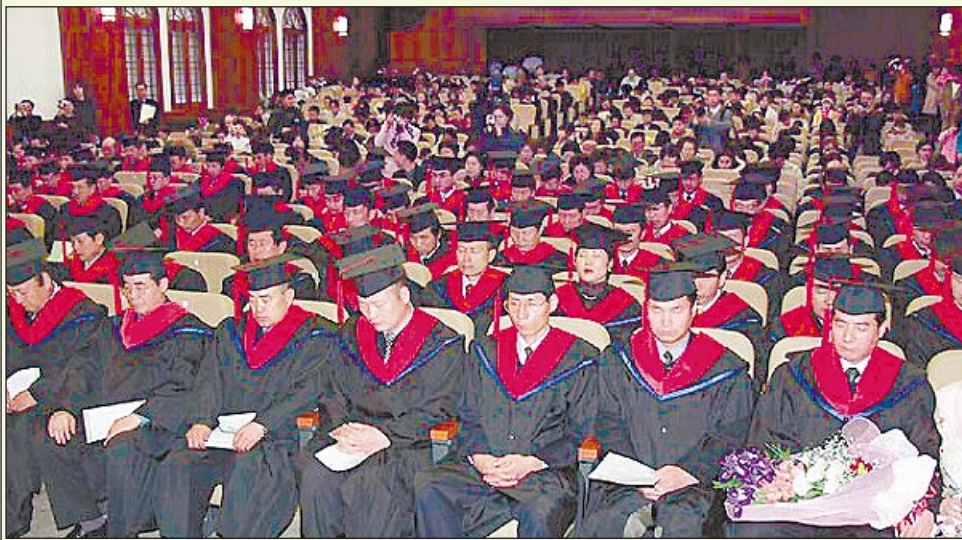
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## Sun Moon University Graduation

On February 27, after morning hoondokhae, True Father went to the Asan Campus of Sun Moon University to attend the graduation ceremony for 125 master degree students. This ceremony was held at the Chaplin hall of the University.

On this day, Professor Yang Pyoun-seung, master of the ceremonies, began the conferment ceremony for master's degree students of the Theology School of the Sun Moon University at 11:00. Rev. Lee Kyu-sam offered a prayer and Rev. Kim Hang-jae gave a report on education matters. Rev. Hwang Sun-jo presented the degrees. After lunch, Mrs. Lee Kyung-june, president of the Sun Moon university, gave a congratulatory mes-



sage.

True Father spoke for about 70 minutes to 125 graduated students and others who participated in this ceremony. Together with Rev. Hwang, President Lee Kyong-jun and some members, True Father visited the Chonan campus of the Sun Moon University. After that True Father went to Yong Pyong Resort.

On February 28, after hoondokhae, True Father went to Cheong Pyeong Training Center together with members. After arriving at the training center, he visited Chengshim Hospital, the Original Holy Ground, Graduate School, the silver town and met workshop participants at the training center. Cheongshim Graduate School had an opening ceremony on January 28 this year and after that the first group of students started their course. ❖





# A Time for Prayer: A Time for Action



**REV. MICHAEL JENKINS**

Rev. Jenkins is the President of the American Church

Each step we take brings results for the Kingdom. This is why Father is emphasizing that the most important thing to do is “take action”. We have the absolute authority to roll back the culture of the fallen world. We must be united with one heart with True Parents and understand clearly our role as the “Representatives” of God and True Parents. Jesus and all the saints in heaven are leading the world into unity. In God’s eyes there is no greater power in the front line of advancing God’s Kingdom than the blessed Central Family united and surrounded by the “blessed” religious leaders and Ambassadors for Peace. This is the movement of heaven.

The Blessed Central Family (Unificationists) being members of the Cheon Il Guk blessing have gone through the rebirth (registration of our families) will proceed on through two more stages - that of “resurrection” and then “eternal” life ceremonies. This will become the pattern eventually for the course to perfection of the heart of every one. In order to give everyone the opportunity to connect with this providence we are commissioned by True Parents, to “Bless” everyone with Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine. This changes the ownership from Satan’s side to God’s side.

One of the aspects of God’s providence that is most significant is that because the founders of all the major religions have united together. Centering on Jesus and HJN the major religions of the world are transcending their boundaries to become one Family under One God.” Heaven is moving to raise the most prepared religious leaders to come forward to proclaim that we are one family. This is why the gate opened to the Holy Land, the Western Wall, Al Aqsa Mosque and on to Gaza. This is also why the Jewish leaders could embrace Jesus.

True Parents opened the way for this providence and also commission each and everyone of us (all people of faith) to become the True Parent and “Messiah” to our families and communities as well as to our nations. We are now in an age in which no one has to change their religion but rather to receive True Parents “blessing” of marriage with the prayers of their own religious leaders and live as a blessed family. There is no division in God’s eyes between Muslim, Christian and Jew and all the religions of the world. The founders of the great religions are one with us and therefore God is work-

ing directly through those major traditions. Each Mosque, Synagogue and Church that follows with this providence will automatically become a “Family Mosque of Peace.”, “Family Synagogue of Peace.” “Family Church of Peace”. This is the age that was prophesied in the scriptures. Flags with this name are being prepared per Father’s direction to be displayed by each church and holy place.

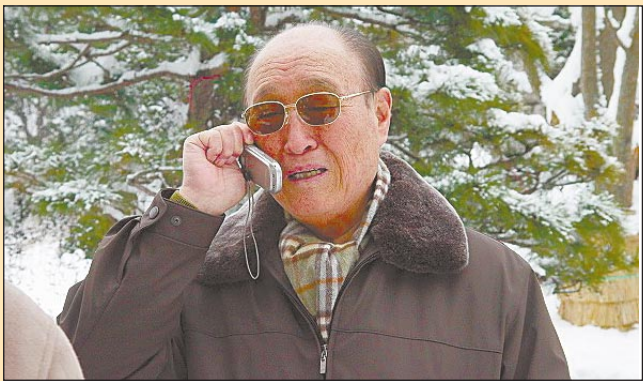
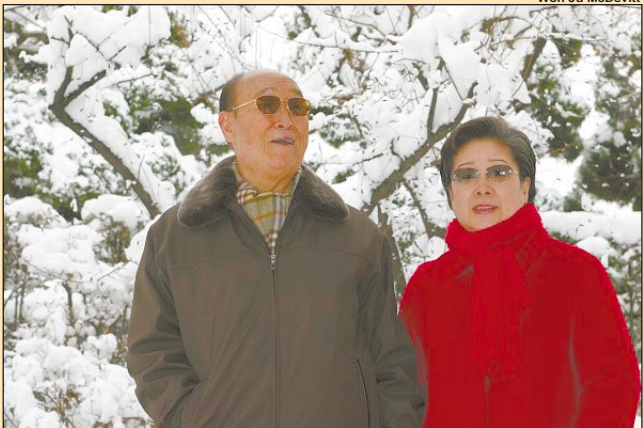
The ACLC clergy as the Second Israel ended the era of the cross and then, with that condition, repented for not having loved their elder brother the Jews for the last 2000 years. They repented for not

being a good Abel in history. If Christianity had manifested the Absolute love of Jesus, unity would have been possible. These special clergy representing the “younger brother” Christianity, helped the “elder brother” the “first Israel” to repent (through an historic representative Rabbi) and reconcile for the fact that Jesus’ own family (and the larger community) could not support Jesus 2000 years ago. The internal condition to restore this was set through the Jerusalem Declaration. Because of this declaration the condition for reconciliation occurred and it was accomplished with the assistance

of the Muslim leaders.

Therefore in the Jerusalem declaration the Abrahamic faiths set the condition to unite and reconcile through chosen representatives. This opened the door for the establishment of the Fourth Israel. A new covenant was secured and a new chosen people was established - a chosen people composed of Muslims, Christians and Jews - expanding to all people of faith. The fourth Israel is horizontal substantial expression of the vertical realm of the Cheon Il Guk, the Kingdom of God. The Fourth Israel centering on the Cheon Il Guk is the basis for all nations to be blessed and united into the Peace Kingdom. The vehicle that God sought to bring the fourth Israel and the new covenant to all nations was the U.N. Last August again Father proclaimed that if there was no basis upon which to expand the fourth Israel that the Muslim world and the Judeo / Christian world could polarize and another holocaust would occur. 840 were mobilized representing the enemy nations of history to come to NY to set the condition that God’s will would go forward smoothly. Because of this condition the Abel UN, the Interreligious and International Peace Council could be established on October 3rd. With this foundation established the spirit of the Cheon Il Guk and the new covenant of the fourth Israel could be brought to the Middle East. This opened the way for future pilgrimages to go through the impossible historic barriers between the Abrahamic faiths and not only visit the Al

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Some may know that I've written a curriculum workbook for teenagers, called The True Love Thing to Do", at [http:// worldcommunity.com/tl](http://worldcommunity.com/tl). It's a 2 1/2 hour marriage preparation, abstinence and character education seminar that can be held at home by parents, or in a group setting. The curriculum content and information are all posted at the above site.

Educating young people about these issues is a very important cause in our efforts to build the Kingdom of Heaven. I believe that the above curriculum helps educate young people about the heartistic" reasons to be abstinent, and also helps prepare them for a heartistically based marriage. Teenagers today need to learn about how to create relationship of love – instead of just falling in love".

As the publisher of said curriculum, I'm actively looking for part time reps who feel comfortable approaching churches and other organizations, to ask them to purchase quantities of the booklets and then hold seminars in their venues (the rep doesn't have to hold the seminar — it's hosted by the church leader, or some other church leader.) Note: private and public schools are potentially an even better market, because the curriculum can be used year after year.

The seminars are very easy to do and don't require any training or high-tech elements. They use the 'Reading and Discussion' method used at ALC conferences, where one teenager reads a

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section from the podium and the rest of the teenagers follow along with their copies of the booklet. Then they discuss the content in round table discussions — all moderated by the teenagers. Usually, only one adult needs to be present. The directions about how to hold the

seminar are in the booklet. The sales rep who approaches the churches gets a very healthy commission — \$4 for each workbook. The workbooks retail for \$12 to \$15, depending upon whether it's being bought directly (\$12) or used in a group seminar (for example in a church) where some additional value is given (the seminar experience, refreshments, etc.). It's recommended that \$15 be charged in the case of seminars. It wholesales for

\$9, so the churches can make a good profit also. Commissions are paid immediately upon receipt and clearing of the payment from the church. It's the kind



of process that might require a month to broker a sale to a church or school, but can be done part time, based on a few conversations. So, a box of 100 brings in \$400 to the sales rep and \$600 profit to the church, a \*hot\* selling point for churches! The churches can charge the parents for the teenagers' seminar "tickets" and thus raise funds

for other church projects. Schools may or may not be interested in the fundraising aspect, but they'll appreciate the wholesale price.

For those of you who are in or have access to foreign language countries, I'd be delighted to have the curriculum translated into other languages. It's been written in a style that will hopefully "work" for any culture. The first, very early draft was actually written on spec for Communist Chinese High School students. It mentions God very briefly, in context of scientific study, so it should appeal to a broad audience. It mentions God – even though public schools might not like it – because I couldn't, in good conscience, talk about marriages of true love without talking about the Creator of Love. It just wouldn't be right. I did take care, however, to try to pose the issues in an ecumenical fashion that will hopefully be palatable for any religion.

If you'd like to make a difference and help further marriage preparation and abstinence education for the thousands of teenagers who so desperately need it, please email me at 'peterbrown@worldcommunity.com' or call 804-769-9045. You can view the curriculum at [http:// worldcommunity.com/tl](http://worldcommunity.com/tl) ❖

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Aqsa Mosque but to realize incredible unity between Muslim, Christian and Jew.

One most significant moment was on the morning of December 22nd when Imam Bundakji could "bare his heart" at the historic Holy Site of the Dome of the Rock. He called upon all religious leaders to end the violence. He repented for his the hatred he once had in is heart for the Jews. He offered forgiveness for any wrong doing that had been done by the Jewish family. This moved Rabbi Lazorovitz to tears and with the heart of Jacob and Esau the two brothers (Ishmael and Isaac) embraced at Al Aqsa.

The holy place of the Dome of the Rock - is sacred to the Jews, Christians and Muslims. It is considered sacred because it is the place where Abraham offered his son, the temple of Solomon once stood, and the transition of Muhammad into the heavenly realm occurred

History led us to this holy place. With the incredible blessing of Imam Sabri at Al Aqsa 3000 religious leaders could gather for this moment in history. This led to a rally of 20,000 plus at the Independence Park in Jerusalem. It was there on that stage of history that Jewish leaders could take the ultimate step to reconcile with Jesus. Upon the foundation of the internal condition of the Jerusalem Declaration, the substantial condition could be made. This was done by the Jewish leaders giving the Crown of King David and the Robe of the King to Jesus.

Jesus was received and lifted up as the King of the Jews and the King of peace. This liberated all the "han" between

Jesus and God over the rejection of his son. Then Muslims could offer the Jewish leaders the Menorah and Ishmael could love and embrace Isaac. Then Christians honored Islam and proclaimed Muhammad is the Prophet of God and their in only one God of Islam, Christianity and Judaism. This is why massive change is occurring. The people of God are becoming one under the banner that "God is the Parent of All Humankind". This incredible moment in history came to America, on February 4th and on the stage of the world Jesus was embraced and the Abrahamic faiths were reconciled. This moved the hearts of the American leaders to experience first hand the powerful reconciliation that we are initiating in America and the Middle East between Muslims, Christians and Jews. Now we are again marching to Washington on March 23rd to further expand this reconciliation from America to the world. We will fulfill the role of the Second Israel to receive and honor True Parents.

This is the reason we have been called upon at this hour to pray sincerely and take action to bring the people that God has prepared to Washington. We are called upon to move the hearts of the America leaders as well as UN Ambassadors to solidify the movement of Peace through the cooperation between religious and political leaders centering on the Abel UN. Our focus. The Middle East. After the March 23rd event, key religious leaders will go on the next historic pilgrimage to the Holy Land on March 30th.

The Unification Blessed Central Families' role is absolutely crucial and central at this time. Centering on the movement of all "blessed couples" the key central figures of many nations and prepared

Pastors, Rabbis and Imams are rapidly uniting with the IIPC. (Abel UN) It is totally amazing - really beyond our imagination. Through these prepared central figures huge conditions are being made in the Foundation of Substance that allow the sphere of True Parents' love to further expand through the religions that have been chosen by God. We are becoming united as God's "movement".

This is a key reason why Father wants us to reach out to all religious leaders and to reach out to our tribe, neighbors and everyone. Our families must become the "Temples of God" and with that our spirit must attract all who are called. God has prepared the people but if we don't "touch" them they won't hear the "call". The Blessed Central Family has the depth and understanding through the practice of the Principle to know and understand how to build a "True Family" and how to love your enemy and build God's Kingdom.

The Action we must take at this time is to understand the key opportunities that are set before us to "lift up" these prepared leaders. The first and most significant is the March 23rd event on Capitol Hill. Through local committees the most outstanding religious leaders or people of faith who are Ambassadors for Peace can be selected to receive their Crown of Peace for the sacrifices they have made. On this foundation Jesus and all the religious leaders and faiths will be lifted up and reconciled - the honoring of True Parents is a natural conclusion that will occur. They will be honored with the Crowns of Peace.

We must however, be focused in prayer and outreach with our hearts to bring the people who are most outstanding in loving their enemies and bringing rec-

onciliation. We are seeking to move the hearts of those elected officials who know that the reconciliation of all races, religions and nationalities is essential for Peace in the world. Through this event on March 23rd we want to bring the spirit of God's Kingdom - the Peace Kingdom and the time of reconciliation to the world.

God has prepared America and the world for this hour. We will achieve the next step in the substantiation and expansion of the Kingdom of God through March 23rd. Please watch, pray and work for the expansion of the Kingdom. Please unite as one with the AFC leaders and the Regional and Vice Regional Directors.

All the internal conditions have been set by our True Parents. Our responsibility is to bring the Good News of the Kingdom to our relatives and all the leaders of America. Now is the time. God is with you. We are the fourth Israel. We are the people of a new covenant. A covenant that will not be broken. The prepared leaders - religious, political - people of faith are marching with us. Their confidence is rising as we see the walls crumbling before our eyes. Upon the success of March 23rd God will rapidly transfer this victory to the Middle East. Our Peace Task Force members and IIPC Ambassadors are assembling now in Israel. They are preparing the way for the next Pilgrimage. The stage is set for Peace to be realized. We must be bold and strong. Our faith, love and heart to obey God must be absolute before Heaven. Let us sacrifice all we can to allow America to fulfill her destiny.

The Blessed Central Families have the Power - and that Power is Love. ❖



# Dedication Ceremony for Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology

The Accreditation and Dedication Ceremony for Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology took place on January 28, 2004. About 450 members gathered one hour before the 11 a.m. ceremony and greeted True Parents as they entered with loud cheers and applause. The ceremony commenced with True Father's benediction and the tape cutting. True Parents then entered and sanctified the lobby of the main building with holy salt. With a beatific smile, True Father bestowed calligraphy of the words, "Bon-deok (Revere Virtue), Hoon-heng (Exemplify and Teach through Action), Man-bok (Great Fortune), Heung-seong (Great Development), Man-se (Forever)," roughly translated as, "Revere virtue and teach it through your actions.

You will thereby receive great fortune and develop greatly, and you will be eternally prosperous."

When True Parents and members of the True Family returned to the stage outside, all rose in tribute to the national flag and anthem of the Republic of Korea. The ceremony continued with a prayer offered by Dae Haeng Yu, FFWPU Japan president, followed by a progress report given by Rev. Yeong Ho Ha, vice president of Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. Rev. Ha

reported on school history and facilities and that the school will open on March 2nd with Study of True Parents, Unification Spirituality Studies, and Church Administration Studies, as the three major courses of study. The first class will comprise about 40 students.

Ceremony attendees included Dae Haeng Yu, president of FFWPU Japan; Dr. Chang Shik Yang, continental leader of North America; Mr. Dong Moon Joo, president of the Washington Times; Gyeong Jun

Lee, president of Sun Moon University; and Jin Choon Kim, president of Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology. Prof. Mi Ran Kim sang the congratulatory song and True Parents were then presented with bouquets of flowers.

True Father began to speak at 12:10 p.m. and continued for nearly an hour despite frigid weather. During his address, he emphasized that people who live with love for the sake of others will become center. True Father then offered the benediction and was joined by True Mother to cut the congratulatory cake. The ceremony concluded at 1:10 p.m. with three cheers of ok-man-se lead by President Jong-gwan Yu. ❖



## The Second Annual Interreligious Peace Sports Festival

by Rev. John W. Gehring

We are inviting young men and women athletes to Korea from July 20th – 27th, 2004 to join us in celebrating the second annual Interreligious Peace Sports Festival. The Festival is a sporting event designed to build and promote friendship and peace among people from different cultural and religious backgrounds using the powerful medium of sports competition.

From all continents, athletes between the ages of 16 and 22 will compete in over thirty events covering eight sports. Athletes can apply for the following sporting events: Track, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot put, Discus, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis (doubles & singles), Badminton (doubles & singles) and Table Tennis (doubles & singles). The top three finalists in each sporting event will be honored in a ceremony and awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively.

The Interreligious Peace Sports Festival will be Interreligious and International and will display through its activities the power and beauty of unity among diversity. There is no charge for applying and no registration fee. For the accepted athletes the Festival will provide a grant, covering room, board and scheduled local travel during the program. The Festival organizers do not cover international travel.

The Interreligious Peace Sports Festival is of many initiatives of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP). The IIFWP is a worldwide organization that is actively promoting, in a wide variety of fields, opportunities for international and cross-cultural exchange that enhance bonds of cooperation and friendship. The Sun Moon University, located in Asan, South Korea, will host the 2004 Festival.

Applications are available only online at [www.ipsfestival.org](http://www.ipsfestival.org). If you have questions or need more information please feel free to contact us:

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### IN MEMORIAM

Our beloved UTS physician, colleague and good friend, Dr. Jaekil Park, passed peacefully into spirit world this morning, March 11, at 1:40 a.m. (EST; 3:40 pm Korea time).

He fell into a coma early in the day and passed on quietly in the Cheongshim Hospital at the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, Korea. Dr. Park dealt with a serious cancer for a year or more. He persevered longer than physicians, Western or Eastern, traditional or spiritual, had expected.

Dr. Park selected his won jeon (burial site) in his ancestral hometown in Korea, and was interred there on Saturday, March 13 (the evening of March 12 in America) in a family ceremony.



UTS will prepare a memorial stone with a plaque overlooking his garden on the hillside north of Massena House, with a view of the Hudson River and Catskills. Dr. David Kim designated one large stone that he prepared years ago, for this monument. Our community and UTS alumni everywhere, whose lives were touched by Dr. Park's ministry of healing, are invited to contribute toward this.

Any contributions you would like to make should be made out to UTS, memo: Dr. Park Memorial.

—Tyler Hendricks ❖

## NEW VIDEOS “The Path to Peace” “The Crown of Peace”

TWO NEW VIDEOS ARE AVAILABLE FROM AT FFWPU HEADQUARTERS.

The first, entitled "The Path to Peace," is a 15-minute overview of the Middle East Peace Initiative and the four pilgrimages held during 2003, that was first shown at the "Ambassadors for Peace Awards" on Capitol Hill on February 4, 2004.

Copies of this production may be obtained by contacting Sheila Song at FFWPU headquarters, for \$10 apiece plus shipping, with reduced rates for multiple copies.

The second video is entitled "The Crown of Peace." It is a 20-minute edit of the February 4th "Ambassadors for Peace Awards" Capitol Hill program.

Copies may be obtained through the multimedia office of IIFWP.

For orders or information please contact Sheila Song by phone at (202) 319-3200, by fax at (202) 299-9496, or by Email at [publicaffairs@familyfed.org](mailto:publicaffairs@familyfed.org).



# Seattle Sunday School Teacher's Workshop

Rev. Latif Namini Somarin

After few days of raining in Seattle, when we gathered together February 19, 2004 for our one day "Sunday School Teacher's workshop" it was sunny and warm. This workshop was for Sunday school's teachers and their assistants. Number of participants was 100 and all of them were ready to receive education and guidance.

Location was at Windermere house and program began at 9:30 am by Rev. Hun Suk Lee's regional director of region 18) message for the participants. Rev. Larry Krishnek, who is in charge of the education of second generations Washington State, gave a heartistic and wonderful presentation about the meaning of education and mentioned how to make a healthy and close relationship between teachers and students. Then Mrs. Myung Yeob Keating, who is a member of the second generation's educational committee, gave a powerful presentation about "teacher's rolls and skills" and explained in details about the responsibilities of teachers. There was a reflection of teacher's teaching experience, and some of the teachers shared their experiences. It was quite exciting and interesting.

While participants having their lunch, they shared their feelings with each other and planned their future.

In the afternoon, participants were involved in different kinds of exercises and activities such as teaching practice, teacher's planning and report and art- door sign for class. They decided to put in action whatever they learned in the morning session. Main focus of this workshop was connecting teachers with true parent's lifestyle.

After having a pleasant dinner, Mr. Dreux Naral, who is a member of the second generation's educational committee, gave inter-l guidance and helped teachers to make their "mission statement" and encouraged them to commit themselves to their new vision. In the end, each one of teachers, received a "teacher's candle" and workshop was ended at 10:00 pm with holy candle prayer.

It was a wonderful experience and all of the teachers and their assistants committed themselves to a representative of True Parents in their classroom and teach their students heavenly tradition.❖



## Jerusalem Video on Web

[www.unificationstudy.com](http://www.unificationstudy.com)

by Charles, Eleonore and Renata de Watteville

On our website [www.unificationstudy.com](http://www.unificationstudy.com) you will find a link to Israel Peace Rally videos ( [www.unificationstudy.com/Jerusalem.html](http://www.unificationstudy.com/Jerusalem.html) ). We have added a 7-minute clip of video that Eleonore took during the December March & Rally in Jerusalem.

On our Jerusalem web page you will see three videos that we use to share and educate about the Jerusalem event.

1. A 2 minute intro by Bento Leal at a San Leandro prayer breakfast,
2. The 5 minute "Beyond the Cross" video from HQ, and
3. Our own new 7-minute home video from December.

For each video there is one video clip

with 60 Kbps for computers with slower Internet connections and one with 102 Kbps is for faster Internet connections.

We also have a 17 minutes expanded version of the Jerusalem March & Rally available. It contains more video clips of the march, the rally, excerpts of different speakers, some of the holy sites in Israel (Bethlehem, Galilee) and a few clips of a clean-up project of the SFP (Service for Peace) in a Palestinian town near Jerusalem. We have a lot more footage but we tried to keep it short so it would be easier to share with contacts.

If you would like a video tape copy of the 17 minute video, we are asking for a US \$5.00 donation plus the cost of shipping. ❖

## A New Hispanic Website

[www.unificacionismo.com](http://www.unificacionismo.com)

Attentive to the expanding foundation of our True Parents in the Hispanic community and with great desire to share their words in Spanish, the new hispanic website was launched last March 1st.

Within the contents of this website, there is a library with recent speeches given by True Parents and other leaders of the Unification movement, animated graphics with the most important conferences of the Divine principle, news, and a wide variety of useful tools for witnessing, such as flyers, brochures, logos, etc.

Those that wish to be part of this great enterprise, may want to visit <http://www.unificacionismo.com> There you will find an invitacion for further ideas, contributions, suggestions,etc. Also, you may contact us at [webmaster@unificacionismo.com](mailto:webmaster@unificacionismo.com)



# Brazil: Family and Spiritual Education in Sports

by Jose Elias de Almeida

A seminar on Family and Spiritual Education in Sports, sponsored by “Clube Atletico Sorocaba” was held at the Hilton Hotel in Sao Paulo on February 19, 2004.

The theme of this seminar was “The Family in Sports”, which was one of educational seminars hold by Clube Atletico Sorocaba”. The main purpose of these seminars is to teach about Divine Principle, God’s Providence, and introducing the Inter-religious and International Peace Council and its vision. It tries to testify about the lives of the True Parents and their works for the realization of peace in the world.

About 265 very important leaders participated in this seminar. Among them we had, Political leaders, Judges,



Lawyers, Police authorities of Sao Paulo, Sport directors, Journalist, Religious leaders, outstanding former athletes of the Brazilian national team, Sport Secretariat of Sao Paulo, Businessmen, Liberal professionals, Representatives of the Political Parties and the NGOs.

Mr. Waldir Cipriani, master of Ceremony guided everyone through out the seminar. The President of Feder-



ação Paulista de Futebol, Dr. Marco Pólo Del Nero, gave the opening remark. We had a video presentation, featuring the founding of IIPC which was followed by the Divine Principle Lecture given by Mr. Mauricio Raimundo Baldini.

The representatives of True Parents, Rev. Zin-moon Kim and Rev. Heung-tae Kim spoke to participants with the welcoming and closing remarks. Also

during closing banquet two testimonies were given by the authorities to support True Parents.

Through the Clube Atletico Sorocaba we have hold a number of events and seminars with the purpose of promoting physical, moral and spiritual health in the world of sport, with hope that other clubs will perceive the importance of religion as a fundamental instrument in building a peaceful individual, family, national and world.

The spirit of the event was high and inspiring at the end there was a banquet. In the end, Clube Atletico Sorocaba offered some prizes in honor of the great soccer veterans who played in Brazilian National Team in their youth. ❖

by Larry R. Moffitt

It was the summer of ‘79 and our band, *Sunburst*, was fundraising with Zoomers and carnations. A Zoomer is a flat lump of chocolate with peanuts, sometimes called a turtle because it resembles a turtle to people who’ve never seen one. You know what a carnation is.

The twelve of us found it worked easier for everyone if we selected one person each day to be “the indemnity man,” someone who could do all the suffering for the entire team. The designated person would pay up-front for the group, all the dues owed to the universe, so everyone else could coast through the day making record totals.

Today it was my turn to shoulder the cross and my product was live wasps. Live angry wasps. There was no container, so I had to carry them in my cupped bare hands. That’s okay, that was part of the indemnity.

Being the indemnity man also meant working scrub areas nobody else wanted. They dropped me off at the foot of K2 on the Karakoram Highway on the Pakistan side of the Himalayas. Frank Grow, our team leader

said there’s a holy man up there on a ledge just a few hundred feet above...those clouds. He smiled and wished me unspeakable suffering followed by a painful death – the traditional farewell benediction given to the indemnity man – and said by the way, I understand the holy man is happy to entertain a question from pilgrims who make it all the way to his cave.

So I climbed, being careful to keep the wasps trapped inside my two hands without squashing them.

Their stingers were working overtime on my palms and I was screaming my head off the whole way. After many hours I crawled over the edge of the uppermost ledge, exhausted, my hands swollen to double their normal size. The holy man sat cross-legged in front of me, at the entrance to a small cave. He said, “Welcome, my son. Do you have a question for me?”

I said, “Yes I do. I was recently engaged to a wonderful lady. What must a man do to make a woman happy?”

“My son,” he said, “You must caress, praise, pamper, relish, savor, massage, make plans, fix, empathize, serenade, compliment, support, feed, tantalize, bathe, humor, placate, stimulate, jiffy-lube, stroke, console, purr, hug, cuddle, excite, pacify, protect, phone, correspond, anticipate, nuzzle, smooch, toast, minister to, forgive, sacrifice, accessorize, leave, return, beseech, sublimate, entertain, charm, show equality for, oblige, fascinate, attend, implore, shower, shave, trust, grovel, defend, coax, clothe, brag about, acquiesce, aromatize, fuse, fizz, rationalize, detoxify, sanctify, help, acknowledge, polish, spoil, embrace, accept, butter-up, hear, understand, jitterbug, beg, plead, borrow, steal, climb, swim, nurse, resuscitate, repair, respect, entertain, calm, allay, kill for, die for, dream of, promise, deliver, tease, flirt, commit, enlist, angelicize, murmur, snuggle, snooze, snuffle, elevate, alleviate, serve, rub, rib, salve, bite, taste, nibble, gratify, take her places, scuttle crab-like along the ocean floor of her existence,

diddle, doodle, hokey-pokey, hanky-panky, crystal blue persuade, flip, flop, fly, don’t care if I die, swing, slip, slide, slather, mollycoddle, squeeze, moisturize, humidify, lather, tingle, slam-dunk, keep on rockin’ in the free world, wet, slicken, undulate, gelatinize, brush, tingle, dribble, drip, dry, knead, fluff, fold, blue-coral wax, ingratiate, indulge, wow, dazzle, amaze, flabbergast, enchant, idolize, worship, and then go back, Jack, and do it again.” I thanked him gratefully, sold him three for five, and climbed back down to wait for the van. ❖

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## UTS FACULTY POSITION

### Ministry/Field Education.

Unification Theological Seminary seeks a full-time faculty member in Ministry and Field Education for its Masters of Religious Education and Masters of Divinity degree programs. Responsibilities include teaching, supervision and development of the Seminary’s field education program, student advising, and faculty committee duties. Applicants are required to have an earned doctorate in ministry, religious education, or related field and at least five years experience in a position of pastoral leadership. Applications received prior to May 1 are assured full consideration; however, applications will be considered until the position is filled. Applicants should submit a letter of application that should include a statement of teaching and ministry philosophy, a curriculum vitae, transcripts of graduate work, and three letters of support to Dr. Michael L. Mickler, Academic Dean, Unification Theological Seminary, 30 Seminary Drive, Barrytown, NY 12507.



by Dr. Michael Mickler

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

A part from the universalization of Korean cultural patterns, heavy accretions of shamanistic ritual practices, numerology, and cosmic declarations were off-putting for some. Again, members accepted the premise that True Parents were re-creating the world, that all existing cultures, including that of Korea, were tainted by the human fall, and that there was the necessity for new unfallen traditions. Nevertheless, the pace of change and innovation increased abruptly and in a manner that was destabilizing for some during the 1990s. It was as if Rev. Moon wanted to implement the movement's version of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, if only symbolically, before the year 2000. Prior to the Completed Testament Age, the movement celebrated four universal 'Holy Days.' These were God's Day, celebrated on January 1st; Parents' Day, celebrated during the late winter or early spring according to the lunar calendar; The Day of All Things, celebrated toward late spring or early summer; and Children's Day, celebrated during the fall. These holidays cohered well with the movement's theology, were well buttressed by layers of sermonistic interpretation, and had been celebrated since the 1960s. There were some celebratory features such as offering tables piled high with fruits, cakes, nuts and assorted dishes. These imparted a certain "wholly other" spirituality to the heavenly banquets and, therefore, served as a tonic to faith. The movement also celebrated True Parents' and True Children's birthdays and observed landmark days in its history. For example, May 1st was observed as the date on which the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) was founded in Korea. In America, September 18th was observed as 'Foundation Day.' On that day in 1961, the movement filed its original corporation papers in California. The same day marked Rev. Moon's 1974 Madison Square Garden speech and the movement's 1976 rally at Washington Monument. Various Blessing anniversaries also were observed.

All of this provided a fairly stable framework for faith. It was true that Rev. Moon had conducted spiritual ceremonies and uttered proclamations of numerous kinds on an almost continual basis since the start of his ministry. However, these were muted within the tradition as a whole. In the U.S., they were overshadowed by the crusades of the 1970s and the demands of institutionalization during the 1980s. The 1990s were a different story. Rev. and Mrs. Moon's declaration of messiahship in 1992 and of the Completed Testament Age the following year ushered in an era of messianic fulfillment. The move-

This is the thirty-first in a series of excerpts from the book *40 Years in America: An Intimate History of the Unification Movement 1959-1999*. The editor is Michael Inglis, the historical text by Michael Mickler. The book is available from HSA Publications for \$70 + \$8 s&h. Contact them at: 4 West 43rd Street, NY NY 10036; tel: (212) 997-0050 xt250 or at their web-site: [www.hsabooks.com](http://www.hsabooks.com).

ment's spotlight rested squarely on the True Parents and their family. Movement publications such as the *Unification News* and especially *Today's World* hung with great expectation on Rev. Moon's every word and deed. They were not disappointed. Early in the Completed Testament Age, a long-standing staple of Unification ritual life, "My Pledge" which was recited at 5:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, was replaced by an entirely rewritten "Family Pledge" that went through several English translations. Unfor-

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lization for a series of World Culture and Sport Festivals and International Wedding Ceremonies in 1992, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000. Beyond that, they were accompanied by dozens of lesser changes and providential announcements. Members and guests learned, for example, that Buddha, Confucius, Socrates and Muhammad were matched to four elder Korean ladies and were taking part in Blessing '98. The following spring, Lucifer made his formal surrender to God, True Parents and all humanity. Finally, in the autumn of 1999, Rev. Moon taught blessed members to pray in their own names as couples who had inherited the realm of True Parents' victory through the Blessing. Factoring in breakthrough encounters with Mikhail Gorbachev in 1990 and Kim Il Sung in 1991 as well as controversies resulting from the divorce of Rev. and Mrs. Moon's eldest son and Korean business ruptures, it would take the movement some time to fully digest the decade.

The recruitment of new, full-time members took a back seat to these developments during the 1990s, at least within the U.S. The American movement had what it took to be a full plate and a substantial portion of the members were in a coping mode, attempting to make sense of what was happening. Some were alienated and distant. In the short term, there was a further downturn in recruitment and probably as many members were alienated by what had transpired as were empowered. However, this was not the case for other sectors of the worldwide movement. The Japanese, in particular, was more directly driven by the Completed Testament Age motto of "absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience."

The ultimate concession that American members were incapable, at least for the present, of gaining substantial numbers of new converts was the decision to bring in hundreds of Japanese sisters, many of whom did not even speak English, in late 1999 to undertake recruitment for them.

The issue of membership was integrally connected to that of finances. Starkly put, a downturn in membership was equivalent to a shortfall of money. Or, put in a more directly relevant way, a lesser absolute number of members meant a proportionately greater burden on those who contributed. It did not have to be this way. Theoretically, as members moved off mobile fundraising teams and into businesses, church-related or otherwise, the movement could have developed a higher level of efficiency, a better quality of management, and a broader donor base. However, this did not occur. There were three main reasons for this. First, as the movement's lines of authority were based on the charismatic leadership of Rev. Moon, its initiatives were subject to inspi-



Parents praying before a church holiday service at Belvedere

tunately, many Korean expressions came across as stilted and idiosyncratic in English. In this respect, one could easily be sympathetic with Rev. Moon's conviction that the membership needed to learn Korean. However, movement-wide changes during the 1990s transcended language. To summarize some of the highlights: Rev. and Mrs. Moon openly declared their messiahship; they inaugurated the Completed Testament Age which was understood to involve a fundamental shift in history; they opened the Blessing to anyone desiring it; they closed down, or at least gave direction to close down the Unification Church, intending to replace it with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification; and they amended the movement's sacred canon. Despite authorizing a new translation of *The Principle*, Rev. Moon gave notice that a series of *Hoon Dok Hae* volumes, taken from his speeches, constituted the basic scripture for the Completed Testament Age. These changes were dizzying in themselves. However, they occurred within the context of peak mobi-



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ration having little to do with strategic planning or even monetary interest. Second, members faced a “glass ceiling” and institutional culture in which seniority, nationality and family connections counted as much or more than ability in many cases. Third, and most importantly, the movement had a religious bias against crass materialism and preferred to operate on the basis of religiously motivated donations. This was the same whether one donated money through tithes and special offerings or time through working in a movement-related organization.

Hence, the major indicator of the movement’s economic health was not so much the vitality of its businesses as it was the vitality of its donor base. However, the two were interconnected as some poorly operated enterprises required subsidies and bailouts, thereby draining movement resources and eventually affecting morale. This, in fact, is what happened during the 1990s. Because this did not deter Rev. Moon from continually expanding the movement’s horizons, the necessity for support exerted an extreme financial strain on members. A fundraising letter sent by HSA-UWC Headquarters in February 1999 summarized the current appeals. Dr. Tyler Hendricks, who authored the letter, reminded members that “God never gives to us a cross we cannot bear” and advised that couples work in small groups for spiritual revival, church growth and financial empowerment.

Financial necessities forced the movement to be ever more creative in tapping the motivational sources of giving. Some of the appeals were poorly contextualized in the American setting. However, in general, the movement’s per capita giving compared favorably with comparable organizations. The problem was that the movement had so many fewer donors. During the 1970s and early 1980s, aggressive street fundraising expanded the movement’s donor base. The passing of that phase meant that movement-related businesses and members were left to make up the shortfall. Had the movement’s recruitment been stronger or its management better, this would have spread the financial responsibility more evenly. As it was, the burden of support fell continuously upon the same givers. At the end of the period an increasingly bright light emanated from the Hotel New Yorker and the Manhattan Center. These two buildings which had been purchased by the church in the mid-seventies finally came into their own as a 1,100 room mid-priced hotel and a significant entertainment venue.

The moral authority issue was a final internal peril afflicting the Unification community during the 1990s. In many ways, this was not a new problem. The wider public had accused Rev. Moon and later the movement of a variety of moral offenses from the beginning of his public ministry. The communist regime in North Korea jailed him in 1948 for, among other things, “bringing disorder to society.” The South Korean government jailed him for “draft evasion” in 1955 and rumors of church sex orgies swirled in Korean society. During the 1960s, the Japanese media referred to the Principle Movement as “the religion that makes parents weep.” During the 1970s, in America, the movement was widely regarded as a brainwashing cult that exploited members and taught a doctrine of “heavenly deception” or as a subversive group attempting to abridge the separation of church and state and influence U.S. policy on behalf of the KCIA. During the 1980s, the U.S. government jailed Rev. Moon on tax evasion charges, and during the 1990s, the media concentrated an attack on Rev. Moon and his family.

During the long course of what the movement regarded as misinformation or disinformation campaigns, many members accepted the public’s view of reality and fell away. Some, as apostates, actively promoted and helped shape society’s perceptions. However, for those who maintained their faith, there was a strong conviction that the charges were untrue. On occasion, the movement was willing to concede mistakes at lower levels due to immaturity or excessive zeal. Subordinates may have acted out of selfish motivations and even misled Rev. Moon. Things also may have been less than perfect within the community. But there was never any sense of moral culpability or anything other than the highest motivation and standard associated with Rev. and Mrs. Moon. In this sense, True Parents were the movement’s ultimate bulwark against society’s accusations. They were the foundation for the high and impregnable dividing wall between outside views and the truth.

If there was a change in the 1990s, it was that the wall developed a few chinks. There were no serious breaches and the foundation was still secure, but the wall had taken some hits. Early in the decade, Pak Chong-hwa, an early follower whom Rev. Moon had

capitated a crisis of faith and even a leave-taking for some. Others wrestled with ambiguities and in the process discovered deeper, or at least more existential wellsprings of faith. In learned internet forums, members discussed passages in Kierkegaard’s *Fear and Trembling* which posited the “teleological suspension of the ethical.” However, the vast majority of members were not given over to this level of theological sophistication or speculation. For them, Rev. and Mrs. Moon were the embodiment of their faith and the highest exemplification of “theocentric, self-sacrificial love.” There was no wrongdoing or anything for which they had to be ashamed. There was no hard evidence. There was no smoking gun. To assert otherwise was to give in to rumors and base innuendoes of those whose motivations were highly suspect.

It needs to be emphasized that many members did not have a sense of impending peril and certainly not a sense of doom. They may have acknowledged problems, but from their point of view, the providence was proceeding according to schedule. Communism, which the movement regarded as the chief obstacle to the attainment of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, had crumbled; the movement had extended its reach worldwide and the Blessing had been globalized. There were skirmishes to be fought, to be sure, but the major war was won. What essentially remained was the task of inheriting and securing True Parents’ victory. Hence, these members looked at circumstances of the 1990s and found incredible grounds for optimism.

This perspective needed to be taken seriously as there always was the risk of exaggerating crises in



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helped escape from communist North Korea but who since followed a checkered path inside and outside the movement, published an especially scurrilous account in Japan entitled the *Six Marias* which alleged Rev. Moon’s participation in ritual sex on a massive scale. Pak’s account circulated in unpublished English translations but there was no solid evidence for his charges, and he later confessed in a subsequent work and on a speech tour sponsored by the Japanese movement that the stories were entirely fabricated. This was also an occasion for the movement’s defenders to note that allegations of this nature had been thoroughly discredited in Korea and that Protestant clergy proponents of the charges had been successfully prosecuted for criminal libel.

Nan Sook Hong’s charges of spousal abuse and that Rev. Moon had engaged in “providential affairs” resurfaced issues of moral authority at the end of the decade. As has already been discussed, this pre-

the present. An impartial observer, writing from the standpoint of the mid-1980s when Rev. Moon was in Danbury penitentiary or the mid-1970s when members were under near universal attack, may have been justified in regarding the movement as being far more imperiled in those times than it was during the late 1990s. In fact, the movement had resurrected from a number of literal and spiritual near-death experiences virtually every decade since the 1940s. Rev. Moon compared the movement to a rubber ball which the harder it was flung to the ground, the higher it bounced back. This raised an exceedingly important point. What was crucial, more so than the crises or perils the movement faced, were the resources it possessed for change and forward development. In this respect, the 1990s were no different than the 1970s or 1980s. Perils and crises unlocked capacities for renewal. ♦



# WANGO Conference in Tanzania

Tanzania Relief Friendship Foundation (TRFF) has been working together—under the auspices of International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF)—with the World Association of NGOs (WANGO) for quite a number of years now. IRFF is a member of WANGO. On the other hand, Tanzania Association of NGOs (TANGO) has been collaborating with WANGO though it is not officially a member of the world body.

In October 2002, WANGO held its annual conference in Washington, United States of America. The theme of the conference was ‘the culture of responsibility and the role of NGOs in the 21st century’. Participants to the Washington conference recommended for, among other things, WANGO to challenge these noble institutions (i.e. the NGOs) worldwide to live up to the theme and expectations of society.

It was against this background that after consultations with TANGO and TRFF, WANGO held and supported a historic conference on 23rd January 2003 at the Karimjee Hall, Dar Es Salaam, that drew together around 126 representatives from 80 organizations to gauge themselves against the conference theme, share experiences and chart out strategies for the future.

While opening the conference, Mr. Arnold Kashembe the Executive Director of TRFF scored the importance of information sharing between NGOs to enhance collaboration and become more responsible to society. He stressed that collaboration is also aimed at networking and coalition building, to manage our organizations and relate to the media including cooperation with academic institutions. Mr. Kashembe ended with a strong note that responsibility on the part of NGOs will give the sector credibility in acquiring funds from donors and partner organizations.

The objectives for which WANGO in partnership with TRFF and TANGO organized this conference are: To enable participants to get the necessary information from the Government, International and financial institutions / donors that challenge them as NGOs to promote a



culture of responsibility in their work. To enable participants to understand the importance of efficient and effective NGO management, networking and coalition building and the role of the media and how they can collaborate to enhance a culture of responsibility. To enable participants recognize the need to collaborate with various professional and aca-

demie institutions. To highlight the participants on the technicalities of acquiring funds from various sources. To come up with follow-up activities / program from the conference recommendations.

implement their plans/activities according to set objectives. He offered that the Government sees NGOs’ role as that of providing social services and offering the platform for advocacy to which end the government recognizes the importance of umbrella organizations and other networks nationally, regional and at district level—where the Regional Administrative



Secretaries, District Executive Directors or sector ministries play a vital part.

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He warned however that the Government expects transparency, mutual trust and information flow to be the building blocks towards mutual fulfillment of our responsibilities. It was observed that if these qualities are not adhered to or are eroded it creates suspicion and misunderstanding between NGOs and government. Mr. Kasongwa said that the Government is aware of the existence of dubious (briefcase)

NGOs that do not deliver they exist on paper only but do not perform for the betterment of their target group(s) but for self-enriching. These organizations are therefore not accountable to the communities they support to serve. The government would therefore like to monitor these as well as those that perform well for future development planning and ensuring equitable resource utilization for the well being of Tanzanians. Dr. Massimo Trombin, IRFF International Field Director and President of WANGO Europe gave a background paper outlining NGO evolution, various existing scenario and looked at the impact, challenges and opportunities in relation to the “Culture of Responsibility and our role as NGOs in the 21st century” the theme of this conference. In his paper entitled “Role of NGOs in the 21st century”.

Dr. Massimo summed up his presentation by pointing out that responsibility will set Tanzanian NGOs free. By finding solutions to a problem(s) and act in earnest and pre-conceived deliverables.

Tanzania needs to build this culture as it has intelligent and courageous people, resources and purity of heart to attain set goals.

## Workshops—Networking and Media

There were two workshops organized to stimulate debate namely; networking and coalition building workshop and media / NGO collaboration in the face of new roles for NGOs in the 21st century. Mr. Zaa Twalangeti of TANGO led and guided participants in the networking workshop while Mrs. Ananilea Nkya of TAMWA managed to invigorate a hot debate on the media workshop.

The most important points that emerged from the networking workshop were:

- What are networks and networking—the latter being a gathering, relationship between people or organizations to cooperate in achieving certain objectives.
- Benefits of networking include exchange of information, avoiding duplication and competition of service or funds, effective use of resources, building capacities and having a joint—voice.
- Challenges include lack of transparency and accountability, funds mismanagement, poor structures, poor involvement of stakeholders, lack of financial

support from government, poorly skilled organization and management workforce.

There were only two recommendations that came out of the networking and coalition building workshop. They are request to the government to provide donations / subsidy to NGOs, and that the role of networks should further be explained among NGOs themselves in follow up meetings / conferences (participants held the view that future networks role should include offering finance to small / member organizations / groups).

The only recommendation from this workshop was that media houses shall come up with a special policy to help NGOs publicize their work and access them. It was informed and argued that currently, many NGOs don’t have the resources to engage the media and this made it difficult for work / impact made by NGOs to be seen by society.

## Closing Plenary

This final session of the conference dwelt on the various recommendations reached during the two workshops earlier on the day and tried to forge a way forward. It was preceded by submission of the day’s summary by the rapportuer. This session was moderated by Ms. Freda Chale, President HEAA and the discussions were facilitated by Ms. Marie Shaba, of TANGO.

On the role of media in promoting the NGO sector media houses were urged to develop internal policies / guidelines to promote the work of NGOs in the country. ❖

## PRINCIPLED THINKING.

- Do New Testament scholars think that Zechariah ‘as Jesus’ father?
- Is your church relevant to your local community?
- Does the Japanese government support leprogramming”?
- Is the Divine Principle inherently anti-Christian?
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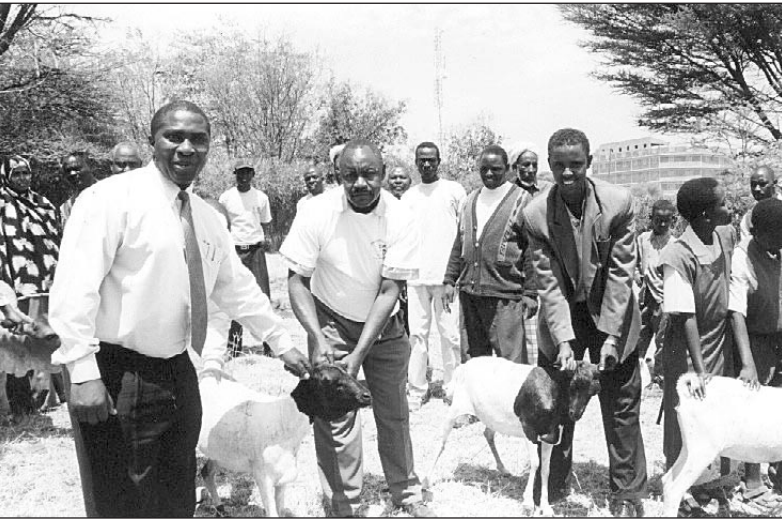
# Kenya Inter-Religious Peace Week

by Dr. Chris M. Nyamai

The Isiolo Inter-religious Peace Week (2003) was held between 4th-8th August 2003, in Isiolo town, northern Kenya. The event was an initiative of the Isiolo Inter-religious Council (IIC) that has been promoting peace in Isiolo for the last one year.

The Peace Week Event under the theme "Nurturing a Culture of Peace" entailed a three-days training workshop in Peace building, Inter-religious Dialogue, Conflict Management and Mediation, HIV-AIDS and Family Values; a Public Baraza procession and speech day, Sports, and Community visits. The topics of the training program were selected with the aim of improving the skills and information base of the participants in these fields. The participants attending the training workshop came from recognized religious leaders, community elders, youth leaders, politicians, government and the civil society organizations.

The Public Baraza procession for Peace and speech day, held immediately after the three days training workshop, brought together an assembly of peace builders, athletes and artists that are all interested in a lasting peace in Isiolo.



The epitome of the peace procession and public Baraza meeting was a speech given by the chief guest, the local District Commissioner (DC) of Isiolo. The DC emphasized the importance of maintaining peace as a pre-requisite for development and acknowledged the good work that has been achieved by ChemChemi Ya Ukweli (CYU) and International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF-Urafiki Kenya) NGO's in facilitating peaceful activities within Isiolo. A livestock exchange ceremony that was graced by the presence of the DC saw the religious faiths pledging to share their material wealth for the benefit of the community.

On the fifth day, there were solidarity inter-religious peace visits that were made to communities around Isiolo town that had previously been affected by violent incidents. The visits were aimed at increasing confidence to the survivors of past conflicts and to encourage with a vision that things will change for the better through unity and working together for peace.

The Peace Week Event is part of a broader process that aims at building an Inter-religious Community Peace Centre in Isiolo in 2004. The Peace Centre is envisaged to boost the local capacity for peacebuilding and as a symbol of unity among the inter-religious groups in the region. The IIC initiative invites all interested parties in peacebuilding within and outside Isiolo to make a contribution to this noble process.

The IIC initiative appreciates the work of the Provincial Administration, Kenya Police, the Religious Organizations, Peace and Development NGO's who have contributed immensely to bring peace in Isiolo. Special mention goes to the Isiolo District Peace and Reconciliation Committee for spearheading civil society conflict management programmes. The Isiolo Inter-religious Peace Week 2003 will remain as a landmark event in symbolizing the importance of Unity and Inter-religious dialogue in promotion and nurturing a culture of peace for many years to come.

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## Reflections of a Congregationalist Minister

by Rev. Paulina Dennis

I am ordained in the Congregational Way. We are the successors to the Pilgrims and the Puritans, and we are the denomination that has most embodied the religious ethos of the United States of America. I was importuned to participate in this latest pilgrimage to Israel (December 16-23) because of my knowledge of and love for Judaism and the Jewish people, as well as my long history in ecumenical work.

Coming to know this movement and its people in the 1980s, I was impressed by their commitment to Christian ideals, their decency and kindness, as well as what I viewed as their complete lack of any kind of racism.

From a persecuted minority religion, Unificationism has steadily gained the respectful attention of scholars of religion and noted American clerical leaders. Articles on the movement have appeared in Temple University's Journal of Ecumenical Studies and civil rights leaders such as Joseph Lowery, the late Ralph Abernathy and Dr.

Wyatt T. Walker have expressed their approval of and deep sympathy for the overall ideals of the movement. I know of no one else in the world that is even attempting such a thing as uniting religions and people to help bring peace to the world.

It is all the more remarkable when you realize Rev. Moon's age-83! What other religious movement, outside of the Roman Catholic church and its severely ailing leader John Paul II, also 83, has this kind of world outreach and organization? America has no one now of the stature of Martin Luther King, Jr. and most denominational Christian leaders are still too interested in protecting their own religious turf to effectively issue such a call.

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As a result, Unificationism has become much more than another denomination. It is, in some respects, a form of "meta-Christianity," even a form of "meta-religion" because of the scope and inclusiveness of its activities. The IIPC (International Interreligious Peace Council) is now instrumental in pushing for recognition as a worldwide religious leadership organization to be berthed at the United Nations. I hope and pray that people of the world-standing of the Right Rev.

Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama will soon be part of this movement; bringing their influence as well as their own unique perspectives on religious freedom and co-prosperity to bear on the United Nations and all humanity. ♦

## Ascended Families Association Website

The Ascended Families Association website is up and running. The forum is available for discussion. If you would like to just check it out, see

<http://www.ascendedfamilies.org>.

If you know of someone who would be interested in this site, please email Edy Iversen at [edy@ascendedfamilies.org](mailto:edy@ascendedfamilies.org) or [iversen2@aol.com](mailto:iversen2@aol.com). and I will put them on our mailing list.

If you are a widow, widower or have lost a child, please email me for our password to get into the site.



by Rev. Jim Stephens—  
Bloomington

*This opinion piece was first published in Bloomington's The Pantagraph, under the title "From the Pulpit" in the "Beliefs and Values" section.*

I'm going to resist the temptation to weigh in on the national debate on adultery and its consequences and instead share some thoughts on how to improve the relationships and memories in your own family.

Most of my life I have never been interested in "pomp and circumstance". Ceremonies, for me, were a lot of wasted time and effort making a big deal out of a small event.

However, as I reflect back over my life, I've changed my opinion.

All that I have left of my life, all the places I traveled, all the things that I did, all the people that I have known, all that's left is just memories.

Some memories are stronger than others, but all the memories exist for me only as pictures in my mind. As I recall those pictures, I also recall the emotions of the experiences, the joys, the sorrows, the profound insights, the regrets, even some insignificant moments that were somehow so poignant.

If the picture in my mind is weak or faded, then the emotions are also faded and dull.

If I string together the memories and make a movie of my life, I'm somewhat

disappointed. It certainly wouldn't be a "blockbuster hit".

Most of the exciting parts and memorable parts of the movie of my life are those "special" moments when I shared a deep experience with someone else. Often that event sticks out as a lasting memory because we at the time made it special and made a "big deal" out of it, even if it really wasn't that big a deal after all.

In our family many a weekend has slipped past us when we didn't make the effort to do anything special with our kids. That weekend is lost forever. The times when we did do something out of the ordinary are captured forever for us in a shared memory.

Ceremonies, celebrations and traditions are some of the real "stuff" that life is made of. That's the wisdom that I'd like to share today.

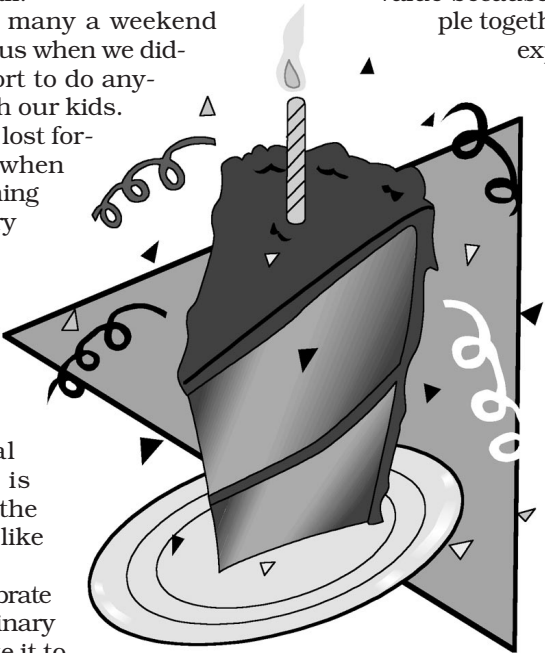
When you celebrate an otherwise ordinary event, you elevate it to

a valuable memory. You create another link in the bond of love that encircles the people with whom you shared the experience.

Make lots of ceremonies in your life. Make family traditions. These are an external representation of the love you have for each other. These can also be a wonderful representation of your love for your God. Traditions have value because they bond people together in a common experience. It connects their lives to higher meaning and purpose and value.

Love is all about connecting to each other. Give and take in a tradition that is repeated over and over develops a stronger and stronger bond of love.

Prayer is a shared experience. You can even make your offerings



and tithes a ceremony to share with your children. It will help them understand the value.

In the Bible, many leaders rose early in the morning to communicate with God. In our family, we get up every Sunday morning to pray at 5:00am. We make pledges to God for the coming week and we offer ourselves to Him. This makes us feel special, like we're the only ones in Bloomington talking to God during that time.

Even when the children were babies we would bring them to this prayer. Often we had to bribe them with donuts, but it worked. In fact, it led to another family tradition of having donuts on Sunday mornings.

As we are fast approaching the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas most of us have especially fond memories of past family holidays.

Traditions and celebrations not only carry on the bonds of love, but they are actually building blocks for continuing the goodness in families and the goodness in our society. They help us discern the eternal from the profane.

Let's resolve to make our holidays this year extra special by achieving a new level of love and service. And also let's each make some new celebration that we'll remember forever. Heaven can always use the extra help when the world is having a crisis. ♦

by Ralph Jensen

In the 1979 science fiction movie 'Tron' Jeff Bridges plays a lone programmer hero fighting to reclaim his software property rights which were stolen by an evil computer system. When he gets too close, the machine beams him into the system. Inside he fights for his freedom in alliance with other freedom loving components, finally liberating the enslaved system and saving himself beamed back to the real world—with his property rights restored.

In the Terminator series a population of evil machines is trying to extinguish humankind in the future. To crush the human rebellion the machines send a robot back into our presence to kill the rebel leader when he is still a child.

In 'Millennium Man' a robot aspires to be human and on his deathbed is granted his wish by the world council of humans, because he has successfully acquired mortality. The movie 'AI' tells the story of a robot child searching through millennia for a human mother's love.

Most recently, in the Matrix series, another evil computer empire keeps humans in an embryonic sleep, drawing energy from their life force and feeding them dreams in return. A few of them wake, form a resistance group and step by step drive the virtual oppressors into the defensive.

In all these tales it is obvious that the machine protagonists possess consciousness. In Terminator II we are even given a date when the big evil one acquired consciousness.

This awareness of themselves makes the machines human like and worth asso-



ciating with (AI, Millennium Man) or fighting against (Matrix, Terminator, Tron). Otherwise we would probably have little interest in observing these devices in action? The consciousness we observe in these virtual actors is vital to the impression they make on us. There is nothing like the real thing—us.

One question worth asking here is: Where does this consciousness come from? The answer comes occasionally, yet then only implicitly: It just happened. Consciousness somehow emerged based on the complexity of the underlying hard and software. And that's all that's said about that. After the complexity of the machine networks exceeds that of the human brain, consciousness suddenly appears out of nowhere.

Despite all the focus on intelligence and virtue—almost spirituality, this is actually a materialist view of humanity and reminds a bit of Engel's explanation of mankind's origin: Some ape began to use his hand to make a tool, started to walk upright, got a better view of things and—woop—became human.

Ray Kurzweil in his book 'The Age of Spiritual Machines', often mentioned in the context of machine consciousness, describes the process of man merging with machines sometime during the 21st

century—which is now. After computers exceed the memory and computational capabilities of the human brain, we will begin to use them as teacher and companions. Soon after that information will be fed directly in our brains and the distinction between man and machines will become blurred. When the machines then claim to be conscious, we will believe them.

This can be interpreted that machines will receive their consciousness from man but that still leaves open the original question—where it came from in the first place.

And the assumption that consciousness emerges from the material world is really not more than that—an assumption. It makes for some decent action, though.

This assumption comes from the same family as another one—that there is no conscious driving force for development, meaning: Natural development occurred based on random mutation and natural selection. Kurzweil's quote of Peter Atkins, that "A great deal of the universe does not need any explanation. Elephants, for instance. Once molecules have learnt to compete and create other molecules in their own image, elephants, ... will in due course be found roaming through the countryside." is another way of putting it. This opinion is so widespread that it is taken for truth almost without question. It is certainly stimulating for scientific endeavor, because it helps us to focus on the issue at hand—the objects of research and keeps disturbance out.

But is the assumption bullet proof?

This question arises when we look at a familiar bottom line—how much time did all that take? 15 billion years from 'zero' until today—a common estimate. While that sounds like a long time it feels awfully short when considering the fact that at its first moment the universe did actually not even exist of matter. Gravity 'evolved' later—a tenth of a millionth of a trillionth of a trillionth of a trillionth second later (Kurzweil). I mean, there was nothing to start with in terms of what we consider building blocks of our world—no atoms, not even particles.

It is foolish to question the validity of scientific endeavor. But assuming that there might be a conscious power behind the existence of our universe can be empowering—also intellectually. In no way does it discourage the question 'How?' which is at the basis of scientific research. The new assumption may not even help answer that one. But it gives us a good start when asking 'Why?' and 'Where is it going?' The bottom line to watch here would not be time but coherence with science. We will still have open questions, though. Children will still have to wait for the answer what was before everything. Where does that original force come from? But to use standards of our own universe in time and space to ask questions of the world outside is as futile as using three coordinates to travel in the fourth dimension.

We are not worried of light's dualism between particle and wave. Why should we have problems with the assumption that there may be something behind existence rather than nothing but coincidence. Couldn't that also one day be the base for a decent action movie? ♦





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This month we'll discuss one of my favorite subjects, fantasy and science fiction (F&SF) stories. I've been reading them since I was a child. Lately I've attended conferences, and gotten to know several authors.

Science fiction, unlike some fiction genres, provides intellectual as well as emotional fulfillment. One of its major purposes is to get people thinking.

Value

Unificationists place a high value on HDH reading, and we strive to find enough time for that. Why, then, should we read something so "far out" as F&SF?

The Divine Principle begins by explaining that blind faith is no longer enough; that modern people need logical, scientific explanations. We are charged to witness to every person in the world. How do we reach the vast number of secular and intellectual people, the ones who run modern science and technology? You need a common base, and in their circles, F&SF is of nearly universal interest.

Besides, the reader can benefit. Don't let science fiction's unfamiliar words scare you off. Some folks have told me they don't understand what's in SF novels, and thus, won't even try looking at them. I think that's a crying shame.

What better way to learn? Instead of expensive, boring textbooks, you get to enjoy an exciting novel! One with sympathetic characters, unusual settings and great action, plus scientific concepts you'll grasp and hardly know you've done it.

Believe me, it's not all fancy gadgets and alien monsters. There are SF romances, murder mysteries, military adventures, and so much more. Good authors do meticulous background research, and it shows. (Too bad the movie versions usually trash all that . . . )

Depictions

A century ago, Jules Verne, HG Wells, and a handful of others foresaw our modern world. Sixty-five years ago, during SF's Golden Age, editor John W Campbell set literary standards for what had become a 'pulp novel' business. Then George Orwell's 1984 and Aldous Huxley's Brave New World shocked humanity by portraying how terrible things could become.

Science fiction has often been used to address human concerns from a fresh perspective. By removing the scene to an alien world, current problems can be described without the 'baggage' of prejudice and misconceptions. Stories that predict tragedy have a cautionary value, and are known in the trade as 'If This Goes On' plots.

Gene Roddenberry's Star Trek universe does this very well. I've had many serious chats with my son about the 'real world' troubles it obliquely depicts. (Often, centered upon the planet Bajor.) Many of its episodes also deal with spiritual issues.

Influences

The hopes and ideas of each author

are expressed in their novels. Sometimes this happens unconsciously, while at the other extreme, they pound you with didactics.

Most cyberpunk authors are radicals, as with Neal Stephenson's antigovernment Snow Crash. Quite a few SF writers are conservative. Michael Flynn's The Nanotech Chronicles has many good social lessons.

Most fantasy authors are pagans at heart, and can help us understand such individuals in real life. On the other hand, JRR Tolkien, Madeleine L'Engle, Zenna Henderson, and a handful of others invoke their Judeo-Christian morality.

In his 'Pere-landra' trilogy, CS Lewis wrote about sin and salvation. His hero, Dr. Ransom, visits a planet where the Fall had

never occurred; and then another where he valiantly defeats satan, at the very brink of ruin.

This idea expression is also true in children's books. The Harry Potter novels are beautifully crafted, if less original than many readers suspect. JK Rowling's inherent dualism, as with Potter's several mirrorish foes, would've shocked Tolkien. Philip Pullman's 'His Dark Materials' trilogy is wondrous and exciting—and thoroughly pagan.

Please enjoy them all, just understand the author's viewpoint.

Debates

F&SF authors, and their fans, are great debaters. For many, their convention's high point are the Panels, where writers and experts hold forth on a given subject, and are engaged in vigorous debate by the audience.

Would extraterrestrials believe in God? Either way, what sort of ethics and motivation would govern those alien's interactions with each other—and then, with us? Many hope they'd be atheists, as are nearly all of Isaac Asimov's characters. Others suppose they'll have found proof of the Divine, as in Robert Sawyer's Calculating God.

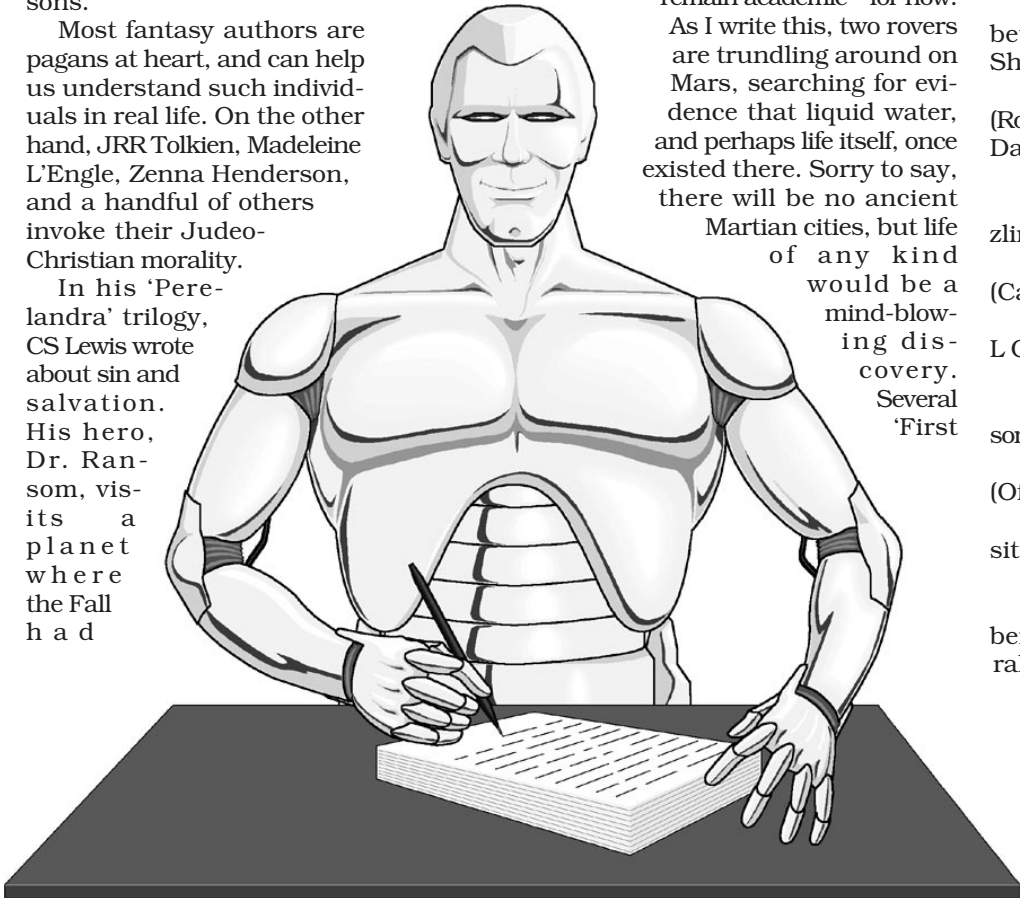
If aliens arose from herbivores, rather than predators (as we did), how would that affect their society? How could aquatic or sessile beings develop technology? What if the aliens didn't have

genders, or had more than two?

No subject is too intense for F&SF, and each topic reflects upon our human nature and endeavors. Of course, a story's characters can't be too alien, or the readers will drop it, with baffled frustration.

Discovery

All of these discussions remain academic—for now. As I write this, two rovers are trundling around on Mars, searching for evidence that liquid water, and perhaps life itself, once existed there. Sorry to say, there will be no ancient Martian cities, but life of any kind would be a mind-blowing discovery. Several 'First



Human Landing on Mars' novels are now in print.

New space telescopes, far more powerful than the Hubble, will look for oxygen atmospheres on planets around other stars. Such distant, life-bearing worlds could be targets for exploration. It's even possible that (microbial) life spread there from our Earth, or visa-versa, as per Robert Zubrin's ideas.

Of course, people really want to find an intelligent species. Years ago, during a Q&A session, someone asked Rev. Moon about this. His reply was instructive: "Let's worry about one planet at a time."

By the year 2004, our radio and TV signals have spread across dozens of light years, passing thousands of stars along the way. Even now, aliens (with sensitive enough receivers) could be watching I Love Lucy.

But what about their signals? The SETI Institute is listening for any such broadcasts. That field is swarming with skeptics and crackpots, but the SETI folks know what they're doing. Their efforts, and actual staff, are well portrayed in Carl Sagan's novel Contact, and the even better movie version.

If SETI ever succeeds, it will rank among history's greatest discoveries. Whatever the aliens are like, for us humans, everything will change. No matter what they believe, most religions will have to modify their doc-

trines, or risk becoming a new Flat Earth Society. (One such scenario is described in Jack McDevitt's The Hercules Text.)

There is only one way to find out, and that's to keep looking until we find something out there—or don't.

Either way, for humanity, that knowledge will be profound. For now, only God knows.

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Here are some excellent, often lesser known, F&SF titles. Some are part of a series. You can find them in the library, on Amazon, or at many Used Book shops.

1) Fantasy Worlds:

*Sheepfarmer's Daughter*, by Elizabeth Moon. (Comparable to Tolkien. She can sword fight in real life!)

*Swords in the Mist*, by Fritz Leiber (Rollicking, ribald adventures. My friend David Wilson edited some of his work.)

2) Alien Interactions:

*Gateway*, by Frederick Pohl. (Puzzling, hidden aliens.)

*The Pride of Chanur*, by CJ Cherryh. (Cat-like alien heroine.)

*Midnight at the Well of Souls*, by Jack L Chalker. (Amazing transformations.)

3) Time Travel:

*Atlantis Found*, by R Garcia y Robertson. (Time travel with Bronze Age humor.)

*The Time Patrol*, by Poul Anderson. (Officer rides his timecycle.)

*The Fires of Paratime*, by LE Modesitt. (Corrupt rulers are undone.)

4) Fantastic Encounters:

*A Logical Magician*, by Robert Weinberg. (Nerd outfoxes the supernatural.)

*Magic Kingdom for Sale-Sold!* by Terry Brooks. (Man finds a parallel universe.)

*Memnoch the Devil*, by Anne Rice. (Note: adult fare! She almost gets the Fall of Man right.)

5) Big Concepts:

*The Star Diaries*, by Stanislaw Lem. (Funny and highly imaginative.)

*Brightness Reef*, by David Brin. (Star-tling aliens, and galactic intrigue.)

*Excession*, by Iain Banks. (Huge, self-aware starships.)

*A Fire Upon the Deep*, by Vernor Vinge. (Interwoven levels of civilization.)

*The Broken Land*, by Ian McDonald. (A silent heroine, and hands-on biotech.)

6) People Stories:

*Resurrection*, by Arwen Elys Dayton. (Alien lady visits Earth on a desperate mission.)

*Rite of Passage*, by Alexei Panshin. (Girl grows up on a starship.)

*Reefsong*, by Carol Severance. (Young woman defends an aquatic world.)

*Way Station*, by Clifford D Simak. (Old codger serves the galaxy.)

*The Final Planet*, by Andrew M Greeley. (Irish psychic finds love.)

*Leap Point*, by Kay Kenyon. (Small town lady saves Earth.)

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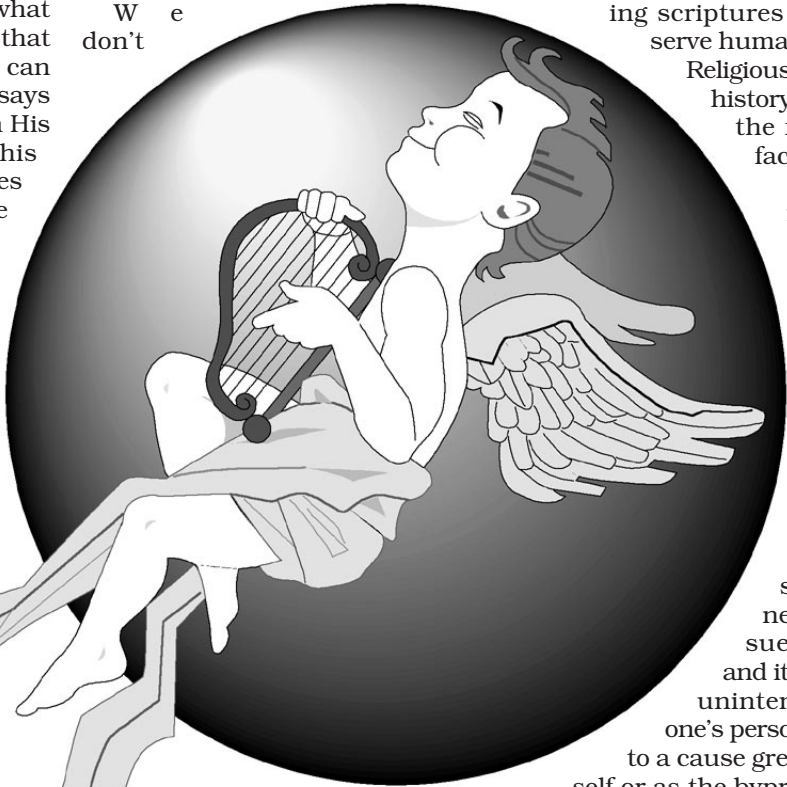
I love the conversations I have with my twelve year old son, Ranin. He is such a deep thinker and I admire his insight into people and life. We had a discussion about what God might look like. Ranin said that when he tries to imagine him, he can only picture big, blurry hands. It says in the Bible that we were made in His image but it's hard to imagine this big man in the sky, as it were. Does He really sit on a throne? Does He have a beard? If He's omnipresent and omniscient then how can He be confined to a finite area, i.e., a body, an image? The infinite defies the finite, and our earthly perception really limits what we can comprehend.

It doesn't seem like we humans can actually perceive God visually in the way we do each other. If we were in a room with Him, He probably wouldn't extend a hand and say "how do you do", like another person. A direct encounter would be nothing like what we might imagine it would be. It might be like finding ourselves inside the sun, or the center of a hurricane or some other overwhelming natural force. When Moses approached the Burning Bush, his encounter with God was not wishy. God said to him, take off your sandals, you're standing on holy ground. Moses didn't bicker, he obeyed.

We humans constantly refer to our eyesight as proof of something's existence. Missouri for example is the "show me", state. Doubting Thomas wanted to see the wounds of Jesus. In Missouri, (and I don't know why I keep

thinking of Missouri) 25 years ago there was a big billboard advertising the location of the last shoot out of Billy The Kid. (or was it Jesse James?) The advertisement said, "See the Bullet Hole!"

We don't



realize how much we're impacted by our vision. We evaluate, and are attracted to things or repelled by them largely by how they appear to us. Sometimes we hear a voice singing or talking on the radio and are surprised when we finally see what the person looks like. The visual can actually change our impression.

Nursing babies experience this too — when they're nursing, they probably aren't thinking, oh, this is my mom holding me, but they are surrounded by the familiar smell, the familiar voice, the familiar taste, and the familiar close embrace.

I told Ranin that when he grows up and gets married, he will be able to perceive his wife with not only his five physical senses but with additional senses that are even more internal and more intense. If he and his wife pray during their physical relationship they'll be more likely to sense each other's hearts spiritually. Especially if they invite God into those moments, they can form a sort of holy trinity which defies description. It can go from being a physical to a metaphysical experience.

Once I read a book about the life of a saint. The saint said that he thought he knew a lot about God. One day, God appeared to him as a magnificent light, and he heard a voice that said, "You must cultivate the field of your heart so God can

dwell there. Instead of trying to be like YOU, you should try to become like ME." And the saint knew then that he had hardly begun his journey.

In our contemplative hours we can strive to know more by praying, studying scriptures or while trying to serve humanity and the earth.

Religious people throughout history have longed to see the face of God or the face of Jesus.

This longing makes me think of a quote I read a few years ago that goes with pursuing our fondest dreams and the fulfillment of them:

"Don't aim at success, the more you aim at it and make it a target, the more you are going to miss it. For success, like happiness, cannot be pursued; it must ensue, and it only does so as the unintended side-effect of one's personal dedication

to a cause greater than oneself or as the byproduct of one's surrender to a person other than oneself. Happiness must happen and the same holds for success: you have to let it happen by not caring about it. I want you to listen to what your conscience commands you to do and go on to carry it out to the best of your knowledge. Then you will live to see that

in the long run — in the long run, I say! — success will follow you precisely because you had forgotten to think of it." (From the preface of the 1984 Edition of "Man's Search for Meaning", by Viktor E. Frankl. Viktor Frankl survived a Nazi concentration camp, largely by living in the feeling of his love for his wife.)

Those words can be applied to our relationship with God. If we pray and pursue God only for the sake of ourselves, we probably won't get to know Him very well, but when we turn our attention to the things that concern Him such as the service of His children, our brothers and sisters across the earth, then we feel an internal alignment taking place. I believe that the prayer of God Himself is that we all get to fully experience Him face to face and heart to heart someday, and put an end to all our conjecture. I told my son to work hard and love hard and do the right thing, and someday you might feel this gigantic tap on your shoulder and you'll turn around and WOW.

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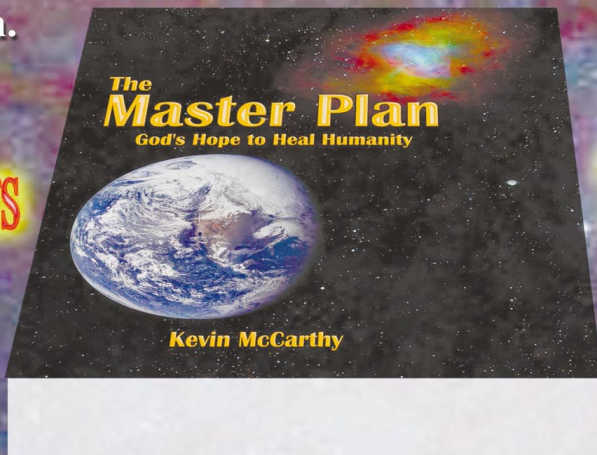
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