

WORLD CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL 2002

Religious Dialog at WCSF and Blessing

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

The World Culture and Sports Festival was held in Seoul February 13-20, 2002. IIFWP's Assembly 2002 aspect of the WCSF was comprised of elements reflecting the broad array of peace activity and organizations founded and maintained by Reverend Moon—religion, politics, media, and so forth.

As always religion had a central role to play. Spiritual leaders offered prayers and invocations throughout the many events of the Assembly and the festival, one early morning leaders offered an interfaith worship service open to all participants, 52 scholars and leaders engaged in three, two-hour committee sessions on issues of religion and peace, other religion participants contributed to different committees (such as politics or

NGO's), and eight from our number brought Heaven's Blessings from the world's traditions to the 1,000's of young couples.

We are grateful to Khamba Lama Dambajav for opening the entire Assembly with his invocation at the opening banquet. Reverend Jesse Edwards offered the invocation at the opening plenary which included talks from former President Abdurrahman Wahid, and Reverend Moon, Dr. Manjit Singh

Jathedar offered a plenary invocation, and Archbishop Augustus Stallings prayed the invocation at the closing banquet at the Little Angel's School. Religion plenary speakers included Pastor T.L. Barrett, Professor Jameson Kurasha, and Dr. Martin For-

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FOUNDER’S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is an excerpt of a speech given January 27, 2002 Kona, Hawaii. Translation by Rev. Peter Kim; notes by Tyler Hendricks.

Cheon Il Guk—Cheon Il means two people becoming one, beginning from the unity of mind and body and going all the way to unity of heaven and earth. When we become one with our subject, then we connect with our ultimate subject, God - that is the meaning of the absolute realm of the autonomous ownership (chaju guk) nation. If the chaju guk becomes sub-

ject, then the victorious realm will follow automatically.

So whatever level you are on, town, state, whatever, if you are united with God, then heavenly fortune will protect you and help you accomplish what you want to do. That is what is called the victorious realm. With that privilege and determination, we begin this new era. The pre-condition for that is unity of mind and body as an individual. We should be able to see our destiny in this era. Liberation of all things, of humankind, is here. Whether we live or die, everything will become God’s glory and victory. We should have no fear, because we know we will live for eternity. In other words, we are out-

Our Destiny is

side the realm of death.

So I declared the chunoh chungcha: chunoh = noon, chungcha = settlement; settlement of noontime, which means our life is vertically and horizontally straight. There will be no shadow in our life. We have to become the center that will bring the liberation.

We do not possess all things. Because of the fall, Satan stole all things. Therefore God and humankind were separated from each other. Because of the fall, all things no longer belonged to Adam and Eve. Therefore we should own nothing in the secular world. There should be voluntary sacrificial living offering on the individual level and national level. People say this belongs to America, that belongs to Japan, but they all are robbers. What the secular world claims for itself is stolen. Upon the registration of blessed couples, you have to trace back your mother’s lineage and father’s lineage and provide restoration to them. As we offer sovereignty to God, the good spirits will come down to work with us.

What we possess and enjoy in the secular world are stolen goods. The Old Testament era was the era of sacrificing all things; the New Testament era saw the sacrifice of children; and the Completed Testament era called for the sacrifice of parents. Now we are in the 4th Adam era. Therefore we have to come out of our old concept and habits as a German, American, Japanese, or Korean. We become citizens of heaven and follow the heavenly tradition. If you are stubborn and stick with your old habits and possessions, you will be like maggots. Without having that condition set as an individual and nation, you have no ladder to climb up. If we do not make the total living offering, it is like exploitation. You sit on stolen goods and still use them even though you know they are stolen.

We know my life course, with opposition on every level. But now, in the 4th Adam era, on the foundation that I made, I declared the era of the victorious realm of the autonomous ownership (chaju guk) nation, in which True Parents’ life, love and lineage prevail. Do not claim ownership according to your nationality. This is the reason that I called you former presidents of the seven providential nations. You have to repent for the sake of yourself and your nation. That is why I want you to go through the workshop at Chung Pyung Lake with the Ambassadors of Peace. You are like the tribal head of your nation.

Everyone has to do Tribal Messiahship, to provide restoration for his tribe, to open the door for them to receive the blessing. In Korea there are 273 different clans. They should be united and eventually receive True Parents’ blessing. This is the absolute way to build the Kingdom of God.

Don’t be proud of your wealth. Your wealth is the result of exploitation. Your ancestors! That’s why it doesn’t belong to any nation. We have to offer it to God and receive it back from him.

The oceans have been abandoned

and neglected. During World War II, Japan tried to conquer America and failed. Now it is not Japan, but heavenly soldiers who should land in America. That is why Hawaii is the bridge, the beachhead. The countries that share the Pacific, such as Korea, Taiwan, Japan, North and South America, are in trouble. There is no ownership of those nations. Even the UN lost ownership. The continents have no owners. So we have to establish a strong enough foundation here to make a successful landing, along with God.

That’s why I invited you seven presidents here, to start praying and preparing for the True Parents’ birthday celebration, and mobilize the Peace Ambassadors to do that, and join them at the workshop. By 2004, Korea should be united. As a spiritual condition, I initiated registration for Unification Church members. Once Christianity is united, Korea can easily be united by having all the Christians buy the land.

Throughout human history, we have this privilege of having True Parents only once. Again, I remind you of the autonomous ownership (chaju guk) nation. The era of victory. Because of the fall of man, we lost autonomy and ownership. We lost a sense of direction. But now, because of the teaching and merit of the age, we have the luxury of being in the victorious era of the autonomous ownership (chaju guk) nation.

Don’t ever think that there is no spirit world. During World War II, the allied and axis nations fought, six nations and when we add Korea, we get seven nations.

This is the absolute era of God. Yesterday I declared the era of the victorious realm of the autonomous ownership (chaju guk) nation. Today is the first day of that era, the day of the liberation of all things.

The Transfer of Ownership

False parents took everything away, so we have to return it to God. In the last fifty years, I guided the use of a large flow of funds. Nothing was for my own sake; it was all for the providence. It was not wasted; no one can take away what was done. The ancestors are still standing behind what I did; nothing is lost. Because Satan has opposed me on all levels, I never gave up. This is not a children’s game. I have been fighting Satan all my life. Again, throw out your old secular world habits and ways. Soon we will see the time that you cannot see me freely. If you don’t fulfill your responsibility, newcomers will take away your privileges.

Your body should be a holy offering, but think of how stained it is. The time will come when if we doze during Hoon Dok Hae, our ancestors will wake us up with a punch. We should be able to claim ourselves as a clean mind and body so that we are qualified to be registered properly and be accepted.

Blessed couples from the 36 to the 430 Blessings will gather during my birthday and be screened and re-organized. Each individual should have his

C A L E N D A R	
MARCH 2002	
3	Kwon Jin Nim’s Birthday (1/20/75)
6	Shin Sook Nim’s Birthday (1/23/84)
13	Dong Sook Nim’s Birthday (1/30/55)
23	Shin Won Nim’s Birthday (2/10/88)
26	Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
27	New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA) Inauguration (1980)
28	43 Couples’ Blessing (1969)
31	Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim’s Blessing (1987)
	Jin Sung Nim’s Birthday (2/18/62)
APRIL 2002	
1	Shin Ye Nim’s Birthday (2/19/00)
3	New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
4	Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
7	42 Couples’ Blessing (1989)
	138 Previously Married Couples’ Blessing (1989)
	57 Single Blessing (1989)
	Declaration for the Blessed Family (1995)
9	True Parents’ Blessing (3/16/60)
	Shin Chul Nim’s Birthday (2/27/92)
	Dae Hyung Nim’s Ascension
10	1265 Previously Married Couples’ Blessing (1992)
	Women’s Federation for World Peace Established (1992)
	Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Established (1996)
11	Un Jin Nim & Jin Hun Nim’s Blessing (1986)
12	36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
13	True Parents’ Day (3/1/60)
	Sung Jin Nim’s Birthday (3/1/46)
16	Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim’s Blessing (1995)
	Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim’s Blessing (1995)
23	Shin Hwa Nim’s Birthday (3/11/88)
28	Shin Yea Nim’s Ascension (2001)
MAY 2002	
1	HSA-UWC Established (1954)
	43 Couples’ Blessing (1969)
6	Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
7	Jin Hun Nim’s Birthday (3/25/63)
10	Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
14	Shin Bok Nim’s Birthday (4/3/82)
	Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
15	Shin Il Nim’s Birthday (4/4/81)
	36 Couples’ Blessing (1961)
16	Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim’s Blessing (1981)
	Day of the Love of God (1984)
21	Hyun Jin Nim’s Birthday (4/10/69)
	118 Couples’ Blessing (1978)
22	American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
30	Declaration of True Parents’ East & West (Global) Victory (1999)
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Cheon Il Guk

own ladder to climb up. I have shown you how to climb the ladder. The spirit world will interfere with our life for the sake of goodness. If we make a mistake, we will face the consequences immediately. For some people, therefore, it is a fearful era. So, remember the era of the victorious realm of the autonomous ownership nation, so that God can do whatever He wants with this world.

I offered forgiveness to the blessed couples through the registration blessing, so if you make a mistake again, I cannot do anything about it, but your ancestors will take care of you, one way or another. So live for the sake of God and True Parents. When Jacob was running away in the night, God showed him a ladder. In the same way, we each need a ladder. Don't fall off of it. Whatever mission we may do or talk about, the prerequisite is the unity of mind and body. That comes first, even for climbing the ladder, first on the individual level. On the family level, your family should climb it all together. True Parents already set the ladder safely; you just have to climb it. You have to persevere until the end. You absolutely have to be united with True Parents. If you have no confidence to tag along, you have to become like a fly sitting on my jacket and go through the eight stages together. A fly on a plane from Japan will be carried to America. So absolute faith, love and obedience is needed.

I am educating youth in Korea, students on all levels of schools. At least I am setting a condition to offer this God-centered education. If they don't take it, it is their problem. I am offering this education on an equal level, regardless of race, religion and nation. Remember when Lot's wife turned back to gaze upon Sodom and turned into a pillar of salt. This is a time like that. We just have to look forward. There have been struggles and conflicts between races; this should cease. In the last days, ... I am not a fool. I am overqualified to be a national president and I have never sought such a position.

The word 'True Parents' is the most precious word. God is distributing all the treasures of his museum, but we do not appreciate the value. Our body should be kept pure and clean, along with our mind. Then there is a chance to see the value. That is why, for the ceremonies of holy days, you have to wear holy robes to cover your stained body and mind. It is not the time for me even to look back, much less pull or look after you. You are on your own. That is why the autonomous nation was declared. You have to stand on your own two feet. You have to pay the debt.

If you make an offering to God, you must forget it. Even if it were dropped into the middle of the ocean, you don't think about it. The deepest point of the Pacific Ocean is 10,000 meters deep, near the Philippines. God is the owner of the ocean and land; everything belongs to God. Even if it costs America, Japan and Korea, Father wants to secure an

island nation. Through the restoration process, we can inherit ownership from God. The autonomous nation is important; it has God's lineage attached to it. If you stand on that foundation, Satan cannot snatch you away. You have not the foggiest idea of the victorious realm of the autonomous nation, but now as I explain it, you nod your heads. Remember the total sacrificial living offering you made, it is for educating people. Some nations spent it to buy land; they will be punished. The purpose is clear: it is for education.

Once you have your letter, you can hang onto it and close your eyes and climb up. I've already told you how to do it. Once you establish a father-son relationship, if you make small mistakes it is okay. Like little children make small mistakes and the parents do not punish them. But when you grow up, it is different. When I go to spirit world, the Unification movement will prevail and prosper. The spirit world is full of blessed couples who will work with you, following my direction.

We climbed the ladder from the level of servant of servants and on up, eight stages. We have to offer absolute faith, love and obedience to God and True Parents. The 4.4 celebration day was declared in Punta del Este. We did these conditional days, by which I cleaned up spirit world step by step. The return of the ocean and land, the different stages of return took place. The oceans should be connected to the land, the continents. If all things receive enough love, they will naturally return to the source of that love, the owner. That is natural law.

If we utilize resources properly, the world will really prosper. But we have misused and polluted. The world will become like a zoo. The insects will have to be protected. Animals can survive by means of the food chain. If necessary, we can build a gigantic building and raise all kinds of living things, from insects to tigers and lions. In other words, a zoo.

Krill is the key food for animals and fish. We can even build a fish farm in the middle of the Sahara desert. As long as we have fertilizer and water, we can farm anywhere. It is just a matter of building the tunnel (canal). There is plenty of krill in the Antarctic. On each continent, there is a big desert, and we

have to develop it for human life, as a fish farm or whatever we can do. We have to conquer the North Pole and Antarctic. If we don't have a joint venture of all nations, and if each individual nation just pursues its own benefit, the poles will be exploited and disappear. The victorious realm does not come by itself; we have to create it. If you watch the animal world, for most species, almost half of the offspring die. That is natural law. The food chain exists there. We may not be able to create new species of insects and animals, but we have to preserve them at least. Species become extinct and we should not allow that. Catching fish is not for the sake of eating. We need food, but the purpose should be greater than that. We should be the owner and master of the world.

Yesterday, they caught some fish,

life can be created. It is like a melting pot in which the husband and wife's life melt together and create a new life. That is why, if you have no children, your life ends in one generation. That is why those who avoid having children are consigning themselves to hell. Those who avoid marriage will face the same consequence because it means that they will not have children. The return of the ocean and land are necessary. Once this return process is done, we should play the role of owner to the ocean and land. Because of this era of the victorious realm of the autonomous nation, there will be no opposition anywhere. Soon, everyone will be issued a Cheon Il Guk ID card, a plastic card that will validate you wherever you go.

Japan is an island nation, and people from an island nation cannot conquer a continent. Japan should not oppose me; if it continues to, it will face difficulties. I am still calling women missionaries out of Japan, to save as many people as possible out in the larger world.

My children may be stubborn, like me, but once they know the truth, they can turn around 180 degrees, like me. What is the significance of having True Parents? Through True Parents your lineage can be cleansed and reconnected to God. You know the parable of the prodigal son. If your son comes back hungry, you will give him your food even if you have to starve. That is the heart of parents. If the parents turn their back on the prodigal son, where can he go? You are his last hope, so you have to embrace him and give him another chance. When the prodigal's father offered the banquet, do you think that the rest of the children, who had stayed with the father, felt good or bad? They should rejoice with the father, not feel bad.

Look at the light bulb filament—it is black, but provides bright light. The black race is more athletic and physically better built, on average. When you look at anything carefully, you will find the power of God there. Therefore you cannot deny the existence of God.

What is the purpose of man's sexual organ? To use as a chopstick? To urinate? What determines a man or woman, the sexual organ, or the shape of the body? No matter how rich a nobleman may be, if at the time of his wedding he has no functioning love organ, he will be discarded and abandoned. Even the bride, once she realizes that her husband cannot function as a man, will keep crying and eventually end her life or abandon him. Again, the unity of mind and body is key. So my life-long motto is to seek total self-control before seeking to serve God's will for the universe.

If you know my direction and practice it, blessed couples will never wind

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True Parents in Hawaii

True Parents flew to Hawaii after the victory of the WCSF in Seoul. They were greeted with a celebratory cake, right, and, below by the participants in the workshop for the National Messiahs



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up in hell.

We have to take our own responsibility. Unification Church member families should have enough resources to support themselves, physically and spiritually. I offered a prayer to unite land and ocean at Chung Pyung Lake. In Uruguay I bought a national treasure and restored it. Japan and Philippines are counterparts, like Korea and Uruguay. If the people in North Korea starve, we have to provide them food. The U.S., Japan, Russia and China should help achieve the unification of Korea. Can you be responsible for the unification of Korea, horizontally and vertically? You should take responsibility for your people and nation.

The DMZ should be eliminated, with help from America, Russia, China and Japan. We have to educate them to do so. I provided a foundation for North Korea to stand. If I bought enough land in South America, North Korea's people can come there and settle. At least pray for this, even if you cannot take responsibility for it. The children born in Korea are blessed with heavenly fortune because of God's providence culminating here. I don't feel pity on Korea anymore. I offered education nationwide in Korea at least three times, so I fulfilled my responsibility. If you Korean leaders do not fulfill yours, then the reunification will be postponed and I will leave Korea. I have to carry on God's providence. The National Messiahs returned to Korea. You have to spearhead this holy mission. If you are responsible, you will do it without expecting help.

The Principle has no Boundaries

Even America as a nation should make the total living offering to God. Centering on Christianity, America should do it. America is a melting pot of races and nationalities. Once America makes the offering, it represents the world. That is why I spent over 30 years in America. Christianity cannot complain about my devotion to America; I have done enough. I clearly can claim this. The world should follow and resemble me, so we are issuing the Cheon Il Guk card, which has True Parents' photo. When you have it, you carry True Parents around and your ancestors will stay with you, all the time, so you will live with them together. Throughout my life, I never skipped Sunday morning pledge, even out on the ocean, or in North Korea. Don't you think my life has been worthy? [Yes.] If you are a minister, you should be able to teach people. Some of our church leaders avoid preaching on Sundays, but I always come back to the original point on Sunday and worship God, show respect to God and do kyung bae to God. You have to able to feed your bone marrow to your congregation.

To Restore 144,000 Churches

We will have a 144,000 clergy blessing this April. We are talking about 288,000 individuals. This is the last days. The Bible says that at the second coming, 144,000 believers will welcome him and be the first resurrection. If we sacrifice our body, our spirit self will grow. When we walk, we always have the legs take turns. It is natural. By the same token, the Cain and Abel problem is a universal issue. Even

between Adam and Eve there should be the right order. Woman should follow man. There should be a love relationship between husband and wife. Only after you love your enemy can you return to your hometown. You should give this truth to your family and relatives first. That is why I give you the Tribal Messiah providence.

Again, I have responsibility to inform the return of the ocean and land, but today I declared the return of heaven and earth. We bought much land here and there, as a condition for returning land. I have focused on the ocean many years as a condition for return of the ocean. I have shed tears in prayer as a condition to return heaven and earth. We have to become the owners of the ocean and land. Have confidence that the True Parents have done it.

Call people *sikkhu* first, then by their nationality of birth, because we have the same ancestor. German sikkhu, not German person. (Sikkhu is Korean for "family member.") Teach your children Korean. There should be one language. Animals the world over speak the same language. Cows that lived 1,000 years ago, spoke the same language. But human beings have hundreds of different languages and sounds. Whoever graduates UTS should be a world leader, and all leaders must graduate from UTS.

After this year, nations will divide and split, but the Unification Church movement will prosper. God's kingship has been established. Conditionally, more than half of humanity is in the realm of blessing.

Many top leaders are from the Cholla province: the Continental Director of America, Rev. Yu of Japan, the top leader of Korea. Cholla has suffered historically, but the time has come for you to be resurrected. That is why God is using you as top leaders. You tend to be more liberal types. God is fair. Cholla has been put down, but in the last days, people from Cholla are used as key leaders. There is always an order, even in making an offering table. When I select leaders for here and there, I follow a certain order. I am putting some pressure on Cholla province leaders. It is the southern province, the Kwangju area.

When ex-President Eu wrote Divine Principle, he could not write anything on his own. He had to follow my directions on each page. I sent four missionaries to America: (Dr.) Bo Hi Pak, (Dr.) Young Oon Kim, (Mr.) Sang Ik Choi, and (Dr. David) Sang Chul Kim. Young Oon Kim was the leader among the four. When I first came to America, some told me that since I don't speak English, I had to listen to them. But I never paid attention to that. I never forget certain things. You can be amazed by my memory.

Once we secure the heart relationship through three generations, the entire universe will respond. In order to reach that level, we have to pay the proper indemnity on each stage. Please secure your grandchildren, so the four-position foundation is set over three generations. That is mandatory to enter the Kingdom of God. Otherwise you will be just floating. We have to understand

how serious it was for God to have True Father born in this physical world, after 6,000 years of waiting. The order of restoration is first the oneness between mother and children, then the unity between father, mother and children together, and then as a family unit they start revolving around God's heart. This is the formula that will never change. No one came up with this except for me. Don't take it for granted.

We have to liberate God. If you truly understand Divine Principle, as man when you pray you will miss True Father with tears. Think of how far you are from that heartistic relationship with me. If you cast a net in the deep sea, you have to have a long enough rope and the net should be big enough and deep enough. There is an island nation called Palau, located near the deepest spot in the Pacific Ocean.

The liberation of God is the precondition to liberate humankind. Christians believe that God is the God of judgment, but our view is that we have to liberate God. The entire world, all the people, should be the object of God's love, but because of the fall we lost that status. So how can we achieve the world's unification? Once we find a person who is an absolute object of God, we can unite with that person and achieve that goal.

Think of how painful God's heart must be in dealing with the evil parents in the

physical world, who do not care about him but are only self-centered. If all humankind comes together, they may liberate this world but they will not liberate the heart of God. Liberating God's heart is the revolution of revolutions; that's why I came as a revolutionary.

God has been confined until now. He is full of lamentation having lost his son. This is the culmination of restoration. Once we know Unification Thought, God will dwell in the family. Centering on your family, we should be able to sing a song of love and springtime. Because of the fall, we lost our original homeland. So we have to be able to return to that state. Eventually, we have to achieve the liberation of God. Only after the liberation of God will the liberation of True Parents take place, then the liberation of children. In order to do that, we have to secure sovereignty.

Who can liberate God? He cannot liberate himself, although he is omniscient and omnipotent. Liberating God is the foundation for liberation of humanity, but he could not do it because he was confined. The only person who can liberate God are True Parents, who can liberate human history as the Messiah. God and Satan are in conflict and so cannot do it. False parents caused the conflict. Now the True Parents finally appeared, so even Satan has to recognize them. So we have to establish a foundation strong enough to gain Satan's voluntary surrender.

Elder son's rights, parent's rights, king's rights, we lost all of them because of the fall, and we have to get them back at this time. Cain was the elder son, and now we have to reverse the order. This restoration of the elder son's

rights should take place voluntarily and naturally. When Satan took the elder son's right, he used force and falsehood.

Satan cannot make any excuse before True Parents, but only offer voluntary surrender. That is why True Parents will secure the liberation of Satan. What about your life? We have to be able to go to the bottom of hell. Sleeping less than anyone else. Such a humble life will ignite your torch. My life has been like the life of a fool, in a secular view, like a handicapped life. But in reality, I am not handicapped. To preserve God's providence and the Unification Church movement, I had to do many things. Your conscience knows the direction you have to go, what mistakes you made, whether you are true or false, and to what degree.

Question yourself why you are here, why you are in the movement. You should be able to answer yourself. Sometimes I will test you and I may punch you. You have to ask yourself why you got punched. Suppose you got that punch in order to relieve God's lamentation. In that case, it would be an honor. Don't even think you are superior to anyone. Be humble. Arrogance is the eternal enemy. Even if you give up your life, if that can secure the liberation of God, you should be able to sacrifice yourself. I never resisted torture in prison, as long as I was alive, I was still thinking about God's providence.

I may look like a fool, but no; inside I had everything planned out. I have been educating my own children to have absolute faith in me. I have been very tolerant to them so that they could realize what they were doing and come back to me. I know what is going on with each child and I have been patiently waiting for their voluntary return. Even true children are afraid of me. True Mother knows that I do not live following impulses, but strictly following the Principled course. Don't think the course of indemnity is easy. It is a miracle that I have survived 58 years since the liberation of Korea. They labeled me a robber of their women. There were temptations and seduction, women coming naked and offering me their breasts. There were women who were young, who were daughter-like, wife-like, and mother-like. I always follow the heavenly law and rule, so Satan cannot accuse me. Many people say that I will fail, but I will not fail.

This is the time that we as blessed couples should create our own blessings of 36 spiritual children couples, 72 couples, and so forth, and send them out for pioneering, for the sake of the restoration of the fatherland. I appointed thousands of people as peace ambassadors, and I am putting them through education now. That is why they will go through this workshop seminar from Feb 14-19.

We have to be reborn to live in the Kingdom of God, in the house of Jehovah. If you want to live there, even St. Paul thought he would go to the Kingdom of God, but he found himself in the mid-level spirit world, so he had to go through a conversion experience in the spirit world. That is Dr. Lee's message. We have to solve the problems on the group level. All the Christian leaders in the spirit world are repenting, and regretting that they cannot attend the True Parents in the flesh. They are waiting for True Parents' entry into spirit world. ♦

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World CARP: Year of the Whirlwind

by Ken Bates

This address was given as an introduction to President Hyun Jin Moon at the World CARP Convention in Seoul.

Last year I had the great blessing of traveling around the world together with President Hyun Jin Moon on the Service for Peace Tour. In many of the countries he spoke, he would begin by asking, “Are you ready for a whirlwind?”

No one knew what kind of whirlwind he was talking about. He wasn’t just talking about stirring up the emotions of our World CARP members. He was aiming at making a sweeping cultural change that would affect the core, the very root of how CARP is defined, and how the potential of the organization is determined. This amazing worldwide whirlwind resulted in 2001 being a monumental year for World CARP!

The year started with our World CARP Convention and symposium in New York, during which CARP members learned modern management methods, as well as the internal studies and message from Hyun Jin Nim. A symposium like that never happened before.

In three 21-day workshops, we revitalized and educated over 1,000 young leaders, in Canada, New York and Lithuania. These seminars all challenged participants spiritually, physically and mentally. Everyone was evaluated and ranked based on both individual and

team efforts. They really learned a new leadership paradigm for the settlement age, through Responsibility, Accountability and Initiative.

In July we took off on the Service for Peace world tour. These were events that challenged each World CARP Chapter to prepare in ways that had never been done before. By taking ownership, what had seemed impossible was accomplished in each location. In Japan, over 50,000 came and showed their support by paying an admission fee higher than ever charged before. Result: revitalization of Japan.

In the Philippines, the young members couldn’t believe at first that such high goals could be accomplished. When Hyun Jin Nim told them that they must accomplish ALL the goals, or there would be no event, they took ownership of his direction. The outcome was that they more than doubled the size of the largest previous event in the Philippines, with only two months to mobilize rather than twelve. They reached teachers and professors, who introduced their entire classes to our CARP lectures, and they worked with VIPs who sponsored and organized the event. Based on the message of Service for Peace, CARP received a 25-year lease on 16 mountains that need tree planting. That whirlwind really hit the Philip-pines!

The Service for Peace rally in America was targeted to the second generation, and resulted in more than twice as many young people choosing to join

the STF special training course. Here in Korea during September, over 15,000 people, paid for admission to hear about peace through service even as the terrorists struck in New York. Four months



later, in his state of the Union address, George Bush delivered a similar message that voluntary service was the only way to peace.

Earlier in the summer, Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim came here to Korea to join with True Parents in their speaking tour. This represented 3 generations working together, and set the example of working between the generations for everyone. Hyun Jin Nim continued to invest himself fully by conducting the Ivy League tour around American campuses. Based on the amazing foundation of True Parents’ 50 state tour, and built on the lasting love conferences of the previous year, these events connected Father’s plan for global peace from the Crisis and Hope event in New York after 9/11 and

to our new strategy through service for peace.

An attentive audience of more than 4,000 at the event

Finally, Hyun Jin Nim took all the W-CARP leaders to Alaska, where he seriously challenged us in outdoor activities. After erasing our limits many times on the mountains and snow-fields of Alaska, he asked us to set new, much higher goals for the future. These are goals that allow us to dream again, not empty dreams, but dreams that we know can be realized. The goals set for the speaking tour of 2003 include events with 100,000 participants, not just 15 or 20,000. These goals were set for 2003, in order to allow each leader to be fully accountable for their success during 2002.

In everything that was done by our President last year, he totally set the example of taking ownership, and breaking every limitation. He has shown an example of excellent leadership, and is now encouraging us to do the same. Just as he taught us to take ownership during the past year, and we’ve seen the outstanding results, he is now asking us to teach that culture to others, to multiply it to all those who haven’t yet experienced it.

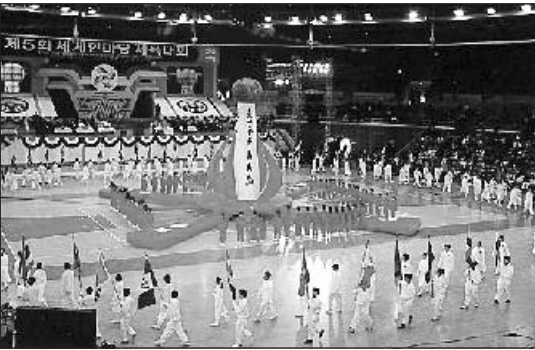
After the whirlwind of success in 2001, we have entered the year of great expansion during 2002.

Ken Bates is vice-president of World CARP. ❖

by Sharleen F. Estiandan

More than 10,000 appreciative fans crowded into the Olympic Fencing Stadium to celebrate the 8th International Hanmadang Games. As usual, the event marked the culmination of several days of hard fought competition, none more fierce than the challenge for the soccer crown which was eventually won by the youth team from Ciena, one of two clubs sponsored by True Parents in Brazil.

The Ciena team arrived in Korea from the balmy Brazilian summer on the morning of their first game, but managed to overcome the biting winds and below zero temperature, and keen competition from Europe, Korea and



Japan.

The festival, jointly organized by YFWP and World CARP, opened with the entry of the athletes from the eight regional teams, led by a spirited brass band. Then came the return of the Hanmadang victory flag by Kyoung Hyo



Kim, representing Korea, the Hanmadang 2000 Champion. YFWP President Kim Bong Tae, World CARP President Hyun Jin Moon and WCSF Founders Rev. & Mrs. Sun Myung Moon all offered short words of encouragement.

Then it was on to the celebrations, which included mass athletic displays symbolizing the unification of North and South Korea—a favorite theme at previous events. The World Martial Arts Association put on a display with fire-jumping, arrow-catching and all manner of breaking techniques. Some of the loudest applause was reserved for the Sun Moon University women’s team who showed us exactly how to deal with unwanted male attention. Ouch!

In the final of the Men’s Volleyball, the Northeast Continent beat out the team from Asia, perhaps not surprisingly since their average height seemed to be 20cm higher. ❖

by Tony Devine

The tradition of living for the sake of others, inherited from God, True Parents and True Family. The World CARP culture of ownership and teamwork. The chance to dream big dreams and believe completely in their realization. These were the key “take home ideas” learned by the four hundred members lucky enough to attend the World CARP Symposium this February in Seoul.

In more than 24 sessions, the CARP members were treated to a rich variety of educational experiences. In the “root” session of core principles, Young Jun

Kim explained about current providential developments and True Parents’ recent victories. Ken Bates spoke about the culture of ownership, responsibility, accountability and initiative.

The ‘trunk’ session focused on case studies and the best practices from around the world. These included the Philippine model of successful Convention management, and the USA example of intense and victorious fundraising. Kazushi Mito from Russia explained how the CARP movement there has developed a winning formula for the continuous education and

care of new members.

In the ‘branch’ session, the choices were many. Tom McDevitt of the Washington Times Foundation demonstrated the world famous Franklin Covey Time Management system, and then showed his rapt audience how to improve on it by fully incorporating Principle values into daily life making sure that we give enough time to what is truly important to us. “How many of you use any kind of planner?” he asked. Only 10% said yes. “And how many feel they are overworked and have no time?” 100% said yes to that! “Well,” he said,

World CARP Symposium

“Do you think you might need to learn about this?”

In Seok Yoo, the World CARP webmaster, explained how to register and use the powerful capabilities of the new website, which is in continuous development. Later, the webmasters from different chapters got together to discuss how to continuously develop the site and bring it to the first rank.

Kent Trabling of the United Vision group gave a powerful talk on “Buzz Marketing,” a great strategy for getting a new organization known worldwide in a short space of time. “If Starbucks can do it with something like coffee, why not us with a great vision like Service for Peace?” he said. ❖

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ward.

On the second morning of the Assembly participants gathered for Interfaith Prayer and Meditation whose leaders included Sister Lilian Curaming FFM (Christianity), Professor Tansukh Salgia (Jainism), Dr. Manjit Singh, Jathedar (Sikhism), Dr. Mohamad Abdulrahman Alhabach (Islam), Professor Ernesto Lazarovitz (Judaism), Chief Joseph Silverbird (First Peoples), Professor Anatoli Byaruhanga-Akiiki (African Traditions), Mr. Om Prakesh Sharma (Hinduism), and Reverend Levi Daugherty (Unificationism).

Unification marriage Blessing ceremonies began in 1960 with just 3 couples, and eventually 36 that same year. This was also the year of Reverend and Mrs. Moon's own marriage. By 1992 Blessing participants came from various of the world religions, and by 1995 a tradition was established whereby Blessing couples would receive prayers and Blessings upon their vows not only from Reverend and Mrs. Moon, but also by leaders from all the world religions. This year there was a wonderful group who joined the ceremony to bring the rich treasures of their respective traditions to the couples starting family life. Some of the spiritual leaders have performed these ceremonies often in the past, others were involved for the first time ever. Dr. Manjit Singh Jathedar representing the Sikh faith has prayed many times at Blessing ceremonies, as had Chief Silverbird from the Apache and Cherokee Nations, and Pastor T.L. Barrett from the Chicago area Life Center of the Church of God in Christ. New this year were several delightful friends

whose commitment to the ceremony was genuinely moving. Economos Emil Rohana Israel's Economos and representative of the Patriarchate of the Orthodox Catholic Church prayed. Together with Pastor Barrett they represented Christianity. Vishwanath Dadarao Karad of Pune offered Hindu Blessings.

Special stories from the Blessing



come from our Jewish and Muslim prayers this year. H.E. Sayyed Musawi of Alulbait extended himself and his foundation extremely sacrificially to be sure that he could be present to offer prayers and Blessings from the Muslim tradition. His Eminence went to significant personal expense, and delayed urgent meetings in Mecca so as to bring his Blessings of peace! His Eminence

Musawi similarly invested himself enormously at the recent Muslim Summit in Jakarta, standing undaunted and uncompromising for an Islam of peace and interfaith harmony.

A similar degree of personal determination characterized events surrounding the Jewish Blessing prayer. On the morning before the Blessing ceremony, Rabbi Bar Dea reminded me that the Blessing is scheduled on Saturday (the Sabbath). Of course the Rabbi cannot travel on the Sabbath. I was about to give up, but the Rabbi was determined by all means. "No No! It cannot be that the young people will not have a Jewish prayer for their families!" He decided the only way was to somehow get close enough to the Blessing site (Seoul's Olympic Fencing Gymnasium) to walk to the ceremony. Once it was decided that this was the path we'd take, we had only a tiny bit of sunlight left to transfer the Rabbi to the hotel nearest the gymnasium. He raced up to his room, came down with an overnight bag including a bag of dried fruit to get him through one day. We hit the streets only to find ourselves entangled in Friday night, Seoul traffic. Daylight is fading, the sun is dropping in the sky, the driver is madly racing through back routes, and obscure alleys trying to beat the setting sun. Like a car chase in a spy movie, only with a Rabbi and the setting sun!

We arrived at the hotel with just moments to spare, now to find a new round of challenges. The first floor on which western 'beds' were to be found was the 12th! Below that were only traditional Korean rooms. The 5th floor was the lowest (no elevators on the Sabbath—a mode of transportation). We rode up to check the room in advance,

and soon behind us coming up the stairs was the Rabbi. Eyes wide, "Vere's the Bed?" In this little cubby here. "Take it out take it out." The light, the key, the lock, the heat... Well, we did all we could do, and left Rabbi Bar Dea with a shiny floor, bedding laid out, a bag of dry fruit, and the hope that by the grace of God above, we would see him somehow or another in the Olympic Gymnasium, still not that close. Indeed Rabbi Bar Dea arrived on foot, and offered lovely prayers for God's Blessings on the thousands of young people soon to start family life.

Conference

In addition to the many spiritual and ceremonial roles for the assembled guests, all participated in the rich dialogue on matters of religion and peace.

The religion committee was organized around the following backgrounder with three sessions, each related to an aspect of religion and peace. As can be seen the third and final session was conducted jointly with the United Nations committee.

Session I: Exploring the relationship between scholars of religion and ecclesiastical leaders of religion in a comparative context with special emphasis on how this relationship affects the internal health of a religion, and its capacity to dialogue effectively for peace.

Session II: Exploring the relationship between large, powerful religions, and minority religions, especially as these dynamics affect efforts for peace.

Session III: (Joint Session) Exploring the possibility of a permanent inter-religious presence in the United Nations.

Each session had between three and six speakers offering brief précis of their papers followed by a short conversation including questions from the floor, and responses from the paper presenters.

Session one on the relationship between clergy and religious scholars included a number of serious papers and good work on the question. Imam Tariq Ansaar Aquil in his paper presented theology and autobiography

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by Shen, Su-Lu

The Mister and Miss University Pageant—a segment of the WCSF held in Seoul this February—moved in a new direction this year by including a Service for Peace program for all candidates as part of their orientation. They brought gifts and friendship to Korean orphans and children with special needs before the contest, and it moved them all deeply to work for peace.

Twenty participants representing eleven countries entered this the 24th international pageant, which has advocated 'World Peace' and 'Purity' since it was founded in 1978. The winners will work with Service for Peace as Campus Ambassadors for One Global Family.

The final phase of the pageant, the talent presentations and public interviews, took place in the Little Angels Art Performance Center in Seoul on Valentines Day. Many participants spoke before performing to express their ideas and they touched people's heart deeply.

Mister and Miss University Pageant



Each of them showed their characteristics and their concerns through the forms of martial arts, singing, dancing or skits.

However, for me the most important and most interesting section were the public interviews. Candidates were first asked that what they would want to do if they became the President of their nations, and then what they would want to do to bring world peace if they won the honor of Mister or Miss University.

Mr. Japan, the eventual winner, pointed out that the education system would be what he wanted to change in order to help young people solve their confusion of not knowing where to go, what to do and how to value life and other's lives. Miss Thailand said that keeping the heart of living for others would be the real beginning, and that she would dedicate herself to various volunteer project to fulfill world peace.

Event organizer Tetsuo Omorai said that this year's event was the best in

many ways. "This time we brought in Bulgarian, Hungarian, Thai, Kenyan as well as the Korean and Japanese staff to take care of the participants," he said. "The team helped to project the international flavor of the event, and the participants could learn from the staff a model of an international community. In this way we were able to train and educate the chapter MMU coordinators and at the same time create a strong international network.

We also received testimonies that many chapters were able to develop sponsors and supporters in the process of raising the money, which showed them more possibility for the future. This made the chapters more involved and interested in the management of MMU." ♦

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arguing a viable ground for harmonizing strong piety in a particular tradition, with a commitment to universalism and interreligious embrace. Dr. Lilian Curamming, in her article set justice as a defining matrix through which to assess viable spiritual and religious positions. The venerable Dr. Ratsnamy Thiagaraj criticized both clerical leaders and scholars for contributing to parochialism in religious world-views, and offered constructive proposals for reform in both professions.

Professor Imtiaz Yusuf in his paper argued the position that universal religions have become ethnocentric, and called upon the discipline of religious studies to promote religious dialogue. The politicization of religion at both intra- and inter-religious levels is deemed harmful to peace and dialogue, and the resulting selectivity in teaching derived from ideological predispositions mars the fair teaching of religion. Dr. Imtiaz's positions drew some fairly strong response, allowing for a decent debate to arise in the brief available time for discussion. Professor Shifan Liu of Beijing outlined the basic tenets of classical Confucianism. Toward the end of this session, professor Jameson Kurasha challenged the group to reflect more immediately about religious imperialism and the history of missions. Kurasha's points were penetrating, but any blanket critique of missions was rejected among the participants.

Day 2 of the Committee treated the

relationship between large and powerful religions and minority religions, and entertained presentations from Ms. Johanna Broman, Professor Ivan Kaltchev, Dr. Ibrahim Metaweh, Professor Hector Iturrulde, and Dr. Tansukh Salgia representing the Jain faith.

Dr. Kaltchev gave a thorough and penetrating look into current religious rights and legislation issues in his home nation of Bulgaria, citing especially pending legislation rife with potential of religious oppression and persecution. His reflections included serious thoughts on both the proper and dysfunctional relations for religions with the state.

This paper was followed in appropriate sequence by that of internationally renowned author and spiritualist, Johanna Broman of Finland. She deftly analyzed the relationship between new and traditional religions, from a scholarly perspective as well as from extensive first hand experience. She explained that established religions are often dull if not antagonistic to the Spirit, but new religions are often disrespectful of tradition. Johanna's recommendation is that the current religious climate is best served through a rhetoric and presentation less bound in theological and ecclesiological categories, and more expressive of natural human institutions which themselves reflect the divine, and the spiritual. The ideal category for this, according to Ms. Broman is the family.

Dr. Metaweh of Egypt recalled for participants the essential history and spiritual message of a number of the



major world's religions.

Dr. Tansukh Salgia offered a well-crafted introduction to the essential of the Jain faith, with especial emphasis on those aspects of the tradition, which are crucial for consideration and application in a time of religious hatred and war. Dr. Salgia highlighted the *ahimsa* (non-violence) aspect of Jainism, as a clarion message in the current world of religious affairs.

Dr. Gregario Hector Rivero Iturrulde concluded session 2 with an inspiring study of the current landscape of interreligious relations in Catholic dominated Latin America. He analyzed in careful strokes, often poetically, and well-referenced throughout, necessary reforms, and deeper embrace of inter-religious ideals of respect and mutual embrace. Iturrulde's piece had good impact and helped to forge a vision

of a multi-faith reality, which does not bog down under rivalries, and aggressive manipulation of religious and non religious institutions.

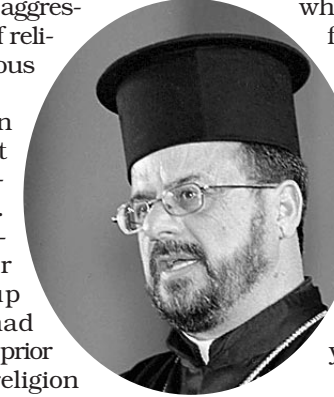
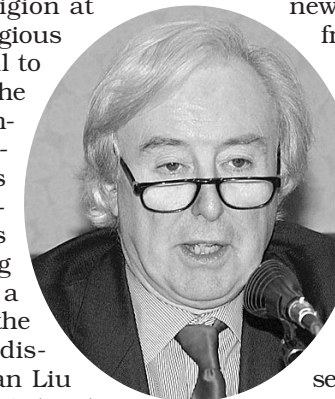
The final religion session was most interesting and genuinely productive. It was a joint session held together with the UN group who themselves had met for two sessions prior (as had we of the religion group). This joint session was devised to examine in concrete and substantial ways how to proceed on the concept of establishing a permanent multi faith leadership council as part of the United Nations.

In this section there was only a single prepared intervention, and that was that of Dr. Martin Forward of Chicago. Dr. Forward very carefully highlighted not only the strengths and weaknesses of such a proposal, but perhaps more importantly he presented a fair inquiry into what aspects of both communities enhanced or obstructed the likelihood of the eventual establishment of such a permanent body.

These introductory remarks proved to provide excellent guidelines for the ensuing debate from the floor. At one point a Christian clergywoman posited an almost despairing question. What really are our chances (i.e., the chances of sincere religious leaders) of people at the UN listening to we of the religious side, even if we have excellent plans and ideas, which could genuinely help the UN in its mission. Ms. Smith, session co-convenor offered that the UN would certainly respond if religions could generate a record of verifiable success in peace intervention. This observation caused Imam Aquil to propose (and since implement) the establishment of a multi faith crisis response team, designed precisely to bring to bear religious and spiritual wisdom, forces and benefits to areas of conflict and crisis, and a means to build this track record which would then oblige UN figures and leaders to begin the process of formally institutionalizing these treasures within the UN structure.

This is just one of many solid and ongoing results of the deliberations of the religious leadership community convened in Seoul for this years WCSF. One often hears a wonder aloud about conferences "and what all this talk" amounts to. Typically one would not find confusion among the same people as to why bank directors or university administrators might need to gather to plan and organize their affairs, but the cliché rolls easily off the tongue, when applied to spiritual matters. This should decline as even moderns recover a respect for the work of God through saints and scholars who endeavor to bring in effective ways the benefits of the most important part of being human.

A number of important moments of enduring spiritual force occurred throughout the WCSF, in addition to the initiation of several projects for substantial progress toward peace and improved human life. ♦



Martial Arts Demonstration adds impact to the 2002 World CARP Convention

More than 20 black belts in the style of Tongil Moo Do gave an impressive demonstration of their skills and spirit at the 2002 World CARP Convention in Seoul this week. The powerful spirit and technique put on display with musical arrangement seemed to underscore the motto of Breakthrough 2003.

The Tongil Moo Do demonstration, together with an even larger one only a few hours earlier at the 5th annual Hanmadang games were historical. Originally founded by Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, with the purpose of unifying all the styles of martial arts, Tongil Moo Do has recently seen new growth in many countries, and this week's events mark the introduction of the style in Korea.



"Practicing Tongil Moo Do has given me new confidence in myself and convinced me that today's youth can be lend away from the prevailing culture of immorality and materialism", said Bat Erdene, one of the performing black belts. Bat Erdene first began training Tongil Moo Do at a 40-day seminar in Moscow last autumn. He then helped to organize another 40-day seminar in his homeland of Mongolia in January-December 2001-2002, at which he earned his black belt.

80 young Mongolians attended the seminar which included lectures on character development and elements of spiritual training as well as intense instruction in the techniques of Tongil Moo Do. Martial Arts are being introduced to World CARP members as a means of spiritual and physical self-discipline. ♦

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ACLC Convocation: Inspiration in Atlanta

Region-6 held an ACLC Dinner on February 28. These are some excerpts from the testimonies and remarks given there. Prepared by Tom Cutts.

“I want to be a part of this. Tonight was my first experience with the ACLC. I read your Statement of Purpose earlier this week, and I canceled all of my other engagements in order to be here. And I was not disappointed. The dinner program was spectacular. I have never before been in a room with so many total strangers, who instantly felt like part of my own family.”—*Bishop Shirley Cotton, Pentecostal Church of God, Fairburn Mission*

“I am so excited to see people of different races working together to rebuild the family. The ACLC is incredible. There is such a strong sense of unity among the people. We really are going to do. We will do it.”—*Rev. Ronald Bowens, Friendship Baptist Church Duluth*

“The ACLC is the most significant movement of our time. It is truly awesome what God is doing, and I am so glad I can be a part of this. We will solve the family problem, and we will change the culture of America. When I consider the magnitude of what we are trying to accomplish, I feel like we all have been flung into the air together, with an airplane part in each person’s hand. And God is telling us to build that plane as we sail across the earth.”—*Archbishop John Lewis, Patriarch, African Orthodox Catholic Church*

“Who am I to be a part of this fellowship? I’m a man of God. Why did he call each of you? He could have called your classmate, or your brother or sister, yet he called me and you for this purpose at this time. Some other pastors told me not to get involved with Rev. Moon. But when someone tells me not to do something, it only makes



me want to do it. My spiritual father has been supportive of my involvement. But when a pastor from South Africa heard that I was involved with Rev. Moon, he told my spiritual father, that he himself had to get involved. We held the dinner in our church last night, and I calculated that we could seat about 75 for dinner. But Bishop Man Ho Kim said we were going to have over 150 people. I prayed to God, “Please expand this room” so we could seat everyone. When I put in 12 tables, I found we had space for five more. Glory to God, we got nearly every one seated.”—*Apostle John Davis, Sr. Harvest Faith International*

“I drove over seven hours to be at this meeting tonight. And I have to turn around and go back to Mobile in the morning. But it was worthy it. Your event was so well organized, and I got many good ideas. I learned some of your secrets which I am going to take home with me.”—*Dr. Harold Toliver, Mobile, Alabama*

“I had been reluctant to get involved with this movement. I belong to a denomination, whose leadership frowns upon its pastors doing things outside their dominion. I am also very busy, and don’t need another project. But God gave me a dream, and I have to get involved. Now, mind you, I don’t usually dream. In my dream I saw a glass case with a pair of men’s shoes, and pair of lady’s shoes inside. And beside the shoes was a scroll with a list of places. At the top of the list was the name Israel. At first I had no idea what the dream meant. But when I saw the video “We Are One”, and saw all the places that Rev. and Mrs. Moon visited in their 50 state tour, I understood the meaning of the scroll. I also knew that the shoes belonged to Rev. and Mrs. Moon. God had told me to go forward boldly - supporting this movement with everything I have - my time, talents and treasure.”—*Dr. Gloria Wright, Simmons Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church*

“The ACLC is a perfect vehicle for teaching people how to live. We have to regain three generations, and with True Family Values, we will do it. We will save the grandparents, save the sons and daughters and save the children. God bless the ACLC.”—*Bishop Murjan Rasheed, Hearts of Compassion*

“This was great. I want to hold an ACLC dinner at my church. Rev. Moon is doing an extraordinary work. I am just grateful to be a part of this.”—*Superintendent Aaron Lackey, Temple of Prayer United Church of God in Christ*

“People ask me why I am involved with the Unification Church, and I tell them, ‘It’s the love.’ I feel the presence of God in all the things we do together. I am trapped, but I love it.”—*Apostle Willie Malcom*

“What you are doing in Atlanta should be a model for the rest of the country. Having a dinner one evening and a workshop the next day is a perfect way of harvesting the prepared people. Ministers are catching the spirit in just one or two meetings. They feel empowered and ready to do the work. Your movement is really growing in Atlanta. In December you had over fifty ministers, in January nearly 100, and tonight you had 180. Pastors are having a great experience. You keep to the schedule, and end on time. They’ll come again, and they’ll bring their friends. And not only will the ministers come, but the politicians will naturally be drawn to your ministry. When they learn what you are about, they will change their message and their own priorities to resonate with what you are trying to accomplish. In this way, pastors can begin to assert their prophetic authority.”—*Archbishop George Augustus Stallings*



“I went to a dinner the last week with over 500 people. Far across the room I saw an influential minister whom I wanted to meet. After the program was over, I rushed to the spot where I had seen him, but he had already left. About twenty minutes later, I was surprised when he came back into the ballroom. I went to him, and we had a great conversation about Rev. Moon and ACLC. I could begin to feel how serious Heavenly Father is about the 144,000 Clergy Couple Blessing and how eager all the angels and ancestors are to help. When the pastor first left, he had gone out to his car, but a small car had parked in such a way that the pastor’s car was blocked. He then decided to come back into the ballroom and I could meet him. I can imagine that angels saw a small car on the nearby freeway that was just the right size to fit in the space in front of the minister’s car. The angels had the driver exit the freeway, and come to the hotel simply to block the pastor from leaving.”—*Rev. Tom Cutts*

“This was my first ACLC meeting, please invite me to the next one. It is beautiful to see people of different races and denominations coming together to heal the family. This is something that no one church can accomplish on its own. It will take all of us working together to change America from a divorce culture to a marriage culture, and the ACLC is leading the way in this new marriage movement.”—*a local political candidate.* ❖



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Stand For Family and Save the Nation!



DR. CHANG SHIK YANG
Dr. Yang is the Continental Director of the Church in North America.

This is the welcome address to the ACLC convocation held March 23 in Rye, NY.

I am happy to see so many familiar faces here today. It is more inspiring, though, to see how many pastors have joined us today. I truly appreciate all of you who interrupted your busy schedules, and the extra effort you made to be here with us today. The mission of the clergy is more crucial now than ever before. Ever since the tragedy of 9-11, with the fighting still in progress and with terror at our doorstep, the entire world is filled with resentment, fear and conflict. Conflicts among religions and races are becoming worse. Every day we read of families killed, children orphaned, while those who fight continue to seek “an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.”

As prophets, the clergy must lead this nation and the world back to God. We must be fearless to speak God’s word, and we must become the examples for people to follow. But in this time of crisis, the number of souls we convert inside our churches, or how well we fill the collection plate is not the measure of our success. We must go beyond the walls of our own denomination, and join together with the kind of unity that the world has been unable to find. The success of the Baptists, or Catholics, or Unificationists by themselves will never save this nation. We must stand together like never before in our nation’s history. This is the mission of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, to tear down the walls of race and denomination. No other clergy organization is designed as we are. No other movement is able to gather so many from every race, creed and nationality. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the vision and leadership of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, together with you clergy, made such a movement possible. But what exactly is our mission?” Now that we have come together like this, what is God asking us to do?

The motto of the ACLC is “Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, Renew the Nation and World. Let us consider briefly what this means:

Rebuild the Family

The family is, quite simply, the first institution created by God. In Genesis Chapter 5, we read that God made them male and female, and called them together “man,” in His image and likeness. God said, “It is not fitting for man to be alone.” And the helpmate He made for Adam was so close to him, for she was “flesh of his flesh,” and bone of his bones.” If Adam and Eve had obeyed God’s word, they would have remained in the garden, and would have fulfilled the blessings that God had prepared for them, to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over every living thing.”

The fall of our first ancestors was much more than simply individual disobedience. The fall destroyed the family ideal. When Adam and Eve lost God they blamed each other, and their children destroyed each other. They were cast from the garden, and the family that was once blessed to “be fruitful, and multiply,” was now a family cursed. Eve’s pain in bearing children would be greatly multiplied, God told her. God told Adam he would sweat and struggle as the breadwinner of the family. God was no longer present in the first human family, and the vessel through which God was to pour His love into human life was now broken.

When we look back upon our history, we can see that civilizations rise and fall based upon the strength of family and morality. The family is where we are meant to learn life’s most important lesson: to live for the sake of others. As we enter the last days of fallen human history, we are reaping the bitter harvest of the fall of the family: adultery, divorce, sexually transmitted diseases, homosexuality, pornography, the global trafficking of women and children as sexual slaves, sexual abuse of children, and countless forms of immorality. The family is in crisis. As a result, the fabric of our communities has been torn. The building block of our society has been broken. The cornerstone of a peaceful world has been shattered.

But the problem goes deeper than that. The fall brought enmity between the woman’s seed and that of the serpent. The true seed, the lineage of God, was defiled. Jesus taught in John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires.” This is the real meaning of the original sin that we continue to pass on to our children: we are born of the false lineage of Satan. Even for the most devout and faithful Christians, our children are still born with original sin. It was not until the conception of Jesus, the sinless Son of God, that his mother Mary was told, “Blessed is the fruit of your womb.” And it is only by inheriting the flesh and blood of the sinless Christ, a pure lineage, that we can be born anew, and enter the Kingdom of God.”

Then how do we rebuild the family? We need more than social programs and community service. We need to purify the lineage of humankind, and restore true love in God-centered families. This is the simple yet profound meaning of the Blessing of marriage being given by Father and Mother Moon. Even for those of us who have experienced the salvation of our souls through our relationship with the Lord, as St. Paul said, “...the law of sin... dwells in my members (flesh)” (Romans 7:23). Though we proclaim we are “sanctified,” we still pass sin on to the children born from our bodies. The most devout men and women of faith still suffer the temptation of false love. Though we have experienced individual salvation, our family life continues to be mired in sin.

Father and Mother Moon have been

anointed by Jesus to sanctify families. This is the purpose of the Blessing of marriage. Just as communion signifies that we are inheriting the flesh and blood of the sinless son of God, in the Blessing we take communion as a couple, to cleanse and renew our lineage. This is the ultimate meaning and mission of True Parents. Not only are we fortunate at this moment in history to



Dr. Yang addressing the ACLC convocation in Los Angeles

be able to receive such a Blessing, but also Father and Mother Moon want to bequeath this special anointing to all the upright members of the clergy. We are the instruments, the vehicles, to stand as True Parents to convey God’s Blessing to our congregations, our communities, and to all humanity. To achieve this, we are working to raise 144,000 clergy couples to mediate this Blessing to the world.

The Blessing has transformed the lives, the families, and the ministries of so many pastors already. You will meet those who found the power to overcome divorce, adultery, and countless other challenges, and who have found renewed vision and strength by offering their marriage to God. Please pray seriously about these things, for with this movement of family renewal through the Blessing of marriage, the ACLC can transform this nation.

Restore the Community

Building God-centered, Blessed Families is the initial key to restoring the community. Children raised in their parents’ love will be happy with who they are. Children who learn to harmonize and cooperate in their families will be productive members of society. Children who grow in love will not

learn to hate. As we work to restore community life in America, the ACLC can do more than any other group to tear down the walls between races and denominations. We are standing together from all backgrounds and beliefs, and instead of talking about unity we are trying to live it right now. Rolling up our sleeves and working together is a far more powerful way to achieve unity than interfaith dialogues.

When 144, 000 clergy couples from all creeds, cultures and nationalities come together on April 27th proclaiming “Stand for Family and Save the Nation,” we will move this country. Imagine how the spirit of God can touch this nation in such a holy moment. But to arrive there we have lots of work to do. Let us then be crystal clear: our faith calls us to care for the least and the lost, but though we feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and care for the needy, we will only end hunger, homelessness and poverty when we

change the hearts and minds of the people.

Renew the Nation and World

This, then, is our ultimate mission: to renew America by renewing the hearts of its people. And that begins here and now, with you and I. As the Scripture teaches: “Let us not be conformed to the world but transformed by the renewing of our minds.” We are here together to renew our minds, refocus our vision, and be transformed into a unified body of faith. Father and Mother Moon have made it clear: we, the clergy, must be as the prophets of old and speak to the conscience and spirit of the nation. Do not underestimate the power of a united faith community to move the nation. No other clergy association is as broad, or interracial, or genuinely interdenominational, as the ACLC.

The message and mission of ACLC for America has been clear from the beginning. When the nation was bitterly divided over the 2000 presidential election, we stood together at the Supreme Court, beyond politics, to remind our leaders that God is the foundation of our freedom and democ-

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ACLCLC Blessing Preparation in Ohio

by Dr. John Mwamba

The Kick-Off began with a dinner meeting at the Restaurant of Japan with twelve ministers and nine members, a total of 21 participants. We gave to the ministers a guideline on the purpose, vision, goals and plans of the 144,000 Blessing Couples. The responsibility of the clergy was clearly exposed as being the salt and the light of the earth and the vessels of God to eradicate the divorce rate and sexual immorality as being the major intrinsic cause of the crisis in America in particular and in the world in general.

The statistics on the divorce, single-parents families, fatherless children, immorality, crime, substance abuse, etc. were presented to show that there exist even in Christian Churches and homes and the neighborhood could affect our homes as well.

In either way, it's the responsibility of religious leaders and not the government to *Stand Up to Rebuild the Families*. The message was well received and as a result, the ministers' couples were called in front for a rededication of Marriage Blessing after recitation of the four affirmation vows that all agreed with. Two couples were blessed on the spot.

We have a weekly Prayer Breakfast Meeting with a goal of 50 ministers couples. On February 23, we invited Bishop Dan Johnson as the guest speaker. Over 45 ministers attended the Prayer Breakfast Meeting and eight couples were called on the altar for a rededication of Marriage Blessing. Prior to the call and Rededication, Dr. John Mwamba gave a presentation and an explanation of why we need to Stand Up for Marriage and Family

ly and eradicate the divorce and adultery.

Bishop Dan Johnson's message was well received in his Pentecostal style by the audience. The highlight of his

message was the biblical explanation of the 144,000 Sealed from Revelation 7:1-17. The emphasis was put on the openness to learn a new thing, a new understanding of the Bible through

unity in the diversity. No one has it all and refers to a biblical text of being poor in spirit.

His personal testimony of being blind at age 7 and at Ground Zero after September 11 was very touching.

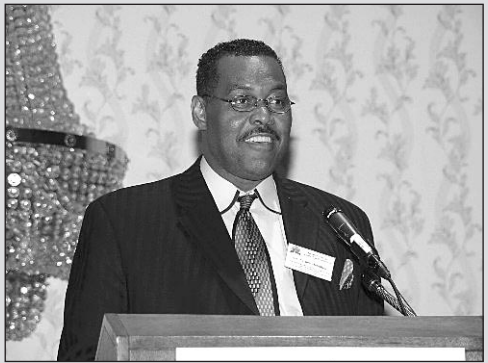
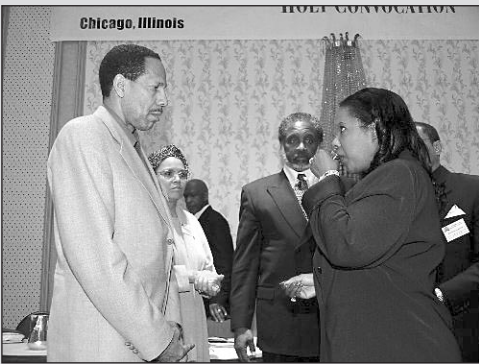
Bishop Dan Johnson is a pastor and a founder of Heart of Fire Church in Louisville, Kentucky. His congregation is 87% African-American and 13% White, and he works very closely with the Nation of Islam. He's even featured in the 'Final Call' a Moslem Newspaper. He's a National Evangelist of ACLC and a member of World Bishops Council.

Another highlight was the musical selection by Mrs. Seiko Lee that impressed and moved the ministers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce and other families organized a Prayer Breakfast Meeting in a restaurant in Cleveland, Ohio, on February 16. To their surprise, six ministers showed up and one couple was blessed right there on the spot. Incredible! The doors are open and the harvest is ready. What is needed now is to get out of our comfort zones and harvest. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Mr. Brian Bloch was led off from his job last December. Since then, he received an inspiration to work with ministers in Cincinnati. Now, he feels that he wants to reach out to ministers in his town and even preach in their Churches. His goal is to tell them that True Father is the Messiah! What is interesting is that he met with Rev. Reno Piner, a long time ICC minister from the 80s. Now, even those from 80s are coming out. This is a lesson for us to look after the ministers and pastors we witness and bless. We need a lot of care and education for them after the event is over. The seed has been planted. The hard job has been done. Now, it is harvest time. ❖

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racy, and that when our legal and political systems fall short, we need the guidance of Heaven. We proclaimed

"Forgive, Love, Unite!" to a wounded nation. When the tragedy of 9-11 struck this nation, the ACLCLC was there, ministering to the victims and heroes at ground zero. Within 10 days, we gathered 1200 ACLCLC clergy from across the nation in New York, just minutes from

where the World Trade Center had fallen. There were many moving memorial services for the victims of this tragedy. But no one else could call together so many clergy from such a diversity of faiths, to lead our nation in healing and reconciliation.

But today, we look forward to our most urgent task, to "Stand for Family to Save the Nation." I want you to repeat after me: "Stand for Family... Save the Nation." Last year, during the historic 52-city ACLCLC tour, Father Moon told us that we must cry out from our pulpits about true love, no divorce, and no adultery. More than that, he said, we must be the example of God-centered families to our congregation and community. Our spouse has the key to our sexual organ, he taught us. "No spare keys!" he warned us. Pastor Barrett responded, and after 10 years of separation and divorce, his lovely wife Cleo has returned to his side. Moreover, 22 other couples in his church were healed and restored through the Barretts' testimony and ministry!

Archbishop Stallings took Father Moon seriously, and after a lifetime as a priest, he is blessed in marriage. He

and his lovely wife, Sayomi, are expecting their first child just at about the time of the upcoming Blessing. He travels throughout the country, throughout the world, proclaiming the message of the ACLCLC: "Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, Renew the Nation and World." Many others were healed and blessed through the 52-city tour last year. Now we must expand this movement of family healing and Blessing to the nation. When 144,000 clergy couples stand together on April 27th, God's people, called by His name, I am sure that God will hear from Heaven, and He will heal our land.

God has the power to end divorce! God has the power to rebuild our families! God has the power to restore our communities! God has the power to renew our nation and our world! "If My people, who are called by My name, humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

God Bless you, God Bless your family and your church, and may God Bless America. ❖

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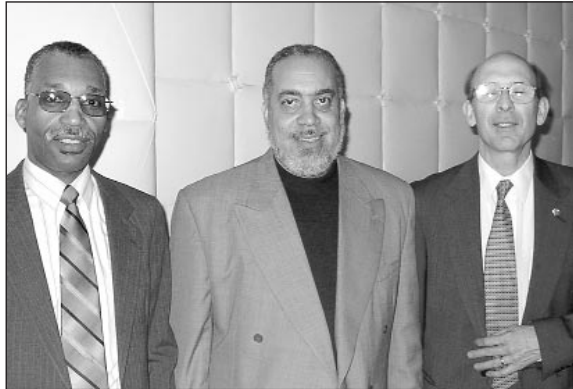
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ACLC Inaugural Banquet in Detroit

by David Kasbow

Our American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) inaugural banquet on Saturday, February 9th was more than we had hoped for; we had a packed banquet room of 80 ministers, Imams, local judges, the ACLC regional and national leadership and the infamous Archbishop George A. Stallings Jr. and his expecting wife. Besides the special quality of the guests what made the program special was the deep and close relationship between the Archbishop and the host pastor, Dr. William Revely, founder of Holy Hope Heritage Church, Baptist. In his introduction of the Archbishop Dr. Revely shared several humorous episodes in the 25 years of their shared spiritual journeys.

As the Archbishop described the mission of the ACLC he stressed the importance of marriage and family and how much blessing has come to him since his marriage last May, and how his sermons have changed since that time revealing a new level of relationship with God for him. Rev. Jenkins, the national Co-Convenor of the ACLC, shared on the theme from the book of Esther, that we have come together “for such a time as this” (Est.4:14). He emphasized that the time was right for Esther to save her people, likewise at the appointed time David was called. In the same way it is now America’s appointed time to receive God’s Blessing, a time when



religious boundaries are coming down, a time when marriage is being lifted up.

To initiate the founding of ACLC, Rev. Revely prayed over the installment of the Co-Convenors, Rev. David Kasbow of Family Federation and Rev.



Earnest Hatcher of New Kingdom MBC. After Bishop Ki Hun Kim blessed the gathering with holy wine Rev. Revely shared how the father of a family in his congregation, on his deathbed, asked him to take responsibility for his two sons. He introduced the boys and their mother and testified that this is what needs to happen in the church today, people taking responsibility for each other. He testified that in them, and further, in his relationship with Family Federation members such as Art & Roxanne Roselle of the Detroit FFWPU he had found “real family”. This was the greatest compliment he could give us.

Michigan ACLC

There is no model of how the ACLC should work so we prayed a lot as we prepared our first prayer breakfast meeting on Thursday Feb. 14th, just five days after the inaugural banquet.

I had been attending the weekly meetings of the local Council of Baptist Pastors for almost a year so I was considering using their model. Their meetings are quite formal and businesslike. However, I soon realized that this style was not for us, at least not

right now.

As we invited the banquet attendees to the breakfast meeting we were struck by the testimonies the guests had. Our guests were so inspired that the first meeting was mostly testimonies, not only of the banquet, but of their course in marriage and what needs to be done to restore the family.

We realized that this time of sharing was something the pastors longed for and were not getting anywhere else. A time for testimonies is never done at the Baptist Council meetings. We also realized that our group seemed destined to be quite an activist group. We already were talking of letters to the editor, protests and such to move the culture away from the destructive anti-family messages that are out there.

After breakfast we began the meeting with a Bible reading and message, then a time of sharing testimonies, then an explanation of the 144,000 Blessing purpose and strategy. We finished the last section with a presentation of the True Family Values Lecture material. We encouraged ministers to sign up for this to be presented in their church.

We are quite pleased with this new beginning. We have had meetings and fellowship with ministers for years but the formalization of the ACLC into an official organization did something to galvanize the group and help them and us feel we have a purpose for working together. ♦

by Pastor Daryl M. Clarke

On Saturday, February 23rd, members of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and ministers from the American Clergy Leadership Conference of New York co-sponsored the first regional Prayer Breakfast at the Tarrytown Hilton to kick-off the 144,000 Clergy Couple Blessing in the Westchester, NY area.

230 clergy leaders sat down to break bread together as they were lifted up to the Lord by inspiring and encouraging words from one of Chicago’s premier preachers, Rev. T. L. Barrett as the guest speaker of the day. Rev. Barrett’s has a very powerful testimony of



how “Father Moon prophesied” about the return of Mrs. Barrett after 10 years of separation and divorce.” When he spoke of it, silence filled the room; you could feel the Holy Sprit moving the hearts of people. “The family” Rev. Barrett said, “is the most important institution on earth and it must be ordained by God”.

Through his testimony on marriage and family Rev. Barrett pricked the conscious of everyone and asked for their commitment to participate in Blessing 2002 on April 27th. Everyone responded with a rousing “Hallelujah, Amen!”

Following Rev. Barrett, our National President Rev.

Michael Jenkins stirred up the ministers more by explaining how they can join the ACLC and involve their congregation with the April 27th Blessing. Following that, Dr. Tyler Hendricks presented the True Family Values powerpoint lecture. Dr. Hendricks introduced a new style of teaching with background music which complimented the spirit of the word as he expounded on various aspects of the Re-dedication Family Festival.

The conclusion of the TFFV lecture was the Blessing Ceremony. Clergy couples responded to the call to the Alter and joined our officiators, Rev. and Mrs. Dong Woo Kim to receive the Holy Wine. Fifteen couples stood together in unity to lift up the family while those without their spouses remained standing at their seats to share in the Holy Communion of Marriage.

The host Pastor, Bruce Grodner of the WestRock Family Church offered the benediction to a highly



inspired and motivated congregation of clergy. We left that place with a sweet, sweet spirit.

The next day, at their Sunday Service, Bishop and Mrs. Moses De la Rosa, Pastors of the “Word of Flame Ministries” in Mount Vernon, Westchester (who received the Holy Wine at the Prayer Breakfast), stood as “Officiators” and personally chose the top leadership among their congregation and Blessed twelve couples.

The 144,000 Clergy Couple Blessing is in full affect. Praise the Lord, Amen! ♦



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by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

This is from an address given at Belvedere.

We should not think that the Blessing of the 144,000 Clergy Couples is a burden. Why is this not a burden. Please think

about the serious meaning of the blessing. Why Father waited for this holy wedding until the year 1960. Why did Father start with 3 couples before 1960. Why did he wait until 1961 for the 36 couples.

Because of Satan's accusation and power, it was impossible to give the blessing before this time. Before this the world was completely under Satan's dominion. True Father, he himself, laid the indemnity condition. This is miserable. This is the unknown personal course of indemnity. Parents life and parent course is beyond the children's knowledge. Parents have their own course that children don't understand. We must think of this tremendous indemnity course that had to be secured. First, Father engaged three couples. They represented the three archangels. They were conditional. How difficult was the way for True Parents to hold their own holy wedding ceremony. No one imagined how difficult. We, as early disciples, had completely no idea whatsoever what was going on.

Then suddenly Father engaged these three couples. This was absolutely like a war. Even the day before his wedding he went to the police department for interrogation. Satan tried to hit Father's body directly. Even during the 72 couples blessing Father was severely attacked. Because of Father's historical foundation the blessing became easier. Satan lost the conditions to prevent.

The official title for this blessing is the Interreligious Clergy Blessing, Satan already gave up. This is not being done by our own power or authority. This is simply through True Parents victorious hand. If we think that we are doing it. You will think it's a mission or duty. We will think True Parents victorious foundation is there. Blessing is 100% grace. First you must change your concept. In front of Father's victorious foundation, Satan has no power to prevent the blessing. We should just do the work. Even practically speaking. Just 10 years ago 1992 Father began the Interreligious Blessing Ceremony. Because of this Father began the globalization of the Blessing.

Because of this the door was open for all religions to participate in the blessing without joining the Unification church. During the 430 couple Blessing preparation one spiritual son was attending the workshop for the blessing. He came back during the middle of the workshop. I asked why he came back. He said I don't qualify. The standards were so strict at that time. Compared to other candidates, other sacrificial members were there.

Since, 1992 the standard is so wide open because of True Parents victorious foundation. Because of True Parents heart for all humanity , True Father committed to reach all humanity, Father wants to reach everyone without exception. We are so joyful and so lucky because of this. This is officially the Interreligious and Worldwide Blessing Ceremony. Now all of the people can join in with this cele-

The Meaning of the 144,000

bration.

Why did Father suddenly mobilize Japanese and Korean National Messiahs? Why? The three historical nations must join together as one. Father, Mother

stand how much grace there is you will change your concept and reach this goal. What an honor for Christianity to play the central role in front of True Parents.

True Parents have an unwavering his-

op a logical explanation and approach as to how we can accurately explain.

In my mind. When we introduce Father we should not introduce him as the Messiah. But as "True Parents". Adam and Eve lost God's blessing. They lost God's blessing and were expelled from the Garden. All descendants are responsible to restore True Parents blessing. We have to perfect men and women and God's perfected couples. We need restored Adam and Eve as the restored True Parents. This is the destiny of all foreign human beings. This is the cosmic blessing ceremony.

Externally, this is rededication but it means much more. Their belief and sincerity is not enough. Their divorce and separation is a tragedy. This is the tradition we inherited from Adam and Eve. This is not simply rededication. We must understand. They clergy represent an historical couple and must join together as an historical couple to restore the use of the love organ. Even some of our blessed couples, why did they make a mistake and fall. Why? Before blessing they listened to the DP. Why then did they fall? It was because of their determination and true understanding of the real meaning of the sexual organ. We need a reeducation of all blessed couples. This method has to reach all religious leaders. Why, because religious leaders must fulfill and be examples to the world. All people look to the clergy and all youth all look to the clergy to fulfill their responsibility to become religious leaders. It's my method. We must educate the religious leaders and let them stand as an example. First our family must stand up. It is for us these clergy that we must understand this content. Now centering on this event Father wants to completely change this country and change this world.

This is completely Father's mind. This organization that we have set up is centering on this visible blessing organization. Father's mind is not there with one ceremony on April 27th. Father envisions a worldwide ceremony in every state and every country on April 27th. Each state must have Satellite or at a minimum internet. Each and every country of the world will come. Who knows what religion will join in at this time.

I'm expecting a lot. At the beginning of the May 1992 blessing, the majority that participated were the Moslem faith. At that time we were not Globalizing the blessing.

If the Moslem brothers took off their turban they could be killed. Father permitted the turban knowing that the globalization. You will fulfill the 144,000 clergy couples. Every organization must be responsible.

Once you fulfill the 144,000 you will see a landslide of millions based on these conditions. Also, PR teams will continue to work. UN and DC ambassadors will work and bring them to the blessing. At a minimum 12 current congressmen must attend. Mainly it's a clergy blessing. However, ,most good elected officials are good religious people (deacons etc.). How many different religious leaders will attend there. All denominations, all religions. This is beyond religion. This is Heaven's Blessing. This is already fulfilled because of Father's victorious foundation. ♦

Los Angeles Ministers' Blessing



The Los Angeles event had 320 ministers and guests. All partook in the Family communion. True Parents have prepared everything. This incredible moment in history is upon us in which the ministers are proclaiming that this work is the fulfillment of the prophesy in Revelation.

Rev. Stephen Berg, vice regional director in Arizona, said they met two ministers two days before the convocation and invited them. They were completely overwhelmed by the experience with Bishop Stallings, Pastor Barrett, Rev. Edwards, Dr. Yang. Rev. Daugherty is playing a key role—he is reaching the hearts of these Christian leaders.

Dr. E.V. Hill's associate minister Rev. Nolan and his wife led the way in the Blessing. The altar call occurs after Bishop Stallings gives his sermon and the call. The spirit of these convocations are truly unbelievable. Pastor Barrett's sermon and testimony transform the people. Dr. Wm. Johnson of the Christian Methodist Episcopal church is superintendant and he has 67 churches under him. He is going to have all the pastors bless the congregations! Ministers leave with conviction that the Holy Spirit has anointed them to bless all clergy and ministers. Every minister is going out to find 12 other clergy and churches that will hold the blessing. ♦

er and Elder Son to participate and win victory in this glorious dispensation.

We have to guide all our movement and all of our members to join this historical and most joyful movement in history. This whole nation of America must participate, we must keep this key. Why must we reach this 144,000? Father wants to reach this goal one week or two weeks before. Father wants to announce to the world with a press conference. Because this is such an historical moment.

I have so much experience that with just one day of education leaders become completely convinced about the blessing. I have traveled throughout the world blessing political leaders and blessing the Cain world. Now Father wants to bless the Abel world of religious leaders.

American movement: you are so lucky. This kind of historical blessing is centering on America and Christianity. How lucky you are. If all blessed couples under-

torical foundation. This kind of content is there. If we reach this goal then True Father's mind and Heavenly Father's mind and heart will be so happy. We then fulfilled our mission. Many American leaders and members all are concerned before God about the Elder son's mission. Think about the 144,000 clergy and their closeness with True Parents. They are linked directly to True Parents and bound together in their blood lineage. Not through the Unification Church but directly through their own church or religion. Heavenly Father wants to reach that level. 144,000 Clergy couples foundation is now set for this time to reach that level. Based on this understanding we have to try to develop and understand how this coming blessing ceremony is not Unification Church ritual but rather a cosmic ritual. This is not the Unification Church marriage ceremony but Cosmic Marriage ceremony. We have to devel-

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Blessing Avalanche
in Raleigh NC

by Tim Davis and Rev. Jea Seok Kim

The wind of the Holy Spirit is blowing in Raleigh, N.C! On Sunday March 9th I stood with Bishop Robert Henry of the Gethsemene True Vine Holiness Church. An altar call was held and three couples were blessed including Bishop Henry. A minister meeting will be scheduled in the near future where the ACLC will be introduced and his minister friends can be blessed and then their churches.

On Wednesday March 13th Pastor Nellie Smith of Matthew Chapel Holy Church agreed to let me lead her Bible study. Originally she was to be there but was called away to S. Carolina for an emergency meeting. I arrived that evening with National Messiah, Rev. Soojong Joo, brothers and sisters from Raleigh community and Japanese missionaries. Upon arriving at the church I was a little apprehensive. But not to worry!!! Heavenly Father had prepared everything! When I opened the door the Asst. Pastor had already set up the VCR and TV on the altar. First I spoke about the work of the ACLC and the Blessing. Next we showed the tape "Reflections on the 144,000 Blessing."

Then I helped officiate the Blessing through the Assistant Pastor. Everything went very smooth. We were totally welcomed and supported. Previously Pastor Smith had attended 2 prayer breakfasts. After the tape was shown the moment of truth came. I called the Assistant Pastor and his wife to the front where they took the Holy Wine. After that the Wine was distributed to all present. Everyone drank the Wine. 20 were in attendance. The Japanese sisters sang 2 beautiful songs which always brings the Holy Spirit . Everyone just loved them. We closed with a prayer and a whole lot of hugging each other . We had wonderful sharing together. Everyone was so joyful and happy. We all had trouble leaving one another that night. Amazing unity! Later I learned there were 8 minister couples in attendance! The entire church leadership was present and received the holy wine.

On March 16th Pastor Cheryl Jones of "Following in the Footsteps of Christ Church," came back from the Holy Convocation in Washington, DC. She was on fire. Immediately she prepared to give the blessing in her church the next day on Sunday March 17th. With Rev. Jea Seok Kim, Rev. Soojong Joo, Gail Davis, Raleigh members and Japanese sisters were present. Pastor Jones literally dragged people to the altar. The Japanese sisters blew them away with their songs. Then Pastor Jones told them they may hear some new things but to get prepared for the ACLC and what it has to offer.

March 24th Pastor Theodore McAllister of Smith Temple Free Will Baptist Church in downtown Raleigh agreed to have the Blessing in his church. This Pastor along with his wife were previously blessed at Raleigh's 1st Blessing event. Bishop Dan Johnson

had administered a healing session for them. Pastor McAllister's wife was not going to come because of severe pain in her feet—a long standing ailment—but suddenly her pain mysteriously disappeared. Inspired she changed clothes faster than she had ever changed in her life, so she said, and accompanied Pastor McAllister to the program.

I invited Rev. Jea Seok Kim, our Reg. Director, Rev Soojong Joo, Rev. No Hi Pak, Japanese sisters and Raleigh members. I sat on the altar with Pastor McAllister and three other guest ministers. The Pastor introduced us very eloquently to his church which was filled with 150-200 people. I was nervous but prayed for God's spirit to work and went forward in faith. The time came when the Pastor called me to his side at the pulpit and began to talk about the importance of the family and the ACLC. He then said, quite prophetically, "Let the spirit guide us now! So be it!" I invited the Japanese sisters to sing. They sang so beautifully ! You could feel the spirit of God filling the church.

I began to read the mission statement of the ACLC slowly and deliberately. As I looked people were deeply listening to these inspiring Heavenly words. Many heads were nodding in agreement. Then I spoke about the meaning of the 144,000 Blessing. Finally we gave the altar call. To my shock the *entire church congregation* rose to their feet and came to the altar. The Pastor stood by my side telling everyone to come forward making sure that no one was left out. People took home Holy Wine home for their spouse if absent and children. Pastor McAllister was very serious about everyone receiving the wine. He was totally supportive.

Afterward, I read the four vows. The congregation responded with a reverent "Yes!" The Pastor then prayed over all the newly blessed couples. Finally Rev. Jea Seok Kim spoke deeply about the internal meaning and value of the 144,000 Blessing. The feeling of family was so strong. I had never seen this church so joyful before now. This truly was a miracle of Heavenly Father and True Parents grace!!! yes the wind of the Holy Spirit is truly blowing in Raleigh.!!

Special recognition should be given to the wonderful support of Rev. Kim, the National Messiahs and the Japanese Missionaries. ❖

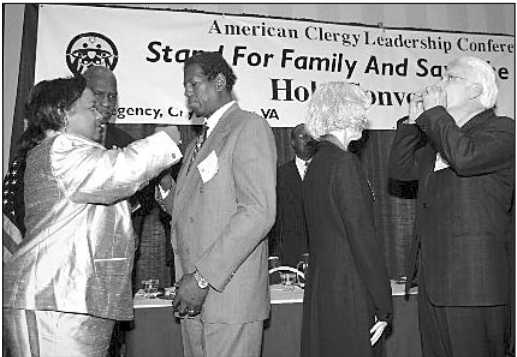
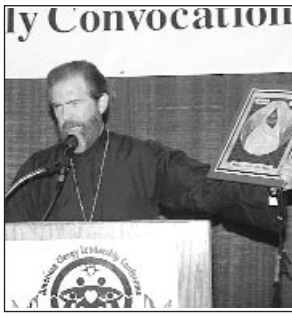
National Clergy Convocation

Over 300 people gathered at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City to participate in ACLC Holy Convocation March 16. From the metro DC area, 58 ministers participated and many ministers from outside of the region also joined this gathering.

National ACLC leaders, Pastor T. L. Barrett, Jr., Rev. Kevin McCarthy, Rev. Michael Jenkins and Archbishop Stallings gave inspiring teachings and messages. Also, Rev. Willie Wilson came as a guest speaker during luncheon and gave a powerful

message. A Japanese missionaries choir brought a bright spirit to the proceedings. The climax of the convocation was the Holy Wine Ceremony, and many ministers rededicated their marriages in the solemn atmosphere.

After the main sessions, local clergy gathered and had a meeting with Rev. Lykes and Archbishop Stallings. Everybody was very inspired throughout the convocation and ready to go forward to the Blessing Movement. ❖



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WORLD CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL 2002

by Nadine Andre and Susana Palencia

Assembly 2002, "Establishing a Culture of Peace: Worldviews, Institutions, Leadership and Practices," took place in Seoul, Korea between February 14-18, 2002. Sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) under the Chairmanship of Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Assembly 2002 was a cornerstone of this year's World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) 2002.

The Assembly was co-chaired by H.E. Rodrigo Carazo, former president of Costa Rica and H.E. Stanislav Shushkevich, former president of Belarus. It was the 4th in a series of international Assemblies that seek to 'search for the solutions to critical global problems.' The preceding Assembly 2001, convened in New York soon after the tragedy of September 11th bringing together Christian, Muslim, Israeli and Palestinian leaders in an effort to create dialogue and understanding.

This year's Assembly 2002 was attended by 500 participants representing 100 nations and was attended by sitting President of the Republic of Palau, Mr. Tommy Remengesau Jr. and the First Lady Mrs. Debbie Remengesau. Also attending were 17 former presidents representing all continents and international leaders representing politics, religion, diplomacy, economics, academia and the NGO community. The overall goal of this Assembly was to substantially identify and create the framework for solutions to the world's most pressing problems and to contribute to the establishment of a Culture of Peace, a theme proclaimed by the United Nations.

World Culture and Sports Festival 2002 (WCSF) was the 8th WCSF since it was envisaged in September 1988, during the Seoul Olympics by the founder Rev. Moon. While the Winter Olympics are presently held in Salt Lake City, many have referred to the WCSF as the "Olympics of World Culture." In addition to Assembly 2002, WCSF includes sporting events, a youth convention and an international marriage blessing of 4,000 international couples.

Opening Banquet

The Opening Banquet was chaired by IIFWP Secretary General and Organizing Chairman, Dr. Thomas Walsh, who spoke to the participants who had come to Korea from all over the world. The Opening Invocation was given by Mr. Khamba Lama Dambajav, Vice President of the World Fellowship of Buddhists from Mongolia, who offered a Buddhist chant. A highlight of this year's Assembly was the diversity of representation from the world's religions.

Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of IIFWP and the WCSF, described the features of a culture of peace in his opening address,

Assembly 2002 and the World Culture and Sports Festival



"It should be a culture characterized by true love. True love is not only a virtue to be applied to personal relationships. It can and should characterize the nature of institutional life, from the workplace to the state house to the marketplace."

Co-Chair H.E. Carazo, former President of Costa Rica said, "The only way for peace is through disarmament. Costa Rica abolished its army in 1948. Having no weapons is the only way to have no confrontations!" "Whether we like it or not," said H.E. Shushkevich, co-chair and former President of Belarus, "the process of globalization has begun." The first lady of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mrs. Mary Note said, "From a small country like the Marshall Islands to the giant superpowers, the world is in need of leadership in

this era of peace." The international audience was ready to roll up its sleeves and begin to get to work.

Founder's Address

The second day of the Assembly, February 15th, was of special importance; the Founder's Address would be given. The opening plenary, chaired by Dr. Neil Salonen, President of the University of Bridgeport, represented diverse and innovative thought. H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid, former president of Indonesia, said that this was a challenging time for Islam and called for radical changes within Islam itself.

Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, always consistent in his message outlined the guiding principles of IIFWP. Other speakers included Dr. Nicholas Kittrie, Chair of the Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Justice and Peace and Sir James Mancham, Founding President of the Republic of Seychelles, who presented a copy of their new and comprehensive book *The Future of Peace in the Twenty-First Century*.

What came as a surprise and delight to the audience was the introduction of the Founder by his wife of over 40 years, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. She shared a personal perspective of her husband. She said, "His love for our family and his devotion to teaching them to become as absolute in their dedication to God and as universal in their love for humanity as he has been has brought amazing results. With our 14 children and well over 20 grandchildren, although we never took an ordinary family vacation, I believe our family has experienced the closest bond of any family in the world - because we are bound together in the love of God."

The Founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon's address was rousing and strong. It was heavily attended by the international and local media. For two days in Korea the WCSF, Assembly 2002 and the international blessing made front page news. The address provided the foundation for the discussions, inspirations and proposals that comprised the following committee sessions.

Dr. Moon called for all participants and the Ambassadors for Peace to transcend nationality, race and religion and lead the way in building a world of peace. The speech spoke deeply about the internal characteristics necessary for building a culture of peace. Eight hundred people attended the Founder's address.

The following plenary, "What is Required to Estab-



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lish a Culture of Peace: The Role of Worldviews, Institutions, Leadership and Practices, moderated by Mrs. Karen Smith, IIFWP Director, Office of UN Relations, was formatted in true UN style. There was a plentiful array of speakers representing a diversity of thought and enlightened opinion, each speaking for seven minutes. Many participants appreciated the range and scope of the speakers.

Committee Sessions

What made its mark upon Assembly 2002 as unique and distinct, were the working committee sessions that met three times during the course of the Assembly. It was the hope of the conference organizers that these meeting would serve as a foundation for building future relationships and beginning the process for formulating future plans of action.

According to the moderators, the first session was a way of breaking the ice. One participant remarked that he had never been to the UN but at his session he now felt like he had." The United Nations session consisted of participants who had 40 years of experience at the UN and relative newcomers to the UN. 'Can the Media Contribute to a Culture of Peace?' dealt with issues like realities of journalistic objectivity and how the media influences the course of events.

Assembly 2002 also featured IIFWP regional chapter meetings, addressing concerns of each of the following areas; Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, North America, Oceania, and Eurasia. Mr. Altaf Nathani, public relations director of the World Ahlul Bayt of the Islamic League, had attended both the religion and Middle East sessions saying that both were marked by tolerance and good will.

Final Day

Assembly 2002 concluded its final day of sessions on Saturday, February 16th. Participants worked hard till the final sessions. The morning began with an Interfaith Service led by Mr. John Gehring of the Religious Youth Service. The plenary was chaired by Ms. Tomiko Duggan of the World Media Association and included several prominent figures including Hon. Curt Weldon, US Congressman from Pennsylvania and mem-

ber of the Armed Services Committee. Congressman Weldon expressed his commitment to helping the members of Congress in their understanding of international affairs and is making a bridge between foreign ambassadors to the US and the UN and members of Congress.

The committees met two more times and the closing plenary consisted of their final reports.

International Wedding Blessing

Some of the participants were able to witness the International Marriage Blessing of 4,000 couples officiated by Rev. Moon and the world's religious leaders. It was also special and unique opportunity for some of the participants to rededicate their vows with their spouses as a commitment to world peace and to living for the sake of others.

Day of Celebration

Upon the conclusion of the sessions and deliberations of Assembly 2002, the participants were treated to a very special day. Sunday, February 17th, marked the tribute and birthday anniversary of WCSF/IIFWP Founder and his wife, (both share the same birthdays).

The event was held at the Fencing Stadium in Seoul where 10,000 people were in attendance. The guests were treated to a Korean style birthday on a grand scale where presents and congratulations were offered to Rev. Moon and his wife for their commitment to world peace. President Tommy Remengesau Jr. of the Republic of Palau, gave an address recognizing Rev. Moon's accomplishments and acknowledged how the island of Palau was working to adopt the ethics and principles of the IIFWP in order to be a model of peace for the rest of

the world.

A Night of Culture

The participants were treated to an evening of culture and art at the Little Angels School and Performing Arts Center in Seoul. A beautiful banquet dinner was served which included a performance by the Universal Ballet Company who performed the second act of Swan Lake. There was also a performance by the Little Angels Performing

Arts Troupe. The young people astonished the crowd as they danced, sang and played the Korean drum reaching the hearts of all.

Assembly 2002 and the WCSF 2002 were landmark events that attest to the Founders' vision of peace and to the fact that people throughout every nation in every endeavor long for peace and are committed to working for it by living for the sake of others. ❖



New Jersey ‘We Will Stand’ Blessing

A “We Will Stand for Family Event” was held Tuesday, February 26, 2002, 7PM to 10PM in Newark, NJ. There were twenty-one couples in attendance—ministers and their wives—and a total of 100 church leaders.

Archbishop Stallings was the first speaker he prepared the couples for the wine ceremony with a powerpoint presentation. He talked about change of blood lineage and the 50% divorce rate in America. This happened “on our watch”—therefore we must be responsible, as pastors to remedy this situation he declared. “We must end divorce in America. The Blessing changes our blood lineage back to God.”

After the powerpoint presentation Archbishop Stallings and Sayomi-san were the officiating couple for the wine ceremony. Each of the couples came up one by one to receive the wine, while holy songs were played in the background. At the end of the wine ceremony, each couple received a trophy with the inscription: Holy Wine Cere-



mony, True Parents, 144,000 Church's Blessing.

Rev. Leroy Elliot then presented his testimony, stating that in the beginning of his relationship with the FFWPU, he gave our members a hard time. Finally, Rev. Elliot heard that Father was coming to Chicago and he decided to attend the speech as a “spectator” not a “participator”. Through attending the speech he was “trapped” by the teaching and the words of Rev. Moon. His testimony was powerful and he will return to New jersey to visit Baptist pastors.

Rev. Philip Thomas, the local ACLC acting director, conducted the New Hope Chorale. They were beautiful, all dressed in Korean “chogori”. They sang “Sweet Sweet Spirit” and two other songs.

Rev. Hong together with New Future Films organized video selections of the New Jersey and Delaware events from the 50-state tour. The video, 20 min-

utes long, was well received.

All the pastors watched attentively as Father spoke on the video about the importance of blood lineage, and the misuse of sexual love, comparing the male sexual organ to a snake.

In conclusion, Rev. Jenkins asked every pastor to conduct an “alter call” Blessing in their churches. We are now doing the follow-up to actually assist with these Blessings in the churches. ❖

Bush and the Axis of Evil

A UTS Lecture by Dr. Mark P. Barry

by Chris Corcoran

President George W. Bush may be trying to provoke division within North Korea by calling the regime “evil” and linking it with Iran and Iraq, according to adjunct UTS professor Dr. Mark P. Barry.

Barry, whose speech was prompted by Bush’s recent remarks in which he called North Korea, Iran and Iraq an “axis of evil”, spoke at UTS on February 27 to a group of students, faculty and administrators.

A senior research associate with the Summit Council for World Peace, Barry visited North Korea twice on peace missions and met the late President Kim

Il Sung. In his speech he outlined US—North Korean relations over the last decade and the role the Summit Council for World Peace has played in facilitating dialogue between the US and North Korea. The Summit Council, an association of former heads of state and government, was founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

“President Bush and other senior officials in his administration may have a ‘collapsist mentality’,” said Barry, explaining they likely view that an inward implosion of the North Korean regime may be preferable, at this point, to a continuation of the regime’s current policies of producing and exporting weapons of mass destruction.

Barry made clear that his views were his personal opinion and did not necessarily represent those of the Summit Council.

“President Bush is committed to the freedom of the North Korean people,” said Barry. “Bush’s recent remarks are similar to when President Reagan called upon Soviet President Gorbachev to ‘tear down that wall’ ” he said.

However, the problem in advocating a North Korean collapse is that Seoul lies only 34 miles from the most massive concentration of fire-power on earth, Barry observed. North Korea has short-range missiles and long range artillery that can decimate Seoul in 24 hours, for which there is no defense.



ment, arguing that any government that allows starvation—perhaps one to three million people dead of hunger—deserves the label of evil and the condemnation of the civilized world.

Bush’s comments drew strong protests from many South Korean people, who felt his comments not only exacerbated an already tense situation but were once again evidence of how big powers have historically intervened in the fate of Korea.

Barry noted that South Koreans understandably see Bush’s remarks as needlessly putting South Korea at risk by raising tensions without seriously considering the consequences to them.

South Korean President Kim Dae Jung believes that a North Korean collapse would pose unacceptable risks and untold dangers; for him the only viable policy—for which he won the 2000 Noble Peace Prize—is constructive engagement while maintaining peace and stability on the peninsula.

The Summit Council continues to concern itself with facilitating dialogue and building of trust between the United States and North Korea.

Dr. Barry, who received his Ph.D. in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia, will teach “Leadership and Organizational Planning” at UTS this Spring term. ❖

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Miracle Massager for Micronesia

by Ray & Kathy Sabo

Greetings in this New Year. My family and I are very excited on the announcement of our patent-pending invention “The Miracle Massager”

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May God bless you and your families.

DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

How, Where and When Christ is to Return

Volume 6 * Part 7

As already detailed, the periods of the Hebrew and Christian eras when totaled add up to nineteen hundred and thirty years. Accordingly, one may anticipate that the year 1930 was the year of the Messiah's birth. Is that in fact the case?

Divine Principle explains that the year cannot be pinpointed so exactly. After all, differences of several years were often observed throughout the dispensational history. The period of persecution in the Roman Empire, for instance, was to be four hundred years, but actually lasted only until 392 A.D.

As a matter of fact, another date is also suggested by the timetable we have been describing. The period of Preparation for the Second Coming began with the Reformation in 1517 and was to end four hundred years later. Based on this, we may expect the Second Coming to have occurred in 1917.

Without placing undue emphasis on a specific date, Divine Principle does assert that the historical processes determining the time of the Second Advent have been completed. Therefore, the moment is at hand. As a pinpoint of light within a dark globe, the messianic age now is dawning.

While it is natural, of course, to want to see and meet the new Messiah, such a privilege may not be widespread at first. Two thousand years ago Jesus did not immediately proclaim his messiahship. There was an unseen and unheard, yet steady, preparation period during his private life when very few people knew who he was. After this period, he struggled during his public ministry to prepare the foundation for fulfilling his messianic purpose. During this time also he was very cautious about disclosing his role. Mark tells us in his Gospel, for example, that when Peter identified Jesus as the Christ, the Master instructed him to "tell no one" (Mk 8:30).

At the Second Coming, the new Deliverer must also go through a similar course of preparation during his life. Just as

Jesus was initially recognized only by a comparative few—by those who had ears to hear and eyes to see—so the Lord's mission is likely to be perceived at first only by a limited few and to develop gradually thereafter. His role and work thus cannot be immediately made manifest. As was the case with Jesus, his identity will be revealed through time to humanity at large. It is, in a sense, only the chosen few who are likely to recognize him early in the process.

The Messianic Theater

If Christ is to return in our day, let us ask where this is likely to take place.

In the parable of the vineyard, Jesus indicated that he would not come again to Israel:

"When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." ... "Therefore I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it" (Mt 21:41-43).

Some may say that the Jewish race is eternally chosen, and therefore Israel must be the center for the Messiah's activities. As we have indicated, however, Divine Principle takes exception to this position. When Jacob prevailed over the angel, he received a new name: Israel. The name signifies the person or nation which triumphs by faith. It is thus a spiritual designation and does not necessarily mean the physical descendants of Abraham and Jacob. As John the Baptist pointed out, one should not base one's identity overly much on one's physical ancestry. "Do not presume to say to yourselves 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham" (Mt 3:9).

Even the Apostle Paul, himself a Jew, attested to the fact that the true Israel

was no longer Jewish:

"For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his descendants; but 'Through Isaac shall your descendants be named.' This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are reckoned as descendants" (Rom 9:6-8).

It is plain, then, that the role of the chosen nation was shifted to the Gentiles. The Christians have become the Second Israel. The problem is identifying which nation of the Christian world is the one to which the Messiah will come.

Coming From The East

For reasons which we will explain, Divine Principle teachers that the new chosen nation of God is the land of Korea. While this assertion is novel, it is, as we shall show, nevertheless reasonable. God's actions are not haphazard; He does not do things without cause. If a nation is to be chosen by Him for His purposes, there must be a rationale behind it. Let us examine possible explanations.

There is, first of all, biblical evidence to support the idea of the chosen nation being from the East. In the Book of Revelation (7:2-4) we read that an angel would ascend from the rising of the sun—in other words, from the East. It is true that all great spiritual movements have started in the East; it is therefore quite logical that the new Messiah would come from the East.

A further reason that the universal God would send the Messiah to an Eastern nation is not far to seek. Even though Christians have played the central role in God's providence, all people are God's children and are eventually to be members of the Kingdom. Buddhists, Jews, Shintoists and members of all other world religions are to participate in the reconstructed world established through the ministry of the Second Advent.

Upon his coming, therefore, the Lord

is to unite both Christians and non-Christians into one family, centered on God. As the new Messiah is thus to harmonize and unify the world's religions, he is to fulfill the purpose not only of Christianity, but also of other major religions. It is necessary, therefore, that the Messiah come from a land where both Christianity and Eastern religions are deeply entrenched.

Since there are no Western countries in which Oriental religion is deeply established, but there are Asian nations in which Christianity is widely practiced, it would make sense for the Lord of the Second Advent to come from the East. One reason, therefore, that Korea forms the core of God's new dispensation is that it is a nation bearing the fruits of many religions. Many of the world's great spiritual and ethical traditions, particularly Buddhism and Confucianism, have flourished in this land. Also, Christianity itself is deeply established there. Indeed, before the communist takeover of northern Korea, its capital city, Pyongyang, was known because of its many churches as the "Jerusalem of the East."

Secondly, the new chosen land is to be a cosmic altar representing the entire world. As the human family was divided originally by Cain and Abel, so today it is divided globally by communism and democracy, or Cain and Abel on the worldwide level. Representing the world, the chosen nation itself is to be divided, as Korea is between the communist North and the more democratic South. In this way, Korea symbolizes the world.

In the view of Divine Principle, the face-off at Panmunjom is a microcosm of a spiritual and political macrocosm. For God's providence to be accomplished, however, the murderous outcome of the original split between Cain and Abel must be redeemed. Centering in God, North and South Korea are to unite. Of necessity, the atheistic totalitarianism of the North must give way to an ideology which gives proper recognition to the spiritual dimension of man and the living reality of God. ❖

calls in response to our programs, but people watch and take ideas from them. Also, partly through positive media, the general public opinion of True Parents and their work is changing so that finally they are receiving a hint of the tremendous respect they are due.

Many times people organize meetings and special programs to counter some of the more novel ideas shown through the Principle. Even this is evidence of the power of getting the Principle out there through public television. TV is just an incredibly effective medium.

Recently True Mother signed a poster I made celebrating 7 years and 400 hours of *Unificationism* airtime from 1994 to 2001. Isn't that precious? Please have confidence that if you make effort towards using the media for God's providential will, you will give joy to our beloved True Parents.

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by Erling Lea

Is television effective? I must say absolute yes! If it weren't, I would never spend so much time promoting the development of Principled television programming. But for many who don't work with TV, it may seem that I'm wasting my time. Television programming is like any other media. A person just has to be out there aware of some of the skewed viewpoints being presented by the mainstream media to feel the need for us to offer a unificationist viewpoint in contrast.

Often I use my intuition about which programs to put on. It takes about a week to get a program aired after I submit it to the station. Interestingly, often right at the time it is airing, something related to that program happens to come into the forefront of public interest and discussion. Often the programs I air are very timely. Sometimes mainstream media lift ideas from our programming and then our insights become widely discussed, even to the national level. I have seen Jay Leno on *The Tonight Show*

TV and True Family Values

and even the national news broadcaster talking about something that was aired on *Unificationism*. To see how much *Unificationism* Television Show is affecting my community, I read papers, and I listen to radio and TV.

For example I aired True Father's court case on cable TV. Many were shocked to see the government persecuting a religious leader so! Many black ministers realized that the government attacked Rev. Moon just as they did Rev. Martin Luther King. Almost immediately after I aired True Father's court case, a large group of black ministers demanded a new investigation into Dr. King's death.

Similarly, when I was airing True Family Values, suddenly the whole town was talking about true love and family values in their churches. I usually air CAUSA lectures when there is an election, and again I can clearly see the influence of our media on the mainstream media. I

have even seen a very liberal newspaper change to a moderate newspaper after I aired a CAUSA series! So there is definitely an audience out there.

The teachings of True Parents reveal such a depth of heavenly truth that people must respect and honor True Parents after seeing their lifestyle and accomplishments. This is what gives me the most joy in my television work. The world is thirsting for this teaching, and the time is right for spreading the word. The audience is just drinking in the Divine Principle!

Earlier in the eighties, the program *Word and Deed* was aired from New York throughout America. It was a very good program with D. P. Lectures and interviews. I did a little research as to why it was canceled. I found out that there was that a lack of response to the program in that no members were gained through it. It's true that I very seldom get phone

God's actions are not haphazard; He does not do things without cause.

Evidence of the power of getting the Principle out there through public television

Creating Models for Peace in Thailand

by Delia Javanasundara
& John W. Gehring

The need to create models of religious cooperation and harmony is greater then any time in history. Many of the regions of the world are experiencing a growing tension and episodic violence. The IIFWP has unique resources to bring to the field as a result of the involvement of a wide network of leaders who are active in the realm of religion, and in the fields of politics, media and the academy.

One approach to the IIFWP's peace building effort is mobilizing young adults from various religious and ethnic backgrounds and drawing them together through a program of public service . The service element is enriched with activities and programs that promote cultural and religious understanding, provide leadership training and pass on insights on building bridges to cross barriers that exist between people. The Religious Youth Service (RYS), a project of the IIFWP, has been practically implementing such models for more then 15 years.

The RYS embodies the idealism and energy of youth while drawing its strength from the shared spiritual treasure that the World's Religions provide. Those involved in its work have gone into the edges of conflict in Sri Lanka, Belfast, and Croatia, they have worked substantially to promote reconciliation n Guatemala, Honduras and South Africa and have provided hope to others in over forty nations. The work of the RYS has become more effective over time and the support that the Ambassador's for Peace and others are providing has lifted its

ability to move larger segments of society.

Thailand RYS

On October 13-20 the IIFWP in cooperation with Thailand's Ambassadors for Peace, mobilized seventy young peace-makers from seven nations to contribute to a Religious Youth Service (RYS) project in Thailand's Phrae Province. The project volunteers worked hard to help construct a public welfare center while their interactions and programs focused on the projects theme of : "Building inter-religious harmony among youth through dialogue and action"

The Religious Youth Service (RYS) Project in Thailand was inspired in part by the United Nations Declaration for the year 2001 as "International Year of Volunteers (IYV)". The importance of volunteer work goes well beyond the external contribution of helping construct buildings for it provides a foundation for individuals and families to practice service. It is through the heart of a volunteer that individuals and families will gain strength and grow in character. In a strong sense, the RYS works to provide "service for peace".

The Thailand RYS project was the seventh hosted in the nation and the ninety eighth of its kind. The project was made possible through the broad based cooperation of international and

local organizations. International support came from the IIFWP and the Women's Federation for World Peace-Japan, while local and national support came from the Youth Federation for World Peace, Thailand, the Foundation for Development and Peace and the Public Welfare Office and the Association of the Public Welfare Volunteers of Phrae Province. Pulling together individuals and orga-

of the neighboring village of Saipao are drug users or drug dealers

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony on October 13 was held at Maeyom Palace Thaneer Hotel and was attended by 51 government officials. Among those in attendance were the Hon. Amornpan Nimanantha, Governor of Phrae Province, Hon. M.R. Sukumphand Buriphatra, Member of Parliament and the former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Siriwan Prasjaksatthru. The seventy RYS volunteers could feel the value of the work they were undertaking by the support they were receiving from such distinguished leaders.

Prior to the work portion of the RYS project, Mrs. Fazida Razak (RYS Asia Training Director) and Professor Sharifah Shakirah from Malaysia guided the staff orientation and the education program. Prof. Kirti Bunchua, president of IRFWP-Thailand contributed to various aspects of the education program.

An important element of the RYS program is the morning meditation which is assigned to a participant from each of the faiths represented on the project. After breakfast, the work was started and ran from 8 to 12 p.m. During the afternoons we visited a mosque, a temple and a Catholic Church. Through these visits and afternoon lectures from people of those faiths, the participants

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nizational support from a wider network helps substantial work get accomplished which could not be accomplished alone.

The Project began with a staff orientation in Bangkok which served to create a sense of unity. A long seven hour bus journey followed and brought the staff and participants together in a small mountain top village in Saipao of Rongkwang District in Phrae Province. This village is located at the top of the mountain to encourage the villagers to keep away from drugs for most of the settlers

Upcoming RYS Projects in 2002

April 19 - 28: Nakorn Si Thamarat in Southern Thailand

Ambassadors for Peace RYS Initiative. During this project we will work in the rural community of Nakorn Si Thamarat. Participants will construct a classroom and involve themselves in the local community. Cost for international participation is \$250 (special consideration for national participants)

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April 28 - 29: Regional RYS Training Program in Southern Thailand

Following the Thai RYS project, a special international leadership program will be offered for selected RYS alumni and

community organizers who are interested in organizing service programs, RYS projects and other interfaith programs. Program fee: \$50

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May 6 - 13: Malaysia, near the Thai border

Our volunteers will work with a local university and NGO's in creating a model of cross-cultural service. This largely Muslim community has invited participants of all faiths and cultures to take part in a variety of service activities including the construction of a community education center.

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June 29 - 30: Koror, Palau Leadership Training Program (Tentative dates)

A leadership seminar for those that want to learn more about public service, character education and interfaith and inter-cultural cooperation.

July: Albania (exact dates to be announced)

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July 11 - 31: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras

IIFWP Ambassadors for Peace: 13th Friendship America's Project. Beginning in Guatemala City this Central America project will have 70 international students travel to three nations: Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. They will take part in education and cultural pro-

grams, labor in community service projects at local hospitals, schools, and in areas of disrepair. This is the 13th RYS Friendship America Project and it is a substantial contribution towards ecumenical and inter-cultural cooperation. The cost for participation is \$750 (does not cover international travel)

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August 1 - 2: Guatemala City

RYS Regional Training Program and an IIFWP seminar will be held for RYS alumni leaders and community activist interested in promoting the ideals of interfaith cooperation and cross-cultural cooperation. Fee: \$100 includes hotel and

meals. (alternative arrangements possible)

Contact person: Daniel Bessel at ubrys@hotmail.com

August 6 - 17: Trinidad and Tobago

Returning to Trinidad and Tobago and working in cooperation with Prime Minister Patrick Manning and other Ambassadors for Peace, we will work with Habitat for Humanity and other service organizations. Time in the program will include visits to Muslim, Christian and Hindu sites of worship, cultural programs, and time to visit the beeches and other areas of beauty. Cost of the project \$400.

Contact Person: John Gehring at John@rys.net

August 18 - 19: Trinidad and Tobago Regional RYS Training

Following the project a special program will be held for training youth leaders in developing the heart, mind and skills for being better prepared to be peace makers. Cost \$100

Contact Person: John Gehring at John@rys.net

August 9 - 18: Zambia 6th Africa Rising Project

Returning to Zambia after building a school for orphans of AIDS, our project will work to pull participants from East and Southern Africa along with international participants in an effort to build a model of ethnic, tribal and religious harmony. Cost: For Africans \$50, for those residing outside of Africa the cost is \$350.

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by J. Hammond Robinson

Genetic research is attempting to locate the source of behavior in the genes. But they won't find a genetic source of evil behavior because original sin is not carried and passed on by the genes even though it passes through the physical body.

Original sin is transmitted through the memes. The Oxford English Dictionary defines the meme as an element of a culture that may be considered to be passed on by non-genetic means, esp. imitation.

Physical beings (the animals) learn new actions by seeing others doing it. I don't know about the 'hundredth monkey' idea, but definitely all the monkeys which see a useful behavior will begin to imitate what they have seen.

People learn certain behaviors in the same way; by observing and then imitating the behavior. This is why theater is so powerful. Plays and movies and TV (anything with a visual component, or with words which can be easily visualized) influence behavior by showing people doing certain things. And when those behaviors are imitated they become part of the body's kinetic memory. The memory of the behaviors are acted out by whomever sees them.

In this way a cultural meme can be picked up and spread through a society. This is how foreigners become part of a society; they imitate what they see others doing. This is how foreigners become Americanized, and is how Americans pick up new behaviors which become part of American society.

Tourists can transform a society by setting a behavioral example. Television and movies from America have resulted in the Americanization of the world.

The Presidential election of 2000 is a clear example of the transformative ability of the meme. Many Americans have accepted the idea that the internationally televised reports of the controversial election embarrassed the country. But no one was watching a republic hold an exciting election. They were paying attention to the fact that there was no bloodshed connected to the controversial elec-

Original Sin: The Adam and Eve Meme

tion of George Bush.

And they picked up the cultural meme which demonstrates that political controversy need not result in armed conflict. They saw with their own eyes that political authority could be peacefully transferred even when there is a great deal of uncertainty connected with the transfer of wealth and power.

The 2000 election was a rather intense demonstration of a foreign meme entering global society, but there had been others examples of American political

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stability. The resignation of Richard Nixon demonstrated that if a society is organized in a certain way, it can endure the toppling of a living head of state. Nixon showed that there is nothing to fear from putting down the reins of power; and over time that it's possible to return to the global stage with even more cultural influence than before. Jimmy Carter is demonstrating this point with his post-presidential activities.

The American meme is the product of a complex series of cultural behaviors. But even the almost-magical American culture has not been able to erase behavior so bad that it can only be called 'evil'. These 'evil' behaviors are caused by the Original Sin.

Original Sin got started a long time ago when the first ancestors deviated from the ideal path. The Fall of Man took place when Adam and Eve had a physical relationship before they were emotionally and spiritually ready for it. The experience caused them to focus almost exclusively on the physical world of pleasure, and caused them to ignore the sublime experience of God's love.

It was much the same as enjoying the

sweetness of corn. Corn has a natural sweetness which is quite pleasant. Many foods are naturally sweet, and make an enjoyable meal. But if a child eats candy before a meal, the natural sweetness of the foods are over-powered by the sweetness of the

candy, and the child loses interest in the wide variety of nutritious food that are essential to life.

When Adam and Eve fell, they had a physical experience which distracted them from the love of God; and they picked up the 4 fallen natures; failure to take God's standpoint, leaving one's proper position, reversing dominion, and multiplying the criminal act.

The 4 fallen natures are passed on through the cultural memes. Failure to take God's standpoint results in certain behaviors. One of those behaviors is leaving one's position; and from there comes the desire to control situations (and people) by any means necessary. Ultimately this desire leads to a reenactment of the original Fall: spiritual murder and/or physical murder.

Cain, Abel and Seth inherited these behaviors from their parents. And the behaviors eventually led to the death of Abel. Cain and Seth not only embodied these behaviors, they passed the memes on to whomever witnessed their behavior. And their children picked up the meme and passed it on to their children, who picked it up from their parents and had the meme reinforced by their grandparents.

The insidiousness of this Adam and Eve meme is that it focuses almost entirely on the physical realm, and on the pleasure of the physical body. Those caught in the Adam and Eve meme either struggle to resist their flesh, (like St. Paul), or they are controlled by the desires and fears of their flesh.

The Jesus-meme gave mankind a degree of freedom from the tyranny of the flesh. Jesus demonstrated that there is a power greater than the flesh; the power of the love of God. This meme subverted the long-established world order and made it possible for the Founding

Fathers to establish America by recognizing what Jesus knew—that mankind is endowed by God with certain unalienable rights which are untouchable by governments of the world.

This American-made meme subverted the positions of monarchs and delegitimized tyrants. And though the meme released human creativity, it did not eliminate all the bad behaviors caused by the 4 fallen natures. Only the Messiah-meme can replace the fallen natures with ideal natures.

I think it's obvious how to absorb the Messiah-meme, (watch everything he does and/or fulfill the formula course); so I want to mention the removal of Original Sin.

The physical body attempts to pursue pleasurable experiences and avoid painful experiences. This is because the body has been spoiled by intense pleasure, and it ignores the subtle joys of life in the vain attempt to repeat the good feelings it had before. This usually causes problems which are compounded when the fallen natures kick in.

How will the Messiah untangle the badly-twisted world?

In brief; he will create a new meme; he will spread this new meme; and he will open the realm which has been the lynch-pin of satan's control: sex.

Obviously sex was created by God; but it has become a tool of satan. The Messiah must return sex back to its Godly roots. When people have absorbed the Messiah-meme they are ready for the final step: marriage to another person who has absorbed the Messiah-meme. Together they can have 'absolute sex' and are free from satan's control.

Children raised in such a family will inherit the Messiah-meme from their parents and pass it on to their children. The children will have the Messiah-meme re-enforced by the behavior of their grandparents, and it will continue to spread from generation to generation.

So to sum up this short piece, the Messiah will restore the world by living on Earth and Blessing everyone in marriage. The only question which remains is this: If the Jesus-meme produced the American-meme, which has changed the world, what will be the effect of the SMM-meme? ♦

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were able to understand the strength of each religion.

The RYS program brings people from all ages, all races, cultures and faiths together for the purpose of sharing and living for the sake of others. This RYS project was very unique because it involved 13 Muslim youth the largest group to take part in this predominately Buddhist culture. Some interesting notes include that all the Muslim men agreed to sleep one night at the Buddhist temple. We also had a chance to visit a Buddhist Monastery and observe the "Movement Meditation" where the monks use hand movement or walking while meditating and not closing their eyes.

Work Service Brings People Together

RYS participants enjoyed working together with the villagers for the head of the village assigned (in rotation) 35 men to help in the construction and an additional 14 housewives for preparing meals and snacks for the volunteers. Every morning, these 14 housewives

woke early in the morning to prepare breakfast for 70 people. The environment created through this care is a good example of "One Big Family Under God" for all the fathers helped in the building of the Public Welfare Center, while the mothers were cooking the food of love to feed the family, and the children (RYS participants) helped the fathers in the morning and in the afternoon they were studying.

We divided into two different work sites with one helping in the construction of the Public Welfare Center where they joined 35 skilled workers and created human chains to pass buckets with sand and gravel bricks and blocks. The second group cleaned the fence of the Buddhist temple and the Child Day Care Center and painted it the following day.

During the project, a number of high officials came to the work site including the Governor of Phrae Province, the Hon. Siriwan Prasjaksatthru, the District Officer of the Department of Social Welfare, Rungkwang District and several officers of the Agricultural Extension. Most of these top officials brought fruits and cookies for the RYS participants.

The Closing Ceremony was held beside

the nearly finished Public Welfare Center where we invited the entire village (of 200) to have dinner together with the RYS participants. Joining the dinner and the closing ceremony was the Hon. Siriwan Prasjaksatthru, mayor of Rongkwang and the Director of the Department of Public Welfare of Phrae Province. While together testimonies were shared by the village head, a village youth representative, and RYS participants from Malaysia and Vietnam.

Quotes from RYS Participants

"At first, I am expecting something different from the camp. But as I continue day by day, I was touched and felt so good. I have attended many camps, but I think this camp was perfect. It was planned well and I was impressed by all the staff and villagers for their good cooperation. They are all united into one. I was really very impressed." (Muslim, representative from Pattani, South of Thailand)

"I would like to take part in an RYS Project every year! Where will it take place and in which country? I would like to attend again." (from Japan)

"I would like to see RYS projects held often, because this kind of activity will bring unity or even peace. Through RYS, youth is like an 'angel of peace'." (from Phrae Province) ♦

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BRIDGEPORT INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY NEWS

Bridgeport International Academy began a new semester this January, with several new courses and exciting activities. Here are a few articles written by the students to update you on what's been going on at BIA and its local community the past few months.

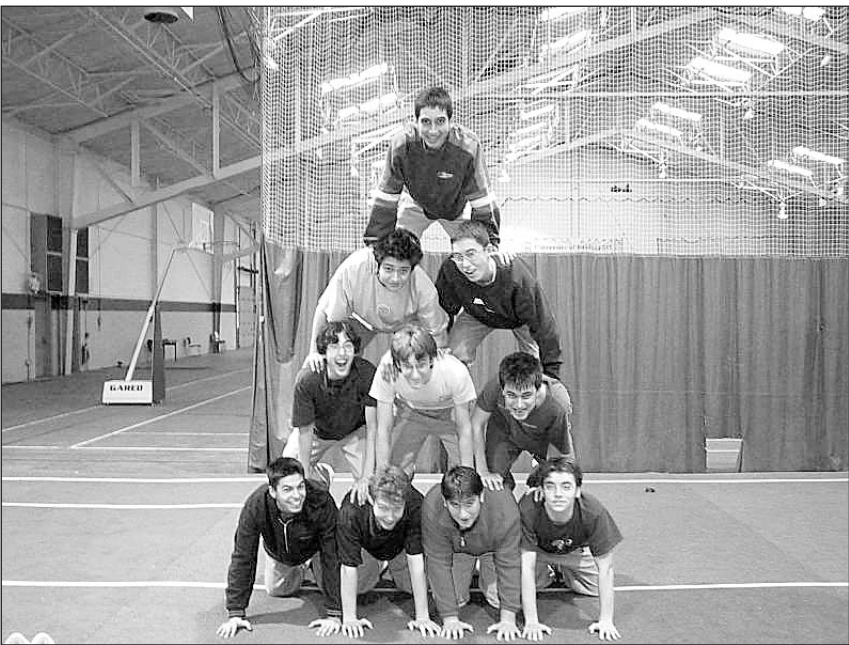
Valentine's Day Fundraiser

by Chris Breland

Love is in the air! Might as well take advantage of it, and make a little profit on the side, decided the student council at BIA this Valentine's Day. Like every year, the BIA held its annual flower fundraiser this month. We hoped to outdo the profits of last year and come through with a very lucrative event.

So, this year we purchased a total of 1,500 roses, which still had to be prettied up quite a bit before sold. The whole school contributed time towards preparing for the selling. As a group, we plucked petals, stripped thorns, and wrapped roses for hours. Then, on both Valentine's Day as well as the day before, we went out in teams and sold flowers on street corners all over Bridgeport and Marina Dining Hall. It was a lot of hard work for everyone, but all in good cause: We made over \$1350 dollars in pure profit! This money was near double what had been earned the year before.

As we all looked on the great sum of money gathered, we decided to tithe part of it to the local church after all the fundraisers of the year had been completed. The rest would go to end of the year trips and parties, all funded by the student council! It just goes to show that hard work always pays off in the end.



Bottom: Josh Scazzero, Masjo Ward, Theodore Kirkley, Nik Cook; second row: Andrew Peterson, Konrad Kathan, Abraham Deshotel; third row: Chris Martinez, Nathan Breland; top: Chris Breland

Broadcast Media Second Semester

by Masjo Ward

Broadcast media is the course taught by Mr. Deshotel. Our class meets twice a week, and sometimes for out-of-class filming assignments. It's exciting to be able to work with cameras and movies, all while learning the proper production process. Last semester, I also took part in this course, and completed a humorous movie, Cold Drinks (absolute masterpiece), which was a lot of fun to create. Mr. Deshotel knows everything about filming, and all in all it's a great class.

The Debate Team

by Chris Breland

The debate team is BIA's most active club this year, continuing now for the second semester. Consisting originally of a group of newbies with little experience beyond arguments with their siblings, this small club has performed astoundingly in tournaments. BIA made itself known in the debating community through winning top trophies in statewide competition. Through hard work and consistent practice, this team has wowed judges everywhere. Without dispute, this club will definitely continue for many succeeding years at Bridgeport International.

Basketball Team

by Yoda DeGroot

This year has been a very interesting one for the basketball team. The team consists of people of all different skill levels. Players went from not knowing how to dribble a basketball to shooting jump shots and learning the zone defense. We have learned how to play as a team and get along as players.

MACH

by Konrad Kathan

This semester, a new class was included in the BIA curriculum. The program is called MACH, for Music and Arts Center for Humanity. It's taught by Mr. Wayne Hiller. This class is a lot of fun because it teaches young people how to become better at playing jazz music, and enhances their ability to play in general. We hope that our hard work will let us play at jazz concerts over the summer, and get paid while doing it.

Swimming Team

by Nathan Breland

Three times a week many BIA students wake up in the morning for 7:00 swimming at Wheeler Recreation Center. Feodor, the instructor, teaches and corrects us in our strokes. Though many of us started out lacking swimming and breathing skills, by now everybody can swim multiple laps consecutively for the whole hour of practice. It was clear to everyone that we had improved ourselves greatly in many ways.

General News

This semester has seen the start of Saturday Night Meetings, where Connecticut Second Generation come to participate in Divine Principle lectures and activities once a week. Hosted by CARP members Grace Lee and Lillie Kirkley, these meetings have been both inspirational and fun for all that attends them.

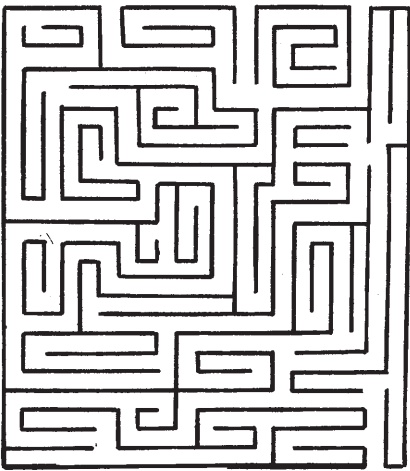
Well, that's all we have for now. Keep looking for when we post more news from BIA. If you are interested in learning more about our school, please contact the student council at biastudentcouncil@hotmail.com. You can also contact the school by calling (203) 334-3434, emailing: biahighschool@hotmail.com, or through the mailing address: Bridgeport International Academy, 400 Linden Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06604. ♦

FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of picking daffodils in the garden



Help them find the daffodils

Joyful Love

Confessions of a Nursery School Student in God's School of Love



PETER F. BROWN
Peter is an author and web site provider and designer located in Virginia Beach, VA

One of my longest-running and most heartfelt prayers over the years has been to understand how to adequately express love to others. I was a loner in my youth, and had no idea how to extend my heart toward others. Being easily hurt, I avoided the risk of pain that came with human interaction. After spending the last thirty years attempting to grow spiritually, I'm now convinced that my status in life is best described as that of "a nursery school student in God's school of love". To me, that's quite a big step, considering the fact that I had once been described as "a little Hitler" and a "person with no heart". Even though my teacher meant the little Hitler phrase in jest, it was true that I had spent too much time in the realm of intellect and doing things by the book. Eventually, through God's mercy and with the help of my softhearted wife, I began to realize that expressing

God's love to others was more important than a life centered on legalism. It finally became clear to me that searching for truth and living a life of faith required an acknowledgment that love was the highest truth of all. An intelligent reader will at once say, "Well, I could have told you that." Sigh. Yes, indeed. That's why I'm still in nursery school. It's ironic that in our search for God we sometimes forget that love is the original motivation for everything, and instead spend a great deal of time in "righteousness". It's a subtle trap, for righteousness is often motivated by a faithful desire to attain goodness. Unfortunately, righteousness without love is empty. It only carries a person so far, before one begins to feel unfulfilled. River beds are fine things, but without an everlasting supply of water surging between their banks, they're just gullies filled with rocks. The water of love is extraordinary. It slips into places where nothing else can go. It embraces and covers the roughest of exteriors. It's soft and gentle, yet it's the strongest power in the universe. When one thinks long enough about it, it becomes logically apparent

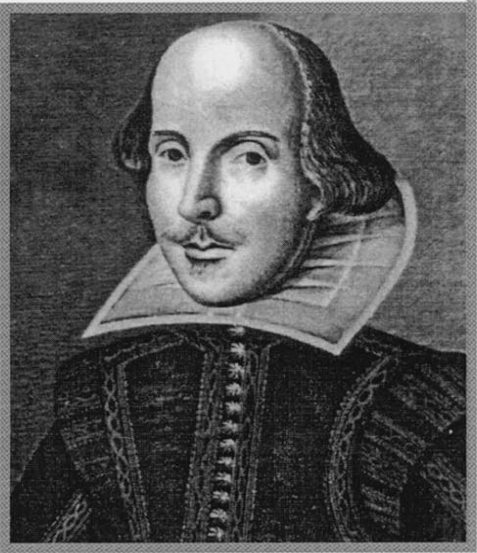
that God wouldn't have spent vast eons of time creating the universe for His children unless He was driven by the passion of eternal love. I think passion is a good way to describe the depth of feeling that God must have had as He expressed His white-hot, burning transcendent love in the creation of the universe. The universe doesn't reflect casual or dutiful love. God's love at the time of creation couldn't have been a love that echoed off the walls of dry religious libraries. It was a love that was meant to be perceived and felt. We're staggered by the beauty of creation. We feel God's love endlessly as we drink in the sensory overload of what He made for us. More than anything, we feel how much God understands us. He knows every part of us. Harvard Ph.D. Patrick Glynn writes in *God: The Evidence* that scientists are now realizing that the entire universe was designed down to the subatomic level for only one purpose — to support the lives of human beings. What could the motivation for such infinite meticulousness be, but the desire to express love to His children?

With God as our example of parental love, it becomes a no-brainer to compare our own quality of unselfish love. With every passing year, I become even more intensely aware that "knowing" about truth is insufficient if I can't express God's love to the person next to me. The real kicker is that the person next to me is the final arbiter of whether or not I get a good grade with my nursery school assignment. If the object of my love doesn't perceive my love and doesn't feel joy because of my love, then did I express God's love adequately? I'm convinced that the innermost heart of each person is directly connected to God's heart, very much like a spiritual umbilical cord that grants each person the capability to feel and express God's love. Although love includes many flavors, such as the strict love of a disciplining parent, I believe that the essence and goal of love is the joy felt in its exchange. Joyful love between God and each person, and between all human beings, will eventually create the atmosphere of the world we all dream about. Until then, I'm working hard to get to the first grade. Peter F. Brown has a web page at <http://worldcommunity.com> and you can reach him via email peter-brown@worldcommunity.com. ♦

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Remembering Tom Wojcik

by Lynn Musgrave Criner

On September 28, 2001, our brother, Tom Wojcik ascended into the spirit world. The Seung Hwa Ceremony was held Oct. 2 at Fort Lincoln Funeral Home in Brentwood, Maryland.

Tom Wojcik led an exciting life fraught with peril and full of adventure. His exploits began when he joined the army in the 1960s to fight in Vietnam. They continued after he joined our church in 1973. After plenty of fundraising, witnessing, and lecturing for CARP, and stints as a state and regional leader, Tom, together with his wife Kitty, became a missionary first to Zaire in 1990.

With other church members, one day Tom went to look at the Congo. Suddenly, a group of military men with machine guns surrounded them. Looking at the river was not free, they argued, and the missionaries would have to pay up. Luckily one member was able to handle the situation or else they would all have been robbed or worse.

From Zaire, Tom and Kitty went to Russia in 1991. Tom set off for Moscow ahead of his family. Kitty and four of their six children: Tath, Misun, Gil, and Sonny, followed him soon afterward. Kitty said later that she and the children couldn't get the plane they were supposed to take and spent the night unexpectedly in Helsinki, Finland, with no money and no way to get in touch with Tom. The next day, however, she managed to get a flight to Moscow. As the family finally reached the gate in the Moscow airport, Kitty found Tom standing there waiting. Perhaps this fortuitous moment was the result of good conditions somewhere

in the cosmos, but Kitty thought it was because Tom was intuitive—a quality that stood him in good stead on numerous occasions.

Working in Moscow is not an easy mission for a family. For example, food is often not in the stores. Regardless of how much money you have, you can't purchase food unless you can find it. Everyone must hunt for food, and this was a mission Tom undertook with zeal. One of his friends in Moscow recalls a morning when both of them found a few items for breakfast—one had eggs and coffee; the other, bacon and bread. Well, the obvious solution was for their two families to eat together that morning.

The Wojcik's fifth child, Tommy, was born in Moscow. When his baby teeth came in, there were only a few of them. Tom said that every child in Tommy's kindergarten, like Tommy, resembled a haggie-toothed old man. Whatever the causes of the missing baby teeth, it turned out that the neighborhood where the Wojciks were living had secretly been used as a nuclear waste dump. Their whole family was somewhat affected, but none so much as their smallest child.

The Wojciks liked being in Moscow, however. Tom lectured and gave Sunday services (usually by reading True Father's words). Kitty said that he tried to teach the members in Moscow to be self-reliant. Tom was a talented artist and musician. He played the guitar,

trumpet, and piano, and wrote songs. During his time in the Soviet Union, he brought laughter to members by performing as Zippo the Clown. He made American-style popcorn and served it himself to the members when they came to his home.

The Wojcik's finally came back to the United States from Moscow to take

of her liver, and she did in the fall of 1998.

The operation was quite new at the time. Tom was the third person in the USA to receive a liver transplant from a living donor. The Wojciks' operation was extensively covered in the media, including the "Los Angeles Times," "The Washington Post," PBS television and even international media. The Wojciks were interviewed by the Korean Discovery Television Channel, which agreed that, indeed, they were "matched by God."

Tom hoped for recovery, but despite ups and downs, it eventually became clear that he was so allergic to the various anti-rejection drugs, and had other complications, and might remain in peril. Eventually, on September 11, 2001, Tom slipped into a coma. He ascended into the spiritual world on September 28, succumbing to a combination of pneumonia and liver and kidney damage due to pancreatitis.

Tom's Seung Hwa was held in Washington, DC, in an old historic cemetery that had been a battlefield in both the War of 1812 and the Civil War. An overflow crowd sent him off after

lots of good testimonies. Tom's second daughter, Misun, sang a sweet love song. Many beautiful and tearful testimonies were given by Howard Self, Cheryl Wetzstein, Steven Stanecki Kozlowski, Kevin McCarthy, and Kitty Wojcik. The emcee was William Selig.

During Tom's illness, so many people in our church, and in other churches as well, helped the Wojciks to survive. Their generosity so moved and uplifted Tom and Kitty. One of Tom's last acts was to pen, together with Kitty, a letter of thanks to all who made it possible for the family to make it. In that letter he said, "In eternity, the Wojcik family bears witness to that portion of your life and love which we received and forever remember."

Tom was raised a Catholic in Chicago, and he was religious all of his life except for a brief period in Vietnam when he was convinced by his buddies that religion was meaningless. Shortly thereafter, when he became aware of his folly—and especially after he met True Parents—he became deeply religious again. He was grateful to serve True Parents and didn't mind the risks he took.

It is likely that Tom is presently serving together with Tiger Park, the Korean National Messiah to Pakistan who ascended a number of years ago. Kitty feels that Tom is always present in her family and mission life. All prayers for their mission are welcome.

Tom and Kitty have six children: Tath (17), Misun (16), Gil Won (13), Sonny (10), Tommy (8), and Natalia (5). Another child was conceived by them and offered to their dear friends who had been trying to conceive a child for years but couldn't.

Love donations may be sent to the Wojcik Family Fund, c/o Ana Mizani, 10606 Glen Wild Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Lynn Musgrave Criner is a free lance writer and editor and a friend of Tom and Kitty Wojcik. ❖



Tom and Kitty with their family

care of sick relatives. Their last child, Natalia, was born here. Kitty said that she nearly died then and was amazed to find Tom by her bedside when she had thought he was traveling for the church. Once again, Tom's intuition stood him in good stead.

Soon afterward, in 1997, Tom and Kitty were chosen to become the American national messiahs to Pakistan. Tom set off on his first visit. This time, he careened around Pakistan's back roads, nearly falling off cliffs, as he undertook to meet with various Pakistani officials. As the days went by, he felt stranger and stranger. He said that as he traveled, his hosts would feed him, and he would feel more and more and more bloated. Finally, his liver nearly failed.

It turned out that Tom had hepatitis C. Over time, it causes the liver to harden until blood can no longer flow through it. Eventually, so much blood backs up that it begins to rupture blood vessels. Tom's life was in danger. He went to the hospital only to discover that he could not get the help he needed and had to return to the United States. Sick and reeling, he went to the airport only to be stopped on a technicality. Luckily, he had the presence of mind to drop the names of some important Pakistani officials who had received him, and finally he was in the air and on his way home.

When Tom got back to the United States, he was placed on a list to receive a liver transplant. As the weeks went by, however, it became clear that no liver was available. Although the doctors were able to keep him alive by thinning his blood and lowering his blood pressure, Tom was gray with illness and could barely see. Then, it turned out that his wife, Kitty, was a perfect match; she could give him half

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Will They Have Faith: Raising Faithful Teens

by Kathy Winings, EdD

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In *The Way for Young People*, True Father states that “the adolescent period is very beautiful. . .” and that the “young ones are standing at the turning point of good and evil; therefore, if you make one wrong step, you will fall into a steep and deep hollow.” I am sure that at times, it does seem like our teens are on the verge of falling into a very deep hollow from which they cannot climb out. Yet, at other times, we may feel that our children and teens are simply awe-inspiring when we hear them speak up for purity, act unselfishly, and pray with never-ending tears to our Father in Heaven. Modern culture being what it is, all of us worry whether or not our children will survive the myriad temptations that confront them in a daily basis. All of us ask: Will our children be faithful? Will they mature to become men and women who will liberate God's heart and lead their generation to the Kingdom of Heaven?

Today's youth are facing tremendous obstacles, challenges and temptations. Making the right decisions are not as easy as they once may have been. Walt Mueller offers an excellent resource for a concerned parent or dedicated youth worker in his book, *Understanding Today's Youth Culture*. He has also created a newsletter—*Youth Culture 2000*—that provides an informed view of day-to-day fads, music, books, and trends. There are also other resources that provide important analysis of the culture that surrounds our children and teens.

What can we say about the world in which our children and teens live? Standards of right and wrong, questions of morals, values and ethics—all of this seems to be more than confusing for today's youth. For example, it seems that anything goes in dress and style. One is free to have their own viewpoint which only serves to create a dizzying array of influences and options that bombard our youth. Youth are surrounded by friends and peers who are either self-centered or self-absorbed, narrowly focusing on their own personal world. In our consumer-oriented world, youth are given the message that identity and worth are shaped by what they wear, own or drive. More and more youth are relationally impoverished because one third of them are the product of divorce or blended families and others live isolated and lonely lives.

In addition, life is fast-paced and filled with tremendous stress. With the increase in youth-initiated violence, children and teens often go to school with a real fear for their safety. Youth seem to mature much faster than previous generations yet they have fewer responsibilities. Decisions concerning

drug and alcohol use, sexual intimacy, anorexia, and other forms of self-destruction are a daily reality.

On the other hand, technological advances and electronic consciousness have enabled our youth to do things we only dreamed about in our youth. The world of our youth is indeed much smaller and closer to home. The religious and cultural diversity of our schools and neighborhoods have enabled our children to be more tolerant of others and to recognize the gifts that other cultures offer. The opportunities and blessings that today's generation faces in many parts of the world are awesome.

These are just a few of the many ways that we might describe the world that our children and teens are experiencing today. Yet, the question remains: Will our children become faithful men and women of God? How can we help them face the good and the bad that surrounds them with a clear heart and mind? How can we as parents, teachers and community members ensure that our teens will become the men and women of God that they were destined to be?

I believe the answer lies in a three-fold approach to youth work. These three points are: family/community system; peer ministry; and youth ministry. First, what do I mean by family/community system? Traditionally, much of Christian education has been



based on a church-centered, family-supported system. In other words, the church was responsible for most of the educational programs and activities. It was felt that the church was in the position to offer the best religious education when compared to the family. Consequently, parents were viewed as secondary teachers or a support for the real teachers—the Sunday School teachers in the church.

But that needs to change. What our youth need is a family-centered and church-supported education system. Rather than the family supporting the church's programs, the church should be supporting the family as the primary form of education. This includes family camps, family workshops, Sunday classes for each age group—not simply the children and teens—allow-

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ing the family can worship together, parenting sessions, and resource offerings that help parents become the primary teachers of their children. Of course, Hoon Dok Hae is our universal tradition but there are ways to strengthen our Hoon Dok Hae time together. This also means publishing home study materials and resources so that parents and children together can have a profound experience with God.

The second level that is vital for true education is peer ministry. This is where our older teens and young adults are important. Children look up to their

older brothers and sisters, whether they like to admit it or not. They enjoy being around them, doing things together. This is why having a peer ministry system of older youth is so important. As ministers, teachers and parents, we need to encourage older teens to become involved in children's ministry and youth ministry. Then we need to continue to support their peer ministry by giving them the skills they need to support the teaching and work of religious education. I have utilized such opportunities

in the past as youth minister of Westchester. In addition, Brian Sabourin and I developed a counselor and assistant counselor training program for the summer programs at Camp Sunrise in the past. Such programs allow us to nurture the initial enthusiasm of our peer ministers and at the same time, help them expand their skills and gifts. After all, today's peer ministers can be the children's and youth ministers of tomorrow.

Finally, we need a strong and vital children's ministry and youth ministry system in each church. That means we need to find those adults who feel called to this vocation and then ensure that they receive the training they need to be effective ministers. We often think that as long as we “teach” our youth the concepts and information they need to become mature men and women of

God, then they will be fine. Or we think that if we just surround our children and youth with enough peer ministers, they will be fine. But it isn't enough.

Teaching isn't the only thing our youth need—they also need to be ministered to as they make their way through the maze of life's decisions. That is why peer ministers are not enough. They don't have the skills, tools, wisdom and training necessary to handle the hard questions and issues our youth face. Our children and youth need ministers around them who understand children and youth issues, developmental needs, and who can provide wise counsel. This becomes even more important when we read studies that have shown that when teens have at least 4 significant adults in their life, other than their parents, they are more likely to become mature and faithful adults themselves. Ideally, the training of these ministers would include a seminary education with a specialty in either children's ministry or youth ministry.

When we put this together, our youth will be surrounded by peers and adults who create a dynamic support system for them. Parents and family, older peers, and caring ministers form a trinity system around the youth that can teach, guide, and nurture in the truest sense of the word. This is true religious education at work: a family-centered church-supported system in which parents are supported in being the central educator of God's heart and ideal with a secondary system that includes peer ministers and trained ministers. Each circle of religious education can then make use of diverse ways to teach our children and youth, whether it be creative and inspired teaching methods, experiential learning, or service and living for the sake of others.

Will our children have faith? I believe the answer is “yes.” But we will have to take this responsibility seriously. As True Father has said, “If you miss the time, you must know that the era will pass by without you even noticing, leaving behind *han* in history.” This is true for our children's and youth ministries—this is the opportune time for us to develop a strong and vibrant ministry to youth before this era passes us by and, more importantly, passes our youth by.

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40 YEARS IN AMERICA

by Dr. Michael Mickler

The year 1976 was a year of extremes. On the one hand, it was remembered as the year in which opposition to the movement reached its peak. The kidnapping and deprogramming of members continued, there was a bombing of a church center in France, negative parent groups in the U.S. coalesced and were able to gain a public hearing before a powerful senator and numerous federal officials, and by the end of the year mainstream Jewish, Protestant and Catholic bodies turned on the Church. On the other hand, in spite of these obstacles, the movement carried out rallies on a huge scale at Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument; it continued to acquire major properties including the 40-story, 2,000 room New Yorker Hotel which overlooked Madison Square Garden in midtown Manhattan; and on December 31st, the movement began publication of a daily New York newspaper, *The News World*. According to Rev. Moon, his secret and the secret of the Unification Church “is that by being attacked and attacked we emerge victorious and prosperous.” Although there were additional, unexpected peaks of persecution to come, this principle clearly was operative in 1976.

The two major events of the year were the great rallies at Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument. Together, they closed out the proclamation phase of Rev. Moon’s ministry in America and provided the foundation for building a substantial movement worldwide. Rev. Moon understood that a failure to achieve success in these rallies would be a serious, even fatal blow to his ministry in America and the world. He also understood that the openness and expressions of goodwill with which the American public had greeted his earlier Day of Hope tours was quickly eroding. Hence, there was a sense of desperation in relation to the two campaigns. In one speech, Rev. Moon stated that the two rallies represented the “greatest battle” he had fought in his life. Convinced that success in America would have a dramatic impact on Europe and Asia, he instructed that “everything” be directed toward the goal of filling Yankee Stadium and the Washington Monument grounds.

The movement had eighteen months to prepare for Yankee Stadium. Dur-

ing that time, Rev. Moon inaugurated Barrytown Training in order to expand the church’s membership base as noted. However, he also utilized other means. In July 1975, he set up a 150-member American IOWC team in New York which differed from the Barrytown approach. Whereas the premise of Barrytown Training was that the movement could multiply its membership best through the efforts of solitary pioneers, the IOWC

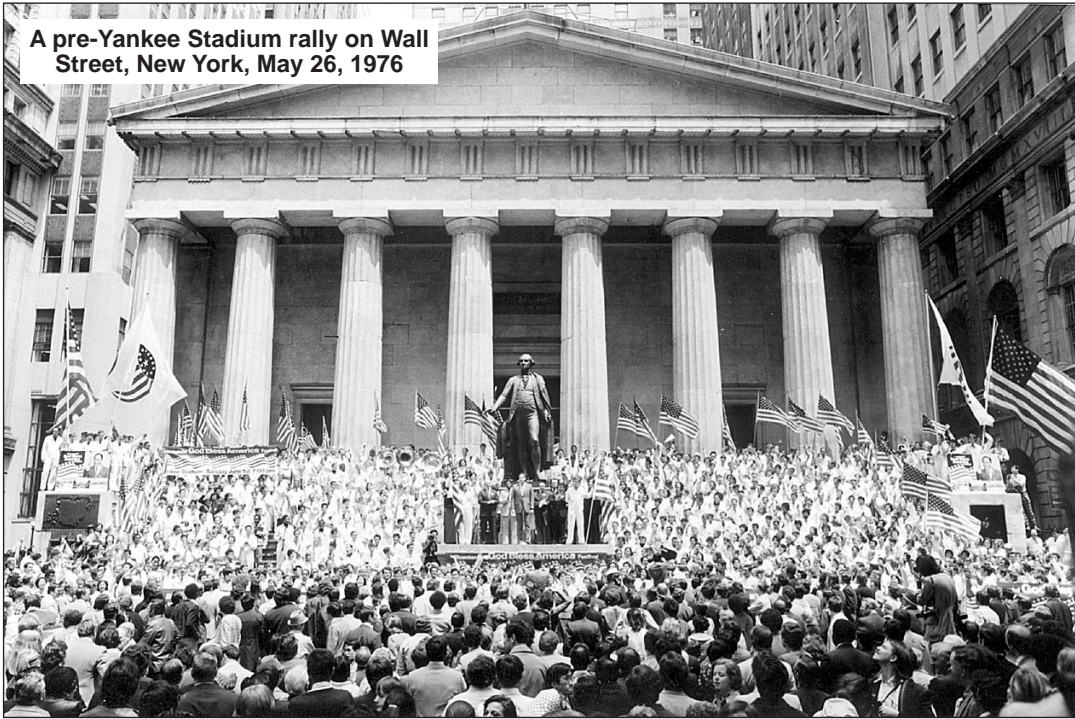
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worked according to the previous team model. Secondly, whereas the Barrytown program emphasized obedience and the heavy consequences of failure, the IOWC position was that Rev. Moon had not demanded something from

the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument rallies to the American bicentennial. The movement’s “Bicentennial God Bless America Committee” was accepted as a member of the National Bicentennial Service Alliance on the basis that it planned at least one project of national scope and value. However, there also were several ominous developments. In January 1976, the Church felt compelled to publish “The Truth About Rev. Sun Myung Moon” ads in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* to answer criticism. The kidnapping of members continued, and church leaders faced off against critics in the media. But by far the most ominous development was the coalescing of anti-Church associations, such as Citizens Engaged in Re-Uniting Families (CERF) and Citizens Engaged in Freeing Minds (CEFM). On February 18, 1976, these organizations sponsored “A Day of Affirmation and Protest”

critics with a well-publicized, credible forum to air their grievances before important national-level figures. More troubling from the Church’s point of view was the fact that its spokespersons were excluded from the proceedings. Senator Dole refused to meet with HSA President Neil Salonen before the meeting, though he did consent to meet with two members from Kansas who had escaped from deprogrammers. During the session, church members and their supporters could only maintain a vigil of protest at the back of the meeting room.

The “Dole hearing” precipitated a crisis for the movement. It was one thing to square off against media critics or against deprogrammers operating outside the law. It was quite another to witness one’s accusers receive a sympathetic hearing before a panel of government officials, and to be showcased with no opportunity for defense. The Church regarded this as persecution. Its immediate response was to gather parents to show support for the Church.



them but “inspired something within them.” It also focused less heavily on negative outcomes. As the principal IOWC speaker, Neil Salonen, put it, “If we just push people down about how serious this time is, they are not going to be inspired to come.” Thus, the IOWC was freer to adapt lighter measures. Its three constituent teams, for example, took the names Yan, Kee, and Stadium. Moreover, a highlight of its mini Day of Hope campaign at the New York Biltmore Hotel included leafleting done by members in skunk, kangaroo, teddy bear, rabbit (pink), squirrel and chipmunk costumes at Grand Central Station, Times Square and Rockefeller Center. One would be hard-pressed to imagine Barrytown pioneers in that garb.

The American IOWC brought 2,000 guests to three nights of talks at the Biltmore Hotel. This inspired Rev. Moon who suggested that they undertake campaigns in New Jersey and Connecticut. In November 1975, still six months before the June 1st, 1976 rally, Rev. Moon revealed his plan to connect

which included a two-hour presentation of grievances against the Church to U.S. Senator Robert Dole (R-Kansas) and representatives of seven U.S. government agencies.

The meeting before Robert Dole and various federal officials was said to be prompted by a petition signed by 14,000 Kansas residents. Senator Dole emphasized that it was “not a Congressional hearing” nor was it “any kind of investigation...a public speech-making forum...[or] a debate between opposing points of view.” He noted that “no one is under oath” and nothing said or done was to be interpreted as “a pre-judgment or stamp of approval by the legislative branch on anything.” Representatives from the IRS, INS, Justice Department, HEW, Labor Department, U.S. Postal Service, and Federal Trade Commission were likewise noncommittal, noting that “questions could only be answered after a formal list of allegations in writing had been submitted, reviewed, and investigated.” Still, the “Dole hearing” provided its

The goal was to have 200 parents sign a telegram to Senator Dole protesting the way the Church was being treated and “to have thirty parents come to Washington to stand in support of their children.” The Church was pleasantly surprised that over 800 parents sent telegrams and over 60 rallied to its support by traveling to Washington. Over the next several months, the Church sponsored nine local or regional Parents’ Conferences which led to the first National Parents’ Conference at the time of the Yankee Stadium Rally. Beyond this, ministers were contacted, “not in direct support of the Unification Church” but in support of the church’s rights, “because if they were threatened, the rights of all religions in this country could also be threatened.” The Church hoped to have 40 ministers sign a telegram but discovered that more than 200 ministers responded.

Internally, the Church was driven first to a fuller recognition that its battle was not only with flesh and blood but with principalities and powers. Rev. Moon, in particular, took this approach in his response to the crisis during the first three months of 1976. While visiting Korea for fifty days between January 26th and March 18th, he “set the condition for the unity of the spirit world” and returned only after the “barriers in the spirit world” had been broken and the Church could be confident of “marching forward” again. To solidify this resolve, Rev. Moon appointed Takeru Kamiyama as Yankee Stadium Campaign Director. In more welcoming times, he may have relied more on American or Western members for leadership. However, in this time of crisis, Rev. Moon turned to Mr. Kamiyama to lead the campaign much as he had turned to Mr. Sudo to direct the Church’s educational program. Mr. Kamiyama, who sold his blood to support church activities during the early days in Japan, led New York City witnessing efforts as well as Church fundraising nationwide.

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40 YEARS IN AMERICA

Year of 1976

He could be counted on to spare no effort in meeting Rev. Moon’s directive that the Church triple its membership in New York over the next forty days. From this point, he played a central role in preparations for Yankee Stadium.

Rev. Moon was essentially correct that the Church had gone over the “hill of persecution” during the first three months of 1976. After April, there were only minor flare-ups. In fact, the Church won supporters through its “America the Beautiful” project which began on May 3rd when “over 1,000 members took up...brooms and dustpans to clean Manhattan and the Bronx.” Dressed in white jumpsuits with the God Bless America Festival logo silk-screened in red and blue on their back, members cleaned in their witnessing areas every day from 7-8:00 a.m. Mindful of “brainwashing” and “glassy-eyed” criticisms, Rev. Moon advised campaign workers not to “smile like a foolish person.” The Church’s folk-rock band “Sunburst” provided free lunch-hour concerts, and even during the final push which brought in hundreds of more witnesses, massive ticket distribution, street rallies, and saturation promotion provoked minimal negative reaction. Church leaders were cautiously optimistic that the festival would attract a large overflow crowd.

This all changed the day of June 1st. There were two main problems. One was the weather. As reported in *New Hope News*, the Church’s official newspaper, “Huge gusts of wind, a precursor of the coming rains, foiled the inflation of a seventy-foot hot air balloon which was to have sailed above the stadium.” The ripcord of the balloon next “gave way...causing it...[l]ike a deflating rubber balloon” to travel “erratically across the field...destroying many decorations.” In particular, “Forty-foot Styrofoam letters spelling ‘God Bless America Festival’ were uprooted from the ground and blown across the field...in pieces.” A “driving thunderstorm then ripped across the Stadium at 5 o’clock, pounding the remainder of the dec-

orations and soaking the stage.” With all their music “lost under several inches of mud,” the Go-World Brass Band performed from memory while the Church’s Technical Missionary Corps

Are My Sunshine” until the storm subsided. Although the rain stopped prior to the start of the program, weather conditions undoubtedly kept many ticket-holders from attending or bottled them in jammed subway stations. The Stadium turnstile count was 40,000 with another 5,000 having come in before the count began, so that about

“groups of young, male toughs...roamed the stadium, fighting, robbing, setting off smoke bombs...and generally making a sour scene.” The *New York Daily News* reported seven arrests, and the *Poughkeepsie Journal* noted that while Rev. Moon was warning that America would become a “living hell” if the will of God were forsaken, “bands of kids roamed the upper decks and corridors, destroying decorations, setting off smoke bombs and firecrackers, and starting fist fights.” The *Washington Post* reported that “large numbers” walked out shortly after Rev. Moon began speaking, but the *New York Times* reported that “Most of the spectators...cheered, applauded, and waved little American flags.” It all added up to an atmosphere that the *Daily News* described as “odd, disjointed, almost surrealistic.”

At a celebration for all members at Belvedere on June 2nd, Rev. Moon posed the rhetorical question, “Did we win victory at Yankee Stadium?” He answered:

I’m sure that yesterday God shed invisible tears—not because of the rain but because of your commitment, your loyalty, and your enthusiasm. You moved God’s heart yesterday....

For the last several months, we put out every ounce of energy for Yankee Stadium. At the last moment God gave us a big test.... But you sang, “You are my Sunshine,” and God’s heart was melted.... Instead of being discouraged, you were in high spirits, protesting to God and trying to push away the rain...

Yesterday everyone tasted the bottom of Hell. Yesterday, as the wind blew and the rain poured down, the rain and your tears mingled on your faces. You tasted something miserable. At that moment, you would have done anything to make the rain stop. At that moment there was complete oneness and unification inside Yankee Stadium. That is the very thing God wanted to see....

I thanked God for His almighty wisdom. No one else could teach so many young people such a precious lesson in twenty minutes. That is the place where God’s heart was moving. There was no other way to teach the heart of God to the young people of America. For the sake of God you were praying and singing for the rain to stop. In that moment you tasted the heart of God in His anxiety to bring His Kingdom here. This is a great gift.... We must thank God for this precious gift for the sake of our education.... Today is indeed a victory celebration and day of thanksgiving for the blessing of God. ❖



Father takes the stage at Yankee Stadium

“used the music stands like snow shovels to sweep the water from the stage’s carpet.” Clumps of other members rose in their seats or danced on top of the Yankee Stadium dugouts, singing “You

45,000 people came to the Festival.

Opposition protests outside and crowd-control inside were also problems. The New Yorker Hotel, newly designated as the church’s World Mission Center, and the Yankee Stadium rally functioned like magnets in attracting enemies of the church, rival religionists, and rowdies looking to create disturbances. The *New York Times* reported that there were 400 demonstrators and the *Washington Post* stated that “the festival attracted one of the largest assortment of protest groups since the end of the Vietnam War.” The “religious smorgasbord” described by the *Post* included yellow-robed Hare Krishnas chanting and dancing, “hundreds of fundamentalist Christians” passing out tracts and preaching, Black Muslims hawking the *Bilalian News*, and a yarmulke-wearing groups searching for “Jewish kids caught up in...[the] movement.” Ted Patrick and CERF members were prominent, as was the Communist Cadre division of Youth Against War and Fascism. Inside, according to one account,



Members joined teams that fanned out across the city in a massive clean-up campaign

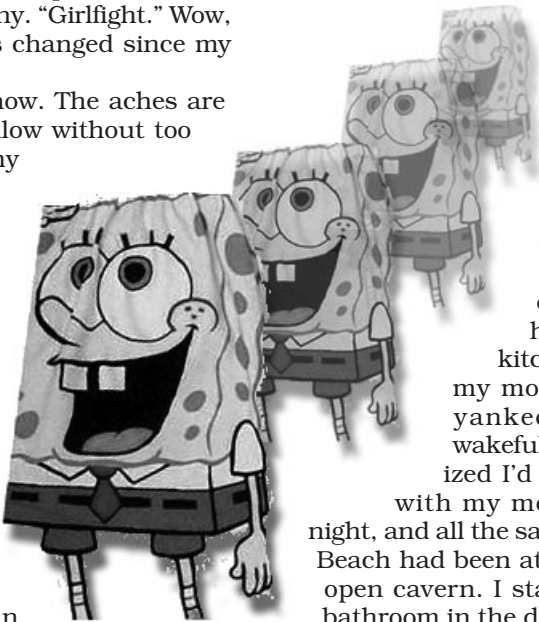


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U h oh. Here comes that old, familiar swallow. A sore throat. A festering convexity which contorts my facial expression into an ork whenever I talk, breathe, swallow or eat. But other than that, I feel fine. Peter and I pop vitamin A and echinacea at the first sign of a cold or sore throat. Sometimes I even gargle with hot salt water, my mom's tried and true method. We cut lemons and shred ginger root and boil it for tea, with honey. Caustic but yummy. We slurp tomato soup. But this one got me. My nose is closed up. No air can get through. I hab a code in by dose. I'b sick. I feel terrible. By froat huhts. By doze huhts. I hab a headache. I'b shakink all over. I hab chills. A feber. I feel lousy. Over the weekend I consumed about 40 cups of lemon-ginger tea with honey. I drank hot soup. I watched a proces-

sion of marathon movies from the couch under a quilt. "The Patriot." Too bloody. "Forrest Gump." I cried so much my nose will be stuffed up until I'm 90. "Tootsie." Still funny. "Girlfight." Wow, have high schools changed since my day! It's subsiding now. The aches are fading, I can swallow without too much pain but my nose is still blocked. The nights are the worst. The other night I woke up in the middle of a dream. In the dream I was thirsty—totally parched. In my mouth, it seemed, I had grown a sponge where my tongue used to be. It was like one of those kitchen sponges that you use



and then toss under the sink and forget about for 6 months. When you pull it out to use it again it's a dry, little, rock-hard thing that doesn't even remember it was ever a sponge. I was suffering deep in the throes of a fitful sleep, wondering why I had a dry kitchen sponge in my mouth. Finally I yanked myself into wakefulness and realized I'd been sleeping with my mouth open all night, and all the sands of Virginia Beach had been attracted by the open cavern. I staggered to the bathroom in the dark and began gargling with mouth wash until I

was rehydrated. In fact, this leads me to another point. You know in movies when the couple has been sleeping all night and they start kissing when they wake up? Either I am a mutant or those people are. I never heard of anybody who is kissing sweet when they wake up. I don't care how handsome they are or how much you love them. The night does strange things to human breath. Anyway. I feel confident that I'll be well by the end of week. I'm beginning to get air through my nose again. All my neighbors' daffodils and pansies are bright, the forsythias are on fire and the cherry and apple blossoms are awakening. I'm eager to get out there and work in my yard too! In a few days I'll be all better and ready to be breathe in the pollen so I can get blocked up again. Ah, spring! ♦ Kim can be found at web site: "http://futurerealm.com" and has email address: kimbrown@futurerealm.com.

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The king was sitting on the floor
The king was getting old;
And he kept looking at the door
Of jewels and of gold.
He knew that they were waiting still
Inside the royal hall;
He knew: without his iron will
The empire would fall.

And yet they did not recognize
The signet ring he wore

And they would laugh, they would despise
The old man at the door.

But when the little girl came near
Her royal nannies too
She whispered: "Grandfather dear,
Grandfather, is it you?"

And so she took him by the hand
They slowly walked inside
The dance and music came to end
The door stood open wide.

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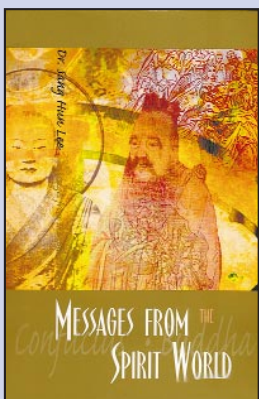
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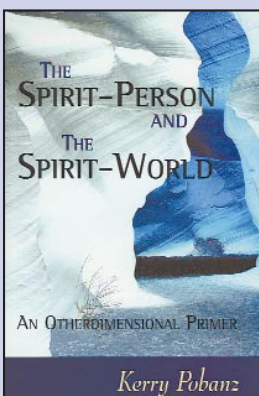
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