

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND MISSION OF PEACE & RECONCILIATION



by Rev. Michael Jenkins

History was made in Israel September 22, 2003. For the first time Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders walked together in prayer through the old city of Jerusalem pledging with their lives that God had

called them to end the divisions and become one family. They walked through an area where no marches rallies or gatherings of such a type are permitted. They were on a mission to end the divisions of the historic Abrahamic faiths.

The march was the fulfillment of inspiration of our True Parents and

came on the solid foundation of the reconciliation of the first and second Israel during the first Pilgrimage last May. 123 of the Christian leaders came from America on the second Pilgrimage. This group of clergy are much more clear about our mission this time having the benefit of understanding the first pilgrimage through the "Beyond

the Cross" video and True Father's incredible revelation that the last Pilgrimage reconciled the sons of Abraham and created a condition of lifting up Jesus in such a way that forgiveness could come for Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

On this foundation Father proclaimed

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FOUNDER’S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is from an address given on September 1, 2003 at East Garden.

The key to peace is the unity of the mind and body. Because Jesus achieved this he becomes the center. Jesus Christ is the ancestor of peace. If Jesus had been accepted there would be no need for the second coming. If Jesus didn't die he would have completed the family and Rome would have become part of God's Kingdom. Because it didn't occur, Israel divided into Islam ,Christianity and Judaism. Therefore Father had to engraft all these through the blessing to create the fourth Israel. All the people in the spirit world must receive the blessing. Changing of the blood lineage will be the source of peace.

The only begotten son who restored Adams position was Jesus. Centering on Jesus the blessing should have been given through out Israel and Rome.

Centering on the realm of new religion and the unity with the political area the Kingdom should have been established. Satan cannot make the world wide level. Satan can never eliminate all good people by the principle of the Original mind. Satan cannot make the whole world one. Centering on Father's teaching we can make the world into one. Because we will embrace all religions and people

Although there were so many persecutions and trials, Jesus was supposed to go to Rome and liberate Rome. Before the fall there was no hell. Therefore if you turn around the blood lineage you eliminate hell. In the Satanic world there are no true partners and true ownership. Without standing on the foundation of the unity of all religions we cannot go over the Satanic realm.

With the foundation of that victory, all the people can be united with True Parents and God.

If Christianity had united with Father after WWII this restoration that we have achieved now would have been accomplished then. Because of the failure of Christianity, Father's family became divided. Through this confusion and suffering Father found True Mother. The person fulfilling the second coming of the messiah will unify the mind and body will transcend the national and religious levels. The Archangel cannot go over to the World level. Because of the failure at WWII and numerous failures related to the fall, America lost its position as the second Israel. Only because of the conditions that Father set could God allow his blessing to remain with America.

Christian missionaries from America tried to destroy the Unification Church in Korea. The Unification Church was created to restore the second Israel. The Yoido rally launched the national level movement, this surprised President Park. Because Father had Unification Thought and the Divine Principle President Park was totally shocked. Father initiated industrial development with machine tools which were linked to German technology - we were the vanguard of the Korean economic revolution. The stage was set for millions to follow us. However three presidents in Korea blocked our work. We have over come this and now have the foundation to mobilize one million people within one weeks notice. The failure of Christianity was restored by

CHEON BU JU HWI:



Father by the 7000 Christian clergy who went to Korea.

The current President Roh cannot unite with Kim Jong Il. Without the Family party there can be no unity. The Family Party centers on the pure lineage. By Father recreating people and creating principled people the Family Party will have so many ways to save the nation.

The fall is the cause of all problems. Problems of homosexuality, free sex, problem of food, sleep, clothing and materialism, sex are all rooted in the fall.



Therefore Father has desperately worked to save America. Communism was the biggest threat and to deal with it Father founded the Washington Times and educated Christian pastors in America. This is the same foundation with which to save the family and end the immoral culture.

Centering on America as the Second Israel, Christianity through the blessing has engrafted onto Father and then restored the first, second and third Israel through the Jerusalem, Washington and Seoul Declaration. This became the foundation for the establishment of the fourth Israel. American women must realize how serious this is. Without the blessing you stand as the wild olive tree. Jesus said we must love our enemy. Therefore you must understand that this is the key to purifying the blood lineage. Exchange marriage is the key. This is the way that peace will be realized. This is based on the second coming and the messiah. As the blood lineage changes and the exchange marriage occurs then Muslims and Christians will become one. When they go to the spirit world they will go to heaven. This is the logical conclusion. This you must practice. This is very logical and scientific. Everything must be restored through the principle.

All the world is secularized. Everything in the world has that kind of secular influence.

You understand very clearly, scholars, religious leaders, it doesn't matter if they don't agree – this is the universal truth. It cannot be changed. The blood lineage must be changed and the exchange



C A L E N D A R

SEPTEMBER 2003

- 1 Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)
- 6 Young Jin Nim & Hwa Jung Nim's Blessing (1997)
- Hyung Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1997)
- 7 Shin Ji Nim's Birthday (7/30/94)
- 8 Shin Joong Nim's Birthday (8/2/93)
- Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)
- 99.9 Jeol: Heaven and Earth Unification and Liberation Ceremony (1999)
- 10 3.10 Jeol (1999)
- 12 Hyung Jin Nim's Birthday (8/6/79)
- 15 Hye Shin Nim's Ascension (1971)
- 18 Foundation Day (1976)
- Ultimas Noticias Established (1981)
- 21 Soon Ju Nim's Birthday (8/15/72)
- 27 Day of Dispensational Reversal Toward Unification (1988)

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- 3 Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World (1988)
- 4 Foundation for the Support of HSA-UWC (1963)
- Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
- 5 Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification between the Physical World and the Spiritual World (1998)
- Sang Ship Jeol: Double 10 Day (1999)
- 11 Father's father's Ascension (1954)
- Opening of Cheonsung Wanlim Palace Center (1999)
- 13 Shin Myung Nim's Birthday (9/8/86)
- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 16 In Sup Nim's Birthday (9/11/72)
- 21 Shin Eh Nim's Birthday (9/16/89)
- 777 Couples' Blessing (1970)
- 23 Shin Mi Nim's Birthday (9/18/77)
- Shin Ok Nim's Birthday (9/18/89)
- 25 Hwa Yun Nim's Birthday (9/20/77)
- 27 Young Jin Nim's Ascension (1999)
- 29 Shin Pal Nim's Birthday (9/24/98)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)

NOVEMBER 2003

- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 5 True Children's Day (10/1/60)
- 8 Shin Sun Nim's Birthday (10/4/90)
- 10 Shin Hoon Nim's Birthday (10/6/94)
- 11 Yun Ah Nim's Birthday (10/7/78)
- 18 Shin Ha Nim's Birthday (10/14/98)
- Shin Chool Nim's Birthday (10/14/99)
- 22 Jin Whi Nim's Birthday (10/18/63)
- Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
- 23 Tiempos Del Mundo Established (1996)
- 27 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
- 28 Hye Shin Nim's Birthday (1963)
- 29 3.6 Million & 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

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PROCLAMATION OF PARENTISM

tering on the True Parents, who have the unity of the mind and body., It is the time to launch this new organiza-tion. Every nation

marriage must be secured. Love your enemy.

Many actresses in America are looking for fallen love based on the illicit fallen love in this world. You must love your enemy. Look at this Japanese sister here sitting next to the American sister here. They were enemies. Now they can unite. This is the power of the principle.

Jesus was that person who could bring world peace by unifying the mind and body, establishing the blessed family and lineage of God. There is not enough time to explain everything to you. This would be the foundation for peace, that is why True Parents had to fulfill this. This way is the short-cut. Before controlling the world, we must control ourselves, our body must become God's body. Sacrifice yourself living for the sake of others. Satan always invades through the body. True Parents understood and overcame this point. God is desperately holding on to Father. Who else can God hold on to. Who else has overcome the body and made it God's holy body. True Love, True Life and True Lineage. True Parents have fulfilled this. Now you must fulfill. Even in the storm the water will seek for a place of peace and tranquillity and will eventually become peaceful. Therefore at this time all humanity, like the water, is seeking refuge from storm and are internally being drawn to True Love, True Life and True Lineage.

Once you have a good relationship with your spouse you have to serve the people of the world. If



body. This is the most difficulty of Cheon Il Guk. The Chinese symbol Cheon (means two persons), Il (means becoming one). Two people become one . The mind and body become one. Second generation you will go to hell if you don't unify the mind and body.

How about the first Israel? It is the owner of the offering. They still want to follow the Old Testament principle of eye for an eye and tooth for tooth. That era has passed. They divide the offering so that it is not claimed by Satan. They try to divide the offering and keep half for themselves. They think that half of the world is theirs. Yet because of the fall there is no true owner yet. Without the fall God would be the total owner – not just of half of a portion. God seeks now the total ownership and dominion as God has now been crowned King.

Abraham failed to divide the offering. When Jesus was rejected then the correct offering was not made and Jesus had to be divided and offered. The second Israel of America persecutes Father because they know he has grassroots power beyond the CIA and FBI's power. The current leadership of America has been losing popularity. Father is trying to help America. Even though America was like an enemy to the me. I loved the enemy through Washington Times, UB, UTS. Top scholars came to UTS in 1975.

Rev. Kwak are you confident to educate the top leaders of the world? Because of WWII nations became enemies. During WWII if the three nations America, England and France had united centered on God's will, world peace would have been realized at that time. Father says that even at 25 years old, he understood the way to peace and the providence of the first, second and third Israel.

Right now I am influencing the world to go God's way in the position of looking down from heaven on them. I'm like the Father waiting for the Prodigal son to come home. That is the love of parents whose son is about to go to the final sentencing. Money and Power don't matter at that point, true love matters. The true parents will sell everything to save the son. I'm giving out everything for America. There is no holding back. I gave out everything I owned last year in December at East Garden (EG). Then in Korea I gave out all my money.

58 years ago this unity could have come. Today it must come. Today, I initiate a new international organization for this realm of peace. We will create a new organization in the New Yorker. We must create a special temple in the New Yorker.

Right now we are launching into the image history based on the symbolic one. The God of headwing, will bring world peace. The Interreligious and International foundation will become one. Now we decide. The realm of the fourth Israel – at 6:32 am. I proclaim the establishment of the realm of peace, the beginning of an Abel international organization. At this time, all the six nations must become one centering on Korea making a total of 7 nations. Cen-

should connect with this.

The key problems of the world are the Middle East and Korea. If America makes a wrong decision, the world will go to a world war. I have that way and power to make America go the right way. We must solve all these problems. We must solve the problems of the Middle East. With the Cheon Il Guk and the fourth Israel all of these things must become one. Centering on the Middle East and Israel and America must become one. That is the religious foundation. Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and Confucians must become the Abel side with Christianity. The 6 nations must become one centering on Christianity. After WWII this couldn't be made. Now Father will make it.

The second area centering on Russia, China and North Korea must also be solved.

We must have an international convocation marking this new beginning before October 14th. (The day Father was liberated from Heung Nam). Second Israel, America must do this. The second Israel is the center between the first and second Israel and unite them. If they don't do this America will be invaded. If this happens you should be prepared to go to South America and start over. That is why Father created so many boats, in case this kind of thing happens.

The King has that kind of power. 191 Member States of the United Nations must get this book of the 36 late Presidents' messages. And they must go



you don't serve (like breathing – serving and receiving).you won't receive. If you miss this you will lose your love. Who is the owner of world peace? Those who serve. Gods' heart and mind is forever. One heart, one mind and one God.

This is the formula course, Unite the mind and body then the Individual appears, the son ,brother, husband, father, grandfather, all the way to King. The True Woman, cries and cries and cries looking for the True man. Who loves Father more. Men or women. Women love Father more. Father went through so many difficulties because of women. They tried every way possible to be with Father. To touch him, to touch his hair and to take something from him. Women wanted to be close to Father because he is a True Man.

Women hang around 5th Ave. trying to catch archangels. Because Father is responsible for your life you will obey him. Mrs. Kenyata. I opened the door for you. Are you grateful to be married with Dr. Kenyata, I'm sure that sometimes you want to escape because you don't know the historic value of your blessing. Kyo Choi Kyol Hon. (Exchange Marriage – or marrying ones enemy instead of your own preference) Germans should marry the English. The German woman is strong and wild and she must marry a gentle Englishman. Who attacked first German or English. The Germans. The German can be like a gangster.

The key point is the unity between the mind and



to all 50 states and then we should make a huge noise on this foundation. Dr. Yang and Michael Jenkins, do you understand. After we publish this message in the Washington Times then we must give it to the Ambassadors in New York. America can be considered the enemy in a way. Why, because America failed after World War II and divided Korea and gave it to the communists.

Do you understand. 7 nations that participated in WWII should now become the founding members for the new global organization. From today on this must quickly be done. This all must be completed by the end of September. By October 3 is the new heaven opening day. Arabic nations and Israel and the Middle East matter must be resolved. The next trip to Israel is critical for this. If they unite then everything will be over. We will continue to utilize all the messages from the spirit world.

Many nations have been under the colonization of the nations of the world. Now 191 nations are there at the UN and many were colonies. Are we going to let them go. We need to help them bring peace.

Rev. Kwak, you should understand. Centering on the third conference and the fourth conference. Then in October I go back to Korea then you will make an announcement. Today the Hoon Dok material is related to the establishment of the Family Party.❖



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the forgiveness of the first, second and third Israel through the Jerusalem, Washington and Seoul Declarations. These Declarations brought forgiveness to the first (Judaism, Israel), second (Christianity, America) and third Israel (Unificationism, Korea). All three faiths did not receive the Messiah properly but all has been indemnified and on this basis the fourth Israel was proclaimed by our True Parents through the Seoul Declaration.

The Fourth Israel is real. It is made up of believers from all major religions who have been blessed by our True Parents. It has authority and power to bring God’s Kingdom. We saw that great power on the march. We marched where you could not go.

Rome

In Rome we toured Paul’s prison and the site of his execution. Many clergy canceled in the last two weeks before the journey. Many times out of concerns raised by family and friends about the war like conditions — they lost will to go on. Interestingly as soon as one canceled another clergy would suddenly sign up to go. Many times they felt that they must do something to stop the bloodshed.

Many had to overcome great trials to go. In Rome on our first night, the Italian family provided a tremendous fellowship at their main center and vineyard outside of Rome. It was a totally “Family Church” type spirit. We sincerely thank the Rev. Cali and the Italian family for the heart that was given to the ACLC pastors. The 123 Pastors and Unificationists all took down their crosses are feel that this is the call of God.

Testifying to the trials that many had to go through to decide on this trip, Pastor Jimmie Clark of Texas gave his testimony. could not make the last pilgrimage and swore that he would go this time. He paid his ticket and was ready. Just one week before our departure his son in law Anson was attacked by a carjacker who walked up to his car with a shot gun and shot him in the face. The attacker then pulled him out of the car and then shot him again in the back. Again he aimed his gun to finish him when he saw Anson’s 8 year old daughter on the porch. He then decided to kill her. He fired another blast and it took out the front window of the house. Then he aimed the gun again walking towards her. Suddenly she saw a circle of angels around her and another angel knocking the gun aside as he shot again.

The killer got scared, took the car and drove off. The girl was not harmed. Anson went into critical condition. His face and both eyes were full of shotgun pellets. He was blind and hanging by a thread. Rev. Clark was there before the ambulance had left. His daughter and son in law had just had a baby the week before. Somehow Anson held on for life. Rev. Clark could only think about saving him. He canceled his trip to go. As soon as he can-

celed, he began to feel turmoil. He then couldn’t sleep, not only due to the tragedy but because he felt that he must think about the sons and daughters in Israel (Muslims and Jews) who are dying everyday. He felt the spirit of the Lord come over him. If I sit here my son in law may die anyway with me not doing anything. If I go to Israel I can help stop the global violence. I know this is what God wants. “I put my son in laws life in your hands Lord. I’m going to Israel” he prayed. He testified that as soon as he made up his mind, his son in law got better.

He then told the Pastors, Father Moon is calling us to risk our very lives to bring peace in Israel. Jesus taught us that if you seek to gain your life you’ll lose it, but if you seek to lose your you will gain it. With tears in his eyes he said, “I’m going to the Holy Land, I’ve given up my life so I don’t fear death. God is with us. We must sacrifice ourselves to realize peace. Peace is not free. It must be paid for.

The Pastors were deeply moved. Two days latter Rev. Clark testified that his son is beginning to see out of one eye. There is hope that he will live also see again.

The next night Bishop Stallings gave a sermon and stated to the 123 that Rev. Sun Myung Moon is the savior, Messiah and King of Kings. The most

powerful part is that the pastors are accepting it with their hearts. Rev. Rawls who led the Selma March a few weeks ago. Is also leading this trip. Rev. Rawls said, “I was a little apprehensive at first. But now I realized that only through our walking this path with many religious leaders side by side can we end the violence. I’m not afraid of anything now. I’m ready to go to Gaza.”

Therefore Brothers and Sisters, these clergy who know that Father is the Second coming of the Messiah.

These are the clergy that are leading the Peace March in Israel. The next day Rev. Bennett Hayes of Gloryland Baptist Church in Houston gave testimony. He shared about how he became upset in Ocean City when he first heard the principle. He shared how he couldn’t accept the part about John’s failure and then late that night his conscience told him to read it again in his room. He read it and believed. Now he’s teaching the Divine Principle from his

the persecution.

Then Rev. Hayes shared that he has no fear of death and prepared his mind to accept dying if necessary. He said I was prepared by God many years ago in Vietnam. My job was to go out and find out what happened to patrols that didn’t come back. I went into the bush by myself many times and go pinned down. The ACLC minister who introduced me to this movement was a helicopter pilot that saved my life. Because he saved me I promised that I would go with him anywhere. He took me to the Divine Principle Convocation in Ocean City. (last October) Everyday since that convocation I’ve bee like a man on fire. Now my wife has caught the fire. He testified that in addition to finding patrols he got a lot of assignments to be the point many in a mission. He said, “Rev. Jenkins, I do not fear death, please make me the lead of this March through Jewish and Moslem Territory. Please put me in the front row. I am not fearing anything. Let’s march.

The March

We began at the Jaffa gate of the old city. The 123 ACLC clergy were joined by the Golden Path, Jewish and Arab peace walkers, the Druze religion (which takes it origin from Jethro the Father in Law of Moses), Rev. Abu Hatoom, (brought 50 clergy from Nazareth), Ethiopian Orthodox church, the Peace Promise Initiative (President and founder Debra West), Rabbi Moshe Chen (pronounced Ken)—a prominent Rabbi in Israel. Hundreds came from all over Israel. Over 120 Arab Muslim (many who were Palestinians) clerics and community leaders joined. Jews and Christians, just kept coming until our march originally planned for 360 swelled to 500.

We began in silence (we were instructed by our organizers that this was the only way we could get through this path and not be stopped.) with approximately 5 marchers per row and 100 rows. We began through the streets of the ancient city and the reality of the danger and tension became apparent right away. 5 minutes into the walk the police stopped us with grave con-

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A Trip of Tears to Rome and Jerusalem



by Angelika Selle

Glory and thanks be to God and True Parents for a great victory in Israel! I would like to acknowledge the immense foundation of sacrifice, tears, sweat, and blood of our True Parents that lies at the foundation of this trip!

In addition, substantial conditions of repentance and reconciliation between Jewish and Christian brothers and sisters in our movement were made here in America, in which our leadership participated. Also, brothers and sisters of the Family Federation in Israel made conditions, all of which contributed to the success and gave us ownership. Finally, the many behind-the-scenes prayers and fasting conditions by brothers and sisters in Washington, DC, in Israel and elsewhere helped to open the heavy gate between Christians and Jews a crack wider in a very moving way.

During the entire trip, I felt the presence and spirit of True Father and Jesus with us, following our every step along the way in anxious anticipation of what was going to happen next, praying that we would accomplish our mission. Clearly, this was not a sight-seeing trip but a very crucial life-and-death mission.

As our group merged together from different parts of the country at Newark International Airport, great excitement and anticipation was in the air, so that another fellow air traveler, a Christian lady, asked me what this interracial group was up to and where we were going. When I told her that we were about to go to Rome and Israel in order to bury the cross and seek peace and reconciliation with our Jewish brother and sisters, she was in awe and moved to tears. She said, "I wish I could be a part of this." Before we departed, we prayed together for the success of the trip.

After arriving in Rome, "La Citta' Eterna" or the Eternal City, our bus took us onto the paths of Saint Peter on the first day and Saint Paul on the

next. Just to be able to stand on the ground where they stood and sense their powerful spirit of serving Christ at the cost of their very lives was deeply moving. We descended into the prison where both of them had baptized other prisoners. We held hands and prayed in tears, with the determination to inherit their kind of spirit and commitment.

In contrast, we then saw the beautiful artwork and architecture of the basilicas that the Roman Catholic Church had built, in which the Catholic Church nowadays is mostly holding masses, often without any spirit. For me as a former Roman Catholic it was painful to see how far the church of today has strayed from that original spirit of sacrifice and love.

While I was standing in the middle of the Sistine Chapel, looking at the frescoes of the Old and New Testament, I began to pray. Suddenly, it seemed as if the history of restoration came alive and the people—Moses and the saints depicted there on the walls—wanted to connect with me and say:



"Please finish our job!"

Walking along the path of Saints Peter and Paul and the early Christians, even just for two days, moved and touched me deeply. One of the "authentic" sites was the prison into which Peter and Paul had been thrown, where they baptized many people. When praying down there in the dungeon and dipping my hand into the water in a round basin in the stone floor, I could feel their powerful spirit of determina-

tion and fire to witness to their beloved Jesus.

As the days went by, our group of 131 became closer and closer, like a family. As I got to know many of the clergy during our walks, mealtimes, and on the bus, each of them had a story to tell as to how they came to be on this trip. One thing they all had in common, though, was a deep desire to

reconcile with our Jewish brothers and sisters. I saw many of the lady pastors in constant prayer and also filled with eagerness to look out for others.

In my case, being of German and Roman Catholic background, I never had dreamed of this amazing opportunity to go to Israel for the sake of reconciliation with my Jewish brothers

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JERUSALEM PEACE RESOLUTION

This is the Resolution that was signed for 400 Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders after they marched from the Wailing Wall to the Al Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock to the Mount of Olives, all significant holy sites of the three Abrahamic Faiths.

We religious leaders, faithful Jews, Christians, Muslims, and believers from all religious traditions, are assembled in the Holy City of Jerusalem on this 22nd day of September 2003, for the sake of G-d and the peace of the peoples of Israel and Palestine. We are 120 Christian ministers, Muslims and Jews from America, 120 rabbis and Jewish leaders from Israel, and 120 Muslim and Christian leaders from the Holy Land. We stand as one, pilgrims inspired by G-d. We hereby join together with one heart and voice:

1. We declare that G-d is one, and the founders of our religions—Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Prophet Mohammed, and all religious founders—are one.
2. We affirm that all people on Earth are brothers and sisters, one family under G-d.
3. We call on all religious leaders to lift up the will of G-d above the parochial interests of their particular faith, nationality or race. Religions have the responsibility to unite as one for the sake of peace.
4. We affirm that G-d instructs every single person to live in peace with all people from all faiths. We find this teaching in the Torah, the New Testament, the Qur'an, and all Holy Scriptures.
5. In the spirit of understanding, reconciliation and harmony, we truly repent and beg forgiveness from G-d and from one another for the dark parts of our past, for having sometimes fallen into ways abhorrent to G-d, persecuting and killing others. We cast no blame on others. Instead we seek to follow a new way, G-d's way of peace, from this day forward.
6. We respect and honor all the holy places of Jerusalem, and the right and responsibility of each religion to administer its patrimony for the benefit of all peoples and for the sanctity of the entire Holy Land.
7. We declare that politics in isolation from spiritual leadership cannot find solutions to conflicts in the region. Violence cannot lead to peace.
8. We declare that governments and political and civic leaders need the guidance and enlightenment of religious leaders, united as one in their commitment to peace. Religious leaders, for their part, need permanent forums from which to guide and enlighten political and civic institutions. Therefore we call for the establishment of religious peace councils at all levels, from local governments to the United Nations.
9. We call upon political and civic leaders to cooperate with these peace councils, and to govern for the sake of reconciliation, peace, and justice.
10. We affirm that the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon was called by God for the sake of this ideal, and has worked tirelessly, in the spiritual and the physical worlds, to establish the conditions for its realization at this time.

On this day, September 22, 2003, in Jerusalem, we hear God's desperate cry that we stop killing one another and begin to treat one another, each and every one as God's beloved. The voices of our slain children, both Israeli and Palestinian, cry out from the ground. It is our responsibility as religious leaders to see that this bloodshed does not continue. Moreover, we believe that the peace of Jerusalem will become a model of peace for the peoples of the world.

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and sisters on their soil!

Every morning after Hoon Dok Hae and in the evening, we were educated in the ways our Jewish brothers and sisters feel, think about, and perceive Christians and Jesus, and we were made aware how not to approach them. Coming to understand about Judaism, especially through the presentations of Dr. Andrew Wilson, who is a Jewish Unificationist professor at UTS, I could see that it would take nothing short of a miracle for Jewish rabbis to consider Jesus as the Messiah. Why?

For the last 2,000 years, Jews have been accused by Christians of having nailed Jesus to the cross and killed him. For that deed, the Jews were persecuted, killed, disowned, and shunned by Christians. Thus, for Jews, the cross truly became a symbol of accusation and hate.

The only possible way for them to open their minds to Jesus, whom they don't even mention or talk about was if we could introduce to them the real Jesus who had come to build the Kingdom and have a family—if we would focus on his teachings, such as the Sermon on the Mount, rather than his suffering.

It became clear that in order to heal our relationship there needed to be humility, love, mutual repentance, and forgiveness. If we Christians could truly embody the love of Christ so Jews could feel it, there was a chance for change. I did have a lot of hope that that would happen, because our group consisted foremost of African-American pastors representing the black race, which also has gone through tremendous suffering, due to slavery, segregation, and discrimination, thus bringing with them a common base of heart as a foundation for a relationship with Jewish people. In addition, as a substantial gesture of reconciliation, all the clergy who had come on this trip had taken down their crosses, the symbols of horror and division between Jews and Christians.

We had no idea what the reaction of our Jewish brothers and sisters would be and how they would respond in such a short time to a different way of looking at Jesus. But we determined ourselves to love and embrace them, no matter what. And we knew that only the Spirit of God and the spirit of Jesus himself could truly speak to their hearts.

Off we went to the Holy Land. After having gone through extensive scrutiny in the airports in both Rome and Tel Aviv, we finally mounted the buses that would bring us directly to Jerusalem. Our tour guide greeted us with the words: "Welcome home! This is your homeland!" And indeed it felt like coming home, home to the land in which Jesus grew up, preached, taught, walked, and talked. It still seemed unreal that we were actually there. Interestingly enough, we had arrived on May 15, the 55th anniversary of Israel when the Israelis celebrated their Independence Day. What a divine "coincidence"!

Just driving through the rocky but gently rolling hills from the airport to

Jerusalem at dusk with the full moon above us gave me the feeling I had gone back in history. The small towns we passed looked just like they were from pictures in the Bible. All of the towns looked the same because, by governmental decree, everyone who builds a house in Israel has to utilize the native



limestone, which is available in abundance. The hills reminded me so much also of Korea, the homeland of our True Parents. There was an amazing resemblance!

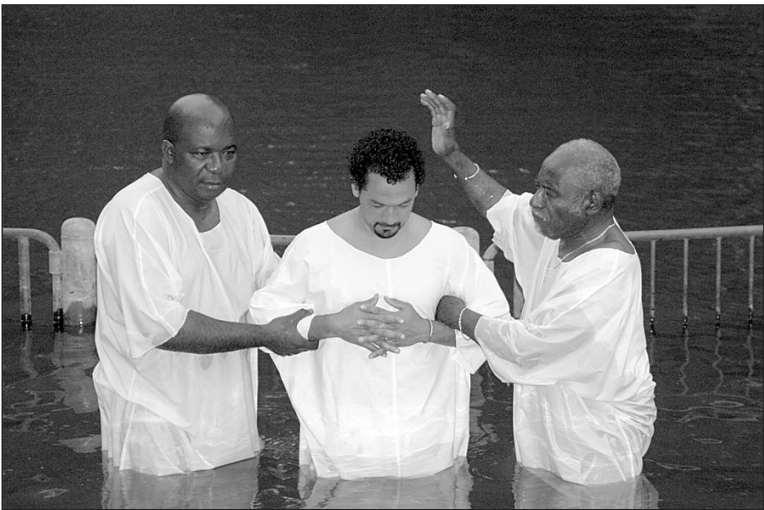
Our hotel overlooked the city of Jerusalem, which, by the time we arrived looked like it was in full festive attire—a city on a hill, a sight to behold.

Before retiring, I prayed in tears with two of my sisters on the balcony, stretching out our arms to embrace the city of which Jesus had said lamenting: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!" In this place where Jews, Christians, and Muslims live together under great tension, we had come to plant a seed of true peace. "Here we are, Jesus!" Tears came to our eyes. We wanted so much to be his representatives!

On the first full day, the first site we visited was the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. The purpose was so all could remember what had happened to the Jewish people and that we would never forget. I knew that this would be spiritually and emotionally very difficult for me, being originally from Germany. Yet at the same time, I knew that was one reason God had allowed me to be part of

this pilgrimage, to repent and reconcile on behalf of my people for the atrocious past. As I had expected, just seeing the life-sized pictures of the concentration camps, the naked men and women as they got ready to go into the gas chambers, filled me with agony but also rage and tears. "How could any human being do this to another?", I thought. And we were talking about 24 million Jews all throughout Europe who were "exterminated"! I could barely walk through the museum. I knew I had to do something while in Israel to restore this past, even on a small level.

That evening during testimony time,



I became filled with emotion and felt moved to go up on stage. I asked my Jewish brother, Dr. Andrew Wilson, to join me there. Then I began to repent on behalf of Germans and Roman Catholics for the horrible things they had done in the name of Jesus to our Jewish brothers and sisters. I noted specific points, such as the burning of their synagogues, treating them as less than human, taking their possessions. It was hard to speak, as I was choked up in tears and fell on my knees. My brother took my hands, asked me to stand, and without letting me finish my long list, said: "I forgive you, I forgive you!"

There was one more thing, however, I felt I had to do. I spontaneously took off my jewelry and gave it to him as an offering—a symbol of all the beauti-

ful and precious things that Germans and other anti-Semites had taken from the Jewish people. Dr. Wilson received it, and I went back to my seat weeping. Many pastors then came to me to embrace me and express their gratitude.

My spirit felt truly liberated after that. The next day, when I met Dr. Wilson over breakfast, he also expressed gratitude. He told me he had never experienced anything like that and that it had moved him and his ancestors deeply. Then he said he never realized how much pain the Germans must have because of their guilt, and that the Jewish people need to love Germans more and forgive them.

The reason I am sharing this is because of the principle of repentance and forgiveness as an integral part of reconciliation. I know that without the Holy Spirit and my involvement and training in reconciliation over the last five years, I could not have done that in public. Credit must be given to our Racial Reconciliation Group and to Revs. Joe and Debbie Taylor (an African-American couple) and Brenda Miller (a white sister), who showed me how to repent.

Right after the Yad Vashem experience, we were taken to the Mount of Olives, which overlooks most of the city. From there, we could see the Garden of Gethsemane, the Potter's Field, where Judas hanged himself, the place where Saint Peter betrayed Jesus, the house of Caiaphas and many of the other historical sites. Contrary to my previous mental picture, all the places were situated closely together, within walking distance.

Many of us knew and felt that not all of the historical sites were authentic, but rather had been selected more or less arbitrarily for the tourists, though with some exceptions. One such place was the dungeon under Caiaphas' courthouse, where Jesus was incarcerated and investigated. It was there that all of us shed tears, held hands in fervent prayer, and felt the suffering of Jesus. He didn't have to go that route if only he had only been understood.

I felt Jesus' presence so strongly, and the feeling built in me how much he loved his people and wanted to reconcile with them and embrace them. My overwhelming desire and goal became to be able to have Jesus within me as much as possible when we would meet my and his Jewish family.

Our next day trip took us to the Wailing Wall, at the Temple of David, which overlooks the city of Jerusalem. The wall surrounding it had two distinctly different layers of stones, the original foundation, and on top of it the more recently built wall. That place is also Mount Moriah where Isaac was nearly sacrificed and where the covenant was made between God and Abraham. This place is claimed by all three religions as a holy place. As I had seen in movies and on pictures, men and women go to the Wailing Wall in separate areas. There were more men and women there today on the Sabbath than during the week. Our tour guide told us that we

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cern for what was going on. You don't march with Muslims, Christians and Jews through Palestinian and Jewish sections of the old city. Meetings for dialogue is one thing, but 500 marching on the street at a time many feel is the most dangerous, volatile and tense is unthinkable. However, from heavens point of view, this is the era of Cheon Il Guk and every wall and border will eventually fall down if we walk in faith.

Suddenly our march came to a dead stop. Our Jewish IIFWP Ambassadors for Peace sprung into action. This was Shelley Elkayam Shando, Baruch Shalev who advises one Israeli Cabinet member, Dr. Eliezar Glaubach and Dr. Shuki Ben Ami (all scholars and Ambassadors for Peace) immediately stood in between our marchers and the police and with incredible finesse and conviction helped the Israeli police understand that this march would bring peace not conflict. They introduced Bishop Stallings, myself and Rev. Hartoom.



A conflict now ensured at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher which has Jesus' tomb inside. Suddenly something changed in the countenance of the Police. Not only did they permit us to go forward but felt that they now must make the March a success. They gave us total trust and support. It was unreal. Our way was blocked by one religious order who didn't understand who we were and were afraid. The Police did understand and we reversed our—we all did an about face in the narrow (only 5 can stand side by side) covered streets of the old city (with small kiosks and Palestinian / Arab merchants along the sides—and the end of the march became the front. Then because we now had full support we broke into a cadence of Peace, Shalom, Salaam Ailaikam, Peace, Shalom, Salaam Ailaikam, Peace, Shalom, Salaam Ailaikam, Peace, Shalom, Salaam Ailaikam. Now as we walked the shop keeper smiled and the spirit of tension turned into a spirit of joy.

They helped us get through the security check points quickly and we could assemble before the Holy site of the Western Wall. It was there that Dr. Lonnie McLeod offered a Christian Prayer, Imam Kiwan offered a Muslim Prayer (Imam Kiwan gave the main prayer representing all religious leaders at the July WCSF Blessing in Korea), and then Rabbi Moshe Chen. The Rabbi was deeply moved that this march could occur. He said, "Many have died on this path we are walking so we are like Martyrs, however today I feel no danger and that we will be like living Martyrs." The Rabbi brought great respect for Judaism to the Muslim and Christian leaders.

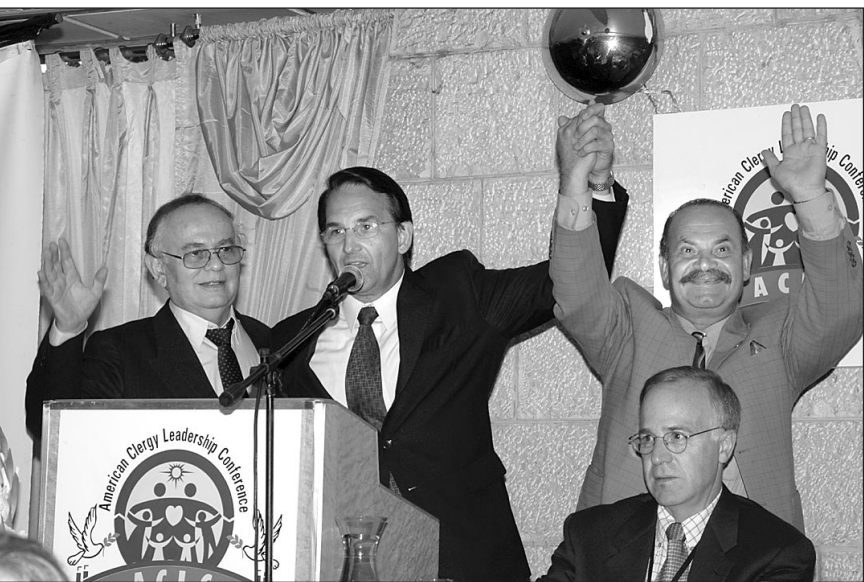
Then we marched to the Temple Mount (Mt. Moriah where it is believed that Abraham sacrificed Isaac, and

Muhammad ascend- ed into heaven). It is one of the three most revered and holy sites of all of Islam. Again we passed smoothly through security checkpoints and became the first Inter-religious group since the second Intifada to go before the mosque. The meetings we had the day before with the Imam and key leaders of the Mosque made an incredible foundation. Imam Bundakji of California, did so much to help Jewish and Christian leaders appreciate Islam. For many Jews who have lived their whole lives in Jerusalem it was the first time in the Al Aqsa plaza. To our astonishment and the profound shock of the Police they Muslim Imams and key leaders welcomed us with love and total respect.

500 gathered before the steps of the Dome of the Rock and led by Imam Bundakji we shouted God is Great. Allah U Akbar !!! Out of total respect and reverence for their heart and tradition before God we followed only the Muslim expression of honoring God. Imam Bundakji said we believe and love Moses, Isaac and Ishmael. We believe and love Jesus and we believe and love Muhammad. We believe and love True Parents. Again, the Imam brought great respect and a feeling of love for the greatness of Islam and many Jewish and Christian leaders were deeply awakened to the fact that this is God's holy religion.

From the Dome of the Rock we marched through the Lions gate and then on to our buses. Our rally concluded at the Mt. of Olives. All faith traditions assembled there in the sun on the eastern side of the old city across a great valley. You can see the Holy City from the place where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Lk:19:41—42 "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes."

However we come to proclaim to that same hill-side overlooking the city and proclaim, Jesus we love you and now we know the "things which belong unto thy



peace." We are reconciling Jesus and accepting True Parents. Through this you are being lifted up and liberated. Your family is feeling love and Ishmael and Isaac are in permanent fellowship now that will bring a healing power that will end the strife. The Christians and your beloved Jewish family are repent-



ing and forgiving one another and through that they are discovering the "real" love of Jesus.

Dear Jesus, "Weep no more." It is time for your tears of sorrow to turn into tears of Joy.

Dear True Parents, Please "Weep no more" the Elder son and the religions that you are longing for have come to understand that God's love through True Parents is healing our hearts and allowing all brothers to become one together.

Thanks America. Thanks Israel. Thanks Palestine.

Thank you Rev. Kwak and Dr. Walsh and the IIFWP for developing religious leaders in the Middle East who will be the Ambassadors for Peace and the founders of the Middle East Peace Council and the World Peace council. We really thank Rev. Ji, Dr. Abe and Rev. Hod Ben Zwi for the Israeli Families incredible work to make it happen. Also Dr. Wilson and Dr. Frank Kaufmann out of pure heart sacrificed from their hearts to make it all work. God is blessing this work. Father told us that ACLC would bring peace to Israel. I see it now with my own eyes, the walls have come down. We are entering the era where there will no longer be borders and check points. This is the time of the Cheon Il Guk.

Thank you Rev. Hwang and the 840 who are pouring your blood sweat and tears into New York right now. We are on the road to total victory for the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Special thanks to Dr. Chang Shik Yang who has

Father's heart of righteousness but incredible patience and love that allows this movement to continue to walk through the fires and trials that historically have divided all religions. We are ending divisions now. ❖

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could put a note into the cracks of the wall. I wrote: “For peace and reconciliation under God, the Heavenly True Parents of all humankind!”

When I touched the wall among the Jewish women, young and old, I felt overcome by tears, as I came in touch with the “pain” that had lingered in those walls for many centuries. My prayers were deep. I try to connect to the spirits of our spiritual ancestors, Abraham and Isaac, asking them to help bring the sons of Abraham together.

The next day, we drove toward the Sea of Galilee. It must have taken Jesus several days to walk all the way there, even on a donkey. We passed the road to Jerusalem, Jericho, the Mount of Temptation, and came finally to the Jordan River. Our very humorous and down-to-earth tour guide had been enlightening us from the beginning about the reality of some things mentioned in the Bible.

How narrow the river is where Jesus was baptized! After we stopped and went down to the River Jordan, many of the pastors baptized each other. A few even were fully immersed. Around the Sea of Galilee, nothing much has changed for two thousand years, and it is easy to imagine how Jesus must have walked and talked and lived in this area.

We all stepped on a boat that would take us across the sea. “Gal” means, “wave,” and wavy it would get on that Sea, which actually is a big lake. But the water can get very rough there, with waves up to six feet high, according to our tour guide. On that day, the sea lay calm and serene, with just a light breeze touching it. But one could very well imagine what it would be like when the waves are high and the winds rough.

While motoring slowly along and enjoying the gentle breeze, ministers from virtually every state in America took turns singing beautiful songs from the heart. Seeing my black brothers and sisters so joyfully singing songs of Jesus, the man from Galilee, I was overcome with deep emotion. A beautiful serene spirit surrounded us. Here we all were on a boat. Images of slave ships came into my heart and mind. Now these people who had suffered so much are the first to come here as Jesus’ true family, embraced and bathed in the spirit of Jesus, supping in the spirit of Jesus and sharing his heart. My love for them and Jesus was simply overwhelming.

On the other side of the lake, we visited Capernaum, the house of Peter where Jesus had spent some considerable time when he was in the area. The first healing of Peter’s mother-in-law took place here. We passed Magdala, where Mary Magdalene was from and stopped at the Mount of the Beatitudes. Here, I couldn’t help but feel the spirit of Jesus teaching the crowds the so-called second Ten Commandments: the Beatitudes. Here, approximately 225,000 people came to listen. Contrary to many of our beliefs, our guide said, Jesus would stand at the

bottom of the mountain and speak, with the crowds on the side of the hill in front of him. I couldn’t help but weep again, because the message that Jesus gave was for his Jewish family, a message very much in line with what the Torah teaches. If they would only have heard their great rabbi at that time! He was teaching about living in the Kingdom. That was the kind of Jesus the Jewish people could relate to, not the one who was hung on the cross!

The next day was the day we all had been waiting and preparing for—and being prepared for—the day our True Parents were paying a price for. The



night before, we attended one more lecture on the parallels of human history, delivered by Rev. Michael Jenkins and another on the purpose of Jesus’ coming and exchanging the cross for a crown. Simultaneously, Dr. Frank Kaufman and Taj Hamad coached our Jewish brothers and sisters for the “big day” of reconciliation. No one could know what the next day would bring. It felt like going into a major battle during the American Civil War. All we could do was leave the outcome in God’s hands.

All night through, our Unificationist brothers and sisters pray. At 5 am, we give all the participants a wakeup call, yet it is made optional for them to come. “Today is the day,” I say to one of the pastors, who is just passing by our room as he walks toward the elevator. I am dressed in black and white, as Jewish women are when going to worship. There is a fresh spirit and



high expectation in the air, like on an Easter morning.

It is 5:30 am, when the buses will leave to go to the Holy Sepulcher on the other side of the city. Jerusalem is still sleeping. Today, all Christians observe their Sunday; the day before, our Jewish brethren celebrated their Sabbath, and on Friday, it was the Muslim brothers and sisters who had kept their holy day. As we leave the buses to walk up

the road, the morning sun reflects from the bright stones of the walls and buildings. There are palm trees near the city wall. The atmosphere is peaceful and holy. All of the pastors, dressed in their Sunday robes, solemnly walk up the hill.

Suddenly, as we reach the top, the sound of sirens comes closer, and in a few seconds several police cars pass us by. One almost hits me. Something must have happened. We found out later that at that time, 6:00 am, a suicide bomber had blown up a bus just two blocks from our hotel! No doubt, this is a battle of life and death.

We need to go down another street, and as I try to catch up with the group, someone in the front starts to sing the song: “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?” The sound travels back to me, and we all join together in this beautiful hymn. Tears come to my eyes when I see my black brothers and sisters who have gone the path of suffering, about to liberate our brother Jesus on behalf of True Parents. What a privilege to be part of this!

The small Church of the Holy Sepulcher where Jesus was entombed is squeezed between other buildings, with a good-sized yard in front of it. It is rather dark on the inside. There is Hebrew singing going on in part of the sanctuary, an early worship service.

We all gather around the place of Jesus’ tomb, and Rev. Jesse Edwards opens with a beautiful prayer, saying that we clergy have come here to take down the cross once and for all. We have come to remove the age-old obstacle, the symbol that causes division between Jews and Christians, and we are here to reconcile with our brothers.

Archbishop Stallings, Pastor T.L. Barrett, and other clergy leaders enter the small “sanctuary” and pay their respects to the tomb. Then we all proceed to another altar in the church. It is there where our medium-sized white cross is being laid down symbolically by a woman pastor, and is covered with the Family Federation flag by Dr. Yang. Archbishop Stallings and others lead us in another powerful prayer. History is in the making.

There is one more place to go, one more thing to do before we meet with our Jewish brothers and sisters: To bury the cross in the ground once and for all. We head toward the Potter’s Field, or the Field of Blood, a piece of land that was purchased with Judas’ blood money, where nearby he hanged himself.

A big wooden cross about 6 feet high

is being lifted up by the pastors as we march down a winding road leading to the Potter’s Field, which is a long green field with a Greek Monastery on one side. “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” rings through the crowd of ministers again as they approach the final resting place for the cross.

At the site, we find there is a grave already dug by our Family Federation of Israel members, exactly the size of the cross. Several Bible quotes are read before the cross is lifted up one more time and then put down in the ground forever. A Family Federation flag, dated and signed, is placed on top. A rabbi is the first to pray, followed by the Christian representative, then a Muslim, and finally Dr. Yang, representing the Third Israel and True Parents.

I am holding hands with two sisters, crying out, during these stirring moments. It is as if I am standing underneath the cross where Jesus hung as one of the women, and shedding tears, only this time they are tears of joy and liberation. It was as if we witnessed the body of Jesus being lifted off that cross and now being set free. Especially when Dr. Yang prays, I sense the presence of our True Parents who laid the foundation and made this possible. I think of True Father’s own incredible unimaginable suffering and how much he helped Jesus. Tears, tears, and more tears.

We all put one shovel of dirt on top of the cross. It is finished! Good bye, cross! Rest in peace forever! Jesus is free now. Hallelujah! Peace will come now! Coming back to the hotel, one of our pastors needed to be taken to the hospital, and two other sisters and I am asked to accompany him. As we rush to the place by taxi, we pass by the very scene where the suicide bomber blew up the bus earlier this morning. Thanks be to God that we were protected!

I know I will miss the opening session with our Jewish brothers and sisters, but God is telling me that here in the hospital are also my Jewish brothers and sisters. We pray for our ill pastor and the people in the hospital as the pastor is brought back on the road to recovery.

We rejoin our conference for lunch at the hotel, where Christian pastors and Jewish rabbis and guests are already sitting around tables engaged in animated conversation. I meet my group from Washington, DC. Great happiness fills my heart just meeting them and embracing them. There had been a powerful beginning of the symposium for reconciliation, especially because of Archbishop Stallings’ stirring speech of repentance on behalf of the Christians that moved the hearts of the Jewish rabbis.

More speakers and discussion are scheduled for the afternoon before the signing of the Jerusalem Declaration, the highlight and most important part of the trip.

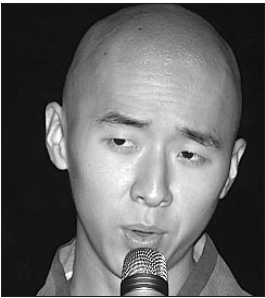
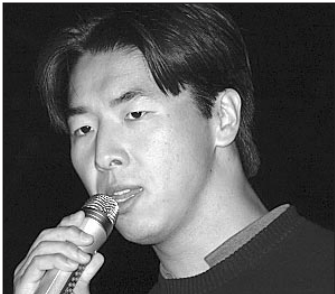
After lunch, I look for a table to join and find one with three rather young Jewish women, a black pastor, and a state leader from America. As I join them, they tell me that three Jewish leaders had left that table after the morning discussion. The Christian minister is very sad, because his humble heart was ready to learn and inherit

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CHUSOK CELEBRATION

(KOREAN THANKSGIVING)
SEPTEMBER 11, 2003 - EAST GARDEN

TRUE PARENTS CELEBRATE CHUSOK, KOREAN
THANKSGIVING, WITH TRUE CHILDREN AND
LEADERS, AT EAST GARDEN WITH BEAUTIFUL SUNSET
OVER THE HUDSON RIVER WITH A FULL MOON.



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from them. Yet it seems that God has provided replacements. These young women are almost ecstatic when they hear the presentation by Dr. Wilson, which, in a very challenging yet loving way, explains to the Jewish audience why they might consider and embrace Jesus as a great rabbi. As other presenters continue, the young lady next to me keeps nudging her friend saying: "It is happening, it is happening! We are going to have real peace!" They stand up and cheer excitedly. Then Archbishop Stallings begins to read the Jerusalem Declaration for the first time. There is a sudden tension in the air. Will Rabbi Brodman sign? The archbishop asks him the question.

Oh, yes, and not only does he want to sign, but he would sign only if his Islamic brother would sign first. Amazing! It is more than we all had asked for. The three brothers of Abraham all sign and then embrace each other. Tears come to my eyes again, tears of joy, gratitude, and relief. Nearly everyone steps toward the front them to also put their signature on the historic document.

We all have a celebration coffee-and-cake break. People embrace each other, take pictures, and exchange information.

I walk outside on the hotel verandah overlooking Jerusalem. With me come a Jewish young woman and Claire Daugherty. I ask them if the three of us could offer a prayer of gratitude for what we just experienced. They agree, and so we all hold hands while looking over the city. Each of us prays in her native language, German, Hebrew,

and English. Tears flow down our cheeks, and at the end, our Jewish sister says, "Thank you for your prayer and your presence. I could feel Jesus through you." She then explains to us that it had only been a few weeks ago that she and other friends felt compelled to investigate more about Jesus of Nazareth, who he was and what he was trying to accomplish, and why their Jewish religion has shunned him till now.

Clearly, the spirit world had prepared many people for this time. All of the Jewish participants who had come that evening had to make a decision to go to that hotel, which was two blocks from the site where the bomb had exploded that morning. They were truly committed to reconciliation.

A glorious banquet follows to end the day with singing, sharing, and dancing. After the signing of the document, a spirit of joy and celebration fills the air. We toasted during the evening banquet with real wine, as now Jesus' family was reunited!

Truly, a powerful seed for peace among the three sons of Abraham has been planted there today! It now needs to be watered, cultivated, and nurtured to grow into a beautiful family tree!

For our group, we had one more day of sightseeing, which would include the Dead Sea, the Qumran caves, and the Daemona community of Hebrew Israelites, Africans and African-Americans who had settled in the desert 36 years ago to build the ideal Kingdom. We left my beloved Jerusalem and drove

into the desert toward the Dead Sea. It is the lowest point on the globe. Passing by Bedouin settlements, goats, sheep, and dust till we neared a stretch of green where luscious fruit and vegetables are grown.

"The biggest greenhouse built by God," our tour guide, Danny, said. He was full of stories and anecdotes, which he interspersed among all the many facts about his beloved land and people. For example, one joke well illustrates the character of the Israelis:

Three Israeli boys talk together, debating whose father was the most

welcome awaited us at the Daemona community, whose leadership had been in touch with our movement. They all welcomed us "home." It was a good ending to this first historic trip to Israel.

My personal relationship with Jesus, whom I have known since my early childhood, has changed and deepened tremendously, after having seen where he walked and talked, feeling with him at the Sermon Mount, where he was trying to reach all of his Jewish family with a "new" yet ancient truth. I shed many tears during this trip. I felt Jesus' presence with us and with me from the beginning to the end. He was talking to me from his heart. One clear message he gave me: "You must love aggressively, especially your enemies."

Again, all glory and honor go to God and True Parents who have paid for this miracle with tears, sweat, and blood and unending faith and patience. Jesus is now free, once and for all, from at least the one cross that lies buried in the ground at the Potter's Field. He will be freed with every cross that comes down. As the crosses come down, Jesus and True Parents are

asking us to carry our own cross and fulfill our personal historical responsibility at this time. One very personal message I received from Jesus was: "If you love me, do as I did, love your enemies aggressively!" By doing so, all religions will come together as one family, and the dream of God and True Parents and our own dream, the substantial Kingdom of Heaven, will become a reality.❖

powerful. One says: "Do you know the Eiffel Tower?" "Yes," the other two answer. "Well, my father constructed it." The second one says: "Do you know the Empire State Building?" "Yes," the others answer. "Well, my father paid for it." Then they were wondering about the Israelis question. "Do you know the Dead Sea?" "Yes." "Well, my father killed it." Danny's comment: "Three Israelis, three opinions."

A most wonderful, spirited, warm





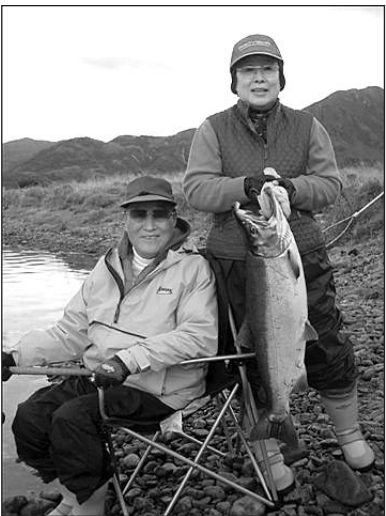
Fishing in Alaska

September 19, 2003 - Alaska

Mother caught the biggest salmon at the Pasakshak river. True Parents went up to Mt.Piler in Kodiak island to pray for UN providence.



Won Ju McDevitt



by Gwenn Bair

In early September, the FFWPU Regional Director couple Rev. Ki Yeal Lee and his wife Seiko left the Ohio/WV/Indiana region for their new mission area of upstate NY. We parted in tears.

Two outstanding and memorable farewell events were held. First, there was a Ministers' Farewell Banquet. 55 ministers gathered from our region on a Saturday evening to share grateful testimonies and memories of Rev. and Mrs. Lee and to bid them Godspeed.

Then on Sunday afternoon, it was celebration time as church members of all ages quickly overcame their shyness (when we realized we were all as out of practice as the next guy) and danced for almost two hours. No, we weren't dancing because we were glad the Lee's were leaving. We were sad to see them go, but decided to have a "celebration instead of a funeral". Marquis Van De Mark had hired a great little party band for our farewell celebration. Four of the children of Vince and Su Young then did an exciting Kung Fu performance. We ended the day with heartfelt testimonies and a tearful goodbye to the Lee family.

Recent Harvest

Reverend Juan Morales, a Mexican brother, is our assistant Regional Director, who came to Ohio two months ago. Reverend Lee said that more has been accomplished in these last two months than in the two years since he and his wife have been in Ohio. Why is that?

Rev. Morales attributes it to the good old formula of unity with central fig-



ure. He came to Ohio 100% determined to lay aside any pride, and unite totally with Rev. Lee. Seeing his passion to educate ministers, our church members began to bring their minister friends to Rev. Morales in their homes or at our church. These ministers would then

receive a blast of Divine Principle education, especially Mission of the Messiah and the fact that Jesus did not come to die. It has been well received and understood by many of these ministers.

Because of the investment of heart and effort by Rev. and Mrs. Lee in our region, and because of their family truly being one which is living "on the altar" of God, Rev. Morales feels we are now able to HARVEST quickly and well. Some of the local

members have been diligently visiting and nurturing various churches in recent years. These ministers, who have a relationship of friendship and trust with our members, are perhaps now ready to understand the deeper content we have been longing to share.

In Cleveland, at a monthly prayer breakfast, nine pastors were educated on the DP view of Jesus' true mission, and why the cross should be taken down. The "Victory in Jerusalem" video was also shown. They understood, and helped bring the number to 19 pastors at the next prayer breakfast. Rev. Lee taught that the DP is a divine revelation from God, and the ministers are beginning to understand the importance of Rev.



Moon's message. **Receive God's Word** Have you heard the voice of Seiko Lee, Rev. Lee's wife? It is one which reaches to the heart of her listeners, and is given in prayer and love. She has spent countless hours performing (in sickness and in health) for the benefit of many churches. She recently sang "To God Be the Glory" in one church, and the Holy Spirit was so strongly present that the whole congregation wept for 20 minutes. This opened the way for Rev. Morales to deliver a powerful sermon. He feels he can always deliver a good speech when she opens the way with her singing first. Rev. Morales commented, "Because of Rev. Lee's heart, I was inspired to make effort to unite. I feel because of the strong unity we could establish, Ohio c o u l d change. Also, because of Rev. and Mrs. Lee's investment, and since they are moving away, I feel God wanted to show them their effort was not in vain. It's important to unite. With unity centered on heart and love, results can come." ❖

Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine Ceremony

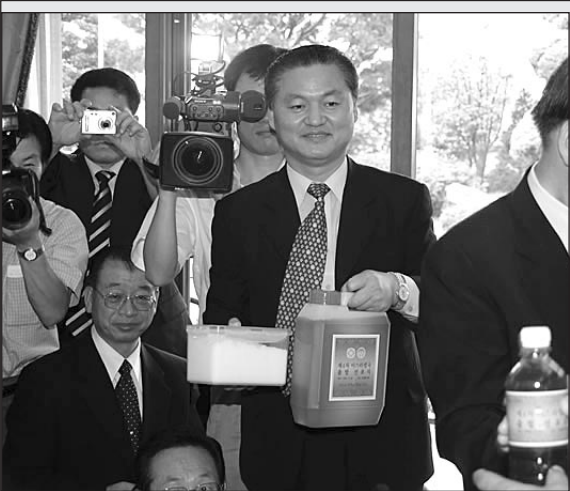
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Hannam International Training Center

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Chicago, Illinois



Holy Wine Ceremony Signifies New Beginning in DC

by Rev. McCarthy

There was a tremendous spiritual convergence of events on September 7th 2003 at Columbia Rd. Church. The mysterious hand of God was clearly moving circumstances so that a full and faithful Washington Family Church could enter the realm of the 4th Israel together. An added element that brought an even deeper spirit was that the event was the first event to be held in our newly redecorated and reconstructed National Welcoming Center at The Washington Family Church. Blessed central families from all over the metro area began to arrive early in order to get a good seat for the ceremony. The atmosphere was heavenly and uplifting as everyone could deeply feel the same sense as our original blessing day and even more so considering the added significance of enter-

ing the 4th Israel. We were also greatly blessed to have Dr. and Mrs. Chang Shik Yang as our main officiators who began the ceremony as the first family to receive the holy wine. Dr. and Mrs. Yang then administered the holy wine to Rev. and Mrs. Jeong Phyong Hong and to Rev. and Mrs. Kevin McCarthy who then administered the holy wine to elder couples and to the rest of the participants.



For twenty-five long years, our sanctuary, perhaps in a nod of recognition to the past, had maintained the architectural style of the origin owners. During that time, nothing had been touched to bring our own sanctuary more in concert with the era of the Completed Testament Age, the age of attendance. Even to find a place for True Parent's chairs was a daunting task given the tight quarters of the sanctuary layout. The new CTA styling brought an unprecedented holy feel to our sanctuary. The angels were surely dancing for joy as a bright new era unfolds for the Washington Family Church. ❖



Saskatoon and Montana One-Day Conference

by Rev. Mike Yakawich

On August 26th, 2003 we hosted our International ACLC conference. We had 40 people in attendance. We were truly surprised by the great turn out (which was an overflow crowd) to our event.

We had five representatives from Canada attend. They were from Saskatoon, Canada. The overall faiths participating included several LDS elders, AME, Methodist, Unity, Presbyterian, Shield of Faith, Church Universal and Triumphant, Family Church, Jewish and Buddhist clergy, lay ministers, missionaries, elders and leaders. It was a wonderful variety that greatly complemented our program.

Our MT. ACLC Secretary, Mr. Dennis Briggs, who is the elder of the Church Universal Triumphant, gave a very clear and deep opening prayer. It was a good start to our program. He has been a very loyal member of ACLC.

Dr. Selover's wife, Grace, gave our opening Bible reading from Psalms 133 and our Japanese missionaries opened everyone's hearts with a Christian Hymn.

Pastor Mike Yakawich then introduced the conference with some introductions, explanations of national and local ACLC and then an overhead presentation on the Principle of Creation/Three Blessings. This helped set

tation, the Unity Church leader came up in front and with tears expressed how God touched her heart through this video and how grateful she was the Chad Martin invited her and that she came to this program. (I wish also to note here that Mr. Martin did a super job in videoing and photographing this program.)

The MT. AFC director, Paul DiLorenzo gave a very informative talk on the UN resolution, Ambassador for Peace and the Parent's Day Program. He handed out to the audience the resolution regarding the UN proposal from the Philippines in Sept. The MT. ACLC staff stepped up front to show support and sign the proclamation all together. Many clergy were inspired and signed.

Other talks included Bishop Hilton McClendon's address on "Take Down the Cross and Carry It!" He captivated the audience as he drew in personal examples of tearing down walls of religious prejudice and placing true Christianity instead. He concluded his talk by symbolically burying the cross. He took a cross and laid it on the podium. Then he placed the

faced great physical pain at this conference and explained that he was being tried and tested by Satan. After the program, several of us traveled to the top of the rim rocks, which overlook the city of Billings and blew the horn several times more. He felt God's presence and guidance for the horn to be blown and to bring greater blessing to Montana. He shared a great happening will occur in Billings due to this.

Elders of the LDS faith presented a discussion on the value of the family and how we all should be bring someone closer to God each and every day.

A Hispanic Methodist Lay Minister gave us wonderful prayer over

the lunch meal. He like so many were deeply touch by the video regarding the conference held in Jerusalem this past spring. The Unity Church representative was in tears sharing her testimony on see the video and the Jew, Muslim and Christian embracing each other.

We had our share of spiritual battles during this conference. The Jewish Christian representative, Mr. Luiten from Canada, cried out in pain at the beginning of the program

with sharp pains in his back. He said Satan was attacking him. Bishop McClendon offered a strong prayer for healing and protection. Later, as Mr. Luiten stood up to share and blow his horn he was again in excruciating pain (where Dr. Selover and I physically sup-

ported him at the podium). Here he said he felt the pain of God for the division of Christianity.

At the end of the program, a very close friend of ours from the AME church had her daughter, Dami- tria, with her. Her daughter fainted into a light comma. Apparently, they were just at the doctors and came directly to the conference from the doctor's office.

We were in our closing prayer when the ambulance arrived. She was looked over by the paramedics while we were taking our group photo. (Since, we could not do anything anyway with Dami- tria in the good hands of the para-



a direction for our conference, introduce some of our principles and helped stimulate some discussion and conversation.

Next, we had a very well thought out, Biblical based presentation from Dr. Thomas Selover titled, "On the Road to Jerusalem." It was an excellent Presbyterian sermon that leads into the introduction of the video. Dr. Selover is the leader of ACLC in Saskatoon, a professor of Religious Studies at Saskatoon University and very active with the Presbyterian faith. Here I give much credit to the Canadian ACLC leadership who both inspired and spearheaded this conference. Their inspiration and dedication to bring such great spiritual leadership from Canada made our event so successful.

The video "On The Road to Jerusalem/The ACLC Tour" brought much tears to the audience. Many guests could be heard crying especially at the end of the program when Jew, Muslim and Christian embraced. After the presen-

Family Flag over it and encouraged the entire audience to do the same in their churches.

After Bishop McClendon's talk, we passed out a certificate for each guest. The entire group then signed this certificate which part of it stated: "In the spirit of cooperation and ecumenical dialogue, we make a personal commitment to carry the Cross daily as an ambassador of peace by conforming my life to the will of God."

We were blessed with a Jewish Christina couple from Canada who introduced us to their ministry. He takes an antelope horn from Israel, which is about 4 feet long, and if the Lord God tells him to blow it, he blows it. He says it brings unity among a community. He





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This is an excerpt from an address given to the American Clergy Leadership Conference Symposium: Harmony and Peace in the Middle East Amongst the Children of Abraham: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Reconciliation; The Cross Reconsidered: Historical & Theological Perspectives held Tuesday, August 26, 2003 at the Islamic Center of Passaic County, Paterson, NJ.

Among all of the founders of the world's faiths, the prophet Mohammed [Peace be upon Him] was the most successful during his own lifetime, and Islam has grown to become one of the world's truly great faiths. Reverend Moon has taught that peace can only be realized upon the foundation of our highest ideals and the deepest values of our faith traditions. The very purpose of our meeting today is to consider the role and responsibility of religious leaders in fostering peace and harmony.

The history of the Islamic faith is a clear example of the power of religious ideals to unite people beyond the barriers of race and nationality. With its five great pillars, its strong traditions and clear teaching, Islam has gathered together Asians- from Indonesia, Malaysia and more; Africans- from the Sudan, Morocco, and elsewhere; Arabs- from throughout the Middle-East; Europeans; Americans as well, as we can see here today. Islam is alive and growing even in my home country of Korea! The black American leader Malcolm X, after a lifetime of bitterness and racial hatred, experienced the pilgrimage to Mecca, and during the Hajj found himself praying, eating and sleeping together with Muslims of every race and nationality, and found that all races were his true brothers.

Christianity has also played such a role in history, gathering people of all races, backgrounds and nationalities around a common faith, around a common ideal. Even Judaism has gathered together Africans, Europeans, and many

others through a shared culture and tradition. But it seems that these religions have gone as far as they can go as unifiers, and now face each other. If we want to achieve a greater unity, a higher level of harmony, then we must lift up the higher ideals that we share in common.



Judaism, Islam and Christianity share common roots, common ideals and common goals. In many places and times through the centuries, they have lived side-by-side in peace, Muslims and Jews in particular. But today we are witnessing unprecedented bloodshed, and senseless, needless killing. Sadly, we can see the truth of Gandhi's words: "If we continue to practice an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, eventually the whole world will be blind and toothless."

A central theme of our discussions today is "The Cross Reconsidered." How odd that the very same symbol that represents the enduring love of God to Christian believers everywhere conveys intolerance, hatred and forced conversion to people of other faiths. How interesting that the cross became Christianity's central symbol not from the time of Christ, not through the early church, but centuries later, as an assurance of military conquest. How sad that the very instrument of Christ's atoning sacrifice was defiled in the name of crusades, inquisitions, pogroms, persecutions, and even the racial hatred of the Ku Klux Klan. How tragic that the cross

which for Christians has been the gateway to salvation for all humankind, has cast a long shadow upon Jews, Muslims, and people of other faiths.

The American Clergy Leadership Conference, which is co-sponsoring today's symposium, is challenging religious leaders not merely to reconsider our symbols, but to reflect upon with what heart we can truly embrace our brothers. Jesus, who is acknowledged in the Koran as strongly as in the Bible, said, "Let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves," while St. Paul

encouraged, "...offend no one," and gave the example, "If your brother is offended by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love." Jesus taught the true symbol of the Christian faith: "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love for one another." In this spirit we have assembled a capable and qualified panel of presenters to reconsider the cross in relation to the purpose and mission of Christianity, and the unity of the children of Abraham. How and when did the cross become a symbol of Christianity? What purpose did God have in sending Jesus to mankind? Was the cross the intended will of God? What are the fundamental barriers that divide our community of faith, and how can we tear down these walls?

As you pursue the answers to these crucial questions, I encourage you: do not hesitate to challenge tradition and conventional thinking. We serve a living God, and age to age, that living God has challenged the hearts and minds of believers to climb ever onward and upward as we pursue His will. How difficult was it for the Israelites of Moses' era to let go of their idols and embrace the law? The scripture records that the religious leaders of Jesus' time



believed his teaching was destroying that very law, even though he came to fulfill it. St. Paul acknowledged that our knowledge is imperfect, our understanding only partial. I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all our deliberations today, but it is our job, as Jesus said, to make fresh wineskins of our hearts and minds, otherwise, they will burst with the new wine.

In preparation for today's dialogue, most of the Christian pastors who are with us have taken the crosses down from their churches, together with hundreds of Christian leaders across America. This is both a gesture of reconciliation and an acknowledgment that Jesus did not come to this world with the purpose to die on a cross.

Just 3 months ago, 130 of these leaders journeyed to the Holy Land, buried the cross in a symbolic ceremony, and participated in an historic reconciliation with hundreds of Jewish and Moslem leaders, in the midst of bombs and bloodshed. Next month, 120 more such pilgrims will join a second pilgrimage to the Middle East, and march side-by-side for peace with their Moslem and Jewish brethren, from Gaza to Gethsemane.

It is a difficult and dangerous time, but Rev. Sun Myung Moon has challenged leaders of these great faiths to tear down the walls and work as one. As Christian leaders turn from the suffering of the cross to the hope of resurrection, and bury their crosses once and for all, and trade the cross for a crown, we must all proclaim an end to the era of bloodshed, suffering and pain, and look toward a new time of resurrection and hope. ❖



Chicago Jericho Walk and Blessing

Our Chicago Family Church members and CARP/ STF Youth Ministries marched September 7, 2003 the same path the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. walked in Chicago. When he walked to Marquette Park in 1966 and was stoned. Like the recent Edmund Pettus Bridge march of ACLC we could march this historic trail years latter but now with Black, White, Hispanic and Asian together. Through the marches freedom was won in America.

This is the 9th year in a row the Family Church marched with Bishop Connie Bansa—founder of the renowned Jericho Walk in Chicago. As with past Marches we began in the church and received

True Parent's blessing for Marriage and Family through Bishop and Mrs. Kim.

At one time or another in the last 9 years, the Governor, the Mayor, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Minister Farrakhan, Pastor T.L. Barrett and many more key leaders have made it to the Jericho Walk. The schools and surrounding churches support this walk in faith to "tear down the walls" of race and community to end the killing and violence. Now Rev. Bansa is preparing to take this spirit with us to the Holy Land to end the violence there. Like Joshua shouting and seeing the walls come down. We will shout out praises to God for sending True Parents and

showing that the way of True Healing is through the Blessing.

We will be victorious. True Parents power and authority is absolute. The Clergy are deeply inspired and courageous. We want to see Muslims, Christians and Jews arm in arm calling for an absolute end to the violence. The Peace Council has the power to go where political efforts end. We will move the hearts of the religious leaders and the people whom God has prepared.

We must do this because it is right, just and needed. We must now bring the age of the Blessing of True Family. We will conduct and International and Inter-

religious Blessings, Muslim Imams, Christian Leaders and Rabbis, together with Buddhist leaders and great men and women from the faiths of the world will "bless" in prayer the couples that we gather.

As it was with our Jericho Walk today—the walls came down. Black, White, Hispanic and Asian. All of God's children are now prepared to be one family before the Lord. This is for real. The Living God that walked with Joshua, lifted up Jesus and brought forth Muhammad is about to deliver peace in Israel. ❖



by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is from an address given on August 31, 2003 at East Garden. Notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins , translation by Mrs. Hee Hun Standard.

The 7 am pledge service was held before a special offering table that represented North, East, South and West. The offering table did not have the cylindrical towers of fruits and cookies but rather had large mounds of fruits of every kind. Bags of cookies and candies were also standing in mounds. The offering table had for significant mounds at the four corners, representing North, East, South and West.

True Parents entered and True Father lit the 7 candles. First the center, then the right, the far left, the second from the right, the second from the left and so on toward the central candle. Then Father prayed.



The True Parents offered Kyung Beh to Heavenly Father and True Parents together sat behind the offering table. Then True Children bowed. Then all blessed couples bowed and we recited the Family Pledge (Kajong Mengse). Father said: We have entered the realm of the Fourth Israel. This is a time when peace will surely come. We now have to transcend the barriers of race, religion, nationality and establish our True Identity as sons and daughters of God with one lineage.

Then Rev. Kwak asked if we should do the representative bows from each nation and religion. Father said, today is special we need 36 couples representing East, 72 couples representing South, 124 couples representing South and 430 couples representing the



North. Then Father called for three more couples to represent the Physical World, the Spiritual World and all the cosmos. These 7 representatives also joined with Hyun Jin Nim's couple to receive the offering. Mother personally picked 7 kinds of fruit as an and placed them on the representative trays. Our role on this day was to receive this blessing from God and give it out to every single part of humanity.

To symbolize this, Father asked us to go outside and offer this fruit in four directions, East, West, South, North and the center. We spread out in four directions on the EG property and cut the fruits in half of thirds and then through them out as an offering of God's love to all humankind. Father and Mother were still giving out the offering table to every member. Rev. In Hoi Lee and other leaders helped to distribute the offering. Then the offering table was removed and Father asked everybody to squeeze up as closely as possible. Father let everyone squeeze around him and mother. There wasn't an inch to spare.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang was asked to read Hoon Dok Hae from the establishment of Pal Jeong Shik in 1989:

The turning point of the battle against Satan was 1988. From that point we could have the exchange marriage. From that point we could restore parentship. You should be connected to your spouse but at the same time you must be connected to True Parents. How are you connected through lineage and True Love. Father tries to save things, even toilet paper. This is a way to show heart for everyone. If you don't take care of fish well you will be lacking. We should be able to utilize the underwater sea. We should not have any walls. We should no longer say, I'm Japanese or American. We should say that I'm am an original daughter that is coming to the land of my hope. What is most important now is not talk but rather ACTION. Pal Jeong Shik represents 8 which has two circles. It represents the restoration of the Elder Son and the establishment and victory centering on True Parents. We must be totally united among all members. We are the representatives of heaven.

Father's Prayer: Heavenly Father you have lived such a toilsome life and I realize how painful it must have been. May times we did not know your heart. Without knowing however we cannot fulfill your will. This is why we must have the messiah. We must understand the archangel and over come the barriers with him through true love. Lucifer must be restored. True Parents discovered all the secrets of heaven. You

guided me to do this and I am so grateful for this. I've been able to make so many Tribal Messiahs and I am grateful for this. I am now in Kodiak and we are ending this month of August and the number 8 will be settled in this land of Kodiak. Now I'm about to send your representatives to 32 countries. Please let them be victorious wherever they go. Let them always experience your heart and love. We are now here to bring victory vertically and horizontally at this time. We are entering a new age of parentship. Amen, Amen, Amen.

Dr. Yang was asked by Father to read the next the speech that talked about the Proclamation of

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August 2., 1989. On the victory of proclaiming Pal Jeong Shik August 1 by the Lunar calendar, (ceremony of 8 stages), I could proclaim Cheon Bu Shik (August 2nd by the Lunar Calendar - Ceremony of the victory of True Parents.) From this victory we are clearly in the position of Abel. No one in Cain's position will be able to accuse me - Not Kim Il Sung or any, because I served them completely. No matter how faithful you are as an individual or couple you cannot go to heaven without restoring your tribe. I set all of these conditions that is why Father could



survive.

If I am not victorious God could not attend and take care of me. Without victory God cannot bless me. You should be even more serious than I am. If anyone is dozing here then his nation will collapse. If there are three Jews here and one is sleeping if means that one third of all Jews are in jeopardy. We must restore brothers or sibling conflict. This must be restored. That is why Democracy is not the ultimate form of Government. With the right amount of strategy and money a mafia person can win..

That's where God's love is. America has been hopelessly declining, however with Rev. Moon there is hope.



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Rev. Moon has such a big heart. With all of America inside my heart there is still more room. What we need is parentism. That heavenly parentism. We must overcome Cain and Abel. Later we must overcome. Democracy is the right wing and the Communist world is the left wing. The left always strikes first (like Cain). Jesus said that he came from Heaven. That's because he came from God's heart. The Messiah comes from heaven. Does your mind order your body. Many times



we fail to subjugate the body. We strike our body – that's why we do fasting and prayer. We should go beyond this. There is some sort of Messianism. Abel should win Cain. Not by force, only by love. Messianism is to restore the original state. For this we must have a vertical state, without this we lose our parents and the church. You should be willing to follow Rev. Moon, no matter what. The spiritual connection to Satan must be cut and severed. How can



we restore Cain and Abel. After WWII Cain and Abel were restored on a World wide level. What was Danbury – it was a 20th century cross. I made two presidents the one in 1980 and the one in 1988. Russia lost hope when they were defeated. But when they found me they found hope. I ruthlessly abandoned my family to do God's will. Many leaders wanted me to go an easier way. But they didn't understand. Now Americans are beginning to understand. I completely fulfilled my role and even went to Congress and proclaimed Parentship. Through this Cheon Bu Juin we can fulfill the final stage of restoration in the world between Cain and Able. We lost kingship and you should restore it. If you are confident that you can do it raise your hands.

Father: One week ago Father said that one week ago that we must prepare for today. From Servant of Servant, to Adopted Child to child all the way to God. We must be connected by blood lineage. Blood lineage cannot come by one person. It must come through two that come together. That's how we can have love. When there is

man, there must be woman. Same with siblings, Elder brother can exist because of younger brother, they need each other. Those who live alone are in a pitiful position because they did not know True love. Parents mean a pair. In America there are many that want to live single. This is denying True Love, this is not good. For men to find value, he needs a woman and woman needs man to find True Love. Why is a widower so pitiful, because they have no subject or object to love. In the garden of Eden was there free sex. What I'm doing is making you owners of True Love. We have to establish the world of True Love, not through free sex. We must seek for absolute love. Man needs woman and woman needs man. That's why we should be united for eternity. No matter how many relationships we might have, we should seek for absolute love. We should know why we lost true love. How many Japanese women are here ? How many American sisters are here? Not so many. This is a problem, we are here to save America, but there are mostly Japanese sisters here. Then America will become Japanese. You should have fresh love which is eternal. You must have eternal women's love. Eternal women's love must have the love of an eternal man. Love is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. People are only talking about it. Why were men born. The master of all those creations are human beings, those who think about selfish love are swindlers. All the creation is true and they form in pairs. The insects and the animals form pairs. Look at the Salmon all in pairs. Animals, regardless of their background they speak the language of True Love. Is they anyone that doesn't want to possess True Love? We all want True Love - everyone raise your hands if you want True Love. (everyone raised their hands).

You should remember the first true love. That is the most important. Western women have clothing that show their breasts and with short pants – there is nothing mysterious. The men are the same. They already know everything about each other and therefore they don't want to be married. Everyone wants something mysterious. Men want a feminine soft woman, and women want a masculine even hairy man.

Do you find it a joy to live with your spouse after the blessing? Because your mind and body are fighting you have not tasted True Love in your family. Should America prosper or fall with its current lifestyle.



If America continues to go this way they will fall. But because of the Blessed Central Families – there is hope for America. You are supposed to save your family members and your tribe. You must come to the point where your tribe is deeply grateful for you and each word you speak. You must raise your children so that they respect their parents. There must be elder and younger brothers and through that there can be siblingship. Everyone in America is very individualistic, they are only centered on the husband / wife relationship – which is only centered on one generation. No matter how happy they must be toward



each other, they are not happy without a lineage and children. We need three generations to achieve happiness in our family.

You don't need parents, or brothers and sisters? Rejecting having children is not the right thing to do. Then you will just end up with one generation. Homosexuals and Lesbians only live for one generation. Can men and men produce a child. They will be finished within one generation. Now they are trying to legalize homosexuality. Any country that does such a thing will fall. Homosexuality is a means for Satan to destroy humankind. It is more terrible than the disease of leprosy. It is blocking the will of God and is designed to block God's nation. Now through the blessing, we can change God's people and create the Kingdom of God.

Every creation is searching for their partner and longing to have their own offspring. Human beings are less than those animals when they reject their lineage and children. What kind of men and women do you want to marry. Do American men want to marry American women. American women want to be the queen but they will lose the men to Japanese women. American men don't like the American women, because they would rather go with the women who will listen to them. Originally America and Japan are enemies to each other. Human beings can distinguish right and wrong. I gave blessings to many American men and Japanese women. When America goes down, and American men are united with the women and the women united with God it can go back up. The white people should marry black and the black should marry white. Now people support that. The CIA is saying that people are becoming Moonize and that is good. Many Asians come here and get American-

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ized.

Today is the 14th anniversary of Pal Jeong Shik and Cheon Bu Jui. (Paren-tism). Without this foundation we could not be registered. Did Adam and Eve have children before the fall or after the fall. God never had his own grandchil-dren. If we are talking about the fall, God doesn't have his own family. Your voices are smaller than my voice. How precious it is to have grandsons and grand-daughters.

Satan is the enemy of God. Through the fall three gen-erations were lost. Where did you come from, Satan's world. Now what is the dif-ference Pit Jool. – Blood lin-eage. Many people are now asked to bring about the blessing of marriage. Is it good the Unification Church was established - why – because of Pit Jool. Unifi-cation church has the power to restore people back to the heavenly blood lineage. There has been hell, and it has been like a prison, we must lib-erate the people. What must religious believers do. They must restore God's family with their children. They must come to understand that Father and Mother Moon are their True Parents. They must understand that due to the fall their blood lineage was changed. They became connected to Satan. When they lost God they became very ani-malistic. They are ruthless. They became far worse and destructive than animals. Now we need a change. What is con-nected to God will prosper. We are still fighting. Those whose mind and body are not fighting, raise your hand.

Now if the wife is asking us to sacri-fice more we need to balance that. Which way does the clock turn – to the right. The fall is as if the clock were turning in the opposite direction or should we go continuously. If you don't want to be severed you cannot be go the right direc-tion. To go back to God we have to be severed. We have to have a reversal to bring about such a restoration. If you continue this way it will not work What will happen. To avoid it you have to deny everything. From the humanistic view-point you must go against your own desire – otherwise you will still go in Satan's direction. You have to sever your-self. You have to correct your picture and go God's way. We must cut off from Satan's direction.

What I'm trying to say today is that we must have a clean and pure blood lineage and for your marriage to be truly blessed you should marry you enemy. At the time of Sodom and Gomorrah Lot's wife looked back – she turned into a pillar of salt and could not go to the final destination. You must not become like this. You must cut off and go the direction of God. We have to marry some-one who is coming to an enemy family and make the blessing. From now on when you marry – they must marry the enemy. Christians and Muslims must marry. This will eliminate Satan's side. We should not turn back from God. The Muslims should marry Christians – from that day on then three generations will

be liberated. Now the greatest struggle in the world is between the Muslims and Christians and particularly the separa-tion of Jews and Palestinians. Abraham should have taken care of Ishmael's mother Hagar. Because Jesus was mur-dered by the chosen people so much indemnity had to be paid.

In the 6500 couples blessing Father married Koreans and Japanese. He was cursed and criticized for doing this by

both Koreans and Japanese. They are enemies. Why did Father do this. So many problems came to our movement because of this. But did I do right or wrong. Now they are saying it was right. Now Muslims and Christians must marry. No matter how difficult it is, it is the right thing to do.

A woman prostitute from Samaria had 5 men. Jesus said he had no place to stay. Had Jesus married and had chil-dren he could have made a True Fam-ily. The top leaders would have followed him. I have been talking about exchange marriage. Those who are blessed between Japanese and Korean they are calling a “JK” family or a “KJ” family.

If Japan had worked in a different way to prepare for this it could be com-pletely different and Japan would not be in such trouble. American women must change their heart and attitude to men. Japanese women and Ameri-can women must love each other.

We must do exchange marriage – if we don't do this – we will not be able to return to the original nation. The three should be united as one people. This is correct. Dr. Yang are you thinking of mar-rying your children through exchange mar-riage. They will accept it, this is my destiny. That's how you can forgive what went wrong in history. Some just broke their blessing an remarried. That is not good. We must be willing to have an exchange marriage. By having an exchange marriage (Kyo Choi Kyeol Hon) we can structure our life and we do not have to be like. The more difference you have in your marriage the more blessing you will have. From now on this is the way you must give the blessing. All descen-dants from the exchange marriage must be united. There are 275 family names. Some are great enemies to one another. This is how we can rectify all the problems. From now on you have to lis-ten to me well. God's providence did not start with the Elder but with the younger. God called Isaac and Jacob as the younger.



After the failure of Noah's family. Abra-ham failed to divide the dove. He had to pay a serious price of indemnity for this. His descendants had to suffer. How must suffering did they have to go. When Abraham was willing to offer his son on Mt. Moriah, now I know that you fear God. Abraham should have embraced his two sons. Ishmael and Isaac and Joseph became the Prime minister of Egypt. Isaac should have brought Esau to Egypt and he did not. Sarah did not embrace Haggar and Ishmael. Do you think God wanted Ishmael to be expelled. God wanted him to embrace him. That is why it is important to love the enemy.

What if Joseph had truly loved all the Egyp-tians then the Israelites would not have had to suffer for 400 years. Now Moses killed one Egyp-tian. He should not have killed an Egyptian sol-dier. From this point restoration could not be done. Why did Jacob's mother Rebecca cooperate with Jacob and deceive Isaac. The first offering was failure so that through the second son there could be restoration. Because God and Adam were deceived. To restore that Isaac and Esau had to be deceived. Esau wanted to kill Jacob. When Esau was deceived he was enraged. Jacob was united with his mother and this laid the indemnity condition. When Jacob went to uncle Laban he spent 21 years. He married Rachel and Leah. When they left Leah took an Idol with her and hid it under Rachel's basket. It took 7 years to restore individual 14 years to restore the family and 7 more years to restore material. On the way to seeing Esau he encountered an angel and all night they wrestled and struggled. His hip was thrown out of joint and Jacob never gave up. The Angel gave him the blessing of being called “Israel” . When Jacob went to Esau he was wise. Esau was enraged.

He was willing to offer everything that he had to Esau. This had to restore the fact that Abraham did not cut the dove and pigeon in half.

Everything must be offered for the nation, for the people. Judah had three sons. Two sons were killed, through Tamar pretending that she was a pros-titute tempted her father in law. After Abrahams mistake, pagan blood lin-eage was mixed with Abraham. There-fore to indemnify that Judah had to be connected with Tamar. This is how Jesus could be born through Mary and Zechari-ah.



This is why the restoration of Perez and Zerah had to exchange and the younger became the elder restoring Cain and Abel. Jesus was the saint of all saints – therefore he had to go through extraordinary restoration and go through a very complicated process that seems illegitimate to the world. But the pur-pose was to purify the blood lineage. This had to be accomplished through indemnity conditions. Jacob had two wives Rachel and Leah. This was the background of my wives.

Sun Jin Nim's mother should have helped but she did not want to. This made restoration so complicated. Now UN should bring all nations together under the religious council. Through Pal Jeong Shik and Choen Bu Jui we can have a new embarkation and go into to a realm of peace and go into the ideal world.

No one should be in a position to look back. We must completely cut. The Mus-lims believe in an eye for and eye. To unify North and South Korea America must stand correctly. To understand this we must go through a new path with the UN., Centering on the religious realm we should establish the Kingdom of Heaven. We are now proclaiming the Cheon Il Guk before God. We are liber-ating everyone now, and venturing on blessed families, I can now appoint every-one in the spirit world. Now all five reli-gious founders, centering on them, I can now mobilize everyone in both worlds.

Centering on Jesus all religions are uniting – the commander in chief is Heung Jin Nim. Three of my sons went into the spirit world and are represent-ing the Abel type world. Liberation cer-emonies are being given to our mem-bers in Cheong Pyeong. Now everyone must be engrafted to the true olive tree. We should establish God's nation cen-tered on True Parents. We should help until this nation is established. We must now bring peace. We should be able to bring about the world of total liberation. Do you understand? You should know that God had been leading the dispen-sation centering on Blood lineage. Through Rachel and Leah, Mother and Grand-mother and the position of the servant. For 8 stages to be established the chil-dren of the direct lineage must be united. Through Absolute faith, Absolute Love, and Absolute Obedi-ence, Jesus should have had a family. Jesus should have been able to complete the 8 stage process. Indi-vidual, family, clan, tribe, nation, world , cosmos and then God. Vertical and Hor-izontal 8 stages. Servant of Servant, Servant, Adopted Son, Son, Husband, Father , True Father, God.

If an American is mar-rying an American it is not an exchange marriage. It must go beyond the national boundaries. Must go through 8 stages. This must be restored through exchange marriage. Many entertainers are so popular and made look powerful but their lives are not so principled.

No matter how filial we may be, if we make the mistake of the fall the lineage is destroyed. How many times you deceived me. When I asked you to do the bless-ing on your own, you looked from the family you liked. You now heard me before more than 1000 people. You should not betray your pledge. ❖

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ACLC March Across the Edmund Pettus Bridge

On the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965, over 600 Christians marched and were stopped at the bridge by Alabama state troopers. Just before the march Dr. King received a call from the FBI to call off the march. The FBI's role was to protect the marchers. They had discovered that many of the key State Police officials and the superintendent over the men on the bridge were leaders in the KKK.

The march was not called off. It led to Bloody Sunday— this struck the heart of America so significantly that it caused the voting rights of black Americans to be rapidly achieved from this day.

August 29, ACLC led by Rev. Rawls of Selma organized a march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. This time, black, white, Asian and Hispanic, Rabbis and Imams, Syrians and Selmans marched together. The Police were our official escort and now were composed of black and white policemen. Through the righteous coming together and standing on the religious foundation that is needed the political leaders can go the way of righteousness and justice in America.

America was made for this purpose.

To bring out the injustice of the world and then through religious leaders putting their lives on the line the conscience of the people can be touched. Because America is founded on such princi-

ples it could be called to a position to advance the cause of equality for black people and through the movement created her in America a process of bringing equality to the world has now be irreversibly put in motion.

True Father is taking this Elder son nation through the Christian foundation and the victory of the reconciliation of the first, second and third Israel to form a new nation the fourth Israel composed of Christians, Jews and Muslims together with all religions to bring the irreversible movement to restore and bless the family leading it back to God. This new nation begins tomorrow with our Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine Covenant in which we as the reconciled Blessed Families come together to enter the fourth Israel. The Fourth Israel is a substantial body whereas Cheon Il Guk has only been a "spiritual nation" composed on members of



the Family Federation.

Through the religious leaders, Ambassadors for Peace, heads of State and various professional of all vocations having become Ambassadors for peace a substantial body of the fourth Israel is now recognized by God. It is real. Now that the fourth Israel is founded on the principles of God, it has the authority to bring the healing and reconciliation to all of the worlds pains.

That's why on the Edmund Pettus we prayed as the fourth Israel proclaiming now that we have marched in Selma, we will now go to Gaza and march with our brothers and sisters there from all religions. Our voices rang out today as Rev. Daugherty cried that this bridge has before been troubled but now it is peaceful from this place we walk together as Jews, Christians and Muslims and we want to build

a bridge of peace, not only for ourselves of for America, but we want to build a bridge between Palestine and Israel. We are going to heal the division of our brothers there. The division of Isaac and Ishmael.

As we marched over the bridge, we sang and shouted and the we could feel that the spiritual walls are coming down. Alleluia.

We shouted out with love the reconciliation that we are bringing with confidence to Israel and

Palestine—Peace, Shalom, Salaam, Salaam, Salaam FROM SELMA TO GAZA, Peace, Shalom, Salaam, Salaam,



FROM GAZA TO GETHSEMANE, Peace, Shalom, Salaam, Salaam, FROM GETHSEMANE TO THE WAILING WALL, Peace, Shalom, Salaam, Salaam, Salaam. Alabama State Representative Yusef Muhammad led us in prayer, Rabbi Ben Ami and Bishop Stalling led us in Prayer. ❖



Los Angeles ACLC Monthly Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Henning

Saturday, August 23, the ACLC Prayer Breakfast with the theme of "Peacemakers" from the Beattitudes was held at Opportunity Baptist Church with a capacity crowd of 150 and seventy different ministries represented. We opened at 8:30 with prayer and readings from the Old Testament (1st Israel), New Testament (2nd Israel) and the Qar'an (Fellow Son of Abraham) and The Seoul Declaration (Third Israel).

Following a bountiful breakfast prepared by volunteers, the "Road to Victory in Jerusalem" video was shown and Dr. William Johnson, Superintendent of CME churches, testified strongly to the movement for peace he witnessed at the WCSF and the Religious Leaders Summit Meeting in Korea. This was followed by a video presentation on the work of the IIRF and a short video tribute to the Life and Ministry of True Father.

Mr. Andy Weiss, Coordinator of the AFC in Southern California explained the Proposal for the Religious Leaders' Advisory Council for the general assem-



bly of the UN. The petition was unanimously approved and signed by all in attendance. He went on to explain the role of an Ambassador for Peace. Rev. Henning as MC gave the details on completing and returning forms, not only for new candidates, but recommendation forms for Ambassadors of Peace to invite their associates and high level contacts. Testimonies from the Lasting Love Conference in Korea were shared by R Sc P Nina Alexander, who received a standing ovation for her remarks, and the youth minister from Calvary CME in Pasadena, Minister Anthony Owens who shared how the conference has impacted his life to have hope for world peace.

Already more than one-hundred clergy in the greater Los Angeles area are Ambassadors for Peace, and many attending this breakfast were encouraged to hear of the follow-up education and appointment ceremony to be held October 4th in the Little Zion MBC, a church of fifteen thousand congregants where Dr. Jerome H. Fisher is pastor. The Ambassadors

of Peace Coordinator, Mayor Keith McCarthy, has plans to co-host a formal luncheon that day as one-hundred more Ambassadors are appointed and the certificates are presented.

The hosting church was thrilled with the event and invited me to preach the sermon and give the charge to the pas-

tor and congregation at the installation service of the new pastor, Rev. R. W. Taylor. He made it clear that ACLC had made history in South Los Angeles that day and that we were so welcome for any future events. ❖

STF Car Accident

On Saturday, September 20th, at about 8:00 AM central time an STF van was driving to Houston, Texas. They were driving at the speed limit with all seat belts fastened. They were reading Father's words for study time. Suddenly, a pick-up truck from the on-coming lane (from the opposite direction) flipped over and landed on top of the STF van from above. According to the police, the driver of the truck was a 19 year old male. He was killed immediately.

The truck flipped onto the van on the right side. The co-driver was a second generation brother Kwan Jung Lee, in his first year of STF training. He sustained serious head injuries, and died at the scene. His father, Rev. Lee was in Kodiak with True Parents at the time. Father wrote an epitaph for Kwan Jung Lee.

One second generation brother, Nam Hi Hwang, also sustained severe head injuries but survived. His parents are Mr. Thomas (Yoo Joo) and Kathleen Hwang who are National Messiahs in China. Nam Hi was the assistant to the team leader and in his second year of STF training.

The driver and team leader, a first generation brother, Oleksky Belegrov, from the Ukraine was in critical condition then passed away. His parents will arrive from the Ukraine to the US as soon as possible.

There were three other second generation boys in the van. They were all taken to Jennings American Legion Hospital Emergency Room in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Jonathan Bonini has a broken jaw and a few cuts on his face. He will be released from the hospital tomorrow. Solomon Pobanz and William Bowles were checked by the staff there and have no injuries.

ACLC of Georgia Monthly Meeting

by Rev. Tom Cutts

The American Clergy Leadership Conference of Georgia held its monthly dinner program on August 21, 2003 at the Atlanta Family Church. Dinner was served from 6pm until 6:45pm and the program ran from 7:10pm until 9:30pm. Recognizing Rev. Sun Myung Moon as the founder of the ACLC, the Chief Executive Officer of one of the metropolitan Atlanta counties declared August 21, 2003 as American Clergy Leadership Conference Day in that county.

The event was well attended with over 300 participants paying their registration fee of \$5. And the uplifting spirit of the event was felt by many. Several guests remarked that they wanted to see this kind of program conducted all over America. This was the first ACLC event for one evangelist who has appeared on national television. She said, "I'm joining this group. I spend a lot of time with other organizations, but they are just wasting my time. What you are doing is really the work of God."

The theme of the event was "Celebrating the Family." And we had a great celebration. We presented Lasting Love Awards and Excellence in Parenting Awards, performed a Marriage Blessing and heard remarks from Muslims and Christians, promoting better understanding between the members of Abraham's family.

Since October 2001, the ACLC ministers have met at least once a month. Often we will have an Executive Committee meeting and a public program in the same month. At first we met in different churches, but for over a year now, our meetings have generally been held only at the Atlanta Family Church. Every once in a while we will have a meeting at the Renaissance Concourse Hotel near the airport. This is the hotel where True Father spoke during the 50-state tour in 2001.

It has proven to be very helpful holding the event at the same location each month for several reasons. First, the location of the Atlanta Family Church is convenient. It also makes planning easier, and there are not many other churches that are able to host a big dinner. And finally, everyone knows where the meeting will be held from month to month.

We meet on the last Thursday of the month. One month we will meet for dinner (6pm-9pm), and the next month we meet for lunch (10:30am-1:30pm). This variety of times allows ministers to participate who cannot otherwise come for an evening program, or cannot attend a luncheon.

We are also beginning to get a lot of support from the ministers themselves. They are beginning to feel that the ACLC is their movement, and are inviting their own colleagues to the programs.

Over 53 ministers from Georgia have received national level Divine Principle training. We made great effort to send pastors to the Ocean City and Chicago training whenever those opportunities came up. The Atlanta Family Church also offers a Divine Principle Academy for Clergy. This class meets every Monday from 10:30am until 12 noon. Five pastors have graduated from



a four-month course which covered everything from the Principle of Creation to the Second Coming of Christ.

Many of the ACLC ministers were challenged by the Cloud of Witnesses materials when those readings came out in 2002, and several pastors distanced themselves from us at that time. But with the opportunity to study the Divine Principle, the pastors that hung in there are getting stronger and stronger in their conviction that Jesus is anointing this movement. Now, some of pastors who left ACLC are beginning to reconnect after their one year hiatus.

In addition to the Divine Principle training, eight ministers from Atlanta also participated in the first pilgrimage to Israel.

Several other dimensions of our ACLC work in Atlanta has been 1) the unity between the Regional Director, and the Atlanta Family Church ministers, 2) the sacrificial activities of the

ing Awards to individuals and couples who exhibited special care for their own children and for children in the community. One couple cared for two of their own children, adopted four others, and provided foster care for 14 other children. Another couple offered foster care particularly to children with mental disorders.

Rev. Man Ho Kim, Chairman of the ACLC of Georgia and Regional Director of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, extended a welcome to all present. He noted that as sons and daughters of the same Heavenly Father, we are all brothers and sisters. He also remarked that all genuine religions recognize a Creator who is an omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent spirit, whose essence is Unconditional Love. And this Unconditional Love is what motives all religious expression.

Our Muslim/Christian dialogue included five panelists who helped us gain a better and deeper understanding of each other's faith. The panel included Rev. Dr. Gloria W. Wright, an A.M.E. Zion pastor; Rev. Dr. Henry Mason, a Southern Baptist pastor; Dr. Khalid Siddiq, the Director of the largest mosque in Atlanta (he is originally from Pakistan); President Darrell Campbell, Mormon's Georgia Atlanta Mission; and Mrs. Shaheedah Muhammad, a member of the Muslim American Society. The theme of the conversation was the role of the Church,

Japanese missionaries, 3) the support of the community leaders, and 4) the cooperation of the church members. For five years now, Rev. Kim has held a weekly 2-3 hour leaders' meeting at the church. This has really helped facilitate communication between the various departments and missions, and has promoted unity within the church.

The Atlanta Family Church members feel a sense of ownership for contacting and caring for ministers. During the monthly events, everyone pools together to clean the church, to provide meals for the event, to register and welcome the guests, and to provide good audio-visual support.

During the August 21st event, Lasting Love Awards were presented to five "married-a-long-time" couples. Three couples had been married longer than most of the members of the audience had been a live. One husband and wife have been married for 63 years. Two other couples have been married for 60 and 57 years. We also presented Excellence in Parent-

Mosque and Synagogue in Strengthening Family. The speakers considered not only strengthening the nuclear family, but also spoke on reconciling differences between Christianity, Islam and Judaism - healing the family of

Abraham.

Dr. Wright wanted us to not emphasize our doctrinal differences, but to consider our commonalities including the Golden Rule, and virtues of service, humility, faithfulness, honesty, forgiveness and mercy.

One speaker noted that our divisions have been managed by an outside force, and this has placed artificial differences upon us. And we also have a nature that tends to draw circles around ourselves, and exclude anyone outside that circle.

Dr. Siddiq suggested that the media has manipulated language to denigrate religion. We should all be fundamentalists if that means to get back to what is basic. Also, the adjective "Muslim" has been abused by the media. Instead of reporting about a "Saudi terrorist", the media reports the activities of a "Muslim terrorist".

A highlight of our August program was the Marriage Blessing of Dr. Henry Mason and Mrs. Angie Mason. They were recently married. Dr. Mason is an

ACLC of Georgia Executive Committee member, and participated in the pilgrimage to Israel. He had been a widower caring for four children. The bride and groom were presented with necklaces of colorful paper flowers strung together. These beautiful leis were handmade by the Japanese missionaries. Rev. and Mrs. Man Ho Kim administered the Holy Wine, and Rev. Jean B. Kasongo, Vice

Regional Director of the FFWPU sealed the Blessing with a prayer. The Japanese missionaries sang a celebration song, and a Marriage Cake was cut by the newly weds and the five Lasting Love Award couples.

It was noted that one of the ways a church can promote stronger families and encourage a marriage culture is to recognize couples who have been married a long time, recognize good examples of parenting, and perform the Marriage Blessing.

Rev. Tom Cutts was the Master of Ceremonies of the event, which began with an invocation offered by a United Methodist pastor. Throughout the evening we enjoyed some outstanding musical talent. Ms. Keaver Brenai delighted us with her purity and crystal clear voice. And Pastor Mack and the King's HouseChoir had every member of the audience on their feet with the choir's spirited performances.

We also viewed the video, "The Power of True Love", with the memorable remarks by Rev. Leroy Elliot, and Dr. E. V. Hill. The program was concluded with a benediction from Apostle Willie R. Malcom, Presiding District Apostle of the Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ. He is also on the ACLC National Executive Committee. We were dismissed to enjoy cake and punch in the fellowship hall. Even though the program concluded later than planned, people stayed long after the end of the program, socializing for another forty minutes. ❖



by Rev. McCarthy

Washington DC Rally: God is Our Parent: Stop the Violence

Want to know how to become the center of attention? Find the absolutely hottest issue in your city, stand up in the most public setting and scream: "We can fix it!" It reminds me of the state leader's meeting we had years ago with Father. He would always give us advice about how to witness effectively: "Go buy a horn and every night at midnight go through your neighborhood blowing the horn as loud as you can. Do it for a week and then after that go visit everyone door to door. When each person sees you they will shout at you for making so much noise but you will be famous and they will become curious about why you would do such a thing. .. then they will become your friend!"

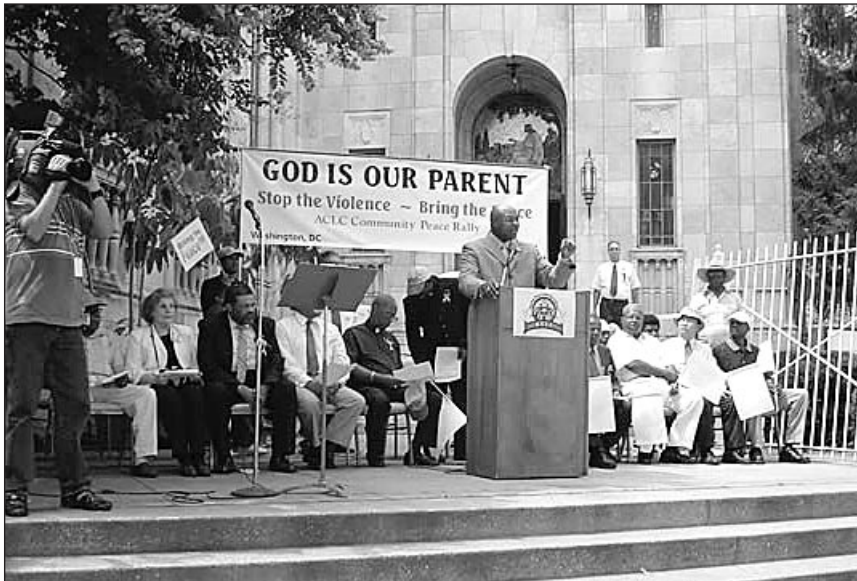
In other words, before people will listen to you, you've got to get their attention.

On August 21st, we got Washington's attention. It was rally day. Stop the Violence; Bring the Peace! It was the fruition of the inspiration given birth a mere two weeks before when the Holy Spirit did cause Pastors Gregg Thomas and Ronald Brown to challenge ACLC to greater and more courageous action. We answered the call.

Everyone worked so hard in all areas of outreach. It was great to hit the streets again with a handful of leaflets, meeting the people of the community and urging them to turn out for the rally. We visited city officials, police leaders, ministers and social activists. We were able to learn so much more about the causes of violence, especially gang violence in our city. The problem is clear: young people need love and affirmation. They were joining gangs in order to feel what they couldn't feel in their own home: the sense of belonging and acceptance.

On the morning of the event, preparations started early in the day for the noontime rally. The Japanese missionaries were busy making hand-out flags that said: "Stop the Violence"- "Bring the Peace" and "God is our Parent." Rev. Randy Francis, Rev. Kazuaki Ogawa and church staff were busy setting up the sound system, banners and chairs outside in the front of the church. The minister outreach team, headed by Rev. Debbie Taylor, was busy making last minute calls. Rev. Adrian Bayo, the rally coordinator was running in seven or eight directions trying to finalize the program and deciding who would speak and in what sequence.

With the support of Rev. Phillip Schanker and Sheila Song at the Headquarters' public affairs office, press releases were distributed to all the major media outlets in the city. The response from the press was overwhelming. By 11:30 am, the front of the church was a beehive of media activity. Camera crews from every station in town were setting up equipment, running up their satellite dish-



es for the 12:00 noon live feed. Reporters were lining up for interviews with our key clergy spokesmen. What a scene!

The rally began promptly at noon with songs led by Ms. Jayne Turconi. We had over a hundred participants, including Service for Peace youth and CARP members. Speakers included city officials led by ANC neighborhood commissioner (and our sister) Minister Chi Maruuso. Also speaking were inspired ACLC ministers, Bishop C. Phillip Johnson, Rev. Ron Brown, Rev. Gregg Thomas (Rev. Thomas also brought two silver medalist from our ACLC Youth Basketball team) and Bishop Carlos E. Harvin. Rev. Joseph Taylor spoke powerfully about the basketball program as a real hope to build the character of youth and to lead them away from drugs and violence. ACLC now has 12 teams ready to participate in the upcoming city wide tournament. Rev. Adrian Bayo did a masterful job as the MC.

After the speaking portion of the program, we lined up to begin our march into the neighborhood where some of the recent gang slayings took place. With bullhorns blaring and drums pounding, we became one loud voice beseeching all who could hear: GOD IS OUR PARENT—STOP THE VIOLENCE—BRING THE PEACE!!!!.

The people along the streets and poking their heads out of apartment windows were mighty glad to see us. They started to applaud where ever we went. One man shouted from his 5th floor window, "What took you so long?"

We paused at a makeshift shrine at the site of a recent slaying. Bishop Johnson led us all in a powerful prayer for unity and healing. Everyone was deeply moved.



We were all over the news that day. Noontime live feed on channel 4, 7, 9 and the Latino channel Univision. We were on again at 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Our minister's cell phones started ringing off the hook with calls from their church members who reported seeing them on TV. They were so excited.

After the march returned to the church, we went into executive session with the top ACLC leaders. We discussed what would be our next course of action. Our next project will be to bring the leaders of the gangs themselves to the table and broker a truce. We have already established connections that will help to bring that about. We will also be working to establish mentoring programs to go along with our youth basketball program to provide positive activities for youth who may not be inclined to sports.

After the meeting broke and we were saying our good-byes, my cell phone rang. It was News Channel Eight. They were very upset that they had not received a press release and missed the big event. "Can you make it up to use by coming on our evening News Talk program from 8:00pm to 8:30pm?" the desperate news guy said.

"Sure. . . I think we can squeeze you in." I said.

Bishop Johnson, our ACLC co-chairman, handled the interview wonderfully. The host of the show was completely supportive and positive about the vision of ACLC. What a day! As Rev. Jeong Phyong Hong, Bish-

op Johnson and I left the studio, we all felt that it had been an amazing day of victory.

I turned to Bishop Johnson and slapped him on the back. I said, "Bishop, I bet when you woke up this morning, you had no idea that today you would become a media superstar!!"

He laughed and shook his head, "Kevin, I surely did not... surely did not!!" ♦

Second National Educators Conference at UTS

by Brian Sabourin

In keeping with our promise and in response to ongoing requests, we have scheduled our second National Educators Conference. This year's conference will be held again at UTS beginning the evening of Friday, October 31 and concluding Sunday morning, November 2. This conference is for both first and second generation educators and youth leaders. So, please notify and encourage your second generation youth leaders to attend

For more information, and for on-line registration, please go to www.uts.edu There you will find the link for the National Educators Conference and you may either choose to register on-line, or you may download the registration forms and mail them in. We look forward to seeing you all again this year. ♦

National Parent Day in California

by Isabelle S. Davati

The fifth annual parents/teachers. Students/Grandparents/Model employee and Model businesses of the year was held on July 27 at Ontario Elks club. This year NPD had sponsored an Essay Contest On: PURE LOVE WAITS: American teens and Abstinence. I was able to contact school districts, among the six High School districts in the Inland Empire we were able to have two of the school districts approve our flyer and encourage their students to participate in Pure Love Contest.

The outstanding parents of the year from the cities of Ontario, Pastor Paul & Faith Schaumack, Outstanding parents of the year Pastor Larry & Janet Neville from the city of Rancho Cucamonga, Officer Paul & Robin Phole from the Police depart of the city of Montclair, Mr. & Mrs. Bannales from the city of Pomona and other cities. Honorable Mayor Paul Eaton was our hon-

orary Chairman who himself is a devoted Christian and a supporter of NPD for the past five years.

Honorable Mayor Gary Ovitt from the city of Ontario also has been a strong supporter of NPD from the very

speaker was Dr. Jim Willoughby very popular pastor from the Echoes of Faith, and active church and Christian school director addressed the opening remarks. Many ministers from a variety of churches including Lather Day Saints, Assem-

Perez and many others.

From the Spanish Newspaper Del Monde and English Newspaper, Daily Bulletin we had reporters.

People of diverse backgrounds, church leaders of six different church and may-

ors of six cities and dignitaries and law makers and police and fire department, people from all walks of life were the participants at the NPD in Ontario. The final closing Remarks by Isabelle Davati, invited the participants to join hands and recite the Pure Love Pledge in unison after Rev. Tim Henning. The NPD was able to break down the cold barrier of separation of church and state and created a fam-

ily feeling environment that the public officials and religious leaders would hold hands and take a stand for healthy well adjusted families and SAVE THE NATION.

The motto was, "Stand for family and save the nation." ♦



beginning and he is also the elder at the Methodist church in my city. Mayor Edward Cortez mayor of Pomona was also present and he is a Christian and mayor of Upland John Pomierski, Mayor pro team from the city of Rancho Cucamonga and assembly woman's McLeod were present send from the city of Montclair Councilman was present. Guest

bly of God, LightHouse, Calvary faith Center and others. Model business of the year; Latino Art Museum, a non profit organization to promote Latino Art and Culture in USA was selected. The Model Employee of the year was from Fire Department of the city of Rancho Cucamonga. The Outstanding Grandparents of the year Alice & Al

The Sun Hak International Children's Choir

by Nancy Kubo

Sun Hak International Children's Choir held its first national-level choir camp in Seattle, July 14 to 27. After 4 months of music learning at home, 48 youth from four states (see image) gathered for two weeks of

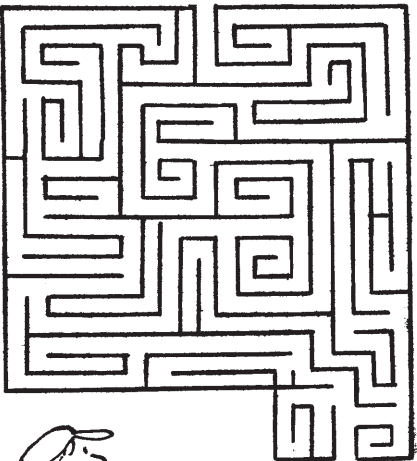
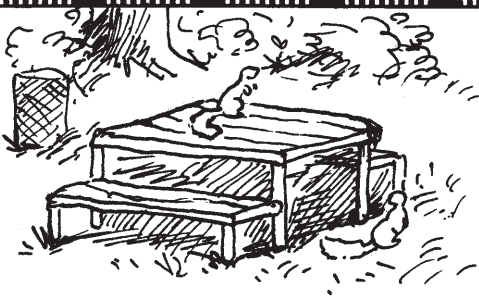
intense rehearsal and extreme recreation, culminating with a professionally contracted performance for the Dedication Ceremony of the Korean War Children's Memorial in Bellingham. The event's main speaker was Dr. Kim Suk San, Chairman of the Korean Welfare Foundation, which is responsible for all welfare aid being delivered to North Korea at this time. The choir also performed with Service for Peace youth in a music-and-drama event, and spent 3 days in recording sessions for its next CD.

Sun Hak International Children's Choir is America's 2nd generation youth choir. True Mother has personally supported the choir since it began in 1993, when she bestowed her name and Father's names in the choir name. This summer in Alaska, Father was very pleased to hear of the choir's progress, signed the camp logo (see image), and asked for the choir to expand and develop more.

The choir is open to all 2nd generation anywhere in the world who love to sing—girls ages 9 to 18, boys ages 9 to 12. Next winter when announcements come out for the 2004 Sun Hak Choir camp, please respond and participate! Music will be sent out to learn at home, then participants will gather to rehearse and perform together as the 2004 Sun Hak International Children's Choir.

You may request a free 17-minute video CD of camp activities and performance, playable on Windows Media Player. Individuals are welcome to join the choir; also local chapters can be set up in any city. Nancy Kubo will assist in any way to help a local area to establish their chapter.

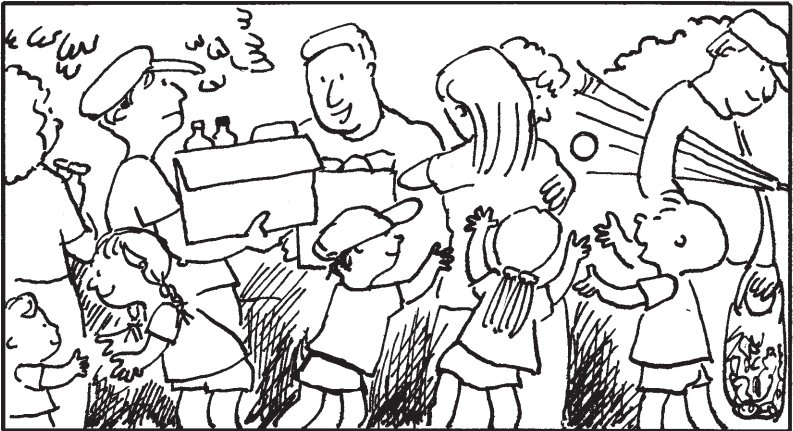
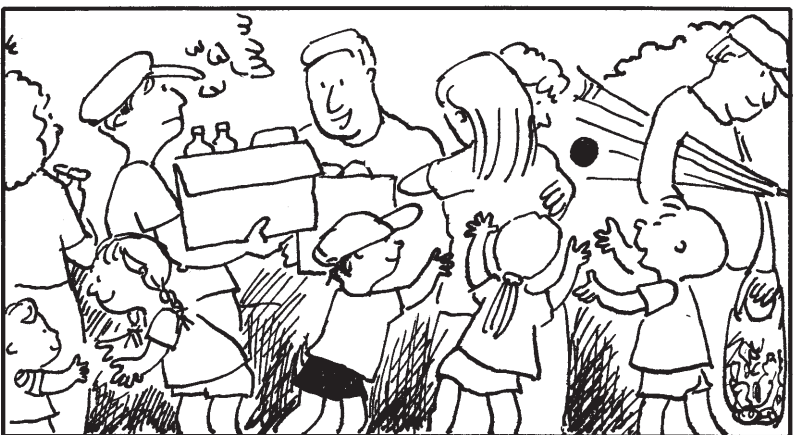
Contact information: nancykubo@comcast.net and www.sunhakchoir.org. ♦



Help them find the picnic tables

FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of the family get-together

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Peace King Cup Kodiak Fishing Tournament

by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

It all started with my trying to give my wife a little R&R before her new teaching year began. I thought Labor Day was perfect, and when my attempts to take her to the upper peninsula of Michigan did not work out, I remembered my AFC brother Eugene Harnett’s pleas, always trying to get me to come up and visit the beauty of Alaska. My frequent flyer miles would even cover the cost. Then, Eugene mentioned the Kodiak Peace Cup Fishing tournament in Kodiak—but that was another \$400 and it didn’t start until I was to already leave Anchorage.

BUT—God was intervening. When I told him that I was going to Alaska, Bishop Kim asked me to go and help represent America and represent Chicago at the tournament. Amazing, how it feels when you know that you are in sync with the will of God and True Parents.

So my wife and I left and spent an incredible whirlwind 2 days in the Kenai Peninsula just below Anchorage. The following is from my correspondence with the Chicago Church:

I came up early to meet some of our members and see the beauty of Alaska for the first time. Today I am in Homer. It’s called the end of the world. It’s at the end of the Kenai Peninsula, between Anchorage and Kodiak. I am looking at snow capped glacier mountains. I have seen sea otters, bald eagles and even 1 real live Moose! We have 2 families who live in Homer. One was with me in Wyoming in 1986. The other was fundraising with me in 1982.

Not many people her, but very beautiful. We will fish from Kodiak from Wednesday. Rev. Ernie Ho, who used to be in St. Louis and Chicago, is the Church leader here. Today I witnessed to a Greek Orthodox priest who is from Mendel Catholic High School in Chicago.

His name is Father Leo. I asked Rev. Ho to take care of him, since he now works in Anchorage. Please pray that I can catch a Giant halibut and some huge Silver salmon for Chicago. God Bless you all.

So after 2 days in Alaska, I put my wife on a plane back to Chicago and headed for Kodiak and the World Peace Cup Fishing Tournament September 5, 2003 - Kodiak, Alaska

I arrived on Tuesday morning and orientation began that night. Here is some of my correspondence with Chicago of the tournament:

This is the first activity of the age of the 4th Israel. Today, the western brothers all fished in the Olds River for Silver Salmon. Many were caught weighing 20-25 lbs.

They are beautiful and they fight nobly. My team includes Rev. Hun Suk Lee from Seattle.

There are 90 members here. 21 Western, 38 Korean and 32 Japanese. Rev. Hwang is here to officiate as the chairman of the tournament. Today he caught a King Salmon & 4 Silver Salmon on the ocean. For the next 2 days all Western members

will fish on the ocean.

Today, the mayor of Kodiak, Mrs. Danielle DuVois, attended our opening ceremony at Angel Garden. I was asked to be the MC.

Mr. Oyamada (President of HSAUWC-Japan) spoke, as did Rev. Hwang (President FFWPUI-International). Mr. Sato (President of Ocean Church) is organizing everything. We are blessed with beautiful weather (60 degrees, clear and no rain). Our river was nestled in between green hills covered with pine trees. It is so beautiful.

Our community has a new Japanese Restaurant in Kodiak (the Power House Restaurant-across from the Kodiak power company). It is beautiful and the most popular restaurant in Kodiak). All I can say is that you can experience every ounce of God’s creation here in Alaska; mountains, oceans, glaciers, forests, pure air (no rush hour and hardly any cars at all;



Kodiak is like a Northern Garden of Eden.

We pray for True Parents and all that they are doing for the United Nations providence. Thursday and Friday we will be fishing for King Salmon. First prize is \$2000 in each category. The halibut can be up to 500 lbs. Our brothers are working so hard. Everyone fell asleep immediately after dinner!

Day Number 2 started out with Hoon Dok Hae. It was wonderful to have Rev. San Jo Hwang (President FFWPUI) and Chairman of the Tournament here to give internal guidance.

There are but a few teachers who can lecture the providential significance of True Parents activities quite a thoroughly as he does via PowerPoint. He



was wonderful in Chung Pyung! He shared that the tournament was not just set up for us to catch fish, but that through our participation, we were



meant to catch the meaning of the providence.

He explained the providential meaning of the last 3 years and stated that this tournament was the first providential activity of the age of the 4th Israel. He also talked about the significance of the name, “Peace King Cup Kodiak Fishing Tournament.

Our team got the blessing to go out with Hyun Jin Nim’s boat captain, Jim Hamilton on the Krystal gale.

It was a wonderful day. We caught 11 significant fish, including 6 King Salmon 4 Silver Salmon and 1 huge Halibut.

We celebrated with pictures on the dock after our 12-hour day.

At the end of the day the Americans had first place in 2 of the 3 categories.

Then came Day#3. We almost did not go out on this day. The skies turned gray, the winds picked up to 15 knots and there was serious thought of doing only river fishing.

But then the word came down from on high—Go for it! We (the 4 American teams) would be going out on the Good Go’s. I was on Captain Megumi’s (the only female captain) Good Go #309. Megumi-san is a young Mother of 2 small children, but I have seen few women work so hard in my life. She guided us, through the choppy waters to the best fishing and we returned home with a good catch.

On the way home, the Sun came out for the first time all day. Then we saw a humpback whale and when he saw us, he shot off his spout and flew up into the air, to the applause of our tired, exhausted, cold and happy team.

We returned home and after another incredible “fisherman’s meal” we celebrated during the awards banquet.

Amazingly, Day #3 (the most difficult day weather-wise) would decide all the winners. The top prize winners were as follows:

King Salmon: President Hideo Oyamada, President of HAS-UWC/Japan: 31.90 lbs.

Silver Salmon: Won Myung Lee, 18.36 lbs.

Halibut, Kazuo Nakagawa, 127.70

lbs.

(President San Jo Hwang received 5th place with a King Salmon of 24.15 lbs.)

All top prize winners received \$3,000 and everyone (7 winners in each category) received a trophy.

Top American winners included, Thomas Topp (Minnesota) who lead after Day#2, a 29.75 lb King Salmon, good for 3rd place, Guillermo Martinez (Denver), who also caught a huge Halibut got 7th place with a 32.20 lb King Salmon, Rev. Weon Geun Kim regional Leader from Alabama who was leading with his 104.50 lb. Halibut (that’s a big Halibut!) finished in 2nd place (they had to haul the winning halibut in out of the boat with a crane; and 14 year old Yuri Nagle from Homer Alaska hauled in 5th place with a 50.75 lb. Halibut.

The celebration ended with con-



cluding remarks from president Hwang and photos of all the winners and all the participants.

Post Script: On the last morning of the tournament, I checked the Chicago email which always begins with True Father’s words. This day’s quotation was incredibly significant as well as consoling to many of the tournament participants. It reads as follows:

“One time we caught a lot of rotten, dark fish. The smell was like ammonia. I seldom feel seasick, but when I smelled that my stomach began to turn. I first thought, “I’m no good, because I’m feeling so bad over the fish.” Then I began to think differently and said, “I have to pay indemnity.” When I realized that, the sickness disappeared, because I could love that smell. It meant I could pay indemnity for something, for someone. I could have a sense of gratitude for that smell and with that, I overcame any feeling of sickness.” Rev. Sun Myung Moon, “Ocean Church and America” ❖

by Dr. Michael Mickler

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Reports once again came in that highlighted disparities between results in the U.S. and elsewhere. In Korea, blessings were “spreading like wildfire.” In Africa, reportedly, a million couples received pre-Blessing. Taiwan reportedly had reached its goal of 100,000, and according to Rev. Pak, “so many couples are coming that they don’t have enough staff to take care of them.” Even Mexico reported 170,000 completed blessing applications by early June. Apart from unflattering comparisons, members’ anxieties were stirred by their awareness that the bar had been raised for Blessing ’97. Instead of 36,000, the U.S. goal was 360,000 blessed couples. Rather than each member couple being responsible to bring 12 other couples, they now were asked to bring 160!

Fortunately, pentecost of a certain type did occur. It basically involved a momentous shift in strategy and sensibility. In terms of strategy, members dispensed with the elaborate True Family Values lecture/festival apparatus and took the Blessing to the people by going directly to their homes. Thus, the door-to-door Blessing strategy was born. As one member wrote, “It seems so simple now but at that time it was a big breakthrough.” Over the next several months, members devised ever more creative and efficient delivery systems. Blessing booths at county fairs and summer festivals were especially effective as were beach Blessings. In terms of sensibility, members no longer waited for direction or officiators from headquarters but took the Blessing into their own hands. Members, themselves, began conducting pre-Blessings, a practice that was quickly authorized by the movement’s leadership. Far from resisting a loss of prerogative, leaders felt as though they had been rescued. In this manner, the Blessing ’97 campaign became radically decentralized.

It was difficult to pinpoint precisely where the breakthroughs began. Early reports of innovative approaches came from Minnesota, Alaska and Canada (also part of the North American movement region). However, the most compelling testimonies came from Kentucky. There, a tribal messiah couple, Joe and Sun Hyang Willet, became the first American couple to pre-Bless 160 couples. Their testimony along with that of the Kentucky State Leader, Dennis Wooley, helped liberate and energize members throughout the U.S. Essentially, they demonstrated that ordinary members who conscientiously went out during evenings and on weekends could fulfill the Blessing goal.

The liberation of members also helped liberate some of the movement’s more influential supporters. A limitation of the True Family Festival approach was that it required a movement officiator. To some extent this was an affront to ministers, especially when the festival was in their churches. Thus, in late May, Rev. T. L. Barrett, who had made his church available previously for pre-Blessings, “asked to be the host and sponsor of the Blessing—rather than have the UC host the event.” As one member explained, “He felt that the Blessing belonged not to the Unification Church—not to his own Life Center COGIC, but rather to God.” Having conducted a highly successful ceremony in his church for sixty-one couples, Rev. Barrett continued “to be on the forefront of God’s work.” In New York, the Rev. Al Sharpton and his wife rededicated their marriage

in a pre-Blessing ceremony and then officiated at several more.

In a memorable response to exposure of his association with Rev. Moon and the True Family Values Ministry, he stated, “The world needs the message of true families. I don’t care if it comes from Rev. Moon, Rev. Sun, or Rev. Midnight. This is the message God is sending us today.”

That Rev. Sharpton, a high-profile public figure and Democratic mayorial hopeful, was unapologetic about his participation in Blessing activities inspired other prominent clergy and elders to rededicate their marriages.

Blessing fever legitimately hit Unification communities during the summer and totals skyrocketed. Washington, D.C. members, working the Capitol Mall as well as residential areas, pre-Blessed 12,000 couples by the end of June. On July 4-5th, some 50 Minnesota members pre-Blessed 3,112 couples at a Hmong sports festival. On August 3rd, Rev. Joon Hyun Pak reported that 210,000 couples nationwide had been pre-Blessed, including 500 ministers. The hill of the Blessing was being surmounted, and the U.S. moved into the rank of leading nations in terms of Blessing count. More importantly, Rev. Pak could speak of “wonderful miracles” occurring. To be sure, quality-control measures were lacking, but members were having phenomenal experiences. They had discovered a message and a medium with which to engage the wider public at a mass level. Many, for the first time, had the feeling of being not simply a follower of Rev. Moon but a spiritual leader. This may have been the true miracle and blessing.

By mid-summer, it became obvious that 3.6 mil-

Blessing

ria with 748,814; and Ghana with 658,000. The U.S. placed ninth with a pre-Blessing total of 173,611 reported as of July 15th. There was a sense of vindication. Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, who attended the Seven-Eight Day ceremony, reported that many important leaders told him “how inspired they were” and “how secure it made them feel” to hear the U.S. result.

Although a cosmic sabbath had been declared, there was little rest for the movement’s worldwide membership prior to November 29th as Rev. Moon accelerated the Blessing schedule. Previously, he intended to conduct a 36 Million Couple Blessing after Blessing 3.6 million couples. Now, as a result of the progress made, he decided to combine the two. Therefore, the goal for the RFK Blessing was increased to 39.6 million couples. Over the next four months, the worldwide result exploded with countries such as the Sudan, Nigeria and the Ukraine reporting totals in excess of seven, nine and ten million couples. The thrust in the U.S. was different. Some tribal messiah couples, particularly those west of the Mississippi River, continued pre-Blessings. However, the main focus shifted to preparations for the Third World Culture and Sports Festival in Washington, D.C. and the mobilization of pre-Blessed couples to fill RFK Stadium.

The American movement’s strategy for the WCSF was to make it not so much a Unification Church or even a Family Federation for World Peace and Unification event as a Washington, D.C. event. The movement already had a strong media and arts presence through The Washington Times and Kirov Ballet Academy. These connections helped WCSF III staff establish working relationships with a number of city officials. The theme that was adopted, “Rebuilding the Family, Restoring the Community, Renewing Washington,” reflected the organizers’ hope that WCSF III would appeal to the city’s mainstream. The movement formed a large “welcoming committee” and secured an official invitation.

According to Dr. Tyler Hendricks, “This is WCSF III, but it is also a Washington renaissance festival! The entire city will be transformed. And the intent is to make the impact a lasting one; not just to fold up our tents after Nov. 29. We want to create a foundation for the future and a model for the regeneration of our cities and nation.... Of course, the foundation is the grassroots door-to-door, heart-to-heart life for the sake of others. But what is new, in America at least, is the preparation of the soil and the potential for important institutional revival, centered on marriage and family, beyond race, nation, and religion.”

These were heady sentiments. Whether the movement could pull together all the contacts it had established with Christian ministers, conservative educators and media, academics, business types, and now civic officials into a coherent urban-renaissance package was, perhaps, doubtful. However, it appeared to be the direction Rev. Moon wished to go. He wanted the WCSF and Blessing to be popular events, exerting broad appeal. The first two World Culture and Sports Festivals, held in Korea, were rather isolated and movement-centered affairs. They consisted largely of conferences in expensive hotels and stadium Blessings. Significant numbers of couples participated from outlying regions and rural areas, but there was not the sense that the festivals penetrated mainstream Korean culture. This, undoubtedly, was one reason why the movement moved WCSF III to the U.S.

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The Rev. Al Sharpton and his wife rededicate their marriage with Rev. and Mrs. Joong Hyun Pak.

lion couples worldwide were pre-Blessed. In fact, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak conducted a ceremony in Seoul on July 16th to commemorate the goal being surpassed. On August 9th, July 7th according to the lunar calendar, Rev. Moon proclaimed the “Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth.” This was later termed “Seven-Eight Day” as it was proclaimed in 1997, in the seventh month, on the seventh day, at the seventh hour, the seventh minute, the seventh second and it was his seventy-seventh birth year. There also were 7,777 members invited for the announcement. Afterwards, Rev. Moon awarded prizes to four nations with the top pre-Blessing results. They were Korea with 1,051,852; the Philippines with 952,281; Nige-

the World

On October 29th, WCSF III Chairman, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, held a press conference at the National Press Club at which he provided background information and schedule details about the November 23-30th festival. He also cited Rev. Moon as saying, “There can only be a peaceful family of nations when you have nations of peaceful families.” As with previous festivals, the schedule included an array of conferences, a youth sports competition and the Blessing. These were to be complemented by week-long cultural activities: an international art exhibit, jazz concert, various classical recitals, ballet, and a “Love Alive Concert” to benefit The Hospital for Sick Children of Washington, D.C. In addition, there would be a parade and rally by the Pure Love Alliance, a national movement-related organization which promoted sexual abstinence. The Blessing, billed as “True Love Day at RFK,” was to include such world-class entertainers as Latin pop idol Jon Secada, Korean rock superstar Cho Young Pil and American Grammy Award winning singer-actress Whitney Houston. A twilight laser and fireworks display was to conclude the event.

It was fairly obvious even by October 29th that WCSF III would fall short of “restoring the community” and “renewing Washington.” A stronger case could be made for the Festival’s role in “rebuilding the family.” However, even if this were not conceded, so long as WCSF III was accepted by the local establishment, it still would be counted as an advance. Here the movement got off to a promising start. Mayor Marion Barry extended a written letter of welcome and held a press conference at city hall with WCSF organizers. In response, Rev. Kwak pointed out that the first two festivals had no official invitation or welcome and that “extensive positive press coverage” about WCSF III prompted an invitation for WCSF IV from the government of a “big Asian country.”

The mobilization of 30,000 pre-Blessed couples to fill RFK Stadium was the top priority of members in the field. The general direction was each tribal messiah family within reasonable driving distance of Washington, D.C. should bring twenty pre-Blessed couples, or a single busload. The movement chartered busses and arranged for motel lodgings in the greater D.C. area. It also arranged for various package rates for round-trip transportation, food, overnight lodging, and admission to the stadium event. Most trips also included a monument tour. Costs were kept low. For example, the upstate New York fee was \$160 per couple. Fees were less for those residing closer and more for those farther away. However, in many cases, tribal messiahs helped or entirely subsidized payments.

Still, members had to find pre-Blessed couples to attend. This required deeper relationships with their couples. For members who adopted a scatter-gun approach to pre-Blessings or who failed to record names and addresses on the Blessing forms, follow-up was exceedingly difficult, if not impossible. For those who had worked more systematically in residential areas and kept adequate records, including photographs of pre-Blessed couples, the task was easier. Members were often surprised that couples pre-Blessed in relatively simple, usually less-than-

five-minute ceremonies remembered the occasions so clearly. However, it was one thing to be remembered and even invited warmly back into living rooms. It was another to mobilize pre-Blessed couples for departures by bus for Washington, D.C. the Friday after Thanksgiving at a cost of \$100 or more.

Some pre-Blessed couples were inspired and agreed to attend immediately. Others required convincing. Members found themselves pressed into new levels



Blessing '97 at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C.

of spiritual leadership. They had to visit and re-visit contacts. They had to educate them more deeply about the Blessing and, on occasion, offer counsel. They had to coordinate schedules and logistics, handle money, and manage group dynamics. In short, they had to minister. A large number of members worked the residential areas of Washington, D.C., Maryland and northern Virginia and several hundred buses were chartered to circulate back and forth from selected pick-up points. These were methods used with success twenty-one years before during the movement’s Washington Monument Campaign in 1976. However, the Washington Monument rally was conducted during the summer. Blessing '97 was to be an open-stadium event in late November. For their part, organizers thoughtfully included plastic ponchos and seat warmers with the Blessing programs and hoped for the best.

In most respects, they were not disappointed. The front-page headline in the December issue of Unification News described Blessing '97 at RFK as a “Resounding Victory.” In the lead piece, Richard Lewis commented on “the unseasonably balmy air,” the “crowds everywhere,” the paltry number of demonstrators whom he described as “[q]uite a drop from the massed protestors we had to run the gauntlet of at Yankee Stadium,” the impressive satellite transmission equipment, the breathtaking stage, banners and Jumbotrons, the Blessing shawls that everyone wore, the greetings from six representatives of the world’s religions, the “break in the clouds” just as “True Parents raised their hands to proclaim the victory,” the cheers of “mansei” (ten thousand years), the entertainment and spontaneous “boogying all

over the field,” and the “fabulous” fireworks. Of course, not everything could be perfect. Lewis acknowledged that the entertainment program’s headliner, Whitney Houston, was a no-show. However, he cited national communications director Michael Smith who, when asked to comment on what her absence meant, replied, “In a word: refund.”

The mainstream media generally ran straightforward and respectful accounts of the event. However, during the preceeding week, The Washington Post published a series of articles that depicted Blessing '97 as a “Moonie” affair. Chris Corcoran, the church’s public relations director, pointed out that it was the first major newspaper to use that epithet in an article about the Festival. The series, as a whole, depicted the Unification Church as a cult, its members as barely knowing their church-selected marriage partners, and questioned whether WCSF III was a “Festival of Faith or Self-Promotion?” The series unfortunately had a chilling effect locally. Mayor Barry decided to spend the weekend out of town, and local Catholics ran spots on Spanish radio discouraging the faithful from attending. It also may have helped induce Whitney Houston’s sudden illness. More importantly, the series ran directly counter to the movement’s core strategy of making WCSF a Washington, D.C. event. The movement hoped that WCSF III would appeal to the city’s mainstream. That obviously had not happened. In fact, The Washington Post did its utmost to consign WCSF and the movement back to the margins of society.

What saved the event was the presence of so many ordinary people. It was one thing to dump on the “Moonies” who could be counted upon to be arranged in neat rows with

identical suits and gowns. They were easy targets. It was more difficult and risky to take on a stadium-full of normal folk. A substantial number of mostly Black ministers and members of their congregations had come by bus from as far away as Chicago. In addition, East coast members successfully bused in a rainbow coalition of pre-Blessed couples. The Washington Post set attendance at 40,000, CNN put it as 45,000, and the Associated Press counted 28,000 couples/56,000 people. Railing against this group, most of whom were minorities, would be politically incorrect. Besides, almost all of them appeared to be having a great time. In effect, the pre-Blessed couples formed a protective ring around the 2,500 or so church member brides and bridegrooms on the stadium floor.

The media picked up on this and distinguished between the “mass wedding” and “marriage rededication” aspects of the ceremony. However, the question was whether the movement shared this double-consciousness, whether there were two categories of sanctification. The opening of the Blessing, the lessening of ritual requirements, the empowerment of members and even pre-Blessed couples to conduct Blessings, and the determination of WCSF III organizers to go mainstream reflected a universal approach. Yet the segregation of “newly-matched” member couples on the stadium floor from previously-married couples in the bleachers suggested that the transition from closed to open Blessings had not yet been fully realized. It raised the issue of whether some couples might be more blessed than others. This was not experienced as a tension at RFK. Nevertheless, as the numbers zoomed into the hundreds of millions, questions as to the meaning and purpose of mass Blessings arose for many. ❖

A Sacred Walk: The Labyrinth at UTS

by Gillian Corcoran

Most of my life I've been a morning person, especially loving to greet the day with an early morning walk. My favorite place to walk in these awakening, dewy moments is the labyrinth at UTS. It is an intimate place and time where I can meet and communicate with God. I've come to value the quieting of my mind and the opening of my heart which enables me to not only talk to, but really listen to God.

In this sacred and special place, together with God, I've shared the hopes and wonders of new beginnings with the rising sun, been enveloped in the soft embrace of morning mists, laughed and cried in cleansing rains, and danced with the wind. We've shared the mysteries of the moon rising through the trees, and even crunched our way through the snow with freezing toes and glowing hearts. In the labyrinth I experience God's love and I am free to be me. The labyrinth is a place of authenticity.

What makes this place so sacred and special? How is it so conducive to meeting and being with God? What is a labyrinth anyway?


A labyrinth walk is a spiritual tool, a meditation walk or body prayer. Labyrinths are patterns on the ground; they can be made on grass marked with stones or brick, or dug in sand or snow or even painted on canvas or on tarmac, and people walk their clearly marked paths. Their circular shape symbolizes unity and wholeness. The meandering path within the circle is a metaphor for the journey of life or our spiritual journey. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has only one path that leads to a central point and back out again. Walking a labyrinth can aid healing, relieve stress, help in releasing grief, aid in decision making, guide us through troubled times, illuminate our purpose in life, and be a tool of celebration and thanks.

The circular mandala designs of labyrinths are found in cultures throughout the world. They decorate prehistoric pottery and can be seen in African, Australian and Indian artifacts, some varying examples being: The Hopi Indian medicine wheel, the Jewish Cabala and Cretan labyrinths. The oldest labyrinth pattern was discovered on stone tablets in Greece, dating back to 2000 BC. Early Christian labyrinths date back to the 4th

Century. Perhaps the most famous labyrinth, dating back to the thirteenth century, is found built into the stone floor of Chartres Cathedral in France. This is an eleven circuit labyrinth, which is the design we followed in building the labyrinth at UTS.

Guidelines for Walking

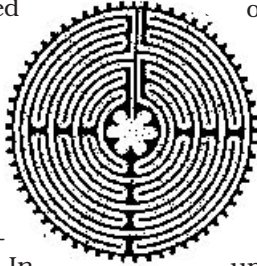
Ideally, we approach our walk without expectations. The labyrinth is many things for many people, and each walk is usually a completely different experience. It can be a place of reflection, recognition, tears and laughter. You may experience immediate clarity and insight



or your experience may not be apparent for some time. Labyrinths can be walked individually, with a friend, as a couple, with your family or in a group. It takes about half an hour to walk the labyrinth, depending upon how long you spend in the center.

Three stages can be recognized when walking a labyrinth: journeying inward, time in the center and the outward journey. Prior to entering or at the entrance itself, pause to reflect and make a prayer or intention for the walk, quieting your mind and opening your heart.

Step by step, you walk to the center following the path. This is often a time for “letting go”, breathing deeply, being present in the moment. There are no “wrong turns”, the path leads to the center so you can relax into the walk. The four major directions, North, South, East and West are marked on



the outer circle providing good places to pause and reflect.

Arriving at the center can be a time of receiving God's love and guidance. The rosette pattern in the center represents God, and is composed of petals symbolizing the six realms of creation: mineral, plant, animal, human, spiritual and the divine.



Standing in each petal helps us connect to healing energies from each realm. Four tree stumps have also been placed in the center of the UTS labyrinth. Here you can sit and reflect upon the realm of heartistic relationships each one represents; the heart of God, Father, Mother, and Child.

When ready, the walk from the center back out returns us to our lives, and we bring with us what we have gained from the walk, empowered to take action.

Each walk is a unique experience. It is a good idea to walk labyrinths as part of your ongoing spiritual practice, as they have a cumulative effect.

It was a labor of love to build the labyrinth, which took my husband Chris and I almost a year to complete. We began by marking the pattern on the ground with lime, and gradually gathered bricks (2,500 in total) and laid them upon the pattern. We are grateful to the many people who helped, from our neighbors lending us their truck for our brick-gathering excursions, to the many brothers and sisters who lugged and laid bricks. We made the path wide enough so the lawn mower could fit through, and now some of our youth walk the labyrinth whilst cutting the grass.

We now have a calendar of labyrinth events, which include monthly candlelight, full moon walks; walks to mark the changing seasons on the Spring and Autumn Equinox and the

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Summer and Winter Solstice. We held a Circle of Peace candlelight vigil in commemoration of loved ones lost in the 9/11 tragedy; we will have a walk of gratitude on Thanksgiving Day and walks to prepare for the New Year on Dec 31st , and to begin the New Year on the right foot on Jan 1st, 2004. We are also holding a Labyrinth Retreat on Saturday October 11th from 10 am to 4 pm.

We've met wonderful new people each time we held an event. Walking together with others creates an immediate bond that is deep and heartistic even when we haven't met before. One lady shared that she just didn't want to leave as she hadn't felt such peace in a long time. Another said she had found her spiritual family. One person went home after walking, picked up the phone and recontacted someone for the first time in 30 years. To really understand how wonderful labyrinths can be, walk a labyrinth yourself. Come to ours at UTS or go to www.labyrinth-society.org the labyrinth locator and find one near your home.

You will find the UTS labyrinth in a sheltered and serene meadow, surrounded by trees, about 100 yards behind the school. You can take either the path that leads to Father's trail or the one that goes to the potato barn as the labyrinth is nestled in the meadow between the two paths. A bench dedicated to Andrew Byrne is situated in a meditation garden next to the labyrinth.

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This is the second article in a three-part series about the Word of God.

Archaeologists discover evidence about the Bible, and the lives of those who founded religions. We discussed them last month.

Many people do their best to live by the Word. They are known, most simply, as believers. Their turn will be next month.

Some people spend their professional lives examining sacred words. These scholars are called theologians.

Scrutiny

Most religions have theologians.

Faiths such as Japan's Shintoism, which is based upon ethnic myth, and rituals held at ancient shrines, require no elaborate theorizing.

The Muslim faith, with its 'original language' scriptures, and no central authority, hosts numerous imams and other clerics. Some are academically certified, others self-educated. In countless Islamic villages, their word is law. Anyone who watches the news knows how varied their temperament can be.

Judaism is famous for its Talmud, and other (extremely detailed) self-examinations of that faith. For centuries, thousands of Rabbis have spent their lives memorizing those texts, then applying their wisdom to contemporary life.

The Rabbi's task hasn't gotten easier. Some ultra-Orthodox sects once decided that "flicking a light switch" equals "lighting a fire," and is thus forbidden during the Sabbath. In response, Israeli scientists invented a room light that didn't have to be manually switched on.

Your author is most familiar with Christianity, so that'll be our main focus. How much scrutiny can the Bible stand? It's possible to obtain a Doctorate of Theology, and a few brilliant Unificationists have done exactly that.

Such advanced knowledge can be a fount of wisdom and guidance. Yet, a high percentage of the world's theologians have managed to become agnostics—even atheists. How does that happen?

Details

You've heard the old saying about, "Can't see the forest for the trees." That is, getting so bogged down in detailed analysis that the big picture is lost.

Evidence is important, and yet, it can be (in different cases) so sketchy, or so voluminous, that one's focus can become quite selective, and even distorted. Many theologians aren't just missing the forest for the trees, they're getting obsessed with a couple of pine needles!

Philosophers are the same way. Some demand such rigorous proofs, for any-

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Examining the Word

thing and everything, that they come to doubt the very reality of themselves and the world. Claiming that things must vanish when no one is looking at them. (Conversely, things remaining whole is one proof of God's existence.)

Hence the famous story of the Samuel Johnson's refutation of ultra-doubter Bishop George Berkeley. Johnson said, "I refute it thus," and stomped his foot on a large stone. (He didn't sock Berkeley in the face, though that apocryphal version does have a certain appeal.)

Knowing theological details can be beneficial. Learning the Bible's original languages (and each verse's clearest

sionate to the suffering, than many of us will ever be. This man lets his actions speak for him, and quite loudly enough.

However, the Episcopal church has elected openly gay men to its highest offices. They've compromised their doctrine so much that, in my opinion, they've become little more than a social fellowship. 'Be nice' is as ferocious a sermon one is ever likely to hear from their pulpits. No wonder their membership has been declining for years . . .

Unfortunately, few theologians are honorable enough, much less brave enough, to announce the Biblical truth about these developments.

to hear about it. (But if their car breaks down on a lonely desert road, you're going to find them reading Chilton's repair manual, not just the Bible!)

Fundamentalists love to pronounce that: "Jesus was either a madman, a liar, or exactly who he said he was." Further, that: "Hundreds of Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled by him." Sounds great, but there is more than a little circular reasoning going on.

It's easy to find Christians who are as sure about their own salvation as they are that just about everyone else doesn't qualify.

There are hundreds of Protestant denominations, and Roman Catholic orders, each with a distinct style and credo. So, is one correct, leaving all the others mired in heresy? Bible quotes can be hurled as stinging darts as readily as served up for tasty spiritual nutrition.

Interpretations

A Texan once informed me that, "The devil will use a whole lake of truth to disguise an ounce of poison." Undoubtedly he'd tested his lake down to the parts-per-billion. If correct, he'll also find Heaven a lonely place. I know other Texans, raised amidst such people, who instantly reject anything labeled Christian . . .

Theologians are supposed to help, and sort this stuff out, but I don't think they have. Maybe if they got out of their tenured Ivory Towers more often?

The Gospels were written, as individual accounts, decades after the fact. Hundreds of years later, they were picked through, filtered, and combined by 'proper' church councils. Many doctrines and testaments were discarded, often under the sword of rulers like Constantine.

Later still, Martin Luther tossed out even more of the Bible. He almost dumped the Book of James' stern dictum: "Faith without works is dead."

This leaves plenty of room for doubts—and reinterpretations. There is room for the Principle to bring clarity to the world's theologians, and to the denominations they inform.

Our own Kevin McCarthy has made a wonderful contribution with his book *The Blood Stained Voice*. Common sense meets logic, under the umbrella of God's Word. Rev. McCarthy tells how, at long last, some Christians are seeing the obvious, and grasping the essentials of the Principle.

Conclusion

No matter how bogged down in details a theologian may become, the actual, living God must never be doubted. One's conscience is the ultimate guide, as informed by wise and humble teachers.

Theologians need to discover that God works quietly, along the course set forth in the Principal. And confess that they've never reached His heart, nor understood that He suffers along with humanity and all of the creation.

The Bible (plus many other sacred scriptures) is the genuine Word of God. Now is the time to take off the blinders, and see it in all its true majesty. ❖

Happy Birthday, Dr. Chang Shik Yang!

Dr. Yang's 50th Birthday Party (52nd by the lunar calendar)

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translation) brings tremendous richness and understanding, and makes for better Sunday sermons, too. Just as Muslims worldwide learn Arabic, many Unificationists study Korean.

Off Track

Decades ago, Rev. Moon warned that the Left had infiltrated many Christian churches. This was, and to some extent remains, a deliberate effort to weaken that faith.

By now, a large portion of affected theologians don't even believe in God. Some who do believe look to Marxist-style revolutions to carry out His supposed will on earth. This is called Liberation Theology.

Recently, homosexual activists have won over some major denominations. While officially disavowing that lifestyle, the Catholic church has allowed many of its seminaries (and even monasteries) to be overrun by gay men, to the point they will reject any newcomers who are judged to be 'straight.'

No doubt every church has gays in its ranks. Your author knows a gay Christian who is more humble, and compas-

Conventions

For its entire history, Christianity has struggled for understanding and unity. St. Paul never met the physical Jesus, thus he taught from the perspective that the Messiah was supposed to be rejected and die. (In fairness, Paul was battling some pretty weird heresies.)

Centuries later, assembled theologians debated for months on end about quandaries such as the Trinity. This time, several of the 'heretics' were closer to the truth.

Under the stern gaze of the Emperor Constantine, those scholars came up with the Nicene Creed. It was a fine effort, but some of its key concepts, such as *homoousios*, are found nowhere in the Bible. Those few who defied Constantine were rewarded with exile.

Those concepts were never accepted universally. Mainline theologians still argue a lot. Instead of gaining unity, Christianity is more splintered than ever. (At least the differing factions don't battle and torture each other any more.)

Most denominations are rather inflexible. If it's not familiar from Sunday School, a lot of Pastors don't even want



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Last November my friend told me about the joy of Pillsbury Pie Crusts - created for the person who wants to bake a pie but whose pie crusts turn out like roofing shingles. I baked my first pumpkin pie and apple pie this fall and since then I've gone pie crazy. I've baked them for gifts for friends and neighbors, I baked them for our 30 guest Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and I started making them for our family.

Home schooling makes baking fun too, because we can have cooking class, and my kids can do the measuring and beating and scooping dough onto cookie sheets. The only bad thing about making cookies or pies for the pie holes* of friends and neighbors is that half of what we bake finds their way into our pie holes at home, which in turn has us busting out of our britches. (*as in the polite British expression, "shut your pie hole" — or in some cases, your "cake hole")

Pie baking and giving is a time honored tradition. When we moved into a house in Richmond, Virginia, the lady next door brought us a peach pie. When we moved into this house in rural Virginia, two different ladies sent us pies; a coconut and a pecan. I sent a pumpkin pie across the street to another lady. A tin of brownies appeared on our back porch. I sent over some chocolate chip cookies. Then five pies showed up for Thanksgiving; sweet potato, pumpkin, pecan, apple and mincemeat. The refrigerator was jammed with pies.

In the midst of all this sweetness it's no wonder that diabetes is becoming an American pastime. Whenever I read the eating plans from celebrated health gurus, they describe the alluring attributes of green leafy vegetables, aspara-

gus and kelp. Ahh, makes me think of mom and home. Asparagus pie with a scoop of kelp on top and a hot cup of watery, chamomile tea.

How can we take the Betty Crocker image of the homey kitchen, the floury table and sugary goodies, and reveal

ally our undoing — they represent the ruin of our muscle tone, the phenomena of brain fog, mood swings and a new middle aged me, replacing the me that used to be young, energetic and mentally sharp. Good grief, I used to be able to work at Howard Johnson's

Anyway, back to pies. Cook books are glutted with recipes made from splenda, sucanat, aspartame, saccharine, egg whites, cooking spray and other food substitutes.

Of course all those non-food substances introduce free radicals into the body with a host of other indigestible junk that orbits our bloodstream like lost satellites instead of finding their way out various escape hatches — and this stuff causes growths, DNA mutations and unwanted body augmentations.

So the quest to stop the onslaught of white sugar, white flour and chocolate becomes a journey into chemical foods that leads us back to the conclusion that the original bad stuff is better than the new bad stuff. And it's all bad. So how did we ever get the idea that it was good?

The only real problem with the whole thing is that a plate of steamed asparagus will never fool anyone into thinking it is really a french silk pie. A bowl of carrot sticks can never pretend to be hershey kisses. A cup of chamomile tea will never be cappuccino.

So what I want to know is, when God created the earth did He predestine coffee and pie?

Like in the same way Ben Franklin harnessed electricity, Isaac Newton figured out gravity, and George Washington Carver invented the first computer with a peanut*? (*see the movie, "Under Cover Brother")

I mean, was the first pie recipe hovering there above the surface of the earth waiting to be discovered when the first woman wearing an apron stood in front of a hot stove? Maybe we'll never know. Kim can be found at web site: "http://worldcommunity.com" and has email address: kimbrown@worldcommunity.com.❖

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the lurking monsters behind the facade? Blubber, blood sugar havoc, diabetes, hypoglycemia, digestive problems, candida fungal infections and heart disease? Should we create a new image of Americana home and hearth? — where steamy windows come from naked, steamed vegetables — and instead of piping hot coffee we have gloomy glasses of distilled water, and small, sensible portions of hot, plucked chicken?

Somebody has to do a major sales job and convince our subconscious psyches that the images of comfort we hold dear in our minds are actu-

Restaurant and juggle 48 different orders and requests from the customers between table and kitchen. I had plates stacked up my arms, straws in my pockets, pens behind my ears. It was \$1.99 Clam Night and tartar sauce was my middle name. Those were the days.

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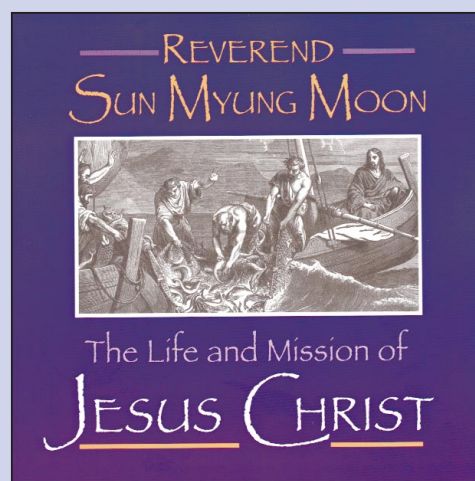
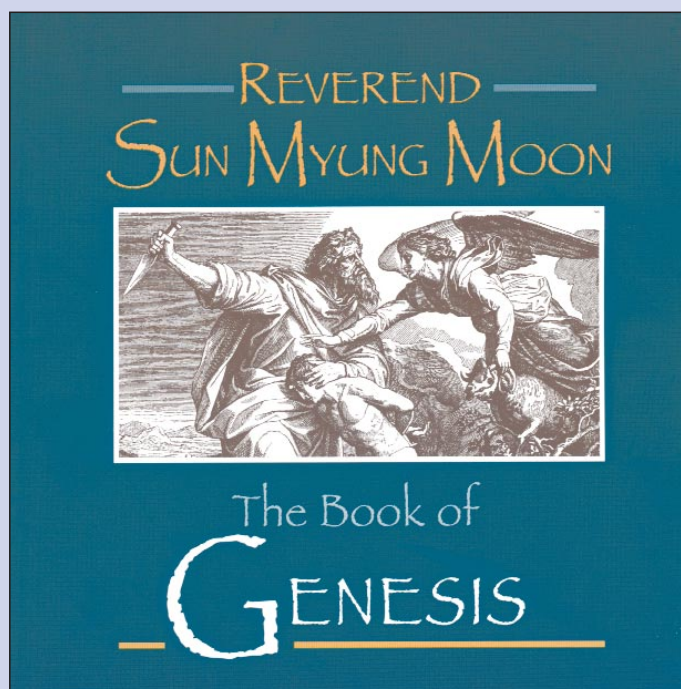
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