

True Parents' Birthday Celebrated in Korea

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

We began the birthday morning of January 27, 2004 with 7 AM Pledge service at Han Nam Dong in our Holy Robes. It was very beautiful and filled with the sense of purity and love. Rev. Kwak carefully prepared each and every step

of the service and then just before True Parents entered he uncovered the traditional meal that is offered to Parents and the Heavenly Father. The care with which Rev. Kwak did this was very moving.

True Parents entered and Father lit the 7 Candles that see **BIRTHDAY** on page 14



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AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE AWARDS IN DC

Honoring Leadership in Reconciliation and Peacemaking

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

We sincerely thank you all for your prayers and sacrifices to make the February 4th event a very historic and central dispensational victory for God's providence. Many internal and external challenges came to block this historic event. Our mission was to transfer the victory of the Coronation ceremony of December 22nd to the World through the same ceremony being conducted in Washington D.C.

In this ceremony the Jewish Leaders supported by Christians and Moslems gave Jesus a crown as the King of Peace and the see **LEADERSHIP** on page 8



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World Summit on Leadership and Governance Special Remarks

God's Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon
This address was given at the Chamshil Gymnasium, Seoul, Korea, January 27, 2004

What kind of world would have been realized if Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors, had not fallen? Adam would have become the head of that family, the tribal leader of that tribe, and the king of that nation. That world would have begun from that ideal of Adam, and would have become Adam's world where only the tradition, language, culture, and lifestyle of Adam would have existed. That world would have been Adam's fatherland as well as God's fatherland.

But unfortunately, human history began with the fall of the first human ancestors. Our world was reduced to being under the dominion of Satan, a world that had nothing to do with God. Humankind was originally meant to establish and live in a peace kingdom for eternity, with God as their True Parent. But instead,

the human race became enslaved to Satan, the origin of evil, residing in a world ridden with sin and suffering. This has brought great anguish to God. Please think about this in the con-

text of your own life. Contrary to the will of the Creator, our minds and bodies are in constant struggle and conflict. Has there been anyone who has completely unified his or her mind and

body? Among the six billion people of this world today, has there been anyone who has lived according to the original relationship, where the body is in complete submission to the mind? What about the societies and nations of today's world? The barriers of conflict and selfishness rooted in the mind and body of the individual exist even between societies and nations like an impregnable fortress. Human beings were supposed to live as brothers and sisters, yet the inter-racial strife that we see today still remains as a crucial problem threatening world peace. Religions originally had the mission of reviving human spirituality, thereby accomplishing the will of God by bringing humankind back to Him. But religions have abandoned their original mission and instead are lost in the swamp of prejudice and conflict. This has escalated to the point where, today, we see them being used as tools for bloodshed

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C A L E N D A R

FEBRUARY 2004

- 1 Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)
Segye Ilbo Established (1989)
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)
- 6 Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)
Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace Established (1999)
- 7 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)
360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 10 Kwon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/20/75)
- 11 16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 13 Shin Sook Nim's Birthday (1/23/84)
First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples (2000)
Cosmic True Parents' Federation Established (2000)
- 16 4000 Couples' Blessing (2002)
- 17 International Security Council Established (1985)
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)
Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
Dong Sook Nim's Birthday (1/30/55)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
Montevideo Declaration World University Federation (1996)
- 22 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- 27 Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998)
- 28 One World Crusade Established (1972)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 29 Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/88)

MARCH 2004

- 7 Middle East Time Founded (1983)
- 8 Jin Sung Nim's Birthday (2/18/62)
- 9 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)
- 12 Cheon Il Guk Established (2/22/2001)
Grand Liberation of 6,000 Years of
Providential History (2/22/2002)
- 19 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)

- 26 Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
- 27 New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA)
Inauguration (1980)
- 28 International Christian Professors Association Established (1981)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)
The Sao Paulo Declaration (1995)

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- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)
57 Single Blessing (1989)
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)
Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)
Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (1996)
- 11 Un Jin Nim & Jin Hun Nim's Blessing (1986)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)
Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 17 Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
Day of the Resurrection of Shimjung (1960)
Day of the Resurrection of Substance (1961)
- 19 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)
Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
- 22 Noticias del Mundo Established (1980)
- 27 Interreligious (144,000) Clergy Blessing (2002)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Ascension (2001)
- 29 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)

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

World Summit on Leadership and Governance Founder's Address

The Messiah and True Parents

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This address was given at the Shilla Hotel, Seoul, Korea, January 27, 2004

This banquet was prepared to celebrate my 84th birthday and the birthday of my wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Instead of receiving congratulations on our birthdays, though, the two of us would prefer to offer this banquet to the saints and sages in the spirit world who are present here now, to the blessed families of the spirit world, and to the participants of the World Summit on Leadership and Governance.

I understand that you have been engaged in many discussions and meetings during the past few days on the theme, "Good Governance for a World in Crisis." I know that your hard work and passion will combine to create the opportunity for new hopes and dreams to be planted in a world that, until now, seems to slide deeper into crisis with each passing day. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to each of you again for coming to my homeland, Korea, to join me in opening the fourth year of Chun Il Guk (the Kingdom of Peace and Unification). This is a new year of great hope and this evening, in keeping with a tradition I have maintained throughout my life of more than 80 years of only speaking the will of Heaven, I would like to convey to you Heaven's message entitled, "The Messiah and True Parents."

In the beginning, human beings were created as God's children. They were destined to grow to maturity, form families with His blessing, and multiply His descendants for endless generations in a lineage of goodness unstained by sin. The first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, were to have attended God as their vertical True Parent, and with God the True Parent as their axis, they were to have become the embodied, horizontal True Parents. In such a world, the word "messiah" would never have come to exist. Their family would have been the ideal family reflecting God's ideal of creation, and the world would have been the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, where God's ideal of creation was completed. After living out their lives in this world, human beings would have automatically been registered as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven in

the spiritual world, where they would live eternally in freedom, peace, and happiness.

Perfected Adam and Eve would have communicated directly with God using their five spiritual senses, and at the same time, they would have freely worked with the creation using their five physical senses. They would have lived as true masters, true parents, and true kings representing both the spiritual and physical worlds.

But, with the fall of the first human

the position of servant of servants. Because God is a God of principle and law, He would not break the principles by which He created nor violate the ideal of creation that He established. So He has had to wait tens of thousands of years before introducing the Messiah to the course of the providence of salvation. Different religions refer to this person by different names—such as Maitreya, the Man of the True Way, or the Coming Savior—but the person needed by humankind to open the way,

Ladies and gentlemen, Heaven sent Jesus to the earth 2,000 years ago as the Messiah. Jesus was none other than the one who came to embrace the children who had lost their parents and to restore them back to the original ideal of Heaven. He was the True Parent. Through the Fall, Adam and Eve lost their positions as True Parents. They failed to receive God's blessing and so could not form a union as a true husband and wife, and could not produce true children. Their failure meant

God could not embrace three generations of His lineage, including His grandchildren. So God tearfully made preparations over a period of thousands of years, establishing the nation of Israel as His chosen people. And then he sent Jesus, the Savior and Messiah, through the lineage of Abraham. Jesus came as the commander-in-chief for the struggle to establish the sovereignty, territory, and people of a single nation of God for the first time in history. On that foundation, he would then restore the whole world from Satan's false blood lineage to the true blood lineage of God's goodness.

Tragically, though, Jesus was unjustly put to death on the cross, because he was not received by the people of Israel, whom God had chosen. The Messiah, Jesus, who should



ancestors, all humanity descended into a hopeless hell from which they could not escape by their efforts alone. Their five spiritual senses became completely paralyzed. They fell into a state similar to that of a blind man whose eyes only appear to be normal to an observer but do not function at all. Forced to live with just their five physical senses, they became only half human. They could not see God. They could not hear His voice, or feel His touch. So how could they experience His love as their own Parent or understand His suffering heart?

Satan forced his way into the true-parent position that rightfully belonged to God, falsely pretending to be the parent. He placed humanity in complete bondage, making them his slaves. For this reason, the love, life, and lineage that we possess today is false. It is precisely that false love, false life, and false lineage first planted in Adam and Eve that persists in us today.

What great pain God must have felt as He watched humanity, though born to be His direct lineal children, receive Satan's false lineage and descend to

and the person sought by God, is only one person—the Messiah and True Parent.

Then who is the Messiah, and what is he like? He is the owner and substantiation of faith, hope, and love not only for the individual but also for the family, tribe, society, nation, world, and cosmos. And only in an age when humanity attends this person as the Messiah, will the faith and hope that still remains, finally bear fruit. The life and breath of human history is contained within this fruit. Our past, present, and future are linked to it. This fruit is linked not only to human beings but to Heaven as well. The Messiah comes for the sake of human beings, who became forlorn orphans after losing their parents through the Fall. He becomes our substantial True Parent, True Owner, True Teacher, and True King. He is the substantiation of God's true love, true life, and true lineage, coming to restore His lost children, who have been groaning in travail under a false parent, to bring them back to their rightful positions as the true sons and daughters of God.

have restored the position of True Parents, then produced true children, and risen to the position of King of Kings, was prevented from establishing even the position of a true husband with God's Marriage Blessing. Because of this, he could not establish the position of True Parents or multiply true children. Instead he died on the cross.

The "Marriage of the Lamb" that the Book of Revelation in the New Testament speaks of is none other than the ceremony by which the Messiah receives a bride and forms a union of true husband and wife. If Judaism had received and attended Jesus at that time, then the world of God's earnest desire, the world of His original ideal of creation, the peaceful Kingdom of Heaven, would have been realized on the earth at that time through Jesus' kinsmen. As it was, the True Parent providence intended to be fulfilled by Jesus, the second Adam, was thwarted midway by the faithlessness of those who had been chosen. As a result, humankind was forced to wait for the Second Coming of the Messiah. Heaven, though, had

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and war.

Where does our original mind lead us? Does it indicate that we desire to live oppressed within the many walls and boundaries that surround us? It does not. The world that we desire is a place where no barriers or borderlines are seen. It is a world of freedom and peace. All people long for that kind of original fatherland. It is the fatherland that for thousands of years God has sought to establish. Likewise, it is the fatherland that humankind has longed for throughout history. Of course, when we talk about a “fatherland” it may denote a particular nation, but the original fatherland cannot be compared to any nation of the today’s secular world.

To establish a nation there needs to be sovereignty, people and territory. When we look at history we can see the rise and fall of nations, the countless transitions of sovereignties and a great many lives sacrificed in the process. All these martyrs died in the hope that the original fatherland would someday appear. But that does not mean that the United States, or Korea, or any other nation can become the fatherland which these people have longed for. It would be a place where there is neither democracy nor communism. Such a fatherland would have no need for any religion. It is a world that does not commit the folly of trying to measure the value of a person by the color of his skin. It is a place that does not allow any form of boundary or national border, including the barriers that divide the mind and body within each individual, bringing pain to them all.

Ladies and gentleman!

This very planet earth on which we live—the entire globe—is the very fatherland that humanity has longed for. It is the fatherland for which God has longed for tens of thousands of years. Humankind now has the responsibility to establish a global nation in line with God’s standard and to remove evil from this earth by rendering judgment upon Satan who has been the arch-enemy in front of heaven until now. In so doing, a heavenly kingdom of peace on earth, with goodness at its center, will be brought about. We must never forget that this has been the desire of God, the desire of Jesus, and the desire of our ancestors who have con-

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mercy yet again on pitiful humankind.

Heaven gave its blessing for the Messiah of the Second Coming to appear on the foundation of the spiritual restoration Jesus carried out throughout the 2,000 years of Christian history. The returning Messiah comes with the incredible burden of completing the mission of True Parents. To accomplish his mission, he must first, above everything else, achieve victory over the satanic realm. He must then go on to achieve victory in the spiritual realm as well. He must fully engage the satanic and

tributed to the course of God’s providence by going the path of martyrdom.

But that kind of ideal world is not created automatically. It is not something that anyone can have by just wishing for it. It is impossible to attain unless we, the offspring of the fall, receive a new blood lineage through the Marriage Blessing and practice a



life of true love. Then what is a life of true love? In a nutshell, it is “living for the sake of others.” It is living for the sake of others before you even wish for the other to do something for you. It is a life of living for the sake of the others and forgetting that you ever gave. It is not giving in hopes of receiving something in return. It is a life where you give and give, regretting nothing for not having given more. Even as you give, you bow your head in humility. Thus, Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” He also said that “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Even our almighty Creator,

God, would not engage in creation and destruction at whim in disregard of the very principles of creation that He Himself set up.

Therefore, this is the reason why I have been conducting the Marriage Blessing providence throughout the past several decades. Humankind, who had inherited false life, false love and

false lineage due to the fall of the first human ancestors, had no choice but to live this false kind of life. Thus my wife and I began our God-given mission as the True Parents. Throughout our lives we have walked a lonely path to carry out this heavenly decree to eliminate Satan, the devil, through the Marriage Blessing providence and, as the True Parents, to bequeath true life, true love, and the true lineage to humanity. We knew that God could not do anything about the false blood lineage because it had been planted by the false parents. Upon this victorious foundation of having fulfilled all the necessary indemnity conditions, my wife and I stand as the True Parents. We have

been multiplying the true blood lineage by separating humanity from the blood lineage of the false olive tree and engrafting them to the true olive tree. A false olive tree will always remain as a false olive tree, even if a thousand years pass; only by engrafting to the true olive tree can the lineage be changed.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

The bright age of heaven is upon us now. Please accept my message with hope. The marriage Blessing history began with just three couples in the 1960s has now reached 400 million couples around the world. Furthermore, there are more than 120 billion blessed couples living in the spirit world. The field of the true olive tree has now overwhelmed the field of the wild olive trees. All these blessed families are united in the life of ‘Living for the sake of others.’ The life of the true olive trees, through the true blood lineage, is now spreading like wild fire throughout the entire world. In this way God’s Fatherland and Peace Kingdom, a nation of joy and happiness, a nation of freedom and equality with no walls or national borders will be realized on this earth.

For this purpose I founded the ‘Peace United Nations’ in New York, U.S.A. on October 3rd 2003. In doing God’s providence, this ‘Peace United Nations’ is developing initiatives of a revolutionary dimension that will rock heaven and earth. By educating each and every one of the six billion people on this earth, and giving them the marriage Blessing, we are building God’s fatherland, our fatherland, where the entire globe becomes our home, my home. Our goal is already set. The flag of the Peace United Nation is already waving high. The battle cry of victory is erupting across the world. Victories are won in America, Europe, Jerusalem, Palestine, Japan and Korea. Nothing is impossible with God and the numerous martyrs, patriots, saints and sages in spirit world running with us at our side.

They say, “blessed are those who have faith.” On this meaningful day, I would like to ask you all to engrave this message in the deep center of your heart. I pray that you all join in the grace of the Marriage Blessing and create a great revolution of lineage.

I dearly hope that you will all become the brave soldiers of heaven, courageously standing on the front line of God’s providence in order to build God’s fatherland on this earth, so that the Peace Kingdom can prosper for all eternity. ❖

phrase that I created, nor is it something that anyone in the world can attach to my name easily. Instead, it is the destiny and blessing that Heaven has bestowed on my wife and me. The position of True Parent carries with it the vertical missions of Savior, Messiah, and returning Lord, responsibilities that have never been realized before in history or will ever be seen again in the future. For this reason, human beings still affiliated with the fallen realm must fulfill a number of conditions in order to attend the True Parents and accomplish Heaven’s will.

First, they must participate in and complete a revolution of indemnity.

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spiritual realms, both of which cannot be sensed through the five physical senses, and be victorious in the life-and-death battle to subjugate the devil, Satan. Additionally, he must win over the many religious and philosophical leaders who are in the spirit world. None of this, however, can be accomplished through forced subjugation. Centering on God’s character of absolute

love, he must convince them by revealing the universal principles of religion and the universe and in this way bring them to a natural surrender. Reverend Moon, who stands here before you, is the one who has appeared in this world bearing this incredible mission of the True Parent.

The phrase, “True Parent,” does not appear in any encyclopedia. It is not a

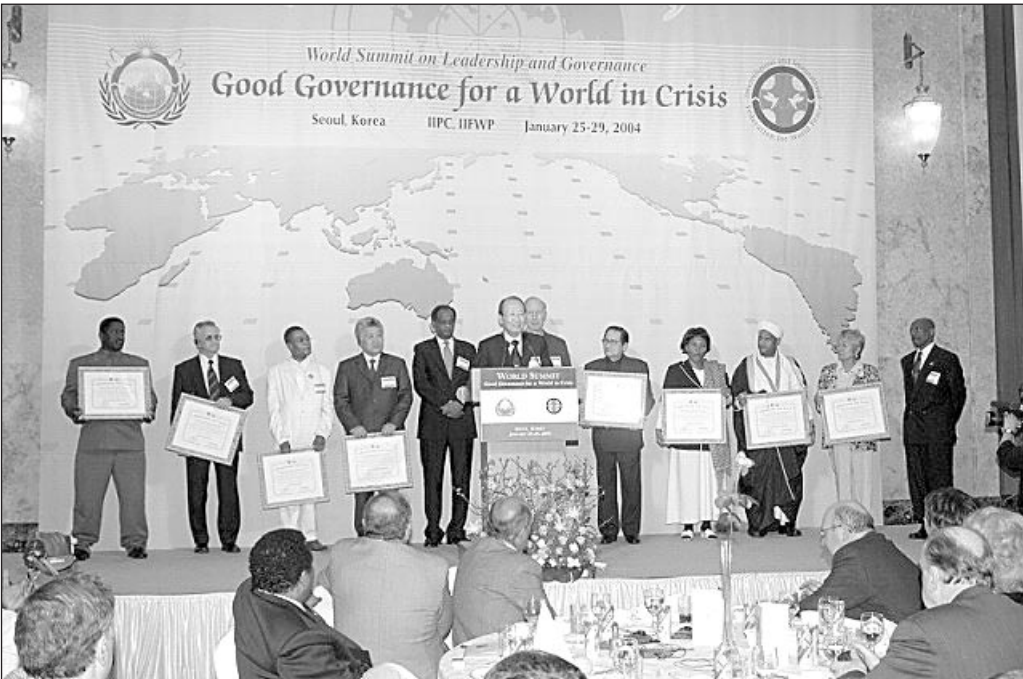
WORLD SUMMIT ON LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

IIPC World Conference in Seoul

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The IIPC held a summit conference on January 28, 2004 in Seoul, Korea. The historic Inter-religious and International Peace Council is substantially and rapidly growing strong and effective. The depth of the relationships that have developed between many current and former Prime Ministers and Presidents and heads of state together with their top religious leaders is getting very deep and solid centering on True Parents through Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak.

Dr. Tom Walsh the IIFWP team are making us all proud to be a part of this historic conference and the providence that is unfolding. Dr. Walsh has led the IIFWP centering on Rev. Kwak to become a global organization of peace that connects the hearts and minds of the worlds leaders centering on the fundamental Universal principles of Peace that Father proposed at the UN and through his ministry. These principles such as 1. God is the Parent of Humankind - there is one God. 2. Man is essential a Spiritual Being - a being of mind and heart. The heart must be healed and the mind must be responsible to bring peace on earth. 3. Living for the Sake of Others is the key to peace. 4. Marriage is a Sacred institution and the Family is the school of love. 5. That Inter-religious and International Cooperation is essential for peace. The Inter-religious council of



cooperative religious and NGO leaders centering on commonly shared religious principles can set the stage to support the leadership of the political leaders. Reconciliation based on Loving one's enemy is a central principle to bring forward to the nations here. Also key action principles such as Peace begins with personal transformation through a relationship with God. Through seeing God's point of view we begin to see all as brothers and sisters. Interreligious Harmony and Cooperation is a prerequisite for Peace. Through the Practice of True Love divisions can be bridged and barriers overcome. The World is at a Critical turning point, bold and unselfish leadership is required.

This conference displayed a significant advancement on Father's teaching. When pre-

sented through our various sessions it provides a rich and comprehensive understanding of how we are to create a new world. Rev. Kwak's address is the cornerstone of the Conference and the central point of reference for Father's teaching. It is so well respected by the participants that it is often quoted and referred to. The depth of True Parents teaching is being conveyed by the most seasoned and experienced IIFWP leaders and the conference and roundtables.

The practical application through the Ambassadors for Peace in all continents and the application and presentation in each section gave the whole conference an understanding of how the IIPC is already "acting" on many fronts and bringing significant change. From the Dr. Kim and the Speaker of the House of the Philippines, to Africa (Vice President Mumba) to Russia, and Europe to North and South Korea and especially now with the breakthroughs in the Middle East from America to the UN- the IIPC is moving the people of conscience toward the Peace Kingdom. From the grassroots to the Parliaments of the world. IIPC is there and is growing and helping the world's leaders to understand the essential principles and processes of Good Governance. God's Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom are real. The world is moving.

Congratulations to Rev. Kwak, the Continental Directors, Dr. Walsh and all of the IIPC !!!! This is the Day of the Lord. ❖



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This means they must cast everything aside and follow the True Parents. They must cast aside their friends and teachers, even their parents, and follow the True Parents. It is only when everything is cast aside and a standard of "total living offering" is made that Heaven can bestow blessings and grace upon us. This means that humanity must mercilessly eradicate all bonds and relationships with the satanic world, not showing even the slightest attachment, and in this way, return to the zero point and mark the dawning of a new creation.

Second, they must complete a revolution of conscience. This means that they must maintain a tradition of true love, true life, and true lineage in accordance with the predisposition of the original mind and conscience endowed in us by God. They must do this without even the smallest variance, regardless of whatever worldly sovereignty or ideology they may encounter. They must

live a life of "noon-time settlement," where they do not leave any shadow or even a speck of shame in the presence of the spiritual and physical worlds. The revolution of conscience is completed when our lives reach a harmonious state of one mind, one body, one thought, and so establish the realm of pure love and pure lineage as an eternal and unchanging tradition in which the age of unity and harmony blossoms.

The third condition is a revolution of heart. This means that humanity must complete a world of true love in which God will want to come to human beings, consult us on all matters, and will want to reside with us. In other words, the revolution of heart is a revolution of true love. "Living for the sake of others" speaks of the practice of unchanging, sacrificial love. Think what it would be like if all of us lived for the sake of others more than for ourselves. God, the root source of true love, would reside within us and would live for our sake. What greater joy and glory could there be for us? Wherever the revolution of heart has been completed, there

will be no such thing as family breakdown, racial strife, international border disputes, friction between religions, or any other vestiges of the satanic world. An eternal Peace Kingdom will be established.

Respected guests, in 1996 my wife and I declared an end to the Unification Church and gave it a new beginning as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in order to fulfill the heavenly command to build a world of peace on the earth. The will of Heaven resides in human peace grounded in true families, not in the progress of any particular church or religion. Over the past decades, we have carried out many activities on interreligious and international levels. On this foundation, we founded the Interreligious and International Peace Council, that is, "the Peace U.N.," in New York on October 3, 2003, as a way of making a substantial beginning toward realizing a world of peace.

A movement to remove crosses from church buildings in accordance with my declaration is spreading like wildfire in many areas of the world. Thou-

sands of clergy have journeyed to Jerusalem, the epicenter of the strife in the Middle East, to participate in interreligious and international peace rallies. On December 22, 2003, many Jewish, Christian, and Muslim clergy took each other by the hand, sang the praises of peace, and performed a ceremony to crown Jesus as the King of Kings. It was a miracle performed in Jerusalem's Independence Park before a crowd of some 20,000 people. This was a day when Jesus' grief was resolved and the victory of True Parents could be declared to all of heaven and earth.

Ladies and gentlemen, in the same way that the mission of True Parents, to which my wife and I have been called, is a matter of heavenly destiny, your mission and that of heaven is to join hands with us in building a peaceful Kingdom of Heaven on this earth. Now, Heaven's time has come.

I pray that each of you will return to your communities and become passionate workers as messiahs and true parents yourselves in the effort to bring about world peace. ❖

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

This address was given in Seoul, Korea, on January 26, 2004

On behalf of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, it is my honor to welcome you to this World Summit on Leadership and Governance, sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the Interreligious and International Peace Council. Thank you for your attendance here and for recognizing the importance of our coming together to consider the theme, “Good Governance for a World in Crisis.

On October 3rd of last year, the IIFWP launched the IIPC. At the Inaugural Assembly of the IIPC, Dr. Moon delivered an address on the “elimination of boundaries.” In that speech, presented to a gathering of 1500 international delegates from more than 160 nations, he stated,

“When we love our enemies and make oneness with them, the boundaries between us will collapse. That is why God’s strategy and tactic has always been ‘love your enemy.’ There can be no greater strategy for peace than this. Throughout history this incredible fact has escaped humanity’s understanding, and it has yet to be grasped even in modern times. Today I tell you clearly that God’s strategy and tactic for human salvation is to love your enemy. You and the members of the Unification Church who have followed me until now are the representatives of history as well as of the current world who now know Heaven’s incredible secret. Our responsibility now is to inherit this principle, put it into practice, and become a true human being. If you accomplish these things, you are sure to become a key player in bringing about a world of peace.”

As we consider the current world situation and the need for good governance I hope we can keep this quote in mind. The core principle that guides the work of IIPC is “living for the sake of others.” Moreover, this principle can be the basis of a new methodology for peace and good governance.

At the outset of 2004 Rev. Moon proclaimed the dawning of the “era of the Peace Kingdom.” The Peace Kingdom refers to the establishment of a realm of universal harmony, cooperation and prosperity among all people, beyond race, religion, nationality or culture. Within the Peace Kingdom all human beings belong to one family and one lineage of true love under God. The citizens of the Peace Kingdom are brothers and sisters living together in true love.

The foundation of the Peace Kingdom is God. Human history, due to the Fall, has not been an expression of God’s ideal. God has been seeking to establish relationships of true love with human beings. That is, God has sought to have an object partner of true love. At this time in history, this dream is becoming a reality and all humanity is destined to relate with God as object partners of true love.

Thus, Rev. Moon is also declaring the dawning of an age in which the eternal and living God can exercise full dominion, and particularly a dominion of true love, which is God’s most fundamental attribute. The Peace Kingdom is a realm characterized by true love as the basis for human relationships. Stated a bit differently, the Peace Kingdom is characterized by the practice of living for the sake of others.



The principle of “living for the sake of others” is not the teaching of any single religion or moral philosophy. One can find it represented in the sacred writings of virtually all the world’s great religions, not to mention the great moral philosophers. Not only is it a great teaching, but it is a principle of action and a practice. We recognize this principle at work in the lives of Jesus, Moses, Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, Socrates, Gandhi, etc.

Our greatest religious founders understood this principle to be as basic as the natural laws of the universe, such as the law of gravity or the laws of mathematics, physics or chemistry. When we violate this law, there are grave consequences. Peace itself has its foundation in the application of this principle.

Just as God is the author and origin of the most basic scientific laws of the universe, God is also the author and origin of the basic spiritual and moral laws of the universe. Just as we gain enlightenment concerning our physical circumstances through scientific knowledge, we can gain enlightenment concerning our spiritual circumstances through religion.

Peace, most fundamentally, has to do with the quality of relationships. Peace obtains when relationships are

harmonious, even-tempered and cooperative. Harmony is obtained in the natural order as objects follow the laws of the universe. Harmony, and peace, can be obtained in the human order

external law. Peace, however, does not begin from the realm of politics or government. Peace begins with the individual.

Furthermore, peace moves from the most internal dimension to the external, from invisible to visible and from spiritual to physical. Thus, when we speak of the individual as the foundation of peace, we refer most fundamentally to the internal character and spiritual awareness of the individual.

The first challenge for peace is my own self. If I cannot establish peace within myself, by establishing harmony and cooperation between my mind and body, then I cannot expect to create a world of peace. For example, if I am troubled and conflicted within my own character, I will not be at peace, regardless of the situation in the external world. Thus the basis of peace is to solve the problem of my individual character. And, solving the individual character problem is primarily a matter of spiritual development.

Our theme for this conference is concerned with good governance. Good governance is not simply related to governments. The term good governance refers to the way in which we manage or govern a given area or realm of responsibility. We may therefore talk about global governance, for example when we consider the United Nations, or individual governance, when we think of a particular human being.

Just as peace begins with the individual, good governance also begins with the individual, and has to do primarily with the way in which any given person manages their own desires, interests, appetites, passions, duties and obligations. If a person allows selfish desires to dominate them, or if they become enslaved by physical appetites or passions, we may say that a given person is not capable of good self-governance. Moreover, and this is a very important point, such a person is not likely to be able to practice good governance in other social contexts, for example in a family.

Governance of a household or family is the responsibility of the husband and wife, the parents. If a husband or wife has not been able to successfully practice self-governance, they will be ill-equipped to function well as either a spouse or a parent.

Stated a bit differently, a person who cannot master his or her own desires and who cannot become a person of good character, is not able to

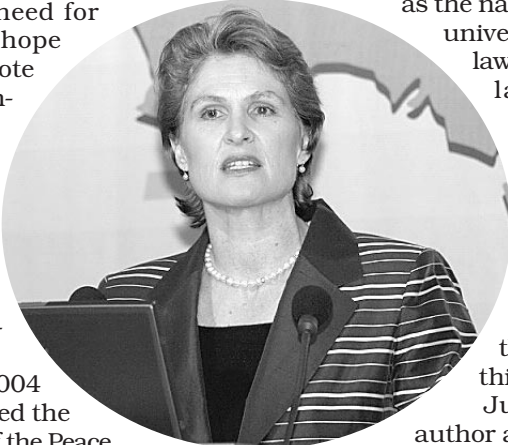
become a good spouse, and cannot in turn become a good parent. A true parent is one who has gained self-mastery, established a loving and harmonious partnership with their spouse,

when we follow the spiritual and moral laws of the universe.

For this reason, without an understanding of God, and God’s principles, peace will never be achieved. As human beings, we are not merely physical beings, for we have been created also as spiritual beings. We are spiritual beings who exist in physical bodies throughout our lifetime on earth. At a certain point in time, each of us will pass out of our physical existence. However, we will continue to exist as spiritual beings, and we will each dwell in the spiritual world for eternity.

The reason the world’s great spiritual teachers have advised us to live according to spiritual principles and to avoid being too taken up with material pleasures and comforts is precisely because our physical life is so temporary. In fact our physical life is little more than a training ground or preparatory school for our eternal life. Just as life in the womb precedes and prepares us for our life on earth, our life on earth precedes and prepares us for our life in the spiritual world.

When we think of peace, we must think on many levels. Too often we associate peace with the administration of political power. That is, we often think that peace can be brought into being by an external force or by some



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and “governs” the family in a responsible, loving and productive way. Furthermore, the governance within the family that is exercised by the parents is not merely external, as in providing basic material needs for all members of the household. Rather it is fundamentally internal in nature, that is, providing an environment of true love, respect, compassion and care. Thus, governance in the family, includes physical care, spiritual care, education, and the practice of true love. Successful parents are parents who practice the principle of living for the sake of others.

Governance also applies to a wide range of social contexts, including businesses, schools, civic organizations, and religions. Often we associate governance with boards that have the responsibility of overseeing the leadership and work of a given institution, such as a church, a university, an NGO or a business. In such cases, good governance is associated with qualities such as transparency, accountability, fiscal responsibility, honesty, etc. Directors and trustees take responsibility to assure that a given institution is performing in accordance with its mission and purpose. A good director or trustee, once again, is one who acts for an unselfish purpose, and who has achieved a level of self-mastery that allows them to live a public life.

We all are aware of institutions that are not governed according to moral principles. In many cases, for example, the profit motive has caused corporations to function immorally, violating the trust and the investments of shareholders, not to mention customers and other stakeholders. In the realm of politics, we often note individuals who are more concerned with fame, power and privilege than with the public good.

Good governance, even in the political realm, is rooted in good character. As we lose sight of this principle, and as we entrust people with power who are not persons of good character, we

invite corruption, which in turn destroys trust, and leads to disharmony and, ultimately conflict. Although we tend to see religions and non-profit organizations as exempt from corruption and moral failure, the history of bad governance within religious institutions and within non-profit institutions is also rife with failure. When religious leaders guide their followers according to narrow or self-centered principles, they are not practicing good governance. When non-governmental organizations become special-interest groups that only seek the immediate and narrow success of their particular community, we are witnessing a breakdown of public trust, making peace so much harder to achieve.

In the era of the Peace Kingdom, self-governance is the primary responsibility of each citizen. The key to self-governance is the development of a true moral character which is based on a heart of true love. Moral character emerges as the conscience develops through a relationship with God’s love and truth. Moral character also is strengthened by a deep awareness of the reality of our spiritual life and the spiritual world around us.

Thus, good governance is not brought into being by external force or power. Rather, as we mature and perfect ourselves in the true love of God, good governance will emerge naturally and according to God’s original ideal, without coercion or force.

A peace kingdom is a kingdom of self-governing men and women. It is not a realm ruled by any single dictator or leader, or through any external power or military force. Through the practice of true love, all citizens of the peace kingdom are to be owners and leaders of the peace kingdom. Peace proceeds from the individual, to the family, the society, the nation and the world. Likewise good governance proceeds from the individual to the family to the society to the nation and the world. Good governance, like

peace, has its foundation in the principle of living for the sake of others. The peace kingdom is established as we each come to inherit the true love of God, applying the principle of living for the sake of others in our families, our religions, our associations, and in our governments. We inherit the true love of God on the foundation of harmony, unity and cooperation.

This inheritance has two dimensions. The first refers to the internal tradition and culture of true love that we pass on from one generation to the next through our family’s lineage. A second dimension refers to the external system of governance that we pass on from one generation to the next to be embraced with a heart of responsibility and ownership and that is rooted in true love.

During the course of this Summit, we will have the chance to celebrate and honor the birthday of the Founders of the IIFWP and IIPC, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. Rev. Moon is celebrating his 84th birthday, and Mrs. Moon her 61st. Their entire lives have been devoted to the realization of a universal Peace Kingdom centered on the true love and principle of God. They have worked to establish a world without boundaries, a realm that is beyond race, religion, culture or national boundaries.

As we participate in this World Summit we will have the opportunity to study and learn of the Founder’s vision and the core principles, values and peace strategies that underlay the work of the IIFWP and the IIPC.

This is not an ordinary conference or summit, for truly we are standing on the threshold of the age of universal peace, the age that all humanity has longed for. As we gather here let us reflect deeply on our world, its critical problems, and the ways in which we can work together as a worldwide community of Ambassadors for Peace. Dr. Moon has called the IIPC a “Peace United Nations”. A “Peace United Nations” is one that lives according to the principle of true love, living for the sake of others. Let us work together to build precisely this kind of institution.

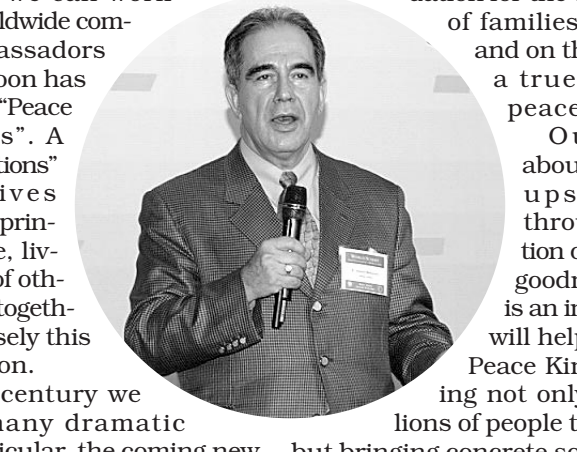
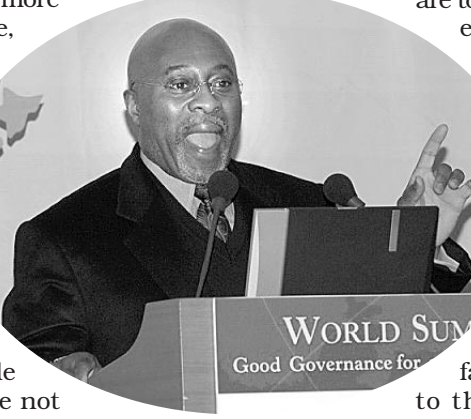
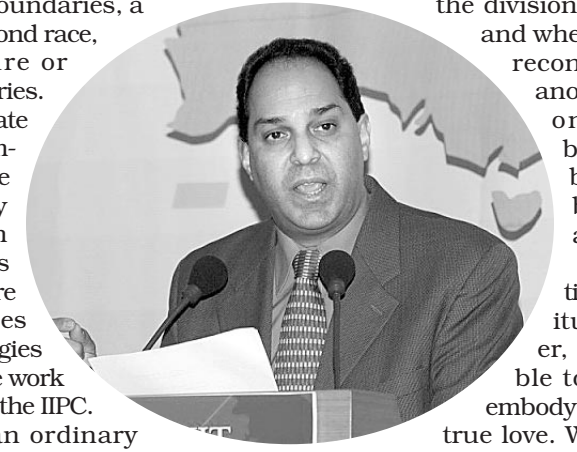
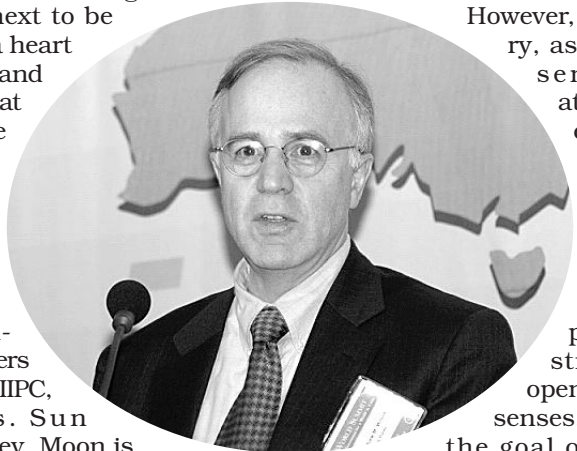
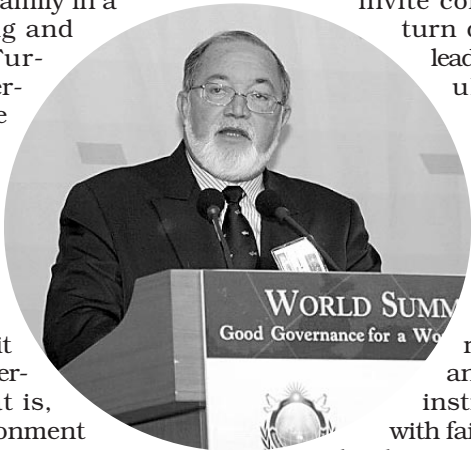
In this 21st century we will witness many dramatic changes. In particular, the coming new era will be characterized by three pri-

mary developments. First of all, there will be a growing interest and awareness of the spiritual reality which surrounds us. Whereas, recent history has been overly materialistic, humanistic and even atheistic, we are in the midst of a spiritual awakening that will transform history. Secondly, more and more people will come to realize the sacred and social significance of the family. Once again, in recent decades, and in societies around the world, we have seen a breakdown of the family and the emergence of strange and dysfunctional family structures.

However, in this century, as our spiritual senses are attuned, we will come to appreciate the value of the family as the school of true love. Finally, the desire for peace will grow stronger as we open our spiritual senses. Peace is not the goal or any single nation or race or religion. Peace is a global issue. Unfortunately, our world suffers from so many conflicts. Still, peace is the hope of all ages, and we are going to witness the dawn of an age in which we learn to overcome the divisions or the past, and where we learn to reconcile with one another and love one. another, beyond race, beyond religion, beyond nationality.

Without cultivating our spirituality, however, it is impossible to manifest or embody a character of true love. Without developing our spirituality, we cannot hope to establish an ideal family and we cannot properly educate the next generation. Thus, these three trends are interrelated. Through spiritual development we set the foundation for the establishment of families of true love, and on this foundation a true and lasting peace is possible.

Our world is about to be turned upside down through a revolution of true love and goodness. The IIPC is an instrument that will help usher in the Peace Kingdom, bringing not only hope to billions of people the world over, but bringing concrete solutions to our critical problems. ❖



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King of Israel, reconciling the division of his family and setting the condition that would remove the enmity between Muslims/ Arabs and the Jews centering on Palestine and Israel. Then Muslims would give the Jews a Menorah for peace with love and respect and the Christians would give the Muslim leaders a robe of anointing and respect proclaiming repentance and honoring Muhammad (PBUH) as God's prophet. Upon that foundation True Parents were proclaimed as being anointed by Jesus as the Messiah and Savior. Transferring this ceremony to America was most historic and serious. If the conditions were not right the way to expand this victory to the world would have been blocked. The event also had to receive the support and blessing of political leaders representing America, the Second Israel and the Elder Son Nation.

Also in the event the Ambassadors for Peace throughout America were honored for Leadership in Reconciliation and Peacemaking. They all received "Crowns of Peace" as peacemakers. Many of the ambassadors for Peace had gone with us on one of the Pilgrimages to the Holy Land including the Gaza strip risking their lives for reconciliation. 40 Congressmen and 2 U.S. Senators and rep-

resentatives from the Bush Administration attended the event. It was certainly a great drama in history. Just 40 hours before the event an attack on the leadership of America occurred in the form of the Ricin poison. This closed the Senate Dirksen building that was to be the location of this historic event. Just 24 hours before the event AFC leader Mr. Jim Flynn and Rev. Jenkins finalized the plans with Rev. Kwak and Dr. Yang to move the event to the Reagan building.



Most would conclude that this made it almost impossible for the Coronation and Reconciliation to go forward.

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But we live in the Peace Kingdom. Event Co-Chairman Congressman Danny Davis and Congressmen Chris Cannon refused to waiver. The event went forward and through the sacrifice and diligence of the great AFC / American Leadership Coalition network of leaders the

Senators and Congressmen also did not waiver.

The Reagan building is the largest federal facility next to the Pentagon and actually houses representatives from all branches of Government truly symbolizing the event being held in the center of the Capitol of the Elder Son Nation.

Rev. Kwak reported to Father offered all to heaven. Rev. Kwak told us that Father thanked everyone for their hard work and sacrifice and said that Heav-

en accepted the offering. National honorees Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker who was in prison with Dr. King in Birmingham, Rabbi Ben Ami who led Civil rights work and Imam Haitham Bundakji who reconciled on December 22nd with a Jewish Rabbi and Christian leader at the historic ceremony at the holy place of Al Aqsa Mosque received the National recognition by Rev. Kwak. Dr. Yang led by Congressman, Davis, Cannon, Conyers, Price and many, many others. Dr. Walker's

son Wyatt Tee Walker Jr. recipient on behalf of his Father gave a picture of his Dr. Walker with Dr. King in Jail. (They took a picture of each other one by one and this is the most famous picture of Dr. King from inside the jail looking out through the bars." The inscription read, "Sometimes this is the price of Peace !!"

The Coronation of Jesus and the Reconciliation of the Children of Abraham was successfully transferred to the world and then on that foundation. Congressman Davis and Utah State Senator in a procession led by Pastor T.L. Barrett representing Christianity, supported by a Muslim Leader (Dr. Hassan Amer) and a Jewish Leader (Dr.M. Nahum) and then joined by Imam Bundakji, Imam Kiwan, Sheik Ali Birani, Father Hatum (of Nazareth) , Imam Jodeh, Rev. Jesse Edwards, Dr. Gloria Wright, Bishop G. Augustus Stallings presented the Crown of Peace and Glory to True Parents who were represented by Mr. Hyun Jin Nim Moon and Mrs. Jun Sook Nim Moon (Father Moon's son and daughter in law).

Rev. Jenkins announced that the Jesus had anointed Father and Mother Moon and they now stand as the Messiah, Savior and True Parents of Humanity. On this day of February 4, 2004 the Glory of God was revealed on the earth. Each and every Ambassador For Peace was then commissioned to receive their anointing that they also must become Messiahs, Saviors and ultimately True Parents to their families, tribes, communities, nations and the whole world.

Glory to God on High. The day of the Kingdom of God has been revealed. ❖

Archbishop Stallings Testimony to True Parents

by Archbishop George Augustus Stallings

The following historic address was given before representatives of Congress on February 4th at the Ambassadors For Peace Awards for Leadership in Reconciliation and Peace. Archbishop Stallings is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the 20,000 Member American Clergy Leadership Conference. His speech was given as the introduction to the Coronation Ceremony in which the Crowns of Peace and Glory were offered to True Parents.

Good evening, family. For we are one family. Brothers and sisters one to another, because we have one God who is father and mother of us all, and we can celebrate the richness of our diversity and be brothers and sisters one to another.

What our eyes have seen and what our ears have heard surely is indicative of the work and the presence of God among us, and God is manifested in the lives of those who accept His call, to take on the mantle of messiah and to truly transform this earth to become the Kingdom of Heaven right here on earth. We have heard and we have seen the tremendous, unprecedented work of persons, specially in the person of the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, in bringing about a world of true and lasting peace. I know



of no other person who has committed all of his resources, who lives for the sake of others, who challenges us to love our enemies, who talks the talk but walks the talk, and has shown us how to bring about a world of lasting peace.

This gathering would not be possible tonight if it had not been for that vision of which the distinguished gentleman from the State of Illinois, the Honorable Danny Davis spoke of tonight, this visionary. It would not have happened without the visionary, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. It would not have happened and we would not be witnessing the walls being torn down, and men and women coming together and loving each other in spite of our race, our culture, our ethnicity, our socio-geo-political background. We would not see this happening anywhere else in the world, where the family of humanity is being brought together as one.

What shall we call such a person who has the capacity to do such things? How do we begin to describe someone who brings the races together? We know of the division of race. The distinguished gentleman from Utah, Congressman Cannon, spoke about that tonight, how we have allowed race to separate and divide us, but yet we are coming together as one people. What shall we call someone who has the capacity to do that, to get us to look beyond ourselves?

You know, I read a quote on the Internet, my brother Imam Bundakji, just the other day and it says that if you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are overdressed. (applause, laughter) And I think that we have become so wrapped up in ourselves, that we are so overdressed, that we cannot recognize each other as brothers and sisters. And Father Moon has done that. He has allowed us to see the God in each other. He has allowed us to remove the barriers that have separated and divided us. He has challenged us to love our enemies. He lives for the sake of others, and if anyone walks among us and tells us to do that, we should recognize him and honor him and acknowledge that he bears a mantle - he bears the mantle of the messiah. He bears the mantle of one who walks in the likeness and in the manner of God.

For we should not look any longer for the messiah to come on a white horse,

appearing out of the west, coming with a paddy wagon of jewelry and riches of the world. No, we should look for the one who will roll up his sleeves and get down on the ground like all of us and show us how to become brothers and sisters one to another. That's what the messiah comes to do. That's what we ought to look for. (Applause) We ought to start looking for the messiah in each other. We need to look for the presence of God in each other and stop looking for some imaginary white knight on a white horse coming to save humanity.

If humanity is to be saved, you and I must save it and we must save it with someone who has the vision and the stamina and the determination to forsake all else and lead us in the pathway to peace. I thank God that I lived to see the presence of a man and woman standing together as the True Parents of heaven and earth, who are willing to march through hell for a heavenly cause and willing to stand up and bring all us together in this one room to love each other as brothers and sisters.

Find someone else who will do what we have seen and heard tonight and I will show you where the Kingdom of God is. The Kingdom of God is right here in this place, and I think we ought to stand to our feet and praise God for allowing us to be alive to see a man and a woman who have stood together as husband and wife and as the True Parents of all humanity and led us to this place where we can truly say we have seen Heaven tonight, and it sure looks good. ❖

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Remarks at Ambassadors for Peace Awards

A Vision of Peace

by Hyun Jin Moon

This address was given on February 4, 2004, in Washington, D.C. True Parents were presented the Crown of Peace and Glory. Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim attended this ceremony on behalf of True Parents

On behalf of my parents and my whole family it is an honor and privilege to stand here before you and receive such an honor. I know that as a son looking at the life of my father, such a distinction is something that I would like to have seen in my lifetime, in his lifetime. Yet, knowing my father, I know that distinctions and honors aren't what motivate him. In one sense he's a visionary and he's true to a vision, and it is that vision that has allowed him to endure whatever difficulties and travails that he has faced in his life.

I would say that that vision is a common vision that humanity has been seeking for ever since the beginning of human history. That is the vision of peace. The question of how that peace begins, however, starts with each and every one of us, does it not? If we cannot find peace within ourselves, how can we pass peace to others? That is the fundamental tenet and truth by which he lives and the principle by which he inspires thousands of others from all nationalities, all walks of life.

I think one of the reasons why his message in his lifetime has touched so many is because it is a truth that resonates in each and every one of our hearts. Regardless of whether you are a Jew or a Christian or a Muslim or Hindu, or whatever faith that you deem to be your own sacred truth, is it not

peace that we seek? Is it not love that we seek? Is it not value that we seek? We recognize that that value, that love, that peace comes from some divine source that some call God, that some call Yahweh, that some might call divine energy or force, whatever the name that source has been called, do we not in our hearts live according to that being as our parent, as a source of our being?

It is that fundamental human principle that my father used in his teaching to give intimacy of God to those of various different backgrounds. If we try to understand God in an intimate way that we can recognize as human beings, such as a parent, does He not become a being that is not

distant, not omnipotent, not detached, but is very real and part of our lives?

Once we have that, can we not look at each other—regardless of our background, regardless of our race, regardless of our belief, regardless of our nationality—as a brother or sister? This has been the fundamental truth behind the work that my father has engendered. And that is why it has been so appealing. It has been the unifying vision behind such endeavors as International and Interreligious Federation for World Peace, and countless other organizations.

One God-Centered Family

I want to congratulate each and every one of you who have

received the mantle of peace to become Peace Ambassadors. I hope you truly can own that vision that my father has owned ever since he was a young boy, that he has passed to my family and that he has passed to countless others who have rallied to his call.

I want to take this auspicious time and moment. I know that I am not the best ambassador in one sense. It would be a lot better if my parents were here in person, but as you know, my father is 84. We just celebrated his 84th birthday. (Applause) And he spent 60 years of globetrotting all around the world, spreading his message of peace—the message that was rooted in the ideal of one God-centered family, recognizing that humanity is one because of God's divine energy and force as a supreme father and mother, our parent.

Even though he wanted to be here, the travel from Korea to the United States just for this one event, as my mother recommended, would be a little bit taxing. So since I was in the United States anyway, I could be the relief pitcher—I was called to come down and receive this on their behalf. I know that they are truly thankful for the appreciation that you have shown of their life's work. ❖



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A REFLECTION ON THE FEBRUARY 4 BANQUET

A Midwestern Jewish Boy goes to Washington

by Joshua and Caleb
as told to Rabbi Bruce Sutchar

On January 2, 1987, I was the State leader of a remote western region called Wyoming; I had just graduated from seminary, was actually living in the same city with my wife and had just celebrated the birth of my first male child. Since my Father had never seen his first grandson, my wife Ilse and I decided to travel to Florida for Christmas before heading up to the New Yorker for God's Day.

After a wonderful and glorious God's Day (we had barely made it walking down from the Greyhound Bus Station on 8th avenue carrying so much baby stuff that our luggage carrier disintegrated) we returned to the Grand Ballroom for the Leaders Meeting on January 2nd. Suddenly, without warning, Father asked the 1976 foreign missionaries if they felt that it was time for Father to send out a fresh new batch of missionaries. They answered with a resounding, YES! Then Father began to read off the names of about 70 American leaders who would immediately be sent to Africa.

This became the AFC Africa mission in which 70 American leaders were sent first to Princeton, New Jersey with Dr. Bo Hi Pak and then out all across America to establish a political base in each of the 50 states from which God could help to save America.

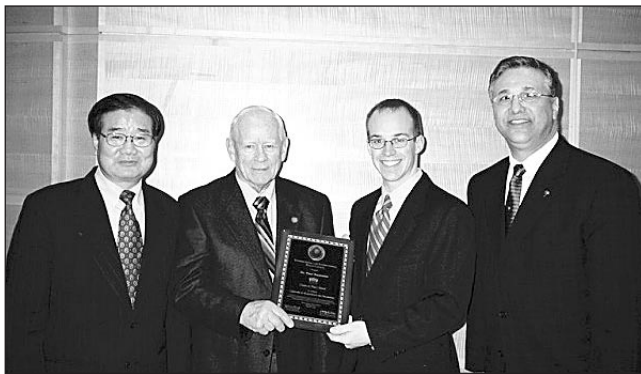
Now 17 years later, the AFC was being asked to bring the top Ambassadors for Peace to Washington, DC along with their Congressmen and Senators to celebrate the life and accomplishments of our True Parents.

From Illinois, we had the blessing to bring 6 wonderful people. These would include Dr. Charles Knox, a huge (in stature and in heart) nearly blind (diabetes) African American leader who had served with Dr. King in Des Moines, Iowa and had helped to lead our 2003 Chicago Service for Peace project; Rev. Alexander Isaiah Dunlap, a 40 year veteran of the civil rights movement, who has survived the Ku Klux Klan (on many occasions), 40 imprisonments and serious persecution for standing up and defending our True Parents; Dr. Paul Swanson, a 20 year veteran of our movement on every level (Dr. Swanson has a tendency to keep us in line theologically and heartistically; Ms. Linda Yang, a contact of our wonderful Chinese CARP leader Yeqing Li; Mrs. Jeanette Kravitz, a vibrant lady who is sending music and service projects all over the world, who was Jamal Johnson's CARP dinner guest (brothers and sisters, please keep witnessing!); and Rev. Claude Shelby a veteran of the civil rights movement who is a guest of our wonderful and powerhouse Japanese missionary Chizuru Quigley, in the remote town of Champaign, Illinois.

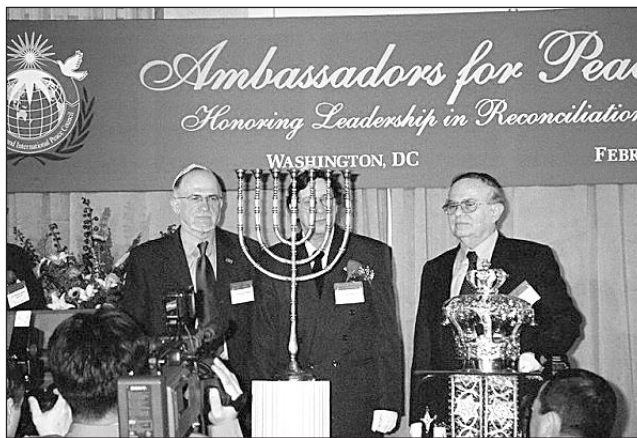
We were initially told that each state could only bring one guest (maybe about 30 all told from all across America).

Yet under the able AFC leadership of that old North Dakotan "never say die" Dr. Carl Swearson, Illinois was able to bring each of these wonderful God fearing Americans to be in Washington, DC on February 4th.

I was especially grateful that Carl Swearson had pushed me to invite Rev. A.I. Dunlap. Rev. Dunlap's civil rights history is literally inscribed on the back pages of one of those old wallpaper books. After Father's 50 city tour, True Parents photographer Ken Owens stated that Rev. Dunlap was the most photogenic of all of the people he had photographed all across America. (note...True Father once stated that the



most beautiful sight in the eyes of God was to see a black face, with white teeth and a red tongue—and no one fits this description better than Shepherd (as he likes to be called) A.I. Dunlap. And especially for Rev. Dunlap, the program's tribute to Civil Rights icon and Dr. King's Chief of Staff, Wyatt Tee Walker meant so much, because the two young men had worked together throughout the civil rights movement. Likewise, our dear friend Dr. Paul Swanson, who has fought so many battles with us over the past 20+ years has been ill much of the last year and has had to miss many of our programs and even our pilgrimages to Israel. But in Washington, he was just so happy to be invited and included in the program. And he felt so humbled to have been given the crown of peace award and to be includ-



ed with such a dignified and qualified group of citizens.

The day before the event we all went witnessing on capitol hill.

Our group included an Israeli couple (Dr. Joshua "Shuki" and Shoshana "Shush" Ben-Ami, Dr. Amer Hassan and his wife (Muslim Israeli citizens) and an assortment of others. And believe you me, if we did not confound, confuse and amaze the congressmen whom we visited. I mean, think about it, 2 Jewish Israelis and 2 Muslim Arabs walking into their offices holding hands. We were able to share with the Jewish chief of staff of a New York Jewish Congressman, Congressman Danny K Davis and Utah Mormon Congressman Chris Cannon. They were just amazed (and so was I).



(aside— I think one of the deepest experiences that I will ever remember will be seeing Rabbi David Ben-Ami hugging his Palestinian brother on the stage at the United Nations last October. And then Pentecostal Jesse Edwards

gluing the couple together for ever. And I shared this awesome experience with Minister Louis Farrakhan a short time later. Its not the answer, but it certainly is a beginning).

I will let the report cover the event itself. Let me suffice it to say that the program itself tugged at many hearts and brought tears to more than a few. I watched several of my guests as prayers were offered. Especially moving was Sheila Baer's rendition of the Lord's Prayer, which just silenced the house.

Congressman Danny Davis read Father's poem "Crown of Glory" as only he can.

The ceremonies of reconciliation were really too beautiful to justly describe.

And Bishop Stallings direct testimony to True Father's messiahship was incredible. (Afterward when I went over to hug him and thank him, he only said, pointing up to heaven, that it was God and not him who had done the speaking. He felt that he was merely a channel for God to speak.

All in all, I felt that not only was the program quite beautiful, but that it had perfected much of what had happened on stage December 22nd in Jerusalem. I felt that on this stage, in the Ronald Reagan building, what we were doing—the crowning of Jesus, the Jewish—Christain—Muslim reconciliation—and the anointing of our True Parents, was 100% clear to everyone in the room.

The next morning we were blessed to have Rev. Kwak, Dr. Yang, Rev. Jenkins and Rev. Flynn at Hoon Dok Hae. This was a beginning.

We were told that Father was happy and that he had accepted our offering. 40 Congressmen and 2 Senators had attended. The poison in the Dirksen Senate Office building had merely sent us into a newer, bigger and more beautiful building. We had met many congressional leaders and so many wonderful guests had attended an IIFWP program for the very first time.

We are moving forward at breakneck speed! ♦



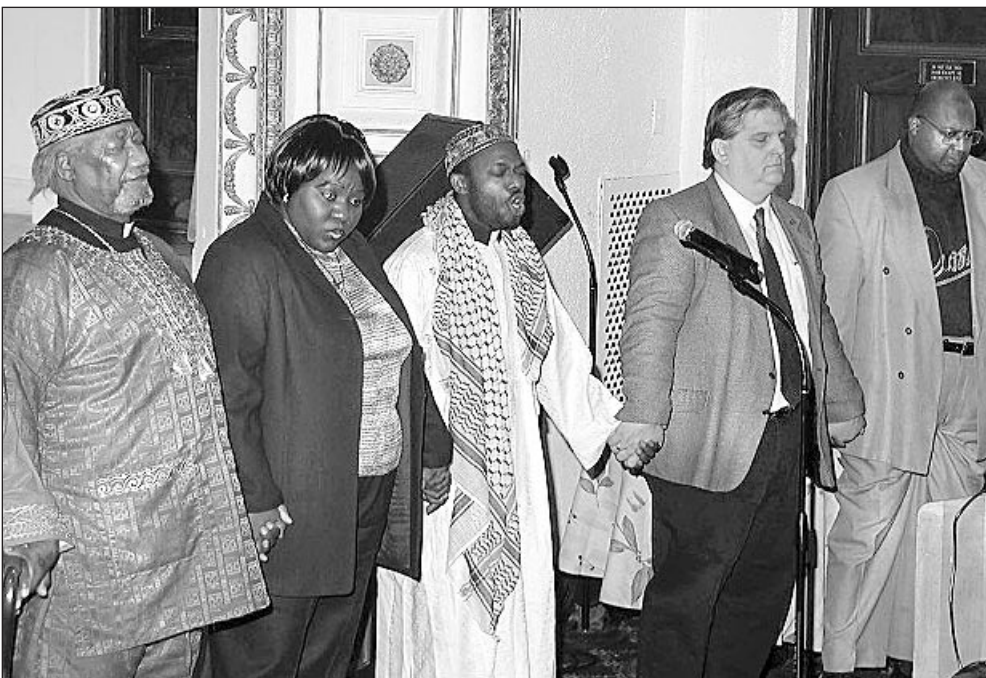
DC Minister's Proclaim Father at MLK Event

by Rev. McCarthy

A prayer breakfast honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was held on Saturday, January 24, 2004 at the Washington Family Church. Our theme was "Living Out the Dream through Peace and Reconciliation." Our hope was to convey the reality that the dream of Dr. King is being realized through the present day victories of our True Parents.

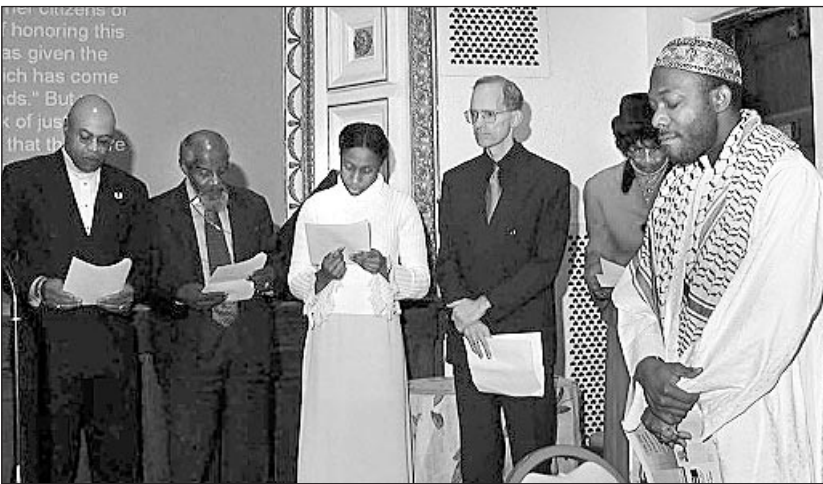
With this heart we gathered over 250 for our prayer breakfast. The sanctuary and cultural hall were filled to the brim with about another 50 people downstairs. Our beloved kitchen staff was forced to perform a "loaves and fishes" miracle in order to feed the multitudes.

With Rev. Jenkins urging us on from Korea, the entire community responded to support the effort and to make sure the event was a total success. Guest arrived from the major faiths, Jews, Christians and Moslem. Many came through the interfaith outreach of our sister Angelika Selle and brother Mel Haft. We were all brought together in the spirit of "The Dream" and in the hope of the new level of reconciliation sealed in Israel on December 22nd. Everyone felt strongly the significance of the success of our event in preparation for the



coming event in February.

Our program began with a heart-felt prayer from long time friend and supporter Dr. Mary Quinn. Breakfast was served while Patsy Casino inspired us in song. Our official program began with a special Hoon Dok Hae reading of Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech. Eight readers from varied backgrounds, ages and races were chosen each to read a portion of the speech. While their segment was being read, on the screen behind them, the same words



with powerful images were shown so that everyone could follow along.

As we recited word for word this powerful historical speech, everyone was simultaneously coming to the realization that this speech was about much more than what most people understand. It was about nothing less than realization of the Peace
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MLK Prayer Breakfast in Chicago

by Rev. Sutchar

True Parents have stated that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the greatest American of the 20th century. Dr. King, a young university scholar, who had aspired to become a college professor was called by God to lead the Civil Rights movement in the 1960's.

He was a young man in his thirties throughout most of his public career. Many of our ACLC ministers worked with him when they were very young. Shepherd A.I. Dunlap, led the Civil Rights movement from Farmville, Virginia and brought several busloads of people to attend Dr. King's "I have a Dream Speech" in the mall in Washington, DC. Rev. M. E. Sardon, was told to bring \$200 with him from Chicago (for bail money) when he went down to Albany, Georgia to work with Dr. King. Rev. James Bevel was Dr. King's chief strategist, who planned the March on Selma, which was recently reenacted by Rev. Rawls and our ACLC ministers.

Even Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, Dr. King's closest ally throughout the movement, became our close friend in the last few years of his life—coming up to Chicago to defend our 4 ministers who were threatened with imprisonment by the Chicago Tribune for protesting the use of "M" word, in much the same way they protested the use of "N" word earlier. Dr. Gloria Wright from Atlanta who marched with

us in Israel had, as a young student, marched with Dr. King in Georgia. And the list could go on and on.

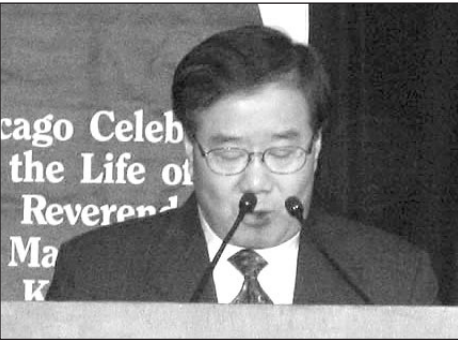
Dr. King was threatened with death and the death of his family. But God was able to give him the strength that he never had himself. God picked him and brought him to the mountain top where he was given a vision of the future. In his last speech, while supporting the striking garbage workers in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. King spoke these words directly. "I have been to the mountain top and I have seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but the day is coming when people will be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin."

Many of the civil rights veterans who are now working with us have stated that they felt that Dr. King was killed because he attempted to bring all people together. And they feel that after his death, the mantle of breaking down racism passed from Dr. King on to our True Parents.

In this vein, Mayor Richard M. Daley of Chicago has honored Dr. King every year with a magnificent prayer breakfast. This is truly the centerpiece of all of the City of Chicago programs every year. Everybody who is anybody in the fields of religion or politics is a must see at the event. The mayor brings in incredible speakers (such as Dr. King's daughter Yolanda, the best speaker in the family, the best choirs and the leaders in the field of religion from all denominations and all faiths.

This year, Chicago's own Bishop Ki Hoon Kim was invited to offer the Unity Prayer. Bishop Kim was himself amazed, because he was nominated by a Korean businessman who recommended Bishop Kim over his own pastor. And Bishop Kim gave a moving prayer as he stood in the position of our True Parents.

As all others before it, this years program was filled with both prayer and song. The keynote address was delivered by Chicago activist priest Father Michael Pfleger, who had been chosen by Mrs. Coretta Scott King to give the keynote address on this same occasion in Atlanta one year earlier. Father Pfleger challenged the audience to actively live the ideals that Dr. King had died for 36



years earlier. As has become our tradition, the program ended as all of the ministers and political leaders in the audience were invited on the stage and we all sang "We Shall Overcome" while holding hands as the Rev. Willie Barrow, President Emeritus of Operation Push offered the benediction. And one had to feel that our True Parents and Dr. King would have been happy—for the stage was covered with Christians, Jews, Buddhists, African-Americans, Caucasians, Asians, Democrats, Republicans and Unificationists—all holding hands, all singing together and all pledging together to carry our Dr. King's dream.

Before we departed Bishop Kim was able to gather together our Japanese sisters, David Rendel, our Illinois AFC President and take a group photo with Chicago's Francis Cardinal George.

A good time was had by all and we departed to prepare for our January 31st Rally for Peace in the Middle East in Chicago. You are all more than welcome to attend—and bring a friend! ❖



MEPI Peace Luncheon in Mobile AL

By VRD Terry Yamane

On Saturday, January 31st 2004, the FFWPU of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana together with ACLC, and AFC Alabama, sponsored a MEPI Peace Luncheon to create a southern wind in preparation for True Parents' historic event on February 4th. That wind was more like a tornado!

We held the event in our beautiful church building and it was (almost) filled to capacity when we reached our goal of 200 attendees. The program was high spirited, powerful, and though 5 hours long, and it flowed seamlessly from one great presentation to the next.

Terry Yamane was the MC and welcomed everyone at 10:30, with the powerful voices of the 20 member Miracle Faith Healing and Deliverance Choir brought by ACLC minister Rev. Floria Washington of New Orleans. They raised the roof and everyone's hearts as we



joined in a heartfelt prayer led by AOP Rev. Dr. Simmie Harvey.

Opening remarks were given by the Alabama AFC Coordinator, Mr. Brett Dungan, who set the tone of the event by emphasizing how we all must work and cooperate together by taking responsibility for our communities rather than waiting for someone else to fix them for us. He also informed everyone about the upcoming events of February 4th on Capitol Hill.

Next we showed the 11 min. video, Peace Under One God II, which moved many hearts to tears, especially those

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Kingdom in the Era of Chun Il Guk. The dream, Dr. King envisioned was a dream rooted in God. It is God's dream. In the high point of his speech, Dr. King declared:

"I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all flesh will see it together. This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South."

For this reason, Father proclaimed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the greatest leader of the 20th century. It is because he articulated this deepest vision and hope rooted in the heart of God and revealed in the book of Isaiah, chapter

who were new to the program and were seeing for the first time the depth, seriousness, and sense of mission the participants had who took part in the pilgrimages to the Middle East. It was just the right introduction to the sincere yet powerful testimonies which followed.

Imam Kamal Saleem from the Mobile Masjid of Al Islam, eloquently captured the spirit when he shared how he realized in Israel what it really means to be "Christ-like" (he is, of course, a Muslim) and how the key is to love one another and not judge each other by our beliefs. He was moved by the tears that were shed and the prayers that were shared together in the Holy Sights, especially at the Al Aqusa Mosque. He truly enlightened many of the Christian participants in the room by his humble heart of sincerity.

Next we heard from one of our 2nd Generation participants to the Pilgrimage, the courageous Brinda Dungan, who shared her experience being in Israel with Service for Peace. She amazed the crowd by sharing about all the different service projects they were able to organize and accomplish in such a short period of time, joining together with other international students and with local Israeli students as well. Everyone was inspired seeing that the youth were actively interested in and involved in the same vision of our founder.

Pastor Floria Washington gave testimony of how God personally spoke to her heart on

40. It is also the basic conclusion of the Divine Principle.

After this stirring moment, we honored Dr. King in the way of Heavenly Tradition by having a birthday cake cutting ceremony. We all sang "Happy Birthday, Martin" and invited several representatives to help cut the cake. It was such a holy and warm feeling and the whole room was melted together in this rich tradition of our True Parents.

On this foundation, we could share openly and strongly the incredible work and victory of our True Parents through the MEPI and Ambassadors of Peace presentation given by AFC leader Peter Brown. Rev. Levy Daugherty testified to the amazing vision of True Parents in the Middle East and that the process of world reconciliation is rooted in the foundational reconciliation between the children of Abraham.

Most important, however, was the

prayed deeply for our True Parents with gratitude.

Finally we heard testimony from the amazing Rev. John Hancock, the pas-



tor of the Calvary Apostolic Baptist Church of McComb, Mississippi. Rev. Hancock, who had traveled to Israel with his wife and with elder Rev. D.C. Corson in December, truly inspired everyone in the room by his stature, his sincerity, and his moving testimony to True Father's determination to keep focused on the goal for so many years and his "refusal to take no for any answer..." when the whole world, it seemed, came against him. The respect was profound. He also shared, in tears,



powerful testimony of our ACLC ministers who have participated in the pilgrimages to Israel. Ministers such as Dr. Milton Reid, Bishop Steaven Harris, Dr. Lonnie McLeod, visiting from New York, and Bishop C. Phillip Johnson all gave direct, personal affirmation that, truly, Father and Mother Moon are fulfilling "the dream" in their role as the True Parents of all mankind. It was amazing and inspiring.

In the past, there may have been some question about the sincerity of our motives or that we could be wrongly accused of only paying lip service to Dr. King's legacy. Now clergy are proclaiming that Father is the single hope for the fulfillment of that legacy.

It is because they recognize that Father, year after year, has been an ongoing, unwavering force committed toward the ideal of the Peace Kingdom. Yes, its true, there have been many incantations, var-

about his experience in Gaza and seeing first hand the strife and bloodshed yet the Christian heart still remaining in many of the people, in contrast to our seemingly idyllic life here in the United States which has caused many to become more and more self-centered. We look forward to doing many things together with the Hancocks in the future. He also had just returned from Korea, attending True Parents "incredible" birthday celebration, and drove 4 hours with jet lag not to miss our event.

After a bounteous and beautiful buffet lunch prepared by the loving efforts of our sisters, Mrs. Ruthie Finamore, Kayo Pedersen, and many helping hands, we were treated to the highlight of our day which was the MEPI PowerPoint Presentation by our ACLC Regional Chairman, Rev. Steve Wilson. Rev. Wilson skillfully presented the new expression of truth with faith and conviction

which truly inspired both guests and members alike, bringing us to a better understanding of why it is our ultimate destiny to live in a united world without boundaries. The pictures of the pilgrimage participants marching through Jerusalem and the rally of December 22nd, also brought everyone's minds to a higher level, which was the perfect preparation for all to part take of the Holy Wine, as our Japanese Missionaries led us in singing "Let There be Peace on Earth".

The final session of our day was the presentation of Ambassador of Peace Awards to 5 new, worthy recipients and an overview of the meaning of the award by Mr. Brett Dungan. Mr. Dungan again reminded everyone of the event taking place on February 4th and how everyone can help bring the victory by writing and encouraging their congressmen to attend.

The whole program, the music, the testimonies, the words of truth, the unity of our members in bringing about this wonderful event, we want to offer it all with love and gratitude to heaven, as our first program in 2004, 4th Year of Chen Il Gun. We are grateful to our True Parents, Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins for your strong inspiration, and to our Regional Director, Rev. Wean Geun Kim for all his prayers for us while in Cheong Pyeong. ❖

ied organizations and projects. . . some endured some did not. But the one thing that never changes, ever, is the sacrificial spirit of the True Parents to invest and invest and forget and invest one more time. That's our spirit too! It is now bearing fruit. As they say, the proof of the pudding is in the eating!

Our program finished with a challenge from Bishop C. Phillip Johnson. It is time to put Dr. Martin Luther King on Mt. Rushmore! As much as Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Roosevelt, Dr. King is a founding father of America. With this challenge was launched the "King on the Mountain" project. We want to gather support from around the nation to petition Congress to place Dr. King on Mt. Rushmore. This will help to usher in new day in America and move a step closer toward a much needed reconciliation of all of America's people. ❖

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Historic Divine Principle Seminar for Jewish Christian and Muslim Leaders

Immediately after the victory of February 4th the core leaders of the American Clergy Leadership Conference conducted a Divine Principle Seminar for the leaders of the Abrahamic Faiths that are leading the way in the Holy Land. Almost 40 attended including key Unificationists. It was a most significant event as a synopsis Divine Principle - the core teaching of Father Moon which was given in the two day (February 5- 6) conference at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Va.

The leaders were very inspired by the Ambassadors for Peace program with Congressmen and Senators the night before (Feb. 4). They were particularly touched by the Coronation and Reconciliation ceremonies.

Rev. Levy Daugherty, Executive Director of ACLC led off with the first presentation. It had profound content relating with the introduction of the DP as a "Principle" like gravity, not just a theology. It also highlighted through pictures the early life of Father Moon. Rev. Philip Schanker lectured the Creation, Rev. Kevin McCarthy gave the fall. Our National lecturing team gave the very best in terms of heart and depth of content.

Imam Bundakji (LA) , Imam Kiwan (an Arab Moslem from Israel) and Imam Jodeh (Denver) sat with their Koran's and were finding collaborating verses for each major point. Dr. Bundakji proclaimed in one of the question and answer sessions that he was so pleased to hear these formal presentations. He had seen Father Moon and his disciples in action as well as the Amb. for Peace who come from many faiths. He also heard many presentations and sermons in Israel and in LA over the years as well as attending Father and Mother's speaking tours in LA. He was confident in the message. His reaction to the core teaching of the Principle - "I am so deeply pleased to experience this unifying teaching. I can see it is consistent with the Koran on all major points. We will now work to find more collaboration with the Koran so that the Muslim world, which loves Rev. Moon very much will be even more strengthened in this bond of faith and friendship. This bond will greatly affect the path to peace of the world."

Dr. Frank Kaufman chaired and excellent question and answer session. As an expert in Interreligious dialogue and understanding, Dr. Kaufman played the critical role of allowing participants to express themselves just enough to not allow conflict to emerge blocking the give and take of heart and sincere intellect. Through the Q and A session every religious leader felt the incredible openness Father Moon has in reviewing and researching the Principle. Mr. Baruch Shalev said - "The Q and A was profound for him. Muslims, Christians and Jews have many points of divergent opinion on God and the teaching of the Principle presents things that are very challenging, yet it was the openness with which the Principle could

be openly discussed and even tested without the presenters or the leaders becoming defensive or narrow. The Abrahamic faiths came closer through the Principle." ACLC Co-Convener, Dr. T.L. Barrett had very deep questions as did



Dr. Gloria Wright, and Evangelist Tanya Edwards (wife of Jesse). Questions concerning the nature of the development of evil, how we can become "True" parents. Dr. Benit Hayes of Texas got up and stunned everyone saying, "I know the Bible and I know Jesus. I know the Divine Principle is true and has changed my life. I am leaving the level that I was at as a Baptist in which I was focused on the development of my church and denomination. God has called me to a higher level and my church is moving with me. Now I'm going to the Kingdom by building it. I'm not afraid. I saw how much I could trust our leadership.

I am a Viet Nam vet and I saw many



things that broke or shook men's faith. When I saw Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins faces when the representatives of the U.S. Embassy officially notified us on the October trip into Gaza that there was a high probability that we would be killed - their faces were peaceful and full of light. I've seen men under fire in times just where they were sure to lose their lives. I saw that on that day I saw there was absolutely no fear in their hearts or in their eyes. The other clergy also had the same courage. This gave me profound confidence in our mission and our leadership. We will prevail. I would like to say that I totally believe in Jesus. I know Jesus. I also know that the spirit of Jesus is in Rev. Moon. It wouldn't be wrong to say that Father



Moon is Jesus. He is not the historical Jesus, he has the spirit of Jesus, Jesus said, "I am in the Father and the Father in me and I am in You." Jesus is in Rev. Moon and he is in me. Then I know now that I am to become one with Jesus. I

am to "become Jesus" by perfecting my character in his image and likeness. !!" (This is the level of development going on with the fearless Christian leaders who are leading the ACLC. It is every bit as serious as the profound spirit that touched leaders such as Martin Luther for the Reformation and the same spirit that touched the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in America.

A revolutionary process has begun that will not be reversed. The level of the questions are beyond belief. These pastors

and religious leaders are understanding the Principle in a most profound way. Bishop Stallings gave a powerful presentation on the Principle as the revealed word of God. He said, "the more you probe it and pray over it the more you learn. I couldn't understand why Father Moon would always begin his sermons with the ideal of the family

and the fall of man. I thought at first that he was just repeating himself unnecessarily. A couple of years ago Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins invited me to an in depth seminar on the Divine Principle in Gloucester, Massachusetts. It was there that my understanding was deeply inspired and enlightened. I began to understand that Father Moon always repeats these basic points over and over again because its the key to understanding the Bible, the mission of Jesus and the contents of God's history. It all revolves around restoring the ideal of the family back from the time of the fall. The Blessing restores the fall through the change of blood lineage. Once I understood I could walk by this truth, I could receive my bride by this truth and I can all for this truth. I became sure and confident in the path God had placed me on through the understanding of the Principle."

With this kind of profound spirit the Christian , Muslim and Jewish leaders who gave

Jesus the crown could be greatly strengthened. All feel that the Principle is fascinating and meaningful. Dr. Joshua Ben Ami gave an incredible presentation that Cyrus of Persia (a non Jew) was called the Messiah in the Hebrew scripture as the "anointed one who saved the chosen people". Father

Moon is not a Jew but again he is the Messiah that we have been waiting for. He is the one who has been "anointed" and through the coronation ceremony he has saved the Jews. Therefore I believe he is the savior!!" Dr. Norma Foster director of the powerful U.N. Association and board member of the Women's Federation for World Peace supported and studied seriously. Senator Donzella James also a great leader in the movement of the Amb. for Peace also led the way in showing confidence in the work that God is doing through Father and Mother Moon. She said, "I am not afraid. Once I understood the Truth I could see now that we are going to lead America out of immorality and darkness into unity and love. It's gonna happen."

That night Dr. Yang gave a profound presentation on the history of ACLC taking down the cross and the history

of going to the Holy Land and the power of the work in the dispensation. Dr. Yang was extremely honest in testifying to Jesus and the fact that Jesus bride has arrived. He also talked with great courage

of the need to teach both the Palestinian and Israeli leaders the way of Father's teaching to "Love your Enemy". Sheikh Ali Birani (of the Druze Religion) who is a real patriot to Israel expressed very strong sentiments about the wrongs of violence toward the Israelis. Earlier Dr. Hassan Amer, a Palestinian leader expressed the concern the same violence repeated over and over again toward Palestinians. Dr. Yang brought harmony to all through the presentation he gave. It wasn't easy but the trust that has been built by Israeli's and Palestinian's toward Father Moon is real and substantial.

The next morning ACLC took another revolutionary step in history. Bishop C. Phillip Johnson of the ACLC executive committee and chairman of the Washington Region ACLC, gave an in-depth presentation on the Mission of Jesus. He gave the presentation with total confidence and conviction and could demonstrate



that if there had been faith, Jesus could have brought life without going the way of the cross. Because of the lack of faith, there was no other way. Bishop Johnson stimulated all to understand that they must become teachers. He did it with a profound representation of the Scriptures.

Rev. Jenkins gave the presentation on restoration with an in-depth focus

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stood in front of 12 towers of fruit and representative food from all the creation. Then True Parents bowed together and took their positions behind the offering table. Father is 84 years old today. His health is excellent and he bowed before God like a man in his 30's. With such reverence this ceremony purifies us and helps us to understand heavens commission.

Then True Family bowed, Hyo Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim came forward with their families to offer their bow of love and respect to the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humanity.

Then all Blessed Couples did our Kyung Beh followed by representatives of providential nations, continents, the Abel world and the Cain world, religions and spirit world and the physical world.

Then Rev. Kwak and Mrs. Kwak as the Representative of all Blessed Families prayed with tears.

Upon the completion of ceremony, True Parents distributed the offering table to all. Then we dismissed for the Chamshil Gymnasium for True Parents Birthday Celebration. (One side note: it was amazing that over 200 blessed couples could change their Holy Robes with men and women in separate areas, in an extremely small amount of room. We should have no concepts about what is possible under the guidance of heaven!)

Ceremony

Later, the Birthday Commemorative Ceremony was hold at Jamshil Indoor Gymnasium in Seoul. Rev. Sun Jo Hwang was the Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Dae Haeng Yu, the leader of FFWPU in Japan, gave the opening prayer. On the stage were many current and former heads of state, including His Excellency Tommy Remengesau of Palau and H.E. Dr. Nev-ers Sekwila Mumba, Vice President, Republic of Zambia. (The Vice President is a Christian Pastor who is over a church in Dallas, Texas). H.E. Mary Note, First Lady of the Marshall Islands was also recognized. Many other current and former heads of state were introduced, including former President Shushkevich (Belarus), Prime Minister Green (Guyana), Prime Minister Sandiford (Barbados).

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of the Interreligious and International Peace Council gave a deep tribute to both Father and Mother who share this day jointly as their birthdays. Rev. Kwak covered the providential history leading up to the Peace Kingdom and highlighted the Coronation of Jesus in the Middle East. He then went

into the life of Father and Mother which gave incredible heart to the event. He testified deeply to True Father's love for humanity and the most persecuted man in history who responded victoriously with True love. And to True Mother who silently went the path of unspeakable trials and tribulations against all the dark forces of history to be proclaimed publicly as the True Mother of all humanity. A True Mother, who without exception upholds the will of heaven by centering on True Father while as the same time embracing all races, people and religions unconditionally.

True Love abounds through True Parents !! That's why Muslims, Christians, Jews, Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian - all of God's Children come to feel deeply comfortable when they understand True Parents heart, teaching and practice. That's why peace is sure to come in the Holy

healing the marriages and the families of the world.

Gifts were presented from each Continent of the World by the Continental directors and leaders of the providential nations. Most notably the current President of the Philippines sent a very special gift in honor of True Parents.

True Parents gave the main address. It was powerful and captivating. God's Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom. Father proclaimed with absolute confidence that the Dream of God and Humanity that the Kingdom of God will come on the earth is now realized. Father said he couldn't proclaim this lightly but only on the basis of spiritual conditions and substantial accomplishments that allow both heaven and earth to affirm this. Father guided all the leaders of the world there to understand that "Power will not bring Peace" Peace can only come by loving your enemy.

This brings reconciliation and True Love.

We then had a beautiful program of entertainment from all over the world. Many second generation have developed professional performing groups. From Hip Hop to Classical Opera to Modern Korean Ballet it was rich and enjoyable. Hyo Jin Nim gave a very moving performance and demonstrated profound love for True Parents and humanity. Chris Allen Deflinger and Cindy Yoktore represented America beautifully.

Celebration

True Parents were honored by delegates from around the world at the Celebration banquet later that night. Mr. Neil Salonen, President of the University of Bridgeport was the MC.

Father Abbou Hatum our Catholic hero from Nazareth who played such a key role in the Coronation and Reconciliation process. (He brought 1100 people to the rally and march on December 22nd.) H.E. Rev. Josef Hromadka former Vice Prime Minister of the Czech Republic and prominent Christian religious leader there honored True Parents, saying "without a doubt Rev. and Mrs. Moon you are leading the way to World Peace, Happy Birthday."

Archbishop George A. Stallings, Chair-

man of the Executive Committee of the American Clergy Leadership Conference gave the tribute to True Parents saying "Why are they now being recognized as the Messiah or Anointed one of God? Because they have walked the path of restoration to fulfill the family that God wanted at the time of Adam and Eve.

They have received the anointing of Jesus and the confirmation of Muhammad and the saints. They are worthy to be called the Messiah and True Parents because the Messiah is the one who pulls down the strongholds that divide races and religions, the Messiah is the one who heals lifts up and blesses the marriages and restores man's family back to God. The Messiah is the one who dares to challenge the Boundaries and the divisions of the world and usher in the Kingdom of Peace and love".(Paraphrased). It was deeply moving. It was from the heart and the Prime Ministers and Presidents and top religious leaders of the world could understand and appreciate this moment that heaven has opened. Father was then given gifts of recognition by Rev. Michael Lamson and representative of the President of Cameroon, and another gift from a Hispanic national representative.

Rev. Kwak, the Representative of all Blessed Central Families worldwide gave a profound presentation and introduction to True Parents. Father then gave his historic address. The Messiah and True Parents. It was very deep and serious.

Father called upon all the leaders to go through the three revolutions of the providence. The revolution of Indemnity (severing all ties to the fallen world), the revolution of conscience (coming to the place and position of casting no shadow from the light of God at high noon - if we are perfectly vertical at with God and pure then there is no angle or deviation at high noon and there is no shadow), finally the revolution of heart (that we have the heart of the Father, the heart of God and take the responsibility to save our tribe, our nation and our world). Father said, I am the Messiah, what about you. You must become the Messiah and True Parents too. One with God. You have to accomplish this by putting your neck on the line to accomplish God's will.

Entertainment was very rich and beautiful, traditional Korean musical performances and a beautiful singing performance by the Little Angels.

Rev. Kwak led three cheers of Ok Mansei. The Confetti and Streamers were so massive on the third cheer that they completely covered Rev. Kwak. He was unfazed and cheered gloriously - it all made for a feeling of completion and great joy for the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humanity. Now we must sincerely dedicate our hearts to fulfill the three revolutions and substantially build of world of Goodness for all.❖



Land as both Palestinians and Israelis feel deep love and understanding from True Parents !!

President Remengesau and Vice President Mumba joined together with the Venerable Woon San Lee of the Taego-jong Buddhist Order in giving congratulatory remarks. They each, in their own way praised True Parents for unifying religions, bringing moral values into the process of governance and most importantly how they are blessing and



True Parents' Birthday Celebrated in Korea

Commemorative Address for True Father's 84th and True Mother's 61st Birthday

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

This is from an address given on January 27, 2004, Chamshil Indoor Gymnasium.

Standing as we are at an amazing point in history—with the Proclamation of God's Fatherland and the Era of the Peace Kingdom coming on the foundation of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God and the Coronation Ceremony of the Kingship of the Blessed Families for the Parents of Heaven and Earth—we are truly blessed to be here, participating in True Parents' birthday celebration together with our beloved True Parents.

Today we are attending a truly glorious ceremony to celebrate the 84th birthday of True Father, who is the Savior, Messiah and Lord of the Second Coming, and the 61st birthday of True Mother, within the grace of God's heartfelt love, blessings, comfort and praise—and with the respect and admiration of the saints and sages in the spirit world who are centered around Heung Jin Nim, the supreme commander in heaven.

True Father was born amid unusual signs. It is said that as an infant and child he grew in remarkable ways. When he was 16, deep in prayer one morning at Easter, Rev. Moon was called upon by God. Jesus bestowed on him the mission of the Messiah, entrusting him with God's will to accomplish the salvation of humankind and realize an ideal world as envisaged by God at the time of creation.

Since then, the core of True Father's life has been to consistently carry out the will of God—in other words, the liberation of humanity from evil and misfortune and the realization of a world of peace, which is the original ideal of creation.

True Father's life is not merely the life course of one individual. Father's life course is the providence itself, since he has lived only according to the divine will and has led humankind and history in revealing the heavenly way.

Thus, not only the fate of the Korean people—and of the Korean peninsula, the birth place of True Father—but also the fate of all humanity, lies in the fulfillment or failure of our portion of responsibility. This is determined by how we welcome and receive True Father, who has shouldered the burden of fulfilling the will of God.

True Father has revealed all the fundamental secrets of life, of the universe and of history, which have eluded people throughout history. He has walked the lonely path of a pioneer without a mentor or guide. Always, there were the raging winds of evil and injustice blocking the path of goodness and righteousness. Through his tears,



sweat and blood he was able to gain victories in the bloody battles with Satan. True Parents, the Lord of the Second coming, the Messiah, our Savior, is a position that will be determined through receiving God's approval after being recognized by the spirit world, which is the original world of essence. True Father has broken down the walls dividing the spirit world and is now educating the spirit world and bestowing the blessing of true love and true life to all its areas. Even now in his daily life, True Father gives instructions to the spirit world and also receives messages and testimonies from the saints and sages. True Father has taught that without properly understanding God and the spirit world we will be unable to bring fundamental solutions to the problems we face in our world, and we will be

unable to fulfill God's will and the hopes of humankind.

Fortunately, True Father's teachings have been published in Exposition of the Divine Principle and his collection of sermons now runs to 400 volumes, which has developed into a fact-finding report on the revival and perfection of human spirituality. Including Cheon Seong Gyeong and other compilations of selections from Father's speeches, there are some 450 volumes in total. These words must be read with care by all people as they contain the guidelines for restoring the original self, building the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, and furthermore, on how to live in heaven.

True Father has educated us, saying that the basis of this truth is the practice of true love in the likeness of

God. True Father has pioneered the path of the True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner. He has consistently shown us the path of true love through his example. He has also explained goodness in terms of an altruistic life—of living for the greater good and spreading true love.

True Father has always taken the lead in living for the sake of God and humankind according to the way of heaven. He has sacrificed his life as a living offering, giving everything that he has, even sacrificing the opportunity to spend time with his own children, for the sake of all humanity. And he has educated the Unification Church movement to invest and sacrifice itself for the sake of other religions and denominations. True Father has also taught that the path of each nation must be one along which each country can invest itself for the sake of the world.

Beginning with the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, which he founded in 1954, True Father has gone on to establish hundreds of international institutions and organizations, educating them so that they would devote their diverse activities toward establishing an environment aligned with the will of God. The number of organizations, and their diverse and important roles, testifies to an epoch-making event in history. All these organizations were created for the purpose of the ideal of the original creation, that is, to establish a world of love and peace. These organizations, global and international in nature, are truly remarkable in that they strive to accomplish the divine will, transcending race and religion. Barriers between nations, races and religions do not exist within God; it is the same with the True Parents.

Last year in December, a series of international, interracial and interreligious peace initiatives were carried out under the guidance of True Parents in the Middle East, a troubled area that represents all human history and the world. They took place in Jerusalem, Ramallah, and the Gaza strip. Drawing attention and praise from around the world, these historic peace initiatives—which included international peace conferences, a peace march and rally and service projects carried out by young people from many nations—were organized to promote repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation and tolerance. These efforts were welcomed by Israeli and Palestinian alike. They transcended the religious divide, notably among the central faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

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A coronation ceremony was also held, in which representatives offered a crown to Jesus Christ in repentance for the historical disbelief and mistakes of their ancestors. This was truly a landmark event, bringing about a historic reconciliation of Judaism and Christianity. How happy Jesus will be in the spirit world! Who else but True Parents could carry out such an event? It is a testimony to the practice of True Father's philosophy of peace.

Beloved True Father! On behalf of all the people in heaven and on earth, I would like to express our appreciation to you for allowing us the grace to be born within the true life and lineage of heaven through the ceremony of rebirth, ceremony of resurrection and ceremony of eternal life, under your true love. Under the grace of these blessings, we thank you for letting us undertake the true family movement and the movement for implementing purity, pure lineage and pure-love sexual relations. We are truly grateful that you have opened the path for us to become the citizens of the Peaceful Universal Homeland of Cheon Il Guk, the 4th Israel, where we can attend God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth as King.

We thank you for the education you have given us about the reality of the spirit world and on spirituality, and for the education on "Head-wing ideology and the peace ideal based on "God-ism." We offer our deepest gratitude for the interfaith movement for world peace, for the elimination of national boundaries based on a model of true governance, for the Peace UN, for environmental movements that stem from genuine love for the natural world, and for the many service activities conducted through true love in each nation.

Belatedly, many world leaders who are renowned in their fields are beginning to recognize and accept True Father's cosmic achievements and philosophy for the salvation of nations and this world. Many righteous people throughout the world, indignant at the persecution and tribulation True Father has received from the Christian and Communist spheres, and from political authorities, are now extending words of comfort to True Father. True Father, please be comforted in knowing that this year, we are preparing events in the United States and in many nations of this world to serve and attend you as the king of righteousness, the king of peace and the king of world salvation.

Dearest beloved True Father! You alone are the seed and root of true love and true life. But how weary were those 34 years of persecution and tribulation within a history of ignorance, disbelief and betrayal! How can you ever be compensated for your precious life and time that was ruthlessly trampled upon and misused? We know that your heart is scarred with innumerable hurts and with grief. Who can mend the holes in your heart and comfort you?

Still, without betraying these emotions you have walked this lonely path,

tirelessly bestowing true love and forgiveness. History has been naturally brought into line and the original hearts of all people bow down in reverence before these noble deeds. Our original hearts are humbled before you and all our pretenses automatically melt away in your presence. True Father, you have endured steadfastly throughout the myriads of tribulations and emotions, devoting your entire soul for the sake of liberating God's heart! Your majestic appearance is too high and lofty for us to reach, your character too deep to fathom! We who have followed you for many decades still cannot say that we fully know you. We live in happiness, intoxicated with joy, and our tears flow freely from our eyes whenever we touch upon even a part of your heart.

True Mother

Today is also the birthday of our True Mother. True Mother has also inaugu-

In August 1996, in Washington D.C., the capitol of the United States of America, she helped True Father inaugurate the Family Federation of World Peace and Unification in the presence of more than 4,000 prominent international leaders, and continues to guide the True Family movement in some 185 nations. For the past ten years or so, she has been busy with many lectures and keynote addresses in international conferences in many nations. Despite her busy schedule she has also co-founded, with True Father, many international peace institutions that will guide the future of this world, such as the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the Interreligious and International Peace Council—the Peace UN. True Mother is thus the number one women's peace movement leader, woman religious leader, and activist for service and relief through the practice of true love!



rated many institutions including the Women's Federation for World Peace, the International Relief and Friendship Foundation, the Aewon Volunteer Organization, Cheongshim Hospital, and a scholarship foundation. She has led a global movement of peace, service and love in action. She has spoken and shared words of guidance in front of top ranking leaders in the United Nations, Capitol Hill, the Great Hall of the People of China, the National Assembly in Korea and the Japanese Diet. And through hundreds of educational lectures world wide, including tours of 40 different universities in Korea and the major universities of the United States, she has shared her vision and guided young people toward the right path. True Mother's relief and service activities of true love have reached over 180 nations, particularly in Africa.

True Mother is the co-founder of the Little Angels Arts Troupe and Universal Ballet Company, and the co-founder of the Sun Moon Academy—a foundation dedicated to the cultivation of talent in primary, middle, high-school and university students. Together with True Father, she has also founded and guided many youth organizations that will take a leading role in the 21st century, such as World CARP, the Youth Federation for World Peace and Service for Peace.

deep is the pain in the heart of our True Mother, who is the source of truth, beauty and goodness. There is no way either for humanity, or for us who follow our True Parents, to merit forgiveness for the deep wounds and shadows we have inflicted upon True Mother's heart through our lack of loyalty and filial piety.

Despite such anguish, True Mother could not remain as an ordinary wife and mother. Her life has been one of accompanying and working with True Father, who lives only for the sake of God's will, with absolute faith in His divine will, not wasting even a second as he moves about heaven and earth. All her life, True Mother has accompanied True Father who influences the fate of God and humankind as he freely commutes throughout this world and the spirit world, transcending time and space. How great her internal and external difficulties have been!

No other person's life in this world can compare to True Mother's. Yet True Mother has always been the compassionate queen who warmly embraces and comforts the hearts of all people with her elegant smile. She is the cosmic True Mother, always giving warmth, hope and joy of revival as she receives the admiration of all people. Always happy to be at our sides, you, True Mother, are truly the eternal Holy Mother of all humankind.

Beloved True Mother! As the complete partner of heart to True Father, you always offer comfort and joy to our True Father. You are the one and only cosmic True Mother, now and forever. With you at his side, True Father, who has walked the lonely path to establish the heavenly way, can finally be filled with the joy and satisfaction of true love, and rest peacefully in happiness and contentment. Our holy True Mother, we thank you.

Although it is only known by some at present, the day is approaching when all will realize that they have been born into a new life through you and that the basis of the true love, true life and true lineage that is invaluable to them lies within you. On that day they will dance with joy and offer their gratitude to you, True Mother.

On this day of joy we stand before you without anything to show, without any accomplishments to offer you. We can only offer you our congratulations, along with our resolve to go forward and uphold the absolute standard of fully implementing purity, pure lineage and pure-love sexual relations, to take pride in the kingship of our Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and to build God's Fatherland.

We pledge to bring about that day when we can attend your heart, become like your second body, and, by going the original way as filial children, patriots, saints and holy sons and daughters, to serve you as the liberated Parents of Heaven and Earth.

We know that the lives of our dear True Parents have been a course of sacrifice and offering. We pray for your health and long life in the Peace Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk, where you can be blessed on high with glory and praise!

On behalf of all people and in the name of all blessed families on earth and in heaven, I would like to conclude my address by once again congratulating our True Parents on their birthday. ❖

Opening Ceremony for the Cheongshim Graduate School

With a heart of loyalty toward the True Parents of mankind, an opening ceremony for Cheongshim Graduate School was held on Wednesday January 28, 2004. As a graduate school covering the unification of theologies and the study of the life and work of True Parents, it aims to bring about God's Ideal on earth by going beyond inter-religious and international boundaries.

Executive members and staff members of the graduate school and Cheongpyoung workshop participants—a crowd

of 500 people—gathered in front of the main building of the graduate school at Cheongpyoung for the opening ceremony.

Dr. Hwang Sun-Jo, the president of FFWPU International was the master of ceremonies. He warmly guided all steps of the ceremonies: True Parents entrance, the tape-cutting, sanctification of the building, writing a declaration in calligraphy for the opening of the school, singing the national anthem, the invocation (by Rev. Yu Dae-Heng), a report on the development of the school (by Ha Yong-Ho, vice president of the Cheongpyoung Training Center), the Introduction of guests, a congratulatory song by Professor Kim Mi-Ran), presentation of flowers (by Jo Kwang-bong and Hiromi Nakazima), a speech (by True Father) a congratulatory cake cutting, three cheers of mansei, announcements, and a closing ceremony.

After the tape-cutting, True Parents entered the main

lobby and, after the invocation and sanctification, wrote the declaration, which literally means (practicing, leading and serving the virtue, being blessed and developing eternally.)

The construction of the main building and other buildings started on July 2001 and ended on August 2003. The school is approved by the Korean Ministry of Education

After completing all the preparation, the first forty students will start their courses on March 2, 2004. The courses will be on Theology, True Parents Studies, Study of the Unification of Theologies, and Church Administration. ❖



Sun Hak Choir and the Mayor

by Nancy Kubo

Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels hears Sun Hak International Children's Choir at opening ceremony of new library branch on January 17. Sun Hak was the choir of choice to perform for this gala Seattle Public Library event.

Endowed with Father's and Mother's names, Sun Hak has become well-known in the Seattle area for its mission and repertoire of intercultural harmony, and is frequently called upon by organizations to perform at civic events around the city and

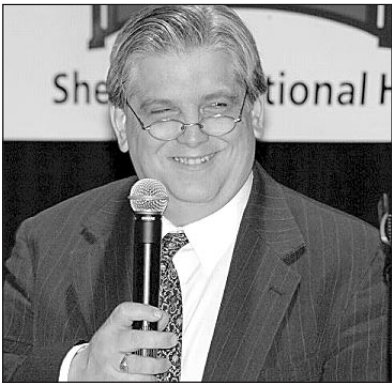


state. Sun Hak now accepts children from all walks of life, as well as other states. For more information, contact nancykubo@comcast.net. ❖



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on the religious leaders understanding the Foundation of Faith and the Foundation of Substance. These indemnity conditions are the absolute requirement to establish the Foundation for the Messiah and to "receive the Messiah" - without those conditions we cannot "know who he is." Because John the Baptist who was in the position of the Elder (Cain / Esau) to his younger brother Jesus (Abel / Jacob) could not set the condition to unite with Jesus, drop his work and follow completely he could not remove the fallen nature and "see the Messiah". Rev. Jenkins announced that this is why Israel could not see Jesus as the "Messiah". The



key central figures who were chosen to make the foundation of faith and substance leading to the foundation for the Messiah failed to unite with Jesus. John the Baptist and Peter both did not remain faithful to Jesus. Because of this Israel couldn't see Jesus as the Messiah.

One Jewish religious leader cried out - "...not anymore. Last night at the Ceremony of Reconciliation (Feb. 4) we gave Jesus a crown and made the foundation of Substance Therefore Israel will now be able to see the Messiah !!!" This is exactly what Father has proclaimed through the success of December 22nd and now February 4th. Because the foundation of Substance was established Jews and Israel will be able to

receive Jesus and unite with Christians and Muslims forming a global sphere of Godism based on the Abrahamic faiths. The struggle between Good and Evil will not be misled into a struggle between Judeo/ Christianity and Islam but now will be Islam/Judeo / Christianity/ with all believers against the darkness of faithlessness and No God. This has refocused the battle. Father also proclaimed that the December 22nd victory and now its expansion through the Elder son Nation to the world has completely liberated Jesus heart and freed him. Now Father has proclaimed that we will see the walls between Christians come down. The walls between Catholics and Protestants will dissolve. Jesus will have power for the first time to unify all Christians and lead America in a moral direction. Not only Christians but also Jews will become one with us, and also Mohammed is leading the Muslim world to become one

with us. The sphere of believers will gain momentum until the ills of immorality in our society will be dissolved by the foundation of Substance being made



by the Abrahamic Faiths. This foundation of substance was substantiated through the Coronation of True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace on February 4th.

The Foundation for the Messiah is now set for all eternity. ❖

Interfaith Prayer Breakfast in Upstate New York

by Dr. Carlson

Upstate New York, the newest region, under regional director Rev. Ki Yeal Lee, who is currently at the 40-day workshop in Korea, held a very successful MEPI prayer break-

fast on Saturday, January 31 at the Unification Theological Seminary, hosted by the ACLC and FFWPU of Upstate New York.

Among an audience of 52 were a nice mixture of eighteen guests, most long-time friends of FFWPU. Mr. Abdou

inspired to enquire further about programs available, to become Ambassadors for Peace, and to attend the next pilgrimage. Dr. Vivian Wortham, a professor of intercultural understanding, shared that she had received a revelation during the program and that she could see how everything and everyone was coming together into one grand harmony, and that this was exactly what God desired.

Among the guests were Rev. and Mrs. John Flowers of Poughkeepsie. He was selected as the Poughkeepsian "man of the year" a few years ago, and he provided beautiful red roses for everyone. Rev. Reginald Joseph, a Baptist, responded on his own initiative to the invitation he received by email. Michael Sklarr, a writer interested in education and world peace, and the director of a non-profit project about peaceful exchange, was especially inspired by the points made about Ghandi.

Also attending for the first time were David and Olive Fadda, who operate a spiritual center in Kingston, New York and are interested in interreligious activities. Also from Kingston was Mr. John B. Adolphe. Reinaldo and Naomi Galarza, from the Lutheran Church, stated that they were ready that day to purchase their tickets to Israel. Among the Muslims were Imam Salahuddin from Newburgh and Imam Asil M. Khan and his neighbor, Ummar, an inspired Muslim lady. Imam Khan offered the Muslim prayer. Zana Malick and Mary Beth Perfes attended one of our programs for the first time. Rev. Gilbert McKenzie of the Presbyterian church of Poughkeepsie, who offered the Christian prayer for peace, is interested in becoming an Ambassador for Peace. Constant Luis and Dr. David

Gaye, the breakfast organizer, emceed an inspiring program for everyone. After opening remarks by Dr. David Carlson, and a prayer of invocation from Dr. Tyler Hendricks, everyone enjoyed breakfast and were then completely transfixed by the "Peace Under One God" video. Dr. Andrew Wilson, perhaps uniquely qualified, presented the PowerPoint talk, introducing the Israel pilgrimages and putting the MEPI into larger perspective and an incredibly beautiful song was offered by Mrs. Seiko Lee. This was followed by prayers for peace offered by Imam Asil M. Khan for the Muslim faith, Rev. Gilbert McKenzie for the Christian faith, and Dr. David Carlson for the Unification faith, which brought an appropriate conclusion to the breakfast.

One could hardly ask for a finer quality program, overall. The spirit was high and very warm, and several guests were



SC Kim both expressed their appreciation. Finally, Rev. Hyong Dock Yoon, of the United Methodist church, attended for the first time. ♦

The Sailor

Cages
burning in the night,
teased by waves
swallowing an empty ship.
Human shadows
flattened against bars;
mouths open, Eyes maddened
from flames
and the threat of the sea.
One sailor stayed.
Dying with slaves
was the last free act
of a lamented life.
His desire
to be remembered
brought him to my dreams
one night.
I've not forgotten.

peter falckenberg brown

WCSF Peace Song Contest

by David Eaton

The World Cultural and Sports Festival, in association with the New York City Symphony and the Artists Association for World Peace, is launching its first annual "Peace Song" writing contest.

WCSF is seeking original songs based on the universal themes of world peace, living in harmony, removing boundaries, living for the sake of others, solidarity with the human family and true love, as a way to promote the ideals of its annual festival.

There will be cash prizes awarded to the top three entries (as judged by a committee of professional producers and musicians) and several "honorable mention" songs will be recorded digitally for a WCSF

Commemorative CD and presented to the awardees.

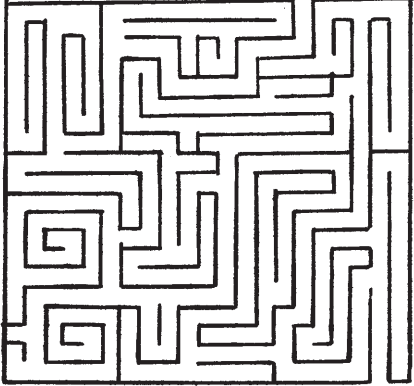
Applicants must be between the ages of 15-25 and must submit their entries (on CD, cassette or Mini-disc) prior to May 1, 2004. For contest more information, mailing instructions and application forms on-line, contact www.musicforpeace.net or NYCSYM@aol.com.

FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of the Snowman Fashion Parade



Help them find the hats

IIPC Conference in Gaza: The Risk of Peace

by Robert Kittel

The Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC) held a five-day international symposium in Gaza and Jerusalem, December 19-23, 2003 as part of the Middle East Peace Initiative series with the theme, "Considering the Root Causes of Conflict and Forging a Path to Lasting Peace." But why hold an international conference in a region at war?

In an article entitled, "Middle East Conflict Continues to Smolder," Voice of America correspondent, Sonja Pace, wrote from Jerusalem on Dec. 19th (the opening day of the symposium), "And so the cycle of violence continued, suicide bombings that killed and maimed Israelis and targeted assassinations of Palestinian militants that often left innocent civilians dead as well."

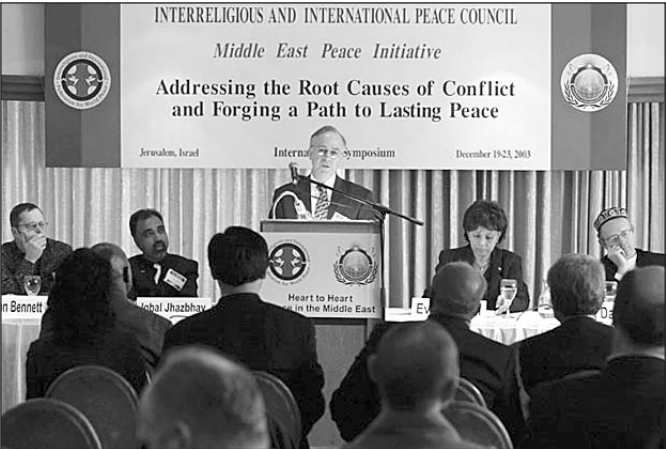
As the UN is pulling out of Iraq because of the dangers associated with military combat and terrorism, why hold a conference here in the Middle East, invite hundreds of foreign delegates from more than 30 nations plus numerous local guests, then put them and the IIPC staff at risk to holding programs in both Gaza and Jerusalem?

Palestinians and Israelis face this danger daily—by just living

here. But each also has a vested interest. They are risking their lives for land, sovereignty, freedom and honor. But why would foreigners who have no connection to the Middle East organize a conference under such peril?

During our staff orientation three days before the symposium, our local conference organizer, herself a Jew but not associated with the conference sponsors, told the IIPC staff—many of whom had come to Israel for the first time—that this was a region at war. As she talked about the casualties, she tried to reassure the nervous foreigners, noting that no one in her own family or whom she has known personally was ever killed.

But the risk was real; life insur-



ance was worthless here. The tourist industry had totally collapsed. When participants visited such religious sites as Gethsemane, Bethlehem, the Stations of the Cross, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which should be their most crowded during the Holiday season, they were literally empty. Why then hold a conference in this environment?

According to its most recent publication, the IIPC calls

itself the "Peace UN" seeking "to be a model of good governance grounded in principles of courage, unselfishness, and active volunteerism for peace." Courage, the quality of mind that enables one to face danger and overcome fear, is all the nobler when the risk taken benefits strangers.

Firemen and police men and women are called to risk their lives daily in order to help strangers. In a small way, this symposium also sought the help unknown persons, using its international religious voice to reach out to both sides of the conflict, in order to sup-

port the complicated process of peace in the Middle East. ❖



Thomas Conneally's mission, as I believe, was not mainly expressed through external works, even though he was a faithful, hard-working member in the Ocean Church providence and art business. We were blessed in 1989 in Korea and participated in the subsequent mobilization for several months. His physical family was prepared in many ways to testify to True Father at the beginning of Father's early ministry in America in the early 1970s. As a young boy Tom received the revelation that Sun Myung Moon was the Lord of the Second Advent. He was supposed to declare this message on stage while playing the role of a shepherd boy during a Christmas play. However, he started to doubt and as a result did not testify. His mother died of cancer a couple of years later.

When Tom was in his 20s, working as a taxi driver in Manhattan, he picked up True Father and Bo Hi Pak as passengers. True Father strongly encour-

aged my husband to join the church, telling him that if he didn't, then seven years later he would certainly become a member. Father also said that Tom's mother was praying in the spiritual world for him. During the drive, my husband again doubted, even though True Father reminded him of the event that had occurred when he was a child. In addition, True Father told my husband that his ancestor's lineage derived from the Roman soldier who had, during the crucifixion, pierced Jesus into the heart. Tom has always felt, and was told by members, that his mission was that of John the Baptist in relation to the Catholic Church.



He struggled to fulfill that responsibility, even though he was not involved in many missionary activities throughout his life of faith.

In regard to the Israel Providence, it is perhaps relevant to note that there were certain obvious incidents happening on my way to Jerusalem. At first I did not have a ticket issued and had to wait until the last moment of board the plane. Secondly, when I arrived in Tel Aviv, only my luggage, out of all the 460 others, was missing. Even though these were minor obstacles, I became very desperate, feeling that I had been deprived of my identity and my belongings. While I was crying

at the airport, I felt that the Jewish people had been stripped of everything, even their lives. When I was at Gethsemane yesterday, looking at the Golden Gate through which the Jews expect the Messiah to enter, I was wondering what it would take for the Jews to receive the Lord of the Second Advent. I feel that through these experiences God has prepared me to receive this morning the news of the passing of my husband. I am realizing that it is my offering to God and the providence in Israel.

Ina Conneally ❖

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2nd Gen

by Akina Toffey

BC Arts Fest

It's hard to explain the BC Arts Fest. You see, it's not just a workshop or festival. Although it was started as such, it became so much more, and cannot be defined as such anymore. The idea that Clair Hoover and I came up with at Camp Shehaqua in August 2002 has drastically evolved over the past year and a half. Our original conception was a weekend to get together with other BC's and listen to music (hence the name BC Arts Fest). Over the course of a few months, through much prayer and discussion, we gained a vision involving a workshop devoted to the mission of second generation.

In a typical workshop, what do you have? Most of the workshops blessed children have gone to revolve around the Divine Principle. While it is important for the second generation to understand the basis of our movement, no one is really sure how to implement it in their lives. For example, should all of us go on STF? If so, what is our mission afterwards? How should we view our careers? As meaningful ways to explore the talents God has offered us, or as ways to pay the bills? How do we incorporate Divine Principle with our so called outside life?

In the end, Clair and I wanted the BC Arts Fest to address these issues. Furthermore, we wanted to focus in on the arts, which has been largely absent from our movement. What is the meaning of creativity? Should we use the arts or 'the providence'? If so, how?

Of course, those are pretty difficult questions to try and answer in a weekend, much less in one organized by two 17 and 18 year old girls. But we tried. What ended up was a crash course in management. We orchestrated lectures and testimonies by 5 different highly supportive 'first Gen, testimonies by second gen, and an 'entertainment night,' with more than three hours of music.

For the first BC Arts Fest, held in March 2003 at UTS, almost 150 people showed up. Our lectures were given on Saturday by Rev. Joshua Cotter (Culture of Heart), Jerry Servito (Unification Thought- Theory on Art), David Eaton (Music and Spirituality), and some others. Besides several discussions on Saturday afternoon, we had testimonies by Milon Townsend (who has a very successful career as a glass artist), Koko Nakai (frontman for Mr. Sparkle), and myself (as an art student). The testimonies were on Sunday morning, and the entertainment was on Saturday night.

While we were highly successful with the first BC Arts Fest, both Clair and I were burnt out. At the behest of certain leaders, we tried to make a 20-year plan, but it didn't work out. While it was helpful advice, we realized that the success of the BC Arts Fest lay in our personal

inspiration and ownership. If we made a long-term plan, it would take away our ownership, and we would only feel empty obligation. Clair and I took a few months off, and had no plans for continuing the BC Arts Fest. She went to STF, and over the summer I helped out with the



Lasting Love Conference in Korea (where my family lives). There, I met a few BC's who shared their experiences at the BC Arts Fest, and how much it meant to them. It really revitalized me, and I felt a lot of direction to have more this year. Brinda Dugan, a STFer from Alabama, approached me about having one there. We are currently organizing a BC Arts Fest on Labor Day Weekend in May 2004 in Mobile. Another BC Arts Fest was held in UTS a few months ago in early December. The next one will be in California, at the end of March. We are constantly changing the format of the BC Arts Fest, with new lectures and discussions. One change has been donating the money raised at entertainment to other charities. From UTS in December, we were able to donate about \$400 to a wonderful Christian organization helping North Korean refugees.

There are no guarantees on what will happen after this year. We are constantly looking for ways to help the second generation, and show them ways to viably not only make a difference in this world, but lead it. I firmly believe in idealism, and concrete ways to make our dreams come true. Blessed Children are very good about being humble, and giving up their 'Isaacs.' What they are not good is allowing themselves to dream, and holding themselves accountable for making their dreams substantial. The BC Arts Fest wants to be a catalyst for this.

I started writing a mission statement in December 2002, and after a few months it became so long that I started calling it a 'purpose statement.' It is the answers that Clair and I found to all the questions previously stated. Any comments on it are welcome. Please email me at bcartsfest@yahoo.com!

The BC Arts Festival and Workshop was created to accomplish three goals. First of all, we want to create a

movement based on the Culture of Heart. Secondly, we will discuss the expression of art based on the Culture of Heart, and ways to use art as an outreach. Finally, the BC Arts Fest wants to establish a supportive community of Second Generation interested in the arts.

Personal Missions/ Future

If you go the way of the spearhead of the world, making such efforts in each field, you will be in the position of leading the best people from each of those fields. So you must quickly decide what to focus on. After deciding,

you must make a comparison with all the great people of the past, present, and future. When you make effort to move everything beyond their level, these people will stand behind you. You must therefore become the best people from each sphere, becoming those who lead people.

To become a movement centered on the Culture of Heart, the BC Arts Festival will discuss the responsibilities of blessed children. First of all, however, we must define the Culture of Heart. The Culture of Heart is a movement to create a society centering on God. To establish the Culture of Heart, we need to accomplish three things. First, we need to establish the

vertical tradition. We need to center everything on God. A good model of this was ancient Islamic culture. For example, Muslims invented the first paper mill, but their motivation was from God. They wanted to be able to print religious texts cheaply for the poor. In vertical tradition, God is the inspiration, and we connect everything to Him.

The second aspect of the Culture of Heart is social, or horizontal. This means that we need to express God's Heart through every aspect of society. We need passionate people of every profession to create a complete Culture of Heart. They need to be completely motivated about their work, centering everything on God's will.

The third aspect of the Culture of Heart is aspirational. Naturally, a perfected individual has the impulse to create more joy. This should be applied to one's career. We should perfect the hyungsang, or material knowledge of our chosen career, so we can be in the position to lead everyone in our field. We should be an inspiration to others, working for God's Providence.

The BC Arts Fest wants to motivate Blessed Children

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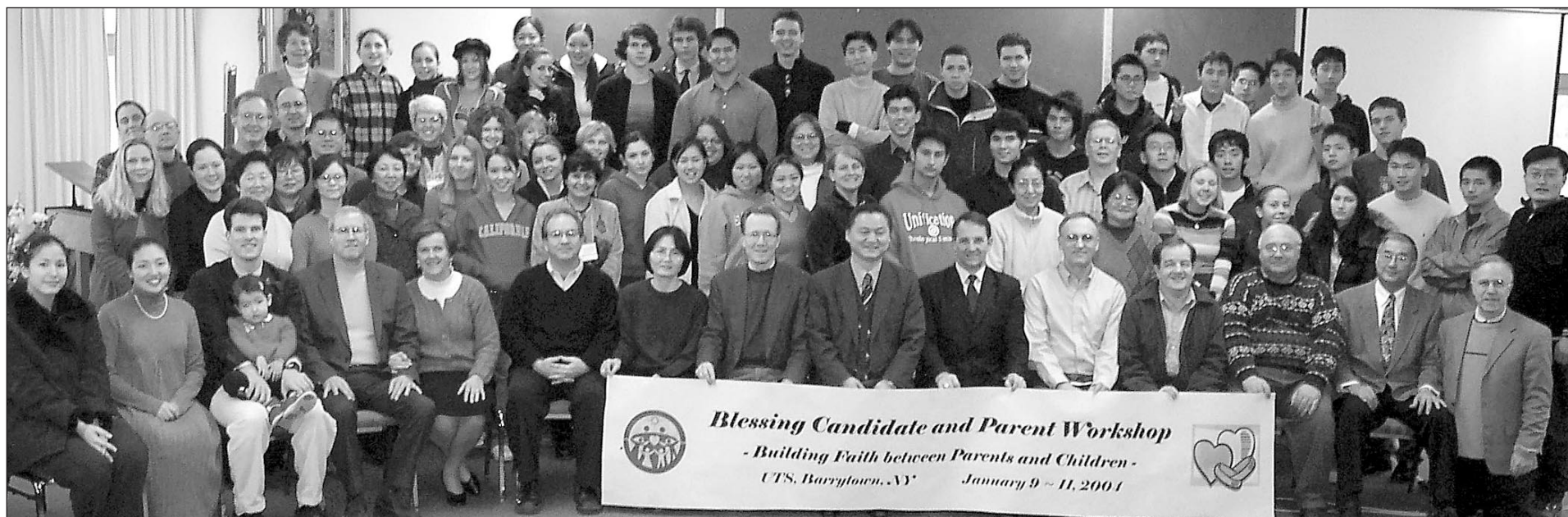
The Second Generation Section

The **Unification News** is adding a new section for all 2nd Generation youth ministries. It will include a variety of reports, articles and testimonies from regions all over the nation. We hope this section will help in the development of your youth ministry.

For information on how to contribute please contact the US 2nd Generation Department's Assistant Planning Team Leader, Rachel Johnson at: 4 West 43rd St. New York, NY 10036, tel: 212-997-0050 ex. 123, cell: (914) 882-6338, or email at: BC2ndGen@FamilyFed.org.

Section

2nd Gen Blessing Workshop



From January 9th to the 11th, seventy one parents and blessing candidates gathered for a Blessing Workshop at UTS. There were several unique features to this workshop that made it a memorable experience.

First, we had over twenty parents attend this time. They attended from beginning to end and participated in all of the presentations and activities. They added a lot and as one parent said to me, "We need this workshop more than our children."

Second, Rev. Phillip Schanker from Headquarters came and announced that Dr. Yang has appointed Rev. Schanker to head-up a new Education Department at Headquarters. This means that Rev. Schanker and this department will be working to develop a curriculum and workshops for Blessing preparation and marriage enrichment that can be used nationwide. We all are grateful for this new level of commitment by Dr. Yang to invest in the Blessed Families.

Rev. Schanker also helped to lead the entire workshop and gave presentations on Change of Blood Lineage and internal guidance on preparing for matching and Blessing. He also personally met and counseled with several participants and parents.

Third, a college-aged Second Generation "Revitalization Retreat" was underway at UTS at the same time as

our workshop. They attended our afternoon presentation on "How to Be a Good Marriage Partner," by marriage expert and counselor, John Williams. Thus, we had over 150 parents and students packed into the lecture hall for that and the atmosphere was great. John Williams also did a great job of combining his presentation with group discussion and video clips. Both workshops also combined on the evening entertainment and we all enjoyed some great performances. Special thanks to all the Blessing Workshops participants for pulling together your group entertainment pieces in record time.

Dr. Tyler Hendricks and Rev. Schanker addressed issues related to the Meaning of the Blessing. John Williams addressed insights relating to preparing for the Blessing. Betsy Jones then gave a presentation on devel-

oping the right skills and attitudes we need to have a happy marriage.

Fourth, we had a special session for just the parents and children in attendance together (while everyone else played sports.) We took a page out of the Marriage Encounter seminars and had the parents and children write letters to each other and then read them to one another. Many said they had a great experience with this, especially because it is often difficult to find the time and place to have deeper discussions with their children at home regarding the matching and Blessing.

On the last day, Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins came and spent some time with the workshop. Although both are very busy, they see Second Generation Matching and Blessing as one of the most important parts of our movement activities and thus are committed to helping in any way they can. We thank them for coming and sharing their hearts with us.

UTS had some water problems such that for all of Saturday morning and afternoon there was no running water. Thus, showers or flushing toilets were not allowed. But not even this could dampen the wonderful atmosphere that was created by the wonderful hearts and attitudes that everyone brought to this weekend. Thank you all for making it a wonderful workshop together. ♦



Texas Regional Youth Shimjung Workshop

This past December 27th to December 30th, the Texas Regional Youth Winter Workshop took place with 56 attendants and gathered for the "Faith under God and Uniting Brothers and Sisters" program.

At the workshop, four lectures on the Divine Principles were given by Reverend Kille. Other special speeches were given by Mr. Ken Morgan and DJ Brewer (Texas Sunhwa Academy Director). As for activities, sports, team-discussions, yut-nori and a candle ceremony took place at the workshop.

This workshop was the first ever to join all Texas Regions in one event. The attendants consisted mainly of students from junior high school to college. Additional people such as staff members and chaperones also attended.

The college students from Austin, Dal-



las and Houston joined and established the CARP of the Texas Region. Topics about additional future meetings were the primary highlights of the CARP

discussions.

After the winter workshop took place, I promised myself to make more and improved programs to develop an

enhanced understanding of God and True Parents for the second generation ♦

by Dr. Michael Mickler
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As the Century Drew to a Close, the Unification movement's place in American life was still subject to debate. Rev. Moon hoped to establish a new Pilgrim movement to "rekindle America's spirit." Beyond that, he wanted to help create a new society, a new spiritual nation where God can dwell." As he put it, "America must go beyond America." Although he described himself as "one voice crying in the wilderness of the 20th century," the idea that America had a pivotal role in God's providence resonated with longstanding themes of the United States as a redeemer nation. Yet, even after forty years of investment, the movement was able to find only a handful of Americans willing to wholeheartedly embrace its program of world salvation.

During the 1960s, pioneer missionaries planted important seeds but the movement went almost entirely unnoticed. During the 1970s, the Unification Church catapulted from obscurity into national prominence but provoked fierce resistance. This blunted its forward surge and halted its "march on Moscow" for more than a decade. During the 1980s, the movement spent millions to develop an institutional infrastructure and establish an impressive array of high-level contacts in the Americas. Nevertheless, Rev. Moon's indictment, trial, conviction and imprisonment on tax evasion charges overshadowed these gains in the public's consciousness. During the 1990s, the movement recreated itself as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and attempted to broaden its grassroots base through the international Blessings. However, there was little evidence that FFWPU exerted an appeal or elicited commitments that extended much beyond the confines of the existing movement.

The growth curve of religious traditions, especially those with world-transforming orientations, is such that it probably was unrealistic to expect immediate public acceptance or even widespread public receptivity within the movement's first generation. Nevertheless, the American movement labored under the burden that its efforts had not brought sufficient results, particularly in the United States. In fact, it may have been reaching what American sociologist of religion Rodney Stark termed "the crisis of confidence that awaits most new religious movements as members of the founding generation reach the end of their lives." According to Stark, "the record of new faiths suggests that unless the movement reaches a persuasive appearance of major success within the first generation, the founders will lose hope and turn the movement inward—adopt a new rhetoric that de-emphasizes growth and conversion." Stark defined success "as a continuous variable based on the degree to which a religious movement is able to dominate one or more societies."

The Unification Movement could boast of accomplishments in America between 1959-99 worthy of groups many times its size. However, it would be a stretch to assert that it had attained any degree of dominance. There was evidence that the movement had influenced, or at least nudged U.S. policy, par-

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ticularly during the Reagan years. Still, it was light years from being a dominant majority. Earlier than that, the "Moonies" were almost universally vilified and considered to be a threat to the American way of life. Rev. Moon maintained that public animosity was better than anonymity or disinterest and that this could easily turn to favor once the truth were known. In reality, the movement's negative public image had not turned by the end of the century. The Unification Church had gained acceptance as a bona fide religion, various of its organizational components operated as legal entities, and it was able to extend constitutional protections to its members. The movement also made a growing number of friends. Still, Rev. Moon and the Unification Movement were often considered suspect. Far from being a dominant majority, the experience of many members was that they had only recently risen to the status of being an accepted minority.

Under these circumstances, the movement did not back away from its program of world peace and unification but began to articulate alternative means of achieving its ends. Some members argued that the movement needed to develop a stronger sense of continuity with conventional American religious culture. Many of them concluded that the movement was too deviant, too Korean or too Japanese. Alien standards, in their estimation, had contributed to a loss or stagnancy in membership, financial problems and an erosion of moral authority. Others turned inward. They argued, with the Apostle Paul, that the movement's real struggle was "not against flesh and blood" but "against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places." This group did not adopt a rhetoric that de-emphasized growth and conversion. In fact, the removal of angry and resentful spirits, thousands of whom were understood to have attached themselves

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it purchased vast tracts of land and began to establish a dominating presence. Whether or not this would become a Unification homeland was as yet unclear. However, many members felt the necessity of setting up a working model of the ideal society.

A fourth alternative means of achieving its goals had affinities with the position of those who argued that the movement needed to develop a stronger sense of continuity with American religious culture. However, rather than mainly criticizing previous movement efforts as alien, those holding this perspective, including Rev. Moon, made the case for cementing stronger bonds of heart. In 1998, Rev. Moon designated the United States as "elder son" nation to the "parent" nations of Korea and Japan. On one level, this may have represented a neo-Confucian ordering of internal movement polity. On another level, it signified the designation of a successor nation. If Korea was the first stage rocket booster that got the movement off the ground and Japan was the second stage that powered the movement into orbit, the U.S. was the third stage vehicle that would deliver the movement to its destination. It was up to the American movement to consolidate the Unification tradition, to develop a form of movement governance that could empower members worldwide, to build on its favorable age and sex composition, and to effectively socialize those born into the faith. All of these were crucial to achieving the movement's goals.

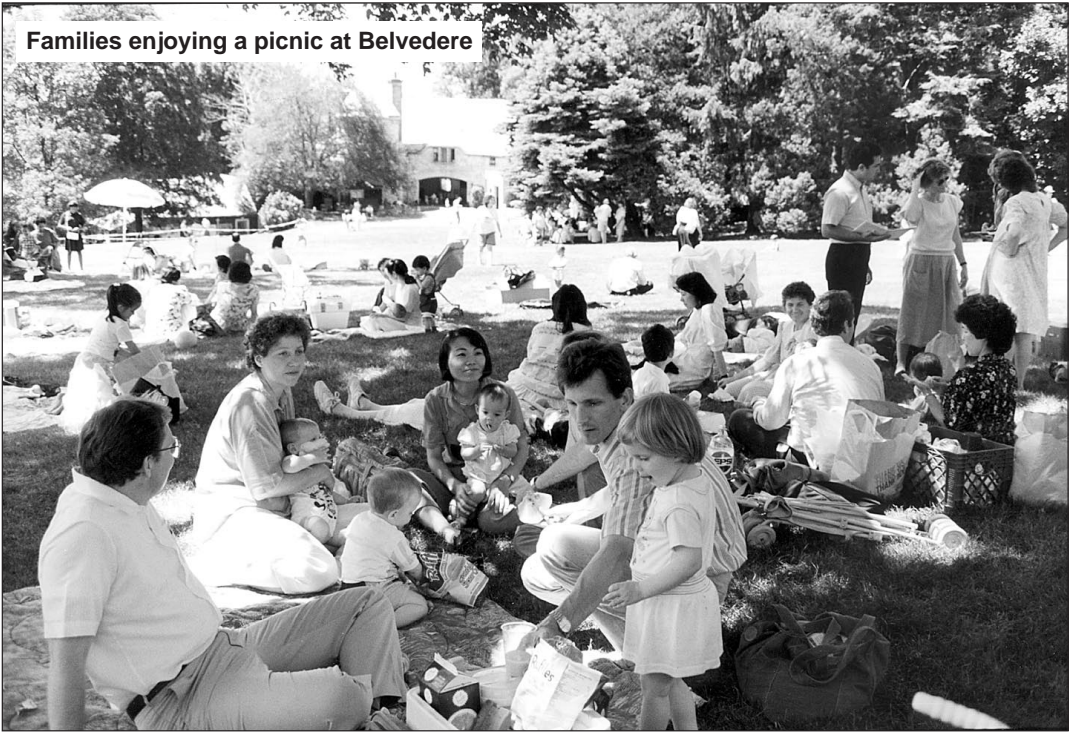
Again, it would be a mistake to conclude that all members of the movement divided neatly into these groupings. There was considerable overlap and necessarily so, as no single approach was sufficient to bring success. There needed to be a creative synergy among different approaches to propel the movement forward. At the same time, how the movement managed its increasingly complex inner workings would be a key factor in its long-term accomplishments.

Perils Facing the Unification Community

In February 1996, the *Unification News* ran three articles under the heading of "Perils Facing the Unification Community." In the first, Peter Ross, the Church's Director of Public Relations, issued a stinging rebuke to the English Home Secretary who had denied Rev. Moon entry to Britain on the grounds that it would not be "conducive to the public good." In the second, Dr. Tyler Henricks, President of HSA-UWC in America, published the text of an "open letter" to the President of the Philippines in which he protested allegations that the Church's Blessing ceremony was a front to export Filipino women to Korea where they would be "forced

to become housemaids and prostitutes." He especially criticized the government's decision to assign several Filipino women as government spies to infiltrate the Blessing as participants. The third article, an excerpt of a press release from the President of the Church in France, responded to a bombing of the national headquarters building which destroyed its front structure.

None of these incidents occurred in the United States. Nevertheless, they were a reminder of the animosity that still lingered perilously close to the surface and which with even the most vacuous inflammatory statements, a dip in the public's sense of well-being or a politician's ambition could spark a panic and the targeting of the movement as a scapegoat. Peter Ross alluded to the persecution of Christians in Rome as an analogous situation and cited the



Families enjoying a picnic at Belvedere

to Blessed couples, was considered to be a precondition for witnessing success. However, for them, the real key to achieving world peace and unification lay in obtaining Lucifer's unconditional surrender.

A third alternative approach was to re-create not only a new heaven but also a new earth. Communitarianism had always been an important element within Unificationism. Church center life, international couples, and the movement's ideal of a one-world family and culture all bore an unmistakable communal stamp. During the late 1960s and 1970s, the movement's San Francisco Bay Area branch reaped a bumper crop of converts through its International Ideal City Project. In the 1990s, the movement concentrated resources and energies in the isolated Mato Grosso do Sul and Pantanal regions of Brazil. There, amid pristine but almost entirely undeveloped nature,

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ancient Christian author Tertullian who wrote, “If the River Tiber reaches the walls, if the River Nile does not rise to the fields, if the sky does not move or the earth does, if there is a famine, if there is a plague, the cry is at once: ‘The Christians to the lions!’”

As Ross noted, “the lion still roars.” These incidents occurred after Blessing '95, the first of the movement's large-scale International Wedding Ceremonies, and during or shortly after Rev. and Mrs. Moon's worldwide speaking tour that followed. This was ironic, since Rev. Moon proclaimed in his tour speech, “The True Family and I,” that “The entire world did everything it could to put an end to me, yet I did not die, and today I am firmly standing on top of the world.” During the worldwide speaking tour, Rev. Moon endured cancelled entry visas, hostile encounters with immigration authorities, and missed connecting flights, especially during the European portion of the tour. There were important breakthroughs and victories elsewhere, but Rev. Kwak noted, “Satan attacked this tour in many ways.”

The Philippine allegations were dropped when it became obvious that Filipino women were not being waylaid as housekeepers or prostitutes through the Blessing. However, European opposition proved more intractable. Part of this was the result of a mid-1990s sect hysteria over deaths associated with the Solar Temple, Heaven's Gate and Aum Shinrikyo tragedies. Part was due to the organized lobbying of “anti-cult” activists and part was “rooted in old patterns of intolerance of things new, foreign or different.” Regardless of the reasons, Rev. and Mrs. Moon were blacklisted under provisions of the Schengen Treaty and effectively banned from Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. The Netherlands took action granting Rev. and Mrs. Moon permission to visit despite the ban, but the other countries had not reversed themselves by the end of the 1990s. As noted, England took action on its own, banning Rev. Moon (though not Mrs. Moon) as did Japan. Finally, in Russia and Eastern Europe, an alliance of former communists, nationalists and Orthodox authorities authored legislation making it difficult, if not impossible for new groups to spread their message.

The great exception to this trend, at least in the developed world, was the United States. While there still was suspicion and even negativity expressed toward Rev. Moon, attempts to restrict the movement's activities or to treat it in any way differently than other religious groups were met by broad-based public outcries. During the late 1990s, this was evident in highly publicized opposition to an attempt by the Maryland State Legislature to study the effects of “cults” on college campuses. There were no restrictions on Rev. or Mrs. Moon's speaking and, in some instances, media outlets and representatives apologized for use of the term “moonie.” Anti-movement demonstrations at Blessings '97 and '98 were tepid, mobilizing less than a dozen or so lonely protesters at each, and former Cult Awareness Network (CAN) head Claudia Kisser acknowledged that the movement was “becoming entrenched, politically and social-

ly.” A Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* comment that the “1990s face” of the movement was one of “middle-class, middle-aged, multi-ethnic moderation” was fairly typical of public perceptions.

As a consequence, the perils facing the Unification community in the U.S. were mainly internal. These could be grouped under the categories of membership, money and moral authority. In terms of new membership, the movement in America had not experienced substantial growth since the 1970s. The downturn in the U.S. was balanced by growth spurts elsewhere and the movement as a whole possessed a favorable age and sex ratio. This essentially meant the movement could more than sustain itself through fertility alone, assuming it retained the loyalty of succeeding generations. However, it was a matter of some concern that conversions in the U.S. had declined so dramatically. During the 1990s, as noted, HSA-UWC recreated itself as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU). Rev. Moon, in fact, directed that the Unification Church sign be taken down. The FFWPU was conceived as “a religious but non-sectarian membership organization for people of all faiths and good conscience” and it was hoped that non-Unificationist Blessing participants, Blessed Unifi-

witnessing method still was a key factor, and there still were providential tasks that took precedence over local development. Nevertheless, for those members who experienced acute tensions, problems in recruiting American members were primarily reducible to the East-West cultural gap.

If anything, Rev. Moon's criticism of American culture escalated during the 1990s. It also began to spill over into public accounts of movement activities. *The New York Times International*, in reporting on the movement's investments in South America, noted in late November 1999 that Rev. Moon had become “disenchanted” with the U.S. and cited him as saying, “The country that represents Satan's harvest is America, the kingdom of extreme individuality, of free sex.” Some of this seemed to go beyond prophetic criticism. Rev. Moon stated that real faith was in Africa or Asia, that he valued Korea most, and that the trends of the West were passing away. At the very least, these sentiments were not calculated to ingratiate the movement with broad sectors of the American public.

Most members were prepared to accept criticism and even denunciations from Rev. Moon. They were less willing to absorb it from Korean leaders, many of whom had been placed in authority over the American movement. American HSA President James

Baughman, who served during this period, attempted to initiate several outreach crusades but was entirely rebuffed and spent much of his tenure evangelizing in Russia. The effect of this was to produce in some members what could only be described as American “han.” Han was a Korean term which connoted the resentment of the oppressed. God was understood to have experienced han in relation to fallen humanity. The Korean people were understood to have experienced han in relation to a series of oppressors. Now, American members whom most Asian adherents regarded as being proud and having a disturbingly carefree outlook on life would have their time of trial. The problem was that American han did not translate into witnessing results.

For members who believed that the movement lacked sufficient cultural continuity, tribalization was the chief internal peril facing the Unification community. Part of this was a consequence of what some viewed as the universalization of Korean cultural norms. Though committed to Korean primacy, the movement's leadership had made numerous concessions to the rest of the world's cultures. Thus, despite assertions in the Korean editions of *Divine Principle* (deleted in the original English version) that Korean would be the future universal language, the movement arranged to have the text translated into numerous languages. It also relied heavily on Western members to interface with VIPs. Leadership of its major cultural affiliates was largely vested in Western intellectuals or professionals, and the language of choice in its international gatherings was English. However, these were strategic concessions which the movement's leadership was convinced they would not have to make once the center of global civilization had shifted to the Korean peninsula. During the 1990s, Rev. Moon became increasingly insistent that the membership learn Korean and correspondingly critical of English. A newly authorized re-translation of *The Principle* in 1996 retained the Korean text's concluding paragraph which stated that “the Korean language ...will ...become the mother tongue for all humanity” and “Eventually, all people should speak the True Parents' language.” Still, even among members, receptivity to these sentiments was mixed. ❖

True Parents
at Belvedere in the 1970s



cationists and even “entire churches and religious faiths” would be able to join. This had not occurred in a significant way by the end of the 1990s, and HSA-UWC still existed as a corporate entity. Some suggested that the FFWPU was simply the Unification Church under another name.

It would take more than a name change to address the underlying reasons for the downturn in new membership. Earlier, it was suggested that the general climate of negativity, the lack of a stable and consistently followed witnessing method, East-West tensions, difficulties in balancing family and mission, and issues of institutionalization accounted for a weakened desire to witness and the less-than-hoped-for results. In the 1990s, several of these factors were less significant. The climate of negativity, which in the 1970s included the picketing of church centers and deprogramming of members, had long since subsided. The balancing of families and mission still was an issue, but most members had stabilized their family lives and even had discretionary time and income. Therefore, this was less of a factor than previously. The movement's institutional patterns also had stabilized, and these also could not be counted among the most fundamental problems hindering recruitment. The lack of a stable and consistently followed

by Cliff Yasutake

At UTS, Barrytown, New York, we had 2 workshops, one for High school age 2nd Generation from December 26th to 29th and the other from December 29 - 31, 2003 for Middle school ages. For both age groups, the lecturers were Rev. John Jackson and Robert Kittel. The theme of both workshops

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skits which were given on entertainment night. There were 80 participants for the high school w/s and 40 for the Middle school workshop. There was also a small workshop of Youth Ministers from the New York Region going on simultaneously. Rev. Kim was inspired by the workshops and told us to continue our outreach to the 2nd Generation. ❖

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to be leaders of their professions. We recognize that many of our youth are very talented. We believe that God has a special plan for each Second Generation. True Father says, “Everybody has his inherent talent.” We can develop these personal strengths, specialize, and become leaders of different fields. If at an early age we understand the direction Heavenly Father wants for us, we can accomplish a lot through our lifetime. True Father has given us much guidance on choosing a direction in life:

You have to confer with your deep original mind after discussion with Heaven in deciding your special field in life. You yourself know well what kind of talent you have. Then, you have to listen carefully to where your mind tries to pull you. You have to listen to that...you should decide by yourself, harmonizing, with God’s guidance, the essence of your original self deep within your heart towards your future purpose.

The world would greatly benefit from being lead by True Physicists, Musicians, Doctors, Presidents, and Businessmen. We need to develop our talents and work to create the Culture of Heart. However, that is only half of it. We need to utilize our knowledge and talents and push ourselves to become the respected leaders of society. This is what True Father means when he tells us “you have to study for the sake of humankind and God.” We can’t keep focusing only on a grass-roots movement. We can help the world so much faster by becoming respected figures in society. To do this, we must strive to become the best we can be.

Both Jesus and True Father went to the leaders of society first, looking for help in their mission. John the Baptist and other religious leaders were supposed to be a conduit to reach the people. However, those leaders failed. We have to take on the responsibility to bring True Parent’s word to the world. We need to reach as many people as possible.

To bring about this Culture of Heart revolution, we must guide society. The second generation must become leaders of all fields.

We must become famous, not for ourselves, but to spread God’s Will. Those of you who study simply to be successful in this world are insane. Everything will be recorded. Such people will not be able to go over a large hill, let alone the providential mountains which are higher than the Himalayas. They will stumble on the way... you should not make yourself accustomed to the way of life in this world. Even if you say, “Since we have received the Blessing, we will try to live in the same manner as other people,” you [still] have your special mission... It is no good to live a mediocre life.

The prime time for determining your direction is your late teenage/early twenties. In the seventies, members had to give up their lives to fundraise, and witness. However, due to our parents’ sacrifices, the Second Generation can use the time of their youth to plan for the future. During this time, we can realize our true purpose through prayer and intuition. If we start from this age, we can create a strong foundation and career path. Then we can be really successful. True Father says:

The most important time is from age 18 to 24. By the age of 24, you have to have established your life goals. You can know the direction of your life if you cultivate and dedicate yourselves. You have to decide what kind of person you will be in the future around the age of 18 to 20 years. You must know about this yourself through your prayer and meditation.

If the Second Generation can accomplish this mission, they will be creating the Culture of Heart. The Culture of Heart has three aspects: vertical (connecting everything to God’s tradition), social (expressing God’s joy and love through all ways possible, in all aspects of

culture), and aspirational (having the impulse to create more joy and to accomplish God’s will to the highest extent). Therefore, by choosing a path, connecting it to God’s will, and desiring to become the best in your chosen field, you will be creating the Culture of Heart.

Art in the Culture of Heart Indirectly, the Divine Principle introduces the concept of art as a witnessing tool. The Principle of Creation states that “the work of an artist is a visible manifestation of

its maker’s invisible nature... [For example,] we can sense an author’s character through his works.” Likewise, many great artists believe that a work of art must have a sense of spirituality. The artist Robert Motherwell asserted that “without ethical consciousness, a painter is only a decorator.” A work of art must possess heart, as well as aesthetics. To do this, artists communicate about themselves through a work of art. Henri Matisse, another great artist, explained “I am unable to distinguish between the feeling I have for life and my way of expressing it.”

A viewer can easily determine an artist’s personality from her/his work. This can either be a good or a bad thing. For example, one cannot deny the talent of Jackson Pollock. However, his work reveals a person very distraught and pained. Viewing his work becomes a heart-wrenching experience as we begin to understand Pollock’s confused mind. Imagine what his paintings would be like if a loving person created them? Instead of being depressing, they would be uplifting and beautiful. The second generation has the ability to be centered, joyful people. If they couple their true sungsang with the hyungsang knowledge of art, then their art will naturally be very pure and powerful.

Art as a Critical Aspect of Culture Unification Thought asserts that an “appreciator feels joy by sensing his or her own sungsang and hyungsang through the work of art.” This reveals that art has the ability to bring people back to their original mind. It has the power to inspire and facilitate new emotions. Viewers of the arts created by blessed children can receive the emotional side of our movement. This will be beneficial to them, as they may not

be open to our intellectual teachings yet. Blessed children have the power to transform others through their art.

Art is important for another reason. Both the True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim are advocating a new Culture of Heart. Unification Thought asserts that “culture refers to the totality of the various kinds of human activity... among which the most central is art.” Furthermore, “in order to create a new culture in the world, the restoration of art must be undertaken.” It is already understood that art plays a central role in cultural revolutions. According to critic Herbert Read, artists “give plastic precision to... aspirations that would otherwise remain repressed and voiceless.” Unification Thought reiterates, “The dawn [of] new eras in the past have always been preceded by a new spirit in art.” Consequently, the arts both precede and enable them to grow. It will be to our advantage to cultivate our Second Generation to utilize the arts to their fullest extent. If we have Blessed Children in various art fields, our movement will be able to witness to millions of people.

BC Arts Festival A weekend devoted to the arts is crucial. A forum is needed to discuss and collaborate. Every art movement has had its café. Dada had the Cabaret Voltaire, and Picasso talked at the Lapin Agile. For the Impressionist it was the Café Guerbois, and later Abstract Expressionists congregated at the Cedar Bar. While email can be used to preserve a movement, only face-to-face discussion will serve as the needed catalyst to start it. We need to create an environment that allows such an art movement to develop.

By creating the BC Arts Festival, we want to support the Second Generation in their artistic endeavors. In encouraging their pursuits, we will remind them that people are created in Heavenly Father’s own image. This means that He wanted to create us, His objects, for His joy. We, in turn, are naturally inclined to create. Blessed Children already have the spiritual background needed to produce inspiring, yet honest, works of art. They only need to develop the hyungsang part-knowledge of physical materials. Moreover, the Arts Festival wants to provide Second Generation with a fresh view of art in our movement. We want to appreciate and encourage the talents of Blessed Children for the sake of the providence.

More information about the BC arts fest can be found at: <http://www.toastedpixel.com/bcartsfest> ❖





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Recently the state of California experienced a political uprising. Its Governor was recalled, and a new one chosen from a field of 135 contenders. Much of the world snickered, but behind closed doors, politicians trembled.

This article grew from a series of essays your author wrote to distant friends. Legal note: this column promotes no candidate or policy.

What prompted the recall? Mainly, the state budget deficit. California was short by an amount greater than the entire budget of any state except New York.

Official warnings, tied to the 'dot com bust,' were ignored. Spending far outpaced income, population, and inflation.

Right after Governor Davis's 2002 reelection the budget was decimated. I personally know teachers who got laid off.

Davis was widely regarded as the ultimate insider, surrounded by 'yes men,' and only dealing with callers who brought along a satchel of money.

The car tax was tripled, and (unlike paycheck withholding) it's one that people must pay directly.

Nasty details emerged about the power crisis and rolling blackouts. Utility rates remained sky-high.

A handful of states have populist recall laws. Only North Dakota had used theirs successfully, almost a century ago.

The recall began on talk radio. Melanie Morgan of KSFO in San Francisco was first to suggest it, in a conversation with Shawn Steel. Her passing remark was an idea whose time had come. Other radio hosts soon got on board.

Activist lawyer Ted Costa wrote the official recall petition. Before long, three separate groups were distributing them, mostly via the Internet. About a month into the effort, Congressman Darrell Issa provided major funds. No political party helped, or opposed, the recall effort until later.

Davis's support came mainly from unions and the public sector. No surprise, as the state budget affects the amount of union dues available. His pro-rallies often closed up right on the hour.

The petition drive succeeded, and with prompting from the courts, the Secretary of State announced a recall election.

The California Supreme Court fielded a blizzard of lawsuits. In a single day they denied five challenges to the recall.

Unlike Florida in 2000, the Federal courts agreed. The Ninth Circuit televised an appeals hearing full of case references and dense legalese. Judge Kozinski kept it real, and even got folks laughing.

Candidates

The bar for candidacy was set way too low (in money and signatures). Over 400 people declared, but as the dead-

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line passed, "only" 135 qualified. The world media had a field day interviewing oddball candidates.

Californians realized that most weren't serious, personally or as contenders. We have many 'third parties,' so every ballot is long. The sample ballot fit all 135 names onto a single page! Five front runners quickly emerged.

Arnold Schwarzenegger got hit for admitted woman-groping. He had star power, and appeared sincere and forthright. He'd run a successful ballot initiative in the previous election. (His Kennedy connection helped, too.)

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante got nixed for proposing 'the same and more of it' as a cure for the state's ills, and for following Davis in taking special interest millions. He had a solid voter base, and every Hispanic endorsement. (But those Hispanic leaders didn't have much clout.)

Arianna Huffington got clobbered for flying private jets to and from her mansion, even while bashing millions of locals for driving SUVs. Her other positions changed with time. She was unparalleled as a debater.

State Senator Tom McClintock

wasn't well-known. He got bashed as 'too right wing' in his social views. He understood the state budget, and made actual proposals on how to rein it in. He was favored by the activists who started the recall.

Peter Camejo was popular among students, and furthest to the left. He got criticized as having no clue about economics, and claiming that the state's Big Corporations could be taxed more, with no downside. He was respected as sincere, and for caring about the environment.

Several pundits reached the same conclusion: what California really needed was a Lego candidate. Someone with Arnold's mass appeal, Bustamante's political heft, Arianna's sharp wit, McClintock's business sense, and Camejo's sincere concern—rolled into one.

Campaign

The campaign was short. The opinion polls rode a daily roller coaster, baffling pollsters.

Oakland Mayor (and former Governor) Jerry Brown took Arnold seriously from the beginning. About 40 years ago his father, Gov. 'Pat' Brown, was unseated by Ronald Reagan. Pat Brown had rejoiced when a "mere actor" became



his opponent, rather than former SF Mayor George Christopher.

At first there were two major Democratic candidates. Insurance Commissioner Garamendi vowed to fight to the end, then quit within 48 hours. Republican Peter Ueberroth bowed out, but McClintock resisted all such pressure.

A vigorous debate was held between the top five challengers. Huge policy differences emerged, and contradictory claims were made. Californians knew they had a serious choice, yet the highlight was an exchange between Arnold and Arianna, referencing his treatment of a female movie robot.

Many of the other 130 candidates gathered outside the debate forum. All of their support put together hardly equaled that of any one debater.

In the midst of the campaign Davis made a keynote speech. His hand-picked audience cheered and booed with triple the passion of a rock concert. It was surreal.

Everyone had a web site. Georgy Russell's was most widely reported. I disagreed with her policies, but admired her energy and good cheer. I dubbed her a 'Silicon Valley update on the Girl Next Door.' While making a delivery on the Stanford campus, I met and talked with Georgy. Her campaign button is now on display in my office.

Defending champ Gov. Davis appeared doomed throughout the race. His approval rating was lower than Nixon's after Watergate! Every candidate committed some faux pas, but his gaffes hurt the worst. Davis ran 'Vote No on the Recall' TV spots. Their point seemed to be, "Things could be worse." None featured his own face or voice...

Many conservatives, finding even one 'hot button' issue to disagree on, said they'd vote for McClintock, not the moderate Arnold. Hoping Arnold won anyhow, since McClintock could never take this liberal state.

The state's "progressives" (ultra-leftists), from MoveOn.org and others, got pragmatic for a change. They supported Davis and the Democrats, instead of Camejo and his Green Party.

During the final five days there was vociferous media coverage of Arnold's misdeeds. It backfired, as many voters were suspicious of the last minute timing. (The same media outlets had ignored similar accusations against Davis.)

Arnold won in a landslide. Jesse Jackson went home, lawsuits unfiled. Between Arnold and McClintock, 60% voted Republican.

It took about three days for revisionist accounts to appear. For instance, did Issa's money buy the race?

No. After enough signatures were gathered, and the election declared, that effort stopped in its tracks. If all the petitions had been certified, the total would've been over 2 million. Enough

to qualify without Issa's paid signature gatherers. (Issa himself dropped out.)

Arnold repealed the car tax. Did that cause budget shortfalls?

Not really. The tax was only collected for a few weeks, so our state and local governments never saw that money in the first place. In government speak, a reduction in a planned increase equals a cut.

There are serious national concerns.

Our new electronic voting machines are spiffy, but are they better? The maker, Diebold, swore they're hacker-proof, but experts didn't believe it. Their 'smart cards' get erased and reused many times, and no paper receipts are issued, so there's no way to do a recount.

In the recall election that wasn't necessary, but safeguards are now going into place.

California's legislature is ideologically polarized, and more divided than they've been in a century. Arnold is taking extraordinary measures to enact his programs, and the media is doing a lousy job reporting it. (See, www.jillstewart.net/)

This was a race in which literally anyone could run. (Your author dismayed his supporters by pledging not to.) An immigrant who has lived the American dream won it, in a serious repudiation of politics-as-usual.

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The other night we plugged too many appliances on one circuit and kaboom. Darkness fell. We rerouted the plugs and then called the landlord about the wiring. The stove and the washer stopped working that night too. The repair man came to fix the trouble. At first I worked at my desk while he was tinkering in the kitchen. I was listening to the soundtrack from “The Divine Secrets of the YaYa Sisterhood”. I asked him what kind of music he liked in case what I had on was making him throw up. I didn’t want his fix-it ability to be impaired because he would have preferred Conway Twitty or Celine Dion. Anyway, he liked it. Every now and then he called me and I handed him a tool from his box or said “Yes”, or “No” while he flipped the circuit breakers.

It turned out the oven didn’t work because we had fiddled with the timer buttons trying to figure out how to use the timer, which we still didn’t figure out, but we managed to disconnect the oven functions while we mindlessly fiddled. So all of you out there in oven land, before you call the repair man to fix your oven, make sure you set the timer buttons correctly.

Anyway he looked at the other wires and replaced another connection and then before he left we started talking. He was a big man with a kind face. We talked a little bit about music and his work and then he began to tell me stories about living in this part of rural Virginia. He had a charming local accent and used language in a way that I couldn’t even begin to try to represent here. What I mean is he had kind of a lilting, old fashioned way of expressing himself. The conversation flowed into stream of consciousness story telling, where one story was interwoven and overlapped into the next, mostly stories of

growing up in the fifties in Virginia with no electricity.

There was the story of his large family visiting another family for Sunday dinner and the fascination he felt towards a water dipper that the family owned which was hand tooled from a coconut shell. As an aside he explained about the buckets of water carried out to field hands who used a shared



water dipper for a drink. This lady had evidently once made a coconut cake and then, because nothing was thrown away, the coconut shell had been made into a dipper with a wooden handle. The visiting boy began urging his mother that he was thirsty and needed a drink of water, because he so badly wanted to experience drinking from the coconut shell dipper.

That story wove into the story of visiting his grandmother every week and how he and his brothers had the job of carrying water the equivalent of about two city blocks from the spring to her house. This was a weekly chore that one could not decide that one didn’t feel like doing on any particular occasion — one did it or one received the promise fulfilled of a healthy parental whipping.

He told me how he taught himself to do repair work. One of the first things he learned to repair were holes in his grandma’s old pots. There was some kind of gizmo you could buy and insert on both sides of the hole and screw it together and it would give the pot another lifetime of wear. If it wore out after that it was used outside to water flowers or whatever.

He said everything was a community event, kind of like the way the Amish people join together for barn raisings. He said if hogs were butchered, then all the neighboring folks gathered and did it together. They also did different kinds of harvesting together. One event he related with great fondness, was gathering at a certain woman’s house for hair cuts. The men played cards

while the women and children shucked butterbeans. Maybe some down-home music was playing in the background, while this woman cut all the boys’ hair with clippers for 25 cents a head. Her son would wander around with a pocket knife and pretend to take off a chunk of ear while she was clipping. All this while the mist rose over the evening fields and a sense of community was engendered.

This amiable man touched on the delights of sitting on a bridge with a fishing pole, not caring if anything bit or not, just enjoying the bumpety bumpety of cars going over, and the meditative peace that came from enjoying the serene summer night and a moment to collect his thoughts.

By that time he had called the landlord and settled the bill and then he spoke a few more moments about his faith. It struck him that his visiting a certain person on a certain day was not coincidence. Sometimes, for example, he would meet a lonely widow whom his visit would cheer up and then he felt like his work had a deeper meaning in the great human scheme.

I told him he should record his stories for posterity. He liked that idea.

I walked him out to the truck and he drove off and I was warmed inside by the thought of the people of this county, and their stories of growing up and what they went through and how it’s all a part of story of the world.

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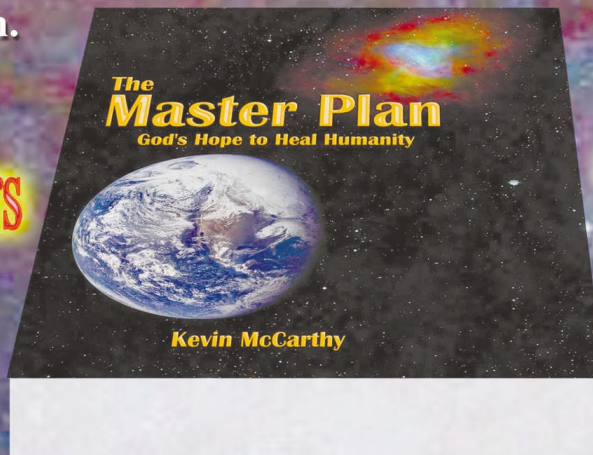
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