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A UNIQUE BLESSING

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
SPEECH ABOUT HEUNG JIN NIM'S BLESSING
BANQUET, MANHATTAN CENTER
FEBRUARY 20, 1984

I would like to comment on two specific points about this historic Blessing.

Historically, this kind of wedding is given only once. It is not a precedent. From a secular point of view, this would be regarded as a very sad or gloomy occasion. However, from the dispensational point of view, it is a necessity in order to fulfill God's will.

The spirit world unfortunately has not been united under God, but is divided into different groups and compartmentalized according to specific religions. The divisions in the spirit world — the reason why it could not become one entity under God — is simply because of the fall of man. Therefore, the work of God has to conquer the indirect dominion of earth. Without passing through the victorious condition of indirect dominion here on earth, there can be no perfection in the spirit world. Therefore, there is no unity.

THE FOUNDATION OF KINGSHIP ON EARTH

If there had been no fall, Adam and Eve would have advanced into the position of the True Parents, sinless, and they would have reached perfection. If that had been the case, their children would then have formed a true family, true tribe, nation and world. That is the way true parenthood should have been established on each level from the very beginning. On each level of parenthood, the authority of kingship would automatically have been granted on one unified cultural sphere. Therefore, Adam and Eve should have become king and queen of a family, clan, unified nation, world, etc. Yet because man fell, his destiny is that he must go through the Messiah. What is the definition of the Messiah? The Messiah is the one coming in the

place of the True Parents and growing into that position.

During His four thousand years of history, God sent the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who came as a savior. Yet during his lifetime he was supposed to take a bride from Satan's world and thereby consummate the mission as True Parents.

Jesus Christ came as savior, but more importantly, he came in the position of Adam, to fulfill Adam's ideal. That was his mission, and he was to fulfill every level. However, before he could consummate his mission, he was crucified. Jesus came to the earth and he was to make a foundation of kingship on earth in place of Adam. Jesus wanted to fulfill that kingship from the family to the worldwide level. If he could not fulfill, God's ideal would not be realized. This is the backbone of Divine Principle and God's dispensational history.

Christianity today says that the Lord must come again. Actually, all religions have that expectation. This simply clarifies the message that the Messiah must come and finish the mission that Jesus left undone two thousand years ago, which was to fulfill Adam's ideal.

The Unification movement occupies the position to fulfill that ideal. Had I been accepted in 1945 by Korean Christianity, we would not have had to go through the path of unification or suffered for so many years, particularly in the United States. The reason is that Korean Christianity would have been linked directly to Christianity in the United States. Acceptance in Korea would have brought about universal acceptance.

Nobody knew the incredible fact that the United States is in the position of the Roman Empire of two thousand years ago, or that Korea is in the position of the Israel of that time, and that I am in the position of Jesus. Nobody knew. The Roman Empire two thousand years ago was a satanic nation. Yet that empire



was to be a base for the proclamation of Christianity throughout the world. If Christianity had accepted me, the revelation would have been fulfilled. No more foundation would have been needed. The past forty years of history of the Unification Church would not have been necessary, because Christianity would have served as the foundation which the Unification Church is serving today.

I came to fulfill the unfinished mission of Jesus. Jesus fulfilled only the spiritual aspect. I came to perfect that spiritual aspect and bring it to the physical level. I came to fulfill both Jesus' and Adam's missions.

From God's point of view, after World War II, when Christianity in Korea failed to unite with me, God saw the need to create another foundation in place of Christianity as well as some ideology that would surpass the ideology of both the democratic world and the communist world.

Because I needed to establish that kind of foundation, I am the center of attention. The free world as well as the communist world came against me because I am trying to create a replacement of both worlds. I now must confront the United States of America.

MY COURT BATTLE

My court battle is the symbolic representation of this confrontation. The district court level is just like the crucifixion of Jesus. In the circuit court level, there was a split. There were representatives of the two thieves, one on the left and one on the right. One judge was for me and one denied me. Yet as it reaches the Supreme Court level, all Christianity in America is coming to support my case. Symbolically, the thief on the right side is united with Jesus. Therefore, gradually, the democratic

free world comes to support and unite with me, whereas the communist world adamantly declares me as their enemy.

One difference between the time of Jesus and now is that during this age the foundation is such that no law would ever allow me to be physically put to the cross. However, they might throw me in jail. If that ever happens, then not just Christianity, but the four billion people of the world will unite with me, because I have made many foundations throughout the world. I have a foundation worldwide and if I have to go to jail, then visitors would come from throughout the world to visit me. For instance, the chairmen of the PWPA, all eminent scholars and leaders and former heads of state (Summit Club) will come to get an audience with me and demonstrate their support of me. If twenty people come to see me in jail every day for one year, that would mean seven thousand people would have come. They would not just want to see me; they would want to tell the American people why they went to see me and request an interview with the media.

In a way, this would be a great opportunity to bring the people of the world together. If they want to send me to jail, they should just go ahead and do it; I will not lose by it. Maybe the communists are trying to assassinate me. They have tried to implement many such plots. Maybe God is telling the United States government that if I am put in jail, I will be well protected and by the money of the government. Maybe jail is the safest place for me; perhaps I would find a good hiding place there.

The Korean rally last December brought incredible unity of the nations. People welcomed me, and I brought international strength by inviting 72 chairmen of the PWPA throughout the world. At the time of Jesus, 72 disciples failed to unite with

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the Extraordinary Ambassador of True Parents' Love.*

Jesus. This brought about the crucifixion. In a way, my rally in December is like the Messiah's declaration. In a sentence, my message is that people now must listen to me. If people want to be saved and have hope, they have to listen to me. There were professors and chairmen from 72 different countries who went to Korea to testify to me. The Korean rally in December 1983 was the incredible demonstration of strength and power on an international level. Satan always tries to block this kind of victory on the final level, but he could not do so because I set the conditions so perfectly there was no room for Satan to invade. There was a lot to be indemnified. Satan said, "All right, Reverend Moon, I know who you are. You want to save Christianity and you want to save the world. You have to first pay the price." Furthermore, in some cases there was disunity among the 36 Couples. There was some disunity among Unification Church leaders; and even in True Parents' own family, there was room for Satan's infiltration. The price for all of this had to be paid.

None of the leaders, particularly Korean leaders, believed that I could have a successful VOC rally in Korea. The Divine Principle says that whenever there is faithlessness, some price has to be paid. This is how the extraordinary payment of the debt to Satan was paid by Heung Jin. When Mother and I returned to America, Heung Jin's life was hanging in the balance. I declared a unification ceremony before Heung Jin passed away. That was the ceremony to bring the unity between Father and Mother, the True Parents' children, the Unification Church, as well as unification of the democratic and communist worlds, and the physical and spiritual worlds. During this special ceremony shortly before the passing away of Heung Jin, I declared him as a sacrifice.

Satan missed one thing. He could not understand my strategy. Satan did not know God's rules, that we can pay such a precious sacrifice and upon that condition we can turn the situation around from a failure to a victory. For example, two thousand years ago, Jesus was crucified and Satan claimed Jesus' life. But then what did God do? God used Jesus as a sacrifice to bring the resurrection and the foundation for the salvation of mankind.

MY PROMISE TO HEUNG JIN

The day before Heung Jin passed away, I prayed for one other extraordinary thing. I prayed that if Heung Jin were to die and ascend into the spiritual world, he would be with us all the way, in both the spiritual and physical worlds. I prayed that everything for Heung Jin on earth would be kept as it was, and that Heung Jin would have adopted sons, that his tribe would go on. This is a promise I made to him. In order to adopt children, a four position foundation must be established first. Heung Jin needs a bride before children can be adopted.

We can see an incredible opposite parallel. At the time of Jesus, God sent His son to earth so that he could save the world. At this time, True Parents sent their son to the spirit world so that he can save the spirit world. Heung Jin is the Plenipotentiary, the Special Ambassador of True Parents to the spirit world. He is the Extraordinary Ambassador of True Parents' Love. I made a foundation on the earth on the international level



Happy singing and dancing conclude the historical and monumental day.

with the True Parents' love. Even Jesus could not reach that level because during his time on earth there were no True Parents. Therefore, for the first time, God can connect with one person in the spirit world and say, "Indeed you are my son, because you came from True Parents." Heung Jin is in the position of kingship of teenagers. I definitely love this world, but by sending my most beloved son to the spirit world, I can also love the spirit world.

On earth, Satan governs the period of indirect dominion. The event of God sending His son to the spirit world restores the indirect dominion of God and enables God and man to ultimately reach the level of direct dominion. Since Heung Jin was born in Korea, he will first assemble all ascended Abel-type kings from Korean history in the spirit world. Heung Jin is the Abel of all Korean kings ascended to the spirit world.

HEUNG JIN'S KINGSHIP IN SPIRIT WORLD

As a result, immediately a unification occurred in the spirit world. The reason is that in the spirit world everyone knows exactly what is happening. That is the one thing different between the physical world and the spirit world. The spirit world merely comes and unites. According to the Principle, when Cain and Abel come together in unity, God can come and dwell. Heung Jin is the Abel of the Korean kingship in the spirit world. All Cain-type kingship must unite together because they know the truth. This is the culmination; God dwells with them. Yet this is only the first step. Next there must come a universal kingship in the spirit

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In your daily prayers remember Hoon Sook.*



The newlyweds cutting their traditional wedding cakes.

world. All kingship must eventually join together with this central force and Heung Jin will become Abel to everyone. When all these kings unite, they will also stand in the position of Abel kingship.

In the physical world, we do not do these kinds of things. Yet in the spirit world, once a certain thing happens, there are effective changes immediately. Centering upon Korea and the Korean Abel kings in the spirit world, Abel-type kings and Abel-type lordships of 120 nations all become united. If this unity is taking place in the spirit world, next all Abel-type people throughout the different religions unite. There are many kings in Judaic history as well as the history of Christianity. All their people will try to make their king become Abel-type and as a result will then unite.

According to Principle, those occupying the position of king on the physical earth must experience marriage; each needs his queen. As he was born a prince of the physical world, Heung Jin could only elevate to the position of prince in the spirit world until today. To become a king, therefore, he needs to have someone in the position of his own physical queen here on earth.

Centering upon God's love, the spirit world is totally united. Even though Heung Jin is in the spirit world, if he has his object here on earth in the form of his own wife, he has a channel for coming to the physical world any time he wants. This will give him total freedom. Furthermore, the most important thing is that Heung Jin will not come down alone but will bring down legions of all the kings and queens in the spirit world with him.

I am sure that when people of the world hear this, they will say, "Oh, Reverend Moon, you have done another crazy thing. Reverend Moon is such a crazy leader." But actually I want you to understand how essential this response from Heung Jin is. We need someone on earth in the queen's position, responding to Heung Jin's spirit in the spirit world.

Another amazing thing is that the work which Heung Jin is doing was supposed to have been done by Mother and myself when we elevated to the spirit world. However, it is the world's fortune that even at this time, Mother and I sent our beloved son as our representative. Heung Jin can accomplish this work earlier than expected.

Christianity started out from the Pentecost. Approximately 120 people received the Holy Spirit and spread the gospel all over the world. Today the Unification movement is celebrating the fiftieth day of the passing of Heung Jin; we are celebrating our Unification Pentecost. The couples have received telegrams of congratulations from our representatives in over 120 countries. Upon this foundation, the Abel-type kingship of those nations can come down because they have a base here on earth. They found objects through whom they could work in Heung Jin and Hoon Sook.

There are two most incredible dispensational points of significance for this ceremony. When one nation is restored to God, wherever it may be, God can truly fulfill His age-old ideal, starting from that nation and going throughout the world. As you know, Unificationism far surpasses as an ideology or philosophy when compared to any other existing ideology or philosophy, including Marxism or communism. If during the next three years we truly stand faithful, strong and bold, and move forward to the world, Satan's world will diminish and crumble. Gradually, but surely, the world will come into the hands of God. This is the period of transformation.

In two more days, I will mark the 37th anniversary of my entry into the North Korean prison. In 1948 I went into that most incredible prison and lived through that hellish life. I have had that kind of life, paying indemnity for the sake of humanity. However, because of my suffering, the foundation was erected, and the victorious foundation was made. Now we have an incredible offensive throughout the world.

UNITING WITH HOON SOOK IN HEART

This day brings us extraordinary and joyful news. By Hoon Sook accepting this responsibility to live her entire earthly life for the sake of God and solely for True Parents and her husband in the spirit world, what couple could complain at having to endure a forty day, three year or even seven year separation period? We must study this one woman as our example of loyalty. How could anyone who has a physical spouse and children complain? Think of Hoon Sook. Her sacrifice, in a way, is an incredible blessing for the entire Unification movement. It brings incredible power to each of us. By uniting with Hoon Sook and her spirit of loyalty,

*We all must work and move faster with absolute faith,
and the whole nation and tribe will follow us.
It is all up to our commitment and conviction.*

Satan will have no room to invade and will leave us. This is the authority I am giving each of you today. This is the most pragmatic and workable solution to overcome your problems in dealing with Satan's attacks. When you are united with Hoon Sook, especially at the time you heartistically respect her and her situation, Satan has no room to accuse you or your family.

In your daily prayers remember Hoon Sook. Think of the kind of life she is living. Think about what kind of sacrifice Heung Jin suffered. Then there is nothing you cannot overcome. This is a great weapon against Satan. Satan does not understand such strategy which I am sharing with you today. Satan is totally flabbergasted at what kind of heavenly weapon we now have to wield against his power.

THE MEANING OF THIS BLESSING

If any blessed couple did not fulfill my order to work on the IOWC for three years or previously hesitated for whatever reason, tonight is the night for repentance. Repent and again march on. That is the meaning of this day.

Today's blessing of Hoon Sook has three essential meanings. First, Heung Jin needs a partner and object here on earth so that he can fulfill his mission of kingship in the spirit world. Second, when he brings all the spiritual power here on earth (which we can evoke him to do), the Satanic power on earth will be divided. The spirit world is in the archangel position.

The archangel was supposed to command and control Adam and Eve when they were growing. By the same token, the spirit world today is in the archangel position and should minister to the physical world. There are two kinds of angels. The angels which are God-centered must come to earth and liquidate all the fallen angels. The True Parents are on the earth and are establishing the domain of true love; upon this victorious foundation, therefore, the God-centered angels have much more power than Satan and the God-denying angels suffer great losses. This means that we can conquer his hold on the period of indirect dominion. We can reverse the tide; there is no longer a need for us to be defensive any longer. Now we are on the offensive. This is the focal point of the Divine Principle.

Third, today's Blessing of Heung Jin and Hoon Sook is an incredible blessing to all of us. Together they create the bridge which each of us can cross. It is the bridge of true love. Because we can now communicate with the spirit world as never before, Satan has no way to accuse that point any more. This is the Unification view of the Principle.

Tonight's gathering is not an ordinary one. I cannot miss this opportunity to express the truth. I want you to know very clearly the most significant meaning of this Blessing today. Previously there was no way that this support could come to us until the True Parents elevated into the spirit world and sent down this spiritual power. But the amazing blessing to the Unification movement is that while our True Parents are

reigning over the earth, the spiritual conditions have already been met by Heung Jin and that spiritual power is able to come to us at this time. This is similar to Jesus' crucifixion, which makes the base for the resurrection and salvation. By the same token, Satan attacked Heung Jin here on earth, but on the contrary, I turned it into an incredible blessing. This is the condition of love which allows the spiritual world and physical world to become one.

JOYFUL CELEBRATION IN HEAVEN

Truly this is an amazing blessing. If I had not appeared at this time, God would have been helpless. Without me, there was no way God could expand His dispensation. For that reason, God is truly grateful to me, and is celebrating in Heaven. The joyful celebration taking place in Heaven today cannot be compared to our celebration. Those in spirit world are different from us. We don't truly understand, even though the meaning may be explained to us. However, the spirit world already knows the impact and significance of this day. They are coming down and trying to protect me. They are pushing you, trying to make you learn the whole truth.

Some people may wonder what kind of dreamy world is this Unification world? What are they talking about? But you are in the advanced class. You must have absolute confidence and commitment to the True Parents' family and to the True Parents themselves. You must be confident that you can move forward. There is no victory you cannot win. You must understand that the direct dominion which the Divine Principle explains is possible to reach. Once you are in the direct dominion of God, unity is perfect and Satan would have no way to separate you from God.

During his reign over the indirect dominion, Satan has all kinds of conspiracies and plots which he implements to try to get us away from Heavenly Father. We all must work and move faster and faster with absolute faith, and the whole nation and tribe will follow us. It is all up to our commitment and conviction.

We all want to save the people of our nationality. Like Heung Jin, we must make up our minds, "Yes, God, I can give up my life for you. I can protect you. I can give up my life for the sake of your mission." After you die, you will naturally realize how true this is. While you are still living on earth, it is much better simply to know it. This is based on the most logical and reasonable principle. As much as God protects me, God is pushing the entire legions of spirits to protect you, so that we have nothing to fear. We must march on and win the victory.

Amen, Amen, Amen. ●

Editor's Note: Father refers to Heung Jin Nim as a king in the spirit world. Rev. Kwak explained to us recently, however, that the position of "King of kings" is of course reserved for True Parents when they ascend to spirit world.

UNIFICATION PENTECOST

COL. BO HI PAK
BANQUET, MANHATTAN CENTER
FEBRUARY 20, 1984

Col. Pak shared about the significance of Heung Jin Nim's Blessing before Father's speech at the Manhattan Center on February 20, 1984. He also expressed his heartfelt joy and gratitude about the two weddings and introduced his son Jin Sung Moon and his daughter Hoon Sook Moon to the audience.

Today we are not only celebrating great weddings in history. The most important thing to remember today is that we celebrate the ascension of Heung Jin Nim. As you know, Heung Jin Nim passed away on January 2, 1984 at 1:15 a.m. Today is exactly fifty days later.

Christianity began from Pentecost. When Jesus was crucified, there was a great deal of dissent among the disciples. They were weak and cowardly. Even the chief disciple, Peter, fled and denied Jesus three times. No single major disciple of Jesus Christ was there to die either in Jesus' place or together with him. Jesus' army was broken, dispersed, helpless, of no courage. During the first days after Jesus' death, none of the disciples worked together. However, on the fiftieth day, about 120 disciples assembled in Mark's upper room and prayed. All of a sudden, the Holy Spirit descended from Heaven like a whirlwind. Every single one of them received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues; they received revelations. Incredible power and spirit overwhelmed Mark's upper room.

Unification Church Pentecost

This morning at breakfast, Father stated very clearly that Christianity began on the fiftieth day after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ — the day of Pentecost. Today we are marking our Unification Church Pentecost. The sacrifice of Heung Jin Nim carries far greater importance than the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, because the True Parents are still on earth. Jesus did not have True Parents on earth after he ascended into Heaven. Not only do we have the presence of True Parents on earth today, but also the foundation which they laid on the clan, tribal, national and worldwide levels. The ascension of Heung Jin Nim to Heaven is upon this foundation of True Parents on earth. No one in all of human history has ever ascended into Heaven having received the true love of God conveyed through the True Parents except Heung Jin Nim. Of course there are many Unification Church members who have gone to spirit world, including the late President Eu. However, Father has stated that even though True Parents' family has already paid the sacrifice in the past, nothing can compare with Heung Jin Nim's sacrifice. The reason is that Heung Jin Nim is the only one who ascended into Heaven on the foundation of the True Parents' victory. The VOC rally victory in Korea during December 1983 particularly signifies an incredible foundation for the victory of True Parents on earth. It laid the national foundation to win the hearts of the



The four Blessed Couples within True Parents' family and Col. and Mrs. Pak.

people in Korea. Ever since Father won that victory in Korea, the entire spirit world has been mobilized.

Dr. Durst just read us news about the important victories of our church going out even through the UPI news service. There is now a united effort of Christian churches of America standing up for our church.

The national emphasis has been changing. This is the reason that Father won the foundation in Korea, upon the foundation of the worldwide victory. In addition, Heung Jin Nim gave his life on behalf of Father. This is why today is so significant. The natural death and ascension of any member of the True Family could not ever compare. The reason is that only Heung Jin Nim served the providential role most important in our Unification Church — to safeguard the life of our True Parents. That is

precisely what Heung Jin Nim did. That is why his death, his passing, is so significant. It moved the entire history of heaven and earth. That is why he is the king in spirit world, the commander-in-chief in the spirit world and why there were incredible things happening here on earth these last fifty days. Heung Jin Nim has also appeared in the London church, churches in Africa and South America. Of course he also appeared in our Korean churches. Heung Jin Nim is working everywhere. His spirit is with this celebration today. His spirit is with his bride today. . .

Col. Pak's Pledge

The Unification members are the people who will conquer death. Death will be no more. There is no such thing as death on the earth. Today I pledge in front of our True Father and Mother that I have no more blessings to wish for. I have already received too much. One child becoming a part of True Parents' family is already extraordinary. But two children joining the True Parents' family is too much. I just don't deserve such a blessing. I pledge only one thing. Father—give me courage, inspiration and power. Let me die well when the time comes. When you need a sacrifice, please call upon me. That is the only thing more I want to request tonight. . .

Heung Jin Nim does not stay up in the spirit world all the time. Father said that Heung Jin Nim is totally free to come up and down all the time, any time he desires. The spiritual and physical worlds are now one world, no longer two. We live in both worlds right now. I can only expect great things to come to you, to every nation in which our Unification movement is working because the Holy Spirit has descended. We have True Parents on the earth and our king in the spirit world, Heung Jin Nim. God sent Jesus to the earth as savior. True Parents, in a way, dispatched the most important special ambassador to Heaven. It is an amazing kind of parallel. God sent Jesus to earth. True Parents, the king and queen of the whole world, sent their best soldier to the spirit world so that he could perform the True Parents' duty there. Because of that, True Father said our dispensation will advance far more quickly than before. Father told us this morning that the work Heung Jin Nim will do from the spirit world was only to happen after True Parents ascended into Heaven. What joy we can celebrate today! Father and Mother are still with us here on earth. But the king who has been loyal and faithful to True Parents and who will do exactly what True Parents would do when they ascend into Heaven is now working in the spirit world. This is the meaning of this day of celebration. It is a victory for Heung Jin Nim and a victory for True Parents, the True Family, and the Unification movement. We all want to share in their joy.

About In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim

I would like also to share the great joy of In Jin Nim as a bride today. In Jin Nim is one of the beautiful children of our True Parents. She is gifted, charming. During our meal, I sat next to Hyun Jin Nim. Since I know they are very close, I asked him what he would say was the single most important fact he could offer about In Jin Nim. Hyun Jin Nim said, "My sister is a wonderful person. So warm-hearted, soft-hearted. Pure and kind." What more could anyone ask of a person? . . . She has blossomed into such a beautiful woman. Today, Father blessed her. She was given in marriage today to a young man who used to be my son. Jin Sung Nim, this is a great day for you, too.

Jin Sung Nim is a student of the University of Pennsylvania in his senior year. Before he was born in 1963, my wife received a great dream. In it, Father came down with a basket from Heaven and placed a male child in my wife's arms. Everybody landed on green pastures full of flowers and there was a great

celebration. In that same dream, she saw that Father was a conductor, conducting the entire world.

Jin Sung Nim has been an obedient son, very faithful to Father and Mother. Last summer he faced a great test. Father summoned him to Ocean Church for the entire summer. He was to spend 85 days in Gloucester. In fact, he was the first one True Parents selected. At that point, I, as his physical father, admired my son deeply in my heart for the first time because, I honestly confess, that I could not do that. I could not spend 85 days on the sea. During that summer, Jin Sung Nim told me that he wanted to follow the example of Father. He told me that he did not want to take any naps during the day. He wanted to rise earlier than Father and go to bed after Father.

Jin Sung Nim is American-born and his Korean is not as fluent as that of the other blessed children. But he told me that when he really concentrates and listens hard to Father, he understands deeply what Father says. He feels incredible inspiration listening to Father's words. And now God has blessed him today. That summer he caught probably the biggest tuna in all of last year's tournament: 1,040 pounds. I feel it was not by accident. When I look back on his life now, such incidents tell me something.

Currently he is doing very well at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a straight "A" student. He even received an "A+" in one particular subject, and by doing so, set a precedent in that one subject. At the same time, he is also involved in many campus activities. . . . He is President of the Korean Cultural Society at the University of Pennsylvania. He is founder and publisher of the college campus newspaper called *The Red and Blue*, a conservative newspaper that opposes the liberal campus newspaper. He is the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Student Activity Council of the University of Pennsylvania. He is also Chairman of the United Minority Council, the governing body of all minority students at the University of Pennsylvania. He is also a member of Sphinx, the senior honor society. He is among the top twenty of two thousand senior students, the top one percent of his class. I do not know where he will go. That depends on Father's order. I know he is ready to follow Father's footsteps and set the tradition of our Unification movement.

About Hoon Sook Nim

I would also like to say a word about Hoon Sook Nim. She is now a professional ballerina. She was a member of the Little Angels of Korea. Father initiated the Little Angels in 1962. By 1965 the Little Angels travelled from Korea to the United States. Their first performance here was at Gettysburg, given in honor of the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower. For the last twenty years, the Little Angels have given over two thousand live performances and two hundred TV performances. They have met over thirty heads of state.

At one point the Little Angels performed in New York at the United Nations Assembly Hall. True Parents attended that particular benefit performance for UNICEF. The Little Angels are Father's cultural ambassadors to the world. . .

Hoon Sook Nim toured the world three times—throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. At that time, she was the only English-speaking child in the group, and when they travelled to the United States and Canada, she was the only one who introduced them in English. This little Korean child came out as emcee and spoke perfect English. Even before they danced, she had won the audience.

She went back to Korea to attend the Little Angels Junior High School, during which time she won the distinguished honor student award five times. She was one of the top ten students in the entire school. Four times she won the Artist



Col. and Mrs. Pak express their gratitude and joy by three full bows on stage.

Scholarship Award and the Little Angels Award. Three times she won the Meritorious Service Award. After graduation, instead of going on to college, she joined the Royal Ballet Academy in London. She moved on to the Princess Grace Academy of Dance in Monte Carlo, Monaco for advanced professional training in ballet. She participated in the Lausanne Junior Ballet Competition in Lima, Peru at the International Dance Festival. After that, she joined the Ohio Ballet Professional Company. Later she joined the Washington Ballet Company, and has been performing with them all over the world. She won the Gold Medal at the National Dance Competition in Korea. She was one of the finalists of the Lausanne International Dance Competition and awarded the Certificate of Appreciation by the Peru International Dance Competition for outstanding demonstration. In fact, she was in Hong Kong doing a tour which was not yet ended when she was called to participate in the matching. She knew that the blessed children were assembling at East Garden and obeyed the order to come. She flew here without knowing anything, arriving at East Garden on February 12. Many people have commented that there is some quality of heavenliness in her dance. It is spiritual. Even the *Washington Post* implied that. I bet you dollars to donuts, they did not know she was my daughter!

The most important thing is not how well she dances. The most important thing is that she understands True Father, True Mother, the True Parents, the True Family, the Unification movement, the Unification goal, as well as our way of life. She has proved it to me so amply during this time. I am ready to bow down to her one thousand times, even one million times. My gratitude and love for her will never end.

This Is Our Day

My dear brothers and sisters, this is a great day. But this is not just a day for these two blessed couples. It is your day. It is my day. True Parents' day. True Family's day. Spirit world's day. Father said that there is a great celebration going on in the spirit world right now. A spiritual whirlwind, a spiritual storm is taking place. We only have to capitalize on it.

In front of our True Parents, tonight we are all blessed. The marriages of In Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim become our marriages.

When I visited the *Washington Times*, many staff members came up to me and said that they felt as if they were getting matched and blessed again. The excitement spreading all over the world is incredible. Please capitalize on it. ●

“I AM NOT WORTHY”

by *Jin Sung Moon*

Bridegroom of In Jin Moon

AT THE BLESSING CELEBRATION

MANHATTAN CENTER

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, first of all I apologize to our True Parents that I have to speak in English tonight. I promise Father and Mother that I will speak Korean fluently very soon. I won't need until 1990 to do it either, that's for sure.

Father and Mother, I have no proper words to speak at this hour for the great blessing you have bestowed upon me in this Holy Wedding with In Jin Nim, your True Daughter. In a million years, I would never deserve to become the husband of In Jin Nim. For this reason, I can only thank God and True Parents for this extraordinary blessing.

Father and Mother, today, I have become your son, a member of the Moon family, the greatest, most sacred family in the entire history of mankind and in the entire world. Again, I am not worthy. The only logical way I know to take this blessing is as a pure gift from God and as a gift from you, True Parents. And my mission is to work to deserve it for the rest of my life.

I promise and pledge, Father and Mother, that I will do everything in my power to deserve this blessing. Father and Mother, In Jin Nim is now my wife, the finest young lady and most beautiful princess in the entire world. Please, Father and Mother, be assured that I will serve her, love her, attend her the way Heavenly Father wants me to.

But, I also know through the teaching of our True Father that this blessing and any blessing is not for ourselves. We are blessed because you expect us to fulfill God's will... that is, to consummate the purpose of creation here on earth so that we can create the Kingdom of God on earth. So I know in my inmost heart that this blessing came today to fulfill True Parents' ideal. I pledge today, and I know In Jin Nim joins with me, to pledge our lives to protect you, serve you, love you and fulfill your dreams unto our lives. My life is yours, Father and Mother, so please take it, command it, do as you wish. We shall be your obedient son and daughter.

True Parents and Brothers and Sisters, you know, I have been born and brought up in the Pak family. I was very fortunate to have Col. and Mrs. Pak as my physical parents. They are wonderful parents to all of their children and they are absolutely dedicated to True Parents. I have always admired my Dad. Since he is so close to True Parents, Satan has hated him, and now all of the communists hate him. I always look to my Dad as my future model and I want absolutely to follow in his footsteps. My Mom for me is a saint. She has been my perfect mother.

But then today I joined the Moon family. The first thing that came to my mind is that now I must be better than my Dad. That is virtually impossible. That is not a small order. But, Father and Mother, I pledge today that I'll do my very best to be better than my Dad's standard because I am now your son. If I cannot keep up with my Dad, then I know I have a good helper. I'll borrow some of In Jin Nim's power and push.

Father and Mother, I pledge I will live with pride and honor as a member of the True Parents' family. I will absolutely live up to your standard and I will uphold the Unification Church tradition. I will work for the entire Unification Church movement around the world. I will give tears, sweat, blood, and my life in love of humanity and the world, as you, our beloved True Parents, have so powerfully demonstrated with your own lives.



Jin Sung Nim presents a song to the audience.

Now I want to thank you, Jin Whi Nim and Ye Jin Nim, for all of the guidance and help you give me. I respect you as my eldest brother and sister and will unite completely with you. I will love Shin Bok Nim and Shin Goon Nim very much.

Hyo Jin Nim, you are truly another dear, dear, elder brother. I will never let you down. You have your most lovely wife, Nan Sook Nim, and your beautiful daughter, Shin Jung Nim. In Jin Nim and I will follow your beautiful footsteps. I will love all my new brothers and sisters. I will faithfully help them in whatever way I can as their elder brother.

Father and Mother, I give our special thanks and appreciation to you for choosing my sister Hoon Sook as Heung Jin Nim's bride. I know Hoon Sook very well. I truly feel your choice is absolutely heavenly. I know my sister Hoon Sook will faithfully discharge her sacred responsibility as the bride of Heung Jin Nim, and I will totally love and support her. Please trust us that we will never let her down in our entire lives.

Now, I want to thank all of the Unification Church leaders and members worldwide for your dedicated service and love to our True Parents. Thank you for your kind congratulations for our Blessing today. We can repay you only by living up to our True Parents' standard and expectations. I have every intention to do so. Thank you very much for your support and prayers.

Finally, Father and Mother, I have one more thing I beg you to understand. I'm not such a good singer. I know I am already failing the True Parents' family tradition because all of the True Parents' family members are such great singers. So I am afraid I may have to disappoint you. That's why I know you gave me a wife who is not only beautiful, but also a great singer. I know she can compensate for my poor singing. Again, I promise you I will become a better singer in the future.

Thank you very much. ●

“I WILL SERVE YOU FAITHFULLY”

by Hoon Sook Moon
Bride of Heung Jin Moon
AT THE BLESSING CELEBRATION
MANHATTAN CENTER

Dear Mother and Father, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Please accept my deep gratitude for the Blessing with Heung Jin Nim, who was one of the Heavenly Princes while he was on earth. Now, he is a King in the spirit world, representing our True Parents.

I will never forget in my whole life and for eternity this greatest honor of being Heung Jin Nim's bride, which I do not deserve.

Father and Mother, I now pledge to become a faithful wife to Heung Jin Nim, with the highest respect and love. I shall attend him with my heart and soul forever, while I am on earth and later in Heaven. I shall also pledge that I will become a faithful daughter of our True Parents.

Mother, I have a special appeal to you today. I know you have shed endless tears after the passing of Heung Jin Nim. I feel so deeply your sorrow in sending your beloved son prematurely to spirit world. He passed away in place of our Father. He sacrificed his life for the world and mankind. I want to give you comfort and love. Please look at me... my smiling face every day. And please, kindly shed no more tears. I will serve you faithfully in place of Heung Jin Nim and I will live joyfully and happily for you, Mother, the life span that Heung Jin Nim did not live during his brief time here on earth. I will live in the place of Heung Jin Nim with strength, dignity, with honor and love, which was the symbol of Heung Jin Nim's life.

Father and Mother, please do not worry about me even a little. I will be strong. I will be happy and, most important, I will never be lonely because I have your love.

Father and Mother, I will love all the True Children; I will unite especially with In Jin Nim, who has been blessed today with my own brother. I will become your joy and your pride along with the other True Children.

I will also make an absolute effort to pursue my artistic training, so that I will become a great artist representing our True Parents in the artistic world.

Father and Mother, once again I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am the happiest girl in the entire world. I have no way to repay all the blessings you gave me except to love you will all my heart, all my mind, all my soul.

Now I want to give my thanks and appreciation to my physical parents. Thank you for giving me this life and for bringing me up until now, so that I can receive this most wonderful blessing. Mom, I will never forget your love.

My brother, Jin Sung Nim, please accept my heartfelt congratulations for your blessing with In Jin Nim, who is one of the finest princesses of True Parents. I love In Jin Nim very much and I will unite with her always.

Father and Mother, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Ye Jin Nim, Jin Whi Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, Nan Sook Nim, Un Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Kwon Jin



Hoon Sook Nim delivering her moving speech.

Nim, Sun Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim, Yeon Jin Nim, Jeong Jin Nim—all my new brothers and sisters. I am so honored and happy to become a member of the family of our True Parents with all these wonderful True Brothers and Sisters. I know Heung Jin Nim is here with me today, and that he is also as happy as I am.

Now I would like to thank all leaders and members of the Unification Church worldwide. I thank you for your prayers and your care and love for Heung Jin Nim. Also, I want to thank all of you who worked so hard to make this beautiful celebration possible. I know Heung Jin Nim will always be with you.

Finally, I would like to pray for a long, long life for our True Parents. Father and Mother, once again, thank you—thank you for choosing me to become Heung Jin Nim's bride and your daughter. Father and Mother, I pledge that I will become the joy and pride of the True Parents' family. I love you both very much. . .

Thank you very much.

I just wanted to say one more thing. I don't want you to misunderstand the reason why I cried. It is because I feel so unworthy of this blessing that True Parents have given me. And I am just so overwhelmed with the love our True Parents have given me and all the True Children have loved me so much even just these past few days. I will truly do my very best, Father and Mother, to serve you in the place of Heung Jin Nim, and serve all my brothers and sisters. ●



On Feb. 12, 1984 Father called several blessed children to Belvedere to find eternal mates for Heung Jin Nim and In Jin Nim.



Engagement prayer with the newly matched couple: Jin Sung Nim and In Jin Nim.



Engagement prayer for Heung Jin Nim and Hoon Sook Nim.

BENEDICTION

FOR THE BLESSING OF HEUNG JIN NIM AND HOON SOOK NIM

Beloved Heavenly Father,

Today, February 20, 1984, is the fiftieth day since Heung Jin departed for the spirit world. It is also the fortieth day since Sam O Je is over.*

Since the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, forsook the blessing — which could only have been inherited as the worldwide cultural tradition had they fulfilled the responsibility of True Parents — Heaven could not see the realization of the ideal of creation. Wandering behind the scenes of human history, God led His providence of restoration through numerous courses over four thousand years, centering upon the chosen people, the Israelites. We understand that Your will was to embrace the Cain territory of the Roman Empire centered upon the Abel territory, Israel, together with Eastern Asia and Asia. However, because the chosen people could not unite with the Messiah, the world could not be united with the Messiah. Jesus had to carry the tragic cross and leave his responsibility unfulfilled, making the Second Coming inevitable.

Therefore, in order to restore the standard that Israel had lost to Satan, Christianity had to undergo the four hundred year period of persecution by entering the enemy's territory, the Roman Empire. Based upon its victory over the Roman Empire, Christianity could finally start its providence on the worldwide level. Yet the Catholic Church in Europe could not accomplish its responsibility, and Protestantism had to appear. Thus, a sad history of Cain and Abel emerged in Christianity. America, in the position of the second son, Abel, has grown up as a primarily Protestant nation. As a nation representative of Christian culture, America brought about a unified world through its victory in World War II.

In such circumstances, True Parents were born in Korea. They came to earth with the will to establish one world by embracing the Christian cultural sphere and the free world, and thus relieve the grief and heartbreak of Jesus who could not accomplish on the worldwide level. However, because of the opposition of both Korean and American Christianity, and their disunity, the Unification Church had to start from the beginning, and undergo a course of struggle to inherit the Christian cultural sphere. Now we are going through a forty year course in the wilderness, which will end in two years. In this historical era, we understand that it is providentially significant to elevate True Parents' love from the national to the worldwide level by connecting the national to the worldwide foundation. This will restore the foundation of the land of Canaan, centered upon a new Israel.

In this unprincipled fallen world, all suffering is caused by Satan. The first Messiah should have prevailed over Satan both on the national and worldwide levels, but due to his failure, True Parents were put in the position of indemnifying that failure. Thus, they erected the Unification Church on the worldwide level on behalf of Christianity, and the Unification cultural sphere on behalf of the cultural sphere of the free world. Now they are in the process of moving forward towards the pinnacle of building a new nation of God.

1983 was the year in which the True Parents had to bring a victory centered on Korea, both spiritually and physically, by relieving all the suffering of Jesus. For this purpose they went to Korea and assembled a

large group of professors from 72 nations to lead a dispensation through which Korea, the Korean churches, and the Korean people could welcome them. In such an intense historical situation, Satan knew that his controlling power over the world would be diminished, and he attempted desperately to interrupt this dispensation by all means. However, due to the victorious condition set by True Parents, he had no basis to invade them, and he had to admit their authority over Korea and the world. Therefore, instead, Satan was forced to claim the mistakes made by Korea, Christianity, the free world, the blessed couples of the Unification Church — including the 36 couples — who could not be unified centered on True Parents' will, and even True Parents' family; and God could not help but allow Satan a conditional offering.

Children in the position of Abel have always been attacked by Satan. Therefore, President Hyo Won Eu, whose family was the second of the first three families which represent twelve families, had to die outside his home. Further, Heung Jin, True Parents' second son, had to go to the spirit world as a sacrifice.

However, we know that the position of Heung Jin in spirit world is different from that of Jesus. While on earth True Parents laid a victorious foundation of love for both Korea and the world so that the authority of Satan was destroyed. Satan is in a position where he should have to yield his entire world to True Parents even conditionally, without Heung Jin's sacrifice. Heung Jin's position is naturally different from that of God's beloved son, Jesus; Jesus caused deep pain and sorrow to God through his death, whereas True Parents sent their son as a delegate of love to spirit world to relieve God's pain and sorrow by preparing the foundation for the liberation of spirit world. And on this day, so much like Pentecost, I bless Heung Jin in the spirit world and Hoon Sook on earth as an eternal couple.

Hereafter, the substantial holy spirit foundation is established on earth, for Heung Jin has opened a gate through which the spiritual and physical worlds can freely communicate. This has enabled the Victorious Day of Love** to be proclaimed. True Parents' love has led a providence of resurrection to prevail over false love and death. Spirit world has become one with Korea and Heung Jin, and thus Abel's sovereign powers have begun. And, as all kings throughout the world who are Cain sovereign powers become united, Abel sovereign powers can expand. For this reason, not only the innumerable people who had believed in Abel-position religions, but also the good spirits who are now trying to work for Judaism, Christianity and Unification Church, can build the foundation for the Kingdom of Heaven in spirit world through their unity as a people under Abel-sovereign powers. All of this has come to pass thanks to True Parents' love. Thus, because God's love can prevail over Satan's dominion, and earthly love and heavenly love can be directly related, we deeply praise Heung Jin's accomplishment.

Heung Jin, before the night you left for the spirit world, True Parents held the Unification Ceremony so that True Parents, True Children, all the blessed families, all the worldly families, all mankind, Christianity and the free world could be united centering upon True Parents, True Children and blessed families. And afterwards, I promised you, through a prayer, that I would bless you and give you an adopted child. Therefore, in order to observe my words to you, today, in the name of True Parents, I chose Hoon Sook as your bride, and hope that you will be happy with this Blessing. I pray that you will gratefully accept this historic and providential mission endowed by God—to bring the once lonely king and sovereign powers in spirit world to be connected with those in the physical world. Then the earthly Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world can be united, thus dissolving the suffering of God and True Parents.

True Parents are asking that you, as a young king, be responsible for all the good spirits so that they can cooperate with all the good people on earth and establish one united world, by eliminating the evil sphere in the free world and all of the communist world, and transforming this dark world into one which is under God's direct dominion of love. We know that this is what God desires from you, and we hope that you can fulfill this responsibility.



Heavenly Father, as True Parents on earth bless Heung Jin and Hoon Sook as an eternal couple, please joyfully accept this Blessing. It bridges the spiritual and physical worlds through the direct union of love prevailing over Satan's dominion. This is not only a time of feasting in the spirit world but also in the physical world. Please let this Blessing unite heaven and earth, and mobilize all the good spirits in the spirit world to come to earth so that they can be resurrected on this glorious day.

We offer this day of Blessing in rapture and gratitude. Please accept this day in gladness. Please bless all the groups of people from all over the world assembled here, and guide them to pray for Heung Jin and Hoon Sook who have come into union. Let the couples of In Jin, Ye Jin and Hyo Jin all be united in heart, and let them be guards for Heung Jin and his bride. We believe that you will be able to remove all the evil forces which hinder the spirit world and physical world from coming together, by having True Parents sit on the foundation of the love of these four couples. Let all the Unification Church members follow the example of Hoon Sook, and elevate the standard of the Unification Church through love and unity. We know that if they do so, Heaven can be with them, and the foundation for Heung Jin to cooperate with them can also be established. Thus, let them lead lives of filial piety and loyalty in accordance with Your will.

We thank you for Your blessings upon this day, and for having accepted Heung Jin and Hoon Sook as an eternal couple. We pray in the name of True Parents.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

**Sam O Je: A Korean traditional ceremony of greeting the dead at the tomb three days after the burial of the corpse.*

***Victorious Day of Love: Ae Seung Il, in Korean.*



Entrance of bride and bridegroom, In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim.

TASTING A BIT OF HEAVEN

by Nancy (Neiland) Barton

The fog covering the still-to-be lit Manhattan sky was dense. Misty-eyed on the dawn of this momentous occasion, like many others, I felt as though this were Heaven. It was February 20, 1984, the day of the Holy Blessing of Jin Sung Pak and In Jin Moon, and Heung Jin Moon and Hoon Sook Pak. Both the spiritual and physical worlds were waiting in anticipation; we were all to witness a miracle.

Several of us started out from the World Mission Center shortly before 6:00 a.m. for Belvedere. On the way, Mr. Shunichiro Yoshida and I commented on the weather, wondering how the day would actually turn out. Mr. Chong Jik Woo mentioned that perhaps the fog would act as the bridge allowing the spirit of Heung Jin Nim to come more easily to earth. Soon enough, the fog dissipated. Heung Jin Nim must have arrived.

In less than four hours, everything would start. Peeking from the back entrance near the kitchen of Belvedere's Main House, I saw staff members scurrying between various rooms. White sheets leading in and out of the Blessing Hall were still being tacked over the usually-bright red carpet of Belvedere's main hall. The banner needed straightening. Candelabras accepted long white candles one brother bestowed upon them. Several brothers were finalizing details of the stage construction, while others were placing flower arrangements with care. A sea of white seemed to engulf the transformed library. The Blessing Hall was decorated beautifully.

As the buses arrived, the sky erased its grey and replaced it with bright blue. A table was set up in the parking lot below the steps near the side entrance in order that we could register those who attended, giving them programs and asking them to sign guest books. Shortly after their arrival, participants changed

into their white robes and gathered near the registration table waiting to enter the Main House. The anticipation to witness such an event was not only in the air, but in the faces of those Korean, Japanese and Western blessed couples. Special smiles seemed to turn up on almost everyone.

After registration, as the participants filed into the Main House, I slipped into the basement and made my way up the back stairway to find my own white robes. I had left them in a small room not far from the kitchen. When I went in, I was astounded to see some of the blessed children who were to attend the brides and grooms in the two different ceremonies. Dressed in pale pink and ruffles, there was no way these young girls could contain their excitement. Laughter. Talking. More laughter. And after a few minutes, they broke into Korean songs. I was impressed by their beautiful harmony, definitely not simply the blending of their voices.



Jin Sung Nim and In Jin Nim exchange rings and watches.



Jin Sung Nim and In Jin Nim, now husband and wife, leave the Blessing Hall.

I had the privilege to help the General Affairs Division of the Blessing Committee before the event as well that day. Some of the most important things which that staff was responsible to provide for the Western style wedding were streamers, horns and confetti which were to be showered upon the couples as they exited the Blessing Hall. Several days after the Blessings, I talked to a few of my co-workers about their impressions. The consensus was similar. We were pleased to see how the elder couples and leaders of our worldwide family took the opportunity to truly be children of our True Parents. Usually we see them as our elder brothers and sisters, and in their positions as the leaders under True Parents. Yet surprisingly enough, that day many of them were delighted at the prospect of tossing pink and white heart-shaped confetti or throwing multi-colored streamers while blowing a horn. Each of them displayed such freedom to rejoice with our Heavenly Father and True Parents at these two historic weddings and with this, surely bringing joy to the True Family as well.

I felt, as did several of my co-workers, the impact of unity among the

leaders. Hearts beat in accordance with our Father's direction to hold these Blessings one week to the day after he announced them. Everyone knew the historical importance of that day and responded in obedience to our True Parents.

When it was time, some of the elder couples from the different Blessings took their places in the Blessing Hall. Space was reserved for the True Family as well as for the Pak family. Many other participants stood in the doorways of the living room and dining room, craning their necks at appropriate times for the best view possible. In addition, there were members several rows deep along the two walls of the hallway.

I was standing in the area where the quartet performed, just outside the Blessing Hall. My view to the main hallway was blocked; however, at just a few minutes before 10:00 a.m., a familiar voice floated from the second floor. Father wanted to know if everything was ready. The audience hushed quickly and immediately became reverent. A signal was given and the music started. True Parents walked down the main staircase and came into view. Father's face was

steady and determined. As always, True Mother's beauty seems to increase with the years.

The first ceremony was about to begin. The familiar notes of the famous wedding marches drew the first couple past my vantage point and into the Hall. But I took my moment to look at them as they passed. In Jin Nim was a lovely bride in all senses of the word. We have enjoyed her on stage countless times, soulfully singing her songs of love to Heaven, to True Parents, and to our membership. It was not so long ago that she also gave such a tearful portrait of love through her words at the Belvedere *Seung hwa* Ceremony for her beloved brother, Heung Jin Nim. Certainly we cannot forget what she said, how she revealed more of her brother as well as our True Parents to all of us. But at this moment, she lifted us in ways that songs and words could never do. Her beautiful face showed us the depth of her commitment to follow the Will of our Heavenly Father, and obey her True Parents. She conducted herself with the dignity and grace that she has obviously studied from our Mother. Her handsome groom, Jin Sung Nim, walked beside her with

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HEUNG JIN MOON
bridegroom,
HOON SOOK PAK
bride



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JIN SUNG PAK
bridegroom,
IN JIN MOON
bride



such humility yet heavenly pride to have been the one chosen to care for this princess. They looked so beautiful together, so ready to live their lives not simply for the moment, but for history.

I could not physically see their Blessing ceremony being performed from where I was standing; however, the tone of our Father's voice as well as those who offered prayers and congratulatory messages expressed the desire all of us had in wishing them a life that is enriched with the love of God. As they left the Blessing Hall, I sensed how precious these two children were to our True Parents. The purity of their vertical love was so evident in their faces.

After our True Parents left the library and went up to the second floor to wait for the start of the second ceremony, there was a massive cleanup of the confetti and streamers. Another white runner was placed over the carpet in preparation. And people lined up again.

Several of us had previously talked among ourselves and speculated as to who would represent Heung Jin Nim, but until I saw our very dignified elder brother, Col. Pak holding the picture of his daughter's bridegroom, I could not imagine how special this scene would be. I was not alone in the experience of taking a look through my tears. I will never forget her face: beautiful . . . serene. . . calm. And ready to become a daughter of Heaven. Most of us have seen Col. Pak so many times before, but that day in one way he did not look like Col. Pak to me. I feel he brought more than simply the picture of our Heung Jin Nim into the ceremony.

The atmosphere of this Blessing ceremony seemed different somehow. One had the sense that there was virtually no "elbow room" left because of the thousands or perhaps millions of spiritual beings who had crowded themselves into every corner to witness this union. Again, I could not see our True Parents or the couple as this ceremony was performed. I only have second-hand bits of information about the tear-stained faces of the True Children, particularly Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim. But I think that even second-hand bits of information can speak to us.

I regretted deeply my inability to understand Korean. Although Father's Blessing prayer for this ceremony has been translated, we who are the recipients of a translation lose a great deal of the depth and character of the original words our Father proclaimed at this his-



Father declares Heung Jin Nim and Hoon Sook Nim as husband and wife before heaven and earth.

toric event. I am sure that Dr. Durst, and Rev. Young Whi Kim who offered the prayer and congratulatory hymn for the first ceremony, as well as Dr. Kuboki, Rev. Jae Suk Lee, and Mr. Kwang Yul Yoo who offered the prayer, congratulatory address and congratulatory poem for the second ceremony, prepared long and hard to bring forth the glory of this event through their words. The Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, also painstakingly selected his words of introduction to each of the events of the program in order to connect them to the Principle and show us the significance of this historic Blessing.

I could not help but notice the three blessed girls who had been the attendants in Jin Sung Nim's and In Jin Nim's Blessing. During this ceremony, they stood directly outside the Hall and across from where I stood. I could see them gaze into the Hall. What a contrast to their light and lyrical singing of several hours earlier. Their eyes were filled with tears; I saw them mouth prayers.

Perhaps the greatest climax of the day for me was watching this couple exit the Hall. Again, I did not know what to expect, and in a way, at first I was rather

surprised that it was Hoon Sook Nim who carried Heung Jin Nim's picture. Of course it was appropriate; for all eternity, they belong to each other. It was more than the word "beautiful" could describe. When she walked out with her groom, Hoon Sook Nim absolutely shone. Just as I will never forget her face when she walked into the ceremony, the picture of her smile as they walked out is forever etched in my mind. Her happiness and joy spilled into each of our hearts. I don't know how many people could keep their eyes dry. There was no mistaking her love for God, for True Parents and for her new husband. And she gave a piece of that joy to all of us who attended that morning ceremony.

Yet it was not just those who witnessed the Blessing who were given this gift. I feel that the Blessing Banquet was also an extraordinary way to share in both these Blessings. There are countless things one could describe about the Banquet; the decorations, the candlelight dinner, not to mention the wonderful entertainment provided by the members of Performing Arts. Yet when the couples were asked to come to the stage, everyone felt mounting excitement.

Jin Sung Nim began, and his loving tribute to True Parents, his bride, and his physical parents is contained within this issue. From his presentation we were able to see the absolute sincerity and dedication this man has to live up to the ideal of a Blessed Couple. He moved everyone with his words. And In Jin Nim graciously gave us a gift of song. She dedicated "Mother of Mine" to our True Mother; In Jin Nim's portrayal of how her heart was connected with God's work in her life touched each of us in a special way.

When Hoon Sook Nim came to the stage, she gave her testimony first in Korean and then in English. Her testimony, too, is included in this issue. As she spoke, tears came. Later she clarified that the reason she cried is that she felt so unworthy to receive such a blessing; she pledged that during her life on earth, she would strive to bring joy to the True Parents, living in the place of Heung Jin Nim, especially to wipe away Mother's tears. Col. Pak sang when it was Heung Jin Nim's turn. And for all his apologies regarding his singing voice, he sounded pretty good! Perhaps someone harmonized with him. . . ?

Each of us who attended was mesmerized by the spirit, and felt that perhaps we tasted a bit of Heaven that



Hoon Sook Nim's face radiates inner joy and happiness as she leaves the Hall.

day. We heard Col. Pak give testimony about the two couples, and were treated to a speech by our True Father, as well. Father clarified several points about the importance and meaning of these Blessings, educating us also about the reality of the unification of physical and spiritual worlds. He even shared with us some details of Heung Jin Nim's mission in the spiritual world.

Reading over Father's speech, I was re-inspired by the providential role that Heung Jin Nim is playing in history. Father is asking each of us to become united with both Heung Jin Nim and Hoon Sook Nim. This can be done when we heartistically respect the loyalty, filial piety and sacrificial spirit of Heung Jin Nim. Also, when we can connect our prayers for Hoon Sook Nim in her own spirit of sacrifice, Satan has no opportunity to accuse us. It is obvious to me, that although these two couples were given the Blessing on that day, each Unification Church member received the grace of God as well.

After Father and Mother sang several songs for us, and we closed the celebration with three cheers of Mansei, I again felt so strongly the presence of the spiritual world. The last cheer was dedicated to Heung Jin Nim. I believe he led those same cheers in the spiritual world, but that he, too, was on the stage with his True Parents, his bride, and his sister and new brother-in-law. His pledge has already been made before Heaven. It is up to each of us to receive the benefit of his pledge gratefully, and help him by solidifying our own. ●



The day was celebrated with 500 guests at the Manhattan Center with classical music, songs dedicated to the brides and bridegrooms, as well as testimonial speeches by Col. Pak, Jin Sung Nim and Hoon Sook Nim.



PENTECOST IN GREAT BRITAIN

John Harris Kirkley was sent by Today's World to observe the events occurring in England. Following is his report.

The Unification Church in England, under the spiritual direction of Mr. and Mrs. Masatoshi Abe, conducted a forty day witnessing condition from January 21 to February 29, 1984. They had originally set a goal of two hundred new members, met this goal by the end of twenty days, raised the goal to five hundred, and ended up with 733!

Determination Ceremony

The condition began with a "Determination Ceremony" at which Mr. Abe set the national goal of two hundred members and each person, region, and department set the goals that would be necessary to attain that result. Mr. Abe explained the internal motivation which members should have: "The spirit of this forty day condition is not only to get new members for the Unification Church in England, but to save this nation and to fulfill our True Parents' ideal — to create and establish the Fatherland." He expressed his conviction that "six thousand people are already prepared," but "how we find them is our responsibility."

On the fourth day of the condition, Heung Jin Nim appeared to one of the sisters in the London region and later spoke through her to members assembled on January 29, their monthly "National Witnessing Day." Five hundred cities hosted a "National Family Festival" with the Go World Band, songs, speeches and refreshments. There was constant communication between the four different regions in England and each was inspired and stimulated to greater activity as charts and graphs were circulated reporting the progress in new members. Headquarters staff from Lancaster Gate, regional leaders and members, MFT, and home members were dedicating themselves 100% and gaining "incredible results," as their testimonies reveal.

Heung Jin Nim's Message

On February 28, the penultimate day of the condition, Heung Jin Nim appeared to the sister we shall call here "Faith Jones," and expressed his desire "to thank all brothers and sisters for working with him and bringing a victorious foundation for Britain. Because of this, he feels con-

fident to go forward and work with Europe. He wants the National Meeting to be a blessing and gift from him to members because of their unity with him. He wants this to be a day of rejoicing entitled THE DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR A VICTORIOUS FOUNDATION IN EUROPE and he wants the celebration to be held Sunday, March 4."

The sister, Faith Jones, reported this to her regional leader, who in turn reported it to Mr. Hamish Robertson, Director of the Unification Church in England. They then invited the British members to attend the celebration at Lancaster Gate.

Tim Miller was master of ceremonies, and the program began with Holy Songs, an opening prayer by Mr. Robertson, and the offering by Mr. Abe of the membership cards from the 733 new members to God and True Parents. Martin Warner, Director of Witnessing for the national church, and the regional leaders gave reports, followed by testimonies from four members who had been most successful in gaining new members. Prizes were given to the winning regions and individuals. Mr. Abe set the goals for the rest of the year. And then everyone

rejoiced with a round of picture-taking by members of the Japanese and American churches, invited to report the event. Finally a large cake the size of a desk top appeared, with a map of England in chocolate and candied cherries marking the major cities, and the title of the day's celebration written in rainbow colors with confectioner's sugar.

How Did Success Come About?

But how did they do it? How did this unprecedented success come about? In asking these questions of British members, it seemed there were three important pre-conditions to this national-level success: the spiritual foundation, the structure of HSA in Europe, and a new concept of membership.

“The welcome we received from so many people — they invited us in, sat us down, and drew out their best china — was all based on the foundation established in 1978 when True Parents and the seminarians were here,” said Ed Stacey, regional director of Northern England. “Rev. Won Pil Kim was appointed by Father to be Home Church Director here for two years,” explained David Fraser Harris, head of public relations for the British Church. “The first year, he kept very quiet, but went to every region, visiting and listening. It was only then that he began giving directions.”

“We are also very fortunate to have Mr. and Mrs. Masatoshi Abe representing True Parents in England,” said Harris. “They understand principled relationships: they are from Japan, an island nation, an Eve nation, and they are serving in England, another island and Eve-type nation. They are strongly united with Reverend Young Whi Kim from the Adam-type nation of Korea who is leading Europe from the Adam-type nation of Germany.” He also explained how careful Mr. Abe was to bring back faithful and detailed reports of events and developments in Korea and the United States.

But the historical foundation and spiritual structure of the church in England had not seemed to produce the external results desired by all: the goal set by Father in 1978 of having three thousand members in England by 1985. “We could only bring 57 new members in the last five months of 1983,” explains Martin Warner, “and we were, at first, saddened and depressed by the news of Heung Jin Nim’s accident and physical death.”

However, when Mr. Abe reported to



All 733 membership cards were offered to True Parents.



Mr. Abe congratulates Mr. Shibamura for his work with members during the 40-day condition.



Members of the British Family in front of Lancaster Gate.

the British family the nature of Heung Jin Nim's conscious, willing sacrifice for the sake of True Parents, and the attitude that True Parents displayed on God's Day, the meaning of the Day of the Victory of Love on January 3, 1984, and the deep significance of the Seung Hwa Ceremony for Heung Jin Nim on January 8, the church members began to rally their spirits.

Mr. Abe explained that, after the three day period of January 8, 9 and 10, the forty day resurrection period and witnessing condition should actually have begun on January 11, rather than January 21. He told the members that no sacrifice freely offered to God was lost and that they should build on the previous foundation established by True Parents, Rev. Kim and the seminarians in 1978-80.

The British church developed a strong internal motivation to inherit the heart and spirit of Heung Jin Nim during the forty day witnessing condition, but they also developed the external technique of re-contacting former members and friends of the church, those who had attended lectures, banquets or campaigns, and people who lived in home church areas years before.

"Instead of neglecting the foundation of the past," said Martin Warner, "we decided to build upon it."

A New Concept of Witnessing

But the final key to success, as David Harris and Martin Warner readily agreed, was a new concept of witnessing and membership developed towards the end of 1983.

"When we first held a National Day of Witnessing last September," said Harris, "we had seventy guests!" It has now become a tradition in England that one day each month — usually the third or fourth Sunday — will be set aside for all members to witness: even those usually on MFT, or in business missions, or office staff will witness. This develops a witnessing consciousness which reverberates throughout the entire next month as members remember those they have met by staying in contact with them and look forward to making new friends and contacts in the future. It also makes each member conscious that other members, too, are active in witnessing, that each is part of the "body of Christ" working for the same national and international ideal: the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

"We also realized that membership should not be an 'all or nothing' affair,"



Spirit world did not want anyone not to fulfill the goal. They were working like mad. It was not us, but God, spirit world, and Heung Jin Nim.

said Harris. "As we began to develop our new concept of Associate Membership, we had a dozen former members come back as Associates, and 45 parents of members have joined the Parents Association."

Three Levels of Membership

According to Warner, three levels of membership now allow many persons to become actively associated with the church and to set about a course of deepening their understanding of the Principle and expanding their participation.

Those who have had significant contact with the church and agree with our basic tenets can become "Associate Members" by signing a yellow membership form complete with name, address, phone number, photograph and their signature following a succinct statement of beliefs. As Associate Members, they would be expected to attend monthly meetings and pay a membership fee of about \$5.00 per month.

To become "Practicing Members," Associates would have to attend at least a two day workshop and a special church seminar which details church lifestyle and practice, indicate a deeper understanding of the Principle, and express a desire to become more active in church life, including witnessing and fundrais-

ing. Most Practicing Members have also attended a seven day workshop and a second level church seminar. The blue form has a more detailed statement of beliefs.

To become a "Full Member," one must attend 21 day workshop and have a sincere desire to become an internally dedicated member, whether a center member or a home member.

It was upon this historical foundation in England, this internal organization of the national church, and these new understandings of witnessing and membership that the phenomenal success of the forty day condition was based.

What, then, were the experiences of the members during this time?

"For these forty days," said one member, "we had the spirit of Exodus: this was the time to march into Canaan. We had the attitude with each person we met that we could say to them, 'Come! Go with us! No matter what has happened in the past, come with us now. We have great things to do.'"

Mike and Penny Moore, who led a fundraising team, told their story this way: "We used the old home church rosters to witness. We also invited those who had purchased many pictures from our team, for we felt that they were very good people with an excellent spiritual base to understand what we were doing on a deeper level. We even felt we could tell them directly that the Messiah is on earth. We set a goal of ten new members



Brothers and sisters in front of Lancaster Gate from a "God-eyed point of view."

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for our team, but the two of us got ten members, and the team had a total of 35! We even met people who told us they would pray, 'Heavenly Father, how can I know you more?' and their spiritual parent would meet them that day or the next. Or they would pray, 'What more can I do?' and a member would arrive with an Associate Membership form. We feel great hope for this country now."

With Heung Jin Nim's Help

Faith Jones reported that, on the fourth day of the Condition, "a strong, manly voice spoke to me about witnessing and told me how the world looks to God: people are constantly being attacked by the evil spirit world. It was Heung Jin Nim." He told her that "we are really in the middle of a violent war, but because it is spiritual and not physical, we cannot understand the severity or reality of it. If we could, we would really be prepared to go to war." She asked him about the forty day condition, and "he said Momoko and I must meticulously go through all the lists of home church areas. When we find the name of someone who has heard Divine Principle, we must give thanks and claim the person for God. Before going out to visit, we must pray for one day — even three times three hours — for the people and make complete lists

so that the spirit world can work with us to prepare ahead."

Momoko Kikuchi, who joined as a home member in 1978, but seems to have the heart and spirit of much older Japanese members, testified on March 4, "I was able to follow Heung Jin Nim's direction to pray for nine hours — and had no problems with my feet, no problems getting tired. I determined to become one with God and True Parents during the forty days and to feel that Heung Jin Nim was with me. He brought unity between Japanese and Western members. Faith and I were praying together and witnessing together. I had the most difficulty talking to communist people, but came to have the confidence that, 'If I can witness to them, it is like witnessing in Moscow.' I believed that people in communist countries around the world would have some internal experience because of my external witness here." She brought nineteen new members during the forty days.

Members' Experiences

Tony Wood brought 28 new members in Aberdeen, Scotland — "the furthest outpost of the Unification Church in the British Isles." He said that "each person we met felt that the member who met him was the most special member." His twelve-year-old car expired in the middle of the condition,

but somehow revived to make it through. Even though he was number one in gaining new members, he confessed, "If I had known our names would be on a list on the wall, I would have worked much harder!"

Andre Haring, the Regional Director of Scotland, testified to the help Mr. Shibamura had given them: "He speaks in short sentences with great impact." Said Mr. Shibamura, "This is a time of heavenly fortune." At first, Scotland set a goal of 21, but this was reduced to fifteen on the list of goals they received from the headquarters in England. "Someone lacked confidence in Scotland," said Andre, "but then Mr. Shibamura told us we should get thirty, then fifty, then 72 new members, I felt he had confidence in us. I liked that!" Scotland went on to lead all the regions of the British Isles and take first prize: three television sets with video machines for teaching by tapes.

Ed Stacey, Director of the North of England, said, "A lad in Leeds named Jim heard Divine Principle two years ago when he was a Communist and wasn't interested — at least, we didn't think so. But during the forty days, he rang up, came over, said he had left the Communist party six weeks ago and wanted to hear more lectures. Now he's an Associate Member!" He went on to testify, "Spirit world did not want anyone not to fulfill the goal. They were working like mad! It was not us, but God, spirit world, and Heung Jin Nim. On the very last day of the condition, I was sick and just sitting at home when someone I had been trying to find for a month came by and signed membership!"

Johann and Mary Hinterleitner of the South London region were also grateful to Mr. Shibamura: "He pulled and pushed, called and sent graphs. We saw that Scotland was shooting ahead. It was inspiring!" He said that when they started visiting homes in his region and told people they were with the Unification Church, people said, "Come in!" and were delighted to see them. "We had such a good base in England, but we never developed it. Many have gained hope by seeing us again, so now I am concerned about how to raise them up. We cannot forget them this time."

Peter Zoehrer of the London region began the forty day condition with both a new son, thanks to his wife, and a new mission, thanks to Mr. Abe and Hamish Robertson. He said that he first "understood the meaning of the forty day time period when Heung Jin Nim spoke through Faith Jones and gave us directions on how to work. The five festivals



Brothers and sisters at the Lancaster Gate ballroom

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helped. At one, a hotel staff member stood in the back reading an Associate Membership card. At another, a very distinguished man, who just happened to be at the hotel where we were performing, asked, 'What's going on?' and a Japanese sister in a brilliantly colored kimono told him, 'It's a rally for God,' and he asked if he could come.'

Others reported how inspired they were, knowing that everyone in the British Isles was working together with the same heart and effort and goals.

An African diplomat came to Lancaster Gate one evening and proudly displayed his Associate Membership card. "When I come to England," he said, "this building is my home. I will come here first, and then I'll go to the government building."

One man who had never signed anything before wrote a brief note, "Urgent. Call immediately." He came by on the last day of the condition and asked Peter Zoehrer, "Are you doing this only to win some personal goal or prize?" When the purpose and motivation behind the forty day condition was explained in more detail, he asked, "If we sign membership now, during these forty days, does it mean we belong to the special tribe of Heung Jin Nim?" He then prayed for two minutes, opened his Bible, and then signed the yellow Associate Membership form. His Bible said, "I have called you into my assembly."

Perhaps the most moving testimony was given by a blonde, blue-eyed Scottish home church member in her native dialect. Pauline Cheong admonished the British, "Glasgow didn't get the news of

the forty day condition at first. We've been molycoddled and not given responsibility, so we never fulfilled responsibility. Before this condition started, we only gave ourselves when we wanted to, but now we determined to give ourselves 100%. It's only then that God can really work through us." She then tells how she and her friend Jenny "both passed the driver's test. Then we had transport, divided up the area, organized and made appointments." The more they worked, the better things got. "The first chart showed Scotland was shooting ahead. We were inspired and asked Andre (our regional leader) for more forms — he must have thought we were eating them!"

She went on to explain that her husband "understands Divine Principle about 90%. At first, he had influenced me because I wasn't standing up strong. But I was pushing 100% and he could feel this condition was important — so I could influence him. He even let me use his big, fancy car! But laundry was piling up at home to the point where we hardly had anything to wear!"

One day she "was in the underground (subway) and felt there was someone there I know. I looked back to the end of the queue and saw a man I had seen once before. I ran up and asked, "Wot are ya doin' 'ere?" And he said, "I woke up this morning and felt I had to go to the West End — and I've been here all day wondering why I was here!" I gave him a membership card and he came to the rally the next day and signed!"

Another student she met was doing a research paper on marriage and had

wanted to include a page on marriage in the Unification Church. "I started talking to her at 8:00 p.m.," says Pauline, "and at 1:00 a.m. she asked how she could become a member. She's now an Associate, is writing her entire paper on the Blessing, and goes out witnessing with me. Later, our regional leader said, 'You must tell her who Father is.' I was frightened at first to take this responsibility, but prayed, united and told her five minutes later. Then she said, 'Oh, it might be true!'"

"On the last day," she continues, "I was out with MFT. We had achieved our goals for the forty days and were trying to help them reach their goals. It was nine o'clock in the evening, and I had to be home at ten, but there was one young person we had been trying to see for many days who lived just a few doors away. I knocked, and he was home! I told him my whole heart, explained about Heung Jin Nim's sacrifice, and said this was the last day."

In conclusion, she said, "Don't molycoddle them. We were molycoddled, and it didn't do us any good. We must be strong and discipline them as Father's representatives." Now there's a good Scottish mother for you!

Joyous Day of Thanksgiving

Towards the end of this joyous Day of Thanksgiving, Mr. Abe gave his "Vision and Determination for 1984," setting goals for the rest of the year. He said the 733 new members were their offering to God and True Parents. He explained about the Blessing of Heung Jin Nim to Col. Pak's daughter and the deep meaning of this in establishing a reciprocal base between the spiritual and the physical worlds. He testified to her sacrificial spirit during her stay in England — "She was here

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Father's Appeal Receives Unprecedented Support

The Latest News about the Court Case

by John Biermans and Susan Henry, HSA Legal Department

In the last few months, Father's conviction has been transformed into a source of national outrage. Hundreds of newspaper articles have been published, showing the extent to which the American people are becoming informed about the injustice that Father has suffered. One of the most recent examples was the lead editorial in the *Los Angeles Times*, which is considered to be one of the top three newspapers in America. Here are some excerpts from this extraordinary endorsement of Father's appeal:

The tax fraud conviction of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon is an invasion of the religious freedom of the founder and leader of the Unification Church and his followers. That is not to say that the government may never challenge the raising and expenditure of funds that a group claims it solicits and spends for religious purposes. Proof, for example, that a religious claim is advanced to cover wholly secular activities would certainly warrant government action.

But no such proof was offered in the prosecution of Moon. That fact, among others, has prompted mainline religious organizations to support the Korean-born evangelist in his appeal of his 1982 conviction to the Supreme Court...

Laurence Tribe of Harvard University, a constitutional lawyer representing Moon, said that the churches have cause to be alarmed. In this case, Tribe said, the government "simply proceeded with a theory that ignored Rev. Moon's relationship to his followers...a theory that treated the intent and religious identity of the assets' donors as wholly irrelevant..." The government, according to Tribe, cast Moon in "the role of an ordinary high-ranking businessman..."

What concerns religious groups is the assertion of power by the government to define the way the mission of a church is to be carried out. Earl Trent of the American Baptist Churches, representing the concerns of religious leaders, sees the decision as a "breach of religious liberty." Religious leaders argued that upholding Moon's conviction would "establish the proposition that judges and



Left to right: Associate Justices John Paul Stevens, Thurgood Marshall, William H. Rehnquist, Byron R. White, Harry A. Blackmun, William J. Brennan, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Associate Justices Sandra D. O'Connor, Lewis F. Powell, Jr.

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juries may simply override a religion's own decisions about how to organize itself...and how to expend church resources." Under these circumstances, the prosecution of Moon is an intrusion by the government into an area forbidden to it by the First Amendment...

The Supreme Court should reverse Moon's conviction and reaffirm the principle that the First Amendment makes no distinction between popular and unpopular religions or orthodox and unorthodox faiths.

One of the main reasons that the media has become so supportive is the unprecedented number of amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs that have been filed asking the Supreme Court to hear Father's appeal. Constitutional experts say that no other case has ever received such powerful support at this stage. One leading constitutional expert told us that the amicus briefs that have been filed in Father's case are unprecedented in this Court's history — even more than *Brown v. Board of Education* (desegregation of schools) which has always

been recognized as the leading civil rights case: "No case can match the scope, breadth and competency of these amicus briefs."

So far ten amicus briefs from 21 different groups and individuals have been filed with the Supreme Court. These briefs are having an immediate and overwhelming impact on everyone who sees them. They are totally amazed by the diversity, competence and compelling quality of each brief. Even our closest allies have been reborn, which is not to mention that many of our former enemies have been completely turned around.

To give you an idea of how these briefs are vindicating Father, the following are some brief quotes from some already filed.

1. THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS (AACS):

consists of more than 1,130 member schools from across the nation. These member schools engage in practices that are similar or identical to some of those

involved in this case. Many of them accumulate funds over periods of years to carry out religious ministries.

Sometimes these funds are held in the name of a single individual, as they were in this case. Moreover, many of the reasons given by the courts below to justify treating the income from religious gifts as taxable to Rev. Moon could be applied to various AACCS members — the lack of a formal organizational structure, for example. The AACCS therefore has a vital interest in the proper disposition of this important case because the decision of the courts below, if permitted to stand, has the potential of generating extremely adverse effects upon its members.”

2. THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BLACK MAYORS, THE NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION AND CONGRESSMAN MERVYN DYMALLY file their brief

out of deep concern that Reverend Moon was denied equal justice because of his status as the controversial leader of an unpopular religious movement. The Amici believe that Reverend Moon’s trial and conviction for tax fraud and conspiracy raise grave constitutional questions which were inadequately considered by the Appellate Court which affirmed Reverend Moon’s conviction. . . . the Appellate Court’s opinion poses a particular threat to poorer churches and congregations who lack the sophistication necessary to structure their affairs in the highly formal manner demanded by the Appellate Court. Frequently, inner city and rural congregations entrust funds to their ministers intending such funds to be used for the support of the church as well as for the minister’s necessary living expenses. These congregants lack the legal sophistication to utter the words ‘to be held in trust.’ The Appellate Court’s opinion makes it possible for the ministers who accept these funds in good faith to become subject to prosecution on the theory that the funds were their own personal income. . . . In sum, the jury instructions approved by the Circuit Court which upheld Reverend Moon’s convictions (by a 2-1 vote) were, in effect, a roving commission for the jury to impose its own views about appropriate organization and expenditures on Reverend Moon and the Unification Church. The result is a precedent which threatens all religious groups and especially poor religious groups by openly authorizing public intrusion upon their internal affairs. It is urgently important that this Court grant certiorari to remove this threat to religious liberty.

3. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A., THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.), THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE U.S.A., THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS, AND THE CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY, which represent well over fifty million Americans, concluded their amicus brief in this way:

Our alarm at the injustice in this case arises from the complete disregard of Reverend Moon’s First and Fifth Amendment Rights, first by the trial court and then, on appeal, by the court below. No particular sympathy for the defendant in this case, and no agreement with his faith, is required to feel grave distress at the resulting breach of religious liberty. The government’s use below of Reverend Moon’s religion — exploiting its unpopularity, and precluding him at key junctures from asserting defenses based on the practices and teachings of his religion — severely threatens rights of all religious groups. Accordingly, for this and for all of the foregoing reasons, we urge this Court to grant the petition for certiorari, and decide the important questions presented by this case.

4. THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE FOR RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL RIGHTS is an organization of Catholic citizens whose primary purpose is to protect religious freedom within secular society. They submit their brief:

out of concern with the impact this case has on the religious liberty of the petitioners and their followers and...with the impact this decision could have on other churches, most especially the Roman Catholic Church.

Their concern is

with the unconstitutional treatment Reverend Moon has received and the potential deleterious effect the decision below could have on all churches, including the Roman Catholic Church . . . Like Unification Church leaders, Catholic leaders, such as bishops, often hold church property in their own name. To be sure, the Catholic Church has a highly developed body of canon law applicable to property questions. Were a court to defer to this body of canon law, a Catholic bishop would not find himself liable for taxes in factual situations similar to this case. However, the largely unlimited jury inquiry into religious purposes licensed by

the decision below gives no assurance that courts would treat a Catholic bishop in such a deferential manner. The possibility of such adverse effect indicates that the issues involved in this matter have implications extending far beyond the involved parties and require resolution by this Court.

5. THE FREEMEN INSTITUTE, a membership organization dedicated to the goals of individual freedom, especially religious freedom, wrote the following:

Reverend Moon’s central position in the theology of the Unification Church, not just as its founder, prophet and worldwide leader, but also as the instrument for the accomplishment of its divine mission is so widely known as to be a matter of common knowledge. Why else would members of the Church be called “Moonies”? This key fact was not disputed by the government or the trial court. It had crucial relevance to the core issue in the case — the beneficial ownership of the assets in question. Nevertheless, it was excluded from consideration by the trial court in acquiescence to the government’s contention that Reverend Moon’s religion and his relation to it had nothing to do with the case.

As the prosecutor explained in post-trial proceedings: “. . . [W]e undertook to try Reverend Moon...like any ordinary person charged with tax fraud”; “we have dealt with [him]...just as the government deals with any high ranking business executive.” The government in its closing argument stated: “This case is not about tax exemption of churches. It is about personal income tax to an individual who happens to be related to a church.”

Any high ranking business executive indeed! HAPPENS to be related to a church indeed! Just as Luther, in administering the religious affairs of his congregants, was like ANY high ranking business executive who HAPPENED to be related to the Lutheran Church. Like Baha’u’llah happened to be a Baha’i; like Mary Baker Eddy happened to be a Christian Scientist; like Brigham Young happened to be a Mormon; like Menachem Schneerson happens to be a Lubavitcher.

The error permeating the government’s case was compounded by the refusal of the trial judge to instruct the jury on Reverend Moon’s unique role as a religious leader who is viewed by his followers as the embodiment of the faith — an instruction that was amply supported by the only evidence on point.

Presiding Circuit Judge Oakes recognized this point in his dissent: “[T]he taxpayer here was the founder and leader

of a worldwide movement which, regardless of what the observer may think of its views or even its motives, is nevertheless on its face a religious one, the members of which regard the taxpayer as the embodiment of their faith."

6. THE CENTER FOR JUDICIAL STUDIES, devoted to judicial and legal reform stated:

The decision of the Court of Appeals in this case would confer on the courts a dangerous power to define the content of religious belief even contrary to the good faith profession of the believers as to what they themselves believe. The Center for Judicial Studies maintains that the religious liberty protected by the First Amendment will be seriously diminished if the principle is established that courts can tell sincere believers what they believe and can define authentically religious activities as secular so as to deprive them of the protections of the Religion Clauses of the First Amendment. . . .

The significance of this case is that the courts convicted Reverend Moon and affirmed that conviction by disregarding one of the most important protections afforded by the First Amendment against governmental domination of religious groups. It is essential that this case be heard by the Supreme Court and that the erroneous principles employed by the Court of Appeals be rejected.

7. THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (THE MORMON CHURCH):

The religious dogma of the defendants and their church was crucial in determining whether there were funds which could be taxed or which could be the subject of fraud. Under the lower court's decision, religions are left unprotected from both exercise and establishment invasions. In this case the jury adjudged both the nature and the propriety of a religion's beliefs and activities, not just sincerity. The invasions against religion were not blunt or highly visible in the instant case; they were subtle, making the precedent more pernicious and so imprecise as to multiply the case's impact. . . .

In order to uphold the constitutional guarantees of religious liberty assured by the First Amendment, in order to verify that proper principles have been applied, in order to prevent impingement on religion . . . the L.D.S. Church respectfully requests that this Court grant certiorari to review the religious issues here raised.

8. THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION AND THE NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION are concerned with the protection of fundamental liberties guaranteed by the Constitution:

The right of a pervasively unpopular defendant to a fair and impartial finder of fact in a criminal trial which turns on highly subjective considerations is at the core of procedural due process of law. . . . When, however, a defendant has reason to fear that his pervasive unpopularity may taint the deliberations of a jury selected in compliance with traditional Sixth Amendment standards, amici believe that the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment guarantees such a defendant the right to be tried before a judge, especially when the judge believes that a bench trial would be "fairer" to the highly controversial defendant. . . . If anything, the government's insistence on a jury when the defendant and the judge believed that a bench trial would be fairer simply reinforces public suspicion that Rev. Moon was the target of religious persecution, to say nothing of inflicting a serious penalty on Rev. Moon for having dared to criticize the prosecutor.

9. UNITED STATES SENATOR ORRIN G. HATCH, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION:

The Subcommittee is vitally interested in all activities in which constitutional rights are defined and interpreted. Senator Hatch is particularly concerned about this case because it represents, in his view, a troubling and unwarranted exercise of judicial interference by the courts below with fundamental religious freedoms. . . .

The decision below, if permitted to stand, seriously threatens the internal workings of every church in the country. The governmental intrusion into the activities of the Unification Church allowed below is repugnant to the very core of our democratic way of life. By investigating the tax affairs of Reverend Moon and the Unification Church, the government chose perhaps the easiest available method, through the guise of legitimate governmental activity, to interject itself into the affairs of an unpopular church and leader. Whatever the merit of such an investigation, the government and courts below were nonetheless obligated at trial to fully respect and safeguard Reverend Moon's and the Unification Church's constitutional rights. . . .

The religious freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution were never intended to bend or depend on the relative popularity of the church involved. Indeed, the trials

of unpopular persons, such as the trial below, demand more, not less, care to assure the unquestioned protection of religious rights. If religious freedoms can be so callously disregarded in the case of an unpopular person, as they were in the case below, the same can happen in any other trial involving the claims of churches. No church is safe if lay juries are permitted, as was the jury in this case, to substitute their views for those of a church regarding the church's practices, beliefs and procedures. The next case may involve another generally unpopular leader, such as Reverend Moon, or it may be someone from one of the more "established" religions. But whoever the leader and whatever the church, another case following or expanding on the so-called exception created by the Court of Appeals below is sure to follow. Once the door is open, the possibilities of governmental intrusion into the heretofore protected area of church related fundraising, accounting or other activities are many and dangerous. The government, over time, may be found dictating the manner in which churches handle internal funding, how they must invest their funds and how their bookkeeping records must be established. These serious ramifications cannot be permitted to occur. The decision below is accordingly viewed with concern and alarm by a wide-ranging group of churches, political organizations and other institutions throughout America who join this Amicus in urging the united States Supreme Court to grant petitioner's petition and review and reverse the decision below.

10. THE STATES OF HAWAII, OREGON AND RHODE ISLAND

filed an amicus brief in support of Father's petition to the Supreme Court because the decision by the Court of Appeals creates intolerable confusion in the area of charitable trusts — an area of law which the Attorneys General of these states had always understood to be clear and well-settled.

In their words:

The amici states urge that certiorari be granted in this case because of the serious implications of the Second Circuit's decision with respect to the enforcement of charitable trusts. The states are charged with assuring the probity of officials and individuals entrusted with the possession of funds belonging to others, the preservation of the funds themselves and the faithful discharge of the trusts upon which they are given. Chief among the states' responsibilities in this area is the oversight and enforcement of charitable trusts. It is essential that the states be able to enforce accountability upon trustees. . . . The trust

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UNIFICATION THEOLOGY, WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR ECUMENISM AND SOCIAL ACTION

ICC Conferences in the Bahamas

by John Gehring

The Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy recently sponsored two seminars on Unification Theology entitled, "Unification Theology, with Implications for Ecumenism and Social Action." These conferences were the fourth and fifth dealing with this topic, and were held in Freeport, the Bahamas, on February 20-25, and February 27-March 3, respectively. Over three hundred ministers, spouses and concerned laity attended the two conferences. Because of the number of people interested two seminars had to be scheduled. Participants from all over the United States, as well as from several other nations, were present. Also, the fifth conference was the first to have rabbinical representation.

The format of the conferences was very similar to those of the previous three: Divine Principle lectures in the morning, leisure time in the afternoon, and talks on the Unification movement and its social and ecumenical outreach in the evening. (Please see the August 1983 issue of *Today's World* for more information on the Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy or ICC, the National Council for the Church and Social Action or NCCSA, and the conference format.) Mealtimes were often spent in active conversations, in which views on theology, lifestyle and the Bahamian weather were discussed as people tried to understand the various ways in which we serve and understand God. For many, it was the first interfaith and interracial conference they had ever attended.



Discussion groups: unity in diversity.

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS OF FEAR AND MISTRUST

These conferences are not just academic seminars; they are channels for reconciliation, restoration and redemptive love. Dr. Richard Quebedeaux elaborated on the topic of restoration, restitution, salvation in his speech which he presented to each of the seminars.

Even though all the participants have dedicated their lives to God, they still carry with them fear, mistrust and often latent prejudices. The barriers of mutual

mistrust are familiar to us all. The formula for breaking down those barriers is understood through going Jacob's course. Yet, when we witness the power of redemptive love, it never fails to amaze us. We have many reasons for holding these conferences, but the primary one seems to be to give each person an opportunity to experience rebirth.

When we gathered at the reception on Monday evening and took to sipping the punch, eating appetizers, smiling and talking to new acquaintances, one couldn't help but sense that many were wondering why they had come to this



Opening reception.

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conference. Catholics and Pentecostals, Ph.D's, bishops, storefront preachers, black Americans from inner cities, white southerners, civil rights leaders, women's rights activists, hawks and doves—all brought together, free of charge, with love by Reverend Moon, the controversial Korean Messiah! As you can imagine, people experienced a wide range of emotions as they moved around stiffly, searching for someone or something familiar.

The evening's opening remarks were given by Rev. Debra Stimson of Baltimore, Maryland, whose natural manner and warm greeting put many at ease — many, but not all, for there were some who think women should never be allowed to be preachers. We sat at round tables with the people who were to be in our discussion groups. First conversations over a delicious meal helped us to create a cordial atmosphere. Light laughter eased some tensions. Carl Hagen gave details about the conference arrangements, met by polite applause. We broke into our smaller discussion groups and travelled to different rooms where we formally introduced ourselves.

On the first morning of lectures, the conference participants heard the "Principle of Creation," and the "Fall of Humankind" lectures. The "Fall of Humankind" lecture always presents more of a challenge to the ministers than the "Principle of Creation" lecture. Yet, the sensitivity of our presentations has

increased since we began these seminars last June. Mrs. Sandra Lang, Rev. Michael Beard and Rev. David Hose managed to balance humility, heart, clarity of content and strength of conviction in a masterful manner.

In the evening, Carl Hagen gave a talk about programs sponsored by the International Religious Foundation to introduce participants to our ecumenical movement. Our social movement was first introduced through the film, "People of the Quest," and was later explained more fully by Kevin Brabazon. The family aspect of our movement was presented by the "Unification Wedding" film, which was followed by a presentation by Bruce and Patsy Casino. Many questions came up after the presentations. For many this was the first exposure to the larger vision of our True Parents. Some were deeply touched and discussed their impressions at length with members over dinner.

The morning of the second day of lectures presented a challenge. Have you ever tried to teach a minister about Jesus? How about 150 ministers, with an average of 10-15 years experience in the ministry? The two thousand years of Christian history and the two thousand years of combined practical life experience in the audience made teaching the "Mission of Jesus" and "Resurrection" a formidable task. The atmosphere during the lectures was electric; during the

participants' question-and-answer period, combustible. Yet the fire of truth managed to burn through many concepts and hit some deep in their hearts. Others whispered, half moaning, "Don't mess with my Jesus." We've touched many an open nerve, yet we know the Messiah came as a doctor, who with truth and love can operate on the hearts of fallen men. Our sensitivity was heightened as we realized the depth of love felt for Jesus by these courageous men and women.

People can often hear what one is saying before it is spoken; it happens so often at these seminars. People hear our hearts and our spirits saying, "Reverend Moon is the Messiah." People read newspapers and books, but they also read into our perpetual smiles, our steadfast spirits and our bright clear eyes. They receive many messages. They know we have something special. They sense our conclusion before we have concluded.

The lectures on the "History of Restoration" and the "Last Days" validated the intuitions of many people. They talked among themselves, they whispered, they shouted out, and they hoped. They became confused. We answered some of their questions and tried to support them. We sensed the depth of their search and commitment. Their love of Christ echoed in the loud refrains of the daily choral music. Together we were humbled. Soon the Comforter would



Rev. Debra Stimson of Baltimore, Md. delivers greetings.

come, yet we all had to travel a little further.

After our final group discussion on Friday, we met for the last presentation, which was an introduction of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, given by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak. The room was hushed as the participants, almost as one body, strained to listen to the soft-spoken, evenly paced talk by this early disciple of Rev. Moon. Profound respect for this great minister of the faith was transferred from Rev. Kwak to us all, as he said, "The image that is most memorable to me is of Rev. Moon in prayer position with tears streaming down his face." The heart of Father was exposed; the heart of the Unification Church was exposed; the plea for cooperation was made.

Rev. Kwak pointed to the great commission ahead of us — to comfort the suffering and longing heart of God and humanity, and to help establish God's Kingdom on this earth. Three major obstacles had to be confronted and overcome for this to be achieved. We were called to overcome the lack of morality and ethics resulting from self-centered love carried to an extreme. We were called to overcome the lack of unity in the Christian world and in the religious world in general. The third, and perhaps the greatest obstacle to the building of God's kingdom, was the persuasive influence and forceful imposition of atheistic communism. We were reminded that genuine tolerance and sincere dialogue must take place if there was to be any hope for the religious community to fulfill its responsibility to God and the world. Rev. Kwak left us with a reminder that Rev. Moon shares much in



Sweet inspirations from the choir.

common with each of us — especially a deep love of God. Again he encouraged us to make Rev. Moon's vision our own.

On the final evening, we gathered together for feast and song. Something happened during the final night, something that happens on every final night of each conference. Some would call it the presence of the Lord; others would call it the Holy Spirit, or the spirit of Christ. I call it the spirit of the Comforter. The word religion means a "binding together" — maybe we got a taste of the True Religion. For some it came as a rebirth; to all, a renewal. As each group made their entertainment offering, we found ourselves melting together. One group sang, "We Are One in the Spirit," and the entire "congregation" joined in. Tears dampened cheeks as Patsy Casino dedicated a song to Heung Jin Moon. We realized that we had been a part of something great, something that reached the essence of what we are all about.

The choir sang song after song in the gospel tradition, improvising where led by the spirit. We grasped each other's hands, we swayed back and forth, we joined in singing, "Alleluiah"! Tears flowed, eyes glistened. The members of the Unification Church gathered to sing a song from Reverend Moon to all present. We joined in "Tongil": "Our cherished hopes are for unity, even our dreams are for unity. . ."

JACOB'S COURSE

Father has received untold persecution from Christianity. We know Father was originally to inherit the foundation of Christianity; but because of the Christians' failure to recognize Father, a

new foundation had to be built by him, single-handedly. Now Father has received much from God and has built a deep tradition of faith, as well as many substantial programs.

Christianity is struggling in so many ways. America as the representative nation of Christianity is the fruit of two thousand years of Christianity. Some wonder if America and the West can survive because of the rapid degeneration of spiritual and moral values. Only by a revitalization of the spiritual root of America — its Judeo-Christian heritage — can America be saved.

The Unification Church hopes to bring the spiritual vitality that can revitalize Christianity. It hopes to offer the key to overcoming the three major obstacles standing in the way of the building of God's Kingdom. These recent ministerial conferences are becoming a staging area for the evangelizing of America. In a sense the conferences provide a model for working together, with interfaith, interracial and intercultural sharing. Ecumenical work is an important internal element in building the Kingdom. Social action centered upon goodness should be the result of good ecumenical work. The world's problems, such as hunger, poverty, unemployment, racism and illiteracy, are solvable when we catch the vision and heart of our True Parents and work together.

The NCCSA has mushroomed over the last year. Soon there will be at least one chapter in each state. Substantial programs are developing, which will help fulfill the goal of ending needless suffering in our nation and in the world.

Ministers can catch Father's vision

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and begin to understand his heart. The realm of True Love, which Father has pioneered, draws people of goodness like magnet. Before, people just did not know who Reverend Moon was; now many are discovering and are being transformed. The word is spreading quickly. In eight months over eight hundred ministers have attended ICC conferences. Sixty have recently offered to have revivals in their churches. One minister, with a congregation of twenty thousand and a TV ministry that reaches millions, is pleading to have Father

speak at his church. Many more are considering Father the "ideal minister," a champion of civil and religious rights.

The Abel element within Christianity is being summoned at this moment to unite with our movement's effort to revitalize Christianity and America. We are entering a new level of the dispensation. The spiritual world is mobilized; our membership is mobilized; churches are opening their doors to be revitalized — something great is happening.

The restoration of the religious voice can only take place when religious people are seen taking care of all of God's children — the good and the not-so-good. Godism is being tied to social activities as we reach out to the truly needy. The realms of education, economics and politics should be influenced by the religious voice. Many movements are regaining confidence that spiritual values can change the direction of our nation.

Father has gone Jacob's course. We have been asked to go this course ourselves. When we joined the Church, we gave our lives to God. Since we received the Holy Blessing, we have been asked to sacrifice our families — thus the IOWC. Father is asking us to sacrifice the Unification Church for the sake of our elder brother in faith, Christianity. On the foundation of sacrificing our church to serve Christianity, we will gain the victory on the worldwide level. Together we will march home to restore Esau, represented on a worldwide level as the communist world. The pattern of victory is now clearer than ever before. We can achieve this quickly if we are attuned to the sensitivities of God's heart and the hearts of those we meet each day. ●

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Dr. Richard Quebedeaux

"THY KINGDOM COME"

Restitution, Reconciliation, and Restoration

by Dr. Richard Quebedeaux

I'm going to be very bold this evening. I'm going to give you the solution to human conflict, to warfare, and... another solution, in that I'm speaking to the guests here, to the Moonies here, and to Reverend Moon himself.

The title of my presentation is: "Thy Kingdom Come." But I want to add a subtitle: "Restitution, Reconciliation, and Restoration" (or "Salvation," whichever you prefer.) Another subtitle might be: "Righteousness Is Exciting."

I was brought up Fundamentalist, and we always read Paul and believed Paul, but Jesus sort of got in the back, sort of got set for the Millennium or for some impossible situation, and Paul was the realistic thinker for our age. I think Fundamentalism misread Paul. I'm going to

clean up Paul right here. In fact, I think that Paul is the most radical of all theologians, and listen to what I read and tell me if you don't agree. From the 12th chapter of Romans:

With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers and sisters, as an act of intelligent worship, to give Him your bodies as a living sacrifice, consecrated to Him, and acceptable by Him. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan for you is good, meets all God's demands, and moves toward the goal of true maturity. Let us have no imitation Christian love. Let us have a genuine break with evil, and a real devotion to good. Let us have a real, warm affection

for one another, as between brothers and sisters, and a willingness to let the other person have the credit. Let us not allow slackness to spoil our work, and let us keep the fires of the spirit burning as we do our work for the Lord. Base your happiness on your hope in Christ. When trials come, endure them patiently. Steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer. Give freely to fellow Christians in want. Never grudge a meal or a bed to those who need them. And as for those who try to make your life a misery: bless them. Don't curse them. Share the happiness of those who are happy, and the sorrow of those who are sad. Live in harmony with each other. Don't become snobbish, but take a real interest in ordinary people. Don't become set in your own opinion. Don't pay back a bad turn by a bad turn, to anyone.

See that your public behaviour is above criticism. As far as your responsibility goes, live at peace with everyone. Never take vengeance into your own hands, my dear friends. Stand back and let God punish if God will. For it is written, "Vengeance belongeth to me. I will recompense." And these are God's words: "If thine enemy hunger, feed him. If he thirst, give him to drink. For in doing, thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head." Don't allow yourself to be overpowered by evil. Take the offensive: overpower evil with good.

Sounds pretty good, doesn't it, and of course we've all heard it from the time we were in Sunday school. But it hasn't worked. And why hasn't it worked? Well, we haven't done it. Why haven't we done it?

RESENTMENT — THE BASIS OF HUMAN CONFLICT

You ministers here must really have a painful experience because you really try hard, I'm sure. You really try hard, and the people come on Sunday morning at eleven and they may get inspired, and in some of your churches they may even get happy, if you know what I mean. But then they go home, and it's life, comes and goes as usual. You know, "Love your enemies; don't pay them back evil for evil." But somehow, something went wrong. It's a nice ideal, and finally we come to the place to say, "Well, maybe that's the millennium, but it sure isn't now."

When Paul says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind," what does he mean? What is this conformity that we're not supposed to have anything to do with? What is involved in this transformation of our characters? That's what I want to talk about.

Well, I can't talk about the whole world system and what's wrong with it. But there's something badly wrong with it. Because in the world the center of the problem seems to be conflict: warfare, fighting, disunity, hatred instead of love. The family situation is perhaps the last to go, in the sense that—I live in the San Francisco Bay area and the word "marriage" isn't even used anymore. The problem of conflict now isn't simply between nations or between communism and capitalism. It is not even between black and white. It is within each family, between children and parents, between parents and children, between grandparents. One of the most pressing problems of our day is sexual abuse of children by parents and step-parents. This is a hidden problem, but it is

increasing. There's something deeply wrong, deeply wrong.

The title of my speech is about "Thy Kingdom Come: Restitution, Reconciliation, and Restoration." But the world system is based on something else. The world system is based on resentment, revenge, division, and exclusion, at every point... Resentment, I think, is the hidden basis of all human conflict.

You remember the social action movement of the sixties; you remember the Civil Rights Movement and how they started out so idealistic and so God-centered. And suddenly something became wrong; they became fragmented. The Reformation started the fragmentation of the Church, and in this attempt to purify the Church people began warring with each other. The Lutherans separated from the Calvinists, separated from the Anabaptists. And within each of those traditions we had a million denominations emerge. Strong social movements split apart. Remember the sixties, when everybody was going to love each other? There were the flower children and all these things. And somehow these little movements, these communes, they all split. What was the foundation of the split? It was resentment. I think resentment is the hidden basis of all human conflict.

God created us to be all that God wanted us to be, to be fulfilled in an infinite way. Human fulfillment is infinite. Human love is infinite. But when we are blocked from our own fulfillment by other people, what happens? We become resentful. And when we become resentful, we seek to get revenge.

GOD AND SUFFERING ARE NOT OPPOSITES

What is the result of this system in God's eyes? Unification, as well as Process Theology and as well as some of the greatest theologians have said, that because of this situation in the world which Christians say came out of the Fall, God has been suffering. In most theology that I grew up with, you know, God didn't need anything. What a contradiction from the parental image in scripture! How many of you are parents? Do you need your children? Do you need their love? Tell me! What about God? Is God our divine parent? Does God need us? Does God need our love? Yes! And when God looks at what He's created and what we are doing in the world He must feel awful bad. Because this isn't what God wanted. When He sees us warring against each other, when He sees races warring against each other, He must feel very, very bad. Now, we come

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to the notion of a suffering God through experience. And I want to read you a passage from a very famous theologian who was also a saint. His name was Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was incarcerated and executed by Hitler, because of his actions to bring down Hitler's empire in favor of the Jews. I mean, Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran that Lutherans can really be proud of. I'm a big critic of this "grace only" theology of Lutherans. But then I look at Bonhoeffer; he separated cheap grace from costly grace. Bonhoeffer, toward the end of his life, when he was in prison, wrote to his sister Sabina, and this is what he said:

It is a good thing to learn early that God and suffering are not opposites, but rather one and the same thing, and necessarily so. For me the idea that God Himself suffers is by far and away the most convincing piece of Christian doctrine.

He goes on to say:

The true Christian learns the reversal of what religious man expects from God. Man is summoned to share in God's suffering at the hands of a Godless world. Without attempting to gloss over or explain its ungodliness in some religious way or other, he must live a secular life and thereby share in God's suffering. To be a Christian does not mean to be religious in a particular way, to make something of oneself on the basis of some method or other, but to be a man, not a type of man, but the man that Christ creates in us. It is not the religious act that makes the Christian, but participation in the suffering of God in the secular life. This is conversion, not in the first place thinking about one's own needs, problems, sins and fears, but allowing oneself to be caught up into the way of Jesus Christ, into the messianic event, thus fulfilling Isaiah 53.

"Being caught up in the messianic event." Isn't that interesting! So God is suffering. God is weeping, and must be in agony when He sees what's happening



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to this world, when He sees the nuclear dilemma, and the fact that everything God ever hoped for could be wiped out with the push of a button. The real Armageddon could be around the corner, but let me tell you something: with nuclear Armageddon there will be no winners, and God Himself will be the big loser.

WHAT IS INDEMNITY?

But what's the solution? Well, I have to tell you I think Unification has the solution, in a central doctrine that it teaches. That doctrine is called "indemnity." What is indemnity? Well, it's a tough one. In fact, I understand that Unification is going back to the Korean word, because the American word is much more like an insurance term. I would say that indemnity in fact is very much akin to notions of compensatory justice, restitution, and if you really want to be radical, "reparations."

So let me just give you an example of personal indemnity or indemnification that you yourself can try out, and see if it doesn't work. Unification teaches that when the right relationship that God created us to be in, a loving, harmonious oneness with each other, in a kind of family setting, when that is broken there has to be some restitution to bring it together again. When a relation is broken between two people, somebody has got to pay a price to bring it together. Now this is what I mean.

If you have a bad relationship with a minister in your town, and you want to test this out. Maybe you've simply had a vocal fight. Or he's a conservative and you're a liberal. Or your church is small and poor but he's doing very well and you're jealous, and he knows it. Go home, and invite him out to the best restaurant in town, one that even you have never been to, and tell him how sorry you are and that you want to make restitution. You'd be surprised what can happen.

I used to try to get evangelical ministers to have lunch with liberal ministers they despised. I would have to work at it for four or five months, but when at last it happened, things would change! This is indemnity at the personal level. If you don't think it works, just try it. It works so well that empirical scientists, behavioral scientists, if the movement were to do this uniformly, could measure the change of attitude and affection between people.

The prime example of this sort of indemnity is the death of Christ on the cross. Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, took all the sins of the world on his shoulder. That's indemnity.

THESE ARE TRUE CHRISTIANS

Now let me go on and conclude. I'm saying these things because 5, 6, or 7 years ago I had given up. I was one of those idealists that got burned out. And

then I met the Moonies. I went to a conference at the Seminary in Barrytown. I was kind of rooked into going there: I met this Moonie in a class I was teaching in Berkeley, and he pushed me. I needed to get back east, and I needed somebody to pay my way. I wasn't that interested in going to the Unification Seminary, quite frankly, but this Moonie friend of mine was a nice guy and so I went.

Something happened to me in the course of three days because there was something very unique about these people. First of all, I discovered they were all normal. Now, that was something of a shock; I had thought my friend in Berkeley was something of an exception. Something also happened to me because they weren't just normal, they were better than normal. In fact, they were people I had always wanted to meet but had finally come to believe didn't exist. And when I met them, I said, "My God, these are true Christians. They really practice the Great Commandment. I can't agree with a lot of their politics, I can't agree with a lot of their theology. But they are really caring, good people." In fact, they were so good that it became exciting for me, and for everybody else at that little conference.

Reverend Moon has built a church that is built entirely on the doctrine of indemnity. If you read the Divine Principle you will discover that indemnity is the only way to restore the world.

The doctrine of indemnity is fundamental to Divine Principle. Indemnity is compensatory justice. It is based on sacrifice and service. It's so interesting: there's never been a heresy trial for not loving your neighbor. It's heresy if you don't believe this, but don't believe that. But what you do is your own business. Nobody wants to pay indemnity. But indemnity is powerful. Why? Because of this. By initiating service and sacrifice, based on love for other people and particularly for the enemy, those who have oppressed you, as the Moonies have done — if you could see how this money is raised, that has got you here today, and if you could see how some of your colleagues in your churches have treated these people, and what they have preached about them, you would know something of indemnity.

LOVE GOD MORE

I think there's only one thing the Moonies expect of you. If you were to ask them what you could do to pay them back for what they have done for you, they would probably tell you, "Love God more." That's what Reverend Moon

would tell you. And how do I love God? There's only one way to love God and that's by loving my neighbor. And my neighbor is the person next door, my neighbor is the person in my congregation, my neighbor is, particularly, the person in need. God is the God of the oppressed. That's the preference of God, whether we like it or not. And when we do that in our congregations, it's going to make a difference. The world is sick and tired of words. They're sick and tired of the preachers who preach love and the members who talk about love and fellowship, and then cut each other's throats behind their back. There is only one authority in this world that's going to make any difference in secular society, and that's the authority of persistent, exemplary behavior. The world is going secular because the church has failed. We have failed Jesus Christ, Jesus hasn't failed us.

So I'm going to close and say that I have found in the living example of Moonies, of Unification people, some-

thing I never found, quite frankly, anywhere else. I have found true goodness. And what is true goodness? True goodness is the practice of love.

And at the heart of this goodness is respect. You may have noticed no matter how much you disagree with a Moonie, they're going to respect you. And that's rare in today's world. I can't go to any other group. If I'm a conservative Republican and I go to a left-wing Democratic group, they say, "Get out of here. Shut your mouth. I don't want to see you." This is a real problem, of both the left and the right, of both fundamentalists and liberals, of both blacks and whites, of both Gentiles and Jews. It's resentment. It's bitterness.

The world system: resentment, revenge, division, and exclusion. God's way: restitution, reconciliation, restoration, salvation. There is no reconciliation without restitution, without indemnity.

Thank you very much. I hope you'll think about what I said. ●

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dieting, training, doing ballet, always very thin, always reading and studying a book."

He then reminded the members assembled there of Father's two basic goals: to unify all religions and to overcome communism. He elaborated upon the historical mission of England to bring unity among the European nations and the nations which were former colonies. He said that Britain had given birth to the United States of America, but now America was decaying morally and spiritually; and Mother England must take responsibility for her "big son."

Britain's Role

Mr. Abe said that Britain, as an island, is somewhat isolated, and so would be easier to restore as a nation. It has an important geographical location, a high intellectual level, a high standard of Christianity, a special influence on America and many leading professors. "If we win victory here, this island can become a fortress against communism — even if the whole of mainland Europe falls."

He said that the first two months of 1984 had been devoted to developing a new base for the providence and the forty day witnessing condition. The next two months should be devoted to developing many new leaders from among members in England so they could be capable lecturers and spiritual parents to educate and raise up the 733 new members.

Then he said that if each British member, together with the new members, would get only three new members during the rest of the year, they would exceed the goal given by Father in 1978 to attain three thousand members in England.

"We have to educate ourselves so that we can educate and lead others," he said. "We must become better persons. We need members of all ages — senior citizens and middle-aged persons must become members as a foundation for new, young members. I am so grateful for the testimony of our home church member from Glasgow — they are doing even more than our full-time members here!"

It was an amazing day of thanksgiving, celebration and victory. It is hoped that this victorious foundation in England and in Europe can also be inherited in America and Japan and by our members around the world. ●

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concept is vital to a significant segment of social and legal intercourse, and the integrity of that concept is equally vital to the enforcement tools which the states have provided to preserve and maintain it. The decision of the Second Circuit in *United States v. Moon* casts doubt upon the integrity of the trust concept itself.

In particular, these states express their concern that the Court of Appeals did not give the necessary consideration to the intent of the church members who donated the funds placed in Father's name. In the past, this has always been considered the most important factor in deciding whether or not a trust exists. Instead, the courts in Father's case focused on how the money was used. This was unconstitutional and improper because the courts have no business telling a church what is a proper use of funds.

In its concluding statement, this very significant brief asserts that if this decision is followed elsewhere, it would create severe problems in the proper enforcement of trusts. In actual fact, the Court of Appeals decision makes it much easier for those who are really the ones who do commit fraud and abuse religious tax exemptions. Therefore, innocent churchgoers could now be much more easily abused and they would have much more difficulty in making sure that church money is not misused or embezzled. As the Attorneys General stated:

Under this rule, the beneficiaries of all trusts would be faced with similar difficulties in attempting to enforce accountability against fiduciaries. The potential for mischief is virtually limitless, for the rule is akin to saying that a thief, by virtue of his conversion, acquires full and defensible title to the subject of his theft. Little imagination is needed to appreciate the chaos to which such a rule could lead.

There are at least five or six additional amicus briefs that will be filed by March 26. Unless the government seeks an additional thirty day extension this is the final date for the government and all amicus groups are to submit their briefs. As soon as all the briefs are submitted, the Supreme Court will begin to consider Father's petition. We expect the Court will make a decision four to eight weeks from then, but the Court does not have any deadline. This means that, if no further extension is sought, the Supreme Court will probably announce its decision sometime in May.

Information is being sent on a regular basis to church leaders. Please contact them or the Legal Department, 4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036, for further updates or for copies of any of the briefs or press clippings. Above all, have hope and confidence that Father is truly being vindicated through the Pentecost since Heung Jin Nim's ascension, and also through all the prayers and hard work of our entire movement. ●

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Just about a year ago Father mobilized the American Movement to reawaken America to her original calling in these crucial final years of the forty year stretch in the wilderness. The destination is Canaan and home church awaits there. Home church is, after all, our land of settlement.

Knowing that beyond the battlefield lies the homeland, President David S.C. Kim of the Unification Theological Seminary at Barrytown initiated an annual Home Church Theme Song Contest to help keep the vision alive in our hearts and to give us songs to stir deep memories in the future as the holy songs of the early members in Korea and Japan have done for us. President Kim would like to have this annual contest for the next several years and gather songs to collate finally in a home church song book. He is offering \$50.00 to the first prize winner each year. As you can see, he is quite serious about this.

The rules of the 1984 contest are that the tune and the lyrics be original. Please send both a tape and the written words to:

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by June 1, 1984. Let's create and build the Fatherland with beautiful songs.

Good guidelines for your songs are: remember that your song needs to be "singable" by a group or congregation, not too high, not too low and not too complicated. Keep it simple, beautiful and of course, uplifting. Written music is nice to include, but is optional.

This contest is worldwide. Last year's contest was won by a sister in Australia. Maybe this year it can be you!

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