

True Parents Birthday Celebration King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity

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by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

This is from an address True Father gave on March 4, 2005, at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center.

Today we have entered a significant providential time with the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk. On this day, you are all opening the way to a world of a new heaven and new earth in the direct presence of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who have been honored in the Ceremony of Cosmic Unity. Today, with the cooperation of the spirit world, you have all been urgently called here as the central figures with the important role of building the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven. You have been called here to build the world of God's ideal at the time of creation--in other words, a world of peace.

We are here today in the third month of the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, at the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace, the original holy ground. At this significant time in history, I would like to speak about "The Restoration of Our True God's Homeland," which has been God's most earnest desire, and to convey this message from Heaven that you should know and put into practice in this age. With the new spring season that is upon us, please open your hearts today and welcome this deeply meaningful spring day in the era after the coming of heaven.

Dear members, the people living on this earth today have been unable to find God's kingdom and His righteousness, which He has already revealed. Therefore, you should understand that seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness is the hope of mankind today, and the hope of all those who have lived on this earth throughout thousands of years of history until the present.

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Then how did this kingdom of hope and righteousness come to be our final goal and purpose? It is because of the human fall. Due to the fall of our first ancestors, God and humankind, who were to become the center of that kingdom and righteousness, were instead placed in a position where no relationship of any kind could be established between the two. Due to the fall, human beings lost the heavenly lineage and instead became Satan's children who inherit the satanic lineage.

Mankind had fallen into a state of ignorance about the true father and true families that were to be the center of God's kingdom and His righteousness. They were ignorant about the true nation. For this reason, God has had to labor throughout history to this day in order to awaken the ignorant people, all humanity, and teach them about the true father, the true family and the true nation. Consequently, the task of finding God's kingdom and His righteousness still remains as our ultimate hope and goal.

Dear members, there are over two hundred nations in this world today. Yet among those numerous nations, there is not one that God could call His own "Fatherland" and that could receive His love. For this reason, the purpose of God's providence, which has spanned a period of six thousand years until now, was to completely deny this fallen world and re-create the kingdom of God.

Thus, throughout history, God's providence was to find His kingdom. Without the cooperation of that

kingdom, God's will for the restoration of humankind would not be fulfilled. A true nation centering on a true religion must exist. Therefore, at a given moment in history, God had sought for a nation of His own. That has been the providential history centering on the chosen people of Israel and Judaism.

Then what kind of nation is the one we yearn for? It is not a nation like the one we live in today. We still do not have God's nation. A person without a nation does not have an original hometown. Without a nation you cannot have a nationality. Without a nation there is no basis upon which you can register your existence. Therefore, our task in this life is to restore that nation.

Only when we have a nation can we leave behind a tradition that can live on through our descendants for eternity. All the efforts we have made through our blood and sweat will remain as well. It is a monument that celebrates Heaven's labors. Through this nation, all vestiges of glory can remain on this earth. Yet if we fail to find that nation, all this will have been in vain.

For this reason, you should clearly understand that seeking and establishing God's nation is the most critical task for us today. You must always live with the conviction that, "Our family protects that nation loved by True Parents. Thus, I must become a filial child before True Parents, and fulfill the path of a loyal citizen of the nation."

The path we should seek is one we would truly

M A R C H 2 0 0 5

Ahn Shi Il • 5th, 13th, 21st, 29th

- 3 Shin Sook Nim's Birthday (1/23/84)
- 7 Middle East Time Founded (1983)
- 9 Dong Sook Nim's Birthday (1/30/55)
- 19 Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/88)
- 21 WRIST Established (1984)
- 25 Aewon (Garden of Love) Bank Established (1994)
- 26 Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
- 27 Jin Sung Nim's Birthday (2/18/62)
New ERA Inauguration (1980)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)
The Sao Paulo Declaration (1995)
Cheon Il Guk Established (2/22/2001)
Grand Liberation of 6,000 Years of History (2/22/2002)

A P R I L 2 0 0 5

Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
- 5 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)
57 Single Blessing (1989)
Declaration for the Blessed Family (1995)
- 9 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)
Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)
Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)
FFWPU Established (1996)
- 11 Un Jin Nim & Jin Hun Nim's Blessing (1986)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 13 Proclamation of Liberation and Release (2004)

- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)
Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 17 Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
- 19 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- 24 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
- 27 60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
Interreligious (144,000) Clergy Blessing (2002)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Ascension (2001)
- 30 Shin Joon Nim's Birthday (2004)

M A Y 2 0 0 5

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 2 Jin Hun Nim's Birthday (3/25/63)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 10 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 11 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
- 14 Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
National (American) Won Jeon Shrine Dedicated (2002)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
Citizen's Federation for the Unification Fatherland (1987)
- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 17 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
Washington Times Established (1982)
- 21 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 27 60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
- 30 Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
True Parents' East and West (Global) Victory (1999)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Un Jin Nim's and Yun Ah Nim's birthdays are celebrated twice in 2005. If there are discrepancies, please feel free to contact me. A lot of work and effort goes into this calendar's creation (annually for the past ten years)--including learning Japanese to be able to read an accurate lunar-solar calendar source, and gaining an understanding of the workings of the lunar calendar--Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

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OF THE SETTLEMENT OF CHEON IL GUK

True God's Homeland

wish to take. The kingdom that we should seek and establish is one in which we would want to live for all eternity. The things we need to have must belong to the cosmos while at the same time belonging to us; they should belong to this age and the past, and also be things that can be guaranteed into the future. You should envision this ideal hometown in your mind, establish its righteous laws in your lives, and live for the sake of that kingdom and its righteousness.

Do you have such a kingdom? As you don't, shouldn't you be seeking to establish such a kingdom? What did I say this nation was? It is an ideal nation of unification and peace. The ideal encompasses all six billion people of the world live as one family. It is the Peace Kingdom that glorifies the reign of eternal peace and prosperity where we attend the King of Peace of Cosmic Unity as our true lord, true teacher and true king.

To this nation, the family, tribe, people and world will offer their support. The entire spirit world will be mobilized. The five great sages, as well as your good ancestors, will observe your every movement as they support you. Based on the unity between the mind and body we can unify the individual and also unify the family, tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos.

God must fulfill the purpose of His providence on this earth, without fail. Then what will be the result of the fulfillment of His will? It will be that God can save all the people in this world and have dominion over them as His children. The will of providence has indeed been yearning for this to happen.

If you die without restoring a nation on this earth during your lifetime, you will be unable to have the value of a true person who belongs to the heavenly kingdom. You must go to the spirit world on the basis of having been under the reign of God's dominion on earth. That is the original standard of God's creation.

Dear members, throughout my entire life to this day, I have lived without any interest in worldly things. My lifelong desire is encapsulated in the following statements: "Should I not die in that nation that God can protect? Wouldn't my entire life be miserable if I failed to live in that way? Thus, I must seek that kingdom and live there, even if it is for just one day, before I die."

With that day in mind, I have walked this path with the heart of investing thousands of days of sacrifice. I am marching forward even while you who are ignorant take rest. If you do not rise up, then I will have to mobilize people from other nations to accomplish this. If this nation does not move, I will have to resort to such tactics as having other nations come in to achieve this purpose. In this way, there can be no failure on this heavenly path of bringing fruits in the age of Cheon Il Guk. There can no longer be any compromise, delay or extension caused by Satan's interference. The completion and conclusion of God's providence is literally the total completion of the providence in my lifetime. We are in the final leg of God's providence for completely establishing God's ideal at the time of creation.

In light of this, those without a nation are always exposed to aggression. They stand in an unfortunate position. There will be many times when they can be helplessly invaded. Where can we find the kingdom of God's desire? In other words, where can we find the kingdom that can become God's foothold? This is the question.

The reason we shed our blood and sweat for the people of this nation is to ultimately establish the



eternal heavenly kingdom and to establish a country of public well-being that can be praised for eternity by countless descendants to come. There is no doubt that this kingdom is one that the children of God's direct lineage can guide through God's word.

Once established, it will remain as an eternal state system. Considering these things, isn't it mortifying that you have not yet become citizens of that kingdom?

You should lament the fact of not having such a kingdom. You should deeply regret the fact that you have not been able to live in such a kingdom. You

should repent for not having established that unchanging sovereignty.

Throughout history, God established sovereign states in order to establish such a sovereignty, nation and territory. We are aware that in this course of history, a great many people have died. Myriads of people have been sacrificed, countless nations have perished, and numerous sovereignties have been replaced.

There is no doubt that among those who were sacrificed in this way, those who stood on the heavenly side and those souls who were sacrificed for the heavenly cause, have yearned for the establishment of such a kingdom and world at some point in history.

We know that Satan, not God, came to dominate history after the fall of our first ancestors. But originally, God should have been the master of this world.

If tribes, nations and a world had been established centered on a true family consisting of children from God's direct lineage created through the relationship of love with God, then it would have brought about a world under God's dominion, a nation under God's dominion, families under God's dominion and individuals under God's dominion.

However, because of the human fall, everything from the individual to the family, tribe, people, nation, and world came to stand in a position against God. You should know that such is the fallen history and fallen world.

If we leave this world as it is, the eternal world of true love based on the ideal of creation that God sought to establish would never be achieved. God can only restore His original authority by fulfilling His original ideal of creation. Therefore, God took that as the standard to put before this evil world in

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Rally for the Settlement of Cheon Il Guk

A Rally for the Settlement of Cheon Il Guk was successfully held in the main auditorium of the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace, at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, on Friday, March 4, 2005 at 10 am. It was attended by 12,000 members, comprised of blessed families from around Korea, peace ambassadors and San Su Won Mountain Hiking Club members.

The event, held for the concrete realization of Cheon Il Guk and to successfully dedicate the historic "King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity" was emceed by Secretary-General Song Young-seok of the newly established "campaign for establishing hoondokhae lifestyle" [unofficial translation], and proceeded as follows: opening declaration, holy song, prayer from Rev. Hwang Seon-jo, hoondok reading and speech by Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, presentation of bouquets by Jeong Seong-min and Im Hwa-jeong couple, True Father's speech, bequeathal of Cheon Seong Gyeong, adoption of the Resolution by Rev. Yu Jeong-ok, three cheers of "Eog Mansel" led by Rev. Yang Chang-shik, and finally ending with the closing declaration.

Rev. Kwak explained briefly the main aspects of

the providence, renewed with the opening of the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk. He began his speech by reading True Parents' words from Cheon Seong Gyeong on breaking through with the grassroots movement, and went on to talk about the significance of the event.

After reading from Cheon Seong Gyeong, in his speech Rev. Kwak stated, "You must bear in mind

that, strictly speaking, the hoondok churches, whose establishment was instructed by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, comprise the hoondok small group movement." He also emphasized, "In light of this, we must completely change our way of thinking, in that the hoondok church

movement is not something that should be carried out only by the Family Federation or the church itself, but that all providential institutions and all blessed families must carry out small-group activities centered on hoondok reading, mobilizing all the resources and abilities they can muster."

Rev. Kwak also told his listeners, "Don't be confused by the changing external situation of the overall system." He also asserted with emphasis, "Unless you and your families become one in heart with the



CHEON IL GUK LEADERS ASSEMBLY 2005 Special Awards

The Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2005 under the title of "Transition of Our Awareness, Lifestyle, Leadership and Methodology for the Realization of Cheon Il Guk" was held on February 15-17 2005 at Cheongpyeong training center with participation of 1200 leaders and representatives from around the world. This assembly sponsors included IIFWP and FFWPU International.

First Day: After Hoondokhae together with True Parents, there was an opening ceremony where Rev. Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan gave his welcoming remarks and his first lecture under the title "The shift in our awareness and lifestyle in the time of Cheon Il Guk". He said in his welcoming remarks: "Upon the arrival of spring, all the natural world automatically obeys the laws of nature, giving rise to a time of rebirth, and all things prepare for a new cycle of nature. My dear Cheon Il Guk leaders, as we enter this new season of God's dispensation, let us take the old, ragged clothes that have been worn out due to exposure to wind and rain and let us put on new clothes of new life. Our physical bodies may still be somewhat tired from the



old season and the impact of past generations. Let us however march forward toward the realization of Cheon Il Guk with a new determination and lifestyle."

After that were presentations of Activity Reports for 2004 and Project Plans

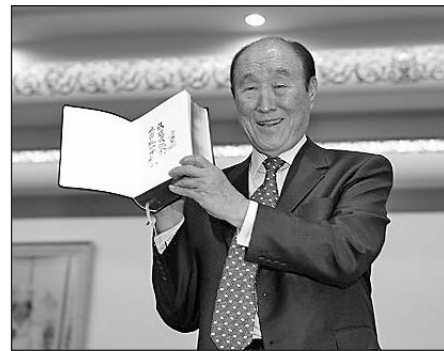


for 2005. The first day of the assembly concluded with the plenary discussions.

Second Day: All the participants had hoondokhae with True Parents, which was followed by the second lecture by Rev. Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan under the title: "Global Agenda in 2005 and a Movement for World Peace".

After the lecture came reports from the providential organizations. The second day was concluded with plenary discussions.

Third Day: Leaders joined the hoondok session with True Parents. After that Rev. Kwak gave his third lecture under the



title: "Agenda for Korea in 2005 and the Cheon Il Guk Movement".

Rev. Hwang Sun-jo gave the fourth lecture of this assembly under the title "Realization of Cheon Il Guk: Discussion and Search for Vision and Methodology".

Special Awards: During the awards ceremony 50 leaders received honorary doctorate degrees from the Sun Moon University.

Among North American Leaders, Rev. Jenkins, Dr. Salonen, Bishop Kim (Chicago), Rev. Ku (LA), Rev. Lee (Canada), and Mr. Joo received honorary doctor degree

And after that True Parents personally distributed the Cheon Seong Kyeong to

the all participants. The closing ceremony of the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2005 was like a graduation ceremony for all the leaders. ❖



True Father Presents the North America 2004 Outstanding Leadership Award

by Rev. Jenkins

Rev. Mark Hernandez, our Texas Vice Regional Director, was honored at our International Cheon Il Guk Leaders Summit in Korea on February 17, 2005 at Cheong Pyeong.

He has done outstanding work for many years but in particular in 2004 he responded far beyond the call of duty to fulfill the various goals and directions from True Parents. He also was the incredibly sacrificial in supporting special National



level projects with the ACLC and special programs for the Middle East.

True Parents are proud of such great Americans. It is a great day for all Americans, especially those

with the great heritage of Hispanic American people.

Rev. Hernandez has shown exemplary unity with his regional director, Rev. Shin and the Texas region has been brightly shining under his leadership. We are proud of Rev. Hernandez. Father was so happy to see such sacrificial leadership on the path to Cheon Il Guk. Dios Bendiga !!! Viva Hernandez familia, Viva Tejas. Congratulations! ❖

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True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who are the true parents, true teachers, true owners and true king and queen, you can never become the owners of Cheon Il Guk."

True Father delivered a speech entitled "Restoration of the Homeland of the True God," in which he said, "We still do not have God's nation. A person without a nation does not have an original hometown. Without a nation you cannot have a nationality. Without a nation there is no basis upon which you can register your existence. Therefore, our task in this life is to restore that nation." He also emphasized, "You must always live with the conviction, 'Our family protects that kingdom loved by True Parents. Thus, I must become a filial child before True Parents, and fulfill the path of a loyal citizen of the nation.'"

He went on to assert, "Dear members, first and foremost you must all give the blessing to your family and tribe, and centering on them, establish a tribal hoondok church. The success or failure of the Family Federation movement and the reunification of Korea, and, further, the providential victory or fail-

ure of the creation of one global family, depends on this initiative."

Lastly, Father placed emphasis on two points: "You must quickly break free from the customs and mindset belonging to the era before heaven. By practicing a life of the settlement of noon (in complete vertical alignment to God), offer yourselves in absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to God and True Parents." He also encouraged the members with the words, "Have heavenly courage and push forward on the path of a true master, true teacher and true parent."

After that, Rev. Yu Jeong-og adopted the "Resolution of the Rally for the Realization of the Settlement of Cheon Il Guk", through which all pledged to establish the Fatherland of God, the kingdom of peace of Cheon Il Guk, through lives of hoondok reading and tribal blessing. As each item of the resolution was read out loud, the members gathered at the event held up their hands and resolved in loud voices to become the vanguard in working for the settlement of Cheon Il Guk. The "Rally for the Settlement of Cheon Il Guk", which lasted for two hours, concluded with three cheers of Eok Mansei, led by Rev. Yang Chang-shik. ❖

True Father's Speech to the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly

This address was given on February 17, 2005. These notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins through a simultaneous translation. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future for publication on the words of Rev. Moon. However they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message.

I will give each one of the leaders here the Cheong Sung Gyeong (Holy Scripture). Every person must learn how to read the Korean. This should occur rapidly even by the end of this year. We cannot translate this into many languages. It will make more problems.

If you offer 3/10 as an offering you will be able to go anywhere at any time. This will be a key condition in the Kingdom of God. The Cheong Sung Gyeong should be given to each person. After you receive it, you should go to your hometown. The Cheong Sung Gyeong should be broken up into many volumes. Then it can be carried at all times. Also, instruction can be given on which section should be read on each day throughout the world.

Your ancestors (parents also) are in the position of the Archangel to support you. Your ancestors are watching over you. If you don't make the proper conditions it will be a problem. All your ancestors should not remain in the archangel position but rather all should be blessed and engrafted into the lineage of our True Parents. Adam and Eve should be in the position of the Elder Son. Ancestors should really be like brothers and sisters. If you don't know the Korean language, you can never be like the elder brother. The branches of the false Olive Tree should be grafted into the True Olive tree. We must emphasize that we should bless our children to our enemies. We should emphasize intercultural and interracial marriages. Otherwise there will be division and fighting in the future. This will make a unified Tree of Life that will blossom. First, Second and Third Generation must be blessed and united.

There should no longer be advanced nations and underprivileged nations. The three disciples of Jesus were not united with him. Three generations must be united to restore this. This will create unity.

There should no longer be division between internal and external. Without that unity, we can never bring the world to God. All media institutions must be harmonized with the internal truth and perspective or otherwise we cannot bring the Kingdom of Heaven.

There must be a clear difference between the era before the coming of Heaven and the era after the coming of Heaven. Rev. Kwak and Mr. Joo, you must understand that you must fulfill your responsibility and develop your creativity. If we do not fulfill our responsibility, our mind and body will be divided. In this condition we cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Everything in the spirit is computerized. Nothing can be hidden. Everything will be revealed.

We should go beyond 80. January 1, 1968 was the first God's Day. From that moment, I knew that I had to push myself to be absolutely correct. We cannot lie. Even Mother and I could be in trouble if I didn't tell her what she needs to know. Some of you have done things wrong secretly behind your spouse-- you cannot do this. This must be stopped.

The elders should return to their own hometown. At the time of Moses, the chosen people had to establish their hometown. They had to keep faith in Moses. This is the same time.

Americans, raise your hand. Are you just citizens of America? (No, we are first citizens of the Kingdom of God.) That's right. You should not be proud that America is the number one power. This will lead to problems. You should be humble and realize that your true identity is that you are citizens of the Kingdom of God.

Americans and Africans should exchange homes. This would be so beautiful in the sight of God. God's way is to always harmonize the highest and most developed foundation with the smallest or least developed. This is God's way. Satan cannot do this. Satan wants separation and pride.

Jacob did not marry the younger and more beautiful daughter; he married Leah first. Hometown is the destiny of all of God's people. We must engraft our hometown into the lineage of heaven. We must push our bodies down and allow our conscience to take the lead. The mind has the strongest power. This way must be applied to the individual, family, tribe, nation and world. Your mind and body must become one.

The Islamic world and the Christian world are in conflict. This is a serious problem. What is the root of the situation in the Holy Land?

Abel did not love his enemy. Christianity and America must take the position to show the way of loving your enemy. Jewish people must love the Muslim people and vice versa.

True Parents, Elder brother, younger brother -- this is the reality of relations in the Cheon Il Guk. Cain and Abel are united through True Love. Americans should exchange homes with Africans. This not a threat; this is the way I've been living. That's why every nation must have a central figure from the Fatherland. Every area should have a representative of True Parents from the Fatherland. They represent the elder brother; they must give love to the younger brother. Then they will succeed. This is the pattern. Without love, you can't succeed.

There must be three united together in one home or one area, and then God can dwell there. Through this path of harmonization through love, ultimately we come to be one with God's heart. One generation cannot make God's lineage; there must be at least three generations.

Michael Jenkins, do you understand? (Algay summida!) You must say Al Gay summida. Everyone must learn Korean. This is very important. The problem with English is that there are not built-in words of respect and order.

You say "you" to a child and "you" to a grandfather. This is impossible in Korean. You have different words to delineate each level of respect for the person you are speaking to. This is the problem. Western clothes are somewhat uncomfortable. What is this tie? It is like a noose !!! I feel like I'm being strangled. The Korean culture is centered on the heart. The more Americans can inherit the culture of heart, the better. The culture of heart.

Look at the bottom of your shoes - it should be worn straight. If it is not, it shows that your mind is not straight. Rev. Lee is the Continental director of Africa; he has been begging for Cheong Sung Gyeong for Africa.

You should walk in a dignified way. Also, it should be very natural. You who are far in the back, you are not falling asleep? The province that I am from has some rough language, so I can speak that way. When we walk, we should walk with dignity.

Who did not receive honorary degrees? The honorary degrees that I give have enormous value. Those who got their doctorates from various universities must consider if they really sought that

degree for themselves or for the sake of the world. Did you get a degree at the sacrifice of witnessing? Did you get a Ph.D in witnessing for heaven?

You should be shedding tears to understand God's sorrow and grief. God has even been accused by Satan. You should really sympathize with God's heart and his desire for the True Nation. Mr. Song will now become Secretary



General of the Family Federation. You must educate your tribe. I asked you to work hard; you do not do enough. Now I expect you to represent me.

Rev. Kwak and Mr. Joo, please come forward. You have been like enemies. You must reconcile. This should be like an exchange marriage. One is from Kyeong Song province, and the other is from North Korea. You should become like a couple. One should bring results and the other should teach God's heart. Mr. Joo, you must be a good example to Kook Jin Nim (he is working so hard). Mr. Joo, you must complete the theological course through distance learning.

There must be an official speaker who speaks on my behalf. You must understand that my position now is different since the completion

of the Crown of Peace. I am on top of the Universe. Pak Sa is the Ph.D degree. Some of you are requesting the Pak Sa, but if you do this it will be broken into pieces.

Originally the final Crown of Peace was to be completed on January 3. There was over 40 days; delay. Therefore we must shorten the next phase of time. Previously I gave you direction to mobilize 500 people from each district of Korea. If any leader can't do it, he must be replaced. We are now like a global family. During the next four years, we must be total unity in Korea. I told you to increase the members of the Ambassadors for Peace.

I said that WANGO must fulfill its responsibility. Where is Taj? Are you black or white? Your skin is black but you must guide white people freely. Taj means in Korean "foreign land." Black people and yellow people will challenge white people if white people do not fulfill their portion of responsibility. ❖

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order and to lead it towards a true world based on His original ideal. This has been God's providence in dealing with the fallen world.

Today there are more than two hundred nations belonging to the fallen sovereignty scattered across this earth. This reminds us of an exhibition of nations. Yet among them, there is not one nation of God's desire.

Unbeknown to man, God has led the providence through history in order to establish the nation that can fulfill His will. In the hopes of having dominion over the family, society, nation and world through one individual, He created Adam and raised him towards perfection.

Yet, due to the fall of one man, Adam, history was broken into many parts. The history of the providence for salvation has been restoring order and reconnecting the pieces.

Since Adam was the first ancestor of humanity, losing Adam as an individual was the same as losing everything else. Hence, God had to call and raise another individual. That individual should be one who could give up and forget about the tribe, people and nation in the satanic world. He should be a true person who could even give his life for God's will.

Dear members, all religions ultimately have the common goal of establishing God's will. As an example, let us take a look into the history of Christianity that we are all familiar with.

Although Noah was placed in a tribal environment he did not desire to belong to it. He belonged to a nation and yet was not concerned with it. Instead, he sought his own nation of hope. Noah had to go through all manner of trials and adversity in order to seek and establish that nation of hope.

Noah had relatives and belonged to a certain race of people. But more than that, he pursued a nation of God's will. God's desire for Noah was for him to seek His kingdom and His righteousness and overcome his individual circumstances. How great were the difficulties he faced in surmounting that course of 120 years throughout the four seasons, without a day's rest? Abandoned even by his family, Noah still persevered for 120 years despite all the arrows that came his way. Noah knew very well the principle that he would have to pay much indemnity if he were to eat and drink before seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness.

God found Abraham and Sarah and had them leave Ur of the Chaldeans. They went to Haran with a heart of unconditional faith and obedience, without even knowing that it was the place where they were to live. Even when Pharaoh took Sarah away, she did not bear resentment towards Abraham, nor did she betray him. In this way, their hearts were unchanging as they headed towards the nation of hope, even amidst severe persecution.

Let us take Jacob as another example. He had the conviction that a nation and people of hope were promised in the blessings given to him. Thus, nobody

could bend his firm conviction. In this way, God's will expanded from the individual to the family and tribe, and our prophets gradually began to come forth raising the banner of hope on the world level.

God's Providence Centering on Jesus

What kind of life did Jesus lead?



Jesus led the life of a wanderer due to the disbelief of the Jewish people and persecution in Israel. In the end, he perished as a sacrifice on the cross and could not

fulfill God's hopes for both man's spirit and flesh.

However, the Messiah comes with the mission of breaking down all the walls in heaven and earth and creating a unified world. God's will was to establish a nation with an ideology in accordance with the heavenly principle, even if such a nation created based on this fallen earth were to perish.

God's desire centered on Adam was not to dwell only within Adam, the individual, but was to establish a family, tribe, people, nation and world centering on Adam.

The nation that the Messiah had tried so hard to establish was destroyed due to people's disbelief. Hence, the second advent of the Lord comes with the responsibility to become perfect Adam and complete the mission of the Messiah. He has the responsibility to perfect Adam and complete a family, tribe, people, nation and world centering on Adam.

At certain times in history, God sent central figures to this earth and worked through them to establish one absolute nation; yet each time those people failed.



The providential history for restoration has been God's endeavors to find again such a righteous man through whom He can administer, promote and fulfill this task.

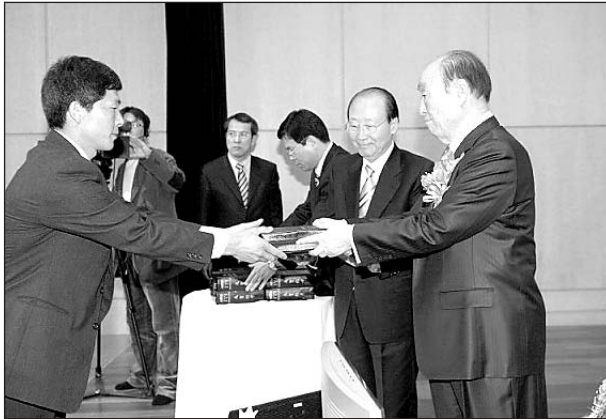
Therefore, we should be grateful to God even if He renounces us, and even if He harenounces our families, tribes,

peoples and nations. Only when such an individual and nation emerges can a new world be brought to order. However, no matter how many individuals are sacrificed, if that nation is not established, such the tribulations of individuals and even of families, tribes, peoples, nations and world will continue.

Our Mission

Dear members, what is the purpose of our birth on this earth today? It is to love the nation and the world. God's purpose to this day has also been to love that nation and the world. Citizens of a nation without sovereignty are pitiful indeed. That is why Jesus said with concern, "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" For the gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." (Matt. 6:31-33)

God sent Jesus to this earth as His incarnation and representative of the heavenly lineage in front of fallen people. In other words, Jesus was the first person in history who came to this earth in order to fulfill the hope God had nurtured throughout history.



After four thousand years had passed, Jesus was the person who was raised on this earth as the son and the true seed that emerged from Joseph's family within Judaism.

However, Satan had already established nations and was attacking the heavenly side. Therefore, the heavenly side also needs a standard on the national level as a firm foothold. For this reason, God has toiled for four thousand years in order to establish one nation within this evil world.

Dear members, Jesus came to this earth in search of God's nation. He came in search of one nation. But due to disbelief, Jesus could not establish that nation on both the physical and spiritual dimensions and only established a spiritual kingdom. Therefore, Christianity today still does not have a substantial nation of its own on this earth.

This means that God does not have a nation or people on this earth whom He can call, "My beloved homeland and beloved people." This means that the foundation for God's kingdom has still not been established on this earth.

Consequently even now Christians have fallen to the position of a people without a nation and sovereignty, and have been subject to death wherever

they went. Christianity developed based on the blood shed by its martyrs. Since Christianity began in this way, it could not have grown except for the blood shed by martyrs.

Although, the age for bloodshed and persecution has ended, it still has not died away. The Christian belief in the second advent of Christ comes from the deep yearning for such a nation and anticipation of the Lord who is to restore and establish the substantial nation that was lost, on the worldwide level based on Christianity's spiritual foundation.

Humanity has now entered the age after the coming of heaven and are receiving new heavenly fortune. The vortex of disbelief and betrayal that troubled this earth has now given way to a new heaven and new earth. Spring in the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk has come towards us in full bloom. The time has come for all blessed families to stand up in firm resolution.

The time has come for our blessed families to fulfill the providential responsibility of making all six billion people of the world into one family by raising the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, which stands in the vertical position of Abel, and by binding together the Mongolian peoples, which include some 70-80 percent of the world's population, as one clan through the marriage blessing and raising them to the horizontal position of Cain, for the sake of building Cheon Il Guk. This should completely break down the walls between races and religions and the boundaries between nations.

God has now given authority to me. Cross-cultural, international blessed marriage is the only way to bring humankind together as one global family that transcends races, nations and religions. What other way is there to make one's enemy of yesterday into one's blood relative of today, and to make people of different traditions and cultures into one great family?

Dear members, first and foremost you need to give the blessing to your family and tribe, and centering on them, establish a tribal hoondok church. The success or failure of the Family Federation movement and the reunification of Korea, and, further, the providential victory or failure of the creation of one global family, depends on this initiative.

We must quickly break free from the customs and mindset belonging to the era before heaven. By practicing a life of the settlement of noon [in complete vertical alignment to God], offer yourselves in absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to God and True Parents. You will then enjoy eternal peace and freedom as citizens of Cheon Il Guk. Your descendants will pay tribute and take pride in your achievements for eternity. You will live eternally in attendance to True Parents even in the spirit world.

Please engrave in your bones this message I have given you today and depart from here with the resolve of the elite vanguard of Cheon Il Guk who will open a new heaven and new earth. The fire of true love ablaze in your hearts will guide you. Have heavenly courage and push forward on the path of a true master, true teacher and true parent. ❖

1800 Couple 30th Blessing Anniversary

by John Doroski

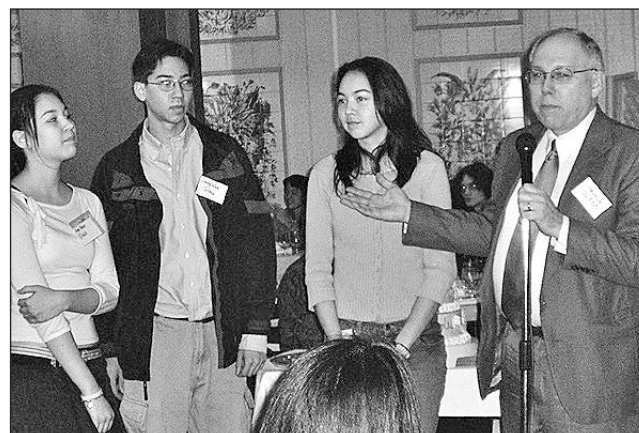
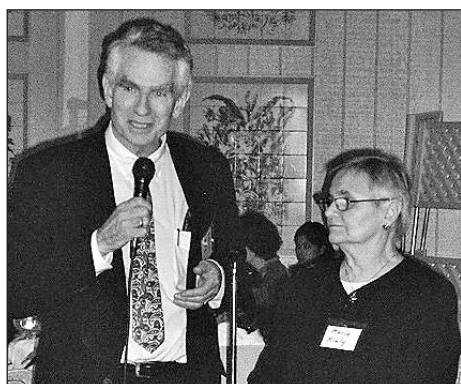
On Sunday, February 6, 2005 the 1800 couples of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut gathered for their 30th year Blessing anniversary. The event was held at the Tarrytown Hilton from 11:30 AM to 4 PM. A elegant buffet featuring both a breakfast menu and a dinner menu was served. The tables were decorated with several dozen pink and red roses. A three-layer cake was baked by the creative sister who prepares the True Family's celebration cakes. Nanette Doroski spent a few weeks organizing this event, assisted by her daughters Simone and Charmaine, and Helen Alexander and Caroline Burkholder.

Over 50 adults and 20 second- generation children attended. This was the first year the second generation came with the intention of getting to know each other. Two couples sitting beside each other discovered one had five girls and the other had five boys -- ideal for matching discussions. Our guest of honor was Rev. David Kim, who although he is 90 years of age, addressed us with his fiery spirit. Rev. Kim is still working daily to assist our members on a one- to- one basis. Rev. Kim gave away representative copies of his 800- page Day of Hope books from the 1970s, with numerous photos and news clippings of Father's speaking tours and providential events.

The formal part of the program consisted of each couple giving a short testimony of their missions, their marriage and their children. Many attendees remarked how enjoyable it was to get to know more about each other. Some offered a song and many shared their heartistic appreciation of their match, especially how they had fallen in deep love with their spouse.

In 1975 three hundred members from the 1800 couples went out to 123 nations as foreign missionaries pioneering the

tures at the time of your blessing and your children with ages mentioned is also desirable. ❖



beginnings of our worldwide movement; many of them are still in the foreign mission field and others are actively working to restore America. Many of the 1800 couples are working quietly in the background at special business missions and in all departments of our movement.

Currently Nanette is reaching out to all 1800 couples globally to create a testimonial book to be presented to True Parents and exchanged with each other. It would be appreciated if all 1800 couples worldwide could contact Nanette with their testimonials at soulmatemakeronline@yahoo.com; please label all correspondence as 1800 testimonials. A recent family picture, pic-

Marriage Enrichment Seminars to be Held Throughout America

Jim and Hiromi Stephens

We're very happy to announce that Betsy and Farley Jones have agreed travel around America in 2005 and put on 4 workshops for Marriage Enrichment for all Blessed Couples.

Farley Jones was one of the early Presidents of the Unification Church of America and Betsy for many years served as the leader of the Blessed Family Department.

Over the last few years they have taken extensive training in Marriage Enrichment programs and are now certified trainers.

They are willing to travel throughout the country and put on seminars to help our Blessed Couples and Blessed Families in the very important skills of relationship building, conflict resolution, and many others that are "down-to-earth" and practical.

If your region, state, or even city would like to have them come, it is only necessary that you provide their travel expenses, accommodations and meals during the weekend, and take up a "love offering".

Members wishing to attend the program can be charged a fee to cover the your costs. Please contact Betsy directly to make arrangements. Their home number is 518-479-2070. Get your group on the calendar quickly as the schedule may fill up soon.

The Blessed Family Dept. will announce any programs that are scheduled so that other members living in neighboring areas may also be able to attend.

We are excited and happy to be able to offer this program and sincerely hope that as many people as possible can take advantage of it.

I I F W P • 5th World Summit

Universal Values and Lasting Peace: Toward a New Model of Global Governance

by Mr. Glenn Strait and Mr. Eric Olsen

Conflicts in the Middle East, on the Korean Peninsula, and in dozens of other flashpoints around the world take a bitter toll in human lives and in the hopes of peoples in achieving the promise of lasting peace. Divisions over land and resources, endemic poverty, political repression, and ideological tensions all contribute to instabilities that can lead to aggression, systemic injustice, and, ultimately, war.

A major international conference bringing current and former heads of state, diplomats, scholars, and leaders of nongovernmental organizations from some 150 nations worked to address the underlying factors that lead to conflict and to advance alternatives to preempt the outbreak of hostilities and bring reconciliation to warring factions.

Convened February 12 in a dramatic mountain setting at Cheongpyeong in South Korea, the assembly, Universal Values and Lasting Peace: Toward a New Model of Global Governance, emphasized the need for the collaborative efforts of government, civil society and the faith community to meet the heightened security and humanitarian needs of the twenty-first century. The three-day conference, the fifth such summit on leadership and good governance, met under the auspices of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), founded in 1999 by the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

IIFWP Secretary General Thomas G. Walsh called the assembly to order in the opening plenary session and praised the nearly three hundred delegates for their selfless efforts to seek solutions to the problems of underdevelopment, social discord, and political insecurity. He urged participants to use the time given to work together and to find in the commitment and experience of those assembled new paths that won't replicate the failed experiences of history. He also looked forward to establishing a formal framework for an International Peace Council, comprised of regionally elected IIFWP Ambassadors for Peace. Such a council, he said, could play an important role in peacemaking by representing civil society and the world's faith traditions in collaboration with existing political representation at the United Nations and among governments.

The opening plenary address by Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, chairman of IIFWP, laid the groundwork for the days of deliberations and working sessions that followed. "Leadership," Dr. Kwak asserted, has its foundation not only in knowledge, experience, and a will to lead, but also in the character of individuals. . . . When character is lacking knowledge, expe-

rience, and skill can be misused."

The conflicts in history "are not fundamentally problems of structure, resources, technology, or knowledge alone," he said. "They derive from the problems within human beings." These root problems originate from a defilement of character that religious tradition traces to the first human ancestors, whose departure from an ideal state of union with God led to the weakening of the conscience itself. The role of religion, he said, includes a continual effort to elevate the conscience to correspond to its original role as a moral compass for human actions.

Dr. Kwak went on to outline the two core principles of leadership and good governance advocated by IIFWP—the principle of unselfishness, or living for the sake of others; and the principle of unification, or overcoming barriers through acts of love, reconciliation and cooperation. These principles of governance ultimately have their roots not in structures, rules, or laws, but rather in human relationships that have their base in individual attitudes and practices.

Dr. Kwak, who attended the recent inauguration of U.S. President George W. Bush, noted that the values of freedom and democracy that President Bush emphasized in his address are still not the most important values, for freedom misused for selfish ends leads to abuses. Only when informed by the ethic of living for others and the motivation to overcome boundaries can the



promise of freedom be realized.

Dr. Kwak also reported on his recent meeting with the president of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Jean Ping, and his attendance at the UN conference on sustainable development for Small Island Developing States, held in Mau-

ritius. Concluding, he welcomed the delegates on behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Moon, whose lifetime efforts for peace were to be recognized during the course of the conference on the occasion of Dr. Moon's eighty-fifth birthday.

Dr. Kwak was followed to the podium by the Honorable Jose C. de Venecia, speaker of the House of Representatives in the Philippines, who marveled at the magnificent setting and suggested that this could be a location for a United Nations of the East. Speaker de Venecia affirmed his support for an interreligious council within the UN, and reminded the assembly of his own his efforts to present that proposal before the interna-



tional body.

"Changing the heart is the only way to end the clash of civilizations, which really means a clash of religions," he said. "In the old days [such conflict] was tolerable. Today it is not tolerable. And only by implementing Dr. Moon's idea [of an interreligious council] can we learn to avert war.

"I personally advocated this view before President Bush, who was enthusiastic and referred the matter to Secretary Powell and National Security Advisor Rice. I brought this proposal before the UN General Assembly, which passed the resolution unanimously. Now I would like to ask this forum gathered here to begin to organize such an interfaith body to address the problems in the world's conflict zones—in Sri Lanka, Kashmir, Chechnya, Sudan, Nepal, Nigeria, and Palestine. I appeal earnestly to the men and women of moral courage to use your learning and experience to reconcile the great religions and to relieve poverty, injustice, and oppression."

Following Speaker de Venecia at the opening plenary, Dr. Konstantin Dolgov, department chief of Russia's Diplomatic Academy of the Foreign Ministry spoke of the futility of politics uninformed by the great insights and gifts of the great faiths; His Excellency Dr.

Ejuj Ganjic, former president of Bosnia-Herzegovina, reminded the delegates of the failure of international leadership before and during the outbreak of war in the Balkans in the 1990s; Dr. V. Mohini Giri, chairperson of the Guild of Service in India, spoke of the price of conflict on the civilian population, particularly women and children. "No longer are women willing to be mute," she said. "Sustainable peace can only be achieved with genuine collaboration between men and women, government and civil society."

Dr. Soo Sung Lee, former prime minister of South Korea; the Honorable Ashaji Ibrahim Mantu, deputy president of the senate in Nigeria; His Royal Highness Prince Sirivudh Norodom, Cambodia's deputy prime minister; and His Excellency Dr. Punsalmaagin Ochirbat, former president of Mongolia spoke

in turn of the urgent need for effective governance; for leadership informed by moral seriousness, and of the practical introduction of principles advocated by IIFWP through educational initiatives and interreligious dialogue to lessen tensions and provide for basic human needs.

As the homeland of the Rev. Dr. Moon, and with nearly two million armed troops fac-

ing each other along a border only 151 miles (248 km) in length, the politically divided Korean peninsula is a natural and urgent arena for applying the IIFWP approach to peacemaking. Presentations in this session, therefore, included a major statement of the IIFWP peacemaking principles as well as perspectives offered by academic experts from Korea, Japan, and Russia.

"The goal," explained Dr. Antonio Betancourt, Secretary General of IIFWP North America, "is to change the ethics and logic of power to the ethics and logic of love, which means to live for the sake of others, from the neighborhood and community, to nations around the world, ultimately to the United Nations body." Dr. Betancourt has been deeply involved in facilitating dialogue between the two Koreas, and between North Korea and the United States, since 1990.

IIFWP proposes a restructuring of institutions not only in North Korea, but the world over, based on the ethics of "I am even my enemy's keeper," he said. In this perspective, spreading democracy under the imperative of the human value of freedom is only a partial peacemaking initiative. That effort requires for its fulfillment the complementary virtues and language of true love, which stimulate and nurture a voluntary inner calling to be selfless,

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A New Model of Global Governance

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

On behalf of the Founders, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, welcome to Korea for this 5th World Summit on Leadership and Good Governance. Welcome also to the rich spiritual environment of the Cheongpyeong International Conference Center.

Many years ago, Rev. Moon and his followers began coming here to pray and fast. None of what you see now was here then. There were only the mountains in those days.

It is a high privilege to be able to address you today, and to present the Chairman's Address. We have assembled here representatives from 157 nations, including delegates from all the world's major religious traditions, and from a wide range of professional fields, including government, the private sector and civil society. Given this precious opportunity, I would like to choose my words carefully and use my time well.

This Summit series focuses on Leadership and Good Governance, and their relevance to human development and peace. The IIFWP was founded with a very serious objective in mind, to create a world of universal peace, a world in which true love is the basis of all human relationships. A world in which all people live together as one global family, in mutual respect, harmony, cooperation and co-prosperity. A world whose institutions, from governments, to religions, to businesses, carry out their tasks on the foundation of a deep, underlying culture of heart that binds

all people together as one family. On this foundation, we can build social, civic, economic and political institutions that take us through and beyond the challenging problems of our day.

Leadership and Good Governance are essential in helping us to achieve these goals.

Leadership has its foundation, not only in knowledge, experience, and a will to lead, but also in the character of individuals. That is, it has to do with the traits, qualities and virtues that should be embodied in human beings. Good leadership is essential to good governance. When character is lacking, talent, knowledge, experience and skill can be misused. Furthermore, character is not merely an intangible, moral value. Good character, which includes honesty, loyalty, dutifulness, compassion, courage, wisdom, etc., yields good outcomes. Good character allows trust, cooperation, creativity, productivity and prosperity to flourish.

As you know, IIFWP upholds two primary principles. Both are grounded in the ideal of true love, which is God's most essential characteristic. A world culture that is based on true love is one where conflict, poverty, and hostile competition will fade away. In turn, many very practical benefits will follow, including great happiness, freedom and prosperity.

Thus, we do not advocate these prin-



ciples simply as ends in themselves. Rather, these principles provide guidelines for the way of true love, which in turn is the basis for solving our world's most critical global problems.

The first may be called the principle of unselfishness, or the principle of living for the sake of others. The second is the principle of unification, or the principle of overcoming barriers through acts of love, reconciliation and cooperation.

These principles underly IIFWP's ideals of leadership and of good governance. They guide us on the path to peace.

The conflicts and struggles of history are not fundamentally problems of structure, resources, technology or knowledge alone. They derive from the problems within human beings.

Originally, humanity was created to inherit God's nature in all its goodness and greatness. That is why we were endowed with a conscience that express-

es the God-given essence within each of us.

The human problem emerged due to the Fall of Adam and Eve, our first ancestors. As a result of the Fall, the conscience was brought under Satan's dominion and has been badly damaged, even though it could not be eradicated completely. This is because, up until the time of their fall from God's grace, Adam and Eve were able to develop, at least partially, their conscience. Still, the conscience is not fully matured or perfected in human beings, and so we are in need of continual efforts to elevate the conscience. This has been the purpose of religion and the teachings of the saints and sages throughout history.

Even plants need nurturing and support if they are to grow. Weeds can grow easily. The conscience, like a tender plant, needs cultivation or it deterior-

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Time for Vigilance not Amnesia

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

This speech was given at the conference.

Political processes, truces, cease-fires, roadmaps, and other symbols and contracts for peace are fragile and have a habit of breaking down. Witness the aftermath of the "roadmap," and the birth of the second intifada, which yielded a massive spike in violent deaths to Israelis and Palestinians alike.

How many Mont Blanc pens used for signing peace treaties enjoy the serene security of climate controlled museum cases, while mothers and wives scrub the splattered blood of their loves ones off the walls of their homes, coffee shops, and supermarkets?

We are fully encouraged by the near spontaneous eruption of a commitment to "calm" shared by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in Sharm El Sheik, made all the more enchanting absent the shadow of the omnipresent U.S. bribe (the international version of the parental surrender "I'll give you an iPod if you stop fighting with your sister -- a victory for blackmail depriving everyone involved of discovering the genuine joy of having one's own sister as a true friend). The perennial oil spill of U.S. dollars will slick over the blue green human desire for peace soon enough, but last

week's Sharon-Abbas handshake sparked in an untainted beauty. Egypt and Jordan surely deserve their day in the sun for having faithfully trod a treacherous line dreaming of peace in a troubled time and a troubled place.

The heady and intoxicating dreams sparked in us by such spring-like moments in Egypt, should be accompanied by a stern and focused glare reminding us that now is the time, more than ever, to recall that conflict in the region is not merely political, and cannot be solved by politicians alone.

The horrors and calumny shattering the dreams and lives of undeserving innocents in the region do not stem merely from political differences and issues. This is why the likes of Sharon and Abbas should not be abandoned or isolated in this moment during their efforts to realize the peace they nobly symbolized in their dramatic act of hope and courage. As politicians they cannot solve the problems which cause violence and bloodshed in the Middle East. They can only solve the POLITICAL aspects of the problem, and history shows beyond a shadow of doubt that political efforts to provide solutions in isolation will forever be woefully inadequate to address the complex and deep-rooted causes of conflict in the region.

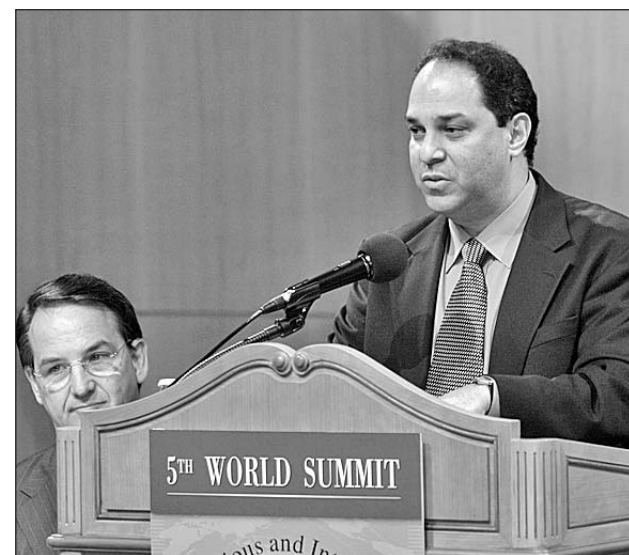
Violence and conflict in the region are spiritual in nature above all. Additionally they are religious, historical, and

cultural. For this reason it is the unmitigated responsibility of all peace seekers in every field to come to the support of Sharon, Abbas, Rice, Bush, Murbarak, and Abdullah II of Jordan in their time of courage, of risk, and of need. Furthermore, from among all leaders responsible to support the public face of pursuing peace, NO ONE bears greater responsibility than religious leaders, not only in the region, but also in the world.

All religions represented in the region have important centers of influence in many other parts of the world. Each and every world religious body must hasten to organize their respective faith communities, as well as their official, public utterances from central leadership to undergird the courageous, dream-filled, and hopeful moments radiating from Sharm El Sheik this week.

We urge President Bush and his cabinet, which publicly acknowledge the role of the divine in human affairs not to grow dull in mistakenly thinking that the God of all is confined to private Sundays.

The political process is the starlet on center stage evoking our dreams and hopes, but it is the spiritual and reli-



gious leaders who must light the path for Sharon and Abbas as each of them now faces enormously difficult negotiations with hard-liners to their left and to their right.

Believers and religions cannot sit idly by in this moment of serendipity. If anything, religions and believers should achieve greater sacrifice, risk, humility, trust, and reaching out across boundaries and barriers than secular leaders.

Religions have the urgent responsibility to reach those yet to intuit that the path of true faith forgives, believes in change, and pursues a peace that surpasseth all understanding. ❖

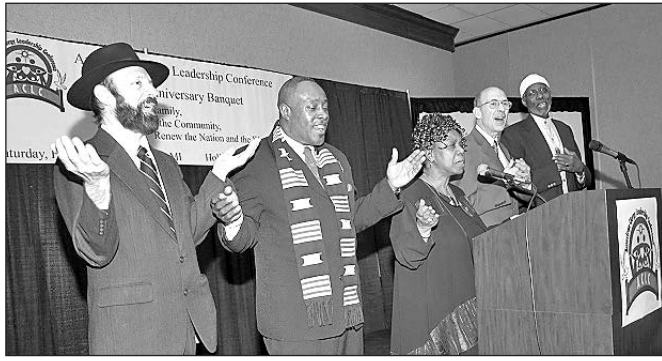
Detroit ACLC 3RD Anniversary Banquet

by Rev. David Kasbow

It was standing room only on Saturday, Feb. 5th for the over 100 pastors and their guests who celebrated the third anniversary of the founding of American Clergy Leadership Conference in Michigan. After a three year foundation of prayer breakfasts and church visits we were ready to celebrate the friendships we have made and show the public what the ACLC has to offer. We opened the program with a tribute to the three Abrahamic faiths: Rabbi Mark Waldman sounded the shofar, Imam Abdullah Bey El Amin recited the first verses of the Qur'an and saxophonist Montee Jefferson played Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite song, Precious Light. To further honor the three faiths we had Halal food for our Moslem friends, a kosher dinner brought in for our Rabbi and black, red and green table clothes to honor Black History month.

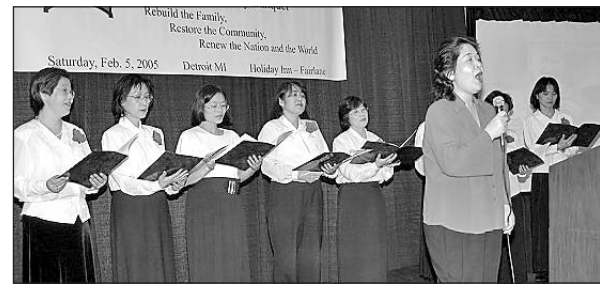
Joining us for the first time we were honored to have the Detroit City Council president Pro Tem Kenneth Cockrel Jr. give welcoming remarks on behalf of the city of Detroit. After the invocation and dinner I gave a section of the new PowerPoint presentation, "Hope for a Fractured World," on the role of faith leadership in bringing peace and balance to this world. This was a good foundation for Bishop Floyd Nelson, who then spoke and gave a wonderful message on Father Moon's vision.

After our Japanese Missionary Choir sang, we presented Lifetime Achievement Awards to pastors that have worked with Father Moon's movement for over 20 years. These included Dr. Elect Lady Dubose who, in 1984, received information in the mail about Rev. Moon's tax case and began praying for him a year before she met our movement. It included Rev. Earnest Hatcher, our Co-Convenor, who was a part of the 120 pastors who founded ACLC in Korea in 2001, and it included Rev. Mozie Lee Smith who went to Israel just weeks after she was in the hospital with an aneurism. In



this awards section of the program, we also had our brother Art Roselle, the head of the American Family Coalition, give out a number of Ambassador for Peace awards as well. We finished with our theme song praying for peace in Jerusalem.

What was so inspiring about the event was that our ACLC ministers completely took ownership of it. Each pastor pledged to buy a table; each had input on the program contents, menu selection and the entertainment. It was Rev. Thompson who brought the city councilman; Bishop Weeks knew the saxophonist and bought a table for the newly formed "Women in Ministry" sisters. Rev.



Thompson and Rev. Alexander called our minister list and encouraged them to also buy a table as well.

This kind of ownership developed from two things. The missionary sisters who had been here for over a year went back to Japan, and second was the concrete forming of ACLC. When the missionaries left there was a vacuum in our minister work. And, it began to hit me that if we were going to start ACLC that it had to be more than just a name; our core ministers could do more and really wanted to do more. They were becoming more than just friends of our movement. What has helped in this is education. I began inviting the ministers to my house. My wife and I would prepare breakfast once a week and then we would teach a section of the Principle. We have kept these breakfast meetings up for over a year and a half. We started at my house and since have moved to our church. I began asking them to join

me to visit ministers. This working together developed when we got the idea of having a prayer breakfast in a different zip code

each month. Rev. Mozie Lee Smith wanted to go first. She took ownership in finding the church venue for the prayer breakfast in her zip code area. We did a special mailing, addressed from her, to these ministers and then made a plan to visit them together. This helped our Family Federation members as well. A member whose church was in the zip code area of the month's prayer breakfast felt more ownership in helping out.

What has also helped in the development of our group is visiting other clergy organizations. Rev. Vincent knows all the clergy groups, their histories, and when and where they meet. His taking me around with him has been enlightening. We visited the Baptist Council weekly meetings, the largest of these groups in Detroit, and learned their structure. And, to help us prepare for our program, we were blessed to attend the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (founded by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.) annual banquet, which took place just two weeks ahead of ours. They had a thousand people at their program but it really hit me there that we can do this and not only that, we can do better than this! After all, we are the ones who are fulfilling Dr. King's dream of having black and white, Jew and Gentile (and Moslem), Protestants and Catholics joining hands together. Confirming this, we received the highest complement about our program when we heard a report went back to the Baptist Council members; we heard it was said, "These ACLC people really have their act together." ❖

North Dakota's Community of Faith Seminar

by Keiko Foss

We held a "Community of Faith Seminar" at the University of Mary Fargo Center from 2:00-5:00pm on Saturday, February 12. Dr. Keith Anderson & Mrs. Gudrun Gavin drove 4 hours to help our seminar. Dr. Anderson's PowerPoint presentation was well received. He spoke from his heart, embracing guests with his gentle eye. It was very inspiring presentation with deep content.

Mayor Bruce Furness gave a welcoming message and Mrs. Gavin shared the testimony of her 21- day interreligious work in Israel in 2003. And Mr. Larry Olson gave a report and testimony about the December 13 "Common



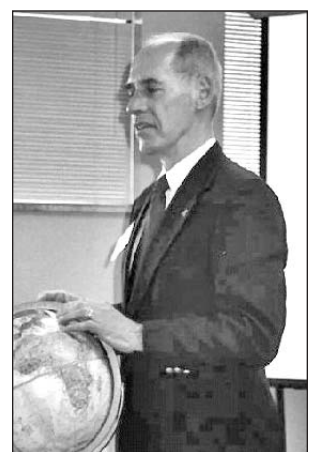
Legacy Breakfast banquet" and Rev. Moon's speech. Felix, who came from Nigeria, offered a beautiful convocation prayer. He was deeply moved by Dr. Anderson's presentation. He is preparing for the Blessing. Mr. Kenneth Musungu, who is working to get a Ph.D in Educational Leadership, was in attendance.

He is from South Sudan, where he would like to build a hospital and school. Pastor Paul Agamiri, from the Sudanese Fellowship church, left in the middle



of a very important meeting to come to our Seminar. He would like to get our PowerPoint CD to teach his congregation.

Joan MacCaslin did a wonderful job at the registration table. Cindy did a nice job as the MC. Roshan taped the whole program and helped to set up refreshments. Aloycia (10) was very attentive. We had very good



teamwork. Unity brought harmony and victory for True Parents and Heavenly Father. Larry's new wife, Toshiko, baked muffins & brownies and served drinks for everyone. ❖

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ACLC Chicago Pastors' Prayer Breakfast

Chicago welcomed back Rev. Dr. Bishop Ki Hoon Kim and Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr. on February 24, 2005 for our rousing Chicago-style monthly prayer breakfast. Bishop Kim, fresh from receiving an honorary doctorate from Sun Moon University and Pastor Barrett, fresh from a wonderful world-visionary conference in Korea brought all the spirit and power of their experience with them back to Chicago.

This was our monthly prayer breakfast for February. It was hosted by the Rev. Ollie James and held at his Greater Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church on Chicago's great South Side. Rev. James is a new member of Chicago's ACLC community and this was his first chance to host one of our monthly prayer breakfasts.

His church banquet hall was spacious and quite comfortable for the 150 ministers who gathered together on this last Thursday in February. Rev. James' members cooked up a banquet for the ministers. Breakfast consisted of scrambled eggs, bacon (choice of turkey or pork), sausage, grits (this author's favorite) muffins, home made banana bread and orange juice. In other words, we were all very well taken



care of.

Our beloved brother and "street fighter" Rev. Joseph McAfee served as this month's MC. Rev. McAfee was joined at the head table by Bishop Kim, Pastor Barrett, Dr. Paul Swanson (Lutheran School of Theology) and civil rights icon A.I. Dunlap.

The gathering was entertained by the melodious voice of Mrs. Kazumi Murray to begin the program after which many of the new minister guests (and there are more and more every month) stood up and were introduced.

We were then able to view the newest PowerPoint video presentation entitled "Building a Community of Hope" narrated by Rev. Phillip Schankar. At this point Rev. McAfee introduced one of the national conveners of ACLC, Chicago's very own T.L. Barrett, Jr. to deliver the morning's message. Pastor Barrett was still obviously inspired by his recent sojourn in the land of the morning calm. He began his remarks with deep words of gratitude for both Bishop Kim and for our True Parents. He remarked how our True Parents had restored his very own marriage.

Pastor Barrett then moved on to do what he does best: preach and teach. His scripture came from the book of Matthew, the seventeenth chapter beginning with the thirty fourth verse. He talked about how Jesus



(and True Father as well) had no fear. He talked about the relationship between Jesus and Peter (Peter's fear and lack of faith) and paralleled that to the life of Rev. Moon. He

talked about how Father had brought his own wife back to him and about how he himself had to stand up to the bishop of his own denomination, who had warned him against working with Rev. Moon. But Pastor Barrett receives his direction from God and his word, refusing to have any give and take with the nation of fear. His message to the pastors was "calm down" and get in touch with the true direction that God has for your life. Just as our True Parents so often go out on the ocean to get in touch with the true will of God, Jesus told Peter to go fishing in order to find the true answer to the tax collectors. "Calm down," Pastor Barrett reiterated and you will realize that God is truly in control.

Then our just-returned Dr. Ki Hoon Kim took the stage and greeted the pastors with his usual kindness and love. The pastors stood to applaud his new honor and to welcome him back. One such pastor, the 93 year old Rev. M.E. Sardon, had battled the flu. the way he had battled the enemies of the civil rights movement, in order to be present to welcome Bishop Kim back to Chicago.



Our growing contingent of Hispanic ministers made the announcement that on March 13 there will be the first full fledged Hispanic Ambassadors for Peace seminar held in Chicago and all within the sight of this report are most welcome to join us from 4-7pm in Elgin, Illinois. The ministers also displayed a beautiful photo from the local Hispanic newspaper of the Ambassadors for Peace Awards which they received during the True Family Values banquet last October.

Finally Rev. Franklin Morris closed out the session with the benediction prayer. As usual, it took quite a while for the inspired ministers to leave the church. All were infused with the spirit, driven home through the words of Pastor Barrett. Now we are beginning to prepare for the Ambassador for Peace seminar and Chicago's March Prayer Breakfast. ❖



Kentucky ACLC Prayer Breakfast

by Dennis Wooley

On Saturday, February 5, 2005, a major educational seminar for the 8000 religious leaders took place at King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Twelve ministers attended, and 85 people representing 10 different churches were present. Rev. Wanda McIntyre, Assistant Pastor of King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church served as master of ceremonies. Bishop Dennis V. Lyons, Pastor of the Full Gospel Missionary Baptist Church, provided music for the devotional segment of the program.

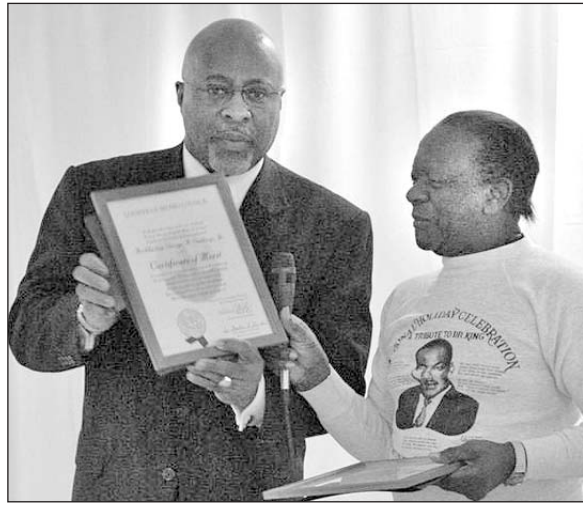
Our special guest of honor was the Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr. After Rev. McIntyre introduced Archbishop Stallings, he began an electrifying sermon speaking with power and conviction as he poured out his heart. He shared that even though there are many religions in the world, God is our common parent. He said that

the more we know ourselves, the more we understand God. We must have absolute faith that God, our Parent desires the best for us, his children, but Adam and Eve lacked this trust

in God and acted in disobedience, which resulted in the Fall. He further stated that God created man and woman last in the order of creation in His divine image: "We came forth from God; that means we have existed from all time in God." This was the divine lineage that Adam and Eve should have passed on from the beginning. Adam and Eve fell lower than the plants and animals; for this reason, even today we can't recognize each other as brothers and sis-

ters.

Moreover, Archbishop Stallings taught that our purpose is to reflect the divine image of God; in that sense we were intended to be "small gods or god in g-



minor." It was of particular significance that he pointed out that in Exodus 3, when Moses asked God His name, God stated "I am that I am." He clarified

that we all introduce ourselves with the words "I am." According to Archbishop Stallings, this is our way of recognizing our divine heritage. "We are giving our divine identity...Adam and Eve had God's spiritual DNA."

Archbishop Stallings reminded us that it was Father Moon who brought us this truth. He said to the ministers that it is

the realization of Dr. King's dream. He further expressed that True Parents' marriage Blessing is going to save us as it enables us to fulfill the three great blessings. He said, "Marriage is the centerpiece of Father Moon's ministry." He pointed out how Father has matched repre-



sentatives from former enemy nations in the Blessing of marriage.

Finally, Archbishop Stallings gave a testimony of how Father Moon matched him and blessed him to his wife from Japan on May 27, 2001. He shared that they have 2 children but that their goal is 13 children. He concluded by sharing that Father Moon is truly living for the sake of others as he has invested all of his resources into building peace, uniting people from around the world. The Archbishop left us with this parting thought: "Don't lose sight of the ideal...there can be Heaven on earth." His sermon was met with thunderous applause as this audience was truly captivated. Later he personally shared with some of the ministers more about Father Moon over breakfast. These ministers gained an entirely new perspective of Father Moon.

Following Archbishop Stallings' message was a sumptuous breakfast that the King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church prepared. Following the breakfast, Rev. Dennis Wooley, Kentucky State Leader, gave the PowerPoint presentation that head-

quarters prepared: "Faith Leadership in Our Fractured World." The audience seemed transfixed during the presentation, and several ministers thanked Rev. Wooley. This PowerPoint contained stunning professional graphics together with content based on Father's speeches from December 13, 2004, in Washington, D.C. It was a beautiful and



unique expression of Father's words. Representatives from King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church honored both Archbishop Stallings and Rev. Wooley with framed Certificates of Merit from the Louisville Metro Council for outstanding contributions to the community. This was a special surprise.

In the way of preparation, Rev. Dennis Wooley and Rev. McIntyre formulated a preliminary program plan and action plan and asked Rev. Peter Hayes (KY AFC) to lead a preparation committee. Rev. Peter Hayes (Kentucky AFC), Kerry Williams (Kentucky WFWP),



David Powell (Kentucky Tribal Messiah), Bob Anson (Kentucky Tribal Messiah), and Wanda McIntyre (King Solomon Church, Ambassador of Peace) worked tirelessly to place the plan into action as they met every week in committee in the weeks leading up to our program. In addition, Rev. Hayes served as stage manager. Bob Anson (KY Tribal Messiah) and Norman Presley (Kentucky Tribal Messiah) took responsibility for sound and video. Masa Ohama (Kentucky Tribal Messiah) took responsibility for photos while Norman Presley made the video. ❖

Interreligious Prayer Breakfast in Germany

by Annick Schnapp and Werner Fehlberg

For weeks we prepared the first interreligious prayer breakfast for the region of Duesseldorf and invited some ministers, peace Ambassadors and religious-thinking, open hearted people to our home in Korschenbroich. A quite interesting mixture of guests: a black Christian minister from Eindhoven (Holland), who was converted from Islam to Christianity, a Jehovah's Witness, a Peace Ambassador from Duesseldorf, a lady and a man from Duisburg, our minister Makoto Noguchi and naturally some



members of our movement were present. After greetings and a prayer, we sat together and introduced ourselves briefly to each other. Then there was a plentifully set table with a nice breakfast.

We began a lively round of talks. Next we sat together on the couch and heard a beautiful song from the well-known singer Chey, from her last CD: "People Need the Lord". Subsequently, we read out loud Father's speech from 8 May 2001 in Harlem, that it is very painful for God to watch how humanity devel-

ops, because of barriers between us, which are in the long run a big obstacle on the way to Heaven. We could see clearly Father's strategy to create peace in the Middle East in the DVD: "Statement of Heart to Heart" by the Middle East Peace initiative (MEPI). The following discussion

showed things we have in common. Differences in the religious ways of thinking and traditions became clearly visible. That is not a problem if people from different religions and/or denominations have different points of view.

The relationship of individuals with God is as different as their faces. It is important to present in a respectful way different aspects so that we can learn from each other and the discussion remains interesting. And that is the purpose of each interreligious dialogue.



In addition, our interreligious prayer breakfast was a golden opportunity and a good start.

We would like to offer this interreligious prayer breakfast from now on regularly, in accordance with the slogan: Things that are already successful in the USA cannot be bad for Germany. In conclusion we stood up, held each other by the hand, and prayed for peace and the establishment of the heavenly kingdom of God, starting from us, as Jesus Christ taught us two thousand years ago. ❖



Crown of Peace with the Jenkins Family

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The direction of Heaven and the providence at this time is that we should connect our Tribes to the Peace Kingdom. Therefore we should bring the blessing to our relatives and allow them to affirm the King and Queen of Peace symbolically.

I sincerely thank many of our leaders for their prayers and support, especially Dr. Yang. Having journeyed far from home for many years it is not easy for me to "suddenly" return and have a Crown of Peace Ceremony.

However, as True Parents have guided us, Heaven has prepared the way for us. The preparations were a little rocky and my wife Reiko and I were nervous. As with all of our families, we long for understanding and support from our relatives. Being called by God to a special mission is not easy for any relative to understand.

I'm deeply grateful to my family in Ohio for supporting the Crown of Peace "ceremony" for True Parents. My brothers supported us - my sister-in-law took charge to help make it happen. My parents then could cooperate. My wife is fully embraced and loved by our family now. This was a long, long journey as my father had very deep feelings toward the Japanese as "enemies" since he served in WWII on the PT boats in the Philippines. The grandchildren and God and True Parents' constant support to embrace our families in our hometown helped wash away much



this process comfort the lonely heart of God and True Parents.

As I mentioned, somehow my sister-in-law took charge and things became stable. I will never ever forget what she did. I am deeply grateful to my wife, who went through years and years of the undercurrent of not being really accepted. It is the undercurrent in America of one race to another. Breaking the racial and international barrier is like breaking a "sound" barrier. It creates a big boom and a lot of pain. No one wants to go through this. That's why the majority of people stay comfortably in their own racial and cultural realms. Now the time has changed; through America the foundation was set for the mixing of all peoples. Through the blessing the true restoration and reconciliation of all races and peoples can now occur.

When my sister-in-law took charge everything went smoothly. I gave a powerpoint presentation on our work in Israel. It helped so much. It could give some clear and substantial understanding of our work for peace.

My mom and dad receive the ACLC Crown of Peace Pins. It became a joyful occasion. We conducted the marriage blessing with the Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine.

We had the blessing with the Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine from August 20, 2004. This Holy Wine sets a condition not only of the Heavenly lineage but also, engrafts our family and tribe to True Parents and sets the condition for our entry as a tribe into the Peace Kingdom of the fourth Israel. (It is like the blood

of the lamb on the door posts of the Israelites in Egypt -- it provides a covering of grace and protection to our families). Also the Holy Wine from August 20th allows for not only our family but our ancestors and even our nation to receive grace through this condition.

My two younger brothers (who are fraternal twins) presented the Crowns of Peace for True Parents. My parents totally supported us. We were accepted as the spiritual leaders of our tribe. We then gave everyone the ACLC Crown of Peace pin. Everyone received a crown of glory.

When I was at the final Crown of Peace ceremony in Korea, over and over again I could feel how valuable it was to have set the condition to allow my own tribe to affirm the King and Queen of Peace. I did not stand there as an individual but standing in the fulness of our "tribe" and its affirmation of the will of heaven. How much did they understand? Enough to say yes and to affirm True Parents and my own role. The gate is open for them to understand more now. Certainly the ancestors are helping us.

Again, I especially thank our VRD's who prayed for me when I revealed to them at our national meeting my apprehension over how I would set this condition, especially in light of the minuscule

love that I gave my family since I was "called". I repented to my family and they received it. They didn't understand my calling. When they saw the work in Israel and Gaza they felt something. I especially thank Rev. McCarthy for his prayer and understanding about this course. Also, I thank Dr. Antonio Betancourt for so faithfully going forward with his tribe to fulfill this course. It gave me confidence. ❖



of the enmity. Certainly Cheong Pyeong did much to liberate the ancestral gap.

It was very stormy in preparation. "Why the rush?" is always the question. I wanted to fulfill this condition representing America before the February 14 final Crown of Peace in Korea. I felt responsible. I also felt deeply repentful. Because I become so "mission" conscious I didn't do much for my hometown or my family over the years. I could have done much, much more. The day we were to leave we almost felt like canceling. However, often when that "feeling" comes up, I have learned that we must never cancel. We have to go forward. If they reject it, that is the course that we must walk. I felt deeply concerned, however, that if they rejected this, that I may fail True Parents' hope and expectation, for ultimately to win America we must win our families.

When you look at our families it is easy to see that God picked some of the finest possible representatives of every religion, race and background. "True" Americans fill the ranks of our movement. Therefore when we win our families, we will have won America. This is not simple. Most of us have gone through utter rejection. Through this however we can understand what it must have been like for Jesus. His family could not understand and they rejected him. How lonely he was. We can comfort him now and through

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Betancourt Clan Reunites and Crowns its King and Queen of Peace

by Caroline Betancourt

The Betancourt clan began the new year of 2005 with a family reunion in Colombia, South America, on January 2nd through the 5th. Hosted by Dr. Antonio Betancourt and his wife, Kyoko, over 120 relatives from many cities in Colombia and America gathered at Dr. Betancourt's farm nestled in the mountains of LaVega, Cundinamarca, about one hour from Bogota, Colombia's capital

For several days, family members streamed in from towns as far as 1,100 miles away, Medellin, Monteria, Cali, Manizales, and Pereira, some traveling two days through the winding mountain roads to LaVega. Family that had not seen each other for as many as 40 years, aunts, uncles, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews arrived, enthusiastically greet-

ing each other with hugs and tears of joy. They came to see each other but, more importantly, they came to witness the crowning of the King and Queen of Peace and Blessing Ceremony of Cheon Il Guk for the Betancourt clan.

What drew so many people together? "I felt something special was going to happen. I have been searching for something, a change in my life, and I felt I may find it here," said Marta Corraera from the mountain town of Pereira. "We had many difficulties getting here...and it took 2 days...but my mother, my sister and her husband and their little girl, and I were determined to come."

Fernando Betancourt, who had been blessed by his uncle Dr. Betancourt in 1997, came because he loved the Blessing and the Unification Church. "I felt my life changed for the better when I received the Blessing. It is very important to me." Dr. and Mrs. Betancourt and two other Betancourt brothers, Michael and Carlos, had blessed many family members in prior visits to Colombia. These Blessings laid the foundation for this Crowning Ceremony.

As guests arrived, they quickly found many things to do. Some swam and bathed in the pure waters of the river that tumbled through the land; others fished from the man-made lake stocked with Dilopia, carp and red snapper, some played Rana, a game unique to Colombians, and others simply walked, picking fruit from the many fruit trees on the land or enjoying the orchids and other exotic flowers growing wild. And some guests slept in tents outside. And of course, there was the endless sharing and talking with each other as family caught up with each other's lives. As Ruben Dario Betancourt from Manizales declared, "This is so much better to get together centered on life, not death. Most clans only get together for funerals."

Others worked in committees to prepare traditional Colombian food like "sanchocho" or blood sausage. Sleeping arrangements had to be modified daily as more and more guests arrived. "Esteras," sleeping mats made of dried banana tree leaves, and thick wool blankets were laid out on the floor. By the third day, every single bed and every inch of floor space were occupied with still more people sleeping outside in tents. The place began to look more like Cheong Pyung in Korea.

The day of the crowning witnessed a flurry of activity. Brothers with special carpentry skills built a small stage, second-generation girls created a hand-made banner, others prepared ground corn, coconut, milk and spices to make a Colombian pudding called "natilla", others created huge floral displays, and others prepared the meal to be served after the ceremony.

The final touches to create the ultimate scene of ceremonial beauty, according to the True Parents' standard, took the longest. An oriental carpet was laid over the stage and their chairs and picture were carefully placed on the stage with 5 flower arrangements behind and the banner above.



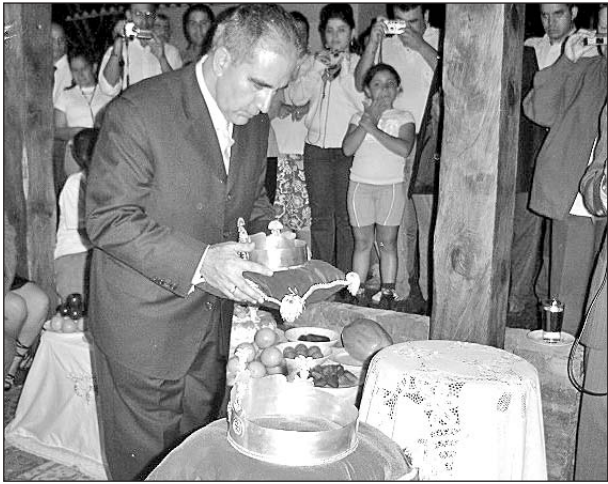
A cloth embroidered with a crown was placed on the offering table; two red velvet pillows with gold tassels, made by a niece, Martha Cecilia ("with a lot of love," as she said), were positioned on two pedestals in preparation for the crowns.

Finally everything was perfectly in place in a staging area outside, when one of those famous tropical downpours fell from the sky. Everything was hurriedly brought onto the covered veranda and repositioned. Finally the ceremony could begin not in the open as originally intended, but in the covered veranda.

Dr. Betancourt gave an overview of the Divine Principle to explain the meaning of Cheon Il Guk and the crown-

ing and blessing as central activities of this new age of liberation.

Each and every member of the Betancourt clan listened with total concentration and fully supported the presentation of the crowns by the two eldest members of the clan. Then a special toast was offered with holy wine and a mighty Oak Man Sei concluded the ceremony. In memory of the occasion, each



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This is just one in an ongoing series of pictures from the ancient Membership Forms in the HSA personnel office. Enjoy, and remembers those early days of our Spiritual Family in America



family group had their picture taken with the crowns.

As various family members gathered to share about the ceremony and their feelings about this special gathering of their family, several announced their desire to be matched and blessed. After the ceremony, they could understand the value of being married and having children centered on God.

Later, some reported dreams of new baby shoots of plants poking through the fertile land of Colombia for as far as the eye could see. Others had visions of thousands of angels hovering over the farm at LaVega. With this crowning and blessing ceremony, Colombia has been fertilized with the love of God. ❖

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Ceremony Marking Rev. Hwang Sun Jo Passing on His Mission as FFWPU International President and FFWPU Korean Church President

A ceremony marking the end of Rev. Hwang Sun Jo's term as the FFWPU International President was held on March 3, 2005 (Thursday) at 10 am, at Headquarters Church in Korea with the attendance of Rev. Kwak Chung Hwan and some 400 Korean leaders including former church presidents, heads of providential organizations and elder blessed families.

The ceremony, lead by Kim Jong Woo, Director of General Affairs of FFWPU Korea, was opened with a prayer by Rev. Pak Jeong Ho, regional director of Incheon. Rev. Pak No Hi, regional director of North Seoul, explained briefly about many achievements Rev. Hwang accomplished during his tenure. A flower bouquet was presented to Rev. Hwang, and Rev. Kwak presented a plaque for the meritorious achievements of the departing president. Rev. Hwang then gave his parting address which was followed by Rev. Kwak's words of encouragement. Rev. Kim Chang Geun, regional director of South Gyeong-gido closed the ceremony with three cheers of Mansei.

During his parting address, Rev. Hwang recounted his first encounter with True Parents in the early days of his life of faith and talked about how he could never forget the feelings he had that day. He recalled how he had strived to do his best for God's providence and in following True Parents' words but confessed how much he failed to do as he looked back. He emphasized that, from this day



forth, he would become a tribal messiah to restore 430 families and invest his entire being in tongban kyokpa. He also displayed a firm heart of absolute obedience, pledging to be one who can bring hope to the elderly couples and members who had supported him.

Rev. Hwang was appointed as the



president of FFWPU Korea on July 10, 1997 and was later given the position as the international president of FFWPU on June 16, 1999. With the church members, he assisted True Parents in numerous providential events beginning with the advent of the FFWPU age, the Coro-

nation Ceremony for God's Kingship, the blessing for registering in Cheon Il Guk, the transition from the era before heaven to the era of heaven, and the Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity.

In his address, Rev. Kwak expressed his gratitude for Rev. Hwang's hard work. Instead of touching upon the ceremony and Rev. Hwang's mission and his accomplishment as the president of FFWPU, Rev. Kwak asked all the participants to understand this change as something in line to begin

the era of heaven which is an era to bring about the safe and complete settlement of the age of Cheon Il Guk. He emphasized that this was part of the great changes of our organizations in this providential time period. In this light, a separate ceremony appointing a new president for FFWPU Korea and FFWPU International will not be held. With Rev. Hwang's departure, Rev. Kwak will now take the position as the international president of FFWPU.

Rev. Kwak conveyed True Parents' desire for the church, Foundation and providential organizations to run under a one integrated system. This comes from



the need of a single integrated organization centering on the True Family which is in line with the new age since the organization and system of the age of restoration can no longer keep up with the rapid changes of providence.

In particular, Rev. Kwak conveyed True Parents' desire for all blessed families to become like nerves and neural cells in a body that can transmit God's ideal to the world. He emphasized True Parents'

fervent desires for the integrity and role of blessed families to have their tribes understand God's will and attend True Parents so that they can register in Cheon Il Guk.

More recently, True Parents gave directions to create two hoondok organizations in all 3,516 towns, townships, and villages in Korea, and to create over 7,000 or 12,000 hoondok organizations by the end of this year. ❖

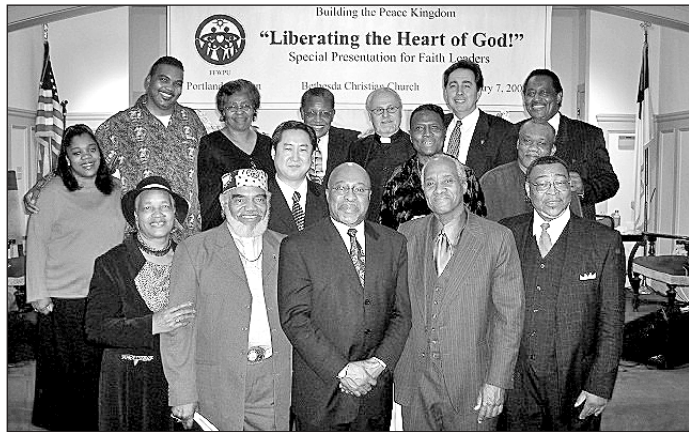
Building the Peace Kingdom in Portland, OR

by Rev. John Dickson

On Monday, February 7, 2005, Archbishop Stallings was the keynote speaker at a special event held at the Bethesda Christian Church in Portland, Oregon. In spite of very short notice, about 100 people attended the program, "Building the Peace Kingdom: Liberating the Heart of God."

The program was opened with a Native American sacred song led by Chet and Donna Clark, Navajo tribe, Ambassadors for Peace from Salem, Oregon.

Reconciliation Ceremony with Fred



Simpson, Klingit Tribe and Master Carver of the House of Tears Carvers, with Zola Bokar. Following photo is Chet and Donna Clark with the Dehens, an American/German BCF.

The event was opened by a Navajo prayer song and drum, performed by Chet Clark's family. Chet is an Ambassador for Peace. Afterwards, a reconciliation 'Path Crossing' ceremony was held between representatives of the European/American settlers and the Native Americans. Also par-

ticipating in this ceremony was Fred Simpson, an Alaska Indian from the Klingit tribe and a Korean War veteran, who had presented an award to True Parents at the December 13th Crown of Peace Ceremony in Washington, D.C. Fred had driven all the way from the Canadian border to participate in this program in Oregon.

Sakura, the Japanese womens' choir, made a deep atmosphere. We explained the significance of Japanese

women wearing Korean choguri.

Rev. Fr. Vasile Muntean, Romanian Orthodox priest, received an Ambassador for Peace certificate.

The leader of The Lights gospel band

was also named an Ambassador for Peace for the great work of transcending cultural and denominational barriers.

Musical selections were provided by Portland's Japanese women's choir, wearing beautiful Korean choguri in the spirit of reconciliation. Throughout the evening the gospel group, The Lights, performed inspiring and spirit-filled songs. The leader of this band, which had also played for our local Oregon Crown of Peace Ceremony in October, was presented with an Ambassador for Peace certificate. Later, Rev. Fr. Vasile

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Second Generation Holy Wedding



True Parents Birthday Celebration and the King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity



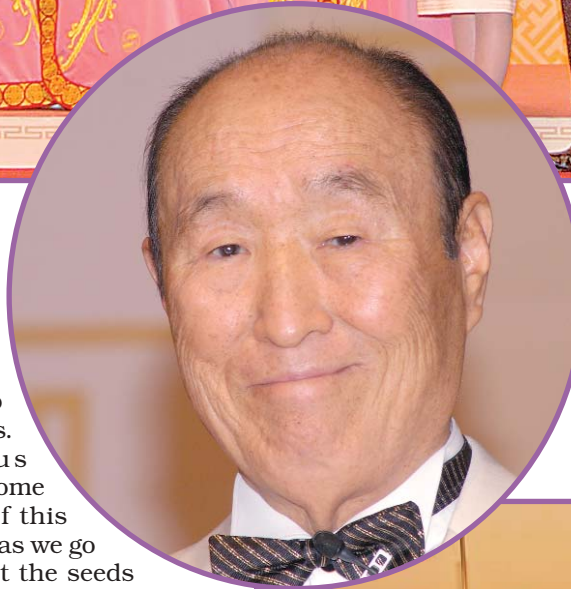
On February 14 2004, True Parents birthday, pledge service began at 7 a.m. in the main hall of the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, and around 10,000 members, who had come from all of the world, participated in this event.

After True Parents and other True Family members entered the stage, Rev. Kwak as the emcee guided all the participants through out the service. After the service, Father mentioned that it was a day of liberation; and from that day on, we should take the new Cheon Il Guk holy salt and Cheon Il Guk holy wine with us wherever we go to sanctify and blessed everyone. Now, those without a united mind and body will not able to participate in such events. Father asked all members to be holy salted and to drink holy wine before attending the next section of the event.

There were thirty thousand members in various halls and buildings in the Cheongpyeong complex for the King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity, which was held at 10 a.m. on True Parents' birthday.

The emcee was Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, international president of the FFWPU, who spoke a bit before the event began. In his speech Father

said, "Now, carrying this heavenly message with us, we must depart to spread seeds. Each of us should become a creator of this new world, as we go out to plant the seeds of true life and true love and represent heaven's family. Do not be so foolish as to scatter your seeds into the air, to be carried off by the winds of secular vanity and immorality. Seek the humblest and lowest position. Plant your seeds in the deepest and richest, fertile soil. Break down the walls between races, abolish the national borders and bear the fruit of cross-cultural, interracial marriages that go beyond religion and nation. Let us do mighty works to uphold God's true lineage eternally. The providence of interracial, cross-cultural marriage shall elevate the Mongolian race and all humankind through the true love of the eternal God."



At 5 p.m. a banquet was held for True Parents Birthday Celebration and the King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity with the participation of 900 leaders from around the world.

Dr. Kim Hyo-yool (Peter Kim), as the master of ceremonies, gave the opening remarks which were followed by prayers and congratulatory remarks from VIPs.

In his short speech, father said, "As we enter the Era after the Coming of Heaven, all human beings should acquire a character of true love, as the basic condition to be registered in the Peace Kingdom, the New Heaven and New Earth that is on its way. For this to happen, each one needs to be reborn through three revolutions. That is, one should be reborn as a true parent, a true teacher and a true owner through the revolution of indemnity, the revolution of conscience and the revolution of heart."

The entertainment held outside in front of the prayer hall, so True Parents and all VIPs left beauty and joy to True Parents in their birthday celebration and the King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity. ❖



the main hall to watch the beautiful entertainment especially offered for this event by people from around the world. Entertainers from America to Asia, from Europe to Africa, gathered in Cheongpyeong to offer



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humble, loyal, faithful, honest, and sacrificial. Championing all religions as rightful owners of the true love message, IIFWP offers North Korea essential support for opening up its society "without fear of unleashing the forces of uncontrollable greed and destructive selfish individualism" that plague many of the former republics and client states of the former Soviet Union.

Dr. Moon's philosophy, or headwing ideology, according to Betancourt, can be the point of convergence "not only for North and South Korea, but for the left and right forces all over the world." Headwing ideology aims to harmonize not only the purposes of the whole and of the individual, but also the ideals of the forces of production and capital represented by the right, and the forces of distribution and labor represented by the left. Through such harmonization, all forces and resources "can be harnessed for the good of the individual, family, nation, the region, and the world, realizing a new state of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and common cause." A sovereign state embodying this ideology, then, could rightfully be called the Peace Kingdom, the long sought ideal of God and of Dr. and Mrs. Moon.

Other speakers each offered an array of suggestions for surmounting barriers to unification. To bring about a "Paradigm Shift on Non-Proliferation," Professor Kyoung Soo Kim of Myongji University proposed three approaches: supply-side (deny materials); coercive (sanctions, military); and demand-side (look at reasons for acquiring weapons).

Mr. Tamotsu Nakano, visiting scholar at American University, USA, favored the development of a grand design for peace in northeast Asia with the effort for bringing peace on the Korean peninsula as part of that larger design. He encapsulated alternate paths centered on the two Koreas into four scenarios: soft landing in which S. Korea's sunshine policy of constructive engagement would continue to develop successfully; hard landing involving the use of sanctions or military action against North Korea; status quo in which the current stalemate continues with little real change; and nuclear escalation triggering Japanese development of nuclear weapons and destabilization of relations between U.S. and China.

In contrast, Dr. Vladimir Petrovsky of the Institute for Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences noted that the successful European model for developing collective arrangements in security and cooperation looked promising for the Korean case. In particular, a European Union pact for bringing stability to South-Eastern Europe could be a model for a similar type of agreement linking the security concerns and economic interests of North and South Korea, U.S., Japan, China, and Russia.

Professor Ho Yeol Yoo of the Center for National Unification Studies in Korea views Korean unification from the perspective of having visited North Korea four times and having interviewed many defectors from North Korea. From such

a perspective, he argued, the Sunshine Policy requires urgent reevaluation because it hasn't taken into account the real nature of the North Korean government, which has taken advantage of the policy in ways that strengthen the North Korean position.

Session III-A: Toward Peace in the Middle East, convened in the cautiously optimistic context of the recent election of Palestinian Authority President Abbas, significant signs of rapprochement of the new president with Israeli Prime Minister Sharon, and other recent steps to lessen tensions and foster peace. The wide-ranging session sought to



build upon IIFWP's Middle East Peace Initiative and to underscore the importance of an integrative approach that moderated demands for justice in favor of forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace.

Moderator Michael Jenkins introduced a distinguished panel of Middle East experts and participants in Middle East peace efforts, including Dr. Frank Kaufmann, director of the IIFWP Office of Interreligious Relations; Yaakub Salamee, head of the Non-Jewish Sector of the Israeli Ministry of Religion; the Honorable Taleb El-Sana, deputy chairman of the Democratic Arab Party in Israel; the Honorable Abu Ali Shalhenn, member of the Legislative Council of Palestine; and the Rev. Hod Ben Zvi, secretary general of IIFWP in Israel. The conference was particularly honored by the participation of the Honorable Sheik Taysir Al Tamimi; the supreme judge of the Sharia Courts in Palestine and among the most influential voices among Palestinians to secure a just and enduring peace.

Dr. Kaufmann began the session with a generous testimonial to the movement toward reconciliation between the Palestinian and Israeli presidents. But such moments of hope, he noted, are too often overtaken by conflict with roots far deeper than politics. "The shattering [of] the dreams and lives of undeserving innocents do not stem merely from political differences," Kaufmann said. And politicians "can only solve the political aspects of the problem." No one bears greater responsibility than religious leaders, Kaufmann concluded, to take on the task of pursuing a peace that reaches beyond politics and draws upon our spiritual resources of humility, trust, and forgiveness.

The Honorable El-Sana expressed hope and optimism among so many world representatives in such a beautiful and nurturing setting. "As an Arab

Palestinian and a member of the Israeli Parliament," he said, "I feel torn inside when my state fights my own people."

"From past mistakes we can learn that peace is not the agreements signed by leaders in front of TV cameras," El-Sana observed. "What is important is the peace between the people, which has its implication on their day-to-day life. The Palestinian side must show sensitivity to the historic sufferings of the Jewish people and ease their fears and feeling of being threatened. The Israeli side must admit its responsibility for the Palestinian sufferings, and get rid of the paternalistic attitude towards the Palestinians, treating them as equals."

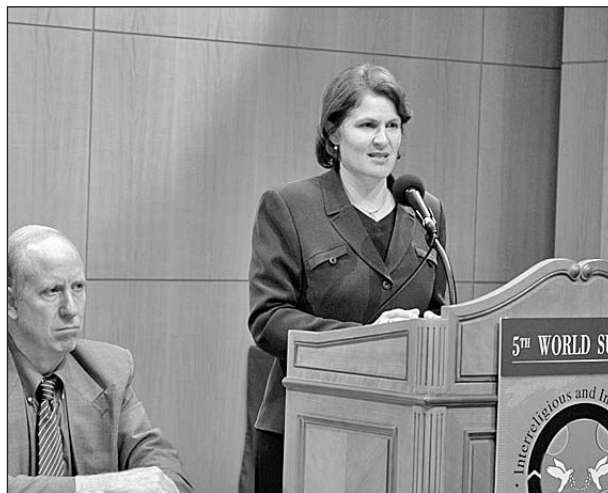
Sheik Taysir Al Tamimi, the highest-ranking jurist of the Palestinian Authority, recognized the pioneering work of Dr. Moon to foster an environment for interreligious cooperation in that divided land, and he appealed for tolerance and respect as a critical stance for people of faith.

"Religious leaders and clergy should take up their natural role to bring peace," he declared. "The honor of humanity belongs to all people. The prophet of Islam says that all are children of Adam, and that none should hold themselves superior."

Session III-B: Workshop: HIV/AIDS Prevention.

Dealing with the urgent threat and reality of HIV/AIDS draws people quickly to the point of unity regardless of race, religion, or nationality. At the same time, judging from presentations in this workshop, responses to the pandemic carry the distinct mark of the local culture. In Bahrain, said Dr. Somoya Al Jowder, the A, B, C, and D of HIV/AIDS education is Abstinence, Be faithful, Change character, and Don't use drugs or alcohol.

Dr. Robert Kittel, director of the IIFWP office of peace education, introduced a narrated PowerPoint presentation of a powerful HIV/AIDS education module. He offered a copy of the CD to any who were interested, courtesy of IIFWP. Beyond the specific content being presented he also emphasized the impor-



tance of involving religious institutions in the fight against AIDS and also of educating people in the value of living sacrificially for the sake of the whole.

"We're sitting on a time bomb," warned Dr. V. Mohini Giri, chair of the guild of Service in India. She was referring to the explosive expansion of HIV/AIDS in India to the point that in 2005 India will likely displace South Africa as the country with the largest number of peo-

ple carrying the HIV virus. Dr. Giri's long years of devotion to defending the rights of women and children positions her well as an advocate for meeting the needs of women and children threatened with or already carrying the disease.

Speaking as a Christian minister, Bishop Nzishura Simeon, chairman of the Union of Christian Churches in Burundi, represented a country with an HIV/AIDS infection rate of about 6.5 per cent. "At that rate of infection, HIV/AIDS education," he said, "needs to be about not only prevention but also about the importance of caring for people who are already infected."

Session moderator Alan Saunders, director of IIFWP's office of character education, kept the session moving by drawing on his own extensive experience in diverse countries of teaching the essentials of human character development which are so central for raising up the matured people who will naturally maintain the pure life style that keeps HIV/AIDS at bay.

The late morning program of February 13 divided delegates into smaller working consultations of specific concern. Consultation A addressed a range of Issues Critical to Africa, where problems of underdevelopment, regional conflict, health risks, and political instability are so significant that the United Nations included the continent as a special case when drafting its 2000 Millennium Declaration.

Moderated by Frederick Muisa Wakhisi, regional secretary general of IIFWP in Africa, the consultation assessed not just the host of challenges confronting the region, but the considerable resources, natural and human, which can and must be deployed to bring development and greater prosperity to the people.

With 10 percent of the world's population, Africa has 70 percent of the world's HIV infections, with 85 percent of these infections transmitted through sexual contact. To address such a crisis, self control is vital, and such internal discipline is taught by the world's faith traditions. Moreover, observed Burundi delegate Ramadhani Kenga, "bad government comes from the bad heart of men. History proves that. And from our heart comes all good things. Solutions for Africa must come from the heart."

The Consultation on Small Island Developing States examined the particular needs of the small and often remote nations across the world's oceans. Moderated by Enrique Augustine Ledesma, secretary general of IIFWP in Oceania, and with a presentation by the founding president of Seychelles, Rt. Hon. Sir James R. Mancham, the consultation followed upon the recent United Nations meeting on Small Island Developing States held in Mauritius in January. At the UN conference, Dr. Thomas Walsh and Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, representing the IIFWP, advanced the basic principles of moral character, family integrity, and inter-

religious cooperation as critical, yet often overlooked, components to sustainable development. Delegates from several island states again examined these principles, and advanced further plans to establish regional Peace Councils to enable island nations to better collaborate in assessing and responding to the states' unique challenges.

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rates.

Our physical body has its origin in our physical parents. What is the origin of the spiritual self? After a baby is born from its mother's womb, the conscience emerges.

The physical body primarily seeks comfort and satisfaction of physical desires. Our desire to seek truth, beauty and goodness, however, is rooted in the spiritual self. The parent of our spiritual self is God. God is the invisible True Parents.

Without recovering this true spiritual nature, we can never fully restore human beings, and can never achieve true peace or achieve the fullness of God's original ideal for each human being.

Father Moon teaches that we are each to become a True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner. A true parent is a person with a perfected heart of true love, developed within a true family and the experience of the four great realms of heart. These are the heart of a loving child, the heart of a loving brother or sister, the heart of a loving spouse, and the heart of a loving parent. The family is the school of true love and the school for becoming a true parent, a true teacher and a true owner.

The term "true teacher" does not mean simply one who teaches math and science or simply transmits intellectual knowledge well. A "true teacher" is one who practices and teaches true love, based on his or her own experience. A "true teacher" teaches the correct order of love, and the correct order of the relationships of love.

The term "true owner" describes a person who relates responsibly and unselfishly to the things of the material world, according to the ideal of true love.

If a human being has the character of a true parent, true teacher and true owner, then he will not be a source of conflict, fighting or disorder in this world. Such a person is a peacemaker.

So much of the work for peace begins with each of us as individuals. There is a tendency to focus on the broader contexts of peace, such as the nation or the world, in part because the quest for true peace within the human being is so difficult. But, without perfecting the individual according to the conscience, peace will never be attained on broader levels.

Even when we look to issues of governance, and the way in which larger social groups are created and carry out their activities and seek to fulfill their goals, we recognize the importance of individual character and conscience. For, when we think of families, governments, religions, businesses, civic institutions, etc., we know that each is made up not only of structures, rules, laws and procedures, but of human relationships that have their base in individual attitudes and practices.

There is no disconnection between the individual and the social, the private and the public, the local and the global, or the micro-social and the macro-social. Throughout history, great individuals have been catalysts for profound social transformation. Likewise, great ideas that cannot be embedded in the heart, soul, and will of individuals will only remain floating above the earth,

and never enter human history. Ideals and principles, when embedded in the minds, hearts, souls and wills of individuals, become powerful.

Take, for example, the issue of development and the eradication of poverty. Many factors can contribute to poverty, including political systems, economic policies, climate and geography; but at the heart of poverty are human relationships and human practices, including the quality both of the leadership in a given country, as well as the quality of the citizens. A leader who is not a true owner will mismanage wealth and contribute to impoverishment. A corrupt or unjust person will impoverish the many to benefit the few.

Corrupt leaders do incredible damage to the human family.

Character is critical for leadership. Good leaders make things happen. They create something out of virtually nothing. They give, and give, and give. Bad leaders create nothing out of something. They take, and all things diminish over time.

IIFWP's Ambassadors for Peace program was established in order to raise up a worldwide community of leaders who apply the principles of unselfishness and unification.

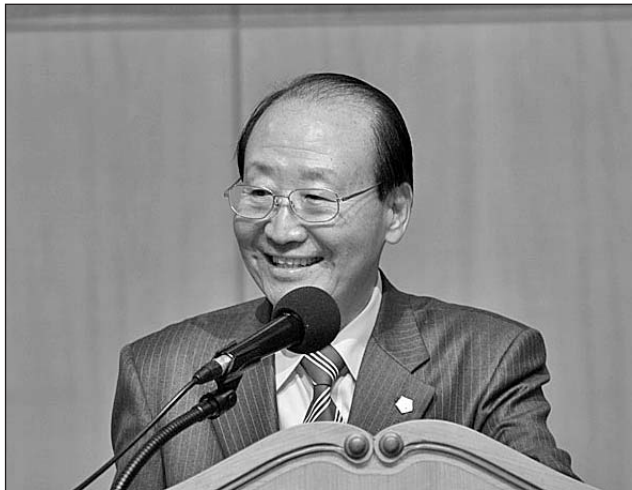
I recently attended the inauguration of President Bush and listened to his inaugural speech. He placed great emphasis on the value of freedom and democracy. Of course, these are important values. And yet they are not the only values; neither are they the supreme values. In addition to upholding freedom, it is also necessary that we look more deeply at other values that are necessary for peace. For, if human beings are not people of true love, then freedom or democracy may only serve the interests of the selfish. Thus, even more important than freedom are the principles of unselfishness and unification. Freedom needs to be balanced with goodness, and a heart of true love.

If America is to be a world leader and establish a model of governance, the value of freedom must be balanced with other values, and particularly the value of living for the sake of others.

I also had the opportunity, last month, to attend the UN Conference in Mauritius dedicated to the consideration of issues relevant to sustainable development for Small Island Developing States (SIDS). I was very inspired to see so many leaders gathered. I listened to hundreds of speeches over the course of three days. Great knowledge, wisdom and experience were shared. However, while much was spoken about sustainable development, economic aid, environmental sustainability and eradication of poverty, little attention was given to other necessary conditions for successful and lasting development.

That is, there must be a transformation of consciousness among individuals. There must be "true parent" leadership. Not enough emphasis was placed on the importance of the family, religion, spiritual growth and moral character. At our IIFWP sessions, we strongly urge delegates to give more attention to these factors. For example, in terms of a virtue or individual trait that has enormous social and economic implications, we can consider self-discipline, and the capacity to postpone gratification and to pursue long-term rewards. This

trait has relevance to HIV/AIDS prevention, educational advancement, wealth-creation, and success in all human relationships. Such considerations need to be included in discussions of human



development.

This year we will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the United Nations. In anticipation of this historic moment, there is much discussion of the need for renewal of the United Nations. I had the chance to speak to H.E. Jean Ping, the President of the 59th General Assembly, and I urged him to give serious attention to the development of an interreligious council at the UN. This is an idea whose time has come.

Between now and the convening of the 60th General Assembly of the United Nations, IIFWP will convene regional summits, with the following goals in mind: Further expand the IIFWP vision of leadership and good governance; Develop Regional Peace Councils; Expand the IIFWP's work in support of the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); Support the Philippines' initiative to establish an interreligious council within the UN system; Prepare for two major international programs later this year:

A program to honor those who served as part of the UN forces in the Korean War; A program to convene the Peace Council (IIPC); Develop the governing council for all IIFWP programs and activities.

I hope you can see that IIFWP is moving forward, on the foundation of many years of lonely sacrifice and service, even going back 50 years, when Rev. Moon would come to these mountains by himself to pray for world peace, and to receive guidance as to how he could liberate

God's heart and establish a unified family of true love.

Here at this holy ground, many people have reported experiences with angels and ancestors from the spirit world. This is actually natural. Our spiritual senses are meant to be open. Also, our ancestors want to work with us to achieve peace. I realize this sounds unusual. And yet, it is true. When you die and go to the spirit world, do you think you will no longer want to see a realm of true love, joy and happiness realized for your own descendants. Even after you leave this earth, you will continue your mission.

On February 14th, we will gather for a special ceremony that celebrates the 85th birthday of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the 62nd birthday of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. We will also pay tribute to the lifelong course of Rev. and Mrs. Moon to establish God's universal Peace Kingdom as a world culture of heart, centered on the ideal of true love. This event will be in many respects a culmination of their entire lives.

In particular, since the year 2001, when Rev. Moon offered the Coronation of God's Kingship, he launched the era of Cheonil Guk. The term Cheonil Guk means literally, two people become one. This image represents the ideal of humanity living as one people, one family, bound together in heart, mutual trust and joy.

Rev. Moon and Mrs. Moon will be honored as the King and Queen of Peace, and the King and Queen of the realm of Cheonil Guk, the nation of the people of true love. The citizens of Cheonil Guk are bound together by a culture of heart. It is a nation without boundaries, and its core principle, and the criterion of the true patriot, is to "live for the sake of others."

We are living in the era after the coming of heaven. The old world is dying away. The world that has brought God so much grief and pain will fade. The world of goodness is coming into being. This is the life mission of True Father.

I am so happy that you can all be here and can celebrate this moment together with God, with the saints and sages of history, and with our ancestors, all bound in oneness of heart to restore all the past history of conflict, hatred, violation and heartbreak. ❖

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dle East Peace Initiative, moderated by IIFWP Middle East regional secretary general David Fraser Harris, examined the principles and the implementation of the initiative. This exceptional effort has resulted in global pilgrimages to the Holy Land, with representatives of all the world's faiths meeting with high-level officials as well as ordinary citizens on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian divide.

This conflict, which has embroiled the region for fifty years, has economic, geopolitical, and cultural repercussions that are felt around the world. The Middle East Peace Initiative is based on the premise that lasting peace requires a collaborative approach, involving political leaders, the media, academia, non-governmental organizations, and above all, representatives of the faith traditions for which peace, respect for others, and an inherent recognition of the rights and dignity of every person are truths grounded in spiritual principles.

The consultation on Latin America and Peace claimed all of the Latin American participants. With more than 500 million people speaking the sister languages of Spanish and Portuguese, with a cohesive geographical identity, and with strong representation in IIFWP, the region holds promise for pioneering the development of a Regional Peace Council. The session featured two speakers followed by ample time for discussion.

Bringing the task of the proposed Regional Peace Council into perspective, Dr. Guillermo Reyes, Colombian Electoral Supreme Court Justice, described country by country the region's major problems, including social, political and economic conflicts, poverty, terrorism, displacement, drug trafficking and corruption. In order to solve those problems, Dr. Reyes reminded

participants that "the purpose of the Founder of the IIFWP, Reverend Moon since the beginning of his noble work directed to establish world peace, was based on true love, dialogue among religions and civilizations, peace among all, tolerance and values."

Building on that founding purpose, Dr. Reyes made a concrete and practical proposal for establishing the Regional Peace Council as soon as possible. The Council should present specific recommendations to solve any existing conflict. These should incorporate religion and spirituality in defining a Road Map to peace and reconciliation in Latin America.

Mr. William Cook, Tiempos del Mundo Bureau General Manager in Costa Rica and IIFWP Regional Secretary-General for Latin America and the Caribbean, emphasized the important role of the media as an instrument of peace in the region. After both presentations, the participants offered their comments of support and their determination to go back to their countries and begin the coordinated work to establish the Peace Council in Latin America.

The consultation on the Memorial Federation for the UN Peace Forces of the Korean War convened under the direct inspiration of Rev. Dr. Moon who only a few months earlier had initiated procedures for establishing the federation. South Korea today owes its existence to the sacrificial service of the soldiers from 16 countries, who fought under the banner of UN Peace Forces defending the country from invading Communist forces during the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. This new federation will memorialize the foreign soldiers killed and wounded during that war. In the session, the moderator and three speakers presented aspects of the context and history of both the Korean War of the new memorial federation.

"While historians and political scientists view the war as unique from

the viewpoint that so many countries committed the lives of their soldiers to a protracted war in a remote, nearly unknown country, IIFWP and its founder see deeper dimensions," explained Dr. Jong Yeol Yoo, the session moderator and vice president of IIFWP, East Asia. These center around two facts: the war was essentially a battle between theists and atheists; and the UN forces saved Rev. Dr. Moon by liberating him from a North Korean prison shortly before he was to be executed.

The session featured Dr. Chul Seung Lee, president of the Memorial Federation for the UN Peace Forces of the Korean War and Mr. Kap Chong Chi, a correspondent during the war who subsequently has made it his life's work to express appreciation for the sacrifices of soldiers from the 16 countries. He has visited all of the donor countries and keeps in touch with their Korean War veterans' groups. He joins with the president of the new memorial federation, Dr. Lee, in planning an annual memorial event at the UN Memorial Cemetery in Pusan to honor those who died in the Korean War and to help teach future generations about the value of sacrifice for the sake of freedom and peace.

Session V-A: Strained Relations Between Islam and the West: Toward Healing and Reconciliation, chaired by Tajeldin I. Hamad, secretary general of the World Association of NonGovernmental Organizations, took up perhaps the most pressing global issue of today. Chairman Hamad introduced a distinguished panel of commentators, including the Rev. Dr. Clinton Bennett, a visiting fellow at the Birmingham University Graduate Institute for Religion and Theology in the United Kingdom; Dr. M. Habib Chirzin, president of the Islamic Millennium Forum for Peace and Dialogue in Indonesia; Chief Imam Cheikh Assane Cisse, president of the African American institute in Senegal; Dr. Eva Latham, president of Human Rights Teach-

ing International in the Netherlands; and James Flynn, president of the American Family Coalition.

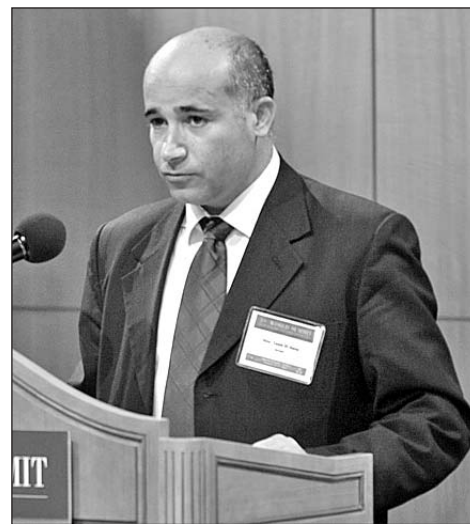
"There is a view held by some politicians and scholars that Islam does not belong in the West and is incompatible with Western values," remarked Dr. Bennett. Conversely, "some Muslims believe that the West is not only a threat, but actively engaged in a campaign, a crusade, to suppress Islam." To counter such trends, Bennett suggested, NGOs can play a leading role, involving Muslims and non-Muslims in both organizational management and in service and other mission work.

Dr. Chirzin observed poignantly that the recent tsunami had no nationality. "It didn't pay any attention to religion, color, or ethnicity," he said. Imam Cisse emphasized that Islam means "peace." "You will never find terrorism in the Qur'an," he said. War is mentioned six times in the Qur'an; peace 32 times. Much of the pejorative use of Muslim is without justification, as in the Balkan conflict where the media reported on conflicts between Serbs, Croats, and 'Muslims.' This presents a false view of Islam."

James Flynn concluded by noting that the rise of secularism is a major threat to a faith-based viewpoint. Faith is a core conviction, he said; "but what are one's values, and have people of faith remained true to those values?"

Islam and the Christian West have a long history of cooperation and mutual interchange in the areas of the arts, science, and commerce. In these challenging times all sectors of society need to look beyond crude stereotypes to a shared tradition of spiritual values. Despite periods and episodes of conflict, what unites these civilizations is a more profound and enduring legacy that can again lead to peaceful and prosperous coexistence.

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Muntean, a Romanian Orthodox priest and Israel pilgrimage veteran, was also officially appointed as an Ambassador for Peace. The Ambassador for Peace presentations were made by regional director Rev. Moonshik Kim and Archbishop Stallings.

The Lights liberating the heart of God!

Archbishop Stallings strongly proclaiming the Age after the Coming of Heaven and the work of the King and Queen of Peace, our True Parents of Heaven and Earth.

The audience was brought to their feet many times during the evening presentations.

After a briefing on the 8,000 Education Project by John Dickson, Archbishop Stallings was introduced. His speech was powerful and insightful. He spoke powerfully on the program theme: "Liberating the Heart of God." Our ACLC

executive committee members were excited to have Archbishop Stallings in Portland and were on their feet during his presentation. This was the first time



for us to have a program at this particular church and the first time to meet its host pastor. He listened attentively and wrote down almost everything that Archbishop Stallings said. He held up pages of notes and told us that he had received enough material for 6 months of sermons. He also pledged to join and work closely with our ACLC team.

Many from the audience joined the

band to sing a closing song.

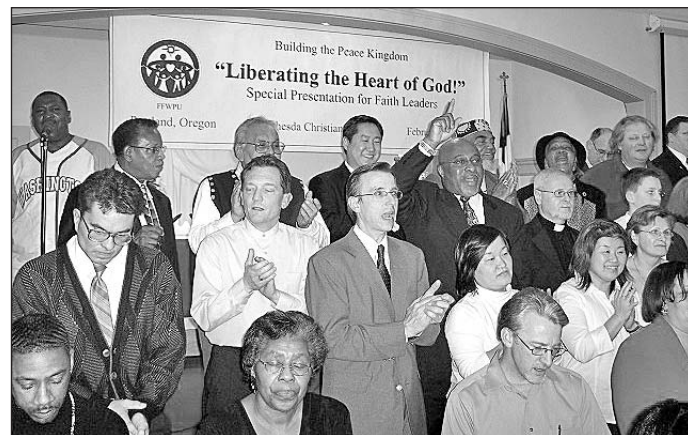
Executive Committee of the Oregon ACLC standing with Archbishop Stallings.

The venue was secured by Rev. Robert Weaver, a member of the Oregon ACLC leadership. After the keynote speech was completed, Pastor Weaver gave a powerful testimony about Archbishop Stallings' book, encouraging everyone to buy a copy. An update was given about the pilgrimages to Israel and an invitation went out to attend the next one.

The program ended with almost all of the participants coming to the stage to join The Lights in a final song. Rev. Melvin Bailey, the host pastor, offered up this inspiring event with his concluding prayer.

The presentation

was followed the next day by a prayer breakfast at the Shiloh Inn that enabled our ministers to get deeper into the Divine Principle and the heart of Rev. Moon, as experienced by Archbishop Stallings. All found a renewed awareness of this providential age and committed themselves to work together to strengthen the ACLC of Region 19 and establish the Peace Kingdom. ❖



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Session V-B: Workshop: Organizing Peace Programs for Youth, started with a question to the assembled participants: "Why did you come to this session?" Rev. John W. Gehring, director of youth and sports for IIFWP, followed with a series of questions to be answered in developing peace programs for youth. "Who are you trying to reach?" "Why are you motivated to do this?" "Why would the target audience be interested?" "What do you want to accomplish during the project?" "How is the staff structured?" "Who is the staff?"

The list of penetrating and on-target questions was long and also available on CD as part of a planning module from IIFWP. With the questions before them, the participants began to respond with their own questions or comments.

Rev. Dr. Janick Castor of Hollywood, Florida recounted her experience of pairing youth from Florida with youth from Haiti. The youth from Florida raise funds for trees that will be planted by the youth in Haiti. The trees are selected to be income producing so they are less likely to be cut down for firewood.

"Since youth have been trained as trainers for youth, could youth also serve as trainers for the elderly," asked one participant. Another participant responded with the experience that the elderly are unlikely to accept instruction from the youth, if the youth have not first made a foundation with the elderly through some other kind of service.

The session produced linkages across oceans and cultures as participants pooled their collective wisdom of how to engage the youth in peace-oriented activities, including the Young Ambassadors for Peace program, which was introduced by Rev. Gehring.

Session VI, Peace and the Significance of Marriage, Family, and the Blessing, brought all delegates into a plenary that presented an exposition of the central IIFWP message of a marriage as the "first instrument of peace" and a "personal peace treaty." Chaired by IIFWP Secretary General Thomas Walsh, the presentation underscored that marriage and family life transcend racial, ethnic, national, and religious boundaries and are held in reverence by the entire human family.

The family is so honored because within this unique matrix we learn the fundamental essence of our humanity and our sense of place in the world. Even more important, the family is the school of love and the training ground where we elevate our character to become responsible citizens and qualified men and women who can transition into the eternal world based on the elevation of our heart through a life of true love.

We learn love within the family, through receiving unconditional love as children from our parents, through learning to share as siblings, through the merger of our individual self with another in marriage, and finally through giving unconditional love as parents. This education in love brings us into harmonious union with God as our parent. And through heaven's blessing upon our marriage and family life, the corrupt legacy of false love can be liquidated and a new culture of selfless,

God-centered love can bring the transformation of our society into a culture of peace, which is the hope of all ages. After Dr. Walsh's presentation, delegates were invited to join in a special toast to honor the sanctity of marriage as a divinely ordained blessing from which prosperous families can flourish.

In a change of pace that evening, Mrs. Karen Judd Smith, director of IIFWP's Office of UN Relations, chaired an informal panel of five presenters seated on stage in armchairs to discuss the life, vision, and legacy of the IIFWP founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, or Father Moon.

Listening to their words, one could realize that Father Moon's ideas carry great persuasive power, not necessarily because they are original (although many of them are), but because of the way he has synthesized, elaborated, and personally exemplified them. Their words also demonstrated that through his continuous emphasis on becoming a better person and on embracing both the enemy and one who is different, Father Moon naturally brings one to realize that it is better not to focus on what I receive but on what I can give. As a family, Father and Mother Moon also model the course of living for others. One of the panelists explained, Father Moon's lifelong motto is "Your life is not yours. It is for the sake of God and for others."

Dr. Eva Latham, president of Human Rights Teaching, International, has found in Father Moon's movement a high-minded manifestation of the motto she learned from her mother, "Success comes to the person who gives more than he receives." Further, she finds in IIFWP people who reflect her own ideal of preferring to be real and even socially alone rather than to be plastic and socially embraced.

Clearly the most provocative panelist was Dr. Hildreth Glennel McGhee, Jr., pastor and evangelist of the Peaceful Zion and Praise Learning Worship Center. Explaining that for 21 years he was a persecutor and detractor of Rev. Moon, he went on to offer a powerful endorsement of Father and Mother Moon as the universal king and queen of peace, transcending the realms of traditional kings and queens whose kingdoms have been segregated and exclusive. Dr. McGhee is convinced that God's heart has longed for just such a couple to emerge as the King and Queen of Peace for all people.

In conclusion Mrs. Smith reminded all that in Father Moon's radical views, sovereignty is grounded in the depths of true love, and that his hope would be for people not to seek comfort for themselves but rather to become people who draw energy from the realm of heart so that we might be ones who give to others.

Closing Plenary Session
The closing plenary session on



February 15, chaired by Dr. Thomas Walsh, summarized the broad themes that had been presented and debated during the previous three days. Dr. Walsh sketched the development of the IIFWP as a worldwide peacemaking body since its founding in 1999 and called on delegates to begin the work of establishing and convening an Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC). Tentatively planning an inaugural convention of the IIPC in July or August of 2005, Dr. Walsh referred to the delegates the task of empanelling regional Peace Councils. These regional assemblies should draft IIPC charters applicable to the

region, develop a plan of action, and select regional delegates who would then sit on the world-level Peace Council. Regional Councils were urged to build cooperation and involvement with local faith-based organizations, NGOs, and governments, and develop plans to fund regional participation.

The IIPC "is to become a mechanism capable of steering humanity, guiding leaders and advising global institutions toward peace," as stated in the February 12 Secretary General's Report on the Development of Regional Interreligious and International Peace. "As such, the Peace Council cannot be grounded in traditional concepts of land ownership, military might, economic dominance and access to knowledge and information. Rather, the Peace Council will be grounded in a sovereignty that naturally comes from the substantiation of 'true love'--that is from the natural authority that comes from the outcome of lives, decisions, policies, mandates, rules, and processes that have as their hallmark 'living for the sake of others,' for the larger good."

The delegates departed from Cheongpyeong on Tuesday, February 15 for Seoul, where most enjoyed an additional day in South Korea's bustling capital city before returning to their native lands. ♦

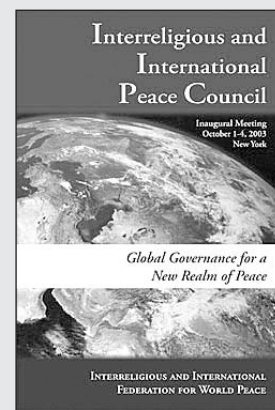


IIFWP Publishes New Book

Global Governance for a New Realm of Peace

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This book is the proceedings of the formation meeting of the Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC) in New York, October 1-4, 2003. It contains discussion by diverse religious and political leaders around the world on the theme "Global Governance for a New Realm of Peace." Subthemes included reform of the United Nations, Institutions of Global Governance, Human Development, Civil Society, the Middle-East Roadmap, Peace on the Korean Peninsula, the United States as Sole Superpower, and Critical Issues in Africa.



The book includes founding documents, goals, and the Inaugural Declaration of the IIPC. For more information contact:

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ADVERTISE IN THE UNIFICATION NEWS

Montana holds Tsunami 'Live Music Benefit'

by Pastor Mike Yakawich

On Thursday, January 13th, 2005 the Family Church in Billings, Montana hosted the "Live Music Benefit" for the Victims of the South East Asia Tsunami disaster. We had 80 people brave sub-zero weather (-10 degrees F) and raised \$800.

A local band and two local musicians donated their time under the leadership of Ern Cunningham who is the head of the Dirty Jones Band. Other musicians included Wade Montgomery and Dave Page. In the summer of 2004, Ern's band donated time to perform for the 7th Annual March Against Drugs and Violence annually co-sponsored by the Family Church. After the Tsunami Disaster, Ern called Pastor Mike for advice as what to do to help the people. Along with the local elders of the Family Church and guidance from Bishop Lee and Rev. Wiesinger, we came up with the idea for this program.

It was a great success even with dangerous cold weather outside. Linda Schicktzan who is the local director of disaster relief with the American Red Cross gave a very education speech half way through the program on what is now being done to help the people in the Indian Ocean as well as receiving the donations at the end of the program. The Mayor of Billings, Charles Tooley, who had just flown to our state capitol



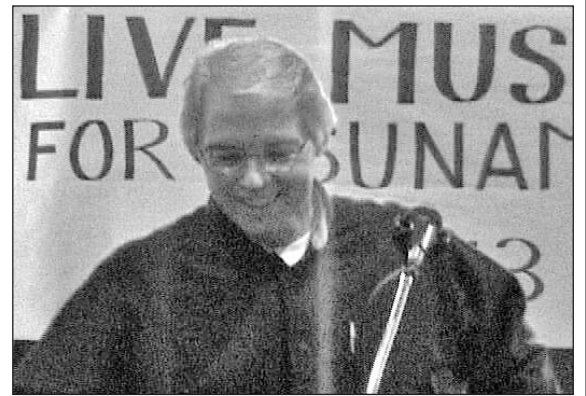
earlier in the day and just flew back that night, drove to our program and also gave an inspiration talk on this gratitude for all the participants offering time, concern and money for such a worthy cause.

There other churches participated in his event, with the All Nations Christians Fellowship Choir performing as well as four-second generation from the Famulu Church Band performing "Chariots of Fire, on the saxophone, Clarinet, trumpet and Flute. We also had a silent auction with gifts donated by DiLorenzo and the Martin

Family.

Mrs. Junko Thiessen, neighborhood member of our church cooked over ten dozen coolies for the event plus obtained donations from the local grocery store as refreshments for the participants. The local papers, Outpost and Billings Gazette did a great job in advertising this event plus the local aNBNC station gave us a live interview the day before and placed an excellent interview for the 10 o'clock evening news that night after the event.

This grassroots effort touched many people's hearts. At one local tavern, customers and the owner pooled money together and donated it to the event that night. One family brought in a jar of coins they had been saving for something special but donated instead. Others felt so grateful there was a place to give something for such a disaster. Some guests drove over 20 miles to attend. We were all moved by the Holy Spirit at the attitude of the people in our community. In the end, it also a great witness of the heart of Father and Mother Moon and their church was they continue to do community work in the local neighborhoods. ❖



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were promised but not done, even paying indemnity requires 100%.

So I told the ancestor, "I don't think I can call individually, I will tell everyone so this person will pay indemnity and repent. Come to the holy song and help to be healed." I have not yet gotten the answer. You can do whatever you want. Time like this is given, but taken away if you're not acting right. But if you do get one mind, one body, one ideal way, it is given for good.

We have to remove the thought that we can do everything on our own. You will see how miserable those who have not done liberation - more sickness, misery you will experience. Unless you brag about God and True parents, you will live in darkness because spirit world is not sitting around, they are coming down to work with their descendants. Those who work hard will get blessed, those who don't will experience misery.

In the last providence, the truth and spiritual power are consummated. Rather than doing miracles through spiritual power, should have used somebody else. If that heart was not in the right place, they did not get healed. But those who couldn't get healed, have done with a self-centered way. That is what I find. This is the last day. Our messiah, True Parent, they are on the earth still. God wants to make this world to be restored, even if True Parents are not here. Everybody has to make effort to be restored. Without mobilizing spirit world, it will not work. Mobilize blessed couples, tell others about this. Our life has to be changing spiritu-

ally through the truth. We should understand.

Myself, came here for the first time and was told that this world needs to be made happy and joyful. I did not have anything at that time, just a barren field in the middle of darkness, where the snow storms and where so many evil spirits tried to attack me.

"That this is the restored and perfected Garden of Eden, can you do?" I said, "yes, I can do."

Believing in God's power and True Parent's power, I said yes. I started working. The most important at that time, that such miserable persons to be looked at with the eyes of God, eyes of True Parents. I went in united with God and True Parents and this person's heart with true love and sincerity. God told me I must not expect payment. I did my responsibility believing in that.

That I just hold on this person, be able to get the spirit out, more and more. And the blessed couples can experience joy and happiness. God looking at Cheongpyeong's joy and happiness, believing that it would be done. That absolute good spirits are created this way. Those who said, "yes, I will do," you have to be united with God and True Parent's heart, that their pain is

our own. If they just come, they can enjoy joy and happiness. Eventually we are able to build the ideal kingdom of heaven. Such responsibility we have, we must not forget it. Do you understand?

We will do ancestor liberation after this. I found all the ancestors, looking at the list. They are all waiting by the Tree of

Love. Checked it again and again during your holy song, whether I found all of your ancestors or not. I was hearing the voice and got to know about your situation more. I have mobilized absolute good spirits and told them what to do to help you. So you should understand this and work hard from head to toe. Do not miss any places.

And when you pray at the ancestor liberation, those who are doing liberation, are praying so heartistically, so deeply. But those who are not liberating don't pray so much. But we have so many things that are wrong and they are working hard to restore it. They know what the descendants want, wanting to hear about it. But if you don't pray at all, just listen to others' prayers, then our ancestors are feeling pain. Please, participate aggressively during holy song and do pray.

You don't need to pray about the providence and restoration. You talk about your own situation, which is God and True Parent's situation, which is your own situation. Please work hard. Always, I wish you to be healthy. Being healthy is number one. No matter what you want to do, you need to have health. Because we have God and True Parents in our home - everyone thinks in the picture - but I mean living with God every day so we can attend our precious God and True Parents. ❖

For Wives and Future Wives

by Jim Stephens

I want to share with all the sisters, wives, and future wives a resource which I believe is incredible for how to understand the way to treat a man if you want him to love you.

It's a book called "The Surrendered Wife" by Laura Doyle. Go right down to your local library and take out this book. If they don't have it, go to the bookstore and buy one. You can buy new or used on Amazon.

You can get a sample of it by reading the first chapter of the book on the author's website.

<http://www.surrenderedwife.com/chapterone.html>

There are now groups of women meeting all over the country based on this book.

Especially for girls that are looking forward to getting matched, here is the single most important book you should read before the matching (other than True Father's words of course) so that you don't make the common mistakes that are going to turn off your future husband.

Wives, I recommend going to the website and taking the sample quiz to see how your relationship with your husband is doing according to the standards of Laura Doyle:

<http://www.surrenderedwife.com/quiz.html>

Sisters, if you are ever struggling with your husband, take a simple step now before it's too late. This book is filled with good tips that will help turn your marriage into the ideal that you want and deserve. ❖



RELIGIOUS LEADERS, KOREA AND THE MIDDLE EAST



**REV. MICHAEL
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American Church

T rue Parents teach that the road to peace is to be found through Interreligious dialogue, mutual respect and understanding. This leads to a common understanding that there are common truths and principles found in the Koran, the Bible and the Torah which can unite the family of Abraham. The education of the 8000 religious leaders in America is now creating a new foundation of unity among the various faiths. This will lead to unity and new hope for America and the nations of the world.

This is a time when our faith should be strengthened and our identity should be very clear as people of faith who have been chosen by God. This is the



time when we should realize that we are walking the same path of trials and tribulation that the first Israel went through when they were called by God to trust Moses. At this time we are going through the same course in which we are called to have Absolute Faith, Absolute Love and Absolute Obedience. This is our path. This path leads to the fulfillment of God's will and the protection of God's foundation. Through the second generation blessing here we can see that this "spirit" of faith and trust is now being inherited by our young people. It is greatly encouraging.

Gathering at the 5th World Summit on Leadership and Good Governance were some of the world's key religious leaders are here to dialogue and find common ground to end the violence in the Middle East and throughout the world. Rev. Kwak and Dr. Walsh have prepared for this great conference in which True Parents will be honored on their Birthday by many key leaders of the world.

Religious leaders are coming forward in America and throughout the world. Thirty key leaders are now coming from America. Also, they are coming from most of the countries of the world.

We just had a most meaningful beginning with one key leader from the Middle East, together with Taj Hammad,

Dr. Kaufmann and our IIFWP representative from Gaza.

The Islamic leadership is very serious to find the path through the Koran to bring peace on earth and fulfill the desire of God that we respect and love one another.

We had a profound visit with the Imam's and leaders of the Seoul Mosque. (There are 100,000 foreign Muslims living in Korea and 30,000 Korean Muslims. The mosque (which is in Itaewon) was very large and traditional. Islam came to Korea through Turkey's participation as one of the 16 nations who fought in the Korean War. This foundation has grown since 1954.

We were very well received at the mosque. It was a deep experience. The mosque was packed and the plaza around the mosque completely filled in. The sheik from Palestine was able to meet the sheik from Korea. Our IIPC Ambassadors, Dr. Roberta Burson and Dr.

Eric Richardson have done much in cultivating the religious leaders here. We met Imam Suleiman, Dr. Abdul Raziq, president of the Korean Muslim Federation (Dr. Sohn, Joo - Young) and Dr. Hee Soo Lee (Dr. Jamil) who are highly educated, prominent Muslim leaders. It turns out that the Sheik and President Raziq (Sohn) were in Al-Azhar University in Cairo and were even in the same dorm together (about 30 years ago). It was a great meeting.

They are very open to the world of our True Parents. This is truly a great time in history. True Parents are asking for a greater World Peace Pilgrimage to the Holy Land to continue to support the process for peace based on faith and love.

Pray for the peace process between Israel and Palestine. The use of violence is not in line with God's will and providence and sets back the cause of Justice and Peace that is sought by true believers - Jews, Christians and Muslims.

This is the most important time for Religious leaders and Ambassadors for Peace to deepen our commitment to heal the family of Ishmael and Isaac. Soon we will journey to the Holy Land. We will go as one body of believers in the one God of all Humanity. We go as Muslim, Christian and Jewish leaders as well as Ambassadors for Peace. We will meet our counterparts in Gaza, Ramallah and Jerusalem. We pray for the victims of this violence and pray for their families. It is our prayer that the leadership in Palestine and Israel will quickly gain the high ground based on faith in the one God of Abraham, Isaac, Ishmael and Jacob.

Our role as the Elder Son nation is to bring such a spirit of healing and understanding that we will strengthen people of faith in Israel and Palestine to hold strong to the path of peace. We, as religious people, condemn the killing and destruction of any and all of the family of man. From Tel Aviv, to Gaza to the Sudan. It is time to end the bloodshed and lift up the love of God and the love for life.

We are desperately needed at this time in history. Muslim, Christian



and Jewish clerics are forming unbreakable ties through the movement of IIFWP / ACLC and the work of Father and Mother Moon that will not be deterred from the course that God has set for us - the path to peace through love and sacrifice for all of God's people.

Please prepare the very best and most faithful American religious leaders and Ambassadors for Peace for our next journey to the Holy Land.

The Imams in Gaza, Ramallah and the certain Rabbis in Tel Aviv as well as Christians in Nazareth and Jerusalem are anxiously anticipating our arrival. They long for the support of the people of faith from America that are committed to join hearts and hands together for the will of God. American faith leaders must rise up at this time to bring the movement of reconciliation and peace to the Middle East.

The foundation that was established by the Jerusalem Declaration (May, 2003), the Washington and Seoul Declarations were the basis for the forming of Fourth Israel (A new basis of Chosen people of all faiths) and the Peace United Nations. The Cheon Il Guk (Kingdom of God is the Internal foundation) and the Fourth Israel is the external foundation for a new nation of God. This will be the basis for the Peace Kingdom.

It is time for us to March for Peace from our neighborhoods and communities to the nation and the world. We have the power and mandate of history. The time has come for all believers to rise up against evil and transform the world into True Families of goodness, blessed and engrafted into the realm of heaven. It is time for the Peace Kingdom. ❖

Repentance Workshop for Second Generation

by Rev. Phillip Schanker

The Blessing is given by the authority of True Parents on a 6000-year foundation of indemnity, including the sacrifice of Jesus, countless martyrs and our Parents' own victorious course. Children born from the God-centered union of a Blessed Couple are eternally precious to God. Some of those young people have tragically fallen. While the eternal value of a Blessed child cannot simply be erased, the course and responsibility of youth in this category is unique, and needs to be understood.

Following the crowning of the King and Queen of Peace, Father expressed the desire to embrace and provide a pathway for Second Generation who have fallen. In successful workshops in the USA and Europe in 2004, as well as at Cheongpyeong Training Center, a number of youth and parents felt the unchanging love of God and found hope in a clear process of restoration, as well as a path to the Blessing. A number of couples have already been matched as a result of this process.

The next special workshop for members of the Second Generation who need to repent, and/or their parents is planned for the weekend of April 15th - 17th, 2005 in a private location in the New York City area. Please see details below.

The situation and appropriate path to the Blessing for this category will be discussed, and we will do our best to answer any and all questions. We will help those in this situation to network with others, and find opportunities for matching from the same category. We will always respect and maintain your privacy as well.

The workshop will be led by Rev. Phillip Schanker and Mrs. Hiromi Stephens, Co-Director of the Blessed Family Department. Those who wish to attend should contact Mrs. Stephens privately to learn the location and schedule details, and receive a registration form.

Youth in this special category, as well as their parents, are welcome to attend. Parents of a child in this category can also attend by themselves.

We look forward to hearing from those young people who wish to find a clear path toward the Blessing, or simply to reconcile the past and search for their purpose and destiny. Parents of Second Generation in this Category may attend alone or together with their spouse even if their child is not attending.

Please communicate directly with Mrs. Hiromi Stephens about all matters concerning the workshop: 410-997-6450 (between 10AM & 10PM EST please). Email: ommahiromi@Comcast.net

Understanding the Origin of Dr. King's Dream

by Rev. Dr. Arnold W. Howard

Rev. Howard is pastor of Enon Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md. and a key leader for the American Clergy Leadership Conference. This article was adapted from remarks delivered on Jan. 15, 2005 in Arlington, Va. at an ACLC prayer breakfast commemorating the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

For those who still dream, these words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoken

at the March on Washington August 28, 1963 reverberate with the power of truth and hope. These words help fuel the Faith that still keeps the dream, our dream alive.

These words are a repeat of the word of the Lord to Abraham concerning his search for a new city, a new community. Not one made by hands of brick and mortar but one which is eternal in the heavens. These words reflect the mind of the Lord as to His Original Intention for all of Humanity. These words resonate with the heart of the Lord and His desire to see it all come to pass. These words reverberate with the Spirit of the Lord, of His Life, His Love and His Longing for a Lineage of His making.

These words are a picture of places teeming with Life; there is energy and vitality in them. They are a portrait of people saturated with Love. There is peace and prosperity in them. But they are also a presentation of pain as expressed in the longing of one who knows of and yearns for something more, something that is not yet -- a Lineage of sons and daughters who are united and on one accord.

In the world of God's ideal there would not be separation between people. We could freely share so many things as the expression of give and take of love. We would not fear what is different or new, but exercise curiosity with kindness, humor, wonderment and awe, even gratitude. Trust or mistrust would

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.' I have a dream that one day -- sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood -- This is our hope. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day. This will be the day when all God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing."

never be an issue and tears of loneliness would not be at all. Even physical death would not part those who are connected to each other by love, because the boundary between the physical and spiritual worlds would be melted away.

When I think of how totally awesome and beautiful that world could be, it makes me cry with deep sorrow that it is not the reality of our human existence now. I know it was and is meant to be our Heavenly Father's gift and blessing to each and every one who was ever born -- to me, to you, to all. And I know that my Heavenly Father's heart is broken and torn to shreds, because it is not yet realized.

Dr. King's dream is a dream anchored in the practical reality of Dr. King's life as an African American man shaped by the times into which he was born, his life experience here on earth, in particular here in America, and his spiritual consciousness in his walk with God. It is a dream that came to him with a history and with a destiny. And as we would say, he became wrapped, tangled, caught up in it.

Dr. King had some insight into a reality that was not yet this world's reality. Peace on Earth and goodwill towards all was not yet this world's reality. But

he believed that it could be; that it ought to be. I'm sure every human being in their original mind shares the dream of an ideal world; yet the vast majority of the world dismisses any hope of making it happen. Jesus, Dr. King, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, certain others in history and many of you here totally offered their lives to God 24/7 and allowed God to instruct them, guide them in every step of their activity to turn their dreams into reality. To make their dream a reality took, no takes -- somebody told me -- a crazy

faith, a historical faith, like that of central figures in the Bible, like that of truly righteous heroes in history. How many of us are willing to fight that hard for a dream, to keep a dream alive?



We are gathered here this morning on what would have been the 76th birthday of one of the nation's most distinguished religious and civil rights leaders, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to commemorate his life and legacy. The Apostle Paul told the young Timothy (2 Tim 4:7) "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" and on another occasion (1 Tim 6:12) Paul tells him "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

Rev. Vernon Johns who preceded Dr. King as Pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, his first pastorate, is quoted as having once said, "If You See A Good Fight, Get In It." Paul's words to Timothy and Dr. King's dream challenge us today to continue to fight the good fight and aggressively combat the ills that beset our communities worldwide. Our dream is not a selfish dream but a selfless dream, a worldwide dream for all humanity, all of God's children.

Today we again hear ringing from our nation's capital, with the ears of memory -- unclouded by the passing of time -- the thunderous, cajoling, inspiring, and majestic voice of Martin Luther King, Jr. telling the world on that August Day, "I've heard from God and 'I Have A Dream.'" On that day new hope and new challenges reigned

supreme throughout the land. He called on us to have the Divine Vision and Courage to create a Beloved Community of caring and compassion where all people can live together in peace and justice and to put an end to poverty, racism and violence.

As we reflect on Dr. King's life and our individual responsibilities, we should realize that the measure of a person's greatness is not in the number of servants he or she may have but rather in the number of people that person serves. Each of us must rededicate ourselves to securing the fulfillment of the dream at all cost. The dream will live because God lives. As long as God lives the dream will live, until one day it will no longer be a dream but a reality. Nobody told us the road to fulfillment would be easy or that it would be straight. In fact the course will be difficult, sacrificial, with pain and tears.

We should on this day recall the movement of the past that challenges us to fight on today and into the future. An entire generation of Americans has been born, grown up and established families since the death of Martin Luther King Jr. Many of you in this room are a part of that generation. I hope that generation has learned from the past that if America and the world are to find the harmony Dr. King gave his life for, it is up to us and those of kindred hearts and minds to help make this happen. It will not happen merely because we name streets, boulevards, avenues,

schools and recreation centers after a man who has been gone for over a quarter of a century. Nor will it happen because we sing with harmonious voices, "We Shall Overcome." The highest honor we can give in the observance of Dr. King's Birthday is to work to make his dream more than just a dream. A hungry man may have a dream of a meal, but unless that dream becomes real, the dreamer will die of starvation.

Yes, we must start with a dream -- a vision of a hope. Let us then dare to dream like Martin King dreamed. Let us dream of a new value system that feeds the hungry, houses the homeless and cares for the poor. Dream of teachers who teach for life and not just for a living. Dream of lawyers more concerned about justice than a judgeship. Dream of a day when minorities, children, the elderly, the poor and the disadvantaged will all have a right to a place in the sun. Dream of the day when a New Deal will replace a Raw Deal. Dream of an administration that will place the cause of crime high on its list of priorities -- not with just more police and jails, but with prevention and rehabilitation measures as well. Dream of Institutions such as this one, where there is more concern about providing total public health than just the pursuit of personal wealth. Dream of the day when our society becomes blind to color, deaf to accent and indifferent to gender.

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LIBERATING THE SPIRIT WORLD

by Dae Mo Nim

This is from a speech given on February 27, 2005

I'm sorry that I'm not here for you so much. When you come here for the first time, the next day I usually speak to you about what you should do during the 40 days. Because of so many events here, I was not able to do that. Please understand.

Feb. 14th, Cosmic Heaven Peace King Crowning Ceremony was done. The spirit world has changed so I want to explain to you. God, because of the fall of Adam and Eve, lost the environment as evil has developed its power. More and more God's situation became difficult. As human beings, we cannot understand His situation. Ever since the Fall, until the time of the Coronation of God's Kingship, 80% of the spirit world was taken over by Satanic power. When God created all things, all was the Kingdom of Heaven, the world of joy. But after Adam and Eve fell, Adam and Eve and Lucifer together fell away to the furthest point and started what we call hell.

Furthest away from where God is, there they started to live. This is hell. Ever since the fall of Adam and Eve, all man are multiplied. Man was evil so that throughout history evil has prospered up until the point to take up to 80%. The earth can be called mostly evil. As evil developed as it did, God was feeling pain and even threatened that Satan would invade. There is nobody who has fulfilled his responsibility. From the very beginning God has sent the central figures, continually trying to restore and create the perfected man - Cain, Abel, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus - but failed every time and was invaded by evil. That man did live with fallen natures - arrogance, greed, self-centered, complaining. The messiah is sent to us. The True Parents knew this fact. Therefore, although we are not worthy...

In the spirit world I have seen how great that original sin is, truly so scary. If our True Parents can remove the original sin, then there is nothing he cannot do. Original sin is so incredibly big and scary, but it can be removed by our True Parents. True Parents ability is so great there is nothing they cannot do. Someone should fulfill their responsibility so that goodness can take over the world.

God has been protecting himself, surrounding himself with light. True Parents came to this earth and made indemnity conditions. True Parents never hated Satan. Although our sins are so great, they did not hate us. What if they hated someone? They would have no way to be saved, no way to receive restoration. Recently I had to do something. Satan had to surrender. Satan had to really give in.

It was very difficult one day. God asked, "Is it hard for you? Is it difficult?" I said, "Yes." God said, "Look at me. Look at True Parents. God knows. True Parents know. They have a tougher job. I love True Parents. Forgive me. Forgive them. That (evil mind) is Satan's mind - that person's life is Satan's life. Look at them. Look at them. Jealousy, hate, arrogant mind - filled with this. Three unite, three unite

and history can be changed. You have to love. God and True Parents love Satan."

True Parents wished that ideal creation can be... And after the Coronation of God's Kingship, True Parents had Coronation of Peace King on the cosmic level, opening up completely. As True Parents did the coronation ceremony on each level, opening up a little at a time. God said, "I have waited so long for this day to come. Evil can change to be good."

Even now, if our messiah, True Parents, did not care for Satan, did not love evil it would have been impossible. But our true parents loved Satan, loved evil. Cosmic Peace King Coronation is done. Now everything is opened up. Here we need to find happiness and joy. But there is a problem. Man are ignorant spiritually - cannot hear, cannot see. Although everything is opened up, God wishes us to run away from this situation (of evil). We are so far away.

I would go to spirit world to find the ancestors. It is so different this week from last week. This morning I went to spirit world to find the ancestors. All the spirits are yelling and screaming because they want to be liberated. They sit down and talk to me asking to be saved.

"My descendants are blessed," but I know they are not.

I ask, "How can you say that?"

"My descendant took holy wine so they are blessed couples." But this person did not yet come to Cheongpyeong and register to liberate you. This is how I would tell them.

Yesterday, it was not like that. Now they are yelling and screaming saying,

"I'm not going to just sit here and wait. After the coronation ceremony, the spirit world is open now. I can go down to the earth and go to spirit world. Therefore, I'm not just going to wait here quietly for my descendants to come around. I'm going to go down there and bug them, make them suffer. I will push that they have to register." It's not that all those spirits...I was so shocked.

"What is happening here? What's going on?"

"We're not just going to take this anymore," the ancestors said.

Even those spirits inside of us, they are willing to get out. They will be quickly motivated to leave. There are resentful spirits at this last day wishing to...you should really hurry before they act on you to take revenge. We have to work to remove those evil resentful spirits. At the holy song time we have to do this.

This morning, while I was touring in Japan, I saw that two days later something would happen spiritually. I have cleared up the spirits there that would be trouble in two days. I have seen how hard you would work and which members have more evil spirits. Those who bring new people, many evil spirits will be taken off of them. Now in spirit world, more than worrying about people on the earth, they are determined to work on the earth. In order to liberate them, all of us must mobilize to get their descendants on the earth, talk to them about Divine Principle and

True Parents.

For two years I have been telling you that we need to give our tithing and our time, spending time to talk to people. Now all of us blessed couples cannot just care about only our own family and just try to make money only for our family's sake. It cannot work. For example, husband and wife are both working. The wife makes maybe 1 million won. You will be given more good fortune if you worked for God instead. But to just make money and not



care about anything else, you may make money, you may lose money, such a situation can come to you. We are at such a time. Is it scary or not? Scary? You're not scared? Why? Because you can just go out and do it. Those who say, "I don't care. I will not give my 3 hours. I will just make money." In order to get Heavenly fortune, you need to be the one to go out and witness. We cannot see, hear, we don't have any sense. But the people out there are more difficult. Those sicknesses out there are spiritual sicknesses.

Recently somebody came to me. In the hospital they laughed at her for a small cut on the finger. This person felt incredible pain and no matter what it did not get healed. She came to me. She said, "I am in so much pain. I cannot do anything. Would you please look at me." I saw inside the wound and there was a spirit there causing the pain. Now it is only a little cut, but this will get bigger and bigger and wanted to get her arm amputated. This is what the spirit was thinking. I took it out and passed by. What is that in my hand? Is that air? The spirit is in my hand. I sent it off to the spirit world. I met her taking pictures later. She said, "I'm okay now." This is how things are spiritual.

We have to have the parental heart and go out looking at the world with that heart to see that the spiritual problems that cause the pain. We have not just our own power, but God, True Parents, and absolute good spirits power. Now we just talk gently and they can all come to us. Just pass by, I did that. It got healed. Am I the only one with that power? You have it to. Only it doesn't work because you don't have such love thinking that pain is my own. That heart of God and True Parents, you can get better. Instead, you give up saying I don't have that power.

At the beginning of Cheongpyeong providence, I had to do everything myself. You could not do it. Sometimes, even 500 people. But now you can do it yourself by borrowing absolute good spirits' power. Now you have God and True Parent's heart. Do it with one mind, one body, and one ideal way. Nothing is impossible. Look at the spirits yelling at us and screaming. Give love, give heart, holding their hands. Clearly they will come here and have their

pain removed. After that, 100% they will have joy and happiness.

So that Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven can come, we have to believe this 100%. We have to go do this with absolute faith. Do you understand? You can do it. After this workshop, go back home and try it. More than just going out to do the job, you will have much more joy to witness. And those you will witness to, they can bring you more. God is so sorry seeing us not doing right. When you were told to go to hometown and do it the right way, we would not have financial troubles and sicknesses. We rather complained thinking we were sent to die and have more troubles. Although God sent you there were good fortune waits for you. You can work the easiest way there. But we did not. This is Satan's mind blocking us from going.

All of us from tomorrow on realize how spirit world is moving. And go out. We could bring in one by one to give new life. You can come here to get more evil spirits removed. God has promised. Do you believe? Can you do it? You answered? Did you? You answered to God. You need to

keep your promises that you make to God. If you don't, God is not able to believe in you. It takes a long time to gain trust again. Although we answer without thinking very much, we do have to take our promises seriously.

Today I experienced change in spirit world - the yelling and screaming. I know there are many new people here. I have checked the situations with the new people. There are some good, but many more are looking bad. With this person, I want them to realize that spirit world is really working here. I have prepared to give them this experience. I have been working hard so I have prepared for those witnessing that they can experience more of the blessing coming to them.

One spirit of the ancestor I was liberating said to me, "My descendant, at the beginning of Cheongpyeong providence did hard work and did much. But later, just went out to make money. So the heavenly fortune is blocked, completely lost. She came here today. This descendant has gone down to the bottom. I did it."

The ancestor said, "I did it. I was bringing them the good fortune and I was also taking it away."

I said, "Why did you do that?"

He said, "I wanted to promise continuously if I had money I would do this, I would do that. Forgot. So the ancestors gave everything, but all the things promised to do did not. Not even going to Cheongpyeong. Not going to Church. Not liberating. Today only did up to 28 generations."

Ancestors feel so terrible. So he took away all the money and gave sicknesses. After being sick, the descendant realized and remembered when he was sick before he was healed at Cheongpyeong. About 7 years, finally realized because of this trouble I was sick 7 years ago and now it's back. The only place I can get better is at Cheongpyeong. Lost everything financially. With sickness, finally realized where to go. After receiving money, should have done as promised. All the material is taken away, now the sickness came back. But to get healed is very difficult now. Because this person's mind should be repenting, wishing to do 100%. First did not know he was given healing. But the things that

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UTS Board of Trustees Make Landmark Decisions

The UTS Board took major steps in guiding the school toward a major capital campaign, the Doctor of Ministry program, and establishing a 4-year religious college.

The winter meeting of the UTS Board of Trustees, one of its three annual regular meetings, was held March 1st at the Seminary's Extension Center in New York City. Gratitude is due to Dr. Chang Shik Yang for providing an exquisite conference room. The Board covered important areas of school life and made landmark decisions over its future.

Mr. Henry Christopher, UTS' new Director of Recruitment and Admissions, reported on his efforts to eliminate the barriers to enrollment to UTS. These barriers are lack of time, lack of money, and the uncertainty over career placement. To alleviate the time barrier, UTS is offering more intensive courses and distance learning. To alleviate

the money barrier, UTS is working with benefactors who believe in UTS to provide scholarship support. As a recent example, Dr. Yang, Continental Director of the Family Federation in North America and UTS Trustee, offered 50% tuition scholarships to church leaders. To alleviate the career placement barrier, UTS is developing internship and job placement initiatives.

The Board also increased institutional investment in the physical plant to meet the standards of our target student market and our expanding conferencing activities.

Mr. Robin Graham, Director of Alumni Relations and Development, presented the outline of a \$1.6 million dollar

capital campaign, targeted toward major renovations of the main building, strengthening the faculty and teaching/learning experience, new program development and scholarships. The Board approved the campaign, which will get underway formally at the 25th Reunion of the Class of 1980 this June.



Dr. Kathy Winings reported on the progress of the Doctor of Ministry program, as UTS is preparing for a site team visit soon. The Trustees were very encouraged, in particular Trustee Emeritus Dr. David S.C. Kim, who has long been praying for this new level of educational offerings.

Finally, Dr. Hendricks presented the

results of the Barrytown College Survey and the outlines of the business plan. The survey indicates a high degree of interest in a religious college that provides a moral environment, access to financial aid, academic prowess, service learning components, professional mentoring and vocational counseling. Among all factors, the moral environment was considered the most important.

The Board voted to take steps toward implementing the 4-year program, which will have a distinct identity and broad market appeal to Unificationist families. Several Trustees noted that the greatest parental concern for the moral environment pertains to their offspring who are just entering college. This concern transcends the Unificationist community, and the school is seen as providing value to the society in general.

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MLK from page 24

Dream of public officials — governors, mayors, members of congress and presidents — who truly believe in compassion and putting people first.

Let us dream, yes, but let us not become merely dreamers but be doers as well. For if Dr. King is portrayed only as a non-threatening dreamer, then his memory is being distorted. Now is the time to get involved. Now is the time to make real the dream of freedom and justice. Now is the time to move forward in a unified non-violent coalition to fulfill the promise of democracy. We must continue to say as Martin Luther King said: "The time is always right to

do what is right."

This nation needs our help to stop racism from flourishing in our society. It needs our help to reach economic parity and social justice for all people. It needs our help to end that sad saga of a few people eating caviar while thousands of others go to bed hungry every night -- in our country, the richest nation in the world. In short, it needs our help to become a model of righteousness for the world and to secure the fullness of life for all its people.

I don't believe that it will do it or can do it without us.

Now sisters and brothers, I must say frankly that unless the bridges we have built in Martin King's honor are bridges of love, understanding and goodwill, they will fall under the weight of their

own construction. Unless the streets and highways that we have named for him lead to larger vistas of peace and brother/sisterhood, they will lead to nowhere. Unless the schools that we have named for him teach children how to love and live and not merely how to make a living, they will become little more than battlegrounds for the frustrated and confused. And unless those who pause periodically to honor his birth and life leave with a greater determination and commitment to make real the promise of democracy, I must consider it little more than blasphemy.

As future generations peer through the telescope of history, let them say that we did not waiver; we did not flinch. We did not shirk our responsibilities to face the issues of new challenges and

new hope, as we stood at the dawn of a new millennium. But, rather let it be said that we laid a new cornerstone here today for generations yet unborn to walk into new vistas of hope and enlightenment. For those of us in the civil rights movement, our work goes on -- our cause endures. Our hope still lives, and our dreams shall never die. We must remind our supporters that while "the woods may be lonely, dark and deep, we have promises to keep and miles to go before we sleep."

My brothers and sisters, as I close, I would like to remind you that it is 11:59 on the clock of destiny -- which brings to mind the poem "God's Minute."

"I have only just a minute, With 60 seconds in it. -- Forced upon me -- can't refuse it -- didn't seek, I didn't choose it... but it's up to me to use it. I must suffer if I lose it. Give account if I abuse it. Just a tiny little minute, but eternity is wrapped up in it."

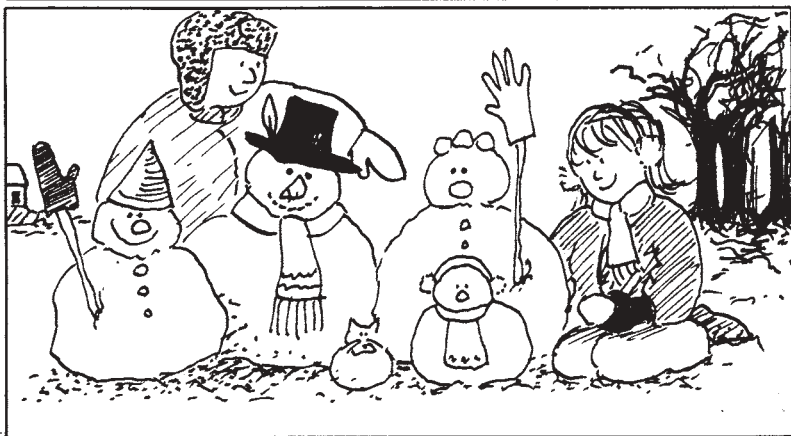
In the overall scheme of eternity, our life on this earth may be only as one minute. The question is will we use that minute to complain, to feud and criticize our fellow man, or will we use our little minute on this earth to follow the example of Jesus, of Martin King, of Sun Myung Moon in the long and bitter but beautiful struggle to build a better world, to fulfill God's Dream, to reach out to our fellow man and bring peace to the world?

Someone once noted that our life is God's Gift to us. What we do with our life is our Gift back to God. I pray that each of you will continue to fight the good fight, keep the faith, and finish the course,

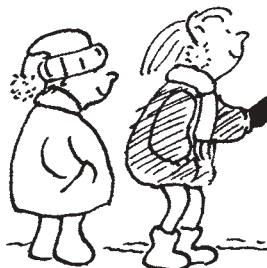
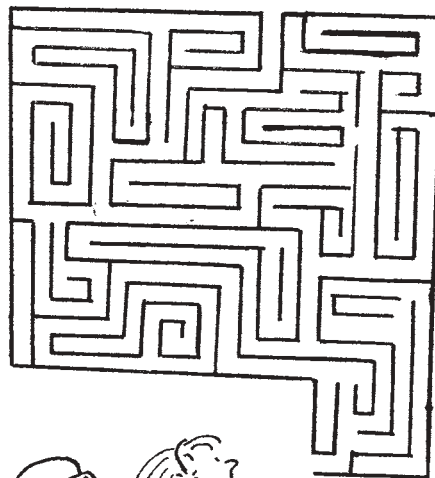
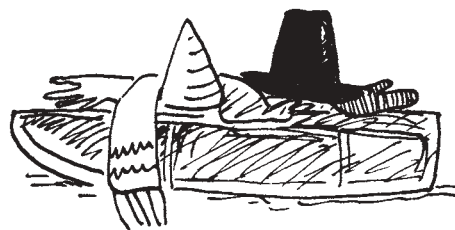
For those who still dream, Dr. King's words echo our hope, endorse Rev. Moon's teachings concerning God's ideal of creation, encourage all God's Children to fight on, because "deep in my heart I do believe" that there will be a day when every son and every daughter, every mother and every father, every brother and every sister will beat their swords into ploughshares and study war no more. That there will be a day when all of God's Children will be joined together as one family centered on God and shout together Dr. King's quote of that old Negro spiritual "Free At Last - from sin; Free At Last - from shame; Free At Last - from Satan; Thank God Almighty, we're Free At Last." ❖

FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of making a snowman family



Help them find the old hats

Peace Cup Summer Schedule Decided

The biannual Peace Cup Korea will be held in July with eight football clubs from around the world participating, the event's host Seongnam Chunma announced.

The 2003 winner, PSV Eindhoven, and runners-up, Olympique Lyonnaise, are again to play, with Tottenham Hotspur of England and Spain's Real Sociedad being other big names from Europe. Argentina's Boca Juniors will represent South America along with Once Caldas of Colombia, while Sundowns FC of South Africa are also invited to the \$2.5 million event.

From July 17, the eight participants will play three matches each, split into two groups, with the group winners meeting in the July 24 final. The venues have yet to be decided.

"We are pleased to be here again," PSV's press officer Pedro Salazar-Hewitt said during the joint press conference of the eight clubs held at the Westin Chosun Hotel in Seoul. "We have very special relations



with Korean people and Korean football because of what Guus Hiddink had done here and also the great achievements by Park Ji-sung and Lee Young-pyo in the

club." The Peace Cup was begun in 2003 by by True Parents following the success of the 2002 World Cup in South Korea. PSV won the inaugural event,

beating Lyon 1-0 with a Mark van Bommel penalty in the rain-soaked final at Seoul's Sangam World Cup Stadium.

For the second event, Once Caldas' director Alfredo Botero said he expects the matches to be competitive enough to entertain the fans.

"We are a small team from a small city, but we have beaten big things such as Boca Junior," Botero said, smiling at Boca vice president Richard Willmott, who was sitting next to him. "And I want to beat all of my friends here. We will do our best effort in participating in this tournament." ❖

IIFWP at the International Meeting on Small Island Developing States

by Karen Smith

The last two days of the UN Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) — held Port Louis, Mauritius, January 11-12, 2005 — concluded with the High Level Segment: the plenaries featured brief, five minute statements by all the heads of state, and heads of 113 national delegations as well as key intergovernmental organizations. NGO presence in the High Level Segment was limited but with special effort, the key IIFWP delegates received VIP passes and could enter freely.

The Pailles Conference Center in Port Louis, Mauritius was specially constructed for this event with funds donated by the Swami Vivekananda Foundation of India. It had seating for the more than 1500 delegates attending the conference. And as for all UN conferences and formal sessions, seating was alphabetic by nation, usually with the "first" nation drawn by lottery.

While the small island developing States number forty-three in all, there were 113 nations present. The involvement of the international community being critical to providing needed relief and assistance with future development of SIDS, especially in light of the recent Asian tsunami and the end of year series of hurricanes that dealt a very heavy blow at the end of 2004 to many Caribbean islands.

In the course of the conference, the IIFWP delegation headed by Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak was able to meet a number of heads of state and many Mauritius International Meeting delegates, some of whom are Ambassadors for Peace. Formal and informal meetings were the currency of the day, exchanges taking place in the main conference room, in other conference hotels, near the familiar "coffee pot," over meals, and through the formal session, roundtables, side events and press briefings.

The IIFWP delegation consisted of: Sir James R. Mancham (Seychelles), Dr. Thomas G. Walsh (USA), Ms. Karen Judd Smith (Australia), Rev. Pal Gyu Ryu (Republic of Korea), Ms. Jeong Hae Lee (ROK), Rev. Jean Augustin Ghomsi (South Africa) Ms. Siok Hong Chung To (Mauritius), Ms. Naomi Kubu-

ki (Japan), Mr. Kevin Pickard (USA), Ms. Kathy Hwang (UPI-PROC.) and Mr. Mark Chung To (Mauritius.)

For the IIFWP delegates, formal and informal moments with heads of state and delegates included Marshall Islands, Samoa, Palau, Egypt, Timor Leste, USA, Mauritius, Seychelles, Comoros, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Tuvalu, Madagascar, Grenada, Suriname, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Iceland, Republic of Korea, Gabon, Vanuatu, Federated States of Micronesia, Greece, Malaysia, Maldives, Nigeria, Indian Ocean Commission, UNEP, UNCTAD, UNDP, Pacific Islands Forum and many more.

With the tropical summer sun beating down, few spent time outside so in the midst of a tight schedule of meetings, people met easily in the lounge and public areas. Big fish in a small pond.

In many of our meetings, the IIFWP delegation had the added benefit of the presence of either Kathy Hwang, a UPI representative, or Kevin Pickard, the Voices of Peace Director. Their presence added the media dimension to discussions. In the course of the four day conference, Mr. Pickard was able to get about 40 short interviews, some of which will emerge as Voices of Peace shows. Ms. Hwang's story has already come out in various news outlets, including the online "World Peace Herald."

What was unique about this UN conference relative to most others, was the integration of UN delegates and the accredited representatives of civil society. Normally, at international conferences, there are "parallel worlds," one governmental and one of civil society. Often there is precious little give-and-take between the two. In Mauritius, while there were still different doors to enter and some closed sessions, on the whole these two worlds participated together; endeavoring, more than usual, to address the problems together. Of course, the preparatory work was done in a more traditional manner, but under the guidance of Secretary-General Chowdhury, this conference more fully welcomed the participation of NGOs. Some of the reasons for this can be

understood in terms of this conference's focus on implementation. Whatever the reason, our delegation felt that our contributions could be more fully received by some of those who can bring the benefit to their nations: their elected leaders.

In the end, our delegation greeted the Secretary General of the UN, met the Secretary-General of the Conference and the President of the General Assembly, along with many of the national delegations. We contributed to the discourse through a very well received side event on the theme "Strengthening the Domestic Private Sector through Comprehensive Human Development and Technology Transfer;" held our own IIFWP Symposium in Trou Aux Biches to help launch IIFWP in Mauritius, introduce the President of IIFWP, and show the core principles and approach of IIFWP to Mauritian leaders; we made and strengthened many relationships. As a delegation whose senior Ambassador for Peace, Sir James R. Mancham of Seychelles was constantly introducing the importance and scope of the work of IIFWP, there was great exposure to IIFWP, its principles, its message and the character of its members.

The final evening Dr. Kwak hosted both the Mauritius Speaker of the House and the current opposition party leader

and former Prime Minister. In this single moment, once again, the IIFWP stood in a "headwing" position, seeking to draw out the best of both parties and to focus on their common ground: the good of their people.

Under the local leadership of Mrs. Jessica Chung To and with very strong and essential support from her husband Mark and their son In Cheol, IIFWP is on the move and so met, with great enthusiasm and success, the opportunities brought to this small island by the UN's international meeting. They are a clear example of the strength of the organization at the local level. International support for Mauritius from within the IIFWP was clear, with the presence of the Korean and Japanese volunteers and the African sub-regional leader. All in all, the Mauritius meeting showed the strength of IIFWP's interreligious and international network of Ambassadors for Peace and committed members, and through them, the possibilities for development and peace in the future.

Many small islands have lots at stake. The UN conference attracted many large fish to a fairly small pond. IIFWP still has lots to do to strengthen the capacity of these people to face their challenges with the knowledge, tools, and support needed to be successful, and which IIFWP has to offer. ❖

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The Media and the Message

by Dr. Hendricks

Aldo and Elenice Sensini, a blessed central family living in Upstate New York region, have made a big impact in their town of Kingston. As do many of our families, the Sensinis distribute holy candy to give the blessing of marriage. Elenice has made many friends among local businesses who put her candy with the True Love pledge on the counter. A reporter with the local paper was inspired by what she saw in one shop, and looked up Elenice and asked for an interview. Elenice shared with the reporter for

about three hours, and the paper sent a photographer to her house. The story is wonderfully appreciative of the spirit of supporting marriage and family life. It includes the text of the True Love pledge in the article, with a great photo of Elenice, her husband Aldo, and their five children preparing the holy candy. The story names the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of Elenice's church, to which she gives credit for her marriage ministry and her beautiful family. The reporter told Elenice that she felt she could write an entire book about the content of their interview.

The article appeared on the front

page of the "People and Events" section of the Sunday paper on February 14, True Parents' birthday and Crowing Ceremony for Cosmic Unity—and also Valentine's Day. Reverend Kiyeal Lee, Regional Director of Upstate New York, proclaimed this as a victory for all the dedicated families of our region and throughout America. ❖



Elenice Sensini, second from left, and her family prepare packages containing "The True Love Pledge" and candy she distributes to area businesses. With her, from left, are Alexa, Sarah, Stephanie, Joshua, husband Aldo and Celina.

IIPC in Austria

by Peter Haider

IIIPC was inaugurated Austria. Over 200 attended the event in the Park Hotel Schönbrunn, near the famous Imperial Castle in Vienna. No less than 15 embassies were represented by either the ambassador or a high ranking official. Among the guests were also distinguished religious leaders, academics, leaders of NGO's and members of the international community.

Mr. Peter Haider, secretary general of IIFWP-Austria and the main organizer of the conference, said in his opening remarks: "Such a keen participation indicates the great interest for peace and for the cooperation of religions and cultures." During the weeks before the event IIPC Ambassadors for Peace visited over 120 embassies to inform the diplomatic community about the upcoming IIPC inauguration.

The Youth Choir of the West African Pentecostal Church from the city of Linz welcomed us with the message "We all are one body of God."

The Ambassador from India, H.E. T.P. Sreenivasan, delivered a powerful plea for peace and religious tolerance: "I represent India,

the nation which has, with the exception of China, the largest population of the world. Our population is more than twice as big as that of Europe, including its new member states. Considering the size of India, our nation is relatively peaceful. There is a lot to learn from this. India encourages religions to flourish without discrimination. Hinduism is an embracing way of life that has enabled us to absorb everything that is good in each religion." He ended his message with a world peace prayer from the Vedas: "Loka Samastha Sukino Bhavantu. Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti. May all the beings in all the worlds be happy. Om Peace, Peace, Peace."



H.E. Mme. Béatrice Damiba, Ambassador from Burkina Faso to Austria, conveyed her best wishes for the noble cause of the new peace council. "My country has been classified as one of the poorest in the world economically, technologically and financially. But when it comes to tradition and culture it is one of the richest in the world, where people live in peace and accept each other despite their diversity and coming from many different tribes. If there would be a market where peace could be sold, Burkina Faso would become rich on this market."

Heinrich Krcek, a theologian and Ambassador for Peace, presented in his lecture 10 commandments of peace, giving a profound insight into the "Principles of Peace and Reconciliation," which are the foundations of IIPC.

At the beginning of the second part of the program, representatives of Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, the Catholic religion, Islam, the Pentecostal Church, the Church of Jesus Christ LDS and one representing all other

religions lit eight candles. They read a short text each from a Holy Book of the tradition they represented.

Prof. Dr. Christian Brünner, a professor of constitutional law and former member of parliament, who is very active in the field of human rights, presented a lecture on the "Globalisation of religions and cultures." Referring to Samuel Huntington's book on the clash of cultures, he emphasized the serious work we have to do in interreligious and intercultural dialogue and research, in order to prevent the worstcase scenario, which Huntington has warned us of.

Among others, H.E. Dr. Dayantha L. Mendis, the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Austria was honored as an Ambassador for Peace. For a most surprising finale his wife, Dr. Brashanti Mendis, performed some astonishing melodies on two Caribbean steel drums, accompanied by a Japanese concert pianist. No one in the audience had ever expected to hear such beautiful sounds of Viennese music coming out of steel drums.

In spite of the late hour, listeners were so uplifted that they continued applauding and thus persuaded Dr. Mendis and her friend to play another piece of music from the Caribbean and one from her home country, Sri Lanka. ❖

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nations grow up. They must reconcile with the past, and with past enemies. Then be able to work together, in freedom and with confidence. And welcome the future with optimism.

America used to be called a 'melting pot,' where peaceful immigrants and their children could learn such attitudes and values. Whether that will last is no longer certain.

Meanwhile, even backward societies are showing fresh signs of progress. Third World nations are modernizing fast. Groups like Muslim Wakeup are working toward the reformation of Islam. Our own members are showing religions how to value their best attributes, and to embrace sincere brotherhood with others, worldwide.

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Why aren't more people joining the UC? It's a big question, often asked by our Second Generation, and one that deeply challenges our leaders. Our Rev. Thomp-

son's lighthearted (initial) reply is, "Go ask your parents."

Actually, it's not a new question. This issue came up in 1991 when I pioneered in Macedonia. The national leader, discouraged after years of seemingly fruitless effort, saw the Hare Krishna movement make tremendous local gains.

With all due respect for genuine Hindu traditions, I assured him they were frenetic but shallow, and wouldn't last. Consider: we ask UC converts to do intensive studies, while they requested chants and dancing. We give members heavy but liberating indemnity conditions, they a (providentially) meaningless vegetarian diet. We provide multifaceted experiences and training, they endless days of simple activ-

ities. (Their mid-1970s experiment with van-driving fundraising teams did not last.)

A Macedonian student we American pioneers encountered went on to translate the DP Level 4 book into that language. Fourteen years later we're still around, growing albeit slowly, and achieving many great things. It's been years since I met a Hare Krishna member, or heard about them in the news.

Back to that Big Question.

I would ask our concerned Second Generation member: "Are confidence, physical fitness, and skills important to you?"

He might reply, "Of course!"

"So," I'd say, "do you intend to join the Marine Corps?"

"What!?"

I might continue, "Why not? They're the experts."

Because you'll get screamed at by a Full Metal Jacket type drill sergeant? You never met my favorite Japanese MFT captain!

Because you'll risk getting shot at by fierce enemies, such as Iraqi insurgents?

FFWPU LEADERSHIP POSITION AVAILABLE

The FFWPU-I office has announced that the FFWPU of Trinidad-Tobago is seeking a national leader. The placement includes a house for a family as well as living expenses. The FFWPU core community in that nation is approximately 25 families. Trinidad-Tobago is an English-speaking country. Those interested are invited to submit a resume to Mr. Inho Joo at joo@tongil.or.kr. Mr. Joo can be reached by phone at 82-2-6383-3200 (Korea).

In Takua Pa, Thailand with Service For Peace

by Park Yeon Sim

A beautiful beach, a pleasant resort, a relaxing massage, world famous Thai food... Thailand, an international tourism capital full of fun and laughter.

The beauty of Thailand, as touted by countless media and tourism advertisements, no longer exists. This is because of the earthquake and tsunamis that struck Thailand, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and much of the rest of South Asia on Dec. 26. Total fatalities from the tsunamis are approaching 150,000, while international relief aid has surpassed US\$2 billion

I work for Service For Peace (SFP), an international service organization established in 2001. I rushed to Phuket, Thailand on Dec. 30 to help out in the country, which was hit by the tsunamis.

Thirty-two SFP workers were had already been working in Takua Pa (about 135km north of Phuket) from Dec. 28. Locals in the county, in Phangnga province, suffered a great deal of losses in the tsunami. When our group of three aid workers touched down at Phuket airport at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 31, we were able to meet some local aid workers who came to meet us at the airport.

Because I knew what the situation on the ground was like by watching the TV news in Korea, I was worried about how to react when first meeting locals. I didn't know what I should say about the disaster.

But the Thais who picked us up at the airport weren't that pessimistic. With welcoming and grateful faces, they met us with smiles. They greeted us brightly with their hands placed together in the traditional Thai manner. Only we were confused.

Taking the van to Takua Pa, we could see Phuket. Rows of bodies and coffins packed Buddhist temples along the side of the road. Homes were destroyed beyond recognition. Even amidst Thailand's particular hot and arid weather, soldiers and civilians alike were intent on finding bodies. Bodies and coffins were stacked up like luggage. Volunteers handle bodies in sanitation suits and masks to block the



stench.

Phuket holds a special place in my heart. I came here on my honeymoon after I got married on Oct. 26. The memory was so fresh it was like yesterday, but Phuket was no longer that beautiful resort. The reason why I rushed to get a ticket here as soon as I heard the news of the tsunami was this special connection I have with the place.

Inside the van, we got a briefing on the damage done by the tsunami and how people were doing from a Thai SFP worker nicknamed Nicky. She was clearly tired, and said she had been han-

dling bodies for several days. The Thai SFP workers who had arrived in Takua Pa had split up into teams and were busy preparing meals, carrying and identifying bodies, finding the missing and distributing relief supplies, she said.

Of those teams, the one that had it the toughest was the one handling the bodies. When Nicky first asked the situation room in Takua Pa what she could do, the workers there said she could do just about anything. Though the situation was so urgent that even one person's help would be missed, most of the relief workers arriving here were students rather than doctors or soldiers who could offer specialized assistance.

In the end, several tasks were assigned, but everyone avoided handling the bodies, she said. Because of the emotional burden and the risk of infectious disease, a controversy broke out among the SFP workers. Believing they had come to the place to serve, however, the group decided to handle bodies.

On the way to Takua Pa, we were able to stop in on a place where bodies were being handled. The bodies were systematically being separated into two piles. In one area, people were preparing disinfectant and all sorts of equipment used in preparing bodies, while in the other, DNA samples were being taken for identification after it had been rubbed down with formalin. Once the samples were taken, the bodies were placed in clean shrouds and taken by container truck to a temporary morgue.

Nicky said that at first, the stench was so bad she felt dizzy and nauseous. Moreover, the bodies were so gruesome that it was hard to stand there. She said, however, that once she started to imagine that the bodies were those of her family -- while considering the anguish the survivors had to be feeling -- the stench or appearance of the bodies no longer concerned her.

She said the local and foreign workers who were doing that difficult task together came together like a family. Close bonds had developed.

One service worker, Kim Jin Gyu, who had handled the bodies, never mentioned the state of the deceased. Instead, he praised the beautiful image of the aid workers who came from all over

the world to help. He said Thai doctors at first wondered what help young students might bring, but even they were among the first to welcome young volunteers.

We finally arrived at the situation room of Takua Pa. It was just like a war zone. Huge tents set up here and there, loud information broadcasts, pieces of cloth scattered about. There were people from all over the world, the sounds of children, food stands, an information panel on the missing, the hum of people trying to understand the situation, and a very long line for the bathroom.

I had come prepared, but I momentarily lost myself upon seeing the place. For a while, I stood there absently, and then the vests of some Thai SFP members who were cooking grabbed my attention. Thinking I had to do something, I bowed to them and joined in the meal preparations.

They were preparing a meal for 5,000, making a tremendous amount of rice and putting it in bowls. The workers said they were used to it now, but making a meal for 5,000 was physically demanding. Nevertheless, they never lost their smiles and showed off their expert skills dishing up rice so that not even one grain was wasted.

At first, I thought getting stuck preparing meals was lucky, but as the number of rice bowls grew, I came to real-



ize that food detail wasn't easy, either. These people prepare rice and side dishes for 5,000 people three times a day.

You wouldn't have been able to tell how tired the volunteers were from looking at them. Even in that vortex, they were challenging their physical and spiritual limits, and smiling the smile of hope. The smile wasn't just to get over the grief and sadness that resulted from the unexpected disaster, but it also included hope that they would overcome this misfortune.

With this hope that bloomed amidst despair, my first week in volunteer service in Takua Pa went quickly. I'll save my descriptions of the situation in Takua Pa and about international volunteer efforts for later articles. ❖

Los Angeles Church Leads the Way for UTS Dorm Fund Drive

The Los Angeles Family Church, under the leadership of Rev. Baek Joong Ku (UTS '95), has parted the waters for the UTS dorm renovation project.

In 2002, UTS renovated the middle dorm on its east wing. The project, inaugurated by the inspiration of Dr. Jaekil Park, inspired students and staff alike. It led Dr. Chang Shik Yang to design a grant from the FFWPU National Headquarters for \$55,000 to underwrite the renovation of the south dorm in 2003.

UTS is now planning the enhanced renovation of the north dorm, to begin this spring and be completed over the summer. The budget for this project, including broadband internet access in each room, new beds, curtains and furnishings, will amount to \$68,500.

On February 2, Dr. Yang called the regional churches across America to join National Headquarters in supporting this project. Rev. Baek Joong Ku and the Los Angeles Region parted the waters by sending the first donation from the field, \$2,000. THANK YOU REV. KU, REV. HENNING AND ALL OUR LOS ANGELES FAMILY!

We are looking forward to working with all the regional churches across America to bring this new norm dorm into reality.

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Growing Up

According to the Divine Principle, everything in creation develops through a period of growth. Scientists examine these developments, and see them as blind, random processes that can take billions of years. Biblical literalists disagree, claiming that humans and other species came into being instantly, just a few thousand years ago. Most Americans believe something in between.

YOUTH

Humans, unlike anything else we know of, grow both physically and spiritually. For healthy people the first part is automatic, while the second isn't guaranteed for anyone. This should be obvious from a moment's glance at the news. Most people are decent, but far too many haven't progressed beyond brutal savagery.

Young people do grow up. Century after century, the torch is passed to a new generation. Normally it's a smooth process, though Socrates himself complained famously about "kids these days." With advancing technology and global travel, the old philosopher would really have something to think about now.

Raising good children is a daunting responsibility. A quality 'external' education can be difficult to provide, but not so hard as 'internal' morality and values.

Old people may not be getting any taller, but spiritual growth never has to end. A large portion of history's saints began their ministry as adults, some after repenting of an outrageous childhood.

MATURITY

As the Bible says, only God can see a person's heart, and we humans are not to judge others. However, that doesn't preclude discernment and wise relationships.

There are clear signs of maturity. Certainly respect, especially for one's elders, and for the opposite sex. Also, a tolerance of those who differ, or somehow offend you.

Years ago my mother cared for several foster children. One kid my age had an older brother who was a Hell's Angels biker. That foster boy and I once took a Greyhound bus to visit him.

We heard all kinds of stories that weekend. Many had to do with exacting personal vengeance, usually upon careless motorists. Those outlaw bikers considered it their right and duty to mete out punishment, however as they saw fit, right

there on the spot.

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For many years I considered this a social quirk, disturbing but fairly rare. Now I've seen it become widespread, in a very different guise, yet with a similar cause.

The rap/hip-hop culture has introduced words such as 'dissing,' with the promise of terrible vengeance upon those who "don't respect you" properly. The number of rap artists who have "died by the sword" (plus guns, knives, etc.) certainly proves their sincerity!

Women who 'attach' themselves to those guys, or emulate them, fare little better. Instead of 'mammon' they call it 'bling bling' now, and the end results are identical. A true woman has sympathy for others, and she teaches it (at least in some dim version) to her man.

The behavior of outlaw bikers, and now rappers (along with their naïve imitators) is evidence of a deep insecurity, and a total lack of genuine manhood. They're unable to just walk away from trouble. Also to forgive, rather than bear-



ing a corrosive grudge.

What facets of maturity do good parents strive to pass along? It's not easy to make a short list.

For anyone: Handling disappointment and delaying gratification. Being reliable and honest. Knowing how to make and follow a household budget. Learning necessary things well, and planning for the future.

For believers: Getting along with all sorts of people. Understanding the past, and the world's real situation. Faith in God, and upholding ideals larger than oneself.

To keep True Parent's ideals: Responsible manhood, chaste femininity, pure couples, and top-standard parenthood.

INSTITUTIONS

The Principle speaks of 'levels' greater than individuals and families. Institutions also mature. As with people, their 'internal' character (more than 'external' properties, accounts, or business plans) determines their long-term fate.

Companies, no matter how large, must grow up, or they'll fail. For example, DuPont has been around more than 200 years, reliably providing needed goods and services to their customers. Their history and literature speak explicitly of 'core values.'

On the other hand, Enron collapsed so quickly their abandoned Houston skyscraper was sold at a bankruptcy auction. Their devious energy traders acted (as recorded on tape) like giddy teenagers. Those cocky young men were blithely unaware of law enforcement's growing attention.

Universities must grow up, or risk becoming trendy and shallow—or worse. Most of the newest ones lack tradition, or any purpose beyond raw profit. Some illustrious ones have experienced dramatic cycles. UC Berkeley's seminal Free Speech movement has given way to speech-choking Political Correctness.

Churches grow up. In some European countries, a denomination has to be centuries old before the government will recognize it as a legitimate. Organized religions need to change and develop, while maintaining real standards and dignity.

On a larger and longer scale, societies and
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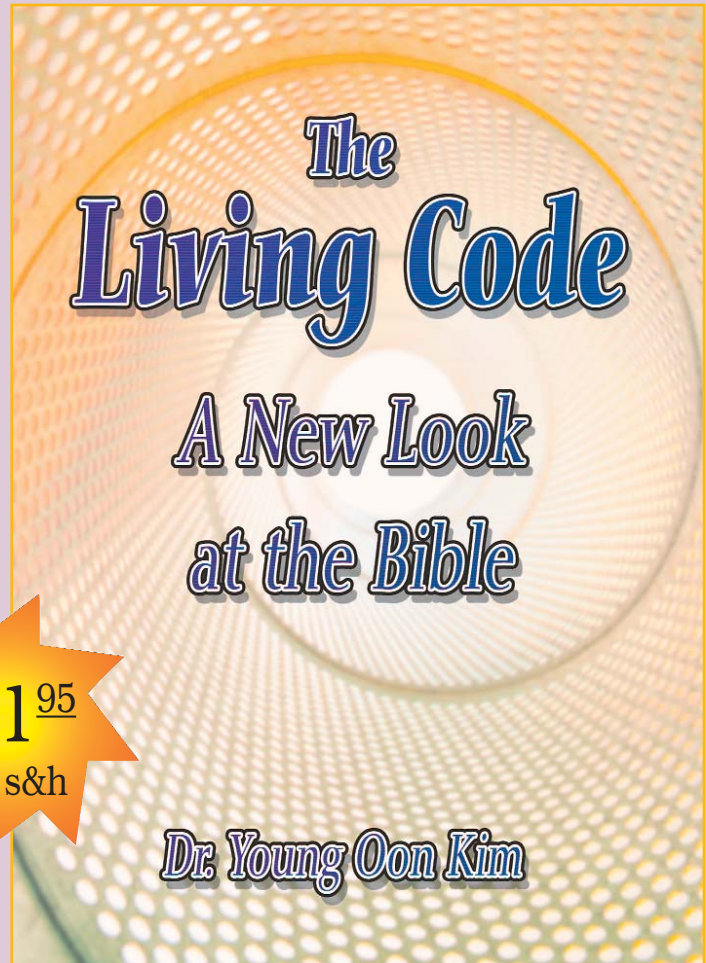
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