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# Declaring the Era of the Peace Kingdom

by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

This address was given on March 23, 2004 at the United States Capitol, Washington, DC

The starting point to unravel the problems humanity faces today is the certain knowledge of God, the Father of all creation and, on that foundation, the building of true families that live in attendance to God. This calls us to establish and attend God in our families, not as a concept but as the substantial Parent of us all. To do this, we first must clarify the relationship between God and humanity. God is the original entity of true love, true life and true lineage, and He is the True Parent of all people.

If human beings had not fallen, we would have reached perfection in God's true love as His true children and lived in attendance to Him as our Parent. God's plan was for perfected human beings to bond as true husbands and wives, bear and raise true children so that they would live in a Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, and then live together eternally in the heavenly world as families in the Kingdom of Heaven. Think about it for a moment.

If your father went to hell and only your mother went to Heaven, what kind of Heaven would that be? If your parents were to go to hell and only you children went to Heaven, how could that be called Heaven? The Kingdom of Heaven is where the whole family lives together in an eternal peace kingdom. On earth

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First, each member of the family needs to complete his or her individual character. Each person has to shed the fallen nature that has passed from the fall down through the generations, and achieve the perfection of his or her character. In other words, each person

envy, greed, hatred and all other evils, will never again take root in the person who has achieved this state.

Shedding the fallen nature is not easy. The reality of fallen human beings is that we vacillate even when trying to break habits formed over the relatively short span of a few years or decades, like smoking or drinking alcohol. We cannot expect, then, that it will be easy to cast off fallen nature, which we inherit through lineages going back thousands, even tens of thousands of years.

It is impossible by human effort alone. We need to stand on the foundation of absolute faith, establish God as our vertical axis, and struggle our entire life. Even then, it is a difficult fight. We cannot even think we will gain victory unless we enter a state of absolute love for God, loving Him even more than we love our own parents and children, and attending Him as our True Parent. We cannot hope to win this fight without a foundation of absolute obedience to God, following Him even at the cost of laying down our life.

Herein lies the reason that religions place fasting, sexual abstinence, sacrifice and penance in the uppermost

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as well, God will reside where a whole family has established a kingdom of heaven. In such a family, the world of God's original ideal, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, takes root. How, then, are we to bring about this family heav-

must be victorious in the struggle between mind and body. Then the world of harmony will bear fruit in each individual's perfected character, a state of one heart, one mind and one thought. Fallen nature, which causes jealousy,

## C A L E N D A R

### APRIL

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

### MAY

- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
- 43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 4 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 13 Jin Hun Nim's Birthday (3/25/63)
- 14 Cheonju Haebang Shik: Liberation of the Universe (1999)
- National (American) Won Jeon Shrine Dedicated (2002)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
- Citizen's Federation Unification of the Fatherland (1987)

### JUNE

- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
- Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 21 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
- 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
- American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 27 60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
- 28 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' East and West (Global) Victory (1999)

### JUNE

- 3 Inauguration of the Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification South American Headquarters (2001)
- 4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 10 Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
- Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
- 13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim's Blessing (1998)
- 39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
- 1st Stage of the 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)
- 14 Jeung Jin Nim's Birthday (1982)
- Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 16 Washington Times Established (1982)
- 17 Declaration: Return of the Sea to Heavenly Dominion (2000)
- 18 Day of All True Things (5/1/63)
- 21 Completed Settlement of Parents of Heaven and Earth (2002)
- 23 Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Declaration of the Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

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

# Address to the United States Congress

position. We must be born again, recast as new persons in whom Heaven can reside and with whom the spirit world can cooperate. We cannot betray an iota of shame even if our entire life and being is exposed before all God's creation. Our character should be like a "high noon settlement," on the straight vertical line of God's grace without the slightest shadow, so that Satan will flee from our presence for eternity.

Second, individuals who achieve such completion of character come together to form true families, and the members of these families work together to establish what I call the "four great realms of heart." Such families resemble, in form, an individual who has accomplished the complete oneness of mind and body. I have said that the Kingdom of Heaven is a place we enter family by family. Not every family, however, is qualified to enter Heaven automatically. You need a foundation to be a true family and to complete the four great realms of heart. A true family that can enter the Kingdom of Heaven is composed of true individuals who have completed the four great realms of heart in themselves and who are of a lineage centering on God.

What do I mean, then, by the "four great realms of heart"? I refer to the perfection of the heart of parents, the heart between a husband and wife, the heart of children, and the heart of siblings. This is found in a true family bound by God's original true love, true life and true lineage through a chaste three-generational lineage of grand-parents, parents, and (grand) children. Here, the love between parents and children establishes the vertical relationship between upper and lower; the love between the husband and wife establishes the horizontal relationship that brings left and right into definitive oneness, and the love between siblings establishes the relationship between front and back. In this way, God's ideal of creation is no longer a mere concept or dream. It is perfected in reality through the completion of the four great realms of heart centered on true lineages, family by family.

The realm of parental heart is acquired naturally as parents go through the process of bearing children and then raising and educating them with true love. In other words, it is the heart that enables the parents to own true love with respect to the children. Without children, no one can own love as a parent.

Next, the realm of conjugal heart is the love relationship that extends true lineage. In this, husband and wife each are grateful for the other having established them as an owner of love, and each learns true love through giving and receiving with the other. They enjoy learning of true love when the husband lives for the sake of his wife, even if it means sacrificing his own life, and the wife attends her husband with the heart of attending God. The perfection of the husband-wife relationship is possible only on this basis.

The moment a bride and groom share love on their wedding night with God's blessing, they inherit the palace of true

love, the palace of true life, and the palace of true lineage. The wife, through her husband, receives God's ideal son, who is also Heaven's older brother, Heaven's husband, and Heaven's parent. The husband stands in the corresponding position in receiving his wife. When the realm of conjugal heart is perfected, the relationship between the husband and wife also becomes absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, because God is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. So the term "divorce" cannot even exist. There will be a life of happiness, filled only with the blossoms of mutual respect and love.

Next, how can we describe the heart of children, and how is it obtained? The parents are the center, in God's position in the family, and it is impossible for a child to be born without parents. For these reasons, the relationship between parent and child is established not by human morality but by a heavenly morality. Thus the parent-child relationship is a vertical relationship, not horizontal. It is not a relationship of destiny, which means that human effort can change it, but it is a relationship of absolute and eternal fate.

Children experience and learn the heart of true love as they attend their parents in daily life, placing their parents in a position higher than themselves. Through a natural process, they come to understand that the love, life and lineage that they inherit from their parents originate in God. Children who watch and learn from their parents in this way will grow up to become husbands and wives who have no fallen nature, and ultimately they will obtain the position of true parents themselves. The spherical motion of the family unit that continually repeats the three-generational pattern in this way is the basic model for building the Kingdom of Heaven.



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Lastly, the realm of the heart of siblings arises through brothers and sisters who live as a family in attendance to the same true parents. I said earlier that the heart between brothers and sisters establishes the relationship between front and back. True parents are a husband and wife living in truth, and children who attend such parents will naturally learn the discipline of heavenly morality and ethics among siblings.

It will be a beautiful sight, where a younger brother attends and reveres his older brother as he would his father, and the older brother looks after his younger brother with a loving heart. The older brother represents "front" and the younger brother represents "back." The older brother represents the father, while the younger brother represents the mother. The perfection of the realm of heart between siblings is the foundation for all people to live for the sake of others through love and service.

Respected guests, as the number of "true peace family kingdoms" perfect-

ing the four great realms of heart increases, "true peace tribe kingdoms," "true peace nation kingdoms," and ultimately the "true peace world kingdom" will appear. In this way this will become the original world of God's ideal, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, the eternal Kingdom of Peace on Earth. I am declaring this here today. Humanity has lived without the certain knowledge that establishing true families is the most serious, foundational commandment of Heaven.

A new era has arrived today. The number of people around the world who have received my teaching and are standing resolutely for the sake of building the Kingdom of Peace is growing by leaps and bounds. Heaven and earth are shaking with the cries of bright young people who are determined to build true families even if they must offer their lives in order to protect their purity. Already, we find hundreds of millions of blessed families around the world. These families are shoring up a world in which ethics and morality are rapidly deteriorating.

That is not all. The spirit world is one step ahead of us in breaking open the age of the peace kingdom. Starting with the five great saints, more than 120 billion blessed families are working day and night to cooperate with us on earth and prepare for the day that is to come. According to the Principle of Creation, God's ideal world should be completed first on earth. Although people today are descendants of the fall, God's unending love and the spirit world's cooperation now allow us to understand the nature of the heav-

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# IIPC : Forging a Path to Reconciliation at a Time of Global Crisis

by Cheryl Wetzstein

Several dozen religious and civic leaders were honored March 23 in Washington for their "exceptional dedication" as peacemakers.

"Crown of Peace" awards were presented at a dinner at the Dirksen Senate Office Building, the highlight of a three-day conference on peace and reconciliation, which ends today at the Washington Plaza Hotel.

To end divisions of pain, suffering and conflict, "one core principle is necessary—the principle of living for the sake of others," said the Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, chairman of the IIFWP.

The Rev. Moon, the founder of the federation, and his wife, Hak Ja Han Moon, received Crown of Peace awards for their lifelong public service. In his remarks, Rev. Moon said historical divisions are solved when men and women form "God-centered families" and live in harmony with other such families.

"Sooner or later, we have to give what we have to our descendants and leave this world," said Rev. Moon, who turned 84 this year. "What gift could be more precious than that of completing the family ideal in your family, so as to guarantee eternal peace and happiness to your children? Surely no one who has such an opportunity should hesitate to take up the task of building the peace kingdom on Earth."

Eliezer Glaubach, a mediator and political leader in Jerusalem, and Imam Mohammed Ali Elahi, director of the Islamic House of Wisdom in Dearborn, Mich., were honored with Crown of Peace national awards for their efforts to reconcile Jews, Christians and Muslims in the Middle East.

The dinner included a ceremony in which representatives of Judaism, Islam and Christianity exchanged symbols of one



another's faiths as expressions of reconciliation.

The Rev. Walter Fauntroy also received a Crown of Peace award.

Mr. Fauntroy, pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church and former D.C. delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, was honored for his work for civil rights and for economic prosperity for low-income communities.

Jewell Praying Wolf James, a member of the Lummi Indian tribe in Ferndale, Wash., and head of the House of Tears Carvers, was honored as a peacemaker for his work in creating "healing" totem poles "to ease shared grief."

Mr. James and his craftsmen have carved such a pole to commemorate the September 11 terror attacks and a carving for the peoples of the Middle East.

Nearly 90 other religious, civil, political and educational "ambassadors for peace" were cited for their regional efforts. Members of Congress assisting at the event included Sen. Mark Dayton, Minnesota Democrat, Reps. Roscoe G. Bartlett of Maryland, Christopher B. Cannon of Utah and Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania, all Republicans, and Democratic Reps. Danny K. Davis of Illinois, Harold E Ford Jr. of Tennessee and Sanford D. Bishop Jr. of Georgia. ❖

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only kingdom. Please recognize that it is time to accomplish a true love revolution of overwhelming proportions, taking as our example the miraculous accomplishments of the spirit world.

The time has come for you as well to open your hearts and receive the secrets that Heaven is disclosing in this age through me. In one sense, I am a human being living with a physical body like each of you. But in the context of Heaven's providence, I am God's ambassador, sent to earth with His full authority. I am sent to accomplish His command to save the world's six billion people, restoring them to Heaven

with the original goodness in which they were created.

The five great saints and many other leaders in the spirit world, including even Communist leaders such as Marx and Lenin, who committed all manner of barbarity and murders on earth, and dictators such as Hitler and Stalin, have found strength in my teachings, mended their ways and been reborn as new persons. Emperors, kings and presidents who enjoyed opulence and power on earth, and even journalists who had worldwide fame, have now placed themselves at the forefront of the column of the true love revolution. Together they have sent to earth a resolution expressing their determination in the light of my teaching of the true family ideal. They have declared to all

Heaven and Earth that Reverend Sun Myung Moon is none other than humanity's Savior, Messiah, Returning Lord and True Parent. This resolution has been announced on every corner of the globe.

Respected guests, it is now only a matter of time. Look at the world. Do you see anything that gives you real hope for the future? Sooner or later, we have to give what we have to our descendants and leave this world. What gift could be more precious than that of completing the family ideal in your family, so as to guarantee eternal peace and happiness for your children? Surely no one who has such an opportunity should hesitate to take up the task of building the peace kingdom on earth, for which God has waited thousands

of years.

I have reached the advanced age of eighty-five, by the Korean way of counting. But I will continue to work harder than anyone else until the day the Earth overflows with God's true families, guns in the Middle East fall silent and give way to fireworks of peace and joy, and shouts of mansei [eternal victory] celebrating the unification of my homeland Korea echo across the Pacific to be heard in America. I hope that you leaders representing the world's six billion people in this ceremony will join hands with me. I call you to take the lead in building what is God's original ideal and the desire of all humanity, the peace kingdom on the Earth. ❖



## Forging a Path to Reconciliation at a Time of Global Crisis

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

*This is the Opening Banquet: Keynote Address given by Rev. Kwak, Chairman, IIFWP and IIPC, in Washington D.C., at the Washington Plaza Hotel, March 22, 2003.*

On behalf of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, it is my honor to welcome you to this Leadership Seminar sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the Interreligious and International Peace Council. Thank you for your attendance here and for recognizing the importance of our coming together to consider the theme, "Forging a Path to Peace at a Time of Global Crisis."

The IIFWP was launched by Rev. Moon to initiate a global movement for peace, centered on universal spiritual and moral principles, and calling for broad cooperation among committed volunteers from all nations, races, religions and cultures.

Peace, most fundamentally, has to do with the quality of relationships. That is, peace describes a state in which relationships are harmonious and cooperative. Harmony occurs in the natural world as objects behave in accordance with the internal physical laws of the universe. Likewise, harmony and peace are achieved in human relationships when we follow the spiritual and moral laws of the universe.

For this reason, without an understanding of God, and God's principles, peace will never be achieved. As human beings, we are not merely physical beings. We have been cre-

ated as beings that are both physical and spiritual. We are spiritual beings who exist in physical bodies throughout our lifetime on earth. At a certain point in time, each of us will pass out of our physical existence. However, we will continue to exist as spiritual beings, and we will each dwell in the spiritual world for eternity. Our quality of life in the spiritual world will depend on the level of spiritual maturity and heart we achieve during our physical life.

The reason the world's great spiritual teachers have advised us to live according to spiritual principles and to avoid material pleasures and comforts is precisely because our physical life is both very significant and very temporary. Like a fetus developing in a mother's womb, our physical life on earth is a time of spiritual development, training and growth, a preparatory school for our eternal life. Just as life in the womb precedes and prepares us for our life on earth, our life on earth precedes and prepares us for our life in the spiritual world.

When we think of peace, we must think on many levels. Too often we associate peace with the administration of political power. That is, we often think that peace can be brought into being by an external force or by some external law. Peace, however, does not begin from the realm of politics or government. Peace begins with the individual.

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

The first challenge for peace is my own self. If I cannot establish peace within myself, by establishing God-centered harmony and cooperation between my mind and body, then I cannot expect to create a world of peace. For example, if I am troubled and conflicted within my own character—if my conscience is continually overruled by

the desires of the body—I will not be at peace, regardless of the situation in the external world. Thus, the basis of peace is to solve the problem of my individual character. And, solving the individual character problem is primarily a matter of spiritual development.

The core principle that guides the work of IIPC is "living for the sake of others." Moreover, this principle can be the basis of a new methodology for peace and good governance.

The principle of "living for the sake of others" is not the teaching of any single religion or moral philosophy. One can find it represented in the sacred writings of virtually all the world's great religions, not to mention the great moral philosophers. Not only is it a great teaching, it is a practical guide or rule for action and practice. We recognize this principle at work in the lives of Jesus, Moses, Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, Socrates, Gandhi, and other such spiritual leaders.

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

Just as God is the author and origin of the most basic scientific laws of the universe, God is also the author and origin of the basic spiritual and moral laws of the universe. Just as we gain enlightenment concerning our physical cir-

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circumstances through scientific knowledge, we can gain enlightenment concerning our spiritual circumstances through religion.

The foundation of a true and lasting peace is God. However, human history, due to the Fall, has not been an expression of God's original ideal. Consequently, God has been seeking to re-establish relationships of true love with human beings. In fact, in order for providential history to advance toward restoration of fallen humanity, God needs to work through an "Abel-like" individual, family, tribe or nation. For example, within Adam's family, God sought to work through Abel, who was relatively faithful and righteous. However, sadly, he was killed by his own elder brother, Cain. Despite this setback, God continues to work according to this formula. Ultimately, by working with an Abel-like individual, family, tribe and nation, God seeks to establish a foundation for the Messiah, one who comes to restore the Fall of Adam and Eve and establish God's lineage and the Peace Kingdom of true love.

That is, throughout history, God has sought to establish His family on earth, His lineage of true love. Today, this dream is becoming a reality and all humanity is moving toward a direct relationship with God, as partners in a relationship of true love. According to Rev. Moon we have entered an age in which the eternal and living God can exercise full dominion, a dominion of true love, which is God's most fundamental attribute. This age of peace has true love as the basis for human relationships. This new era of peace is characterized by the practice of living for the sake of others.

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

Of course, the world we inhabit and the world we read about every day in our newspaper or the world we see represented on the news channels reveals a very different story. Here we see a world of conflict and suffering rooted in human selfishness, stubborn pride, and moral failure.

How can we possibly move from the world we see around us, to a world of true and lasting peace. How do we move from a kingdom of evil, to a Kingdom of God? For this we need a guide, a navigator who can see beneath the surface. Rev. Moon can see with spiritual eyes, and knows the timetable of God's providence and the conditions

that have been made and the conditions that are necessary if we are to move further ahead. Time and time again I have experienced his insight into God's providential plan.

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

"When we love our enemies and make oneness with them, the boundaries between us will collapse. That is why God's strategy and tactic has always been 'love your enemy.' There can be no greater strategy for peace than this. Throughout history this incredible fact has escaped humanity's understanding, and it has yet to be grasped even in modern times. Today I tell you clearly that God's strategy and tactic for human salvation is to love your enemy. You and the members of the Unification Church who have followed me until now are the representatives of history as well as of the current world who now know Heaven's incredible secret.

Our responsibility now is to inherit this principle, put it into practice, and become a true human being. If you accomplish these things, you are sure to become a key player in bringing about a world of peace."

A Peace Kingdom is a kingdom of men and women who live according to the principle of "living for the sake of others." It is not a realm ruled by any single dictator or

leader, or through any external power or military force. Peace proceeds from the individual, to the family, the society, the nation and the world, and has its foundation in the principle of living for the sake of others.

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

The key to peace is for each person to develop true moral character based on a heart of true love. Moral character emerges as the conscience develops through a relationship with God's love and truth. Our resolve to develop good habits and moral character is strengthened by a deep awareness of the reality of our spiritual life and the spiritual world around us, and knowing that our destiny is to dwell eternally in the spiritual world. This awareness informs our everyday decisions, pointing us always in the right direction toward eternal value.

Thus, peace is not brought

into being by external force or power. Rather, as we each mature and perfect ourselves in the true love of God, peace will emerge naturally and accord-

many dramatic changes. In particular, the coming new era will be characterized by three primary developments.

First of all, there will be a growing interest and awareness of the spiritual reality that surrounds us. Whereas recent history has been overly materialistic, humanistic and even atheistic, we are in the midst of a spiritual awakening that will transform history.

Secondly, more and more people will come to realize the sacred and social significance of the family. Once again, in recent decades, and in societies around the world, we have seen a breakdown of the family and the emergence of strange and dysfunctional family structures. However, in this century, as our spiritual senses are attuned, we will come to appreciate the absolute and sacred value of the family as the school of true love.

Finally, the desire for true peace will grow stronger as we open our spiritual

senses. Peace is not the goal of any single nation or race or religion. Peace is a global issue. Unfortunately, our world suffers from so many conflicts. Still, peace is the hope of all ages, and we are going to witness the dawn of an age in which we learn to overcome the divisions of the past. We will learn to reconcile with one another and love one another, beyond race, beyond religion, beyond nationality, beyond boundaries.

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

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

In this 21st century we will witness



# Congratulations to IIPC, AFC/ALC and ACLC

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by Rev. Michael Jenkins

**W**e sincerely congratulate Rev. Kwak, Dr. Walsh and all the IIPC as well as Dr. Yang and Mr. Jim Flynn and all American leaders of many organizations for the support of the Coronation victory and Middle East Peace Initiative. We sincerely thank the AFC movement. Father is very proud of the AFC/ALC movement. AFC fulfilled its providential responsibility on March 23rd. Special thanks to Mr. Gary Jarmin for doing so much for God's providence.

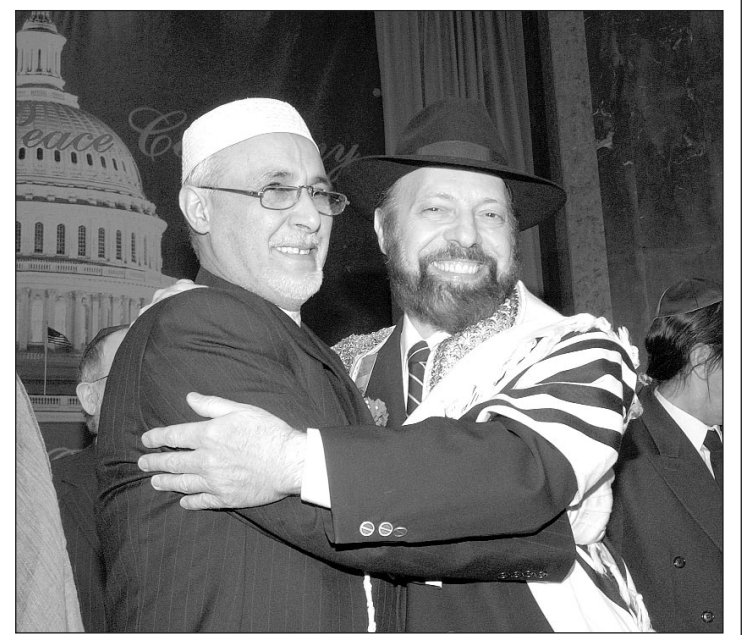
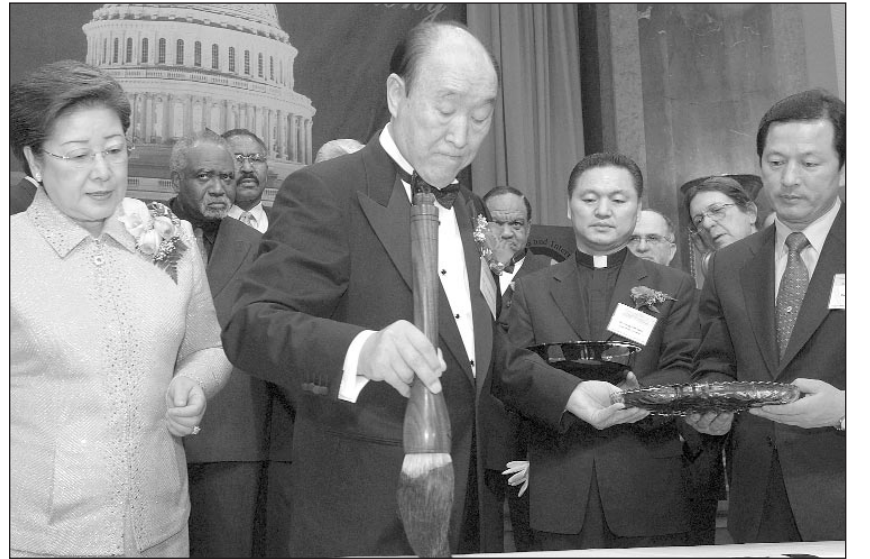
The Middle East Peace Initiative held a historic reconciliation of Jews, Muslims and Christians. One Jewish Rabbi was so deeply touched by God that he blew the Shofar and proclaimed that the Messiah has come. With that a Palestinian Imam Jodeh prayed for Israel and the Rabbi prayed for Palestine and the end of violence. This was a profound history in the Senate Dirksen building.

The battle was very serious and filled with grave danger to the providence if it did not succeed. However it has now been victoriously completed. History has now been forever recorded that during True Parents life Ministry in the crucial hour. America as the Second Israel, represented by Christians and the American elected officials held the ceremony to have the Jewish Leaders crown Jesus and reconcile Muslim, Christian and Jew on February 4th.

On March 23rd before all human history the America, the Second Israel, supported by 43 Ambassadors of the United Nations and many heads of

state, crowned True Parents as the King and Queen of the second and third Israel. This fulfilled the responsibility of Christianity and America. The land of the free and the home of the brave now, upon this foundation, must launch an incredible revolution for the Blessing of Marriage and building True Families.

America must launch a revolution to bring peace in the Middle East and to secure the Fatherland by eliminating the 38th parallel division of Korea. This is the Work of God. ❖



# Father's Message: The Crowning Ceremony Was A Great Historical Turning Point

These are notes taken at Hoon Dok Jae on March 24, 2004.

This morning you have gathered here and listened to Father's words. Father will never forget the heart of God. When Father goes to the spirit world his lifestyle will not change. He will live this heavenly Bible. Father explored this whole aspect of value. Last several decades we are not enough to support God and True Parents. Now is the time of the age of the liberation of women. Mr. J. from now on Father wants to work with the points of light throughout America.

Father for the last thirty years I prayed to restore China. Father invested all for America, China and Russia, praying for them to be saved. Father, since 1992, Complete Testament Age began and with Cheon Il Guk it is 12 years.

The focus has been the restoration of Cain and Abel. The way the nations are going is wrong. Struggling over materialism. The key battle is that of the mind and body. America people are your minds and bodies united as one centering on the will of God.

Your first love relationship should be with God. Whatever your difficult situation is you must overcome on the individual, family, tribe and national levels. You can embrace the next level upon the foundation of victory on the previous level. Being a handsome man or beautiful woman doesn't mean anything.

Who is fighting between the mind and body. You must unify them immediately!!

You understand these ideas of how to liberate God and become a child of filial piety. You consider yourself to become a loyal family. Now is the time to make a determination. Not only one nation. Even the 36 American presidents in the Spirit World recognize who is Rev. Moon. All the Korean dynasties recognize who True Parents are. This is the time. This is the greatest opportunity when True Parents are here.

Why are you hesitating? We have nothing to fear! America doesn't have the right standard. It must be corrected. With that heart you can bring a true revolution to the world. That's what God wants.

Many people want to join True Parents. What is the most essential element. Blood Lineage. True Parents wants to come to you, visit you and dwell with you. Your family must be one of filial piety. With that standard God can dwell with us. Then you bless your family and tribe. Then you can restore your tribe and become the leader to 12 tribes. First the individual, then the family, then the tribe and then the nation. With that course you

Yesterday the Crowning Ceremony was a great historical turning point. Now Father will go back to Korea.

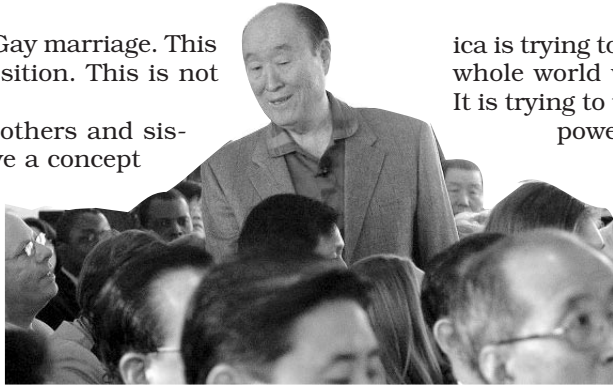
Israel and Palestine must be healed. How will we solve that problem.

America is the Second Israel. Father invested 34 years here. The golden age of his life. Look at America, homosexuality and lesbianism is a violation of God. Many states have said

they will allow Gay marriage. This is a Satanic position. This is not the will of God.

American brothers and sisters do you have a concept of Blood lineage? Many have step fathers and step mothers, this is not the ideal of heaven. Many families are confused and divided. What must we do. FIRST. Blessed couples must unite their mind and body and become one with God's ideal. First you must set up total unity of your mind and body. This is a totally clear principle. We have many things to do. Now is the time for women to go to the front line. Invisible God is Father's position, visible God is the Mother's position. This is the age of Women. The Women must stand up and bring the movement of reconciliation and love. We must offer God's Fatherland. We are going through three revolutions:

Revolution of Indemnity, Revolution



America is trying to control the whole world with power. It is trying to use military power.

Father is concerned about the Middle East - Palestine and Israel - It must be solved now

or it will expand to much worse levels. Atomic bomb could be the result.

Why Christians persecuted Father. If Christianity accepted Father 30 years ago America would have been changed. America gave Father the crown as the King. However you must really be serious to desire to practice this. Otherwise the crown from America has no meaning for me.

From now on all Women must stand up. God loves Christianity, Judaism and Islam. America must stand up to unite these three. Also I told you that the first Israel, Second Israel and the Third Israel must unite as one. Chris-

the way. Women from other countries should now work harder than the Korean women who worked so hard.

Christianity, Muslims and Jews are like three different babes in the arms of the women. If you embrace these three America can be saved. Don't listen to your husband if he holds you back from God's will. The men are still like archangels. Christianity, Muslim and Jew must achieve one Blood lineage. Then exchange marriage must be achieved. I trust you and understand you. Man is like a playboy. Man is still like a thief because they take love and also the material. The man's world is basically against the way of Heaven. Three levels of thief in men, they steal love, material and power.

Now many politicians will be women in America. This is good. The position of the age of True Mother and through the mother we can unite the mind and body as one. Don't trust the man. Who destroyed this world, man!! Man is an actor and a playboy. That leads to divorce, then step fathers and step mothers. Some women have divorced three times and become millionaires.

From now the key question is how to mobilize sisters. That way we can liberate the world.

Now we must understand the Messiah, Savior and King of Kings. The Women must receive the blessing of the Messiah. Then through the women you give rebirth to the men. God loves that way. All women, this is the time to stand up. Women. We must mobilize.

Women say Amen. (Amen !!) Men say Amen. (Amen !!) The men want to dominate and win. But don't let them. You must follow Father directly. Somehow you must totally connect with God then no man can make problems around you.

American women, you make yourselves the Queen of your house and make your husbands servants. But this is not right. Now women you are in the position of the Mother, not sister. You don't need love relationship without God's Fatherland. How important is marriage. That's why Father blessed you in marriage for God's ideal but strictly speaking we should not have love without having God's nation.

All blessed couples you should sacrifice your love relations now. You must achieve the Fatherland. Women you must become the Mothers of the world now. Society and all communities should come to respect your wife. Then by blessing your tribe you can have your own coronation.

Before 2012 we must restore the Fatherland. Christianity centering on America must unite and lead the way by embracing all religions. Islam, Father prayed for 50 years for how we can bring the unity with the Muslims.

First Israel, Second Israel and Third Israel must go this way. Father set the best standard and gave the blessing to the whole world. He also initiated exchange marriage between religions. That's why religion can most quickly be restored through exchange marriage. ❖



of Conscience and Revolution of Heart then you become Owners of Cheon Il Guk. How to save your nation. 192 nations must become one. We have no time to hesitate, we must move quickly or more human suffering will come. Look at the North South problem of wealth and poverty. The northern nations have abused the nations. America is ignoring spiritual principles.

Christianity must rise up and embrace Islam and Judaism. Christianity and the Second Israel of America should lead the way to peace in the Middle East. Jesus was on the cross and Barabas was released.

Do you understand that. You must bring unity of the mind and body and change this nation of America. Amer-

icanity rejected me and went against me. Father went through the 40 years wilderness course. Father went through the wilderness. Now he found Canaan. Yesterday the Senate and House together offered the Crown as Peace King to True Parents. America is this important country. America should have the heart to share everything it has with others. You must treat everyone like foreigners and beggars. Time to share, time to do living for others. You should have that big heart. America as the Second Israel must fulfill this big responsibility and then the third Israel of Korea will also rise.

What about Iraq, Iran and all other Muslim countries when people are suffering. Women must rise up and lead





**REV. MICHAEL JENKINS**

Rev. Jenkins is the President of the American Church

# In Just One Year!

ship Summit entitled "The Role of the Church in Empowering Tribal Messiahs".

Our focus is on expanding the membership for the foundation of the Family Church of America. Our members are the critical foundation for all dispensational activities. We will begin with

One year ago on Good Friday, 120 Christians followed the lead of Archbishop George Augustus Stallings and stepped across the threshold of history taking down the crosses from their churches on Good Friday. Following that courageous step, Christians reconciled with Jews and Muslims creating the 4th Israel centering on True Parents.

This new Israel is a covenant between God and the New chosen people, which are Jews, Christians, Muslims and all believers. The pilgrimages connected with this historic journey, opened the gates of Gaza and Ramallah and brought the condition that would heal Jerusalem and be the source of blessing for all Jewish people.

This opened the way to heal the conflict between Ishmael and Isaac. Based on the love of these Christians, Jewish leaders crowned Jesus King of Peace for the Jews and all Humanity on December 22nd in Israel. Jewish leaders again came forward on February 4th and crowned Jesus before congress and the world. Now Good Friday can be embraced in a different way. The mission of Jesus and his victory has been linked to his own family. Thus completing all he came to do 2000 years ago. Therefore the pain and the sorrow of God and Jesus can be liberated.

This sealed the fortune of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Israel and made their destinies one. On March 23rd the 3 Israels cooperated to crown True Parents before all of human history. This crowning occurred with the support of congressional leaders and major religious leaders.

On the basis of America and Christianity fully cooperating and supporting the Coronation the Second Israel's fortune was linked to the victory of our True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace. The fifth pilgrimage to the Holy Land came forth with the power of the Holy Spirit that totally removed the barriers between the 2nd Israel, Jews and the key Muslim leaders of Al Aqsa Mosque and at Gaza.

The news media proclaimed that Americans would be killed in Gaza, the UN halted all representatives going through the Erez crossing, but our ACLC/IIPC representatives walked through completely enwrapped in the Spirit of the Lord. While we were on this journey True Parents set very difficult prayer conditions to protect us. Dr. Yang said that at this time the waters were so rough for fishing and it was so cold and harsh that everyone asked to go back to shore. Father who was almost thrown from his seat on

the boat, said, "No I must protect Israel and Palestine and the Clergy". We experienced this protection.

This not only secured our delegation but enwrapped them in the cloak of God's Love allowing them to touch both Israelis and Palestinians. Father said upon our return that he was deeply praying for us and did not want anyone to be sacrificed. He told us on this journey it was your responsibility to do what was right, if you had not done that you wouldn't have come back.

Under the glory and protection of True Parents as the King and Queen of peace, 83 clergy are now returning to Harvest the vineyard. Thousands of Woman and Clergy will now march around Gaza with the fortune of history. We are now marching toward a huge Woman's move-

could be reunited. Father could not attend this ceremony because it was officiated by Heung Jin Nim.

Because of the success of February 4th, the March 23rd Coronation could occur. 2000 years ago Jewish leaders of the time and Rome cooperated to



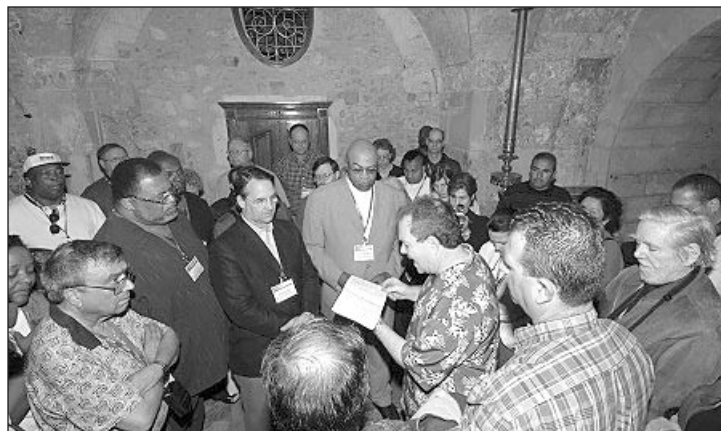
reject and kill Jesus. To substantially and finally restore this, the Second Israel (on behalf of the first Israel represented by Christian religious leaders - supported by all religions), and America (which represented Rome) had to sincerely offer the Crown of Peace to True Parents. This occurred victoriously giving America a most historic and central condition to be claimed by God. However we must be diligent to expand this foundation of reconciliation and unity with True Parents to every neighborhood.

To achieve this April 1st will be the start of a new dispensation for America. Our focus will be on the "hometown" and the neighborhood and community through what True Parents call "Tong Ban Kyok Pa" - breakthrough in the neighborhood and community level. We sincerely ask all blessed central families to begin a massive outreach for the harvest. God has prepared the people and the spiritual world is supporting us totally. Without such support the historic March 23rd event could not have occurred. In Ocean City this last weekend we had an historic Leader-

ment in Israel. Americas time has come. We have fulfilled the Coronation, and will continue to be expanding. Let us give thanks to God and double our efforts to rapidly advance the Peace Kingdom. America must lead the way.

**New Condition**

Father clarified the meaning of the December 22nd, February 4th and March 23rd events. Each one has very profound dispensational meaning. December 22nd set the condition to bring blessing, protection and forgiveness to the Chosen people for rejecting Jesus 2000 years ago, (The reconciliation of the Christians, Muslims and Jews came on this foundation). February 4th set the condition that in the Spirit World and on earth, Christianity and Judaism



each region making plans for Tong Ban Kyok Pa ( Neighborhood and Community Development). Each region will make "Strategic Planning Group" to develop the plan in the areas of the Neighborhood (Home Church), Youth, Sunday Service and the development of an Education Track for all new potential members. i.e. This is a very serious development as we are also on track with True Parents to bring peace in the Middle East and to Unify the Fatherland. To move America our Family Church / FFWPU must become effective at bringing people through the process of membership, change of blood lineage and blessing. We have matured as families and have the experience and wisdom to lead the families and highest level people of America to God at this time.

Please prepare your hearts. We will start with forty days from April 1 - May 10. The central theme will be Tong Ban Kyok Pa. Rev. Schanker as the Vice President of Education will lead a team of leaders toward the development of educational materials and programs to support your breakthroughs. I will directly oversee the development of this expansion centering on Dr. Yang. I will be responsible to maintain the providential momentum through our ACLC and Ambassadors for Peace. All organizations created by True Parents, especially WFWP, CARP, SFP, IIFWP (USA), AFC and ACLC will cooperate to move the providence forward with their distinct missions and integrity.

All leaders should see every possible way to link the leaders in their organizations to the Blessing. Beyond their responsibilities in these central organizations we sincerely ask all leaders and members of these organizations who are Unification Blessed Central Families to seek every possible way to grow our existing church organization. This will be a foundation to better serve the American providence. Father has asked the Women to take the lead in this historic work to save America and through this bring peace in the Middle East and Korea.

From the bottom of our hearts, Dr. Yang and I sincerely thank you for your prayers and sacrifice to support the providence of God. Your sacrifice led to the Coronation of True Parents by America, opening a huge gate of blessing and opportunity for America to come out of the desert of immorality into the springtime of True Family and True Love leading to the Peace Kingdom. ❖

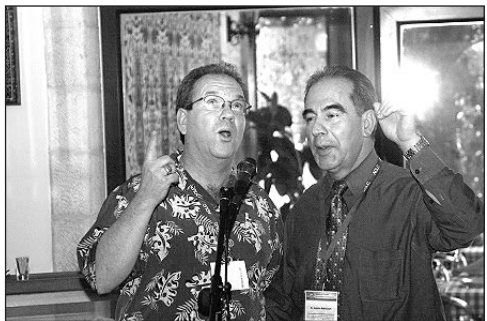
# April 4 Pilgrimage to Jerusalem

NEW FUTURE PHOTO

**H**aitham Bundakji, an American Muslim cleric from Orange County, California, was up front in the al-Aksa Mosque, Friday, when shots rang. The imam just ended his sermon, but there was no mistake about the noise. People were running screaming and then, he said, he saw fire and smoke.

Someone got on to a loudspeaker and called the Israeli policemen to leave, and fear God. "Allahu Alkbar," God is Great, the caller repeated. Bundakji, a Palestinian who immigrated to California and became a chaplain at the Garden Grove Police Department, was one of some 80 clerics and laymen from the United States, Canada, and several other countries who came to Jerusalem in an ongoing effort to reconcile the three monotheistic religions. Their idea is that a religious reconciliation could help resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The trip was organized by IIFWP, an organization founded by Rev. Moon.

Al-Aksa Mosque is Islam's third holi-



est site. Muslims believe that the Prophet Mohammad ascended to heaven from a nearby rock now topped by a golden dome. To Jews, it is the holiest site of all, the place where their ancient temples had existed. Bundakji brought the group there, Sunday.

An later attempt by the group to enter Bethlehem through an army checkpoint, failed. The crossing was closed and the visitors shared the Palestinian experience of crossing the lines illegally, and on foot. The busses drove up to the outskirts of the Christian town of Beit Jalla, near Bethlehem. White haired visitors and men using canes joined the others in climbing a steep incline to the Palestinian side where local busses awaited them. Police did not interfere with

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the group that used that route to get in and out of the Palestinian area. Only half a dozen people were at the Greek Orthodox section of the Church of Nativity during a Palm Sunday prayer. The street that used to be the main entrance to down, from Jerusalem, was now a dead-end route leading to a barricaded army post.

The road to the Deheishe refugee camp, south of Bethlehem, passed by the bombed out Palestinian security headquarters and burnt out rusty remnants of camouflage colored Palestinian security pick up vans. The refugees' plight clearly aroused the visitors' sympathy. A hat was passed along the visitors' two busses and within minutes \$700 were collected. However, sometimes group members had difficulties getting their message across. Bundakji said he had tried to talk to an Israeli police captain involved in Friday's clash. Bundakji said he showed his California police card, and smiled. "Please, may I speak to you," he said he asked. The officer had no patience for niceties. An agreement negotiated with the Wakf provided that the worshippers be allowed to leave quietly, Ben-Ruby reported. "Get out. Out," the captain reportedly ordered. "But I am your friend... I love you," protested Bundakji.

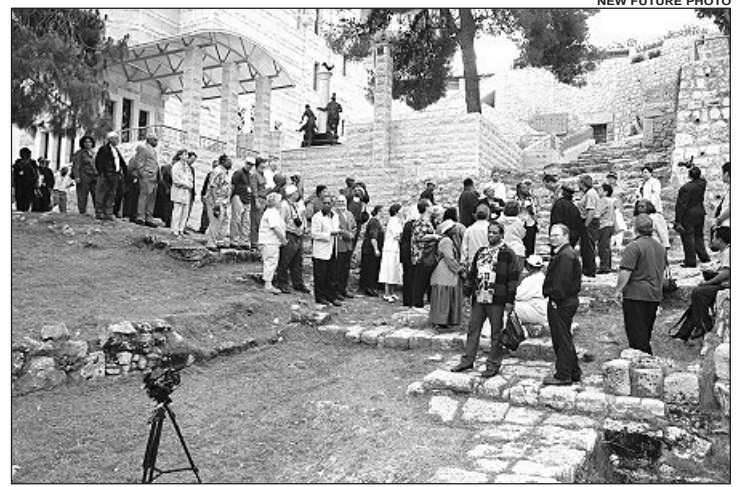
The emotions the Rev. Michael Jenkins, Deputy Chairman of IIFWP and other visitors demonstrated at the meeting with the Wakf leaders seemed to have gotten across. "We pledge our lives to protect al Aksa Mosque," Jenkins, declared. Church bells chimed when the group met Salhab and they were still together when a moazin called Muslims to prayer. The call originated on the mount's loudspeakers and quickly resonated throughout the Old City. Jenkins closed his eyes tightly and clasped hands with Salhab and Bundakji.

Bishop George Augustus Stallings Jr. held his palms, facing upwards, as

Muslims do in prayer. Tears rolled down some participants' cheeks. Salhab smiled when members followed Jenkins in repeating the Arabic and English version of the Islamic text recognizing God as the only God and bearing witness that Mohammad is his Messenger. "You can see the leaders here are beginning to feel that we are really sincere," Rev. Phillip Schanker proclaimed.

"The seed (for resolution of the conflict) is germinating and developing," added Jenkins. He expected to succeed, "If we can be patient to continue to relate, especially on the basis of love and family and faith." The political path would lead to a dead end now, he indicated. "We can't relate on politics. Political relationships will lead to very definitive yes or no questions that we're not ready to address yet.... Even if we get political resolutions or different accords, if our hearts are still full of anguish and enmity it will end up tearing down any accord, it will just come out again," he said. Earlier, on Saturday, about 21 members of the group visited Gaza and met with senior Palestinian officials and activists.

The trip was coordinated with Ra'fat Sa'dallah, the chairman of the Palestinian National Association for Youth in Gaza, who received them and arranged a tour in Gaza City. Jenkins of the IIFWP and Haitham Bundakji, who is also director of the Islamic Center of



CA., headed the delegation that included Islamic, Christian and Jewish clerics as well as U.S. senators. "

The IIFWP has plans to keep sending delegations, included Muslim, Christian and Jewish clergymen, former Israeli Knesset members and a senators in the United States Senate," said Sa'dallah. The delegation later held a meeting with Palestinian religious leaders, Palestinian Authority representatives and individual Palestinian initiators. ❖



# Reflections on the 5th Peace Pilgrimage

by Joy Pople

The holy places are not just for one people or one religion, but for all people. Originally, the Temple was to be a house of prayer for all people (Isa. 56:7). When people build walls to lock out those of another faith, they block the spirit of God.

I saw Jews cry because Muslims built a mosque on their Temple foundation. I saw Muslims cry because Christians closed their mosque or tore down their mosque to build a church in its place. But Jews, Christians and Muslims cried together when our imams returned safely after the attack on Al-Aqsa during Friday prayers on April 2. Like Jacob experienced with Esau, I saw the face of God in them. This is a living example of God wiping away tears and making all things new (Rev. 21:4-5).

Furthermore, through the grace of True Parents, we can make any place holy. At the checkpoint. Upon arriving at the checkpoint in Gaza en route to Jerusalem, we learned that Israel had closed her borders. We called down the spirit of God through music. After several songs, we began singing:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet spirit of love, Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love. And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise. Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place.*

We didn't know when and how we would leave. But with the chorus of this song, I lowered my hands to the floor, gathering up the sin and death of this world to raise up to heaven, and then gathered the glory of heaven to bring

Holy Spirit came down in a bus parked by the Gaza checkpoint where so many people have died of terrorist attacks. A Jew and a Christian became caught up in the spirit and changed the tears of heaven and earth into overwhelming laughter.

As we sang more songs, the Palestinian guards came closer to the bus to listen. Eventually, we were able to leave the bus, be processed through the Palestinian checkpoint, and proceed towards the Israeli checkpoint. In the eaves of the corridor little birds twittered and fluttered, singing their own odes to the creator. No checkpoints detained them.

While waiting between metal rails in the Israeli holding pens, under the eyes of a guard in a watchtower above us, index finger on the trigger of the Uzi pointed toward us, we kept singing. One young guard kept coming over with requests for his favorite pieces. Blacks and whites, Pentecostals and Unificationists, sopranos and tenors, we joined our voices in light, uplifting songs. With Uzis aimed at our feet and knees, we set the rhythm: "truth is marching, truth is marching, truth is marching." Then we took up the prophetic words: "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord" and lifted the hallelujahs up through the barbed wires unto the spangled heavens.



King. I am determined now more than ever to set up non violent conflict resolution workshops for the religious leaders on both sides. We must address this urgent crisis. It can be resolved with God's power.

**James Cowin:**

I am Jewish and quite proud of my lineage. All my life I have considered the Palestinians, if not enemies, at least alien. In years past, given the political struggles we endured, such a view seemed in line with the providence. Yet, in Gaza, in the midst of seemingly the most violent of the adversaries of my people, I found myself volunteering to help the Palestinians in their campaign to publicize their efforts to bring normalcy and peace to the hearts of their children. I knew I could not have done this without my life of faith in the Principle.

Probably my most meaningful, experience of the trip was up on the stage in the banquet hall in Nazareth, when Rev. Jenkins called all the Jewish members to stand with him and receive applause. Before this, all the groups introduced had received warm but normal applause. But, suddenly, every Palestinian in the hall was extremely alert, and when Rev. Jenkins said, "We're not just doing things on stage; all these people are working to bring peace to Palestine," the applause was overwhelming. I was experiencing the culmination of my experience in the church. Before this, I had known that I could not fulfill our church mis-

sion with my old consciousness. But now I deeply felt that I was in the process of changing. I still puzzle over the feelings that I am supposed to have when my worst enemies applaud me for helping them to defeat (at least on an external level) my own people.

**Jo Ann Crooks:**

I have been trying to comfort Jesus at all the holy sites of his life we visited. I didn't know if it meant anything. In answer to my prayer, Jesus said to me, "You comforted me and welcomed me in my own country. That means a lot to me." I felt he took my hand. I cried a lot.

**Dr. Margie de la Rosa**

Thank you, Mother and Father Moon. I saw Sacajawea and Pocahontas in the spirit world speaking about their way of peace. As sisters we must gather the sisters and help them to teach peace in the homes, the schools, the city, the country, and all nations. Our sisters have asked us to help them in their crisis, the death of their loved ones, and their broken spirits. They asked me to stay and come to their homes. Our sisters cry in Jerusalem, Gaza, Jordan, Israel and in other areas of war. Father, you are the earthly instrument of accomplishing the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven.

**Imam Mohammed Jodeh:**

Every minute of the trip was a source of re-charging. The 45 minutes in Aqsa Mosque on Friday (during the time the Israeli Military came in) put me at the closest point with God. All the religious services we did brought down all walls and melted the hearts into one. My heart was touched by God.

I was very touched in the Upper Room. The birth of Christianity was at one time a mosque, a worship place for Muslims. This is very clear proof of how close Islam and Christianity are.

I was very disappointed in the great ignorance of many members of the Arab-Israeli conflict and ignorance of Islam. A pre-trip basic education should be given to the pilgrims.

Most thanks to Father and Mother Moon, for their vision and support for just and peaceful solutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

**Diana L. King:**

I have blossomed into a radiant flower ready to take this experience to others and witness to all to take heed and take see **PILGRIM** on page 12



down to earth. Each circuit of my arms dissipated the sphere of death and expanded the realm of grace. Joining our raised hands, I twirled around with a sister in front of me. Levy Daugherty kept singing more verses. I looked toward the back of the bus to bring more people into the flow, and I saw Andrew Wilson's eyes shining brightly. I stretched out my hand to him, and he took it and stood up. Joining our raised hands we twirled each other until his whole body glowed with light.

I was so enchanted I couldn't help laughing. Andrew Wilson laughed too. He laughed so much he collapsed on the bus seat. Other people had transformative prayer experiences in logical places such as the Upper Room. The

**Rev. Luis Andrews:**

What moved me most was traveling on the Sea of Galilee singing and praising God in harmony with my brothers and sisters. I have a deeper insight into my calling that I should stand firm and continue to do God's will in the spirit of joy and long-suffering.

**Rev. Dr. Walter Fauntroy:**

I thank Father Moon for allowing me the opportunity to come to the Holy Land again. The situation is urgent and it must be addressed by genuine spiritual leaders. I feel the call from this journey and especially witnessing the Al Aqsa Mosque incident, I feel that the situation is quite similar to Alabama in early days of the movement with Dr.



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charge.

### Gabriella Kirkley:

Every moment the Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders spoke from their heart in gratitude or praise of True Parents took me to a higher level. I could not help feeling thankful when I see true world leaders leading the spirit world and people on earth to do so. I only wish I could help to bring more people of heart into this circle of strength. This group was an unbeatable fortress with the protection of True Parents.

I see Rev. Rawls speaking in the pulpit on Palm Sunday, singing God's word because he felt it so deeply and needed to express it in a way close r to the language of the heart song.

I can still see Mrs. De la Rosa teaching us, correcting us, and fine tuning us to God's way of life.

And I am so touched by the kind of giving love (not taking love) that Rev. Bette Davis has for True Parents.

I learned that we are brothers and sisters with different personality, all of which are sacred, and whatever expression they take is a form of God. Therefore, everyone must be respected and protected to the highest degree.

I gained a sense of purpose. I love people and I want to grow through them and with them, always in the direction of serving the fighting and troubled people of the world, especially Israel.

I send my love and utmost humility before the True Parents. I am sorry that I cannot hear God many times. I am sorry that sometimes His will seems impossible. Therefore, my determination is to be willing to go this boat, mindful of my responsibility taking his direction in stride every day, and praying to be able to work for a mission as important as this in the near future.

### Richard Sapp:

The incident of the attack on the mosque showed not only how serious the division between Jews and Mus-



lims is, but also how difficult it will be to resolve the bitterness in the hearts of the participants.

The greatest insight into the teachings of True Parents is that they only have real meaning to the extent that I actually put it into practice in order to restore myself and others.

I must go back to my community and reach, at all cost, the Jewish leaders and bring them to join with us.

All that True Parents have invested in me can now be worthwhile as I now determine wholeheartedly to invest in this peace effort.

### Rev. Betty Tatalajski:

I was touched in the Al-Aqsa Mosque, which we visited only a short while after it was desecrated by the Israeli soldiers. We were invited in to pray, and a peace pact was constructed.

I gained insight into the immense capacity of this great Holy man (Father Moon) to stand between the physical and spiritual realms and direct the

plan of God for humanity in this age.

I witnessed the power of "one man's (or one woman's) ability to stand in the face of danger and feel no fear.

In appreciation to you and this commission I received to attend this pilgrimage and to represent the American people, I vow to "do more," both spiritually and physically to represent your vision.

### Rev. Ralph Martin Thomas:

I just want to thank you, Lord for Rev. and Mrs. Moon our True Parents and their providing this Holy Land experience for allowing me to become what I have and will always strive to be: an Ambassador for Peace.

Thank you for ACLC and the opportunities which will enlighten and quicken me with the power and motivation of the Holy Spirit.

Help me, guide me, use me, for I want to be all I can be, do all I can do, and most humbly listen to, read, study, understand, and be a true doer of the Word.

### Rev. Martin J. Walker

I gained insight into I learned more about other faiths and to be more tolerant of other's faiths and interact with people of other races. Father Moon, please continue to do what you are doing for peace in spite of opposition. Hold up marriages that follow God's way.

### Andrew Wilson:

God's power and glory is present in the most dangerous and difficult place Gaza. I felt an unexpected and mysterious joy pervading the conference room. It softened the rough edges and pain of all the Palestinians. God really loves the suffering people of Palestine. I can no longer hate them. I only have compassion for them and wish them all suc-

cess. As a Jew, this was a happy thought. I want to honor and bless even the most murderous terrorist.

On the bus in Gaza, while waiting at the border, I had a profound experience of the Holy Spirit. I was totally overcome. We were singing hymns and dancing, when suddenly I was overcome with a spirit of holy laughter. Rev. Edwards laid hands on me and I fell down on the seat. I couldn't move. I marveled at this. While others experienced the Holy Spirit at the Upper Room, I experienced her touch in Gaza.

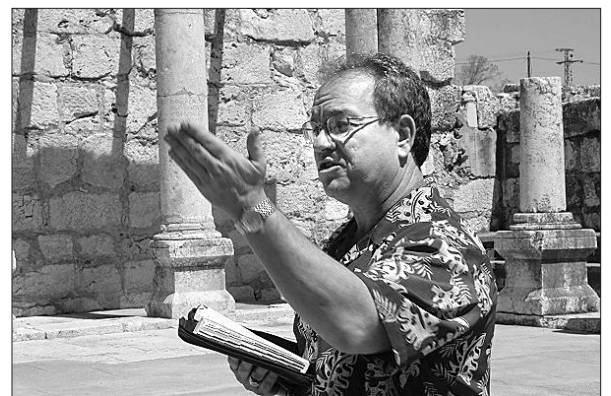
I know that God meets us in places of suffering and self-denial. Going into Gaza is life and death. I gave up my life to go there. I went on that bus ready to die. Instead, God met me and gave me an experience of unforgettable joy.

I will never stop working for peace in the Middle East. It is my determination and my destiny. Thank you, True Parents, for lifting my life into a place of historical significance. I will not fail you.

### Sheila and Dave Zohman:

Although I am not a member of the Unification Church, I have profound appreciation for these joyous and spiritual, thought-provoking experiences. My love for my Savior was deepened as I walked in His footsteps in the Holy Land. My understanding of the conflict in the Middle East completely changed my perspective. I am committed to sharing this message of peace.

Another new love I felt was for the many pastors, rabbis, reverends and religious leaders who serve the Lord according to their personal conviction. How I love and admire them in a whole new way. ❖



# Colors of the Heart



1. The Wind Beneath My Wings
2. Through the Eyes of Love
3. I Wish
4. Hero
5. Sarang E Miro
6. My Heart Will Go On
7. Love Will Be Our Home
8. From A Distance
9. Hopelessly Devoted To You
10. If We Hold On Together
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# How Can Interfaith Heal Our World Crisis?

## UTS Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

**O**n Tuesday, March 9, a group of Muslims, Hindus and Christians gathered for prayer, food, and fellowship at the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) in Barrytown, New York. Notable participants included the President of a major Baptist New York State Convention, an imam from a local mosque; leaders of a local Hindu Temple; the Executive Director of the county interfaith council; a professor in Religious Studies in Poughkeepsie, Bishop Ki Yeal Lee of the Upstate New York Family Church, Dr. and Mrs. Dietrich Seidel, professor at UTS and Marist College, Dr. Tyler Hendricks, President of UTS, who served as emcee, and Dr. David S.C Kim, President Emeritus of UTS.

The theme of the gathering was "How Can Interfaith Heal Our World Crisis?" The program began shortly after eight with a prayer offered by the Reverend Berger. Dr. Hendricks introduced the ACLC and then called upon each participant to introduce her or himself. Then he introduced the speaker, Mr. Chris Antal, a candidate for the degree of Masters of Divinity and Director of the Just Peace Project at UTS.

Mr. Antal spoke on the topic "Growing Up in a New Religious America." He noted that Dutchess County, like many communities in America, is a multi-religious community, and that local residents have a unique opportunity to learn about the world religions simply by getting to know their neighbors.

Mr. Antal then showed a clip from the film "America's New Religious Diversity," which was produced by the Public Television Service program

"Religion and Ethics Newsweekly." It contained an interview with Diana Eck, Professor of Comparative Religions at Harvard University and author of *A New Religious America* (2001). Eck spoke about the need for Christians

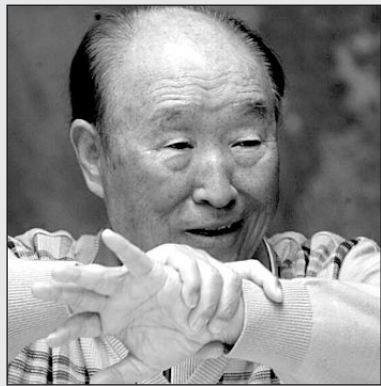
in America to not just "tolerate" their new neighbors, but "know" and "love" them "as they are."

Mr. Antal concluded his talk by sharing about his first encounter with Professor Eck during a meeting at the

Department of State in 1998, when she was serving on the Advisory Committee for Religious Freedom Abroad. Mr. Antal and his wife gave testimony at that meeting about the persecution their church had experienced in Japan in the hands of clergy. He shared how that meeting awakened him to the reality of inter-religious conflict and inspired in him the desire to search for religious underpinnings for tolerance and respect for others—ideas that could promote interfaith dialogue and cooperation.

After the talk, Mr. Antal guided a discussion about, "what in your religious tradition instructs you to love your neighbor, especially your neighbor whose faith is different than your own?" This led to a lively and enlightening discussion.

Following the discussion, Seiko Lee, mezzo-soprano and wife of Bishop Lee, sang "The Lord's Prayer," setting a deep atmosphere for a series of prayers from various traditions. Leaders from the Unification, Christian, Hindu and Muslim communities offered prayers. The event concluded with a word about the significant progress co-sponsor ACLC is having bringing Jews, Christians and Muslims together in the Holy Land. The participants had ample time for further discussion and networking over coffee, and to join Dr. Seidel on a guided tour of the seminary chapel. Everyone left with a gift bag that included a video about the Middle East Peace Initiative. ❖



### UTS Grads Greet True Parents

by Yeunhee Chang

**A**pril 15, 2004 at East Garden during Hoondokhui, over 50 UTS graduating students for 2004, went to greet True Father.

The atmosphere was full of anticipation at what True Father would say to the graduating students.

There were short introductions of second generation stu-

dents as well as 2 short testimonies from 2 students.

True Father asked Mrs. Won Ju McDevitt to sing "Millennium Rock."

Reverend Ma a Korean student, gave a short testimony about UTS life and Father seemed pleased by his report.

Reverend Ma told True Father that it would be a great honor for UTS if True Parents would be able to attend the graduating day, and before the end of the meeting, True Father said that he would keep in mind the graduating day of June 26, 2004.

This made all of the students cheer with joy.

All the students were ecstatic when True Parents also took a group photo with the students.



by Celeste Vlasic

**O**n Saturday, March 13, 2004, the Dayton, Ohio Family Church hosted a Divine Principle workshop. Our brother, Rev. Brian Bloch, who has built up a wonderful network of Churches in the Dayton area initiated this seminar and originally it was to be held at our dear friend and sister, Bishop Emma White's church. Around 10 days before the seminar, a van crashed into her church destroying her sanctuary. Another minister, Rev. Marvin Arnold just assumed the responsibility of offering his church and a wonderful, most inspiring workshop was held. Thirty-seven participants attended, twelve of them being ministers. The day was a wonderful display of cooperation, harmony and unity amongst different congregations as well as a spirit of effort of many of our members traveling from Cincinnati and Columbus to lecture, partic-

## DP Seminar in Dayton

ipate and help with the registration and food preparation.

Reverends Andre Reese, Joseph Schrattenecker, Juan Morales and Brian Bloch offered dynamic lectures that totally captured everyone's attention. During the lunch as I sat with two women, I asked how they were enjoying the workshop. One lady remarked (after just hearing the fall of man lecture) that she had heard things she had never heard before and asked the other woman if she had also believed up to now if the fruit was an actual fruit. Upon agreeing and discussing this they just accepted the lecture as new truth and were inspired by this.

A video presentation of one of the Jerusalem pilgrimages was shown and everybody seemed to be moved by the spirit of what they saw. We then held a holy wine blessing and when two couples were asked to come forth as rep-

resentative couples, one minister, Rev. Simmons and his wife assumed that those were the only people who were to receive the holy wine and Rev. Simmons in a childlike expression called out, "We want to participate in this as well" and came right up front.

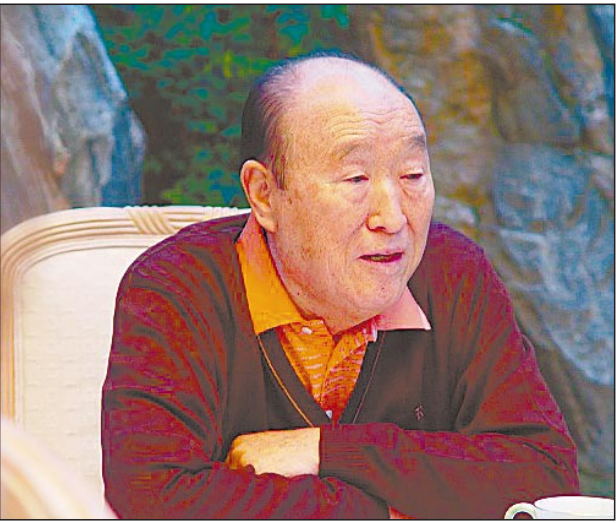
Bishop Emma White, who had attended several of our church events, including the pilgrimage to Jerusalem in October, 2003 and the DP seminar in Ocean City in 2002, had brought several members of her congregation. The next day at her church's Sunday service, she remarked that many of her members and in particular one minister couldn't stop talking about the seminar.

All in all, we all felt it was a huge success. The last lecture about the second coming by Rev. Bloch held no surprises as Brian explicitly spoke about True Father and how he was the one bringing all these new truths and pro-

claimed Rev. & Mrs. Moon as the True Parents of this age. Everyone seemed to readily accept all that was taught without any resistance. (Rev. Bloch also reflected upon how different this day and age is in preaching the truth).

Mrs. Tomiko Bloch was wonderful in coordinating all the food preparations and with just four sisters in the kitchen we managed to pull together such a wonderful lunch and received many compliments about the meal. Joshua Bloch, just 12 years old assisted me in the registration and helped watch some of the younger children as well. A few people purchased the Divine Principle book and a couple asked for applications for the future Jerusalem pilgrimages. We truly felt we brought victory to

Dayton, Ohio and are looking forward to expand and continue with future seminars. Victory to God and our True Parents! ❖



### Parents at East Garden



GRAEME CARMICHAEL



### Blessing of New Boat

by Mr. Akira Hayashi (Ocean Church)

**O**n March 26th, True Parents came to Half Moon Bay in New York to bless the new boat which just designed and made this year 2004 by True World Marine.

True Parents first blessed it and then purified the boat by holy salt. After that, True Parents went out fishing for catching striped bass.

True Father caught the biggest fish among all tournament participants. It is so amazing he caught at the very last moment. (33.5 inches). ❖



## True Parents on the Hudson

by Mr. Minoru Kageyama

**O**n March 26th 2004, True Father and True Mother went to the Hudson River for striped bass fishing. After Father sanctified his new boat, they left for fishing.

I believe this is the first time both Father and Mother went out striped bass fishing together on the Hudson River.

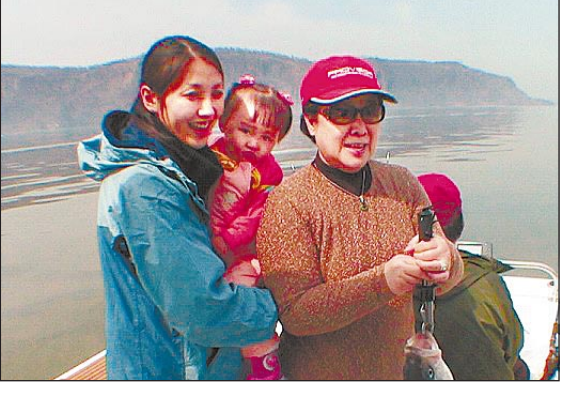
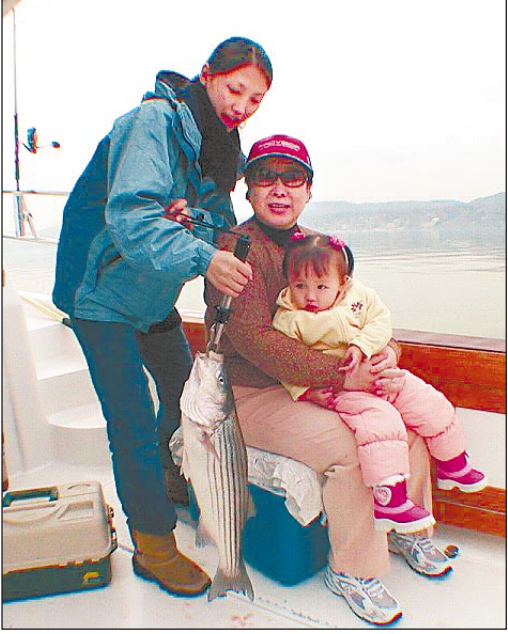
It was a beautiful day to be on the water and to fish. We fished for two hours and caught twelve "keepers" including Father's 33" fish which is the biggest fish of this season.

In the beginning, it was so slow we moved our spot. Mother was watching the fish finder and saw a lot of fish showing up. She was so excited and Father decided to stop there.

After a few minute, Father caught the first striped bass of this year and released it.

Then we started catching 16" ~ 21" size fish. After we caught a few keepers, Mother caught a 25" beautiful fish and asked Father to take a photo together but Father said, "Only if it's over 30", will I take a photo." Honestly speaking, I didn't think we would catch an over 30" fish at this time because the water was still too cold for big fish to show up.

I had to repent for my disbelief, Father caught a big 33" fish at the last moment. This time he didn't mind take a photo together. ❖



# ACLIC Clergy go from the Fifth Holy Land Pilgrimage to East Garden

## *Father Addresses Ministers on their Role*

This is from unofficial notes taken at the address Father gave to the ministers April 7, 2004 at East Garden by Rev. Michael Jenkins, translation by Rev. In Hoi Lee.

**I**t is essential that you clergy understand the spiritual world. When you go to the spiritual world you must teach the people there to remove all barriers.

If I didn't offer this coronation to Jesus do you think the Chief Priests and the Jews can look at him in the spirit world. It would make huge confusion in the spirit world when True Parents go there. You know about the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Who is going to liberate all this suffering. You clergy must solve even the problem between Jesus and Judas. Who cannot believe what I am saying now.

You must unite all Christianity and



all religions. Look at the Presbyterians and the Methodists. How can they represent Jesus and be divided. From the readings from the spirit world you can see that even Karl Marx has changed.

Do you think that I wanted to be the Parents of all Humanity and the Second Coming. I didn't even think about it but only thought about how to com-

fort God.

Bishop Stallings you took down the cross. But your work to liberate Jesus should also liberate God. Jesus was chosen to bring love to all people and remove all barriers. You should very clearly understand this.

Although you did a great job in Gaza and Israel you must really commit yourself to save them. You must become a representative of Jesus. How will we deliver this message of Jesus with all of this confusion in the world. It is like fertilizer for the fruit of the fall.

You must become the heavenly fertilizer to bring God's fruit. I prayed to God to realize all of my mission. Before I go to the spiritual world I must establish the Peace Kingdom. We must realize very clearly that we must take full responsibility as soon as possible and move your denomina-

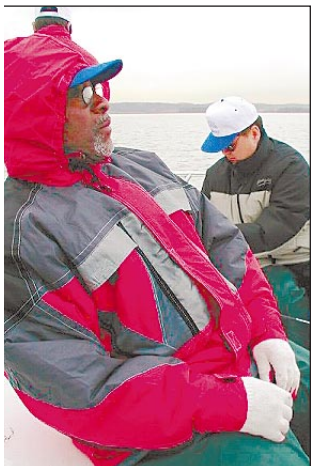
tion to unify all. You should commit to give your life totally for the sake of God. You should risk your life.

I have untangled all the things in see **CLERGY** on page 16



## True Father Fishing with Leaders and Ministers on the Hudson River

On April 7th, True Father took out 24 leaders and ministers who just came back from Israel, to the Hudson River striped bass fishing. The fishing lasted about only an hour before we caught the legal limit.



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the spirit world. There is one central root for all of humanity. Everyone grew from the false olive tree, it is rooted in the Fall. This must be cut and engrafted into the True Olive Tree. The Coronation of True Parents and King and Queen of the Peace Kingdom was no small event. This was not a symbol or a simple matter. This Coronation of March 23rd was a most serious condition in history and was a central point for the Peace Kingdom.

People are dying in hunger and famine in Africa and other parts of the world. How can this be like this. You Bishop Stallings and all clergy must realize that you have not done your job or otherwise this will not exist. You should not fight. White and Black must unite together. Bishop Stallings do you think the Messiah is black. No he is not.

Father is giving direction to Jesus. Do you think Jesus is coming again from the clouds? If you pray well it is not true. You must be responsible. You must fulfill all for the Peace Kingdom with the Senators and Congressmen of America. The fulfillment of the Coronation on Capitol Hill reversed the fortunes of the Jesus course on the cross. I'm very logical and reasonable as a person. There are polar bears and black bears. There is no difference between black and white. If you black leaders went to live in the North Pole you would become white after a few generations. Don't boast you white leaders. Do you think you are number one. You have generations that related with the North and the sea and your features developed based on this. Don't be proud of your color. Black people developed based on the hot climate.

We must do away with individualism. Individualism is against Jesus. We must make all denominations into one. Do you want to follow me or stay in your own denomination. It is time for your to follow me but you don't understand clearly. It looks like untruth. Jesus helped you to reach me. You can go forward and don't even need to report to me. If you do the right thing you'll be protected. If you did the wrong thing this time in Israel you would not have come back. Father was so serious about you and praying for you. You came back and God is so relieved.

You don't know how serious the coronation was in history. If that didn't happen then there was a possibility that an atomic bomb would have been dropped on the Gaza Strip. Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins and Bishop Stallings, I had to push you so much to do the Coronation on Capitol Hill. You didn't know how much seriousness was behind this. I pushed Rev. Kwak, Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins so hard. Only I knew what was going on.

Did you help me. You haven't helped me. Jesus was in the same situation. The chosen leaders didn't understand and didn't help him.

Did you see the Passion movie. I didn't want to see that movie. I didn't want to experience the pain and sorrow again. We must realize that the pain and suffering of Jesus is caused by Christianity and they made all the divisions and blocks in history.

Did you support me. How did you

come to this place. Dr. Yang asked me to bring the clergy here. You didn't come on your own. I just want to convey this message to you. Study the resolution in the spiritual world of the five major religious leaders.

Archbishop Stallings do you ask Dr. Yang to treat you special. You should be the student of Dr. Yang. Who attends True Parents. Dr. Yang is the one who attends True Parents. Therefore you must study under Dr. Yang. Who can imagine that this kind of simple per-



son from Korea became the Messiah of the world. I never thought about that. I just kept obeying God. Such a complicated path I walked. No one understood and no one believed. Still God guided me to continue to follow until he lifted me so that I could overcome every kind of situation of the world.

Who emphasized the separation of Church and State. It is not God's viewpoint. How will we bring the Peace Kingdom. It will be through the blessing of the family. There is no religion in the Peace Kingdom. We go beyond religion into the Kingdom of God. In this country of America the Unification Church was blocked. What kind of religious freedom is this?

Bishop Stallings and Rev. Edwards, I am not defeated by you. Even physically I am not defeated by you. How about the clergy here. Who is meeting me for the first time. You came here by force didn't you? (No Father, by your love). In the Media world the Washington Time and UPI I can expose the crimes of any people. One nation under God. One universe under God must be proclaimed. You think America is over God?

In the Gaza strip I made up my mind that if one of your died in the Gaza strip I was prepared to mobilize the world movement and media to support you. I was determined to do everything and anything to protect you and save the people there.

Because God exists I could found the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. Because of this foundation created 50 years ago I could come to the point in which all of your could come with me.

I am the fiercest fighter in the world. I can bite each one of you because of the foundation I have and you won't complain.

I want to give you some direction are you willing to follow what I say:

What if I ask you to live naked from now? Will you follow that? (Yes- if weakly). I know all the background of the civilization. Even I went to jail in America but they could not kill me.

You are in the position of the High Priests at Jesus time. Who killed Jesus.

The Jews at the time of Jesus did. It is very clear. I could be a most fearful and frightening person with the power of Judgment. Without tourism how can Israel survive. Do you think they own all the holy sites and can just prosper by selling tourism on the foundation of God's work. This land is not just Israel's alone. This is God's land. The Mosque there is a holy place in which Muhammad ascended into heaven. But historians try to deny it. God knows. Abraham made a mistake by not cutting the dove and the pigeon. Because of that Ishmael and Isaac divided. Then the Jews somehow inherited. Bishop Stallings, you should be very clear about the details of history and the providence. You must understand that history of the Old and New Testament and be able to teach the understanding of the Second Coming. The denominations are fighting each other. This must stop. Through this fighting America lost God. All of you, if I was not here the Christians and Muslims could not

come together. I offered 34 years of my life here. Therefore America had to offer that coronation or nuclear war could have come. Also, race war would come. Asian is 3.7 billion. White and Black are actually a small number. In terms of number you can't make such a big noise or the Asians may overcome you. The President and this nation should not be proud of our power.

You should understand that you must follow me. You can't help me on your own except by following me. Bishop Stallings you should become a double power of Stallings. Bishop Stallings, do you think Jesus is black. He was not. When you meet me you should



understand these things. Sayomi your wife was very smart to marry you. You should be grateful for your wife. You should know how to overcome homosexuality. How?

We should do Tong Ban Kyok Pa (breakthrough on the Neighborhood level). We should build an association of families and neighborhoods and then oppose homosexuality.

If you white people go to Africa or S. America you can be killed. However as we go the way God then God will guide and protect us. I don't want to sacrifice you. I want you to live. If you go to the Holy Land and make issues then maybe you will be killed. I don't want to sacrifice you. All of you should now help me out. You are black and white, Spanish and Asian and Indian. All races are here. This is the way to go.

All the false olive trees look down on the Unificationist that is the True Olive Trees of Blessed Central Families. All should engraft to the True Olive Tree.

Then all the Family problems in America will be solved.

Compared to Unificationists you will realize that their marriages are good. All the husband and wife that love each other is not the complete aspect of the True Family. The True Family is based on the love of three generations. This is the blessing of Husband and wife and going for three generations. You should have as many children as possible. If white society so many races have come in and there has been a cultural war between the races of America. When the minorities overcome the size of the White people maybe have no place. Many minorities that America fought harbored the resentment. How has America treated the American Indians. They slaughtered hundreds of thousands. If we don't solve this it will become endless war.

Do you think the Jews stand alone as number one before everyone. No. They are not in the first place. They must serve and take the proper role. ]

I came to America because America must play a major role in God's providence. That's why I'm here. All this property here in East Garden. I am thinking to sell it all for God's providence. I'm very interested in Helicopters now. America doesn't believe that it will ever perish. However this is not for sure. Only if America fulfills God's will it will prosper.

I need to go to my Hometown and be buried there. All the Korean people and North Koreans respect me very much. Do you think all the senators and congressmen will respect me. You must create a U.N. type police to protect world peace. That's why the 38th parallel could be protected.

Why did I go to Danbury prison in America without any sin? Around that time of the court case, when indicted they didn't think I would come back to America to face the trial. But I came back and faced the indemnity course. I didn't spend one penny for myself or otherwise God would judge me.

Do you think only Muslim will remain or only Christian or only Jews. No we must co-exist together in God's Nation. All people can exist together under one God in that nation. Until God's time has come we must continue to fight.

At Capitol Hill I proclaimed that America will perish if America doesn't do God's will. Do

you think that I just proclaimed this without any knowledge. Bishop Stallings do you know when Satan surrendered. (March 21, 1999 - I see Rev. Jenkins taught you.) You must understand.

Los Angeles has Hollywood. This is supposed to be the city of the angels. I have studied Hollywood and Las Vegas for 20 years. If I touch that area I will clean it up.

Do you not think that I know what's going on Capitol Hill. Until 2012 you must offer everything for God. You must think that I will do everything I can for God's kingdom at this time. So far I have been in a miserable position in history.

After the Coronation the time and authority of God has changed. How God deals with the Jews, Christians and Muslims in the Middle East is not limited now. God has authority to bring judgment if any do not follow the will of God.

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# Boston Day at East Garden

On April 14, 2004 at East Garden, Rev Kil Hwan Kim and members from the New England Region (Region #4) sat with True Parents during HDH. After a delicious breakfast, Rev Kim shared testimonies and photographs of the battle against same sex marriage at the State House in Boston.

Over the past two months, members from the Boston area have been fully engaged in the effort to promote the passage of an amendment to the state constitution that would define marriage as exclusively a union between one man and one woman.

The photos told the story of large ACLC events at Boston churches and intense involvement of Family Federation, CARP and STF forces at the front line during three days (February 11,

March 11, and March 29) during which the merits of the constitutional amendment were being debated inside the State House.

Father laughed and gave the thumbs up sign to members while Rev Kim recounted the story. Shelley Watanabe, Gerry Lux, Bismarck Bamfo, Jim Edgerly, George Howe, Catherine Ono, Brandon Olivier, Joshua Carter, and many second generation heroes are featured in the photo album that was presented to Father.



The outcome in Massachusetts was the phase of the process to amend the state constitution has was completed on March 29th. An amendment defining marriage as a heterosexual relationship was approved, but the measure also included establishment of civil unions.

Two more votes are required to the amendment to be confirmed: a second vote by the state legislature in 2005 and a popular vote in 2006. ♦



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Because of their selfish desire Adam and Eve lost everything. Bishop Stallings you have two sons. How old will you be when they are 20. (Seventy something).

I am directing you know to do a major religious reconciliation event for the Congress in the main building. It depends on you if we can do this.

Can you imagine how miserable I was in the jail. But I don't want to speak about this. You are very lucky to join this movement. You must make a constitution for the world and America. By receiving the blessing of marriage America can become a beautiful nation of all families. All religious leaders, Jews, Christians and Muslims must support this to overcome homosexuality.

The false tree will be cut off and grafted to the True Olive Tree. Do you want to do this Imam Jodeh (Yes.) This is the way to go is to give the blessing to all people. You can bring the blessing to all these people whether Jews, Christians or Muslims. All you lineage has been entangled into God's blood lineage, then there will be only one Kingdom. Not centering on any one religion. Nobody will deny the importance of the Blessing. The time has come. You are very lucky persons aren't you. You are the vanguard for this kind of movement. You must come into the front to create this kind of tribe for humanity. How can I bless

you. Even Unificationists have an incredible tradition that they couldn't have relations as a sacrifice. So many people in history went to spirit world without having relationship. Dr. Yang, What about Ocean City - there was a DP workshop in Ocean City. 170 Ministers attended hearing the Divine Principle. They are accepting my teaching. How many people do you want to bless. How many do you want to bless. You have to do that job. On the 50th anniversary

you must sleep in the bed naked with your wife. You must make this condition. This will get rid of homosexuality. Even mother and I are setting such a condition. You must think that your body is for your wife and your wife's body is for the husband. When couples get old they should still touch each other and be close like they are young. The wife should sleep holding her husbands love organ. The husband should do the same. We should make

this world turn upside down. We must get rid of this idea of homosexuality. Who made racism and free sex. White people led the way. All this free sex and homosexuality must be overcome.

You clergy must lead the way. Even the spouse when the husband or wife dies should clean his or her body and love to the last moment. If you give your life you will gain you life. There is no spare key to your spouses love organ. You like to hear this don't you sisters. ♦

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When you look into yourself, you will find something of vast value, which is something like the Source, the Origin, God

Sun Myung Moon

by Lynne Sofinowski

# The Symbol of the Cross in Light of the Gospel of Reconciliation

Although Baltimore is part of the Washington, DC region, it is a satellite community, physically located on the outskirts of the region, one to one and a half hour's drive from DC. The testimony I wish to share is to encourage those brothers and sisters who are working almost solo or with only a few others.

We did have an upbeat, innovative program—several presentations under the title, "The Symbol of the Cross in Light of the Gospel of Reconciliation," the main theme being Reconciliation. Considering the heartfelt desire and need for reconciliation in our world, whether global in nature or more personally relevant to our own familial relationships, neighborhoods, and in our society, the theme of reconciliation appeals particularly to our target audience in Baltimore, the African-American clergy. Rev. Dr. Arnold Howard, one of our key ACLC Co-Conveners and most instrumental in bringing two-thirds of the guests, lifted up this primary concern in promoting our event. This theme/topic drew the bulk of our audience to Morgan Christian Interfaith Center that day. We had a total of 60+ participants of which 30 were true guests. The balance of the attendees were support persons—hosts, food-preparers, greeters, speakers, AV technicians, and ACLC core members. How is it that God placed the right person who knew the hearts of the Black Christian clergy and who know the better topic for our outreach program? I personally did not know, but Heavenly Father indicated this through Rev. Howard. Our small core team (Rev. Dr. Arnold Howard, Rev. St. George Crosse, Rev. Daniel Wilkerson, Rev. Willie Ray) has been teaching me many things. God and the spirit world brought these persons together and inspired them.

Since February of last year, two other sisters (Marianne Goldberg, Kumiko Francis) and I tried to reach out to clergy from a database of ACLC contacts, inheriting the foundation laid by Rev. & Mrs. Gregg Jones. We worked hard to invite ministers to Ocean City for last year's ACLC Convocation. Of ten persons who came from the Baltimore area, a few have steadfastly supported our efforts here. A couple of ministers have been truly called by heaven to champion and expand the ACLC mission here. My primary role and responsibility to date has been to care for, pray for, serve, call, whatever God inspires me to do to support these persons—stand on my head for days if necessary—to



move our local providence forward. I found over the past year that depending upon the earnest seriousness of my heart to do for True Parents and the specific prayer requests for assistance to absolute good ancestors in the spirit world, help would show up Meeting and working with Rev. Howard has truly been the pivotal answer to my appeals to God for help. There is no greater value than a righteous and experienced man of faith, and this has been the help Heavenly Father has sent—not of my doing.



For the period after Ocean City (3/2003) to now, God has guided my intuition of the heart during this "incubation time," to study and to build our team unity and the sense of family. We strove for consistency, despite the days when only one or two of us would show up for a meeting. I guess spirit world could see after awhile and after tears of repentance, frustration, loneliness, and discouragement

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over time that we were serious. To be able to work with such prepared persons as we have in our core team has brought immeasurable joy and hope to me. I am absolutely convinced of the assistance of the spirit world's help and earnest intent. This is in my mind a clear manifestation of the providential time we live in. Regardless of my shortcomings and limitations, if God needs something done and I just show up, it will happen. I just had to try. Only God and my absolute good spirit ancestors know how many tearful prayers I've made at every turn, every discouraging moment to date. I have come to know that as long as my heart remains determined to show love and loyalty to True Parents, to try to take ownership of True Parents' requests to us Elder Son nation members, then spirit world is obliged to help us succeed. Two-thirds of our small core ACLC team is studying the Divine Principle. And, these ministers are attempting to teach as much as they understand. Our team of "2nd Israel" brothers/sisters are taking the lead in the directions they feel called by God to go with ACLC. I am constantly trying to understand how to make sure we are growing in understanding True Parents' way of faith as we proceed. The beautiful outreach event we held on 3/20 is just one of many programs being put together by brothers and sisters, around North America. This expansion is what we should already have done many years ago. Now we are desperately playing "catch up" and the future of America is at stake. When I see the current generation of dispirited young people—for example in high schools—I sense the grave,

grave danger America is in.

One particular day, when I fell into a fit of despair preparing for our 3/20 program, Rev. Howard shared with me the value of a spark in getting a mega-ton rocket off the ground. All the millions of dollars, the brilliantly integration of technology, organization, and human effort to send a space craft out of the earth's atmosphere could not occur without a spark—one tiny catalytic chemical reaction to ignite the fuel in the rocket. Without that tiny "spark," the elaborately planned project would be forever on hold. God is so poetic (—and so is Rev. Howard, who served as a USAF captain and got his bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering prior to going into ministry). In many a moment when I bemoaned

my lack of capability, God pushed me on through a precious person standing by me. I really understood who we, the initiators and "gophers" are.

Speaking of precious persons, during

the course of preparing this event, God challenged me to the nth degree to develop unity with my central figures and key persons on the regional and national levels. Because of disagreements, our program changed several times over from its original concept. Our funding disappeared and reappeared a few times. When faced with "bad news" from one sector, another sector would respond with "good news." Every day there was a hurdle, a challenge. Amazingly enough to me, our key minister, Rev. Howard, took all of the ups and downs in stride, already having experienced such in other circumstances and venues. Our local FFWPU leader, Rev. Matsui, always managed to keep faith and patience—especially with me. The regional ACLC leader, Bishop C. Phillip Johnson, would patiently counsel and console my frustrated pleas. And in the end, my beloved regional director, Rev. Hong, was right on point about the program content in the first place. By the arrival of our program day, I could say, we all worked hard for the unity of heart we'd achieved. Upon that foundation of unity, signs of a real beginning for ACLC in our city manifested itself in the totally enthusiastic response we got from the attendees.

It is in this beginning moment, I am grateful to report that Baltimore—as any other city in the US with just a few people—can bear fruit at this time. Exercising absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience (or as much as we can muster) will garner the spirit world's help. Believe me, if heaven can use a simple person like me to do this, God can certainly use each and every brother and sister to change the destiny of this country. ❖

## Jobs Available at Camp Sunrise This Summer

by Debby Grodner

This year begins our 15th season at Camp Sunrise, and we are looking forward to the best year yet. In addition to the 2nd Gen Children's Summer Camp in July, we will be hosting CARP's STF Jr. program in August, as well as family camps, and camping programs with churches of various denominations and social action organizations.

We are hiring our summer staff now, and I am hoping you can help me put the word out as we would like to fill as many positions as possible with 1st & 2nd generation members.

The following is a list of positions available, with job requirements.

All staff members must commit to the summer season, with some flexibility. Staff must arrive about 3rd week in June for training and camp preparations. Season is July 1st - August 29th. More programs may be booked for September, and some staff wishing to stay longer may be able to do so. Salaries are commensurate with experience.

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If someone is interested they can contact me by e-mail at [deborah.grodner@verizon.net](mailto:deborah.grodner@verizon.net) or by phone 914-966-3228.

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# IIPC-Oceania Inaugural Conference

by Rev. Greg Stone

The Prime Ministers from Samoa, Tuvalu, and The Solomon Islands; the First Lady of Palau; cabinet members from Papua-New Guinea and Kiribati; a Speaker of Parliament from Vanuatu; several former Heads of State and Government as well as eminent religious leaders from surrounding countries attended the IIPC-Oceania inauguration. In all, 77 participants from 14 independent nations and one territory were among those who attended the inauguration. This three-day conference with its theme "Building a Global Movement for Lasting Peace," convened March 9-11, 2004, in Apia, Samoa.

Samoa was proud to host the conference inaugurating the Oceania branch of the Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC). The IIPC is sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) and from its inception this inauguration received, with gratitude, the full support and cooperation of the Samoan government. Invitations to the conference were sent out to Heads of Government throughout Oceania, accompanied by a letter of commendation from the Prime Minister of Samoa, the Hon. Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi.

The decision to create a working partnership between both religious and political leaders is rooted in the strategy for world peace envisioned by the Founder of IIFWP / IIPC, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. A true and mature human being, Father Moon teaches, must have proper unity between mind and body. This model at the individual level also applies to leadership and good governance. Therefore, in order to chart a path toward lasting peace on all levels, we need to take into account both the physical and spiritual dimensions of human nature. In other words, political and religious lead-

Guinea came to officially represent their respective heads of government. On the religious side, participants included the Rev. Oka Fau'olo, Chairman of the Samoa National Council of Churches; Rev. Enja Enos, President of the National Council of Churches of the Marshall Islands; Rev. Pakoa Maraki, Secretary General of the Christian Council of Vanuatu; Mr. Ratu

address emphasized Father Moon's conviction that "the greatest strategy to realize world peace is through loving one's enemies." This is not only a noble endeavour, he stated, but also a methodology that the world at large still fails to really comprehend.

Rev. Kwak reminded the delegates that models of good governance are need-

Sopoaga, spoke of the need for regional co-operation and noted the introduction of a new Masters Degree program to be made available through the University of the South Pacific (USP) titled "Principles and Values of Good Leadership and Governance." The final speaker, the First Lady of Palau Mrs. Debbie Remengesau, immediately caught everyone's attention

when in a single sentence she combined her two roles: the wife of her country's leading politician and mother of her nation. On the political side, she noted that "the seas don't separate us, but rather the oceans connect us together as a family of island nations," adding with sincere concern that, "the biggest crisis that concerns me is the 'family crisis.' How many of our children will grow up with an ethical standard that teaches them to live for the sake of others?"

The third session of the day outlined the core values and guiding principles of the IIPC and was titled, "IIPC

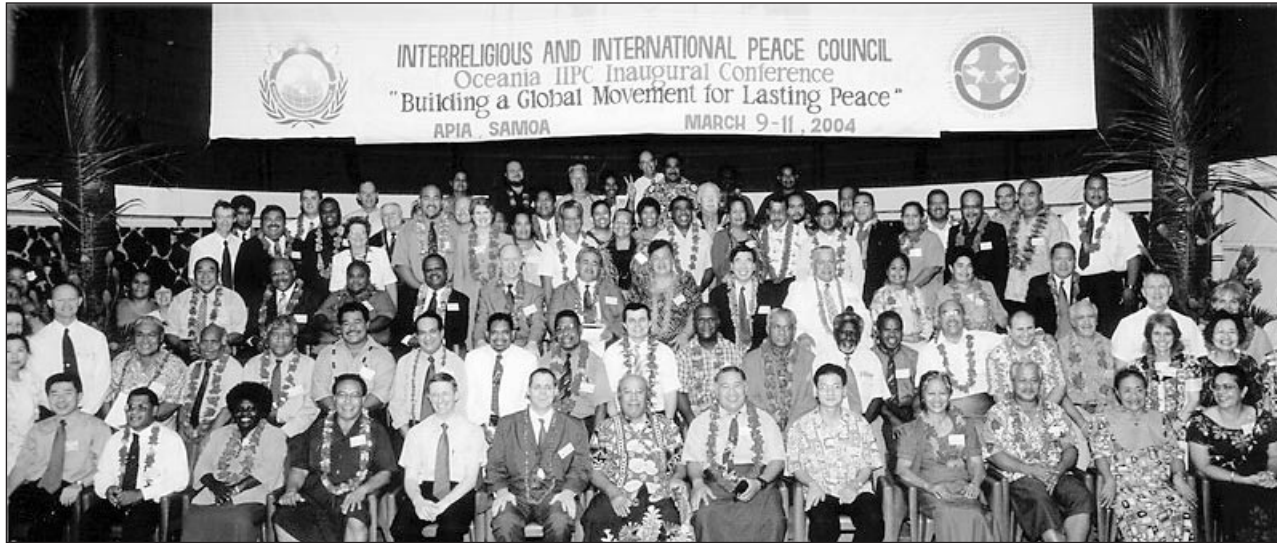
Principles of Peace and Good Governance." The speakers were Rev. Greg Stone, Secretary-General of IIFWP Oceania, and Mrs. Karen Judd-Smith, Director of IIFWP Office of UN Relations. The first commentator was Major-General Sitiveni Rabuka, the former coup leader

and former elected Prime Minister of Fiji, who from his own experience and insight paid tribute to the things that make for peace, confessing his error in having "degenerated from being a peace keeper to a coup leader" while an officer with the Fijian Army. He reminded us that peace is the absence

of fear, all the while expressing serious concerns about the future of Fiji with its racially diverse population of indigenous Fijians and predominantly Hindu Indians. The second commentator was Rev. Falani, the President of the Christian Church of Tuvalu (representing 94% of the population), who asked, "How do we avoid the path of violence and bring peace to the Pacific?" Drawing from his religious vocation, he believed an integral part would require "revitalizing our vertical relationship with God." The last session of the day consisted of roundtables on "Principles of Peace and Good Governance" with a focus on two distinct areas: government and religion.

Day two began with presentations by Rev. Stone and Rev. Paul Saver, Co-Vice Chairmen of IIFWP Oceania. They made presentations on "IIPC Principles of Reconciliation and Strategies for Peace" which were followed by commentaries from Dr. Raymond Anere of Papua New Guinea, Father Rusk Saburo of Palau, and the Hon. Jacob Nena, former President of the Federated States of Micronesia. Concurrent roundtables were convened focusing on the three sub-regions of Oceania: Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia.

Given the intense schedule to date, an opportunity was given for participants



M. Saukuru, Vice President of the Methodist Church of Fiji; and Rev. Siketi Tonga, Deputy Archdeacon of the Anglican Church of Tonga. Esteemed regional Traditional Leader from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Iso Nahnken Salvadore Iriarte, who is the presiding Chairman of the Traditional Leaders of ten nations in the North Pacific, attended together with his wife.

The Opening Plenary began with an invocation by Rev. Oka Fau'olo who stressed that "we should never forget that God is the foundation for true peace." This was followed by the Welcoming Address from the Prime Minister of Samoa. Prime Minister Malielegaoi said that in Samoa the functions of church and state are clearly separated at the official level. However, as individuals "many of us are involved in both functions. For example, I have been Chairman of my Catholic

ed at all levels of government, from the United Nations, to national governments, to communities, to families and down to the individual level of self-governance. At the lower levels, he noted, it is easier to see that good governance requires that the physical passions be curbed in



order to allow truth, beauty, goodness and true love—the highest ideals of the human spirit—to emerge. As simple as it may seem, setting the proper relationship between the physical and spiritual dimensions is a key element in true and lasting peace, individually and globally.

During the second session titled, "Good Governance for a World in Crisis," two Prime Ministers and a First Lady were the three speakers who offered their insights into the most critical issues of our day and recommended ways in which governments and political and religious leaders, as well as international organizations, can better contribute to peace, social stability and prosperity at a time of global crisis. The first speaker, the Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, Sir Allan Kemakeza, noted that "despite our differences, humanity is one." Emphasizing that "we are here to unite the human family," he explained that in the Solomon Islands "it is a time of national forgiveness and reconciliation."

The Prime Minister of Tuvalu, the Hon.



ers need to cooperate together in order to form a partnership that will be the most effective model of governance.

On the political side, the heads of government in attendance at the conference were the Prime Minister of Samoa and his wife, the Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, the Hon. Sir Allan Kemakeza and his wife, the Prime Minister of Tuvalu, the Hon. Saufatu Sopoaga and his wife, and the First Lady of Palau, Mrs. Debbie Remengesau. Current government ministers of Kiribati and Papua New

parish for over 20 years now."

Rev Chung Sik Yong, Chairman of IIFWP Oceania, giving his opening plenary welcoming address. Welcoming Remarks were offered by Rev. Chung Sik Yong, the Regional Chair of IIPC-Oceania, who sincerely thanked the Samoan Prime Minister and the people of Samoa for their warm and gracious hospitality. The Keynote Address was given by Dr. Thomas Walsh, Secretary-General of IIFWP International, on behalf of Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, the IIFWP and IIPC's International Chairman. Rev. Kwak's

# Interfaith Drama in London

by Simon Cooper

On Saturday 14th February, 40 people from different faiths (including Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism, and Buddhism) came together to take part in the start of the World CARP-JK and RYS (Religious Youth Service [www.rys.net](http://www.rys.net)) interfaith youth drama project.

The day had been set 3 months ago and preparations had been continuous throughout that time period. The project organisers (Ravindra Galhena, Ajay Rai, Marshal Desouza, Sarah Chasseaud, Rita Zaccarelli, and Simon Cooper) had been working hard together. The event was a great success for all who participated.

The main two parts to the day's schedule were four service projects at different holy sites in the West London area, and then in the afternoon drama exercises and skits based around stories from the different faiths.

To break up the parts of the day we heard reports from the four teams about the sites they visited and what they had learned that was new to them. They showed each other digital photographs of the places they visited on the projector. There was then a moving and inspiring presentation by William Haines a



Religious Education teacher from a North London Comprehensive school who fully endorsed the project's goals and visions.

The goal of the day was to experience a deeper understanding of our own faith and that of others through service and drama. The conclusion was that a large number of the youth and university students who participated held an hour long meeting at the end of the day after the event had ended to discuss the formation of the drama group, and iron out practical matters such as when and where they would rehearse.

Hence the other key goal of the day: that this interfaith drama group would take form and that it would be the start of ten weeks of rehearsals in prepara-

tion for a major performance.

Their plan is to then take the piece of drama (based on their different faiths) to school assemblies around the UK and promote the common values that their faiths hold dear. In this way they hope to pass on their experience from the 14th February.

One participant, Tasneem Housain (a student from University College London who is a Muslim), said: "I am a firm believer in these kind of initiatives which aim to emphasize common values in different faiths as a means of religious tolerance. I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be part of this. Today was a great opportunity for me to meet other people of different faiths,



with the same opinion that humanity and tolerance is just as important."

The event was also able to receive publicity on the regular news bulletins on Radio Jackie that broadcasts all across South West London as one of our CARP members is a newsreader on the station and telephoned up during the day to interview one of the project directors.

When we finally took our group photograph at the end of the day there was a real sense of accomplishing something for God in the atmosphere: barriers had been broken down and a warm and good spirit had been allowed to enter into each person's heart.

The event had been sponsored financially by the Timebank Respect initiative that has been set up by the Government and the Prince's Trust in order to promote harmony between youth of different faiths. It is also supported by the BBC. ❖

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to see the picturesque beauty and exquisite culture of the host nation. A breathtaking drive along the coastline dotted with small villages proved to be both refreshing and educational. Guests took in the volcanic mountain vistas with lush green growth and then headed to the

pristine beaches on the other side of the island. It's no wonder that Samoa is known as the "treasure islands" and why the famous Scottish novelist, Robert Louis Stevenson, settled in Samoa in the twilight of his life and later died here.

On the final day of the conference, presentations were offered by Dr. Walsh and Mrs. Smith on the "IIPC Vision and Understanding of Human Development." The IIPC's principles of human develop-

ment were expounded and followed by examples of the practical application of these principles. Rev. Saver spoke on Character Education in Oceania and the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival. Mrs. Leona Didsbury of New Zealand spoke on "HIV/AIDS Prevention: A Character Development Approach." Later Rev. Yves Moreau, Co-Director, IIFWP Samoa, accompanied by several Samoan youth, gave a martial arts presentation and

spoke on youth leadership. Finally, Oceania World CARP Consultant, Rev. Insung Moon, gave an impassioned presentation on "Leadership Development: Core Values," developed by World CARP President Hyun Jin Moon, based on his father's teachings.

As the conference drew to a conclusion, it was undoubtedly evident that a new-found respect and closeness among the participants had been forged. They had been inspired by the vision and teachings of IIFWP/IIPC and despite the fact that different views had been aired and some tense dialogue had been shared, the Spirit of God had touched each heart making us a family.

The final conference session consisted of closing remarks by key staff members and some participant reflections. Rev. Yong shared Father Moon's insight and love for island nations when he said that a "unified world begins in Oceania." He inspired delegates with Father Moon's concept of the role island nations will play in the 21st century and concluded by inviting each nation to send a representative Ambassador for Peace to the Solomon Islands later this year in August for a Peace Rally of 20,000 people followed by an interfaith family rededication and Blessing. At the end of this session, 21 new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed and the "Apia Resolution" was adopted and signed by the delegates.

That evening the Prime Minister and the First Lady graciously welcomed the guests at a gala reception hosted by the Samoan Government held at the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum. In a beautiful mountainside retreat surrounded by immaculate gardens and expanses of manicured lawns, each person felt like an honoured guest. Traditional Samoan cuisine and a cultural performance closed out the never-to-be-forgotten IIPC-Oceania inaugural conference.

The next regional IIPC conference will be held in Canberra, Australia in May 2005. ❖

## FOR KIDS

by Françoise

Find the seven differences between these two drawings of collecting the first daffodils

Help them find the flowers

## Northern California Winter Workshop

by Nancy Asmundson

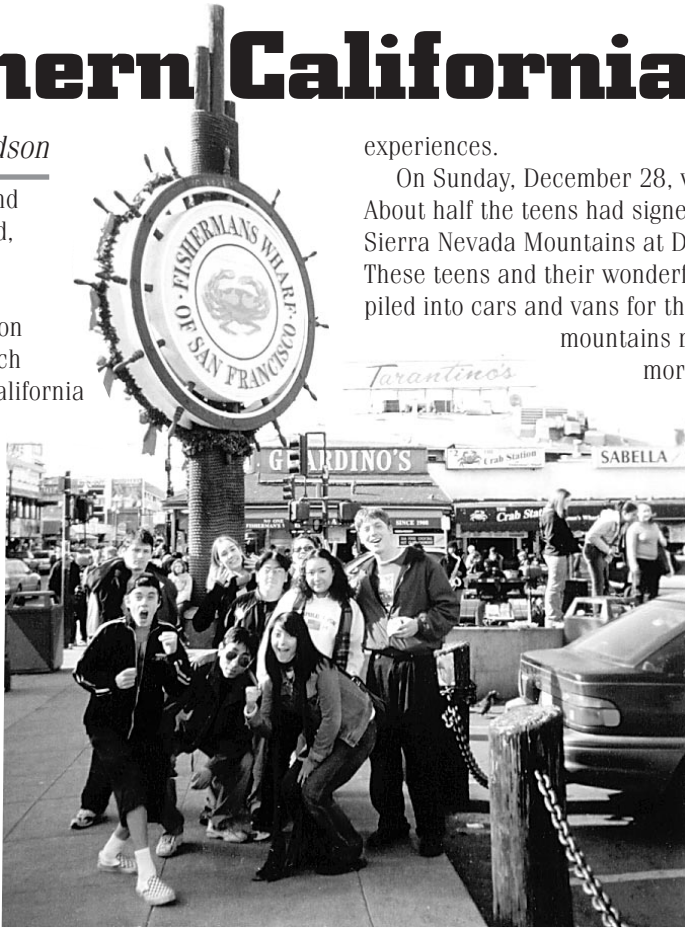
One hundred and twenty excited, energetic teenagers descended upon the Bay Area Family Church (BAFC) in San Leandro, California for the Annual Winter Workshop held December 26 – 30, 2003. Girls could be heard screaming, “Amy!! Gina!! Oh, my God, so good to see you!!” Guys could be heard saying, “Hey, Dude! What’s up?” It was like “old home” week as teens from all over the country renewed friendships and caught up with each other. Kenritsu Yamamoto, the Youth Minister for the BAFC,

kicked off the Orientation with opening remarks followed by a welcome speech from Northern California Regional Director, Rev. Man Ho Kim. Soon, everyone was assigned to groups mixing everyone up – boys, girls, locations – giving everyone a chance to make new friends and relationships. After a delicious dinner prepared by volunteer parents, everyone continued activities that helped one another get to know each other and meld as a group. A meditation lead by Yeondo Durst moved the first day to a deeper spiritual level.

This year, we were fortunate to have Mr. Tony Devine join us to give lectures all day on Saturday, December 27. Mr. Devine talked about goals: how to set them and apply them in every day life. After lunch on Saturday, everyone went to do a service project. Two groups went out. As the BAFC has a long standing relationship for doing service projects with the City of Oakland, one group accepted the invitation to the East Bay Regional Parks District EcoFarm to do weeding. It was great to be out in the fresh air working together!! Everyone pitched in and soon many of those nasty old weeds had been eradicated from the farm! Another group took big trash bags, went down to the San Leandro Marina and picked up many bags of trash. That evening after dinner there was a very insightful panel discussion on the blessing. On the panel were: Tony Devine, Mike Lograso, Robin Cox, Kenritsu Yamamoto, Philina Lim, Kibos Buscovich, and Kenshu Aoki. Many interesting questions were raised as the teens mulled over the meaning of the blessing. Wisdom, pain and humor were expressed as the panel shared from their own

experiences.

On Sunday, December 28, we had an Outing Day. About half the teens had signed up for skiing in the Sierra Nevada Mountains at Donner Ski Ranch (DSR). These teens and their wonderful volunteer drivers piled into cars and vans for the 3 hour trip to the mountains right after pledge in the morning. Due to the excellent staff at DSR, everyone was able to get onto the slopes quickly. Novices got right into an introductory class while experienced skiers couldn’t wait to head to the top for the first run of the day. Except for a brief break for lunch it was shush, shush, shush! At the end of the day, everyone agreed the runs down the slopes had been truly “radical”. The remaining group of teens

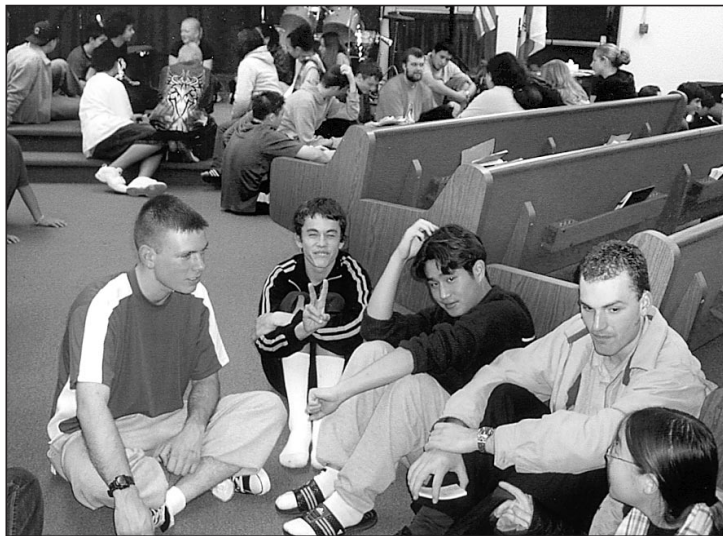


brothers and sisters and love and support them. Most went over. Before a new question was asked, everyone went back to one side of the room. The questions got progressively deeper: Who’s hated their parents? Who’s tried drugs or alcohol? Who has divorced or single parents? Who has been depressed? Who has been suicidal? Many teens were moved by this activity. One participant said, “I felt very moved during it (crossing the line). My heart felt so much empathy for those that had trouble with their parents, and especially those that have contemplated suicide and attempted it. I just wanted to hug everyone.” Another participant said, “I felt safe and secure because of all the love we were receiving from our brothers and sisters. I know they’ll always be there for me.” Many participants wept as they held or were held by their brothers and sisters.

Monday evening started with prayer and reflection. Everyone grabbed coats and other warm gear to head out to the San Leandro Marina. Once at the Marina, everyone bundled up for a short walk to the end of a spit that extends into the San Francisco Bay through the icy wind and slashing rain. After a deep prayer from Kenritsu, everyone had a chance to pray for 21 minutes and even though EVERYONE got SOAKED, it was often a deep experience!! One participant said, “It (the prayer) was great! The rain and wind was awesome! I really felt like I could just tell Heavenly Father everything!

SOOOO, GREATFUL(sp)! It was amazing! It took a big weight off me.” Another participant said, “It (the prayer) was a good experience. I hadn’t prayed in a while so it was a good feeling to do it again. The rain added to the effect and I received some sort of answer to the questions I had.” After returning to the church and drying off, everyone’s favorite activity of every workshop, entertainment was held. Turned out there were many class acts from our teens. I tell you, you haven’t rapped until you’ve been heavenly rapped with the 2nd gen!!

All too soon it was Tuesday, the last day of the workshop. In final group meetings and reflections, many said that if the workshop were longer it would be better! As the vans headed out for homes and destinations far and near, many took with them new determinations for 2004, names and e-mails/screen names of new friends and many new inspirations for their lives. ❖



with no inclination to ski/snowboard, headed for San Francisco’s famous Fisherman’s Wharf for a rousing picture treasure hunt. Everyone was divided into teams of about 8 people. Each team was provided with a disposable camera and a list of places and people to photograph. Of course, the team that returned with pictures of the most items on their list won! Everyone had a real adventure meeting new people and perhaps seeing things they might not have noticed before. Once the pictures were developed, the whole workshop enjoyed looking at them posted around the room. Thanks go to Liz McClellan and her team for assembling the posters of pictures.

On Monday, it was back to lectures again. Brenna Iredale shared deeply about her experience of joining the church and having to fight for her faith as she went through being kidnapped and dealing with deprogrammers. Many of the participants were not aware of the challenges that Brenna and others had in joining and remaining members of our church. Kenritsu gave a lecture about being 2nd generation. In the afternoon a particularly moving part of the workshop was the “Crossing the Line” activity. In this activity everyone starts on one side of the room. Kenritsu began asking questions such as, “Who has one or two Korean parents? All those go to the other side of the room.” Kenritsu then talked about the resentment, sacrifice, and judgement that goes with it. One person gave a short testimony about their experience. Then, Kenritsu asked who from the other side would stand by their



## The Second Generation Section

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by Dr. Michael Mickler

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In times of peril, the Unification Movement frequently turned inward, finding resources for renewal in the life of the spirit. As a youth in North Korea, Rev. Moon found that his "scale of thinking was far greater than just my village" and that he "was completely misunderstood." Therefore, during his early teen years, as he noted, "Most of the time, I would go to the tombs of my forefathers and speak to them, revealing my heart." This turning to the spiritual world coincided with a deepening of his prayer life and eventually led to a series of spiritual experiences and encounters through which he came to understand his life's work. The same principle held for the movement as a whole. In the face of rejection by the world, the movement looked to heaven. Some members had dramatic experiences that unlocked secrets of the spiritual world. This was a tricky phenomenon that could lead to excesses, self-absorption and deviation as has been shown. On the other hand, spiritual experiences were a source of fresh inspiration, deepened meaning and purpose, new power and creative innovations. They also afforded members a foretaste of heavenly joys.

The movement experienced two significant manifestations of spiritual phenomena during the 1990s. They were associated with two elderly members who recently had passed into the spiritual world. The first was Soon Ae Hong, Mrs. Moon's mother, who passed away on November 3, 1989. The second was Dr. Sang Jun Lee who passed on March 22, 1997. The spiritual phenomena associated with Soon Ae Hong, who gained the title Dae Mo Nim ("Great Mother") and Dr. Lee were decidedly different, reflective of their differing characters and orientations. Dae Mo Nim's approach was charismatic and religious, sparking a movement-wide spiritual revival after 1995. Dr. Lee's approach was intellectual and literary, leading to systematic expositions of the spiritual world in a series of published texts. In this sense, the two man-

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# Spirit World

ifestations were complimentary. However, there also were contradictions and a sense of rivalry. Rev. Moon recognized both sets of phenomena as authentic, both were integral to the movement's mainstream development, and both had a revitalizing effect upon members.

There were both similarities and marked differences between the spiritual revival centered on Dae Mo Nim in the middle and late 1990s and the revival centered on Heung Jin Nim during the 1980s. Both manifestations focused on personages who were either a part of or who had intimate connections with Rev. Moon's family. In addition, both Dae Mo Nim and Heung Jin Nim were regarded by virtually all members as exemplary persons. Dae Mo Nim was understood to have dedicated her entire life to the providence, being the only member linked to several spiritual groups considered by Rev. Moon to be forerunners of HSA-UWC. Within the movement, she was known for her humble service, prayers for the well-being of True Parents, concern for the membership, and devotion to heaven. According to later testimonies, having become acutely aware of members' spiritual struggles and suffering, she determined to go to the spiritual world early, asking God to shorten her life in order to work there for blessed couples and the providence. In this respect, themes of self-sacrifice and atonement were at the core of both revivals.

A third similarity was that Dae Mo Nim, like Heung Jin Nim, had an embodiment. For three years after her passing, Dae Mo Nim was understood to have made conditions in the spirit world for her work on earth. Next, according to an official account, "she chose and worked with Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim for three years" making "incredible, almost humanly impossible...conditions" to begin the providence on earth. Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, the American Continental Director, described Mrs. Kim as "a humble country lady...very spiritual as a child...a faithful dedicated Christian and spiritually open." Ten years previously

Mrs. Moon was said to have visited her spiritually, indicating that she would one day work with Dae Mo Nim. In 1992, Mrs. Kim began serving church couples, solving problems, and in 1994 leaders reported what was happening to Rev. Moon. In January 1995, he gave Mrs. Kim the authority to act as Dae Mo Nim's mediator, and on January 1, 1996, she was introduced to the American movement. By this time, members commonly addressed her as "Dae Mo Nim."

A final similarity between the phenomena centered around Heung Jin Nim in the 1980s and Dae Mo Nim in the 1990s was that they both manifested as revivals. While the particulars might vary, the essence of revivalism was the cycle of judgment and grace. In the spiritual revival of the 1980s, the accent was on individual confessions within the context of forgiveness conferences. The 1990s revival introduced new elements, but the dynamic was essentially the same.

According to Dr. Tyler Hendricks, Dae Mo Nim was "a modern-day Jeremiah." He wrote, "Because she is a woman, there is a certain softness to her delivery, but she delivers a powerful indictment of our condition. She would say, 'If you could see yourselves spiritually, you would be so afraid; you would realize you are destined to hell.' She would beg and plead with us to wake up and become serious and work hard, because we are just covered, infiltrated with evil spirits."

Knowledge that members were covered with evil spirits was the core insight of the Dae Mo Nim revival. A number of accounts noted that prior to her passing, Dae Mo Nim prayed to God, seeking to know why most of the movement's blessed couples, though trying their best, were unsuccessful in their missions; why so many of them had physical, economic and other problems; and why they were "sometimes worse than outside people." According to these testimonies, God answered her prayer and opened her spiritual eyes, enabling her to see invading evil spirits which had dug into members' physical bodies to build their nests.

Participants at an early workshop at Chung Pyung Lake, Korea



# and on Earth

The idea that members, especially blessed couples, were covered with evil spirits presented a problem. Generally members assumed that because they received the Blessing, followed True Parents, and lived in a principled environment, evil spirits could not touch them. They now were being told that this assumption was distant from reality. However, as several leaders pointed out, the Blessing was meant to be given unconditionally on the basis of members having achieved a certain standard of perfection. Because members had not attained that standard and were in this sense unqualified, the Blessing could only be given conditionally. Many members, in fact, did not continue to progress but rather regressed, being unable to rid themselves of their fallen nature and satanic habits. This created a base for evil spirits. Members also were subject to the interference of spirits who resented and hated their ancestors. Finally, as Rev. Joong Hyun Pak explained, "Evil spirits see light upon our Blessed couples, and because we seem very bright they come to us." This, of course, presented something of a catch-22 situation. Whether they did poorly or well, members still were subject to evil influences.

Leaders used both literal and figurative language to describe evil spirits and their actions. To Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, they were "like invisible germs in the air we breathe." Rev. Kwak cited Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim as saying that "evil spirits stay in our physical bodies like the eggs of an insect."

He continued, "Thousands of them live among the cells of our body, but when they are released from the body, they appear as normal-sized spirit selves. Spirit beings have no limitation of time and space. Spirits attached to our physical body become smaller."

According to Rev. Kwak, there were "not so many spirits in the spiritual world" since most "have come down to earth and attached themselves to people." He stated that there were "millions of spirit selves attached to our bodies." Rev. Young Whi Kim told American members that "spirits in the spirit world live in groups, and when the group leader comes into a person's body, the subordinates of that leader come along."

Dae Mo Nim, herself, told members assembled at Belvedere International Training Center that there were "many evil, resentful spirits in every layer of your skin. The more I open, the more there are, even inside your blood stream, inside your bone marrow."

These images brought many members to a point of serious repentance. Thus, Dae Mo Nim's activities, like those of Heung Jin Nim's embodiment during the 1980s, were revivalistic in orientation. However, there were also more important differences between the two revivals. For one, there was sense of abruptness and suddenness associated with the 1980s revival. Heung Jin Nim, had passed into the spirit world unexpectedly through a violent accident. His embodiment, though said to have been prepared by Jesus for a decade, announced himself in July 1987, conducted revivals worldwide within six months, and just as quickly burned out. There was a much more substantial period of preparation for the Dae Mo Nim revival. Dae Mo Nim, herself, had been bedrid-

den for the last ten years of her life. Thus, her passing was not unexpected, and she had ample time to prepare. As noted, she was understood to have spent another three years establishing conditions in the spiritual world. In addition, Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim, apart from her personal course of preparation, unfolded her work gradually over three years between 1992-95 before being recognized by Rev. Moon. This was sixteen years in all. The result was that the revival associated with Dae Mo Nim was far more systematic in both thought and organization.

icated and disoriented during the sessions and loosen their hold, allowing specially mobilized angels to remove them.

As explained by a longtime lecturer, "From a spiritual viewpoint, our bodies are hardened like rock. So there is no way the angels can go in. The angels have to go into our body and get the spirits out, but there is no crack for them to enter by. So we need to sing holy songs and clap. This is the time we can, so to speak, open up our hardened body so that the angels have a way to go in."

The key point here was, unlike the earlier revival which had a strongly impulsive quality, activities associated with Dae Mo Nim had more clearly stated rationales.

A third difference between the two was that the 1990s revival had a much higher degree of continuity with the movement as a whole. For one thing, it was Korea-based. Some of the problems and a good



True Parents  
with Soon Ae Hong,  
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The Dae Mo Nim revival also was characterized by a higher level of maturity. Heung Jin Nim was seventeen at the time of his passing and his embodiment was not significantly older. In addition, his embodiment had only been in the movement a few years. By contrast, Dae Mo Nim lived a long and full life that included exposure to a variety of spiritual disciplines. Her embodiment, Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim, had been a Blessed member for twenty years before beginning her public work. As was seen, the 1980s revival centered on Heung Jin Nim's embodiment was marked by wild excesses, inspirations of the moment and episodes of violence. The revival associated with Dae Mo Nim after 1995 was much different. Participants faced a daily schedule of prayer walks, seventy-minute holy song and clapping sessions, group reading, lectures, and other spiritual activities from 6:00 a.m. until after midnight. There also was a "hitting or slapping" component known as "An-soo" for the purpose of removing evil spirits or healing. However, members were advised against doing this strongly, and the sessions were closely monitored by on-site staff. The singing, clapping and An-soo were for the purpose of shaking and dislodging evil spirits. According to Dae Mo Nim, they get intox-

deal of the unpredictability of Heung Jin Nim's embodiment were due to gaps of language and culture. In the case of Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim, there was an ease of communication and much more of a comfort level with her approach. To be sure, it included ecstatic shamanist components such as continually beating base drums during clapping sessions. However, these elements were blended with neo-Confucian decorum. The Dae Mo Nim revival also was solidly situated at the Chung Pyung Lake Training Center (CPLTC). The church in Korea purchased the site in 1971 and Rev. Moon frequently returned there for prayer and meditation before or after major campaigns. Located north of Seoul toward the demilitarized zone, it was "a very well-balanced meeting place of steep mountains, deep water and very pure air." However, its uniqueness was spiritual rather than physical. Leaders of the revival associated with Dae Mo Nim understood that "True Parents had been preparing for a long time to make our Chung Pyung Land into the perfected and restored Garden of Eden...the special gateway to the spirit world and also the training ground to go to the Kingdom of Heaven." ♦

# Service for Peace Paraguay

**S**eventy-five Young people from all over the South American continent (Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Colombia) which had already participated in the 21-day International Workshop in Argentina, came to Paraguay for a special service project.

On the 5th of February, 2004 we all arrived in Puerto Casado after a long trip of 13hrs walking, riding buses and boat rides on the Paraguay River. On the 7th -8th we went to a small Indian village called Machete Vaina for our SFP activity. We built bathrooms, cleaned the neighborhood, painted the



school, cleared up the soccer field, donated a cow, cooked food for the Indians and we even donated our t-shirts before leaving.

All of this was becoming possible by



the supporting of Victoria S.A Company. For the first time in Latin America's providence so many young brothers and sisters from all parts of South America gathered together for Service for Peace. Work-

happiness and gained more that we gave; God's happiness. Also the ABC Times which is one of most famous newspaper in Paraguay to publish our activities. ❖

ing hard under the hot sun we had the precious opportunity to practice the core values. We were able to find the true

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screaming and laughing children. The boy spent most of his time climbing, or trying to climb, the gnarly trees that surrounded their camp. Ergaster children were not encouraged to be timid, since weakness and fear often brought an early death. Yet, the boy's boldness was so pronounced that the older men started to murmur that the boy would one day become the leader.

It was the girl, however, that won the hearts of the men and women of the tribe. Even though she displayed the same predilection for bathing as her mother, her sweetness and the warmth of her smile turned even the toughest, broken-boned old hunters into small children again. If the hunters came back to the camp with bruises or wounds, she would run and examine them with her tiny hands. She filled broken bird eggs with water from the river and poured it over the hunters' cuts. Her tenderness brought the hunters huge amusement, since they normally ignored their wounds after they had stopped bleeding. Yet, the girl insisted on wrapping their cuts with bits of grass, and even tried crushing flowers into their wounds, causing the men to laugh so hard that one hunter almost choked to death on a bone.

One particular afternoon, just as the sun had started its slow glide toward the foothills, the mothers were talking quietly, watching the boy and girl tumble around their feet. They heard a clamor from some of the men and looked up to see something that none of the Ergaster had ever seen before.

A very tall man stood in front of the two mothers, gazing at the boy and girl. None of the members of the tribe had seen him approach, which was very troubling to them, since they always kept a close watch for lurking animals around the camp. The leader ran up to the man, talking quickly, pointing around the clearing, asking the man where he had come from. The man smiled and nodded, and pointed to the foothills. The leader asked him who he was, and what tribe he came from. He told them he was an angel. The leader looked very confused and said he didn't know that tribe. Suddenly, the man bent down and

gently laid his hands on the heads of the two mothers. They had been paralyzed with fear, scooping the two infants to their breasts, but they began to feel calmer as he smiled at them. He didn't look at all like the Ergaster, and the women silently noted to themselves that unlike the other men in the tribe, he was extraordinarily clean.

The man gently held out his hands for the boy and girl, and without knowing why, the two women carefully handed the children to him. He cradled them in his arms, enveloping them within his large frame. The toddlers seemed particularly interested in his long shiny hair. He teased the boy and girl, brushing his hair against their faces.

The women were having a hard time understanding his words as he tried to explain to them that the One who made everything had done something special to their children. They hadn't thought very much about where things came from. He told them, as simply as he could, with their limited vocabulary, that the boy and girl were going to start a new tribe, and that the members of the new tribe would be able to

caught the eyes of the two women once more. Very clearly, so that he could be heard above the din, he said, "You have done well. I have to take them now."

The mothers sprang to their feet, arms outstretched, but the man held up his hand as he cradled the children in his arms, stopping them as they approached. The women fell back, intimidated by his authority. Nodding kindly at the mothers, he turned and walked rapidly toward the foothills, bearing the children in his arms.

The leader and the group talked for hours after that, trying to console the two mothers. The entire tribe was in shock. No one could quite agree on why they hadn't tried to stop the man. It hadn't been fear exactly. Perhaps their surprise had prevented them from acting. The two women wept for many days, and stopped eating until one of the older women shook them and forced them to eat. The leader tried to comfort the tribe by making an impromptu speech and declaring that the Clean Women had done something special. He wasn't sure what it had all meant, but he encouraged them to go into the

them for awhile, and then grunted sadly and went back to the other men. All the women of the tribe came and sat at the river's edge in silence, hoping that their presence would help the two mothers in some small way.

Far beyond the other side of the foothills, the tall man finally slowed his stride as he approached the edge of a lush valley. He had stopped frequently to care for the children, but had still managed to travel very quickly over a great distance. He looked down at the boy and girl, now asleep in his arms, and with a smile began to slowly walk down to the bottom of the valley.

He sang as he walked — a beautiful melody that filled the air around him. As he approached a meadow at the floor of the valley, other voices joined his as he sang, until the sound of the voices moved in waves across the meadow. Other figures walked next to him, gazing admiringly at the boy and girl, exclaiming at the beauty of their faces.

Finally, he stopped and gently placed the sleeping children in the grass at the foot of a large tree. He straightened

up and waved at the figures around him. The atmosphere in the valley had become charged and intense, sparkling in the sunlight and radiating with millions of colors. The children stirred, and he looked down at the girl as she woke up. The man smiled at her, and ever so gently touched her nose with the end of his finger.

*Author's note: This story is, of course, conjecture. Were Adam and Eve born from Homo Ergaster parents, under God's supervision, and with God's spiritual and creative input? It seems to me to be a reasonable idea based on the view that even Jesus had to come from the womb of*

*a mother. Will we ever know what really happened? I hope so...*

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## New Church Planted in Sacramento

*In line with the recent theme of Church Growth through Empowering Tribal Messiah's a special event took place in the capitol city of California recently. Sunday, March 28, 2004, the Sacramento Valley Family Church (SVFC) had their kick-off celebration. The Regional Director, Rev. Man Ho Kim, and Vice Regional Director, Rev. Kevin Thompson, officially appointed Rev. Charles de Watteville as the Sacramento Pastor and Minister Kevin Brugman as the Assistant Pastor.*

*Approximately 30 adults and 30 children gathered for songs, congratulatory remarks by Rev. Kim, a special address by Rev. Thompson, and a potluck dinner. The event was held in the Sakurabana Restaurant where SVFC has been holding Sunday church services for the past two months. Rev. Thompson encouraged members to develop their tribal messiah work and to use SVFC as a resource for accomplishing the tribal messiah mission. As the capitol city of California it is very important for True Parents to have a church there and the expectation is that*



*this church quickly. The members of Sacramento have already demonstrated a strong desire to take ownership of their church and develop a strategy for success. Rev. de Watteville thanked the Sacramento members and the Regional leadership for their support.*

understand the One who made everything, and would live with Him all the time.

By this time the tribe was in a small uproar, gathering around the man and talking among themselves. The two mothers sat, silent and bewildered. The man looked at the crowd, and then

river one more time and bathe, assuming that the water might soothe them.

The women were dull with grief, and didn't believe a word the leader said, but silently followed his advice, immersing their bodies in the cool water. They lay back, floating, for a long time, not talking to each other. The leader watched



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# Election Year Quartet

It's an election year. The 2004 primary elections are over, and all eyes are turning toward November. This is the fourth article in this series, and it's in print a couple of months sooner this time, because the primaries and major decisions have already wrapped up.

As I write this, the only remaining drama concerns the Vice Presidential selections. This time or next, America could see women on both major tickets. In any case, the Democrat and Republican national conventions have become nothing more than big pep rallies.

Legal disclaimer: this is a religious publication, so we do not support any specific legislation, candidate, or party. Heck, I wouldn't dream of it.

## CAMPAIGNS

These days, most election campaigns are run by wealthy professional consultants. Some of them are very successful, even traveling to foreign countries to work their media magic. Others can border on the bizarre.

Here in California, often the candidate (or cause) that shovels the most money loses the worst. A long string of eccentric millionaires has lived things up.

Tens of millions of dollars are pouring into campaign and "interest group" advertisements, most of which follow set patterns. Many do not mention the candidate's Party affiliation, or whether they're the incumbent.

For the very first time, the Internet is providing full, up-to-the-minute verification of each major candidate's stated claims. It's amazing the whoppers they'll try to unload. See the nonpartisan sites, [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org), [www.spinsanity.org](http://www.spinsanity.org), and [www.factcheck.org](http://www.factcheck.org). From now on, all those slick spinmeisters won't be able to fool YOU.

Book readers can learn much from Brad Meltzer's novel *The Zero Game*. Mr. Meltzer has spoken to my writer's group. He's a great guy and an amazing researcher. He provides a civics lesson the US Congress would rather you didn't have! (His novel *The First Counsel*, with its intimate look at a troubled First Family, may also resonate with Unificationists.)

## ALTERNATIVES

Astute observers believe this election is crucial to the fate of the United States. They thought several Supreme Court seats were at stake in 2000, but it's more likely this time around. Also, the war on terrorism is far from over. Concerning such issues, the political parties offer radically different ideologies and positions.

Some pundits claim that Washing-

ton is hopeless; controlled by 'insiders' who not-so-secretly pull everyone's strings. If they haven't given up on politics entirely, they tell us 'we need a third party.' However, for everyone to find a third party that suited their individual views, there would have to be thousands of them!

Protest candidates such as Minnesota's Gov. Jesse Ventura shocked the establishment by winning. All is not lost, but Ventura soon retired from office. Also, California's new Gov. Schwarzenegger has quickly become an insider, himself . . .

Recent elections have featured low turnouts, with some primaries drawing around ten percent. This is commonly called a bad thing, but ignorant voters may be worse than nothing.

ernment ventured into solving social problems, and spent more almost ten trillion dollars. Enough to buy up our nation's troubled areas lock, stock, and barrel—and still give every poor person a huge check. Obviously this avalanche of tax money hasn't accomplished much.

Where is this vast scheme headed? The growth of America's Federal budget has outpaced its population by more than 100-fold, and under the current administration it's shot up yet again. You've heard outrageous examples of waste, and seen how entitlements can rarely be cut, or even slowed in growth. Even so, many politicians have the gall to say we haven't spent enough.

The handouts can't increase forever. Over 160 years ago, Frederic Bastiat got it right in his treatise *The Law*. He wrote,

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Politicians are expert demagogues. That is, they try to appeal more to your emotions than to your mind. In almost every case, the slickest candidate, with the best hair, wins. In an age of television, Abraham Lincoln would never have been elected.

Things are going fairly well in this country, so most people see no need to vote. It takes real, widespread trouble to energize the masses, and even 9-11 seems to be fading as a priority, if not in people's memories.

## TAX MONEY

When a politician promises you wonderful things, he (or she) is hoping to buy your vote. When they shake your hand, visualize their other hand reaching into your wallet. Remember, they can never give you anything—they have to take your money first. Worse, they'll waste half (maybe even three quarters) of it on sweetheart deals and bureaucratic bungling.

Of course, they tell you they're spending somebody else's money, taxed from 'the rich.' or 'big corporations.' Or that they've 'brought in Federal dollars' from some distant but unnamed locale. Politicians assume you're too ignorant to figure out their game.

Have we gotten our money's worth? In the past fifty years gov-

"But the [government] is not a breast that fills itself with milk. Nor are the lacteal veins of the [government] supplied with milk from a source outside of society."

It's now common to hear 'bankruptcy dates' announced for Medicare, Social Security, and other programs. The government is speeding toward a cliff, and elected politicians lack the guts to even let up on the gas pedal.

## FACTS

At election time candidates will roar, "It's time to get tough on (fill in the blank)!" It's usually empty rhetoric. Commentators like Sean Hannity are putting their actual records on public view.

Such plain recitations of fact are often dismissed as a "hateful attack." One is reminded of the old schoolyard taunt "it takes one to know one." and of the psychological term 'projection.'

Remember, other than collecting your taxes and traffic tickets, government has a hard time doing anything right. If a candidate promises he's going to fix things, ask for clear details.

Check out the issues, and run the numbers. You don't need a college degree for this. How much are we taxed? Where is it spent? Who'll

make the rules? Is the problem really going away?

Don't you dare rely on the nightly TV news for information. They are selective, biased, and dumbed down—and it's only getting worse. The mainstream media remains utterly silent on many vital stories.

What's the alternative?

Magazines carry a huge variety of news and opinion. Mother Jones has populist/leftist views, and excellent investigative reporting. For example, they talk about huge chemical companies suing little family dairies, for merely telling customers that their milk doesn't contain said company's artificial hormones. Also, about the Labor Dept. assisting corporations in eliminating worker's overtime pay. Plus, the new Prescription Drug bill locking in high prices, by forbidding agency bids, and individuals from buying in Canada.

Opposite this, *The Weekly Standard* magazine offers conservative news, and some truly insightful essays.

On the air, *Free Speech Radio* features a progressive (extreme leftist?) viewpoint. *Rush Limbaugh* offers humorous, conservative views. (Or insensitive, extremist ones?) Informative talk stations such as *KSFO* can be heard over the Internet. (At [www.KSFO.com](http://www.KSFO.com)) *WorldNetDaily* and other news sources flourish online.

If you're as busy as I am, you can go pester some policy wonk friends. Pick a variety of people. You may be surprised at how well-informed most folks are, and how well they can back up their viewpoints.

I want to know each candidate's record, philosophy, and position on the issues. I would hope to understand their personal character. When I lived in Idaho, I actually met some of the bigwigs. Here in California I've met dedicated activists of many stripes.

## BLESSINGS

Rev. Moon says that God has blessed America with its prominence and prosperity because we believed in Him. Also because she sacrificed herself, her blood and treasure, for the freedom of many nations. Long ago, Alexis de Tocqueville observed that America thrives because its people are good. What a far cry from the popular, selfish political platforms of today.

Winston Churchill once said, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others." We should be thankful for what we have, even if we do keep messing it up. It's been said that we get the leadership we deserve. I think there's plenty of room for improvement, don't you? For now, I say: get informed, and get involved. See you down at the polling booth. ❖

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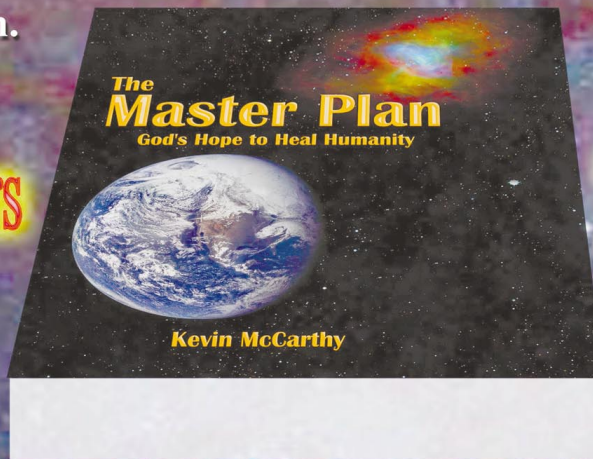
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