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True Parents giving the Blessing Prayer at the WCSF Blessing held in the United Nations building

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The new year began with a spectacular gathering centered on Heavenly Father and our True Parents. "Dialogue and Harmony Among Civilizations: The Family, Universal Values, and World Peace," was the

theme for the *Convocation of World Leaders* as part of the 7th World Culture and Sports Festival held at the New York Hilton and the United Nations Headquarters, Jan. 26-30, 2001.

Sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), and

the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO), more than 800 participants from 143 nations attended the international event, including 40 current and former heads of state, heads of government, and prime ministers.

At the opening banquet in the Hilton Grand Ballroom Jan. 26, the emcee

was Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, secretary general, WCSF 2001. Deborah Moldow, co-chair, Values Caucus at the United Nations delivered the invocation. Opening remarks were given by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, WCSF 2001 chairman, former U.S. Vice President Dan

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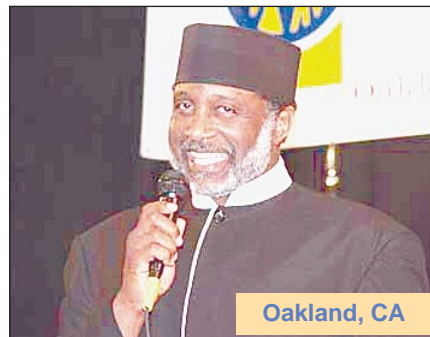
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This is one of the two speeches that are being given on the 50-state tour.

With the end of the Cold War, new hope for peace and justice has spread rapidly across the globe. Leaders unable or unwilling to acknowledge the new international realities are being swept away by the tidal wave of change.

As we stand at the threshold of the new millennium, I believe it is time to review our traditional patterns of thinking and boldly seize these new opportunities. Thus it is my great honor to share with you my life-long advocacy for world peace and true family values.

In this world there are two kinds of human beings: men and women. Can they decide to exchange positions? Was your birth as male or female based upon your personal desire? Or were you born that way irrespective of your personal preference? The sex that we are given is an absolute and is not a matter of choice. We did not think it nor did we want it, but without knowing the cause, result, or process of our birth, we were born a certain way.

Thus it is undeniable that no matter how great a person may be, he or she is not a causal being, but is a resultant being. Therefore, there must exist the first causal being. Who is that causal being? Is it male? Is it female? You can call that first causal being God or any other name, but this causal being must exist.

Here today are gathered some of the most famous people in the world. You might say, "Where is God? Show me and then I will believe." But I warn you not to deny the existence of that causal being.

The topic of today's speech is "In Search of the Origin of the Universe." If we go deeper and deeper in our search for the origin of the universe, we arrive at God. We come to know that God possesses dual characteristics of male and female. How did the universe begin? Let us put aside our discussion of God for the moment, and consider humankind. It is clear that humankind is comprised of man and woman, or subject and object. In the mineral kingdom, molecules are composed of anion and cation. Plants reproduce through stamen and pistil. Animals live as male and female, and human beings as man and woman. If we examine creation, whether the mineral kingdom, plant kingdom, or animal kingdom, we observe that plus and minus on a higher level exists and develops by absorbing plus and minus from the lower level. Why does this phenomenon take place? It is because the existing world is responsible to perfect human beings, who are Lords of all creation. In the mineral kingdom, plus and minus, that is, subject and object, unite centering on the ideal of love and thus exist. In the same way, in the plant kingdom, stamen and pistil, that is, subject and object, unite centering on love and thus also exist. Medical science today points out that even bacteria exist as plus and minus.

How do subject and object, or plus and minus unite? By kissing? Love is not a concept but a substantial reality. What is the reality upon which love can settle? President Ford, President Bush, who attended the Inaugural World Convention of the Family Federation for World Peace, and all of you distinguished guests are famous but there is something that you do not know. You do not know what makes man man, and woman woman. The answer is: the sexual organs. Is there anyone here

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who dislikes the sexual organs? If you like them, how much do you like them? Until now you may not have thought it virtuous to value the sexual organs, but from now you must value them.

What will the world be like in the future? If it is a world which values the sexual organs absolutely, will that world be good or bad? Will it prosper or perish? This is not a joke. When God was creating human beings, into which part did He invest the greatest creative effort? The eyes? The nose? The heart? The brain? All of these organs eventually die, do they not? What is the purpose of the Family Federation for World Peace? If humanity were to go beyond the traditional categories of virtue, religion and any other human norms, but were absolutely in harmony with the sexual organs, earning the welcoming applause of God, what kind of world would it be?

When we are born as a man or woman, who is the owner of our sexual organ? Actually the owner of a husband's sexual organ is his wife, and the owner of a wife's sexual organ is her husband. We did not know that the sexual organ is owned by the opposite sex. This is a simple truth. We cannot deny this truth. Even after history progresses for thousands of years, this truth will not change.

Every man thinks his sexual organ belongs to himself, and each woman thinks her sexual organ is her own. That is why the world is perishing. Everyone is mistaken concerning ownership of the sexual organs. We all think that love is absolute, eternal, and dream-like, but when we come to clearly understand that the ownership of eternal love lies with the opposite sex, the world will not remain in its present condition. There are numerous scholars and Ph.D.s, but none of them have thought about this.

Can any of you deny this? If you ask your parents, your grandparents, your great-grandparents, the original ancestors, and even God who is the origin of the universe, they all will agree with this. This is a universal law. This truth will remain even after the universe continues to exist for billions of years. The natural conclusion is that when you stand before God, He will judge you as righteous or unrighteous according to this immutable law.

Even the fall of Adam and Eve originated in the violation of this law. Adam and Eve both erred by thinking their sexual organ was their own possession. Think about it. Would God chase Adam and Eve away because they ate a literal fruit? God is not such a senseless being. God chased them out because they did not meet the most basic criterion by which the universe functions. Because of their mistake with the original point of love, they could not be acknowledged anywhere in the universe. In the mineral kingdom, plant kingdom and animal kingdom, the positivity and negativity, that is, the sexual organ, is reserved for the sake of the complimentary partner of love. Adam and Eve did not know this.

Then why do the sexual organs exist? For love. Male and female exist in order to find love. What are characteristics of God? God is absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging. Then who is owner of

love? The owner of love is not man or woman. The owner of love is God. Centering on love and through love, God and humankind become one. This is because both God and human beings absolutely need love.

Then, what kind of love does God need? God needs absolute love. What about you? It is the same for you and for me. Just as God needs absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal love, we also need absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal love. It seems that we all resemble God.

God himself has characteristics of mas-



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culinity and femininity, or positivity and negativity. Human beings, who were created as the substantial object of God, were created as man and woman. When man and woman marry, they become substantial plus and minus representing God. It is God's will that when we marry, we completely unite horizontally centering on God's vertical love.

The human body is horizontal, representing the earth. On the other hand, the conscience always loves the vertical and seeks the higher perspective. Thus human beings irresistibly seek the point at which they become one with the vertical standard of God. That point must be the center, and man and woman must meet each other at that point. Thus when every person, who is born from that center, grows up through experiencing the love of a child, the love among brothers and sisters, and conjugal love, the mature body represents the earth, and the mature mind centers on God. At this ultimate point, body and mind become one vertically and horizontally, thus establishing a base for happiness. Only at that place will God, who is the Absolute Being, rejoice centering on absolute love. In that place, husband and wife, who are love partners, also will rejoice.

When the relationships of parent and child, husband and wife, and brother and sister, which represent respectively north and south, east and west, and front and back, unite perfectly centering on that one point, an ideal, global shape is created.

Thus in the East, there is a saying that parents and children form one body. Further, they see husband and wife, and brother and sister, forming one body. What is the basis for that traditional wisdom? It all is made possible when the three relationships form a sphere, extending in all directions centering on true love. Those relationships must form a sphere with one center. There should be only one center. Unification is possible because those

relationships in reality have the same center. The relationship between God and human beings is a parent-child relationship. Thus, God and man must become one, centering on true love.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, how lofty is human desire? Your mind wants to reach higher than God. No matter how lowly a person is, he or she can desire a world even greater than that of God's desire. As a beloved son or daughter of God, if you say to God, "Father, please come!", won't He come? No matter how ugly a man's wife is, if he really loves her, he naturally will follow her when she calls. With unity centering on true love, the husband will respond to his wife's beckoning, the elder will follow the younger's call, and the younger will follow the elder's call. None of them will ever want to separate from the other.

If God is alone, does He feel lonely or not? How can we know that He feels lonely? Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, do you have love? Do you have life? Do you have sperm and eggs? Do you have a conscience? You affirm all these things, but have you seen love? Have you seen life? Have you seen lineage? Have you seen the conscience?

Have you ever touched these things? You know their existence, but you cannot touch or see them. You know them only through your mind's intuition. By the same token, even though you have not seen or touched God, you cannot say that He does not exist. What is more important, that which is visible or that which is invisible? I am sure you realize that the invisible is more important than the visible. You can see and touch money, position and honor, but you cannot see or touch love, life, lineage and conscience. We all have them, so why can we not see them? It is because they are one with us. When mind and body maintain absolute balance, you do not feel them.

Do you feel your eyes blinking? Try counting your blinks for three hours. Do you count the number of breaths you take everyday? Touch the left side of your chest with your right hand. Do you feel something beating? You can feel the beating of your heart. How many times a day do you hear the sound of your heart beating? Through a stethoscope your heartbeat sounds like the explosion of a bomb. But when we are busy, we go for weeks and months without feeling that. Think about it! We immediately feel a small fly sitting on our head, but cannot feel our heart beating even when the sound of it is a hundred times greater than the lighting of a fly. It is because we are one with our own body.

You may think it rude if I share this with you, but I would like to give you an example. You use the bathroom each morning. When you defecate, do you wear a gas mask? This is not a laughing matter but a serious one. If you are near someone else defecating, you will quickly move a good distance away. But when you smell your own feces, you do not even notice it. This is because that fecal matter is one with your body. Therefore, you do not feel that it is dirty.

When you were young, did you ever taste the dried mucus from your nose? Does it taste sweet or salty? It's salty, right? Since you can answer, you must

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have tasted it! Why did you not feel that it was dirty? It is because it was part of your body. Reverend Moon has figured out something that no one in the world knew.

When you cough up phlegm, you sometimes swallow it, right? What about you who are here today? Have you ever had that experience? Be honest. Why do you not feel it is dirty? Because the phlegm was one with your body. We all eat three meals a day, breakfast, lunch and dinner. If you go about twelve inches down from your mouth, there is a fertilizer factory. By eating three meals a day, we are providing raw materials for fertilizer factories. After knowing that, can you still take food into your mouth with a fork and spoon? We know that there is a fertilizer factory in our stomach, but we live on without feeling its presence. Why do we not feel it? It is because we are one with it. In the same way, we have love, life, lineage and conscience, but because they are one with us in balance, we do not feel them.

Just like us, God has love, life, lineage and conscience, but He cannot feel them by Himself. Because they are completely in balance, God cannot feel them. That is why God also needs an object partner. We understand the necessity of an object partner from this perspective. When one is alone, one cannot feel oneself. But when a man appears to a woman and a woman appears to a man, the stimulation of love and lineage will erupt like lightning and thunder. You must be fully awakened about this. We have lived without knowing this truth. Man has not understood that God absolutely needs His love partner.

Then who is God's love partner? Is it a monkey? If human beings are resultant, can monkeys be the being that caused us? Can monkeys be our progenitors? Don't even talk such nonsense. In order for life to have begun from an amoeba and reach the human form, it must pass through the gates of love on thousands of levels. Does life progress automatically? Absolutely not. It is the same with all animals. The division of species is very strict. Nobody can trespass the separation of species.

If materialists who believe that monkeys are our ancestors crossbreed a human being and a monkey, do you think a new life form will emerge? It will fail no matter how many thousands of years they attempt it. Why will it not work? You must think about this.

Then what would God need? What part of your body would God need most? Your eyes? Hands? Your five senses? Within Him, God has both masculinity and femininity, but to exist as Father, His being is that of a male subject. With this in mind, would we say that God needs a love partner?

Then who or what within His creation could be His love partner? Is it man by himself? Or can woman by herself become God's love partner? What kind of partner does God want? Does God need a partner with great wealth? Does He need a partner of knowledge, or one of great authority? No, none of these things matter. God wants a love partner. Thus, centering on the place where husband and wife become one through their sexual organs, God wants to appear and meet

us.

Why is that the place where man and woman become one centering on God? It is because love is absolute, and that place is where man and woman have the absolute desire to become one. Looking horizontally, man, who is plus, approaches that center, and woman, who is minus, also approaches that center. In God also, the masculine characteristic and the feminine characteristic become one as plus and minus. That union in God, as a bigger plus, becomes one with a bigger minus, namely, the union of man and woman. The question turns to the conditions by which that union can come about.

What is marriage? Why is marriage important? Marriage is important because it is the road to finding love. It is the road to creating life. It is the road where the life of a man and a woman unite into one. It is the place where a man's lineage combines with a woman's lineage. History emerges through marriage, and from marriage nations appear and an ideal world begins. Without marriage there is no meaning to the existence of individuals, nations, and an ideal world. This is the formula. Man and woman must become absolutely one. Parents and children must become absolutely one with God, love God, and live and die with God. And when they die and go to the spirit world, that is the place called Heaven. But there has been no individual, family or nation which has fulfilled that ideal; the world and humankind have not established that ideal, and for that reason the kingdom of Heaven that God desires is empty. All people who died until now fell into Hell. No one entered the Kingdom of Heaven.

From this perspective, we can see that Jesus came as Savior of humankind but could not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. He instead went to Paradise. In order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus would have had to form a family. That is why Jesus wants to come again. Jesus was to marry, form a family, serve and live with God in that family, and then enter the Kingdom of Heaven with that family. He could not enter the Kingdom of Heaven by himself alone. Thus it is said in the Bible, "What is bound on earth is bound in Heaven, and what is loosed on earth is loosed in Heaven." We must solve the problems on earth. Since the disease was contracted on earth, it must be cured on earth.

Humankind descended from the fall. Therefore we dwell in the realm of the fall and cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven without making a foundation to rise above that realm. Man in the realm of the fall must destroy that realm no matter how difficult it is. Thus Jesus said, "Whoever seeks his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." In order to traverse this road of death, we must penetrate it and rise above by risking our entire lives.

Your families are in the realm of the fall. Your tribes and nations are the same. You must struggle and win. The fall occurred in Adam's family. Did Adam and Eve have children before or after they were chased out of the Garden? They had children after they were chased out; they created their family without any relationship to God. How can you go to the Kingdom of Heaven without knowing this? It is not conceivable; you cannot achieve the perfect

ideal through ignorance. This is my warning to you.

Pray to find out whether Reverend Moon's words are true. No one knows how much hardship I endured in order to find this path. Even though I committed no crime, I suffered through six different prisons to find this path. Through this truth, I am able to straighten out and educate

precious young people in the matter of an hour. Some people say that I am brainwashing youth, but in fact I am enlightening them with logical truth. Atheists have been silenced since they failed to prove scientifically and logically that God does not exist. On the other side, Christians entrap us, crying heresy because our doctrines differ, and they try to destroy

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MARCH 2001

- 4 Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/88)
- 12 Jin Sung Nim's Birthday (2/18/62)
- 13 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)
- 21 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)
- World Research Institute for Science and Technology (WRIST) Established (1984)
- 25 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)
- Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
- Aewon (Garden of Love) Bank Established (1994)
- 26 Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
- 27 New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA) Inauguration (1980)
- 28 International Christian Professors Association Established (1981)
- 43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)
- The Sao Paulo Declaration (1995)

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- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 57 Single Blessing (1989)
- Declaration for the Blessed Family (1995)
- 9 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
- Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
- 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 Day of the Resurrection of Shimjung (1960)
- Day of the Resurrection of Substance (1961)
- 18 Jin Hun Nim's Birthday (3/25/63)
- 22 Noticias del Mundo Established (1980)
- 26 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
- 27 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)

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- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
- 43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- Ceremony for the Total Dissolution of Resentment (1975)
- 3 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 14 Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
- Citizen's Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (1987)
- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
- Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
- Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 21 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 23 True Day of All Things (5/1/63)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' East and West Victory (1999)

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us. But in this case, this so-called heretical cult is on the side of truth.

Satan hates whatever is on God's side, and God hates whatever is on Satan's side. Has anyone in the world liked Reverend Moon? You came here only on the basis of learning what Reverend Moon is doing. You did not come without knowing that.

Youth in the former Soviet Union, living in an ideological vacuum, are equipping themselves intellectually with a unification perspective through comprehensive ethics texts in middle schools, high schools, universities and even in prisons. Three thousand six hundred schools in the former Soviet Union are using such texts. They believe that my teachings provide the only way to overcome the corrupting influence of the decadent Western culture of homosexuality and free sex. They are proclaiming, "We must surpass America, which opposes Reverend Moon!" They want to move ahead of America in attending Reverend Moon.

Ladies and Gentlemen, do you like God? Would God enjoy watching Reverend Moon doing these works? Can the teaching of the Vatican harmonize with the teaching of Reverend Schuller, who also attended the Inaugural Convention of the Family Federation for World Peace? Their teachings are different. Then ask God whose teaching is true. What is the benefit of my telling you that your understanding of Jesus and Mother Mary is wrong? But you must understand one fact very clearly: Without being loosed on earth, it will not be loosed in Heaven. Reverend Moon, who knew this at an early age, has devoted his life to walking this path.

Should Jesus have married? Jesus should have married. Is Jesus a woman or a man? If there is a woman saint, would Jesus not desire to marry her? During the creation of Adam and Eve, God granted them their own sexual organs. Why would He have done that? Would God have married them when they reached maturity, or not?

The problem lies in their fall. Due to the fall, their blood lineage switched from God to Satan. Therefore, God chased them out of the Garden of Eden. Originally, Adam and Eve were to have become God's body, in the position of God's bride. The fall, in a sense, introduced a disease into God's body and ideal, as Adam and Eve acted like God's enemies. Can you imagine how much God's Heart suffered as He watched this taking place? The human fall is the grave in which you bury yourself. It was an act of expropriation. It was the root of free sex as well as the origin of individualism.

What kind of nation is America today? It has become a nation of extreme individualism, a nation whose people are pursuing private interests, over-indulging themselves, gluttonous, practicing free sex. Does God favor these things? What is the goal of such extreme individualists? They abandon Heaven and Earth, the world, the nation, society, their extended family and even their grandparents. Beyond that, they lose their parents and brothers and sisters. Therefore they live as gypsies and wander around as hippies, having no place to go when it rains and snows. So they are driven to end their lives by suicide. That is the result of individualism.

The original mind does not want to protect this extreme individualism and ridiculous exaltation of privacy. The original

mind wants to live receiving love from the universe, the nation, our village and our parents. But because people walk the opposite path, their consciences become dysfunctional and they feel a contradiction with their own original mind. Thus more and more people would rather die than live, and commit virtual suicide by taking drugs. We are witnessing the truth, "You will reap what you have sown," being proven.

What seed did Adam and Eve plant in the Garden of Eden? It was the seed of free sex. Can that be denied? That is the reason they covered their lower parts. Is it not true that even children know they must cover up, for example, after having eaten the cookies hidden by their parents. This is a function of human nature. If the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil were a literal fruit, then Adam and Eve should have covered their mouths



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or their hands. So, why did they hide their lower parts?

Reverend Moon is an intelligent man. I am not doing what I am doing because I am inferior to you. It cannot be denied that the fall was caused by fornication. To restore the fall of Adam and Eve, it is very logical to say that we must take a path 180 degrees different from that of the fall. We inherited a lineage on the path to Hell, due to the fall. That is why the Messiah must come.

The Messiah comes as the owner who should form the family in the Garden of Eden as originally intended by God. We must understand this clearly. It must be logical. The Messiah first should create a family which serves God. Through this family, he should establish a nation. Therefore, the family is the key. Centering on the Messiah's family, there should be an engrafting process. The problem is, "who can save me from this world of death?" That is why the opposite path is taken.

Look at the Old Testament era. The indemnification took place centering on the principle of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." Look at Rebekah, the wife of Isaac. Isn't she the one who stole the blessing for Jacob by cheating her elder son, Esau, and her own husband, Isaac? Why would God love such a woman? How can we have faith in such a God? No one until now has answered these questions. Reverend Moon is the first person to provide the answers, because Reverend Moon is the only one who knows all the secrets of God.

Now, let us discover the dividing line between Heaven and Hell. Is it up in the air? Where is it? It is your sexual organ. This is a serious matter. This has turned Heaven and Earth upside down. Who can deny this? This is explained in the chapter on the human fall in the Divine Principle, the teaching of Reverend Moon. If

you doubt this, ask God. You cannot reject Reverend Moon's Divine Principle, which contains content beyond your wildest dreams presented through logical explanations and in a well-ordered structure.

If you wonder whether Reverend Moon will go to Heaven or Hell, please die and go to spirit world. There you will find out. If you feel upset by my talk tonight, you could go ahead and commit suicide, and you will really find out. You have to realize that Reverend Moon overcame death hundreds of times in order to find this path. Reverend Moon is the person who brought God to tears hundreds of times. No one in history has loved God more than the Reverend Moon has. That is why even if the world tries to destroy me, the Reverend Moon will never perish. It is because God protects me. If you step into the realm of the truth Reverend Moon teaches, you also will gain God's protection.

When a sexual organ is used in the same way a blind person wanders aimlessly and without direction, it will undoubtedly lead you as its owner to Hell. By the same token, one will be led high up into Heaven when he or she uses the sexual organ according to the standard of God's absolute love. This is a clear conclusion.

Today, we face a serious youth problem, because in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve planted the seed of free sex in the shade through their fall during their youth. In the Last Days, harvest time, there must be the worldwide phenomenon of rampant free sex among the youth.

Satan knew that the Lord of the Second Advent would come in the Last Days with the strategy to save humankind, who are in the realm of the fall, by lifting them up to the realm of absolute love, centered on God's true love. Satan cannot find any other standard of love other than free sex, as the archangel introduced in the Garden of Eden. Therefore, we see that the entire world is stripped naked and being pushed in the direction of death by free sex. All humanity is being forced to walk this path in the Last Days as the archangel's descendants. Because today's humankind descended from Adam and Eve, who fell under Satan's dominion in the Garden of Eden, Satan can boldly claim in front of God that he has a right to do whatever he will with all men and women in this world.

God knows what Satan wants. Through free sex, Satan wants to stop every last person from returning to God. In other words, Satan wants to destroy all humanity and create Hell on Earth. Is not the world in which we live today Hell on Earth? Therefore, we will find the road to Heaven by going 180 degrees opposite the direction of this Hell on Earth. When the Lord of the Second Advent comes, he will show us the 180 degrees opposite path, as a means to save the world and lead us to Heaven.

Then what is the road that is 180 degrees opposite the way of free sex? The path of free sex was laid because of the false parents. Therefore, True Parents have to come to straighten the wrong path. God cannot intervene. No authority nor any military, economic or political powers can do it. It was caused by false parents. Therefore, it takes True Parents to cut it open with a scalpel. True Parents should operate with their scalpel; that is the only way humanity can be saved.

The one who sinned has to indemnify the sin. It was in the family that a false marriage took place which corrupted the

lineage 180 degrees. Therefore, True Parents must come and bestow marriage that is in a direction 180 degrees opposite, in order to open the path to Heaven.

Then, what did God expect from Adam and Eve? God expected absolute sex from them. You world leaders gathered here tonight, please learn this truth and take it back to your countries. If you start a campaign to secure absolute sex in your country, your families and your nation will go straight to Heaven. When there is absolute sex, an absolute couple will emerge automatically. Words such as free sex, homosexual and lesbian will naturally disappear.

Reverend Moon has lived an entire life overcoming a suffering path in order to initiate this kind of movement worldwide. Now the time has come for Reverend Moon to trumpet the fanfare of victory and move the entire world. Therefore, I am grateful to God.

The family sets the cornerstone on the road to world peace. The family also can destroy that road. It was Adam's family in which the destruction of the foundation of human hope and happiness took place. Therefore, when we establish the Family Federation for World Peace, the road going 180 degrees opposite the direction of the satanic world will be open, and for this we cannot help but give thanks to God. Without following this road, there is no freedom, happiness or ideal!

I wish that you would center on the absolute sexual organ, unique sexual organ, unchanging sexual organ and eternal sexual organ, and use this as your foundation to pursue God. You should realize that this foundation should become the foundation of love, life, lineage and conscience. We also have to realize that the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven will begin on this foundation.

If all men and women admit that their sexual organ belongs to their spouse, we all will bow our heads and become humble when we receive our spouse's love. Love comes to you only from your partner. There is no love other than love for the sake of others. We must remember that we can find absolute love where we absolutely live for the sake of others. When you return home, you should expect to wage a war against the satanic world.

Wherever you may go, please try to spread Reverend Moon's message through television or other media. You will never perish. What force can turn around this world of Hell? It is impossible to achieve this unless our sexual organ is used in accordance with an absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal standard centering on God's true love which is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal love. God is the original owner of the sexual organs.

Let us go forward all together for this common cause. Let us become the vanguard which will carry out God's true love. This is the very mission of the Family Federation for World Peace. Now, please go back to your homes and affirm with your spouses that your sexual organs are absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Proclaim that yours is truly your spouse's and what your spouse has protected so well until now is truly yours. And please pledge that you will live your life with gratitude and in eternal service to your spouse. In such families, God will dwell eternally and, centering upon them, the world-level family will begin to multiply. ❖

50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

New York City—February 25

New York City Police cordoned off several blocks in front of the Garden of Prayer Cathedral in the Bronx. Church buses and vans delivered clergy and representation from congregations throughout the city. Lines streamed into the streets as participants of all races greeted and blessed each other joyfully, oblivious to the dull, gray, drizzly afternoon. As the sanctuary and balcony filled to capacity, the atmosphere was warm and the spirit high. By the time Rev. Doris Tongo of Ark of Safety Fellowship Church was well into the Praise Service, and the Garden of Prayer Choir had the diverse congregation on its feet, overflow crowds packed the church basement, making do with an audio hook-up.

No one could have scripted a better inaugural event for the "We Will Stand" tour. Sponsored by the American Clergy Leadership Conference, the tour's theme is "Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, Renew the Nation and World." A diversity of faith leadership will participate in each program. Keynote speaker is 81 year-old evangelist Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Beginning with this February 25 New York event, the tour will visit 50 states in nearly as many days, with the finale gathering in Washington, DC on April 16th.

Host pastor Bishop William Robinson of the Church of God in Christ, led his Garden of Prayer Cathedral Choir personally, breaking into joyous song at several points throughout the evening. Rev. Dennis Dillon, editor of "The New York Christian Times," shared an inspirational message. United Pentecostal Church pastor Rev. Pedro Barrios offered the invocation. Civil rights veteran Rev. Charles Kenyatta, pastor of Harlem's

White Rock Baptist Church, exemplified the special relationship that minority clergy have with the evening's guest speaker.

"I can identify with Rev. Sun Myung Moon," Kenyatta said. "We both have had the misfortune of being persecuted and tortured. I know how he got here, and I want him to know that his time has come." Kenyatta, who was a bodyguard for Malcolm X in his youth, expressed confidence that God would speak to America through the tour. "By the time he gets through all 50 states, Rev. Moon will be one of the most honored prophets in America" he claimed.

Awards and recognition were given to individuals and organizations working with youth, rebuilding families and promoting racial and religious harmony at the community level. The Queens Federation of Churches, United Fellowship of Churches International and Rev. Gilbert McKenzie, Secretary of the Dutchess Interfaith Council in Poughkeepsie were recognized for their contributions to ecumenism. Grassroots champions Mother Daisy Berry, Rev. Copernic Augustin, Rev. Ashford Nimchan and Dr. Jo Anne Hickman were also honored.

Another special guest who graced the program was Rev. Jesse Edwards, President of the Pentecostals of Philadelphia. Highlighting the purpose of the tour, he noted: "AIDS does not discriminate by race or religion. "Drugs, crime, and family breakdown know no race or denomination. We must come together beyond our differences, if we are to confront these evils effectively," he said, to the

cheers of those assembled. Referring to a Chicago Sun-Times description of the tour as a "hurricane across America," pastor Edwards challenged the congregation: "let's begin this heavenly wind tonight, that it might blow across the nation."

Rev. Moon arrived with his wife and several of his 13 children, together with their wives. Looking youthful for his 81



years, he entered following the Youth Cadet Corps Colorguard. Many of the clergy who attended were dressed in their robes and vestments in honor of the occasion. Ascending the pulpit, Rev. Moon thanked all for their attendance, noted the rainbow of colors in the audience, and warmly joked with the standing-room-only crowd. Upon learning that most of those assembled were meeting him for the first time, he asked: "Am I young, or old; handsome, or ugly?" Doubting the generously shouted replies of "handsome" and "young," he noted, "When I was young I was more handsome, but now I am more wise. Though

I may be old, my message has the spirit of youth, so please listen carefully." Although his speech was in Korean, with simultaneous translation, the audience responded with warm applause and repeated shouts of "Amen" numerous times. His theme was: "The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium." "When America becomes a place where people of all races can live together in harmony, it will be a model for the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth... I ask you to stand with me in accomplishing this historic task," he concluded.

Following Rev. Moon's message, the audience rose in response. He warmly embraced Bishop Robinson, host pastor for the evening. As Mrs. Moon joined him on-stage, clergy from all over New York were called to the stage, where Mrs. Moon had joined as well. To honor the religious leaders and emphasize the bond of heart and commitment to work together, Rev. and Mrs. Moon presented gold watches to several leading clergy. Dr. Elgin Watkins of Nazarene Congregational United Church of Christ read a powerful message from Dr. Moon on the essentiality of sexual purity in the development of true love, and challenging the youth in the audience.

The Interdenominational Haitian Mass Choir erupted into joyful and thunderous song and praise, lifting the audience to its feet once again. Representatives of many of the city's churches received door prizes. An offering was taken for the host church, and hand in hand, the gathering prayed in closing.

—Regional report ♦

Newark NJ—February 26

The event in New Jersey was a great achievement. Rev's. Hong, Geller and Pobanz and Mrs. Sato of the Ministers fishing club did a great job.

Also, David Konn of the American Leadership Conference brought many VIP's. Our UTS President Dr. Hendricks who is also pastor of the New Jersey family church led the congregation to victory as the packed out the Robert Treat hotel with Christian leaders. Rev. Levy Daugherty our Vice President led the praise service which included LeLa a Persian born American who sings with a mesmerizing tone. While the performance was going forward, 250 outstanding leaders from the American Leadership Conference graduates and American Clergy Leadership Conference gathered to welcome Father and Mother and Mr. and Mrs. Hyun Jin Moon. As they entered everyone sang Amazing Grace and everyone's hearts melted. Tears flowed and we all rejoiced at the coming of the Man of God.

After the reception, the program began with a Bible reading from Revelations, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first earth passed away...and there was no more sea." And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride

adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears



from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

The invocation was given by Rev. Don Olson one of 120 clergy that founded the American Clergy Leadership Conference based on the inspiration of Rev. Moon. Rev. Olson then explained that he as a Lutheran was proud to be a part of the group which includes member clergy from every denomination,

race and ethnicity. Rev. Olson also read excerpts on Father Moon's words concerning faith in Jesus and why we as Christians must become one and then embrace all religions.

Other speakers included a welcome address from Rev. Dr. John McReynolds who pastors the prestigious 3000 member Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Jersey City. In his remarks he stated that he has worked with Father Moon for 30 years and knows that his mission and ministry has transformed America. Dr. McReynolds is also President of the Ministers Fishing Club of over 300 ministers. Rev. Jesse Edwards of the United Pentecostals of Philadelphia brought another message of the impending Pentecost and the atmosphere became rich with the spirit of joy.

Father was watching from the TV monitor and laughing and clapping as Rev. Edwards said that this all started with the Holy Spirit Association!! He said, whether you understand or not, Rev. Moon is the anointed messenger of God. He went on to say that all Christians, if they step out on faith will understand that God is in this thing and it cannot be stopped!!!

Rev. Dr. Albert Steele pastor of Seminary Baptist Church, who is also a Representative of the New Jersey State

Legislature, introduced Father with great prestige and eloquence announcing that truly a great leader has come before us sent by God.

The video "We Will Stand" presented the hope, expectation, tears, sorrow, suffering and ultimate joy of Father and Mother's life in America. It highlights how the Christians came together when Father went to prison in Danbury. It shows Senator Orrin Hatch standing up to proclaim with the full authority of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee that Rev. Moon was innocent. It concludes with the American Clergy Leadership Conference and the Christian leaders at the DMZ praying for peace. Dr. Hycl B. Taylor, Pastor of the 2nd Baptist Church of Evanston, Professor of Applied Theology at Garrett United Methodist Seminary and former National President of Operation Push gave the prophets call at the DMZ. "As we gaze across this damnable, demeaning, demoralizing wall of the DMZ we, like Moses cry out, "Let My Korean Children Go". He goes on to say like Jesus, Rev. Sun Myung Moon was inspired by God to bring a movement of peace. The peace that Jesus spoke about, "My Peace" Dr. Joseph Paige former President of Shaw Divinity School, a Korean war veteran, is standing there with tears streaking down his cheeks as one

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Bridgeport CT— February 27

Clergy and community leaders were standing with Rev. Sun Myung Moon in Bridgeport, Connecticut as he made the third stop on his 50 state inter-faith tour entitled: "We Will Stand! Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, and Renew the Nation."

In preparation for the evening event, tour co-sponsor The American Family Coalition (AFC) held its first ever locally sponsored conference with some one hundred clergy and community leaders from throughout Connecticut in attendance. The topic was the new White House initiative to work with faith-based organizations in delivering services to the community. Featured speakers included civil rights pioneer and former Congressman Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy and David Caprara, President of the AFC and former Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under Jack Kemp. Many participants came away with new ideas on how their organization might benefit from this influx of government aid and make a difference in their own communities.

A full house, estimated by the Con-



necticut Post to be 1200, gathered in the evening at the Arnold Bernhard Arts and Humanities Center on the campus of the University of Bridgeport to hear Rev. Moon deliver the speech entitled, "The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium." Rev. Jesse Edwards, President of the United Pentecostals of Philadelphia, set the tone for the program in a moving message, stating, "a spiritual awakening is beginning to occur throughout America and we all need to listen to God and work together for Him."

Rev. Fauntroy, who now pastors New Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. and chairs the black leadership roundtable, delivered special remarks and introduced Rev. Moon. Fauntroy, a protégé of Dr. Martin Luther King and architect of home rule in Washington, DC, referred to the gathering as, "the most important conference happening in the world today. (Rev. Moon) may be an issue for some, but increasingly people are looking beyond who sponsors

to what is being addressed. I would have thought that (myself) a few years ago, but not today."

A multiple church choir led by Dr. Angela Moses of the New Life Tabernacle in Brooklyn, New York led a spirited songfest that featured her own choir and a number of local singing groups from the Bridgeport area. The evening's entertainment also included a Tai Chi demonstration by Master Ai Peng Cheng, three-time All-China Champion.

Rev. Moon, founder of the Professors World Peace Academy, which acquired the University in 1992, embraced the crowd with extemporaneous remarks prior to his prepared text. His humor, however, carried a message. He joked that the name "Bridgeport" stands for the "bridge" that connects heaven and earth and that "Connecticut" means to "cut the connection" to Satan, urging his listeners to strive to accomplish these. During the speech he often departed from the prepared text to interject comments about the University of Bridgeport (UB) and make light-hearted remarks about his incarceration in Danbury several years ago.

Rev. Moon noted that both democ-

racy and communism, the systems that dominated the world during the past century, relied too heavily on materialism. After the defeat of communism, he warned, America must not merely continue on the path of materialism and selfishness, but seek God's will to make the Kingdom of God on Earth. That will only come about, he explained, when we learn the value of living for the sake of others. One UB faculty member noted that he "was amazed the 80 year-old Korean was so dynamic and powerful for the nearly two hour presentation."

Essay contest winners were awarded cash prizes for their articles on how to achieve harmony amidst all the diversity we find in the United States, such as between religions, races, and economic groups. Grassroots champions of family, racial reconciliation and religious harmony were honored by Rev. Moon and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, as a total of sixteen awards were given out to those working with street gangs, feeding the homeless in church soup kitchens and fighting urban unemployment through economic development.

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Boston MA—March 1

Over 1,000 guests filled the main ballroom at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel for a night of blue ribbons and transcendental love, on this the 5th stop of the "We Will Stand" tour on its way across all of America.

The evening started at 6:00 PM, with the enormous ballroom rapidly filling to capacity. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was James B. Edgedy, who welcomed the guests and enthusiastically acknowledged the presence of over 80 ministers and 148 "Young Heroes" and their families (Young Heroes of New England is an awards program now in its third year). He explained that Father Moon's first address in Boston took place in 1972, and that this would be the fourth.

An initial musical offering was performed by "MIT/Wellesley Toons". The 19 singers in the group are students from two outstanding schools, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Wellesley College. Following the musical performance, an invocation was offered by Rev. Jerome T. Edgerton of the Rush AME Zion Church in Cambridge.

Following dinner, Dr. Irma Tuuli from Boston University welcomed the "Young Heroes of New England", explaining the spiritual basis for love as the primary motivation for public service.

The first award of the evening was the Young Hero Crystal Award, presented to 16 year old Jami Lynn Soya of Gloucester, Massachusetts. Ms. Soya was acknowledged for the continuing care she had provided to her hospitalized friend Melissa Allen for the five months prior to her death last January as a result of a severe head injury. Since Melissa's death, Jamie has raised funds for a scholarship fund she has established in her friend's name.

The Family Award was presented to

Reverend and Mrs. Stanley Edwards of Dorchester, Massachusetts. Rev. Edwards is Bishop of the New Testament Church of God and has carried out his ministry in Somerville, Cambridge and Dorchester for over thirty years. He and his wife are active in a local youth ministry and operate a food pantry for the community. They have two children.

The first Community Service Award was presented to Reverend Richard Wright leader of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Worcester and Mrs. Shirley Wright, Director of Worcester's Human Rights Commission. Together, they have founded the Martin Luther King Jr. Child Development Center, The Martin Luther King Jr. Business Endowment Center and "HEART" an after school project for children. The couple was awarded the "Isaiah Thomas Citizen of the Year Award" for Central Massachusetts in 1999.

The second Community Service Award was presented to Archbishop Dr. Timothy Baymon of the Grand Cathedral Church of Christ (Springfield, MA). Dr. Baymon is President of World Council of Bishops and is responsible for developing the leadership in a large number of churches throughout the Northeast US. Dr. Baymon attended the event with almost thirty members of his congregation. (Because his group arrived late, they were unable to be seated at a banquet table. However, they were rewarded later in the night when several members won valuable door prizes.)

Finally, the Patriot Award was presented to Mr. Michael Kaprielian, Past President of the Viet Nam Veterans of America. Mr. Kaprielian is from Provi-

dence Rhode Island. He has received wide recognition for his work on the radio and video relating to women's studies and the psychiatric rehabilitation of earthquake victims in Armenia. His work has brought him to over forty countries during the past 28 years.

The twenty five person Interfaith Choir (composed of congregants from Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, area members of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and others) performed a traditional gospel song, titled "Pass Me Not" prior to beginning the main program. The choir includes a



diverse mix of ages, races, as well as church affiliations.

James Edgerly then introduced Reverend Michael Jenkins, the President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, who presided over the remainder of the program.

Following an introduction by Reverend Jenkins, special remarks were offered by Minister Don Muhammad, from the Nation of Islam. Minister Muhammad is a founder of Muham-

mad's Temple #11 in Dorchester, Eastern Regional Representative of the Nation of Islam since 1985, and National Consultant to the Regional Ministers of the Nation of Islam. Minister Mohammed has spoken at a number of recent AFC and FFWPU events in Boston. Minister Mohammed welcomed Father Moon to Boston and acknowledged the important contribution made by him to the Million Family March, held in Washington, D.C. last October.

Special remarks were also offered by President Merlin R. Jenson, of the Massachusetts Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon Church). President Jenson spoke briefly on the importance of Family and read the Church of Latter Day Saints Proclamation on the Family. He also referred to the magnificent Mormon Temple that has recently been opened in Belmont, Massachusetts.

Reverend Jenkins then introduced Cynthia M. Gray of the Historic Charles Street AME Church. Ms. Gray, a soprano with extensive educational and professional credentials, sang a powerful version of "How Great Thou Art" and received a standing ovation from the SRO (standing room only) audience.

Former Massachusetts State Senator William Owens offered welcoming remarks to Father Moon. His remarks acknowledged Father Moon as the only leader who has clearly broken the color barrier that tragically has divided races and ethnic groups in America.

Rev. T.L. Barrett, Jr. Superintendent, Church of God in Christ of Chicago, introduced Father Sun Myung Moon.

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Philadelphia PA—March 2nd

Philadelphia was a great success. The pastor, Bishop R.T. Jones went to Korea in the mid eighties. He was lost to us for many years. When I walked into his office he said, "I know you guys! I was at the rock of tears in Korea!" There are literally thousands of ministers who are waiting for a blessed family to come to their church on a monthly basis and rekindle the old fire. Bishop Billings of the World Bishops Council contacted him for us. The Church is a beautiful church.

Lourdes Swartz did an excellent faith based workshop with former Mayor Wilson Goode. David Caprera was on hand. Rev. Hong, Rev. Geller, Rev. Pobanz and Rev. Izumi had a great contingent of high level ministers. Father was totally welcomed. Bishop Eric Figueroa (who led the 2000 voice choir with Dr. Angela Moses at MSG) was on hand. Also, Dr. Moses brought her Grammy Award winning choir called

New Life Tabernacle Choir and set the church on fire. Bishop Figueroa gave a rousing inspirational message and Rev. Jesse Edwards testified without hesitation that Father is the anointed leader that God has sent to unify all Christianity.

Rev. Edwards attended the lunch with Father and Mother in Florida and Father shared deep insights about Jesus and Christianity. When Rev. Edwards said I agree, Father was so deeply relieved. He was very gently sharing some of the most difficult things to understand. When Rev. Edwards affirmed it Father said, "Because of the Christian leaders with me on this tour I'm feeling significant hope for America. If you had been with me like this 30 years ago America would not have declined."

Bishop R. T. Jones Jr., Christian

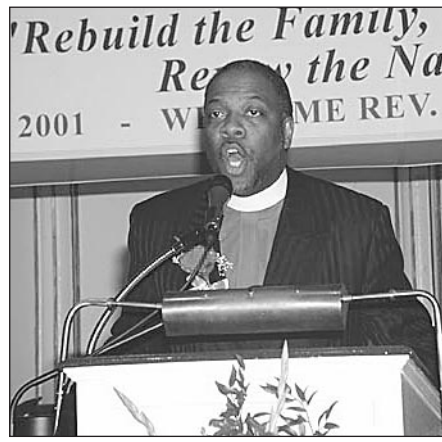
Tabernacle's pastor preached briefly to the audience of approximately 800, diverse in color and faith.

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Reverend Jesse Edwards a Philadelphia Pentecostal preacher testified without hesitation that Father Moon is the anointed leader that God has sent to unify all Christianity.

Speakers also included former Mayor



W. Wilson Goode, now a Baptist minister. Goode stated that he disagrees with Father Moon on theology, but welcomed a chance to talk about religious-based community programs.

The American Leadership Conference, one of many organizations Father and Mother Moon have founded, sponsored

an afternoon forum on faith-based initiatives. Mrs. Lourdes Swartz and Mr. David Caprera were the organizers and Mayor Goode was one of the prominent attendees / participants.

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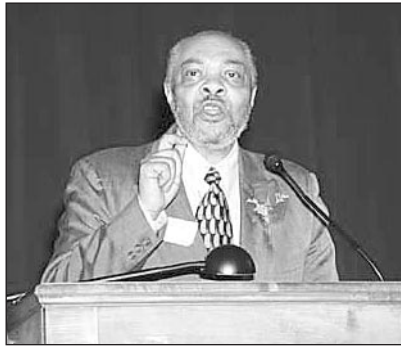
Father Moon was greeted with a standing ovation. His speech, from text was "The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium". He began his speech by stating that he knew Massachusetts well because of his oceanic undertakings in Gloucester and Provincetown. Furthermore, he referred to the extensive persecution and misunderstanding that he had received in Massachusetts in the past.

During his speech, Father Moon repeatedly added spontaneous comments to the text. He chastised Christian leaders for limiting their concern to the needs of their own congregation, and admonished them to make their lives straight and pure in the eyes of God and then take responsibility for America. He made clear the role of America as a modern day Israel, and explained that God had no choice but to use America in the central role of saving the world. Father. If white cler-

gy failed in this responsibility, then African-American clergy would need to take full responsibility.

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard DeLory of the St. Joseph Catholic Church presented flowers to Father and Mother Moon. Gold watches were then presented personally by the beaming host couple to selected ministers. The recipients were Rev. Harold K. Dutille (First Freewill Baptist Church), Rev. Jerome T. Edgerton (Rush AME Zion Church), Rev. Eduardo Yarde (Mt. Sinai Baptist Church), Rev James Archer (Adventist Congregational Church), and Rev. Dr. Thomas Mayers (St. Mark's Episcopal Church).

Rev. Jenkins then invited all of the ministers up onto the stage. Prior to the event, a large leather bound Bible had been ordered from England and



upon its arrival in Boston, the bible had been personally signed by all of the ministers, inscribed with "Champions of God", and dedicated to Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. In a brief ceremony on stage, the large bible was given to Father and Mother Moon by Archbishop Baymon, representing all the eighty ministers in attendance.

Dr. Anthony Guerra, Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Divinity School then read the entire text of a second speech by Father Moon, "In Search of the Origin of the Universe".

At the end, Rev. Jenkins congratulated all of those remaining in the audience for their perseverance. Christine Okano, Youth Coordinator of FFWPU was invited onto the stage. She read the names of each of 148 "Young Heroes"

as each came up onto the stage. The "Young Heroes Committee" contacted community service organizations and churches throughout Massachusetts, and invited them to nominate "Young Heroes" to be recognized at the event. Those selected had demonstrated exemplary and consistent commitment in caring for others.

With the stage filled with children, a number of prizes and gifts were distributed based upon raffle type drawings. These included cash awards for three of the Young Heroes, gold watches for six ministers, and then gift certificates for others in the audience. Although the children and remaining members of the audience were tired, the gifts created an atmosphere of further excitement.

The program ended with a selection by the New England Interfaith Choir, some final remarks and a prayer by Reverend Michael Jenkins.

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An article appeared the next day in the largest local paper, The Connecticut Post, on the event. Even this sometime skeptical The reporter, often critical in the past regarding Rev. Moon's involvement in the Bridgeport community, wrote a very accurate report. She quoted Rev Moon when he asked, "Who loves UB more than I do?" and when he joked, "I believe all the UB

faculty members must have met me at least once unless you were just hired yesterday." She interviewed Rev. Fauntroy intently for over 15 minutes, and despite past misgivings, she acknowledged the evening's interreligious theme, and the family values focus of Rev. Moon's address.

Rev. Sandra Steele of the Solid Rock Pentecostal Church in Middletown, Connecticut said that the most meaningful point that she gained from Rev. Moon's talk was that, "in heaven there are not different places for different

religions, but that the determining factor is the quality of one's love." Rev. Minty De Kock of the Creative Word Power Ministries in New Haven, who has established several churches in South Africa as well as in the United States, likened the gold watch he received from Rev. Moon for his community work to the gold, frankincense and myrrh that the three wise men brought to the baby Jesus. He also said he was ready to go anywhere to testify to Rev. Moon, "Anywhere, anytime!"

The usually reserved and dignified

Pastor Robert H. Genevick of the Stratford Baptist Church was asked to present flowers to Mrs. Moon at the conclusion of the speech. He got so excited on stage he actually gave her a big hug, much to the delight of the audience and surprise of Mrs. Moon. Coming off stage he could only beam and proclaim, "I am surprised beyond my wildest dreams, this is super, super wonderful!"

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of the Clergy is praying in the background, "Forgive our debtors as we forgive those who would trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation for thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever, forever, Amen."

When Father came on stage the audience was ready. He immediately departed from his text and said, New Jersey is actually the New Jerusalem that the

bible told about coming down from heaven!! He spoke from his heart with Rev. Peter Kim translating. The clergy couldn't help but shout. They said, "Go on Father Moon. Speak the word!!" Then Father turned to his text and lifted our hearts. At some points he departed from his message proclaiming that this was his final gift to America and that his message was very serious. If Christianity does not head his call and unite as one, America will perish. As with the prophets of old Father cried out, "The prophets did not care about their own

life, they only cared about delivering God's message, even if it meant their head would be cut off." Therefore, I do not care about what happens to my life, I must deliver the message of God. If America heads the call of God and repents and unites to lead the world to God America will be blessed."

During the awards presentation Father and Mother were touched by the presentation of Rev. Phillip Thomas and his father, Dr. Phillip Thomas Sr. Representing the Church of God and Saints denomination they proclaimed

on the plaque that Father and Mother are the True Parents of all !! Another organization The Phillipine Benevolent Missionary Association, led by Dr. Ray Ledda was sent by the 4 million member Christian organization which hails from Mindanao in the Philippines. They received a revelation that the coming of Jesus would be realized in America. They kneeled before Father and Mother and presented a special plaque of recognition calling them the fulfillment of their revelation.

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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Miami FL— March 3rd

The Florida family should be greatly appreciated. With just over 30 FFWPU families a 2000 seat church was filled. Tom Iverson, a great Patriot and his wife Edy totally supported the event. David their son was with True Parents when Tom made the transition. We are so proud of these great Americans. Tom held on in Florida until Father and Mother had safely arrived at the church. Just at 7:00 pm when Father arrived Tom could finally conclude his battle victoriously. We are seeing a new American patriot emerge. Tom, the blessed families, the Christian leaders both white and black are forming a new Nation.

The Rev. Arthur Jackson pastors Antioch Baptist Church. A new 2000 seat cathedral was just completed. It was absolutely of the highest quality and totally modern. The mega-churches are joining us. It just a week ago that Rev. Jackson was under severe attack. However through a conference call with Rev. Barrett, Bishop Billings, Bishop Stallings and others he gained great strength. Also, when he read the words of Father on Jesus it sealed the battle for him. He knew he was on the side of right.

The Florida event was wonderful. The Lutherans, Rev. Beato and Rev. Olson gave introductions to the ACLC and why they see Rev. Moon as the central figure bringing all of the people together. Then Rev. Jesse Edwards again brought a great moving of the spirit. Rev. James Bush who was also a Florida State Representative gave the invocation. Awards were given to outstanding citizens; Sgt. Matthew Locke who has been working with Lily Kato on PLA was awarded for teaching in public schools.

Speaking Hands, a group of deaf children, did an awesome praise dance with their hands. (about 30 young people). Rev. Filus, and a group of young boys who were taken from the streets and now live as Christians, performed "Tear Down The Walls." The faith based action combined with the vertical line of faith through the word and worship experience is really starting to take shape. During the video, Rev. Jackson (who is probably in his 30's) leaned over to me and said I want to join this, count me in.

Father gave an incredible delivery of the word of God. His message to the Clergy: "You have to die for your congregation and for other clergy. Are you willing to die even for your enemy? That is the most difficult thing." He told the clergy that they must realize how serious their position is. Many do not live for anything beyond their church and denomination. That's why they can't change society.

Father also emphasized the reality of the spiritual world. Without knowing the spiritual world, a minister can't possibly succeed in his mission. He called on the ministers to follow Father and become "Prophets". We must speak the truth - no to adultery and free sex. No to racism, no to denominational division. Father said there are no Baptists in heaven or Presbyterians as a group. There are only those who live

according to Jesus teaching, Love Your Enemy. He taught that John 3:16 is the most central pillar of the Bible. "For God so loved the WORLD that he gave his only Begotten Son."

He asked if anyone was willing to sacrifice their son for the sake of the World. If you aren't, then you can't move God's heart. Just as with the Chicago December 16th meeting with the Christian leaders, the ministers got more inspired the more Father brought out the harshest teachings of the Bible.



One minister said to me afterward that all of his life as a minister he read and knew about those teachings but never, in 40 years had he heard someone preach it. He was so grateful to Father. He feels now that he must take up the cross and save the family and the nation.

Many of the key 120 ministers sat on the pulpit area behind Father causing him to turn around and hit them on the head and talk to them over and over again. Father touched Rev. Jackson's cheek and said do you believe what I say. Rev. Jackson, who has only known us for a few weeks, smiled and



said yes.

Father brought a total revival. Father is really praising the black community saying their time has come. They will take the central leadership role in America as long as they live straight before God. Minister Rasul Muhammad, Regional Minister of the Nation of Islam said "Amen." He also spoke earlier saying, "This is the movement of all God's people. We are grateful for Father and Mother Moon. This is the Million Family Movement. We are going to establish a new America with all races living together as one family." Pastor T.L. Barrett Jr. closed out the meeting with reading Father's second message and calling on all to join the ACLC and move

America.

Later that night, we had a very casual dinner with Father. Rev. Barrett is one of Father's sons and totally joined in as his Christian son. Father told Rev. Barrett to travel throughout America to build this united patriotic movement. Rev. Barrett was so moved and grateful to Father. He talked about how many of the 3500 leaders that came to Chicago are talking about Father's words, especially about concave and convex. With that report, Father shared deeply about the meaning of the marriage of Adam and Eve and how Jesus was to marry. Rev. Barrett said, "Even as a little boy I always wondered why Jesus didn't have a family". God has truly prepared the ministers for such a time as this.

Thanks to Rev. Dae Hee Hong, 30 families brought a great victory in Miami. Rev. Gary Chidester, Rev. Gunter Freystatter, Lily Kato and all community leaders including Publio Delarosa gave great joy to God.

—Michael Jenkins

The 95 voice choir immediately erupted into a joyous chorus of praise as the clock struck 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2001 at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Carol City. Crowds had begun to enter when the doors opened at 5:30, filling the main sanctuary. Many who were milling around outside, and more crowding the entryway chatted excitedly, and began to surge forward to their seats. Under bright blue skies and 90 degree temperatures, hundreds had driven here by car, vans and buses from throughout the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area, from West Palm Beach, from Tampa, Orlando and even Jacksonville, Florida 6 hours away. 180 ministers and pastors in colorful robes and garbs signifying religious orders filed into the first three rows, representing over 30 denominations and faiths. Although mainly African-American initially, gradually white faces and even yellow faces appeared among those who filled this famous Dade County Church who had seen many well known national dignitaries of African American culture speak. But tonight, there was an even more incredible event, the pastors of South Florida had invited the Rev. Sun Myung Moon to bring the "We Will Stand" 50-state speaking tour to the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

After Rev. Michael Jenkins preached from Ephesians and gave an introduction of the American Clergy Leadership Conference's purpose for the "We Will Stand" tour, he turned over the microphone to Minister Rasul Muhammad, leader of the Nation of Islam of Florida and Latin America. Being from a third-generation Baptist preaching tradition, he immediately resounded the walls with his exhortation of change needed in America with its drug culture, family breakdown, racism and moral disintegration in general. But he gave a message of hope, of messianic hope, in the person of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. And this was followed by Lutheran Pastors Rev.

Don Olson and Rev. Dr. Leo Beato, both testifying to the need for rebuilding the family, restoring the community and renewing the nation, all under the guidance of Father Moon. Professor (and Reverend) Elaine Kyle from Florida Community College spoke of her healing and life change through the words of Rev. Moon and his teaching, the Divine Principle. Amazingly enough, all kept their comments within the three minute limit. It was short and sweet, yet brought the congregation to heartfelt applause, even bringing them to their feet at times.

Pastor Arthur Jackson III said he happily offered his church for this crusade. Although attacked by many ministers by phone, letter and email (with hundreds of internet attachments), he stood strong. Tall and handsome, he has stood with many notable contemporaries of the African American Community but was struck with such warmth and conviction from this experience. He said his church was founded and built in order to accomplish what was happening today: racial harmony, rebuilding the families, and uniting the Family of God.

Proclamations were given from 9 cities, including Miami's mayor and Dade County's mayor. Governor Jeb Bush had sent a proclamation for all citizens of Florida to recognize this day for this event.

The energy never lagged as Rev. Jesse Edwards took to the podium. As a white Pentecostal, his words rang true with this audience of believers of all races, eliciting shouts of "Amen!" and Preach on Brother!" "The Holy Spirit is in the Room!" Rev Edwards exclaimed. The choir burst into hymn, and all take to their feet once more! It is now time for the video presentation, right on schedule.

The spirit is just right as Father and Mother enter the sanctuary from their waiting room behind the altar. Everyone is on their feet, clapping and shouting. Father wandered extensively from the text, drawing spontaneous shouts of "Amen!", cries and laughter from throughout the masses. From elderly deacons to young newlyweds, faces were changing from rapt in awe, to grins, to serious looks of commitments and concerns. It lasted over two hours, a Father sharing with his sons and daughters. He really did not want to go. He called as many as possible to come to the altar to get photos taken. When he had to go, there was a definite feeling of sadness and longing.

Rev. T.L. Barrett, Jr. rose to the occasion to read Hoon Dok Hae, Father Moon's words of "In Search of the Origin of the Universe." Afterwards there were lottery drawings for ministers to get watches, and congregants to win prizes. There was a thunderous finale with hugs and sharing, loud banter another hour into the night.

There were 180 ministers, with 250 total dignitaries and VIP's in the audience of 2500, a successful event by anyone's measure.

—Regional report ❖

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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Atlanta GA—March 4

On a sunny Sunday afternoon a crowd of over 2,600 people gathered at the Renaissance Concourse Hotel for a magnificent interfaith program. It was SRO (standing room only) as a beaming Father Moon in the company of several ministers from different Christian denominations was warmly welcomed to the peachy state of Georgia.

Family renewal, racial reconciliation, and inter-religious cooperation were the themes.

After a brief reception with hors d'oeuvres, the master of ceremonies, Reverend Thomas Cutts, Regional Director of the American Family Coalition, began the formal program at around 3:30 p.m.

The Rev. Vernice Austin, Pastor of the Union City United Methodist Church, Union City, Georgia, offered the invocation.

Several choirs sang during the preliminary program and banquet. The Top Garden Academy choir, from Bayou la Batre, Alabama sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic and was directed by the Rev. Joshua Cotter.

The Cathedral of Divine Love Choir filled the hall with the Holy Spirit.

The Rev. Elay Kasongo led a Choir composed of black, white, and Asian singers from the Atlanta Family Church. There were also performances by a group of Japanese missionaries, the Southwest Congregational Church, the Welcome Grove Baptist Church, the Quality Living Services, Light of the World Ministries, and the Second Chance Gospel Ministry Choir from Mobile, Alabama directed by Evangelist Loretta Handy who sang a stirring original song.

Four preachers spoke before the keynote address; Bishop Jonathan Greer, Pastor of the Cathedral of Divine Love in Atlanta; the Rev. Connie Crawford Bansa, Pastor of the Church of the Living God of Chicago, Illinois; the Rev. Michael Jenkins, President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification; and the Rev. Jesse Edwards, Pastor of a

United Pentecostals Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Greer addressed the need for unity within the body of Christ, Rev. Bansa affirmed that "God has anointed the work of Father Moon, Rev. Jenkins shared the spirit and activities of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, and Rev. Edwards challenged everyone to look beyond their racial and denominational differences to work together to end racism and divorce.

Proclamations and congratulatory letters were received from Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor, Mayor Bill Campbell of Atlanta, Mayor P. Hillard of East Point, Mayor Burns of Stone Mountain, and from the counties of Clayton and DeKalb.

Rev. Charles Sanders, Pastor of the Southwest Congregational Church in Atlanta offered a prayer for unity.

State Senator Donzella James of the 35 Senate District of Georgia, formerly and quite familiarly, welcomed Father and Mother Moon to Atlanta.

Father Moon's keynote address began with impromptu remarks that lasted about an hour. He then read spiritedly from his text, inserting a few remarks here and there as Mr. Peter Kim gave simultaneous translation. Dr. Charles Carpenter, the Director of Pastoral Care at the Southern Regional Hospital in Atlanta, remarked that the speech was so fascinating that it felt like the two hours were only about forty minutes.

It was a deeply profound message. At one point, he asked which was more important "love", "life", or "lineage"? The audience answered "love", but Father Moon stated that lineage has the most value. He spoke about the Heart of God, and God's longing for grandchildren. He was drenched with sweat by the end.

Following the speech, Father and Mother Moon were presented with a beauti-

ful bouquet by Rev. Grafton Pressley and his wife, Carol Pressley. He is the retired Senior Pastor at the Decatur First United Methodist Church, and one time supervisor over the entire North Georgia dis-



trict.

Mr. Yong Sam Yang was presented an award for his work with young people, and for his facilitating racial reconciliation between the Korean and African American communities. Dr. Al Stewart the Founder and President of the Institute of the Christian World presented the award.

Plaques congratulating and saluting Father Moon and the tour were presented by two national Korean community leaders, Mr. Kyung Hwan Kim, the President of the Atlanta Korean Association, and Mr. Jun Shik Ru, the Vice President of the Korean Commercial Association of America.

Freedom, Faith and Family Awards were presented to five community leaders. The first was a posthumous award to the Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams for his risking his life in the Civil Rights Movement and for his continued work with the Hosea Feed the Hungry Program. The award was presented by Bishop Man Ho Kim, Southeast Regional Director of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and received by Mr. Cedrick

Shelton, Executive Director of the Jericho Road Project in Atlanta.

Mr. Jim Conway, the past President of the General Ray Davis Chapter of the Korean War Veterans received an award on behalf of Korean War Veterans. The award was presented by Dr. Chang Shik Yang, the North American Continental Director of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

Mr. Ed McAteer, the Founder and National President of the Religious Roundtable, received an award for bringing moral values to public policy and for promoting Christian and Jewish cooperation. It was his organization that galvanized the religious community around then-Governor Ronald Reagan as candidate for U.S. President. Mr. McAteer was also instrumental in the founding of the Moral Majority. He was presented his award by State Senator Donzella James.

Dr. Harris Travis and his wife, Mrs. Georgia Travis, received recognition for their 37 years of marriage and their ministry to young people and to couples. He is the Senior Pastor of the historic Zion Baptist Church in Marietta, Georgia.

State Representative Henrietta Turnquest, the Governor's Floor Leader, presented the award to the Dr. and Mrs. Travis. Several other presentations were also made in appreciation to Father and Mother Moon.

Father Moon himself then presented gold watches to Bishop Willie Malcom, Rev. Charles Carpenter, State Senator Donzella James, Rev. Charles Sanders, and Bishop Jonathan. A drawing for four more gold watches was then held.

Dr. Charles Carpenter, the Director of Pastoral Care at the Southern Regional Hospital, concluded the program by reading some passages from another of Father Moon's sermons, "In Search of the Origins of the Universe."

—Regional report ❖

Columbus OH—March 5

The city of Columbus truly discovered the Rev. Sun Myung Moon; the year 2001.

This ninth city in the national "We Will Stand" tour was warmly welcomed by 1400 plus native "Buckeyes" (Ohioans) who jammed the main ballroom of the Columbus Hilton.

A well attended VIP reception was held prior to the pre-program which began at 6:00 PM with an invocation given by Bishop Wilson Jemison, Pastor of the Church of the Living God.

A soulful musical selection followed, sung by the choir of the Church of Christ Apostolic Church.

Rev. Allan Roberts, pastor of St. James Pentecostal Church; Dr. William Craig, pastor of Christian Home Ministries Church, and Dr. Joseph Russell of Faith Ministries Church each gave a 3-minute inspirational presentation on topics in line with the theme of the tour — national unity and reconciliation, faith-based problem solving and character education. The Little Tigers demonstrated some martial arts moves and just prior to the entrance of emcee, Rev. Michael Jenkins, a few musical selections by the St. James Pentecostal Church and the Corner-

stone Pentecostal Church Choirs infused the atmosphere with holiness.

Rev. Jenkins remarks began with an explanation of the purpose, theme, and vision of the Tour. He was also very clearly proud of the tour torch bearer and main speaker, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. The invocation given by Bishop Fred Marshall, Vice-President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and pastor of the Free Baptist Church recalled the initial anointing of Father Moon, "a man still standing for what is right and who has never given up."

Proclamations were read from the Mayor's office, the African Peace Foundation and various ministers.

Dr. Hycel Taylor, originally from Columbus Ohio, now in Chicago, gave a powerful and moving presentation on why ministers of different faiths are standing together in these times and on this tour with Father Moon

Bishop Brehon Hall, pastor of the

New Psalmist Baptist Church from Toledo brought a busload of his own church members and gave a powerful testimony regarding his own experience with Father Moon.

Following the brief biographic video,



the guest of honor was welcomed warmly by the very attentive audience. Almost three quarters of the audience had never before seen or met Father Moon according to a query posed by him at the start.

Talk about an invitation to preach

to a preacher! Father Moon spoke about 2 hours, impromptu, and the crowd loved it. People clapped their hands and shouted "amen" several times throughout. The essence of his message seemed to be that "Now is the time for family not church". Overall, he truly struck a chord with everyone in attendance. His prepared speech was read after this, at 9:40PM.

There was also a second, brief reading, by Rev. Oscar Crawford of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church who himself had brought 150 guests.

As the evening drew to a reluctant close, Father Moon and Mrs. Moon, received gifts from the former President of Liberia and the Korea War Veterans Association.

Five gold watches, were awarded by Father Moon to five outstanding ministers and in addition there was a drawing for several more watches for all ministers in attendance.

Bishop Brehon Hall closed the program with a prayer.

—Regional report ❖

50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Houston Texas—March 6

The ministerial charisma and evangelical fire that have characterized his preaching for the past 55 years were still evident as Father Sun Myung Moon addressed the gathering at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 6, 2001.

The crowd of over 3,000 people was receptive and embracing as Father Moon stood in the pulpit and delivered his remarks regarding God's nature; humanity's condition resulting from the Fall of Adam and Eve; the lack of worthwhile leadership in professional clergy; and how the value of blood lineage exceeds the value of love and the value of life.

Getting to this moment, to this podium, at Pleasant Grove there had been at least one miracle in the process.

The congregation's pastor, the Reverend Charles Lewis (C. L.) Jackson, had agreed to host the event only 14 days earlier, on the night of February 20, 2001. That agreement had been obtained in response to a request by Reverend Curtis W. Walker of the Houston Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC). The request occurred at an evening ceremony held in honor of Rev. Jackson's wife, Mrs. Betty Jackson, First Lady of Pleasant Grove M. B. C. as he and Rev. Walker stood side by side.

The Houston Family Federation community had scrambled to secure a mega-church for more than three weeks. A 600-seat sanctuary, the Depnest Evangelistic Baptist Church, had been obtained, and its head, Pastor Ernest Williams, had said, "Reverend Moon is more than welcome to hold his event here. My church is his church."

Despite this humble and precious offer, a larger venue was needed and was also sought. Rev. Curtis' wife, Lori, in a dream, had already seen Pastor C. L. Jackson's sanctuary as the place God had chosen for the "We Will Stand" engagement. That inspiration led to the "chance" audience with Reverend C.L. Jackson. His acceptance and permission came with no hesitation whatsoever.

During the ensuing two weeks, C. L. Jackson continuously promoted "We Will Stand" to the congregants of Pleasant Grove, as well as to radio listeners throughout the Houston metroplex. He stood

firmly by his decision to be the host, and he defended Father Moon's right to believe and to teach whatever the Lord Jesus revealed to him to believe and to teach. Pastor Jackson's openness and his unwavering confidence were magnificent to



behold

C. L. Jackson and his 5000-seat, domed sanctuary are known all over Texas, throughout the United States, and around the world.

Outbursts of "Hallelujah!" and "Praise God!" reached the ceiling as the atmosphere was charged by energetic Gospel renditions from Ronnie McGee and the Baton Rouge Metro Mass Choir; from Houston's own Ms. Betty Washington; from Barbara Mitchell and Robert C. Wright of God's Properly; and from the Pleasant Grove M. B. C. Mass Choir.

Through the Reverend Jesse Edwards and Archbishop George Stallings, God spoke mightily His crusade message, which set the tone for the keynote to come. The vitality crackled through these two spiritual giants as their words rained like brimstone to warm the hearts of all who sat beneath the sound of their voices.

The array of Texas' congregational and social leaders who put their labor and sweat behind this effort included Rev. Rufus Kyles (COGIC); Rev. Charles Keys (Baptist); Minister Robert Muhammad (Nation of Islam); Dr. Bobby E. Mills (Dept. of Health; ICC Alumnus); Rev. C. J. Phillips (St. Phillips M. B. C., Dallas); and many others.

In the end, more than 20 congregations representing 8 denominations came

together to stand for faith and family.

Following Father Moon's keynote address, fire fell from Heaven as renowned Gospel artist Ms. Vickie Winans emblazoned our souls with her powerful and masterfully controlled singing voice.

This historically memorable event was concluded with an altar call by Auxiliary Bishop John Jackson. A mass of people came forward to pray that the Holy Spirit would, with authority, pour out upon America to anoint righteous leadership, to awaken our citizens, and to remove wickedness from our land.

Without a doubt, this is a new beginning, and the times of harvest and of jubilee have come upon us.

—Regional report

I spent three weeks helping in Houston for True Father's speech. I took all four of my kids with me.

The two boys (17 and 16) joined up with the second generation bus team lead by D.J. Brewer, our regions own 47-year-old teenager. She has a second gen. school - Family Federation Academy - and she mobilized all 15 of these kids. They handed out flyers by the 10's of thousands, literally, and stuffed 3 or 4 thousand invitation letters to ministers all over Houston.

They visited churches all Sunday long in groups...my son proudly proclaimed that he sat through 10 hours of church one Sunday. And finally they made hundreds of phone calls to ministers to see that they got, and READ, the letters we



had mailed out. My girls (15 and 9) helped in the center baby-sitting the 20 or more kids that came to the center so their parents could help with the speech in different ways. Rev. Mark Hernandez pulled the lions share of the weight. Doing graphics for the flyers, writing official letters and designing the programs as well as the jobs of finding a church, hotel, working with VIPs, inviting ministers, working with HQ and you-name-it.

Thank goodness Rev. John Jackson came down from Dallas to share the load with him. Also our regional director Rev. Jung and his family came...his older kids joined the rest of the second generation on the bus team. His wife was always taking our hands, sincerely loving us up while we took turns jumping from frying pan to fire and back again. There was a minister in Houston whom we expected would invite Father to use his church since he is a 120 minister who went to DC for the big inaugural conference and received the gold watch. He got cold feet so when I arrived from Oklahoma they were in the throws of looking for a new church.

One lovely minister offered without hesitation to invite Father to his church and his heart was beautiful and pure. He runs a homeless shelter and food kitchen for the poor and when we visit-

ed his church he was in the kitchen serving these lost souls himself. It seemed right to accept his offer even though the church wasn't perfect...a little small (around 500 to 700 seats) and a little run down. We tentatively accepted his generous offer but kept hoping for something really dignified and more befitting our Father. Through amazing miracles and the hard work of our Rev. Curtis Walker and his mile-a-minute wife, Lori, we got a beautiful church 11 days before TF's arrival.

Rev. Curtis and Lori were instrumental in the whole event. They, with their many past contacts and their good relationships among the clergy and civic leaders made some of the things we offered Father possible. And their ability to work hard with great faith was inspirational. Sometimes it was so intense. We were blessed to receive a CARP team of older second generation kids who joined up with our own younger bus team and were incredible, and a flock of J-missionary sisters who freed the English-speaking members to do visiting and phone calling by serving as servant of servants and keeping the place running physically.

Rev. Hernandez's lovely wife, Yuri, led the domestic team. With so few people doing so much, it's astounding that it came off well. TF seemed happy during his speech, but it is always a difficult job to cut through the spirit world every night in a new place. We didn't fill the place and I was so sad about this until I learned that Father had counted us a big success because of the heart of unity among us members and the good, open-minded ministers whom he met there. It was 1/2 to 3/4 full and, considering that the place holds 3500 comfortably and 5000 nicely packed, I think it was good.

The next day at Hoon Dok Hae True Father was beautiful. He was strong and healthy-looking. Speaking very deeply and lovingly to the 40 or so of us who were there. Now I am back in Oklahoma to help here to make Father's visit a joyful one. Arkansas and Louisiana need your prayers as they have so few members. Though Bruce Biggin has a good foundation in Arkansas, the 120 minister there also backed down in the face of negative press. Bruce got pneumonia as well but is now getting better. Please pray for these two states.

On the whole the press has been incredibly good. Nothing like the old days, thank God and TP's spiritual foundation. I'm off the Oklahoma City for the next 3 weeks so I'll be in touch after April 5. You can't imagine the miracles we have seen our beloved brother Jesus and spirit world perform. I urge everyone to offer help to your region or state to make a victory for this tour. The Christian ministers who respond are so kind and open. I know there is a lot of money involved and it seems as though some of these ministers are only there for that, but remember that every gold watch is one of Uncle Laban's goats and Esau will eventually be well and truly melted.

—Claire Bowles ❖



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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Minneapolis MN—March 8

The beautiful New Salem Missionary Baptist Church was filled to capacity with close to 1000 people as Father Moon and company brought the spirit and message of the "We Will Stand" tour to Minneapolis.

The event opened with the New Salem Baptist Church Choir.

Reverend Ford, an American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLCL) founding member gave the invocation.

Reverend Dr. Jerry McAfee, the host minister welcomed everyone proclaiming that "We welcome Father and Mother Moon and are honored to have them with us. We are Christians and we must come together and stay together." Rev. McAfee had never met either Father or Mother Moon.

Archbishop George Augustus Stallings of the Imani Temple in Washington, D.C. gave a stirring sermon to pave the way for the keynote address.

"I may be a Catholic but I am also a Baptist because I baptize, I'm a Church of God in Christ Minister because I am with the church of God that is in Christ Jesus, I'm Lutheran because I love Martin Luther. I am a member of the body of Christ.

"Father Moon is the anointed prophet that God has sent us to come together. God has raised up this mighty warrior

to lead us to the Kingdom Of God.

"Some have called Father Moon a cult leader, and I say to them, they said the same thing about Jesus.

"Some have said that he is a false prophet and I say to them this prophet gets a triple A rating from the clergy that know him. He is triple A; Anointed, Appointed and Approved by God."

A brief video introduction followed his remarks.

As it concluded and images of Dr. Joseph Paige shedding tears at the de-militarized zone which still separates North and South Korea, along with several pastors releasing doves there, began fading from the screen; at that very moment the Korean War Veterans of Minnesota Chapter #1 Honor Guard Procession hoisting the American flag, the Minnesota State Flag, and a Korean War Veteran banner led Father Moon and the host pastors to the front sanctuary of the church.

The congregation and visiting clergy all rose to their feet as this glorious procession entered. It was a powerful vision of pride and solemnity stirring all patriotic hearts.

Mr. Bob Pellow of the Minnesota Korean War Veterans played taps as those

gathered closed their eyes in memory of fallen warriors(both Korean and American) who had died in Korea.

Father Moon then came to the podium.



um. The atmosphere was electric. Suddenly, at 9:00 pm with about 20 minutes more to go, the lights went out. For 30 seconds there was panic. The microphones were out. You couldn't see anything. A transformer had blown plunging the whole neighborhood into darkness.

At first there was silence and then a young girl's scream. Some of the audience fled into the night. There was confusion and even despair until an usher

shone his flashlight upon the stage.

Father Moon was heard to say, "Please don't leave". Bishop Stallings also went out into the audience saying "Be at peace, God is in control."

As more flashlights surfaced and candles were lit, the stage was bright in the warm glow of candlelight. Large candelabras were placed behind the podium by Reverend McAfee.

Father Moon continued to read his message, injecting comments now and again as the remaining crowd moved up closer.

Shouting praises to God and His Word, many people stayed. It was truly moving. Some, moved by it all, began to cry. Nothing could stop the preacher or the message.

At the end many cheered for Father Moon...and themselves.

Rev. Harold White stated it well, saying, "We stood for what is right. We will stand with Father and Mother Moon. Through the midnight of darkness, God has brought Father and Mother Moon as a light to guide our way toward the Kingdom of God."

—Regional report ❖

Seattle WA—March 9

Seattle was at it's best on Friday, March 9th. Unlike the normal prodigious rainfall of this Pacific Northwestern seaport, this was an outpouring of faith, hope, love, and a focus on the family as presented by the "We Will Stand Tour" criss-crossing the whole of America in a fifty one day blitz.

Heavy Friday rush hour traffic was but a small obstacle for the hundreds of religious leaders and their flocks who filled the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center at SeaTac (Seattle/Tacoma) to participate in an evening of revival and restoration. Highlighting the program with his unique interfaith appeal was a keynote speech from 81 year "young" Rev. Sun Myung Moon, affectionately referred to as "Father Moon."

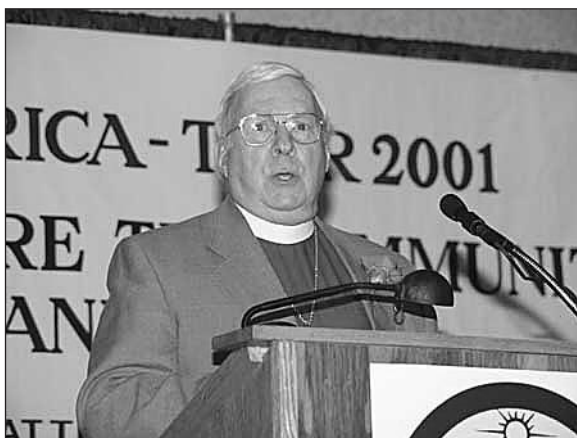
An early afternoon seminar conducted by Stephen Lazarus from the Center for Public Justice on the specifics of the Faith-based Initiatives programs proposed by the Bush Administration preceded the evening fellowship. According to Dr. David Burgess, the program coordinator, approximately 50 clergy and community leaders participated in the seminar.

These attendees were later joined by over 1200 other clergy, community leaders, congregation members, youth community volunteers, and faith oriented citizens in a celebration and revival of community spirit and commitment focused on the faith-centered family as the key building block to restore the community, society, nation, and world.

Michael Jenkins, President of the Family Federation for World Peace (FFWPU), noted during the afternoon press conference, "This is not a witnessing effort for any one particular

denomination, but a call for people to participate in the church of their choice. We need to unite together as a community of families of faith in order to restore the moral fiber of our nation as a whole. The beginning point of restoration must come from individual families, centered on God's ideal"

The mood for the evening was set beautifully by the Sun Hak Choir, an FFWPU choir of youth under the direction of Nancy Kubo and the Total Expe-



rience Choir directed by Pastor Pat Wright

Archbishop Delnier Tripp Robinson of the Anglican Church from Auburn, Washington, gave the invocation for the main program. In his prayer, he noted the significance of this time in human history and requested that God's blessing be upon us and the generations to come.

This was followed by proclamations from the Consul General of the Seychelles, the Seattle City Chamber of Commerce, Sen. Paul Shinn, King County Executive Ron Sims, and Seattle Mayor Paul Schell.

Archbishop Timothy Paul Baymon of

the Christian Orthodox Church of Springfield, Massachusetts and President of the World Bishop's Council served to introduce the keynote address by Father Moon.

Archbishop Baymon referenced the situation in Micah, Chapt. 7, when Micah felt a desperate need based on the universal problems of his time: Not many good men were left; Leaders were corrupt: People had no confidence; Parents and children were in conflict.

Archbishop Baymon noted the parallels to today's situation and expressed his confidence that just as God sent a message of guidance and hope in those days, God has also now raised up a man and a woman who are willing to stand to rebuild His ideal here on the Earth. He identified Father and Mother Moon as two chosen by God. Archbishop Baymon directed the audience to recall the words in Matthew 10, that those who stand will be despised and reviled by the masses. He then challenged the audience to stand to rebuild the family and go beyond doctrines of faith by working in the community, no matter what others may think.

Father Sun Myung Moon then presented the keynote address, "The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium" from a prepared text.

Some extemporaneous and inspired comments preceded his text. Addressing the over 100 Interfaith clergy and community leaders sitting in the first five rows of the audience, he began by asking them if they loved God. Following the resounding "Yes!" he asked them if they loved God. Responding to the silence, he noted that we hesitate to answer because we have heard about God, but we have not actually seen God nor spoken directly to Him.

"If we really love God, can we describe Him in detail? Do we love God's body? His heart? The essence of love which is the source of power in the universe? To what degree do we love God? In what context? Father Moon noted that people hesitate to specify an answer, but the truth is that we love God because of the unity of mind and body which comes from God.

"God cannot regain His lineage through free sex. God needs absolute sex! For this reason, the Messiah must come to establish True Parents". "I was told this secret by God. As a result: I began the holy wedding to begin to perpetuate families centered on true love, true life, and true lineage to gain back the generations for God.

"You may be angry at these words, but anger is not the answer. We must humble ourselves to receive these words. The ultimate goal of humanity is to build a true family centered on true love, true life, and true lineage."

At this point Father Moon noted that he had already spoken for an hour-longer than the speech he was scheduled to give! Although the speech itself lasted for another 90 minutes as Father Moon often enhanced the text with explanation and illustration, very few people in the audience left before the end.

The program ended with several gifts of appreciation to Father and Mother Moon from several groups in the audience. Several awards were also presented by the event committee to honor the "Hopes of the Future"-young people in the community who have volunteered their time and energy for those in need.

—Regional report ❖

50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Salt Lake City UT—March 10

The beautiful setting of Salt Lake City was the fourteenth stop of the "We Will Stand" non-stop express tour for family values and revival across America. It was a banquet-style event with around 600 people in attendance.

Entertainment was provided by the 40-person strong, Mountain West Chorale; The Goodman Family, a well-known Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints family of singers who gave a multi-media singing presentation; and the talented Seiko Lee, wife of the local Regional Director for the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU). The Goodmans are the pride of Utah and the LDS church as they have performed throughout the world with audiences that have included Pope John Paul II and the Queen of England.

As is well known, Salt Lake City is the center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) and there was much anticipation and even anxiety over the coming of "God's prophet." "Why is Rev. Moon coming to preach to us?" was a reported behind the scenes' comment of at least one Mormon leader or two.

All this apprehension was to be laid aside as Father and Mother Moon came and brought their unique expression

of love and respect for one of the world's great faiths as well as all faiths.

The opening prayer was given by Rev. Dr. David Randle, who works as president and executive director of the United Church of Christ Wellness Health and Lifestyle Education Center.

Two wonderful nationally known guest speakers, Dr. John Covey, Director of the Home and Family Division of the Utah based Franklin Covey Company and brother / partner of Steven Covey of "7 Habits" fame; and Dr. Robert Woodson, Sr., President of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprises and author of "The Triumphs of Joseph", preceded the keynote address.

Mr. Jon Covey, presented an excellent talk of "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families". He also recognized Father and Mother Moon for their effective work in the Family movement.

Dr. Robert Woodson gave a very stirring speech and

brought the audience together. He compared Father Moon to Joseph who, although he was imprisoned by his brothers and sold into slavery, came out as the leader of Egypt and the savior of his family. Father Moon has also been imprisoned falsely and yet has

used his suffering to deepen his experience with God and to become a truly great world religious leader.

Following their presentations, Sen-

ator Howard Stephenson, gave a most affectionate introduction to the keynote speaker. Senator Stephenson testified at how he had attended an American Leadership Conference (sponsored and founded by Father Moon) and was truly inspired. The Salt Lake City Tribune quoted him as saying that "As the LDS members go to General Conference once a year for inspiration and strengthening of faith", he felt that the "American Leadership Conference was like a General Conference for political leaders."

He was also quoted in the papers as saying, "In the LDS faith we have the Articles of Faith. Rev. Moon epitomizes someone who has lived the 13th Article of Faith, which states that one must be Honest, and True and Holy." He added, "In fact although Rev. Moon is not a member of the LDS religion he embodies this 13th Article so well that I would call him a real Latter Day Saint."

Father Sun Myung Moon received

a standing ovation as he entered the room. He had the audience laughing and applauding as he began his remarks,

and at one point commented that he felt very comfortable with everyone, although his message might make many uncomfortable. Father Moon spoke for over a half hour off-the-cuff in his introductory remarks, receiving much applause and attentive audi-

ence response.

A prepared text "The Path for American and Humanity in the New Millennium" being carried throughout the tour was then read with simultaneous translation by Mr. Peter Kim.

A dear "young" friend from bygone days, Dr. Cleon Skousen, 92, sat appreciatively in the audience and was recognized.

Finally, Father Moon received a special VIP invitation to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Radio Broadcast as well as a guided tour of the hallowed main Temple. Unfortunately he was not able to attend at this time as "he had to be about His Father's business" and was gone in a flash, headed west to Oregon.

—Regional report ♦



Portland OR—March 11

The "We Will Stand", the tour, swept into Portland, Oregon and the Doubletree Hotel, Jantzen Beach overlooking the majestic Columbia River with the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Never had this many ministers of different races and denominations gathered in one place in harmony," was the comment of a TV news reporter after the event. The banquet hall was bursting at the seams.

Reverend Williams of the A.M.E. Church in Portland gave the invocation.

A humble Jesuit priest, Father Ohno gave a beautiful reading noting the tradition in the Jesuit seminary of having readings during the meal. When he read the Beatitudes the room was completely still.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit... blessed are the peacemakers... blessed are those who are persecuted for my name's sake..."

During the meal there were also performances from the Unity Choir of the Cornerstone Community (Church of God in Christ) and Kids of the Kingdom, a youth dance group. A beautiful solo expressive worship dance was also performed prior to the keynote address.

There was such a wonderful mix of people in this "upper" room — white, black, red, and yellow. So many different denominations and faiths were

represented as well — Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran, Assembly of God, Church of God in Christ, Baptist, Methodist, Muslim, Buddhist, to name a few. Some participants were sent to the restaur-



ant for the meal because of the overflow, yet still the feeling was like one big family.

Reverend Leroy York gave a few remarks prior to the introduction to the main speaker for the evening.

Bishop Robinson, the Anglican Bishop gave a warm introduction to Father Moon which included praise for his unique teaching on lineage.

Father Sun Myung Moon then presented the keynote address, "The Path for America and Humanity in the New

Millennium" from a prepared text with Mr. Peter Kim giving fast-paced, simultaneous translation.

Even some people who were in the hotel for a different purpose heard talk of "God" and came into listen and observe.

The presentations after the speeches to Father and Mother Moon were quite original. A group of Native Americans gave them a 150 year old tomahawk, beautifully framed. The Korean War veterans presented a framed picture of the veterans' memorial that Mother Moon had supported at the time of her tour two years ago.

Gold watches were presented to Bishop Walter Scott and Bishop W.G. Hardy who had attended International Conferences of the Clergy (ICC) in the years

past, sponsored by Father Moon. The watches were given for their exemplary service to God and Humanity. Both have children in the ministry so the watches (and torch) will be passed on.

Bishop Hardy was wounded as a soldier in the Korean war and

can never forget how he was saved by three Korean women. They dragged his unconscious body into their house and put a mat over him. When the Chinese kicked in the door, they sat on him peeling onions. His encounter with Father and Mother Moon has deep meaning to him.

Gayokla, a Native American who had spoken at the Million Family March, orchestrated a beautiful bridge ceremony with white brothers and sisters in the audience. The Korean War veterans moved by the spirit of reconciliation, forgiveness, and love then also came on stage. It was truly amazing. They crossed over, hugged and walked down the steps hand in hand. Many of the Native Americans were dressed traditionally so it had an awesome, serious, and shocking feel to it.

This intimate and truly wonderful ecumenical, revival meeting ended with a great gospel group that had everyone on their feet.

No one wanted to go "home" even though the program was somewhat lengthy.

—Regional report ♦



50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Oakland CA—March 12

The "We Will Stand!" Banquet & Revival program at the Oakland Convention Center in downtown Oakland can only be described as "magical".

The Oakland Tribune's headline was "Rev. Moon Stirs Up Fans in Oakland" with a second proclaiming, "Moon: Man, Woman Only Half A Person". Across the bay, The San Francisco Chronicle reported 2000 religious leaders had jammed the Oakland Convention Center banquet hall, the headline blazing proudly, "In Oakland, Moon Stresses Family."

Prior to Father Moon's ascent to the stage, the audience enjoyed a chicken banquet with lively soulful selections from the Christian Fellowship Church Choir. Rev. Kevin Thompson, of the local Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) then introduced Rev. Michael Jenkins, President of the FFWPU as master of ceremonies.

Dr. William Perry, Pastor of Gospel Harvest Institutional Church of God in Christ, and a founding member of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLCL) gave the invocation. Rev. Jesse Edwards of the United Pentecostals of Philadelphia and Pastor Connie Crawford Bansa of Chicago, (both also members of ACLCL) gave rousing and eloquent statements on tearing down the walls between the races and



denominations and reaffirmed the tour themes of working together to rebuild and strengthen the family for the sake of this nation. Both testified that it is Father Moon who has been the catalyst and inspiration behind this "rebuild the family" movement.

After another lovely musical selection from a local trio, Southern Light, Rev. T.L. Barrett, Superintendent of the Church of Christ in Chicago, and co-convenor of the ACLCL, rose to the podium. In a powerful evangelical style, he praised Father Moon for his sacrifice and perseverance in the face of great persecution and misunderstanding to travel the 50 states promoting the family.

"This is a new millennium and it's time for a new message," he said, "and Rev. Moon is the man to give it."

After a brief biographical video, Rev. Jenkins introduced Father Moon to an enthusiastic ovation and welcome. Wasting no time, Father Moon, launched into an animated and impromptu talk about his joy at visiting the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Area again. "God intended men and women to be together as heterosexual pairs - man and woman together - he stated, and "there are many (here in the Bay Area) who do not accept the pair system for human beings."

One minister was heard to shout out "Preach Father Moon, Preach", during the course of these remarks.

After his extended impromptu speech, Father Moon then began to read "The Path for America and Humanity in the

New Millennium" in Korean, with simultaneous English translation by Mr. Peter Kim. Additional remarks were interjected throughout. It was hard for anyone to believe that here before them stood a man, 81 years....old.

In the end, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon (Mother Moon) joined her still beaming husband on stage and received flowers and gifts of appreciation with him. Gifts were presented by the ACLCL of No. California, the Inter-racial Sisterhood Project, the San Francisco Korean Seniors Association, and International Refugees Services, Inc.

Father and Mother Moon then presented gold watches to 3 area ministers for their outstanding work in the community. Several more gold (plated) watches were given to other deserving clergy. Five others from the general audience received a watch by lottery drawing as well.

The True Family Values Ministry of No. California also presented "Sacrificial Love & Service Award" plaques to four outstanding people from the area for their religious and/or community service.

Bishop Larry Magathen of the Church of God in Christ, another local ACLCL clergyman, gave the closing prayer.

—Regional report ❖



Chicago IL—February 28

The "We Will Stand" tour spread its strong embracing arms to the "City of Broad Shoulders" reaching the Life Center Church of God in Christ of Pastor T.L. Barrett on Chicago's South Side.

It was a cool Wednesday evening. The "We Will Stand Tour" was developed by Father Sun Myung Moon and other clergy members who wanted to "tear down the walls of racial and denominational divides." After October's Million Family March, sponsored by Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan, the interfaith group formed the American Clergy Leadership Conference and planned this national tour.

Starting Sunday in New York City, this was the fourth stop on the road of an amazing interfaith and revival crusade reaching out across the height and depth of America.

The pews were packed to the rafters with over 2,000 people in attendance.

Folding chairs lined the aisles and even the vestibule accommodated the standing room only crowd while more filled the basement fellowship hall and dining room.

Some outside in overcoats, despite the freezing Chicago winds, stood for awhile to at least peer through the glass windows and catch a glimpse or feel of this historic event.

Yellow school buses lined the streets outside the church for blocks.

Pastor T.L. Barrett welcomed everyone with grace and humor.



Pastor Howard Randolph in a statement to the assembled shared :

"As believers in the word of Christ, we must do all we can to rectify sin and misinformation that has spread in today's world. We must practice a color blind mentality when judging our fellow man. The family is the building block for all that is good."

Lillie Muhammad, chairwoman of the Council of Mothers, Nation of Islam, in remarks to the congregants said in part :

"The people of the world are indeed looking for guidance as the inevitable consequences of sin leave both men and nations in a state of despair. It is our duty as Christ-conscious citizens to awaken fallen humanity from the nightmare of violence, murder

and war, all of which resulted from Adam and Eve's refusal to practice the science of marriage."

The True Family Values Missionary Choir and the Voices of St. Mark Choir both gave musical performances that astounded the crowd.

A ten minute video presentation "We Will Stand" led into Father Sun Myung Moon's speech.

Father Moon spoke for an hour and a half.

His extemporaneous remarks were translated by Mr. Peter Kim.

It was like a "family night" and an entirely natural feeling permeated the atmosphere.

The audience responded enthusiastically.

"Who is the master of America?" Father Moon asked.



"It is neither white Americans or black Americans. The true master of America is the person who loves America as God does."

At one point, as Father Moon spoke regarding relationships between men and women, one young couple stood transfixed listening. The young woman tried to pull her boyfriend to leave, but he shook her off.

Father Moon then read from the prepared text, urging his listeners to make sure that they listened to the second speech as well because many points were very important.

Award plaques and gold watches from Christian Bernard Jewelers of Paris were awarded to three Chicago community leaders in recognition of their service to the community by Father and Mother Moon.

Flowers were presented and the chill over Chicago had all but disappeared.

—Regional report ❖

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by Nicholas Chisha

Zambia RYS's School for Children of AIDS Victims

The Religious Youth Service (RYS) and the International Relief and Friendship Project have been active in Zambia throughout the year putting together a variety of programs and projects. Among the most timely of these programs was the construction and opening of a primary school for children whose parents or guardians had recently died due to HIV/AIDS. This project was the 4th Africa Rising Project which is a part of the IIFWP's desire to promote among youth leaders and peace makers both intra-Africa and inter-continental cooperation.

The Zambian chapter of RYS decided to open a school because of the tragic reality that many innocent children in communities were losing all chance for a proper education because of the

The International Relief and Friendship Foundation (IRFF) and the RYS decided to team up and work with the local community so that a permanent structure could be raised. From December 15-21, an international team of fifty RYS volunteers that includ-



On arriving at the work site, the IRFF Field Director, Mr. Massimo Trombin heard about a senior teacher of the Orphan Schools who daily made a long and hard walk to reach the compound in order to be able to teach. Mr. Trombin then decided to donate a bicycle to the school to help this teacher and others. This gift was received with great joy among the school community.



by the city council. Work continued with the actual building of the classroom, an office and a storage room.

During the project a number of high officials came to the site including the mayor of the city of Ndola, the District Education Officer and several religious leaders. Knowing how the community longed for this school, they were impressed by all that IRFF and RYS could accomplish in such a short time and viewed the project as important for the future development of the community.

The District Education Officer was so happy with the work that he offered a full scholarship from the Ministry of Education to train one of the school teachers. This will be very valuable in lifting the quality of the education offered at the school.

The result of this year's combined RYS and IRFF effort is that the children will get an opportunity to learn and receive an education that can help them rise above the misery of subsistence living. No longer will classes need see **ZAMBIA** on page 16

desperate situation of poverty that orphans face.

The school for the orphan children was started by the local community before any actual building was constructed. Local children began to gather for lessons under the shade of trees and in other make-shift situations. Naturally, heavy rainfall and other situations arose to make it difficult to have regular instruction. For this reason the community sought to have a permanent structure constructed to fill the need.

ed Zambian youth leaders from various religions went to Ndola City to help in construct a new school building. During their stay, each of the volunteers worked hard to give substance to the dream of the communities children.

Throughout the work, RYS participants were joined by many community volunteers as they labored together. The work began with the clearing of the plot of land that had been allocated for the school



The IRFF at work in Hungary

by John Gehring

IRFF has officially been registered in Hungary this year and is now undertaking its official work yet the foundation of the IRFF began in Hungary a decade ago with international cooperative efforts with the Religious Youth Service (RYS) and the Forum Ost. Some of the past projects which IRFF was involved in include the building of a Peace Garden at the Orphans Village in Fut, constructing a shelter in Pec for battered women and building a shelter for homeless men. In Tatabanya, five schools had volunteers work on both construction and restoration projects.

The IRFF Hungary chapter was officially introduced and registered on October 14-15 in Budapest and on November 10th in the city of Pécs. Pécs is currently serving as the national headquarters of IRFF. On December 3rd as part of the IIFWP sponsored conference on the theme: "Implementing the Culture of Peace: Universal Human

Values and Community Service" in Debrecen and Budapest the IRFF made presentations concerning its international work and its recent environmental project..

IRFF is concerned with creating a safe and healthy environment for future generations and in many nations this is a pressing issue. In Budapest, the IRFF helped organize and recruit volunteer workers on a one day cooperative program with the Green Future Association.

This program began on Saturday morning with a presentation by Mr. Massimo Trombin, the IRFF Director of Field Operations. He spoke to the volunteers and gave an introduction to help the listeners understand more clearly how to work cooperatively and organize meaningful programs. Among the questions that volunteers discussed

were: "What does it mean to work in a team?", "What does peace mean for you?"

Participants engaged in lively discussions in small teams and gave reports of their opinions. This provided a foundation for greater trust and helped prepare the volunteers for the task ahead. Ferenc Kecskés, a biologist and botanist gave a view of the work of Green Future Association and he also explained the flora and fauna of the Tétényi area and shared why it is currently a protected area.

Following an afternoon slide presentation as an introduction to the IRFF, Ms. Erzsébet Tomka, a photo artist's, showed an exhibition concerning this year's IRFF project in Uganda in which she took part. A common dinner concluded the evening a common dinner.

On Sunday morning at 9.30 the volunteers arrived at the Tétényi Plain Research House and were they meet by Péter Mészáros and Ferenc Kecskés the Presidents of Green Future who

were active in organizing the work of the volunteers. Students from a local primary school joined in the work which was to clean one section of the Tétényi Plain of the species do not naturally belong to this area.

With a variety of tools in hand the volunteers went after the plants that the botanist directed with the words, "these have to go". The work lasted all morning and into the afternoon with axes swinging, shovels digging and paths protected from intruding cars and bicycles. Even with a short work period a huge area was cleared and we felt that we had achieved our goals.

The program concluded with a time for reflection and sharing our experiences along with a time for celebrating with a pizza-party. Education, training, environmental work, fun, sharing and friendship; surely this was a very special weekend for all. ❖



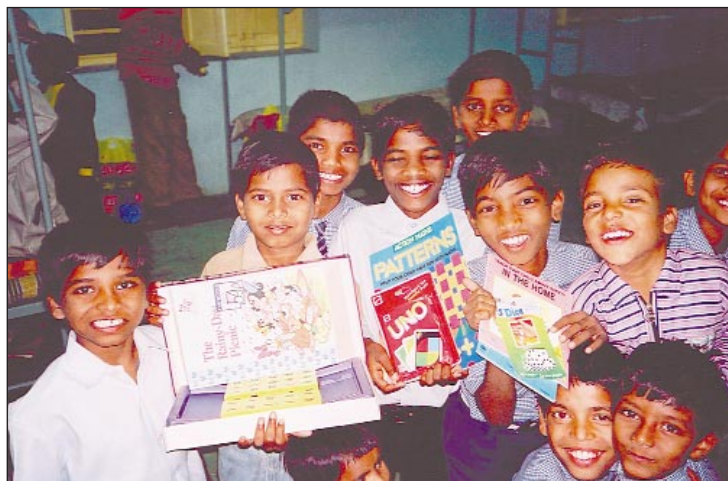
by Dr. David Earle
—Birmingham, UK

The Substance of Peace: RYS and India's Interfaith Orphanage

From December 5th -16th, 2000, Dr. David Earle, project coordinator of the Religious Youth Service (RYS) traveled to Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh (South India) to visit an Interfaith Children's Home which has been established there with a large measure of help and support from the people of Birmingham. Currently, 23 orphaned and semi-orphaned children, all from the Dalit or so-called 'Untouchable' community and from Hindu, Muslim and Christian backgrounds, are being cared



Legislative Assembly who represents the Anglo-Indian community in Andhra Pradesh, and Mr. C Dautunga, State Commissioner for Juvenile Homes, have given invaluable support from the outset. More recently, on David's latest visit in December, one of the ruling party's (Telugu Desam) seven cabinet ministers, Hon Vijaya Rama Rao, Minister for Roads, Buildings and Ports paid a one hour visit to the Children's Home to officially open it, present gifts to all the children and address the 100 members of the local community who had gathered for the occasion. This was no small thing from the minister's side, as there had been a car bomb assassination of one high-level government official one week earlier, and all VIP's are currently considered targets by a Marxist-oriented group (Naxalites) who are trying to use violence to pursue their political aims. It was wonderful to see the top and bottom of Indian society coming together as the children came forward one-by-one



for and provided with an educational opportunity which would otherwise be denied them. The project is a pioneering cooperative venture between people of different faiths and castes, and is attempting to make a con-

'untouchable' from Andhra Pradesh while on a study visit to United College of the Ascension in the Selly Oak Colleges. He invited David and Patricia Earle to visit rural communities of the untouchables in remote parts of Andhra Pradesh in February of 1998, and out of that visit the idea of this project for Communal Harmony was born.

Development. During the last two and a half years, a wide variety of individuals and organizations have donated money to fund the project. Donations have come from Hindu temples, Christian churches, a Jewish synagogue, Muslim and Buddhist families, from Sikh men and women in the business community—fusing together the collective goodness of so many people. The building work began in December 1998, when a Religious Youth Service project brought 36 young people together, 18 from India and 18 from ten other countries to begin digging the foundations—quite literally—for the Children's Home. It was a sight to behold! Since that time, the building work has gone on steadily to the point where, in June 2000, children began to arrive



to receive a gift from Mr. Rama Rao, for some of the children the first time in their life to have such an experience.

Future. In addition to maintaining the progress of the Home and children, during the next year we hope to take the project to another level by raising the money to build some simple guest accommodation which will provide an opportunity for young people to go to Hyderabad, spend several weeks with the children, help at the local school, visit other local institutions, do some sight-seeing, etc, and generally experience life in another culture. Perhaps this building work could be the focus for another RYS project there.

If you know of anyone who would like to be involved in this kind of activity, please let David Earle know!

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tribution to the search for true 'Communal Harmony' in India.

Background. The origins of the Children's Home lie in Birmingham, where interfaith dialogue and action have been developed by a number of organizations and individuals in recent years. The RYS carried out two very successful service projects in the inner-city districts of Saltley, Nechells and Small Heath in August/September 1996 and September 1997, working in cooperation with CSV Environment, Urban Renewal and Focus Housing Association. Also, committed women from many national, religious and cultural backgrounds have been meeting, discussing and sharing together every month during the past seven years at meetings organized by the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP).

This work was discovered by a Rev Wilson Singham, himself an

Ministerial visit. The project has been able to develop, overcoming many difficulties along the way, because of strong support from certain key people in Hyderabad. In particular, Ms Della Godfrey MLA, a member of the



The 12th *As Friends Project* (Asian Friendship and Service Project) will take place in Sri Lanka on April 16-21 in Sri Lanka. This project will have a village level service project but will also work to promote and contribute to providing an environment for dialogue and friendship among the various ethnic and culture peoples of the island nation.

The project site will be in the Gampaha District which is 20km. (12 miles) away from Colombo and RYS and IRFF will work with staff and volunteers from the Sarvodaya movement. The work involves building of an extension to a preschool in a village of poor low-caste people and renovation work of a Buddhist temple which includes cleaning and painting in the same premises.

RYS Sri Lanka expects 40-50 youth participants from home and abroad for this project. It is expected to visit a few religious places of importance and an unique place of Sri Lankan ancient tra-

Upcoming Projects of RYS

participants when they arrive an take them to the orientation.

ditions during the project.

Last years project in Sri Lanka was completed with the cooperation of the Lions Club and the IRFF. At that time participants constructed a one room school and created a school playground for village children.

The project fee is \$ 100. This will cover your room and board and program expenses. For those in developing nations the fee will be greatly discounted.

The 2nd Regional Alumni Service Leadership Training session will be held from 21-23 April in a beautiful site for about 20 selected participants.

Alumni training fee will be US \$ 50 per person.

For on site information please contact Mr. Ravi Galhena at: For an application please contact the RYS headquarters at: jygehring@aol.com

This Summer we have two major projects that will involve volunteers.

On June 16-29 the 8th Friendship America's Project will take place in Guatemala with the support of RYS volunteers. Volunteers will be spending a substantial part of their time helping with the construction and restoration of two medical clinics in the rural area. The orientation will take place in Guatemala City.

The Guatemala project will be open to both English and Spanish speaking participants. Travel needs to be covered by participants. A fee of \$ 350 is asked but scholarships are available for those in developing nations.

Last year a team of eighty volunteers from fourteen nations helped with widening a local room and constructing the beginnings of a school for newly settled migrants.

From Aug 9-22 the 5th Africa Rising Project will take place in Kenya where RYS and the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) will help construct a new medical clinic.

In both projects their will be programs of cultural and educational exchange as well as great opportunities to have experiences with the local community.

The cost of this project is \$ 350 which includes room, board and local programs. All participants are expected to cover their own air fare. On all projects, when informed, we will meet

To understand more clearly about the purpose of these projects please review the RYS Goals and Vision found at the RYS website. (www.rys.net)

Those candidates who would like to participate can receive an application form the RYS office at jygehring@aol.com.

IRFF and the RYS will sponsor the service and education project under the theme:

Culture of Peace 2001: Youth, Volunteers and Environment

The year 2001 has been designated the "Year of the Volunteer" by the United Nations. The IRFF is promoting an international service project with the cooperation with RYS and the Mayor of Vlone, Albania. Forty international volunteers will join in a project that will include an environmental element and a strong public service aspect.

The work aspect of the program will be a combination of tree planting and landscaping and improving a public playground in the City of Vlone.

The project will be near the Southern Coast of Albania and have participants from various faiths including; Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Unification.

We are welcoming potential participants to apply.

For more information and applications please contact RYS or the IRFF email address at: Irrf.Trombin@vil-lage.uunet.lu ♦

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to be held under a tree or be canceled on account of the rain! The IRFF and RYS have the hope to work with this community to help it reach a level where they will have a full school and clinic functioning.

Additional Activities in Zambia In an effort to provide positive activities for at risk youth, the RYS has formed a football club for youth under the age of twenty. The club provides an opportu-

nity for young people to form friendships, enjoy themselves, and develop physically while learning the value of team work and cooperation. The club also has activities that work to promote the value of community service and sportsmanship.

In addition, a very active Chess Club has been formed for youth under the age of eighteen. Both clubs are examples of the practical outreach that the IIFWP is actively promoting.

Nicholas Chisha :is the co-ordinator of RYS/IRFF in Zambia. ♦

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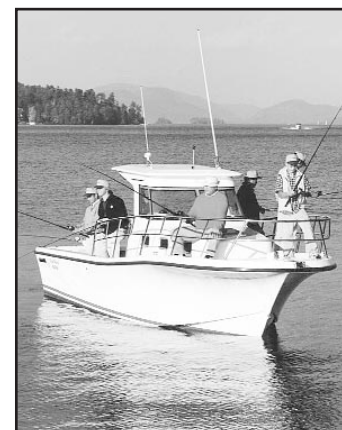


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The Kingdom of Heaven: Who Will Enter It and How Will They Get There?

by Reverend Sun Myun Moon

This is Closing Banquet Address at the 7th World Culture and Sports Festival, January 29, 2001, The New York Hilton, New York City.

I would like to give you world leaders a precious gift in words this evening. I speak from the truth found through immense suffering on a journey begun in my youth. This journey has brought me to the boundless world of Heaven. Tonight I will speak about the principles of the spirit world that we enter after death, a world no one can ignore. I would also like to introduce some aspects of life in the Kingdom of Heaven, the realm everyone desperately wants to enter. As a result of the Fall, the first human ancestors could not wed each other with God's blessing. They fell while they were still growing up, by disobeying God and committing adultery with Satan. Satan became an adulterer, and our problem lies in the fact that they inherited Satan's blood lineage.

According to the principles of creation, man is to enter the Kingdom of Heaven after he lives the life of the Kingdom of God on Earth.

We live the Kingdom life on Earth through establishing the unity of mind and body, the unity of husband and wife and the unity of children. By inheriting God's lineage, we were supposed to connect this directly to the spirit world. How?

The very moment a true bridegroom makes love with his true bride for the first time is the moment that the perfection of husband and wife is achieved. The palace of love on Earth, that is the center of Heaven and Earth, begins in that first moment of making love. Through this love, the original place (palace?) of love is created for the first time. The life and blood lineage of humankind begin from that point of love. From the same point, a nation is born. The veritable Kingdom of God in Heaven and on Earth too begins with the opening of that door of first love.

When a man and a woman become one through love and create children, they substantiate the invisible God in visible form. Love is the power that can combine and commingle blood. Then what is the axis for this mixing of blood? It is the place in which the love organs of husband and wife meet and make the first love. That is a power station, the very plant for the generation of the power of true love, the power of true life, the power of true lineage, the power for the Kingdom of God on Earth through the true family, and the power for the Kingdom of God in Heaven. Thus, the wedding of Adam and Eve, who were in the position of God's substantial object partners, would have been God's wedding. They would have brought God's liberation and freedom, and God Himself would have sung and danced.

Knowing this should fill us with awe and terror over the holiness of the first love. When the first love is corrupted, we destroy the palace of love, the palace of life, the palace of lineage and everything that was to have blossomed forth. This is the dreadful reality of the Fall. Through it we lost the Kingdom of God in Heaven and on Earth. Heaven and Earth turned into Hell. Throughout history, man's love organ has symbolized the

worst of slander and curses, because it destroyed Heaven and Earth. God's ideal of love was to have settled perfectly beginning at the place of first love, through the marriage of the man's love organ and the woman's love organ. That point, centering on man-woman love, establishes the perfected object partner of God. That point is the nucleus of the universe. If

the service of God as our King and Master. We can enter there, but only as families.

The ultimate ideal of all living beings is to become the object partner of God's true love and live with God. To ascend to a higher place in Heaven, live as God lives, investing your life for the sake of others. The one who sacrifices himself

responsibility, God did not intervene directly to rectify their mistake. For that reason, we find in history that the Lord has appeared as the second Adam and the third Adam, in order to indemnify the mistake of the first Adam and perfect the ideal of true parenthood. In this way, everything should be restored. Until then, God waits anxiously. This is the real story behind history: it was a providence of restoration to liberate God's aching heart.

I have done my absolute best to fulfill the mission of True Parents. I paid no attention whatsoever to my welfare or status. To build a church was not even my goal. I had but one goal: to walk all the way to liberate God's heart from pain and help Him realize His wish. In other

words, I have invested myself totally to set God free from agony, to establish Him as the Lord of the universe, and to set the foundation for humankind to serve Him as the King of the cosmos.

Do you think that this task is easy? I had to make Satan surrender both in Heaven and on Earth. I had to tear down all the walls and even bring Hell to an end. We cannot liberate God's heart through true love unless we prepare all people on Earth and in the spirit world to receive God's blessing in freedom. Satan has to recognize this work officially, and it has to accord with the law of the universe. Satan has enjoyed his ruling power over nations in this world. Therefore, we are challenged to set conditions through victories that transcend nations and the world itself.

This is a day to rejoice. I have set these conditions and on the 13th day of January this year, I held the coronation ceremony for the Kingship of God in Korea. That was the greatest day of celebration in all human history. We liberated God's heart for the first time. He could start His new history based on the might and power of true love. This is the dawn of the new age, in which humankind in Heaven and on Earth can attend the liberated God in gratitude. From now we will easily witness the living God and often notice helping hands from the spirit world.

I urge you to study about the spirit world with greater eagerness and to receive the God-centered blessing so that you can build a true family. I also encourage you to prepare for your eternal life through living unselfishly. The time has come that people who work hard will feel the hand of Heavenly fortune, with which the limited power of human beings cannot compare. Those who live the life of a filial child, a patriot, a saint and a divine son or daughter before the living God, with a humble and self-effacing attitude, are the most fortunate. At the advent of the era of God's Kingship, I pray that you will promote God's Kingship. May we work in partnership to build the world of heart and culture transcending nations. ❖



the axis connecting God with the love organs of man and woman is broken, the entire universe shatters.

Since the marriage of man and woman is the original spring of love, it becomes the original palace of love, the original palace of life and the original palace of lineage. Our longing for freedom and happiness springs from there. What's more, all individuals, families, tribes and peoples originate there. The foundation for peace and the Kingdom of God in Heaven and on Earth take root in love. Through the union the love organs, man and woman are blended completely. This love relationship produces the fruit of good or of evil. We must comprehend the infinite value of our love organs. The way of Heaven teaches us that whether we are a man or a woman, we must never misuse them.

Incited by Satan's false love, Adam and Eve committed adultery and became a false couple. As false parents they formed a false family and transmitted sin to their children. The providence of salvation is a providence of restoration. We have to root out that very mistake of misusing love and restore true love. Through God's true love, the restored Adam should take the true parents' position and engraft humankind to himself. A man and woman perfected through true love shall establish a true family with God's blessing.

Man is to build an ideal family and perfect his spirit self while living on Earth. We then enter Heaven in the spirit world. Our original hometown is the Kingdom of God in Heaven, where our spirit lives in God's love for eternity. The Fall closed our spiritual senses. This is why we do not know about our spirit self or about Heaven in the spirit world. Unlike animals, we possess a spirit self. We should know about the world of Heaven that we inevitably will enter. The family is the school, the training center in which we can perfect our heart. Family life guides us to master ourselves for the sake of sharing love with others. Thus, the family is the base upon which we can build the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of Heaven is where we are intoxicated in

for the sake of his family, his family for the sake of his tribe, his tribe for his nation, his nation for the world, the world for Heaven and Earth, and Heaven and Earth for the sake of God, is the closest one to God. He or she will stand as the object partner of God's true love. God, the Creator of the universe, has been sacrificing Himself for the sake of the universe more than anyone. Thus, to encounter Him and live with Him, we need training through a true love life, a life lived for the sake of others. Although God is the King of knowledge, the King of power and the King of wealth, He does not ask us to bring Him those things. God is waiting for the one who lives for the sake others in the spirit of true love here on Earth!

Many people rattle off words about God's absoluteness, omnipotence and glory. Nonetheless, through my lifelong search for truth, I have found that to be way off the mark. God lost His loving children as a result of the first ancestors' Fall. If your children are imprisoned, can you live in glory? God's heart is in the deepest pain. What's more, God had to give Satan the beautiful creation that He made for His children. From the moment He lost His object partner of love, the God of true love became the God of loneliness. God was never in the position to exercise His power as the Lord of the universe. God never had the chance to display His authority as the Creator of all things. Meanwhile, fallen people often boast of themselves for nothing. Even though He is the owner of all that has breath, God was never able to reveal His pride. Being the author of the principles that guide the universe, how can God move freely in the fallen world, the world of non-principle? Humankind, living with all degrees of distrust and disobedience, even ignore God and mock God as non-existent and dead. God has endured this long history in a heart of agony. Truly, His waiting has seemed endless.

This tragedy transpired because Adam and Eve fell while they were growing up, and became false parents. Out of profound respect for their freedom and

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Quayle, and Dr. Wally N'Dow, Secretary General of WANGO.

Vice President Quayle called on the world leaders to "rededicate ourselves to our families, to the values that make our families strong, to involving ourselves in the community so we can achieve world peace." He said, "Let us refer to this UN meeting as the chapel of world peace."

United Nations Headquarters

On Jan. 27, the venue changed to the United Nations headquarters. The dignified surroundings created a fitting stage for the august gathering of international delegates. The conference co-sponsors welcomed the participants, including: Amb. Nejad Hosseinian, Mission of Iran; Amb. Hussein Hassouna, League of Arab States; Amb. Rashid Alimov, Mission of Tajikistan; Amb. Mokhtar Lamani, Organization of the Islamic Conference to the UN; and Amb. Makarim Wibisono, Mission of Indonesia. The session moderator was Tajeldin Hamad, organizing co-chair of the Convocation of World Leaders.

After a break, the morning session continued with remarks by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman, WCSF; Nobel peace prize laureate and leader of the Solidarity Movement, H.E. Lech Walesa, former president of Poland; H.E. Azali Assoumani, current president of Comoros; Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, co-founder of WCSF; and Mr. Ridha Bouabid, Office of the International Organization of la Francophonie to the UN.

President Walesa, a father of eight children, spoke passionately about the importance of family, human rights, democracy, and reminded the participants to be ever vigilant against totalitarianism and the protection of our civil freedoms. A great bonus for the

session was the presence of the current president of Comoros who warmly embraced everyone. As a sitting head of state, there was added security in the building, but it was Rev. Moon, founder of IIFWP, who really set the tone for the entire event with his landmark message.

"We are meeting in the United Nations,"



said Rev. Moon, "which was established as a temple of peace. We must all do everything we can to support the United Nations, so that it can be a true instrument of peace that fulfills its founding spirit. Humanity is at a time when we must give priority to the common good that transcends nations. Not only government institutions but also non-governmental organizations of each country must participate in the effort for true love and true families. Otherwise, we cannot bring about world peace. I would like to ask you to take active part in the true love movement of seeking to live for others and the true family movement so that we may build a new world with a culture of heart."

After a break, the next session was chaired by Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer, former governor general of

Canada, and continued the discussion on, "The Family, Universal Values and the UN." Panelists included: H.E. Luis A. Lacalle, former president of Uruguay; H.E. Jacob Nena, former president of Micronesia; and the Rt. Hon. Lloyd Sandiford, former prime minister of Barbados.

World Peace Blessing

After lunch, the "world peace blessing" began precisely at 2:30 p.m. and featured 210 couples petitioning the world leaders to affirm the profound significance of families as a universal value in their respective nations. Congratulatory remarks were given by current Comoros President Assoumani Azali; former Guyanese prime minister Hamilton Green; and former Micronesian president Jacob Nena. Rev. and Mrs. Moon wore beautiful robes patterned after the royal garb in ancient traditional Korean history.

The Hon. Hamilton Green, current mayor of Georgetown, Guyana said, "We gather here for the noblest of causes, to pray and plead at this highest international forum and building for global decision makers to guide us to the boundaries of light and a better world in the 21st century for the delightful, charming, intelligent, and courageous

young people we see assembled in this place."

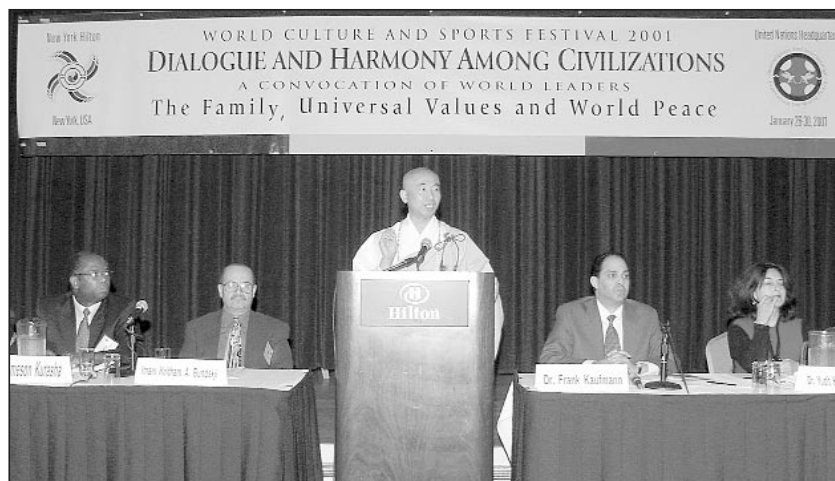
Former President Nena said, "as the leaders of the future of your nations, we congratulate you on your commitment to renew your vows to your spouses. One of the responsibilities as young couples and leaders of the future is to lay the foundation of your children in your family. Your qualities of leadership and your commitment to your partner will be blessed by the good Lord."

Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr., Life Center Church of God in Christ in Chicago asked the spiritual leaders attending to stretch forth their hands and bless the couples. "We thank you, dear Creator," he said, "supplier and sustainer of the universe for allowing us to come together from many different countries and cultures to engage in sincere, creative dialogue on our one point common agenda, and that one point agenda is world peace...we ask your blessing upon these couples who lives will be eternally blessed."

Others leaders in attendance included: Rabbi Izhak Bar-Dea, chief rabbi, Ramat-Gan, Israel; H.H. Devendra Kirthi Bhattacharjji, president, Jain Digamber Jain Muth, Humberja, Karnataka, India; Khamba Lama Dambajav, Khamba Lama, Tashi Choe Ling Monastery, member of council of religious affairs under president of Mongolia; Rabbi Erno Lazarovits, director of foreign relations, Central Board of the Federation of Jewish Communities, Hungary; His Eminence Sheikh Al-Amin Osman, Mufti, State of Eritrea; Amb. J. Reuben Silberbird, ambassador, Indian Village of Europe, Austria; Singh Sahib Bhai Manjit Singh, Jathedar, Takhat Sri Kesgarh Sahib, Anandpur Sagib, India; and Dr. Billy McCormack, pastor, University Worship Center, founding board member of the Christian Coalition.

The Blessing was particularly exciting. All of the couples were dressed in their colorful national and ethnic dress. The assembly room was

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WANGO and the Center for the Global South (American University) convened sessions at the UN and the New York Hilton simultaneous with the Convocation of World Leaders.

Session 1: "Dialogue Among Civilizations: The Role of NGOs." Speakers included Dr. Wally N'Dow; Dr. Sulayman Nyang, Howard University; Dr. Nicholas Kittrie, Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Justice and Peace; Clovis Maksoud, American University; Prof. Roger Millet, Webforce International; and Dr. J.J. Hurtak, Academy of Future Science. Prof. Albert G. Milbank, professor of international law at Princeton chaired the session.

Session 2: "Olympic Youth Leadership: The Bridge to the Future of Dialogue and Democracy." Mr. Richard Jordan was the moderator. Panelists included: Dr. David Randle, director of WHALE Center; Monica Willard, Path-

ways to Peace; Dr. Nikos Sioglou, Aristotelion of Italy; Eleni Siamatra, Aristotelion of Greece; and Prof. Ian Hall, Bloomsbury International Society.

Session 3: "Dialogue Among Civilizations: The Role of NGOs." Dr. Cheryl Lau, former Secretary of State, the State of Nevada was the moderator. Panelists included, Amb. Alioune Sene, Geneva; Under Kirdar, former senior advisor to UNDP administrator; Dr. Kathryn Williams, FKRW International; and Dr. Farouk Mawlawi, former chief, DPI/NGO Unit, UN Headquarters.

Session 4: "Democracy, Development and World Peace: Can We Achieve a Workable 21st Century." Panelists included: Mr. Rodney Henderon, director of humanitarian relations, Inter-

national Space Sciences Organization; D. Funmi Olonisakin, office of the social representative of the secretary general for children in armed conflict; Prof. Hans Peer Duerr, former director, Max Plack Institute of Physics; and Dr. Jean Krasnow, executive director, Academic Council for the UN, Yale University.

Session 5: "Information Technology at the Service of Human Development and World Peace." Mr. Jerry Glenn, executive director, American Council for the United Nations University was the moderator. Speakers included: Joe Firmage, CEO, Project Voyager; Hans Peter Duerr, Max Planck Institute of Physics; and Dr. Shalini Venturelli, associate professor of communication policy, American University.

Session 6: "Towards a New Global Compact for Africa? New Ideas, New Concepts." Amb. Mustapha Tlili, senior fellow, World Policy Institute, New York was the moderator. Panelists included, Ruth Engo, African Action on AIDS; Prof. Ian Hall, Bloomsbury International Society; and Prof. Solo Dowuona-Hammond, New York University.

Session 7: "Science and Spirituality in the New Age: Conflict or Convergence?" The panelists included, D. J.J. Hutak, Academy of Future Science; Gloria Firmage, National Space Sciences Organization; and Audrey Kitagawa, advisor to the special representative of the secretary general on children and armed conflict. ❖

World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO)

The Significance of the WCSF

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

An excerpt from a report given Sunday February 11, 2001 at the Korean National HQ

True Father has been preparing for this World Culture Sports Festival and blessing his whole life. Interreligious International Federation for World Peace was founded for teaching God's words universally. The existing governments cannot solve the global problems by themselves.

The new tradition of International Hoon Dok Seminar started. 200 to 300 religious and political leaders attended. We can now realize peace of human beings and reconciliation between religions.

The mission of the UN to realize peace has changed as time went by. There was an ideological antagonism between theism and atheism and the threat of nuclear war had to be addressed. Then, globalization time came, and the informational revolution occurred. There was much opposition to circumstances such as poverty and women's liberation.

Finally there is the clash between cultures. This clash is far more violent than that of politics. In this way the mission of the UN has changed.

TM gave a speech in the UN in 1996, and a full-scale leadership started at

Assembly 2000 in August 2000. At that time TP gave a keynote address. Mr. Heath, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the former Presidents of Costa Rica, Africa, and so on attended the meeting.

After that the UN assembly was held in October. The UN is slow to work, and needs complicated preparation before acting. When we held WANGO meeting, many NGOs attended.

We have already completed the education of leaders of more than 190 nations. We can contribute to the creation of peace and new culture by the method which the UN cannot do. The guests of the UN blessing consisted of Prime Ministers and Presidents, the leaders of Mongolia and the Marshall Islands, etc. People from 191 nations gathered and did Hoon Dok Hae.

The President of Kenya paid his respects to True Father. The leaders of Nigeria and Estonia attended. Many incumbent presidents attended the meeting being accompanied by their followers, and signed the blessing appli-

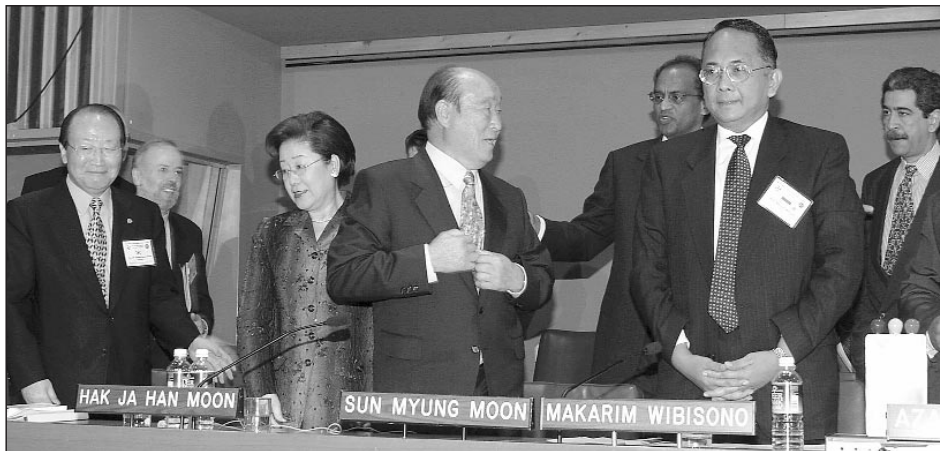
cation. There were 650 attendees this time. This meeting was named "World Peace Blessing," not the usual meeting. The theme was "Dialogue and Har-

mony of Cultures." It is difficult to make harmony between cultures, so dialogue is necessary. It is possible only for True Parents to attain this. The blessing ceremony was also held as the practice of dialogue and harmony of cultures.

Ethnic costumes are the symbol of the cultures. 210 couples attended the UN blessing. We emphasized that man and woman build the ideal family paying attention not to be criticized by the secular world. Congratulatory speech was changed to the keynote address of the incumbent president to make the blessing an event of World Peace.

True Parents were proud of the coronation ceremony of God's Kingship in front of many Prime Ministers. We also have to be proud of it wherever we go. Who liberates God? Who is full of pain? 4 Saints attended the ceremony in the spiritual world, and in the physical world 4 representatives bowed to God and True Parents unconditionally.

The UN blessing was held on 1/27, that is the 14th day after the coronation ceremony of God's Kingship on 1/13. 12 religious representatives attended the UN blessing. Religion represents past, political leaders represents present, and 210 couples represent future. The representatives of past, present and future gathered in one place. The representatives of 191 nations would attend the UN blessing, but due to visa problems they came from 136 nations. The representatives of Islam, Christianity and Buddhism gave a speech. In their speech they expressed how much Rev. Moon surprised them. The age of the realm of 4th Adam opened. ❖



IIFWP Panel Sessions

Session One A: "Co-sponsors' welcome." Speakers included: Amb. Hadi Nejad Hosseinian, Islamic Republic of Iran; Amb. Hussein A. Hassouna, League of Arab States; Amb. Rashid Alimov, Mission of Tajikistan; Amb. Mokhtar Lamani, Organization of the Islamic Conference; and Amb. Makarim Wibisono, Republic of Indonesia. The session moderator was Mr. Tajeldin Hamad, organization co-chair, Convocation of World Leaders.

Session One B: "Opening Plenary." H.E. Azali Assoumani, current president of Comoros; Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman, WCSF; the Hon. Dan Quayle, former U.S. Vice President; Nobel peace prize laureate and leader of the Solidarity Movement, H.E. Lech Walesa; Mr. Ridha Bouabid, Office of the International Organization of la Francophonie to the UN; and Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, co-founder of WCSF. The moderator was Amb. Makarim Wibisono, Mission of the Republic of Indonesia.

Session Two: "The Family, Universal Values and the UN," was chaired by Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer, former governor general of Canada. Panelists included: H.E. Luis A. Lacalle, former president of Uruguay; H.E. Jacob Nena, former president of Micronesia; and the Rt. Hon. Lloyd Sandiford, former prime minister of Barbados.

Session Three A: "The Relationship among Religion, Culture, and Civilization: A Multi-Religious Inquiry," was sponsored by the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace. Dr. Frank Kaufmann, director, World Peace Institute chaired the session. Speakers included Iman Haitham Bundakji, Islamic Society of Orange County; Dr. Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College; Dr. Jameson Kurasha, University of Zimbabwe;



Dr. Norman Bailey, former White House economic advisor under President Reagan; Rev. Walter Fauntroy, former U.S. delegate to congress; and Dr. Norman Kurland, president, Center for Economic and Social Justice. The session analyzed the role of the nation-state in economic development to encourage the transformation of our societies based on distributive justice, economic empowerment, and broad ownership.

Session Three B: "The Role of the State in the Economic Transformation of Society to Build a Culture of Peace," was co-sponsored by the Summit Council for World Peace and the Federation for World Peace. Chaired by Mr. Antonio Betancourt, president, World Institute of Development and Peace; pan-

elists included: Dr. Norman Bailey, former White House economic advisor under President Reagan; Rev. Walter Fauntroy, former U.S. delegate to congress; and Dr. Norman Kurland, president, Center for Economic and Social Justice. The session analyzed the role of the nation-state in economic development to encourage the transformation of our societies based on distributive justice, economic empowerment, and broad ownership.

Session Four A: "Dialogue and Harmony Among Civilizations: Scholarly Perspectives," was sponsored by the Professors World Peace Academy. Dr. Hans van der Giessen, University of Bridgeport chaired the session. Panelists included: Dr. Stephen Healey, director of the world religions programs at the University of Bridgeport; Dr. Harold Saunders, Kettering Foundation; and Dr. Hernan Lopez-Garay, Universidad de Los

Andes, Venezuela. The panel evaluated the view of Samuel Huntington's *The Clash of Civilizations*, and discussed alternatives in the form of political liberalism which promotes dialogue among civilizations.

Session Four B: "The Global Environment: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities," was sponsored by the Waterland Research Institute and chaired by the Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer, former

governor general of Canada. Panelists included: Dr. Karim Ahmed, president of Global Children's Health and Environment Fund; Dr. David Schmidt, professor of philosophy, University of Arizona; and Dr. Elizabeth Willott, assistant professor of entomology, University of Arizona. The panel evaluated various global trends shaping our civilizations and the fundamental issues of environmental ethics and conflict resolution.

Session Five A: "The University and the Hierarchy of Values," was sponsored by the World University Federation and chaired by Dr. Marcelo Alonso, Florida Institute of Technology. Speakers included: Dr. William Kilpatrick, professor of education, Boston University; and Dr. Larry Phillips, associate professor of counseling and human services, University of Bridgeport. The scholars discussed the critical role of the university in modern society in the dialogue among the civilizations and peoples.

Session Five B: "Dialogue Among Civilizations: The Role of Women," was sponsored by the Women's Federation for World Peace, and chaired by Mrs. Motoko Sugiyama, vice president, WFWP International. Speakers included: Prof. Lan Young Moon, associate professor, Sun Moon University; Amb. Purificacion Angue Ondo, ambassador of Equatorial Guinea to Cameroon; Dr. Unna Huh, congresswoman, Korea; Ms. Dawn M. Lemonds, Soroptimist International; Ms. Annanad Jasani, BBC London; and Prof. Angela Remane, University of Mozambique. The session discussed ways for women to take initiative and

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totally filled so the conference participants had to watch the event via closed circuit TV in another room. At the conclusion, the couples and conference participants received a chocolate bar with the words True Love inscribed on it. Once the newly blessed couples left, then the participants returned to the assembly room and the conference resumed.

Panel Sessions

There were numerous panel sessions sponsored by various organizations, including, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, the Summit Council for World Peace and the Federation for World Peace, the Professors World Peace Academy, the Waterland Research Institute, the World University Federation, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the Youth Federation for World Peace, the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, the Religious Youth Service, the International Relief Friendship Foundation, the Unification Thought Institute, the Federation of Island Nations for World Peace, the Federation of Peninsular Nations for World Peace, the Federation of Continental Nations for World Peace, as well as a program hosted by the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO), and Center for the Global South.

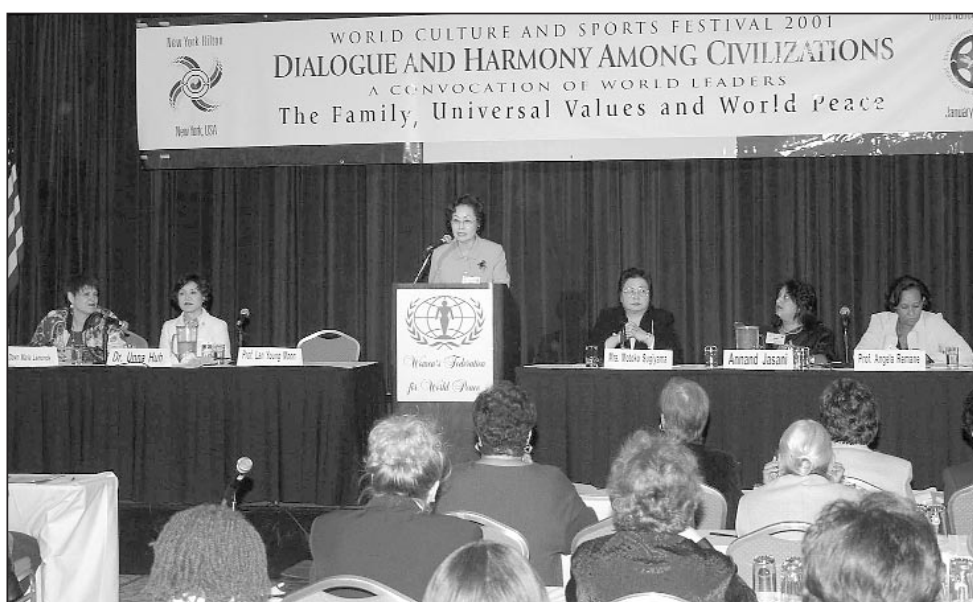
Conclusion

There was general agreement among the participants that the event contributed greatly to the UN's theme of dialogue among civilizations. Current

President Assoumani Azali of Comoros summarized the essence of the gathering, "Each of us — men, women and all who are responsible for families — we have a responsibility to assume. It is in the family where we will find the best remedy to heal the world. We have to educate our children. We have to instill in them the values of dialogue and mutual respect. Let us teach our children to help each other and to love

I would also like to introduce some aspects of life in the Kingdom of Heaven, the realm everyone desperately wants to enter...

"I urge you to study about the spirit world with greater eagerness and to receive the God-centered blessing so that you can build a true family. I also encourage you to prepare for your eternal life through living unselfishly. The time has come that people who work



one another. And let us build the spirit in this way for future generations."

At the evening banquet, Sunday night, WCSF founder, Rev. Moon said, "I would like to give you world leaders a precious gift in words this evening. I speak from the truth found through immense suffering on a journey begun in my youth. This journey has brought me to the boundless world of Heaven. Tonight I will speak about the principles of the spirit world that we enter after death, a world no one can ignore.

hard willful the hand of Heavenly fortune, with which the limited power of human beings cannot cooperate. Those who live the life of a filial child, a patriot, a saint and a divine son or daughter before the living God, with a humble and self-effacing attitude, are the most fortunate. At the advent of the era of God's Kingship, I pray that you will promote God's Kingship. May we work in partnership to build the world of heart and culture transcending nations."

The conference officially concluded Monday morning. During lunch, True Father met with about 100 high-level guests including the heads of state for about 90 minutes. Father asked if anyone had a question. One woman asked what he specifically wanted each participant to leave with. It was a perfect question. Father said he hoped the guests would leave with a better understanding in three areas: 1) the existence of God, 2) the reality of spirit world, and 3) how the spirit world exists.

Meanwhile, the rest of the guests heard President Lech Walesa speak passionately about the end of communism and his hopes for the new millennium. He called himself a "revolutionary in my life," and said the political activities in Poland had a direct influence on the eventual dissolution of the Soviet Union.

On Monday, January 30, Rev. and Mrs. Moon celebrated their 81st and 58th birthdays, respectively. The conference participants were treated to entertainment at the Manhattan Center featuring performances by the New York City Symphony, Japanese Drum Dances, Mr. and Miss University International Beauty Pageant Contestants, a martial arts presentation, the Little Angels of Korea, and a presentation from the United Federation of Churches. The grand finale featured songs by the grown sons of Rev. and Mrs. Moon — Hyo Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, and Hyung Jin Nim. The participants left the next day for all corners of the world filled with love and a heavenly mandate.

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be actively involved in decision-making areas that particularly affect women, such as war, violence and conflict.

Session Six A: "The Empowerment of Youth through Character Education," was sponsored by the Youth Federation for World Peace and chaired by Alan Saunders, director of education, Free Teens. Speakers included, Dr. Gilda Alarcon Glasinovich, UN representative of World Information Transfer; and Mr. Mussie Hailu, regional liaison office of the World Peace Society. The speakers addressed the importance of the character education movement in the context of contemporary morality and ethics.

Session Six B: "The Dark Side of the Internet," was sponsored by the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, and chaired by Prof. Tor Ragnar Gerholm, professor of physics emeritus, University of Stockholm. Panelists included: Donna Rice Hughes, vice president of marketing and public relations, Enough is Enough; and Dr. Richard Rubenstein, president emeritus, University of Bridgeport. The discussants reviewed how parents, citizens, and the legal and technological communities can protect itself from the subversive effects of the internet with its ability to corrupt the social and moral fabric of any society.

Session Seven A: "Forging Workable Partnerships in Development," was sponsored by the Religious Youth

Service and the International Relief Friendship Foundation. Dr. Kathy Winnings, IRFF was the moderator. Speakers included Dr. Marie Rene, founder and director, Haitian Academy; and Rev. John W. Gehring, international director, RYS. Working in small teams to draw from the experience and expertise of panelists and international participants, this session studied the dynamics of how to create successful models for partnership and development.

Session Seven B: "Values, Science, and Unification Thought," was sponsored by the Unification Thought Institute. Dr. Cheryl Lau, teaching fellow, Harvard University was the moderator. Panelists included: Dr. Sung-Bae Jin, president, Unification Thought Institute of Korea; Dr. Yoshiyuki Amemiya, professor of physics, University of Tokyo; Dr. David A. Carlson, associate professor of world religions, Unification Theological Seminary, New York; and Dr. Jonathan Wells, senior fellow, Discovery Institute. A new model of science, Unification Thought was the reference point for the panelists who discussed issues of conscience, and the



evolution-creationism controversy.

Session Eight A: "Island Nations and the United Nations in Partnership for Lasting World Peace: Exploring Issues in Education, the Environment and Sustainable Development," was sponsored by the Federation of Island Nations for World Peace. Mr. Hiroshi Matsuzaaki, president, FINWP was the moderator. Speakers included, H.E. Steingrimur Hermannsson, former prime minister, Iceland; Sir James Mancham, founding president, Seychelles; and Sir John Compton, former Prime Minister, St. Lucia. The panel discussed the feasibility of a confederation of the 50+ island sovereignties, which belong to the UN, particularly in dealing with global warming and the HIV/AIDs epidemic.

Session Eight B: "Dialogue Among Civilizations: Peninsular Nations Perspectives," was sponsored by the Federation of Peninsular Nations for World Peace, and chaired by Dr. Gordon L. Anderson, secretary-general, Professors World Peace Academy. Speakers included, Dr. Mustapa Bin Kassim,

school of educational studies, University Sains Malaysia; and Dr. Heung-Soon Park, chairman, department of international and United Nations studies, Sun Moon University, Korea. The panel discussed the unique value of peninsular nations as bridges of peace between the continental powers of the world.

Session Eight C: "Continental Nations and the Furtherance of World Peace," was sponsored by the Federation of Continental Nations for World Peace and chaired by Amb. Phillip V. Sanchez, publisher, *Noticias del Mundo* and *Tiempos del Mundo*. Panelists included, H.E. Sixto Duran-Ballen, former president, Ecuador; and Dr. Thomas Ward, dean of the International College, University of Bridgeport. The panel analyzed points of commonality between the continental nations in terms of language, ethnicity, religion, trade, ideologies, etc., and sought to identify geo-ties based on these common challenges for the new century. ❖

Springtime in Barrytown

by Shawn Byrne

Spring is here. The crocuses and forsythia have awakened from their winter sleep. Spiritually, UTS Barrytown is also stirring and budding out in new ventures. One of these is that the seminary is throwing its doors wide open to welcome guests who would like to come for refreshment, relaxation, meditation, personal and family vacation or retreats, organized and unorganized. We welcome you to come.

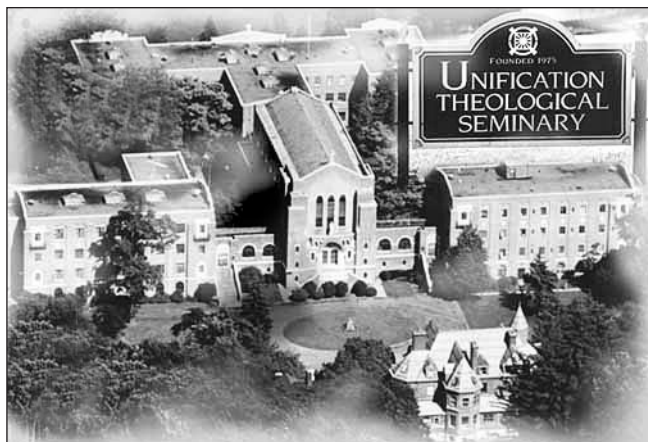
Perhaps you will come to Barrytown by the New York State Thruway, in which case you will get there quickly. And then you will have saved for another day the experience of the fine colonial homes that give so much character to the area. To mind come the riverside estate mansions of FDR, the Vanderbilts and Eleanor Roosevelt's Vallkill at Hyde Park, as well as the Mills Mansion at Staatsburg. Further north you can visit Clermont of Livingston fame. If you're lucky enough to be there on July 4th, you and your family can enjoy the delicious treat of picnicking on the green sward that slopes sharply to the Hudson River in the company of hundreds of other families. There's plenty of room to play and to bask in the sunset behind the lofty Catskills, tracing paths of gold across the river. You can enjoy the banks of fire lilies and the multitude of pleasure boats on the river. And when darkness falls, you will be treated to one of the best fireworks displays you are likely to see. Neighbor to Barrytown is the stately Blithewood at Bard College, Montgomery Place where you can pick your own fruit, and Massena House at Barrytown itself. Travel south from Kingston and visit some of the existing or former monasteries and convents that line route 9W. And in Barrytown itself treat yourself to the luxury of a stroll with your family on Poet's Walk. Enjoy its open fields, its groves, its rustic seats, its harmony. Follow its trail to where it drops steeply off and offers a panoramic view of the Hudson River north towards the Rip Van Winkle Bridge, south past the leap-frogging arches of the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge and westwards to the massif of the Catskill Mountains.

You may want to take a cruise on the Hudson from Rondout. Or take your children to Jeto's ballpark and go-cart center near Kingston. Or enjoy the thrills and spills of the Zoom Flume Waterpark in East Durham. Or visit the fine New York State Museum in Albany.

In the town of Red Hook itself, you can relax in the ambiance of farms with their fields of corn and herds of cattle grazing in verdant pastures beside pristine creeks. There are plenty of orchards, some where you can pick your own fruit. You can find some vineyards, too. If you come in the Fall you will be treated to the flight and honking of flocks of geese as they arrow their migrant path overhead.

The nearby Catskill Mountains are a wonderful recreational resort area. Up there you can easily find trails that will take you to the top of Overlook Mountain, for instance. You can visit the Tibetan Monastery near its sum-

mit. There are secluded lakes like North Lake where you and your family can swim off nice beaches, boat, fish, barbecue, play or camp overnight in your own charming "keyhole" campsite under the great pine trees. And you can hike its trails which follow the contours of the mountain and present to your eyes a feast of forested and fertile landscape threaded through by the gleaming Hudson River. There also you can discov-



er torrents tumbling down aboriginal mountainsides, waterfalls, cascades, flumes and rock-encased natural swimming pools. You can cook your hot dogs and hamburgers on rocks in the rushing creeks or wade between them to cool your feet. Smell the pine, beech and maple trees that overhang and offer shade. There are deep pools at the feet of foaming waterfalls into which you can see the very adventurous plummet thirty or forty feet from cliff or tree. There are mysterious canyons carved by mountain creeks. In fall contemplate the gold and russet colors of the trees. In winter these mountains are paradise for skiers and snow-boarders.

All of this is simply the frame. And within it is set the work of art that is Barrytown itself. As you enter its main gate, you may notice the rocks set there by former president David S. C. Kim to commemorate True Parents and the members of the True Family. You will drive by the lawn where, on summer evenings, you may see deer graze or, in the fall, watch them feast on apples and peaches fallen from the fruit trees there. You will notice the river through the trees to the west and beyond it the comforting presence of the ever-watchful mountains. In the fields you will sometimes spy wild turkeys. There's often a woodchuck going about his business. More rarely you may see a shy coyote, here and there a rabbit, a raccoon and—it must be admitted—an occasional skunk. There are plenty of squirrels and chipmunks to entertain you with their amusing antics and choirs of birds are always there to sing for you.

Let's look around some of Barrytown's 250 acres. As you drive up the rise to the parking circle, you will of course see the seminary building on your right and Massena House on your left. We will return to them. For now, let's look around the grounds. Just past the seminary building near the "Lourdes" grotto erected by the Christian Brothers who originally built Barrytown, we come to the Rock of Decision, a boulder that marks the place where Father in 1974, after much consideration, decided to buy Barrytown

to be a seminary to train leaders for the Unification movement. This is now a popular place to pray. The great overarching trees serve as a canopy that opens to the starlit sky as you pray at night. There are shaded benches nearby in the grove. And, a little beyond, the soccer field. Here and elsewhere you will notice trees planted and dedicated by each graduating class.

Let's follow the rustic roadways past barns and residences and down the steep incline to the pond, monument to the strenuous efforts of the early students who scooped it out. And home today to carp and perch, to geese and duck. There you can fish if you like. There you can skate in wintertime. And there are dedicated rocks and seats to remind you that this is where Father often sat and talked or simply contemplated the peaceful pond. Past the pond are trails radiating in different directions, uphill and downhill through glade, field and forest. The thickets teem with white-tailed deer; you can see them in the quiet evenings. Mother's Trail is nearby, meandering through the wood, crisscrossing the rushing brook.

Let's retrace our steps past Apple Cottage and Harvest House, past the swimming pool towards Father's Trail. You will notice the great boulder that marks its entrance, dedicated by graduating students. Walk down the shaded trail under the forest canopy toward the lagoon. Here plump carp plop in the still waters. In wintertime ice-boats skim its frozen surface. Their "sailors" are usually willing to give you a fast and frozen ride. You will notice the railroad embankment that creates the lagoon and, beyond it, the river and mountains. You may often see sailboats and speedboats there. And there are the great tankers carrying their gigantic burdens upriver to Albany or riding high and light as they return. Here is where Father in years gone by sat and directed the hunt for carp in the lagoon. Here is where brothers and sisters plunged through knee-deep mud or paddled above it on their backs to chase and catch the carp stranded at low tide behind the restraining nets. They carried the carp in their arms to shore and transferred them to the pond as symbols of restoration. There are

plaques to mark these unforgettable events.

Let's leave the lagoon behind and follow Father's Trail. It zig-zags, descending sharply. Let's stop a while at the "oasis" where a dedicated boulder reminds us that students baked potatoes at a campfire here and ate them with Father who spoke with them for hours. Here as elsewhere around the grounds, there are seats where you may rest, read, converse, pray or meditate. There are even exercise stations for the more energetic. As we continue past here, the trail settles into a quiet woodland walk.

We complete our walk on Father's Trail where it ends at the Gate House and return to the seminary through the front field. Past Massena House is Dr. Jaekil Park's "hanging gardens," an area that he and some of the Korean students cleared and planted. It slopes downwards toward the river that glistens silvery through the trees. And it offers a vista of the Catskill Mountains beyond. Further on past the garden and set back from view behind the grotto is a rustic cabin with an outdoor eating area marked by the long "Last Supper" table—a nice, secluded place for a picnic with your family. And nearby is the most wonderful swing a child could imagine.

Let's enter the seminary building now. Actually, there are two buildings parallel to each other, connected by third "causeway" building. The front building facing the entrance circle and looking towards Massena House is now our conference center. It includes guest rooms and dormitories. The rear building continues to be our seminary. To the right as we enter the conference center is the Spartan laundry room. Above it is the health center. Nearby are the offices of the president, vice president and financial comptroller. Over the entrance is the chapel, the heart of Barrytown. In this quiet space made sacred by so many prayers and by True Parents' visits and speeches at Commencement exercises, the limestone altar-table with its suspended halo-ring immediately compel our attention. Set high in the walls are the stained-glass windows for which the chapel was originally designed. Towards the altar, they depict scenes from the life of Jesus. To the rear are scenes from the life of

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STF: Mission Desperate for God

by Mo Sook Park

Have you ever wanted to have an experience that could help you come a little closer to feeling Father's heart? Have you ever wondered what it must have been like to be in Father's first shack church which he built out of ration cartons? Have you ever had to walk many miles on foot wondering where you were going to sleep that night? Obviously there is no way we can duplicate the path that our True Father has walked or really understand all the suffering he has endured. But we can try to understand by doing things similar to that which Father has done. Which is exactly what the members of CARP / STF (Special Task Force) have done to start off their new year.

Mission D.F.G. is what we called it. It stands for "Desperate for God". The mission was to get from their designated city to the Washington Monument within a three day period while fulfilling a series of "Heavenly Tasks". With nothing but a sleeping bag and a back pack full of windchimes, five teams of five members set off. The purpose was to symbolically fulfill Father's course in order to lay a foundation for their victory in 2001. It all began at UTS during their end of the year God's Day Workshop.

Signs were found all along the hallways of UTS making members of the STF and the Second Generation workshops wonder what "Mission D.F.G." was. No one knew what the mystery mission entailed. With only a few hints given by the organizer, when it came time for the STF members to receive their new missions, they were

asked to sign a pledge that they would "persevere through the next mission without complaint". The decision was up to them. The sheet was passed around and without hesitation each participant signed their name.

They set off on the road the next



Newly shaved in DC

morning, still unaware of what they what they were about to do. The temperature was below zero in the wind. "During the whole car ride I was so nervous. I had no idea what our new mission was. So I didn't know how to prepare myself internally. But then I thought about Father and how he never knew what was going to happen. All he could do is trust in God. So that is what I tried to do," stated one participant in a testimony after completing the mission. As soon as the team arrived in their designated cities, they had 10 minutes to only take with them their Divine Principle, Holy Salt, a picture of True Parents, a disposable camera, some windchimes and their sleeping bags. As soon as their ten minutes was up, the van drove away leaving them with a list of tasks that they had to accomplish. No food. No van. No money. Only God. They only had God and the brothers and sisters on the team.

As a team they were asked to accomplish the following tasks and take

pictures as proof:

- Build a shack church like father's first church that all of your members can fit it. Then say a prayer inside it.
- Establish a symbolic holy ground.
- Street Preach Chapter One of the Divine Principle
- Raise money for each meal and motel rooms.
- invite 3 people in need to eat a meal with your team.
- Bring \$300 dollars as an offering to the monument.

One would never be able to forget the faces of the brothers and sisters as they approached the Washington Monument. All five teams gathered and rejoiced in victory. They had pioneered and accomplished their mission! Mission D.F.G. Each brother and sisters face shone brightly knowing that they were able to do it all for God. Each person made it safely and each felt the victory in their hearts. No one gave up. Each team accomplished each task without fail and they had beautiful pictures to prove it. We even had team of brothers who took the mission a step further and shaved their hair off, looking like Father when he was released from

"I read about Father's life so many times, but this was the first time I felt this great, persevering, strong love for God and our Father."

"I really felt the heart of a pioneer."

"Although True Parents were always a part

of my life, in many ways he was just a vague symbol to me. But after going through the past three days of D.F.G., my heart has grown warmer towards our True Father, slowly breaking down and softening it up. I am able to see True Father more as a human being and I have more love for him."

"I know that what I've been through in the last three days doesn't even compare to what Father has been through. But through this, I am able to have a better understanding of what our True Parents have been through. Through this I am able to have much more respect towards him. I'm actually starting to see him not just as one great being, but little by little, as a real parent."

"I saw a bit of Father's course...how this movement wasn't just given to him, but he had to go through literal hell to reach the position and the level that he's at now."

"Basically, I feel like these past few days ere days of great laughter for God. Joyous laughter. He would just look at us and say, 'Look at my sons and daughters!'"

One could only imagine the joy Heavenly Father must have felt to watch His children persevere through such a mission. Even more, the joy that comes from hearing his children realize and voice what they have learned. Truly priceless. ❖



A group with their replica of Father's first church



Frederic Penhard street preaching



Creating a symbolic holy ground

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Saint Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, the founder of the Christian Brothers who built Barrytown in the 1930s as a novitiate for aspiring Brothers and a school for boys. Behind us as we turn we cannot help but notice the serene blue stained glass windows in the organ loft. In this chapel, students have been graduated and sent forth to mission for a quarter of a century.

Leaving the chapel, we walk down the stone-flagged corridor to Lecture Hall I. Now it houses an historic exhibition of CAUSA's achievements. Below it is the

Do Jang where students have shed their sweat as they trained in the art and martial spirit of Won Hwa Do and where tears have been shed in prayer by the hundreds attending Reverend Sudo's workshops years ago. Here also

many a laugh has been enjoyed at post-graduation concerts. Outside the Do Jang the hallway wall is lined with plaques listing each graduate of UTS. Nearby is the recreation room where you can play a game of ping-pong or pool.

Returning to the entrance, walk with me through the long corridor running past the student lounge, the bookstore, the conference room, the kitchen and into the dining room. This is the "causeway" that links the two main buildings of Barrytown; it's the bar on the "H." Beyond the stairs from the dining room lie the library and its offices. Here, among 54,000 volumes, you can browse peacefully, pursue research or meditate in one of the easy chairs that face the lawn and grove that frame the Rock of Decision. For an energetic change of pace, you can stroll down the corridor, descend the stairs and shoot some hoops in the gymnasium.

Upstairs from the library are the

classrooms of the seminary, professors' offices, administrative offices, students' study rooms, the multi-media center and a computer room, plus some recessed sitting areas. On the upper floors are the students' dormitories. In these areas especially we meet faculty members as well as staff and students from every continent.

This completes our tour of Barrytown. Let's go to the dining room now for a cup of tea or coffee while we talk about what we offer in our conference center.

We are throwing our conference center open to families. We want you to know that, as of now, you can come and stay here for a few days at any time or for a week or so during seminary break periods. Cubicles and some private rooms are available for families in the refurbished dormitories which, as you remember, are no longer part of the seminary but are reserved for conferences and guests. You can come as

a couple or as a family, or come alone. You can get your meals in the dining room and use our facilities for recreation. The day is yours to spend as you will. We offer short informal evening programs of a spiritual and pastoral nature which you can avail yourself of if you wish. Later we will offer seminars related to marriage and family. We can do this soon in response to group requests. Or, of course, you can bring your own seminar leaders.

The cost is very reasonable. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to come. Wonderful as the location and its environs are, the best is the spirit and the brothers and sisters here. So — come to Barrytown!

For more information, contact Cliff Yasutake at UTS, 30 Seminary Drive, Barrytown, NY 12507. Tel: 845-752-3026; fax: 845-758-2156; utsfin@valstar.net. ❖

MESSIAH: A Great Testimony from Dr. Pak

by Mark J. Tobkin

MESSIAH, written by Dr. Bo Hi Pak is a memoir and living testimony of my friend, my elder brother, and a living disciple of our True Parents. The MESSIAH took me back in time, a time which partially reflected experiences of my own, as they were experiences which sometimes were directly or indirectly intertwined with Dr. Pak in a limited way. And I'm sure that this would be the case for many of our members, even though our experiences may have varied depending upon the circumstances of our encounters.

I found myself spell-bound by its contents, as I understood for the first time, many things that I had not previously known about Dr. Pak. It was like awakening to the true reality of Peter, back in Jesus' day, versus the image I may have conjured up in my mind of him from the limited writings, written by others. The MESSIAH content came from the actual source.

I have known Dr. Pak for over 26 years, and have had the great fortune to work with him on a number of providential projects throughout this time. As an American, I feel that Dr. Pak understands Americans amazingly well, and he has a profound, deep love for America and the American people. The reasons for this became abundantly clear to me through reading MESSIAH. His early childhood years, his experiences during the Korean War, his military training at Fort Benning, Georgia, his discovery as to why America had been so richly blessed, his subsequent discovery of the Divine Principle and resultant understanding of God's hope for America, all served to create an indelible impression upon him. He became a man destined with an incredible mission, and he happens to be living in our time.

My brother Paul and I had written a letter to our family and some relatives one year ago last December, not explaining the Divine Principle, but explaining the experiences we had had

which ultimately led us to the Unification Church. Last October we felt compelled to write to them again, but this time focusing on the true heart of God, Sin, and Salvation. As it was the 2nd such kind of letter in as many years, we found the contents to be very difficult to write, and we found ourselves re-drafting it numerous times. It literally took us 3 months to write the letter. It was pure Divine Principle in a pre-digested form, and it ended up being 12 pages long. We were planning to send it to 21 people (our dad, 9 brothers and sisters, and 11 close relatives). We knew that it probably would be the most difficult letter to be received.

I have been living and working in the P.R.C. for the past 11 years, and I had been planning to fly back to America in mid January of this year, at which time I was planning to deliver the letters. About 2 weeks prior to this I had heard about Dr. Pak's book, and I had the occasion to meet with him in Korea, on some business matters. He gave me a copy of Volume I of the English edition (Volume II was still being translated), and a 3-volume set of the Korean edition (for my wife, as she is Korean). During the remaining days before I flew to America, I took the time to read the contents of MESSIAH, and to my amazement found it to be a perfect complement to the letter Paul & I were sending to our family. When I arrived in Minnesota (my home state), I called around to find where I could purchase more copies, but found that I had to go directly to the publisher. I ordered 25 copies (including one for each of my 3 children + 1). The total amount was a bit beyond any budget that I may have had, however, I felt that one couldn't put a price tag on the cost of potential "rebirth". Also, I felt that my family would be interested in Dr. Pak's tes-

timony, as he is my "boss", and also because some of them had previously met him. Also, I felt that Dr. Pak's testimony pertaining to his first encounter with the Divine Principle would shed some light (for my family) on some of the questions I had been asking myself when I first met the Church.

The books were sent to me, and I received them within a few days after they were ordered. It was on "Super Bowl Sunday" that I distributed all of the books and letters, as my elder brother had had a family gathering at his home, prior to my departure back to China. It was a great opportunity to take each "family head" aside, and present these to them personally.

I have not yet heard responses from all of the family, however, two of our sisters (one church, and one non-church member) said that they "couldn't put it down", and that it was one of the few books that had ever really held their attention. One of our nieces and her husband, who have been very negative (students of C.A.N.), wrote us a very "rude" letter, and told Paul & I not to write to them again about anything relating to UC teachings. However, in response to this, another one of our sisters (a non-church member) said that she had heard of the "rude" letter, and that it prompted her to read "our" letter, even though she "hates" to read (anything... not because it is UC related). Her and her husband's response was that there was nothing at all wrong with what we had written, at that actually it was very good. She said that she'd probably gradually get around to reading MESSIAH, as she's now quite interested in whatever supposedly made our niece so angry.

For me, reading MESSIAH brought me back to my early days in the Church, and reminded me why I joined in the first place. It is a clear testimony to God, and His unwavering search to find true men and women. It is a testimony to our True Parents and their never-ending quest to return this world back to God. It is a great witnessing tool for all.

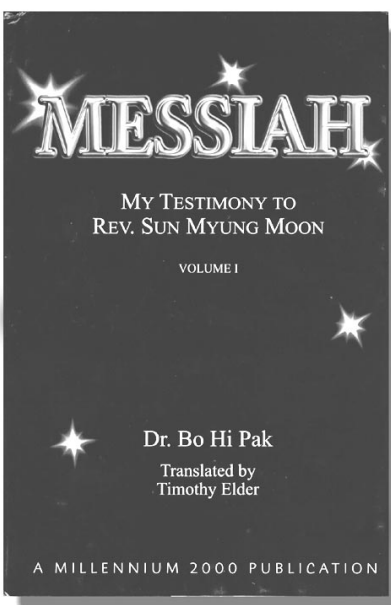
MESSIAH, volume I covers the period from Dr. Pak's birth in 1930 to 1977 when he was called to testify before the House Subcommittee on International Organizations. Volume II is being translated and will hopefully be published by the end of the year. Volume II will take off from the Fraser hearings and include Dr. Pak's unique insider's view about the visits to Moscow and North Korea. Volume I and II have already been published in Japanese and Korean and are selling well in those countries.

MESSIAH should not be confused with a collection of speeches that was published by HSA-UWC in 1999. Those were collected speeches given in the public arena as well as inspirational messages Dr. Pak gave at East Garden and other in-house venues, and are available separately from HSA publications.

Dr. Pak is very interested to hear from brothers and sisters and has set up his own email address. Please contact him with your comments and suggestions at BoHiPak@aol.com.

MESSIAH: My Testimony to Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Volume 1 by Dr. Bo Hi Pak was translated by Timothy Elder and published by University Press of America. (411 pages) is available in paperback for \$14.95 from: HSA Publications, 4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036 212 997-0050 x 250 or www.hsabooks.com

Mark and Yong Ja Tobkin live in China. They have 3 children: Jennifer (17), Joshua (15), and Jefferson (14). Jennifer is attending an international school in the P.R.C., and Joshua & Jefferson are attending the Sun Hwa Middle School in Korea. ❖



Living with the Every Day God

reviewed by Michael Inglis

In *Every Day God*, David and Tacco Hose share with us the God they have come to know, a wise and caring parent. This book was born in the crucible of pain that they felt after Tacco was accidentally shot and paralyzed. That pain has cut through the slough and confusion, that pain has opened a door to the soul. They invite us to come in.

In the first chapter, Being Your Honest Self with Me, they share that honesty is needed as the foundation stone to a life of spirituality. Without honesty there are only slogans, and God is tired of slogans, tired of fear, tired of humanity's deep sleep. The book develops with a discourse on awakening from the long sleep and the importance of spiritual appetite. We need to want our daily bread.

There is a discourse on the role of

religion. It may be partially blind, but it has got us to where we are today. The book then moves onto the waters of



Every Day God
by David and Tacco Hose.
Paperback, 178 pp. \$14.95

the individual heart. The need to move beyond an age of group identity, religious or national, into an age of individual being. In this new age God is calling all of us to have a one on one. Calling each of us to a higher level of consciousness. What is this new consciousness? It is a heart to heart, day by day relationship with the divine. In the chapters Downstairs, Upstairs, A Richer Vein and A Farewell to the Mes-

senger David and Tacco speak of God's way to develop this relationship.

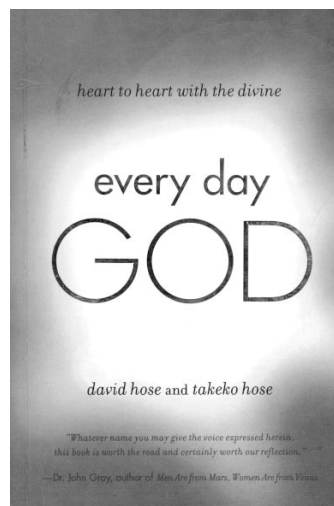
Love is truly that way. In I Am Here there is simply love which flows from the heart of God and is always within each of us. All is inseparable, all is within us at the very center of ourself, the center of our spirit.

Yet the world is poor in spirit, there is pain everywhere. In the conclusion of the book David and Tacco lead us to know that God would heal if He could. But there is a breakdown, and the breakdown is in the human heart. The human heart is the conduit of the infinite divine heart. Our

hearts are the expression of the divine heart. Until we as a people have connected with the divine, the divine will always be blocked. This is the parental challenge of communication.

Rich and varied, the teachings in *Every Day God*, lead us to the divine source. Well worth reading and then well worth picking up now and again for fresh inspiration.

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UB NEWS



UB Helps Victims of the Indian earthquake

By Michael McCarthy

The University is taking the lead in coordinating a fundraising effort in Fairfield County for victims of the earthquake in India. Derrick Alex, from the Admissions office, and Judie Clough, from career services, are the contacts for donations.

The government of India and the state of Gujarat, where the earthquake occurred, have requested donations of money, as opposed to clothes. This is because it would cost more to send the items and delivery to the correct area is problematic. The two governments will be working in conjunction with National Federation of Indian Associations (NFIA) in Washington, DC, a national umbrella organization for various Indian groups.

All donations will be hand-carried to India by the president of NFIA and the head of a national Gujarati organization and turned over to a local non-profit group in Gujarat that is directly involved with assisting the victims. Presently, the military has contained the area and there is very limited access. The exact date of delivery is not yet set. Communication, however, has been established between the two groups.

On campus there are three areas for donations: the Admissions office on

the sixth floor of Wahlstrom Library, the Career Services office on the second floor of the Student Center, and Marina Dining Hall. Hitesh Patel is making the donation boxes and has offered to head the on-campus campaign.

Both Alex and Clough are trying to poll the Indian students here at UB to determine if anyone has lost family and/or homes. At present they have not found anyone. Clough will be contacting other schools in the area and has been given the names of some businessmen who may be able to help. However, she wanted to add that she would welcome any person or group that would like to join Alex and her.

"I would really like to stress the fact

that 100 percent of the moneys will go directly to the victims," said Clough. Anyone in the University community or the community at large wanting to donate may send checks to UB, care of the office of Administration and Finance. Checks should be made out to the NFIA Earthquake Relief Fund.

UB, Fairfield University, and the Bridgeport community will be working together to keep track of how much money is taken in for the relief effort. The deadline for donations is Thursday, February 8. Clough will then mail the moneys to NFIA who will incorporate the UB contributions with other donations. NFIA has already raised \$29,000 in donations from the DC area.

A total of \$3001.79 was raised and

delivered to NFIA. The breakdown is as follows: UB students, faculty and staff: \$771.79; the community: \$705.00; Fairfield University students, faculty and staff: \$1225.00; Fairfield University Greek student club: \$300.00.

UB Honors the Ambassador of Turkmenistan

By Maya Atanassova

On December 6, 2000, the University of Bridgeport honored His Excellency Saparmurat Niyazov, president of the Republic of Turkmenistan. The Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations, Ambassador Aksoltan Ataeva, accepted the honorary degree on behalf of the president of Turkmenistan at a convocation luncheon at Waldemere Hall. University President Neil Salonen and his wife, Rebecca, hosted the event. Among the guests that attended the luncheon were Dr. Stoyan Ganev, president of the New England Center for International and Regional Studies; Chris Corcoran, director of public affairs; and James Garland, associate vice president for university relations.

The event marked the start of new educational cooperation and cultural exchange between the University and the Republic of Turkmenistan. Upon bestowing the degree, President Salonen said that UB is proud to be one of the most culturally diverse universities in the U.S., and that he would be proud to welcome students from Turkmenistan as well. The visit was followed up by Dr. Ganev's exchange visit to Turkmenistan, where he participated in a United Nations conference and signed an agreement on cooperation between the State University of Turkmenistan and UB. The agreement outlines the general framework for exchange of students and faculty between the two institutions. Dr. Ganev commented, however, that concrete steps are yet to be planned.

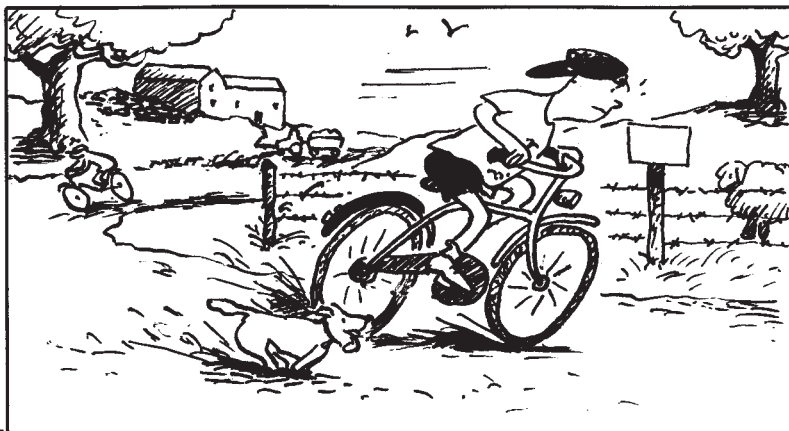
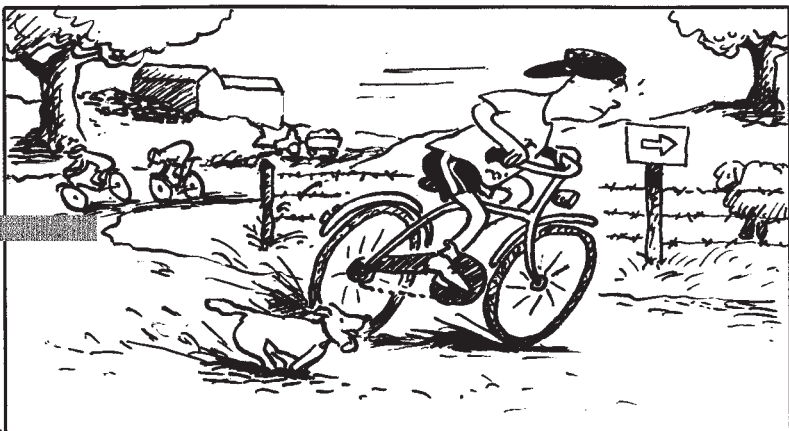
Known as "the Kuwait of Asia," Turkmenistan is the world's fourth-largest producer of natural gas, and the most influential Caspian Sea country. A peaceful policy of neutrality and non-intervention in a region torn by political and religious conflicts has established Turkmenistan as a regional bridge-builder between Russia and the Caspian countries. "We are the only nation who has formal diplomatic relations with Afghanistan, and whose neutrality has been recognized by a UN resolution," commented Ambassador Ataeva.

Upon receipt of the honorary degree, Ambassador Ataeva said that it has been a great honor for her to receive recognition from the University of Bridgeport, whose broad international outlook has provided her with valuable experience and knowledge. ♦

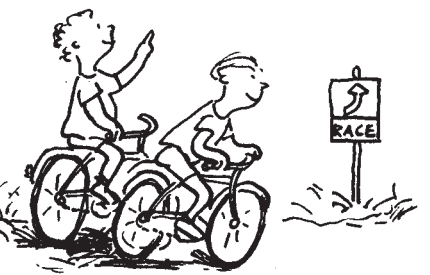
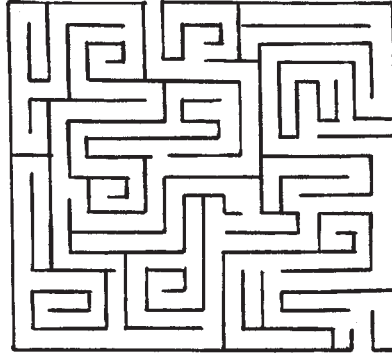
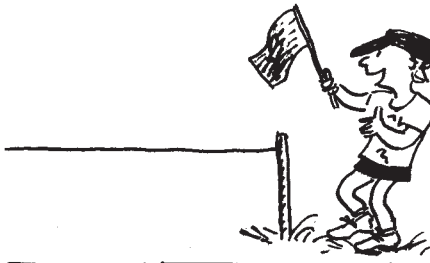


FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of a bicycle race



Help them find the finish line

Long-Term Benefit of Blessed Wives Workshop

by Daniela Wetherall

Over a month has already gone by since I returned from the 5th Blessed wives workshop in Chung Pyung, but I often feel as if I were still there. A few days after arriving at the workshop site, I started having the feeling that every day was worth ten years of life with Heavenly Father, and He indeed assured me that our attendance there did have that immense value.

I had heard about the workshop about three weeks prior to my actual departure and even though I want desperately to go, I seriously doubted that it would have ever been possible. We had just bought and moved into our house and the UC grandmother who lives with us had already made plans to visit her family in Colorado for ten days, exactly at the time I should have been leaving. Between finding the money and the loving people who could take care of both Lucas (4 years old) and Mimi (2 and a half), I could only but venture into prayers with a desperate heart, promising God that I would have indeed met Him in Chung Pyung. Needless to say, where there is a will there is a way! I will always thank Heavenly Father for credit cards and in this case I also thank the many people who got "volunteered" by Heaven to help take care of our kids. And I thank my husband for his wonderful support and sincerely apologize to the children, for I indeed put them through a gruesome schedule. It is with many tears in my prayers that I would often think of True Mother and her incredible sacrifice at having to leave the True Children in the hands of "strangers" and just concentrate on Heaven's Will! That thought often comforted my heart and even though I had pictures of my family with me, I trained myself day after day not to look at them unless I met sisters I had not met in a long time and who wanted to see the photos.

During the 5th workshop we were

indeed blessed by incredibly mild and beautiful weather which allowed us to rejoice even more so in the Heavenly nature that surrounds the site. Roses were in blossom everywhere and the colors of the autumn leaves left our hearts suspended in awe. Despite the surrounding beauty, though, nothing could really ease our personal path of restoration in Chung Pyung. The first week or so was indeed "hellish," but hell with God is definitely more bearable than without God and even though at times I found myself wishing that Kimpo airport was a lot closer, I determined to be victorious in overcoming all the different aspects of my fallen nature that were becoming clearer and clearer day by day.

It is always astonishing how Heavenly Father seems to be so incredibly close when we are put in a difficult situation and I can certainly say that I had the most profound spiritual experiences in the first two weeks of the workshop. There are two particular events that highlighted that time and gave new meaning to my life. The first one is when Father came to visit us only two days after our arrival in CP. After bowing and greeting True Parents, Mother left and Father told us that even though he had very little time to spend with us since he was preparing to return to America, he had to come and see our "crying faces" because of the challenging situations he knew we were facing. But with his loving smile he uplifted us all and said, "Instead of tears, all I can see are your beautiful and smiling faces!" He then asked those sisters who had their birthday on that day to come out and sing a song. About eight sisters came and some had very little children with them.

After the singing Father emptied his wallet completely by giving not only to the mothers but to the children too. He was with us for an hour only but we felt as if he had always been there. Just before leaving, those of us who were sitting in the front row got closer to him and heard him saying, "When you

life should be.

Day after day I pondered on the profound message I had received and imagined living a life pure in every single action and always aimed at doing good for others, which ultimately is what True Parents ask us to accomplish, i.e., live for the sake of others.

These two events fully shaped the remaining time of my "210 years" in Chung Pyung. With that heart I could see the many angels surrounding the Tree of Love; I could converse daily with the custodian angel who had been assigned to me upon my arrival; I could hear the voice of my brother Daniele who had died a

year before I was born, asking me to be liberated since I had forgotten to do so; I could receive Daemonim's loving "ansu" on the head; and most of all I could prepare myself to be reborn through True Parents' Grace National Blessing and learn day by day how to become a true daughter of God with no evil in my heart. Not only has my attitude remained the same, but my enthusiasm for this wonderful life has grown stronger every day since I have returned home, and dealing with the daily challenges does not burden me but give me even more reason to try and be absolutely strong, absolutely faithful, absolutely loving and absolutely obedient. This life is no longer a dream. It is true and real, thanks to Heavenly Father, True Parents, True Family and Daemonim and thanks also to the wonderful family they gave me.

Daniela was blessed to Roger Wetherall in Korea in 1989. They have two children and live in the U.S., near Bridgeport University. ❖



get tired, think about the reality of our eternal life in the spirit world. When I feel tired, I think about spirit world and my tiredness disappears!" He then lovingly kissed us good-bye and we all dashed out to bid True Parents farewell.

The second event took place a couple of days after Father's visit. It was well after 10 p.m. and our bodies had not yet adjusted to the intense and arduous schedule, and while Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu was introducing the new Divine Principle manual I was truly fighting to keep awake. At one point I remember hearing Mrs. Eu share a poignant experience she had had with Father shortly after joining our Church. She had asked Father how he could say that he was the Messiah since he had "two ears, two eyes, one nose, and one mouth like us" and Father answered, "The difference is that there is no evil in my heart." Upon hearing this I completely perked up and felt as if I had been given a completely new insight not only on the reality of True Father but also on what my personal goal in

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are quite handy with the jargon of physics, astronomy, and archaeology. Each guest, no matter how absurd their claims, is given a warm and uncritical reception.

One of Bell's most popular guests is author Zecharia Sitchin. Dale Gillis, another member of my writer's group, is an analytical chemist. Here, he applies the same sort of rigorous logic to one of Sitchin's books:

Let me give one example of what is wrong with Sitchin. In his fourth book, Lost Realms, Sitchin adds to his claim that the Sumerian gods were aliens by extending their presence into South America. Other ancient astronaut theorists had made use of the ruin of Tiwanaku on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Here Sitchin does so as well.

Sitchin claims that Tiwanaku means Tin City in Sumerian. The aliens, "gods," needed tin and set up a mining operation in that area. This claim then becomes foundational for the story Sitchin tells in this volume.

Does Tiwanaku mean Tin City in Sumerian? Actually no one knows how

the ancient Sumerians pronounced anything, although scholars can read the language to some extent. No one knows what the builders of Tiwanaku called it, either. Tiwanaku is what the Aymara Indians called it, but they did not build it. Sitchin takes two pronunciations that are both unknown and assumes that they are same! That assumption then becomes key evidence.

That kind of ignorance is why archaeologists don't even bother to reply.—Dale Gillis © 2001

I've met adults who became defensive at the merest hint that their favorite 'non-linear thinker' is actually mistaken, if not a charlatan. With so much invested in what they thought was esoteric or cutting-edge knowledge, they were terribly disappointed.

CHILDREN'S LESSONS

The fairy tales of every culture were designed to give their children a good foundation in life. In Europe, the Brothers Grimm collected the most famous of these tales. Scary witches and trackless forests made their moral lessons unforgettable.

Nowadays, liberalism and political correctness have leached the moral authority from American children's sto-

ries. Happily, all is not lost!

In the tradition of the Brothers Grimm, seven members of my writer's group contributed six (out of fifteen) wonderful short stories to a new children's anthology. Just published by Yard Dog Press, it has the rather unusual title *Stories That Won't Make Your Parents Hurl*. Editor Selina Rosen sums up the theme: "If you misbehave, the consequences will be dire!" (Personally, it was my first paid sale.)

You can get it from Amazon.com or order it through a bookstore. Better still, buy it directly at, www.yarddogpress.com.

CONCLUSION

Without a Creator God, morals would be nothing but a social consensus; arbitrary rules to be imposed upon others. So, are moral laws an imposition? You bet. Are they needed? Urgently!

Parents know about physical absolutes, such as heat and gravity, that their adventurous toddlers do not. Wise parents also understand the moral laws their rebellious teenagers may be ignoring. I've never yet heard a mother answer "yes" to Dr. Laura's trademark 'Would You Want Your Daughter To?' question. Moral laws aren't as spectacular as

gravity, but people who break them will reap the consequences.

This is one of the Principle's key insights. Far from getting dragged into some harsh Throne Room for afterlife Judgment, we are creating our own eternal future, slowly but just as surely.

Even so, the idea of personal license (as opposed to true freedom) is very appealing. Please note: the actual result, if Relativism prevailed, would be the end of civilization. People are fallen, and when authority is removed, chaos results. The shrewd and the brutal would dominate.

Yes, God demands our obedience. For Unificationists, this entails a lot more than following some vague precepts. We cannot personally accomplish everything asked of us, but as our Rev. Kevin Thompson likes to say, "If everyone did *something*, then everything would get done."

The Bible is filled with the tragedies of rebellion, and the blessings gained by obedience. God is everyone's parent, and because His Will is based upon profound love and knowledge, obedience leads us to harmony and great blessings. ❖



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ABSOLUTELY NOT

The late scholar Allan Bloom, in his tome *The Closing of the American Mind*, discussed the ruinous effect of Relativism on higher education. Writing in the 1980s, he noted that his students denied having, or even needing, any heroes—while secretly envying Mick Jagger.

TRUTH and LAWS

A recent article in *Skeptical Inquirer*, the magazine for debunkers of frauds, discussed 'truth.' It said that truth, as encapsulated in scientific theorems, is an objective absolute. Next, it recounted how new theorems emerge, toppling the 'established' truth. It then discussed Epistemology, claiming that philosophers haven't been able to formulate any clear definition of 'fact' or 'truth.' (Apparently these folks, most of whom are atheists, want plenty of wiggle room.)

My opinion on this subject appeared in a letter in *Mercury*, the journal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. The cosmos has fundamental laws, such as gravity. No matter how loudly you repudiate that law, you're still going to get the same result when you step off a ledge!

Moral laws are just as absolute, being rooted in inescapable human realities such as love, respect, and unselfish

action. Every major religion upholds the Golden Rule, and some version of the Ten Commandments. Monotheists understand that this flows directly from our Creator.

Morality is also the basis of secular law, and therefore of civilization itself. People who deliberately break laws are regarded as criminals. On the other hand, those who can't even comprehend laws are subject to special psychiatric and legal remedies.

REPRESSION?

Some people react strongly to the very concept of morality. They claim they're being "repressed," in both personal and social ways.

My fellow writer F.R.R. Mallory is an eloquent advocate of this view. In the best Socratic tradition, I've asked her to state the case in her own words:

Criticizing someone's personal beliefs, ideas, feelings, or opinions is a form of imposition; an act of subtle aggression. These challenges are almost always forums for verbal, mental, and emotional assault.

Often a challenger will suggest that "all of society" agrees with them. This becomes intimidation. In the religious arena, when individuals live outside the dominant culture, they may be subjected to extreme brutality, to punish them for the "effrontery" of simply not believing. We interpret so-called "divine law" to suit our individual goals, and to excuse atrocities.

The intent of the challenger, here, is

meaningless. The perception of "being right" was sufficient grounds for violence. It is important to remember that ALL forms of measurement are created by human beings, to be used upon other human beings.

With our limited understanding of self and cosmos, all that we can state with clarity is that, at some point, the cosmos came to exist. And that, possibly, it may cease to exist. Beyond this, all ideas are the subjective, individual opinions of billions of lifeforms.

Opinions are not right or wrong—they're simply yours. A possession of the individual, struggling as an individual, to form a constantly changing perception of the cosmos. —F.R.R. Mallory, All Rights Reserved ©2001

Mallory is a prolific writer for the 'alternate lifestyles' scene. These folks place great emphasis on personal respect and tolerance, especially for the [to put it politely] exotic or unusual. It seems they're also quite worried about a revival of the Salem Witch Trials, or whatever modern form such nasty activities might take.

EXPERTS

When applied to new or scientific-sounding claims, Relativism can have outlandish results. Without an objective standard of truth, *everything* becomes a matter of personal opinion. Secular laws are mocked. Real experts—in any subject—are dissed. Peculiar beliefs become widespread.

Stay up late for a couple of nights and listen to radio's Art Bell Show. A parade of self-assured 'mystical' and 'alternative' celebrities will appear. Many

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This month's article springs from a discussion engaged in by my on-line writer's group. Our initial subject was science vs. mysticism and, as usual, it branched out all over the place. I've invited two of its members, Dale Gillis and F.R.R. Mallory, to contribute to this article.

RELATIVISM

The mystical, or non-scientific, worldview has been called Relativism, and its aspects range from venerable philosophies to daily lifestyles. My thanks to Richard Lewis and Dr. Tyler Hendricks for explaining it in these pages.

Relativism, in its modern form, emerged from popular confusion over Einstein's famous Theory of Relativity. People have generalized Einstein's term to encompass relationships, ideals, and even facts. As in: "Hey man, everything's relative." Einstein *could* have dubbed his idea the Theory of Invariance, because it states that the speed of light does not vary, no matter how fast the source of the light is moving. In other words, it sets forth a whole series of absolutes.

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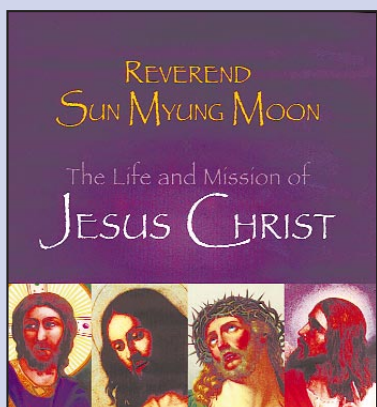
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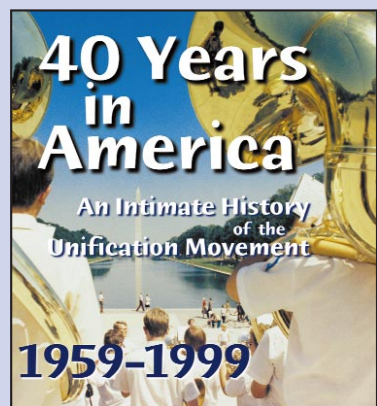
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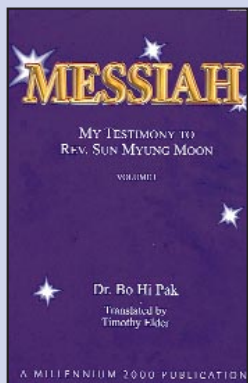
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