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International Blessing of 400 Million Couples

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[Notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins, translation by Mrs. Hee Hun Standard, editing by Mrs. Joy Pople. These are notes through a simultaneous translation. Simultaneous translation is done in summary form and depends greatly on the translator's ability to communicate the essence of the message. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future for some kind of publication on Father's words. However, they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message. Even if they were notes from a translator who is a native English speaker to an English-speaking person taking notes, there would be serious gaps and errors. Therefore, these notes should be used for inspiration and to enhance our understanding of Father's spirit and concentration. Specific directions will be communicated through national headquarters memos, and the Korean recordings of key proclamations and historic messages will be carefully translated and published. Still, even with careful translation, much is

lost or not understood. The only way to really understand Father's words is to learn the original language and go to the original recordings and texts.]

August 4, 2004 - East Garden—True Parents entered to a warm welcome from all key leaders, clergy and representatives of America, including STF members from Korea, Japan, America, Latin America and Europe. Father and Mother lit the candles and cut the cake.

The most important thing is blood lineage. We must now be concerned about building God's Kingdom. We must live with absolute faith,



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absolute love and absolute obedience. Blessed central families, you must understand that you must fulfill your responsibilities or your descendants will accuse you. Even if we die we shall live on. What good is it to live and not fulfill our responsibility? Do you Christian leaders here (Bishop Stallings, Rev. Edwards, Rev. McGhee, Archbishop and Bishop Delarosa) understand?

We have to think about fulfilling our own mission. America opposed me in the past. At some point in time I had to walk that path. I had to overcome obstacles one by one. That is the only way I could make progress.

I told God that everyone is falling into hell and I would like to save them. For the first time in human history, God met someone like me. Now you have True Parents who can follow God total-

ly. How can things be resolved? The number of people that follow God is small.

Homosexuality is not the way of heaven. You must understand the ideal of absolute sex, in which one man and one woman bind together forever in fidelity and true love.

[Father spoke in English with profound heart to the young STF people. He spoke about absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. He also spoke about filial piety toward their parents.]



AUGUST

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 1 Hee Jin Nim's Ascension (1969)
- Day of Returning to the Home Country (1993)
- 4 Hye Jin Nim's Ascension (1964)
- 7 Unification Theological Institute (1971)
- 16 Il Sung Il: Total Victory Day (1985)
- 17 Declaration Day Jeon-ban & Jeon-neung (1999)
- 20 Declaration of the Providential Age of Salvation by Love (1989)
- 22 Chil Pal Jeol: Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth (7/7/97)
- 25 30,000 Couples' Blessing (1992)
- 360,000 Couples' Blessing (1995)
- 27 Shin Goon Nim's Birthday (7/12/83)
- Shin Kwon Nim's Birthday (7/12/89)
- 28 Federation for World Peace (1991)
- 31 Pal Jong Shik: Day of the Settlement of 8 Stages (1989)

SEPTEMBER

Ahn Shi Il • 2nd, 10th, 18th, 26th

- 1 Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)
- 2 In Jin Nim's Birthday (7/18/65)
- 3 Hwa Jung Nim's Birthday (7/19/77)
- 6 Young Jin Nim & Hwa Jung Nim's Blessing (1997)
- Hyung Jin Nim & Yeon Ah Nim's Blessing (1997)
- 8 Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)
- 99.9 Jeol: Heaven and Earth Unification and Liberation Ceremony (1999)
- 10 3.10 Jeol (1999)
- 14 Shin Ji Nim's Birthday (7/30/94)
- Interrreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony (2002)
- 15 Hye Shin Nim's Ascension (1971)
- Shin Joong Nim's Birthday (8/2/93)
- New Hope Singers International Established (1973)
- 18 Foundation Day (1976)
- Ultimas Noticias Established (1981)

WORLD CALENDAR

- 19 Hyung Jin Nim's Birthday (8/6/79)
- 27 Day of Dispensational Transition Point Toward Unification (1988)
- 28 Soon Ju Nim's Birthday (8/15/72)
- Chusok — Korean Thanksgiving (8/15)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

OCTOBER

Ahn Shi Il • 4th, 12th, 20th, 28th

- 1 Ocean Church Founded
- 3 Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World (1988)
- 4 Foundation for the Support of HSA-UWC Established (1963)
- Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
- 5 Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification between the Physical World and the Spiritual World (1998)
- 9 Hwa Yun Nim's Birthday (8/26/77)
- 10 New York City Symphony Orchestra Support Began (1975)
- Sang Ship Jeol: Double 10 Day (1999)
- 11 Father's father's Ascension (1954)
- National Professors and Students Federation for North-South Reunification Established (1986)
- Opening of Cheonsung Wanlim Palace Training Center (1999)
- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 21 Shin Myung Nim's Birthday (9/8/86)
- 777 Couples' Blessing (1970)
- 23 Declaration Ceremony for the Liberation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Substantial Realm (1999)
- 24 In Sup Nim's Birthday (9/11/72)
- 27 Young Jin Nim's Ascension (1999)
- 29 Shin Eh Nim's Birthday (9/16/89)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)
- 31 Shin Mi Nim's Birthday (9/18/77)
- Shin Ok Nim's Birthday (9/18/89)
- Shin Ah Nim's Birthday (9/18/98)

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

FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

Welcome True Parents

When American people are focused on having fun and just trying to be happy, actually Satan is laughing at them. God is sad and not happy. Happiness comes when we live for the sake of others.

The Abel UN made an incredible foundation.

Now we need new absolute values. Adam and Eve were supposed to be blessed, but they fell. Some people fell and want to be blessed. How many times can you marry? Once!

Many UC members want to be blessed, but they are not spiritually prepared for the Blessing. We should even use the internet. Have you thought about that? We must bless everyone, from the spirit world to the physical world. Archbishop Stallings' ancestors are watching from the spiritual world.

You must go through formation, growth, and completion stages. When we do Tong Bang Kyok Pa we must do it in three stages: neighborhood, precinct, and village. The number 8 is a new beginning. Number 1 represents God, number 2 is Adam, and number 3 is Eve. Seung Hap Ship Seung Il. The number 10, 5 plus 5, is the returning number, back to the origin. Ahn Shi Il is the holy day of attendance, not Ahn Shik Il (Sabbath).

You can go ahead and do something that isn't right, but your ancestors will come after you.

Do you think Rev. Moon will persecuted again? No. I am the parent of Heaven and Earth. All is fulfilled. I cannot be stopped. Bishop Stallings, Rev. Edwards do you understand? Many clergy are spiritually dead. You have to make a revolution. You should be very serious about my words. You cannot live without the knowledge and intellect. My teachings are very logical.

We must liberate all people, including those under communism. Islam, Christianity and Judaism and all religions must fulfill their responsibility. They should not fight. Some take the Koran or the Bible and use it to justify fighting. This should not be done. So far there have been a lot of divisions and struggles within Christianity.

The white sister here with blonde hair: you are from the polar bear race. They descended from the pirates. From England came many pirates. Spain, Portugal and the European countries began with piracy. They are also the ones who spread Protestantism. Italy was also involved with spreading Christianity.

People in the world do not understand how God has been leading the dispensation. In the spirit world, the five major religious leaders have been blessed. They have attended True Parents. As the parents of heaven, earth and humanity, True Parents are human beings who are manifesting the vertical and horizontal axes. We should have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. The root of this is God.

This is the period after the establishment of heaven. The right hand and the left hand should not be fighting; they should become one. We should bring two hands together. We should be number one in whatever we are doing, whether it is a sports game or any other kind of activity.

From July 20 through August 20, we must make a special effort to go through three different stages. August 20 is the day when I was liberated from Danbury prison. We should bring liberation on the national and international levels. All people, including orphans in ghetto areas, should be liberated. We should become totally one with the cosmos. Heaven and earth should become one. We must liberate our fatherland and our homeland. We should turn this world upside down through the Blessing. We can become true sons and daughters of filial piety and loyalty through the Blessing. That's how we should live.

Jesus should have become the King of Kings in his lifetime. For that to be done, he should have established the four position foundation. The number 24 is 12 plus 12. Adding 4 to it makes the number 28. We should establish the number 44 and then be able to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on those principled numbers. Five men and five women coming together create the number 10. You must establish the four position foundation and establish the number 12.

There is order in everything. How can a father have a relationship with his own daughters? Is that proper for human beings?

The 38th Parallel is the critical dividing line between North and South. Religious people must not fight but must unite. When they unite, North and South Korea will unite.

What America fears the most is China, because there are many more people in China.

White people should not be proud of yourselves. Eskimos were living centered on fishing, and white people came with guns and took whatever they wanted. Eskimos are related to the Orientals. Many of them were shot and killed by white people.

Columbus proclaimed that he "discovered" America.

The Spanish took many things from the Native American Indians and violated them. This must be restored. The British did even more. They took opium to China and started the opium war to destroy the Chinese.

Some people are afraid that Rev. Moon might conquer the world as an Asian, but my desire is not to conquer the world but to restore the world back to God. People want Communism to be destroyed, but the question is can we save the communists.

Should white people be blessed? Yes, all people should be blessed.

We should be able to offer our lives for God. Man should cherish the holiness of his love organ. I was tempted by many women in my life. I overcame, and you must do the same. You must be able to do the things God is pleased with.

Many women tried to tempt me, especially when I was in Japan. I related to all women as my sisters.

Man wanted to have dominion over the creation. Adam was interested in the animals, the butterflies and any animals. He was curious especially about how they shared their love. Eve was interested in something else. The Archangel was very kind and understanding and spent time with her. He knew how to please the woman. Adam was off somewhere else.

I met Jesus when I was 16 years old. Jesus could not be married even when he reached 30 years of age. That was not God's original desire.

Eighty percent of white men should marry black women.

What about white women marrying black men? What if everyone only marries their own race—Koreans marrying only Koreans, Hispanics only Hispanics, Russians only Russians? Actually, you should marry someone of a different race, not just someone of your own background. People of different races should get married and then both backgrounds should live together. Some people may wonder why I promote interracial marriage or international marriage. All people should be from a completely mixed lineage. All nationalities and all races should come together. The different races grew out of the effect of the environment. The climate and the weather affected the characteristics of white people and Asians.

Do you love your wife? Sometimes after 20 years the husband and wife get tired of each other and think about someone else. The only thing

that can prevent trouble is loving each other. Even when you are 60 or 70 years old, you must still invest in and love each other. This keeps the relationship fresh and changing and developing.

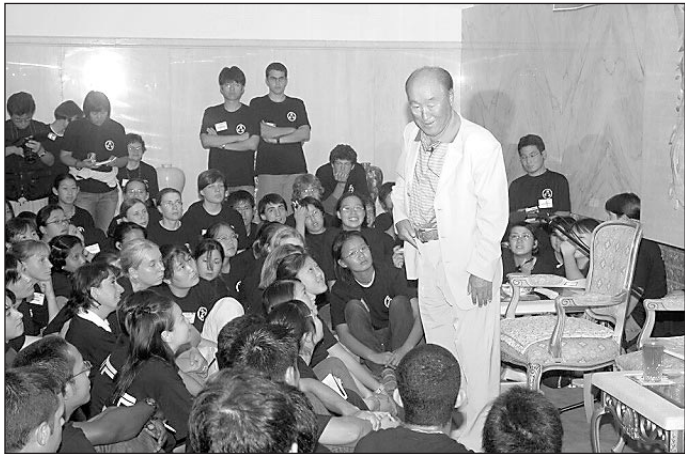
We must bless everyone with the Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine and Holy Salt. There are three levels: the rebirth ceremony, the resurrection ceremony and the ceremony of eternal life.



[Father spent a lot of time with the youth showing his leg and feet and talking about the characteristics of his legs.]

If you want to maintain your health you should walk 30 to 40 minutes per day. I was never late to school. I was always early. If you are late it is because you are lazy. I still train myself and maintain my strength. I always do my best.

You should know your strengths
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WORLD CULTURE AND S International Blessing of 400

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

I am inspired to let you know how beautiful the day of Blessing was. At the stadium not far from Sun Moon University in Asan City (near Cheonan, about an hour's drive south of Seoul), the Blessing of marriage was held on July 26 for thousands of couples. This represents the fifth phase of the 400 million couple Blessing. The stadium was literally filled with blessed couples of both first and second generation. The brides looked stunning and beautiful in their white bridal gowns, and the men also looked great in stature and dignity, as these families pledged they would not only build true families with no divorce and no adultery, but also that they would seek to build a new world through linking their family together beyond race and religion, to build the Kingdom of God.

Prominent religious leaders representing various faiths of the world came forward to bless the couples. Standing on the stage in a line, each one offered a prayer from their own religious tradition asking God's blessing upon the couples. Archbishop George Augustus Stallings represented Christianity. Imam Muhammad Elahi represented the Shiia Muslim faith. They were joined by Dr. Hamdi Mohamad Murad, professor at Al Baraqa University, a leader of the Syrian Orthodox Church, a Hindu leader, a Shinto leader, and a Buddhist leader. The invocations of blessing from religious leaders affirm that there is one God and that all the faiths are coming together now to invoke the collective power of their foundations in strengthening and uplifting marriage and family. These two principles

were emphasized in Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak's keynote address – first, faith in God, and second, that the family is the most essential component for bringing love, happiness, and peace into the world.

The gathering included over 300 prestigious participants of the Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) Assembly 2004 conference, representing 120 nations. Several former presidents, prime ministers and current heads of state joined with top religious leaders not only to observe this blessing of marriage, but also to support the effort to strengthen families through all the religions. Throughout the conference many were interviewed as to their understanding of Father Moon's work and mission. In many different ways the leaders of many of the countries in the world are seeing that Father Moon truly is a leading figure for world peace and the development of strong families, with respect for all races and religions.

Through the increased media atten-

tion to the work of Father and Mother Moon, the key leaders of the world are now looking more deeply into the teaching and the practice of this world peace movement. Also, through the many conferences throughout the world, bonds of friendship are being established that go deeper than just working relations. Truly a global family is emerging of people who have influence in their nations and within their religions to lead the world into a culture of heart and peace.

True Parents opened the WCSF on July 23 in Cheonan with tremendous encouragement to the leaders, saying that they are being called by God to take responsibility to lead this world away from the scourge of war into an era of reconciliation and dialogue through mutual respect and understanding for all people.

The opening session of the week-long International Peace Sports Festival was held in Asan City in a beautiful ceremony that was likened to a religious Olympics. The athletes paraded

into the stadium with the flags of their countries, representing their pride and the best of the religious cultures in their nations. Our American teams have done very well at the games, and I understand we have some gold medals. I'll confirm and let you know, but I know our Washington, DC, basketball team was in the lead the last I checked. The athletes have the broadening experience of competing beyond race and religion on an international basis, where Christians, Muslim, Jews, Buddhists, and other world religious bodies are represented in peaceful but spirited competition. Whether they receive medals or not, participants go home with determination to come back next year to advance their teams' efforts.

At the opening ceremony, Father Moon's major address called for peace through ideal families. In this process he encouraged the athletes, as well as all the dignitaries, to understand that peace is linked essentially to the family. Without families that are stable and loving, there can be no peace.

At the same time the sports fest is going on, the Mr. and Miss University pageant is in progress, where students who represent their nations and their universities have come for a pageant that emphasizes morality and abstinence before marriage and fidelity within marriage. It's a great encouragement to see men and women competing not only based on talent and the gift of good appearance, but also based on moral character and commitment to build a better world.

The Youth Federation for World Peace, led by Rev. Bong Tae Kim, had a beautiful opening session in Seoul on July 24. Many young con-

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and weaknesses, and you should know your attitude in life. Especially as leaders, you should fulfill your responsibility.

Now I weigh about 83 kilograms (186 pounds). I used to weigh 95 kilos. You should learn self defense and always be trained and ready for anything. What is most important is your mentality. With the right mentality you can fulfill anything. You should even be able to sleep with your eyes open!

You should be good in all sports. You should be trained to survive in all circumstances. All these things are here to give you training. When I go fishing, I can remain in the same spot all day long without moving. When I play baseball I can be a good catcher

or pitcher or any position.

I spent 100 days in Korea, and 5 days in Kodiak, I was gone for 105 days.

I want you to take a special leap in your faith at this time. This is the time to give a special Blessing to your relatives and to all of your people. All people of the world should be able to

Three thousand three hundred myuns and guns should be involved. This will cover a certain amount of people. We should involve all Ambassadors for Peace; they should all should be informed and connected. Everyone should be blessed, no one should be left behind. All people should be registered. Christian leaders should lead the way. Young people should all be involved with the Blessing.

This is a powerful mission that you should be involved in. You young people must take Hoon Dok Hae seriously. You should find the way to cover the whole nation with the Blessing. Ambassadors for Peace should be active for this responsibility.

From now, our prayer should be only reporting results. If we have no results we should not speak. Then with whatever results we offer, God can receive them and guide us regarding the next day. If we have no external results we have to make

internal results and offer them to God. This way we can progress each day.

Wherever you go you should bless everyone. Everyone in each nation must be blessed. UC members should not rest. Continuously bless people. You should become the owners of Cheon Il Guk. That's the kind of chil-

dren you should become. For this cause I have shed tears, sweat and blood. With this is in mind, you must fulfill your mission. ❖



participate. Now you should be able to restore your neighbors on the myun and gun level (these are the governmental units in Korea below the city level). This probably corresponds to precincts and townships in America.

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Million Couples 5th Phrase

gressmen from the Korean National Assembly participated in it and gave speeches. At the same time, World CARP held its international conference from July 22-24 at Sun Moon University, in which Hyun Jin Nim inspired thousands of young leaders to live for the sake of others.

The academic core of this WCSF is the IIFWP Assembly 2004 conference. Rev. Kwak in his opening address on July 23 in Seoul noted that the fall of man set humanity on a course that would not be able to achieve the order and structure of true love. He said, "Among Rev. Moon's most profound spiritual discoveries about God is the realization that God's heart is one that aches with disappointment and loneliness over the loss of His children, and the core and essence of His creation, true love, which was lost by the fall.

"Human society was built on the foundation of impure love within the family of our ancestors. Selfishness became dominant in human relationships. As such, family love was not only easily corrupted by infidelity and abuse but often contributed to ethnocentrism, racism and nationalism. As families multiplied into tribes, nations and civilizations, selfishness manifest-

ed in the injustice, inequality, preferential love, and imbalances of power and wealth on a global scale. For this reason, the purpose of God's providence is to restore the family, and that process begins with religion. Knowing this, Father Moon has always emphasized the central importance of religion and the need for mutual respect and cooperation among religions. Religions are the schools of repair and restoration. They are instruments to lead us to a full, clear relationship with God, untainted by sin, selfishness or impurity, to a state where we would exist without any shadow and with nothing to hide before God, humanity, and the entire spiritual world."

Rev. Kwak went on to say that the family is the primary building block and instrument of peace, and yet also the family is the school of true love, a micro-city or micro-government, a micro-religion, a micro-school and a micro-economic system. Father Moon looked through the family ideal to a vision of universal peace and a realization of the Kingdom of God. That is why he founded IIFWP. Building on the foundation of religion and family, its goal is a world of universal harmo-



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ny among all people who would dwell together as citizens of a unified and prosperous world under God. This is the ideal of the peace kingdom.

Rev. Kwak emphasized Father Moon's respect for the UN and also his understanding that it's not easy to change traditions and practices that would allow for a new paradigm to emerge. He understands it will take time for the UN to further expand and fully utilize the opportunity that religion provides in the path to peace. For this reason, Father Moon founded the IIPC to be a "peace UN" as an institution of global guidance rooted in true love and a world culture of heart. He concluded by congratulating the leaders on their consistent efforts to try to take the vision of a world culture of heart and make it into reality.

For me, this WCSF is very special. We had the opportunity to have Middle East panels and discussions, as well as very well informed, sophisticated discussions on the reunification of North and South Korea from experts from America, Asia, Europe, and all the continents. What's most encouraging is that many who represent the divergent traditions that are in conflict in the world actually show that with the proper atmosphere and commitment, those representatives can come together and create a path to peace that is universal and solid. Now those same leaders are being called from every country of the world



to participate in the World Peace Pilgrimage. At a very exciting luncheon program set up by Dr. Thomas Walsh, the Middle East Peace Initiative committee was highlighted and represented by Dr. Antonio Betancourt, who has been appointed as Secretary General of the World Peace Pilgrimage in the Holy Land and is coordinating not only the visitation of 191 nations to the Holy Land but also the highest possible meetings in the religious and civic areas to forge bonds of peace that will link the world with the Holy Land and support the peace process.

I was given the opportunity to speak, and I could feel the overwhelming response of the participants. Many came up to me afterwards from Belarus, Nigeria, Malaysia, Indonesia, Canada, France, England, Germany, Turkey, and all over the Middle East, saying that they never have seen such hope. They marvel that the whole world is engaging voluntarily in the development of a peace process that respects all religions and races and brings a new understanding of the Kingdom of God.

Rev. Kwak and Dr. Walsh once again have led this conference on behalf of our True Parents with great success. We congratulate them and we are grateful that such a world movement of Ambassadors for Peace is growing in depth and stature. ❖



WORLD CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL 2004

The Absolute Value System of the True Ideal

by Dr. Rev. Sun Myung Moon

This address was given in Cheonan, Korea, July 23, 2004

Distinguished guests from 113 nations, leaders from religions, academics, politics, civil organizations, youth participants from the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival, participants of the International Marriage Blessing Ceremony, students and youth leaders, ladies and gentlemen...

The theme and goal of the World Culture and Sports Festival, which I proposed in 1988, is to establish a world culture of heart. All mankind should come together in harmony and unity centering on God and true love, to create a world of harmonious interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. Consequently, events of this festival strive to break down man-made walls. This is a cultural festival that aims for a unity transcending nations, races, and religions.

This tenth World Culture and Sports Festival is all the more significant because it comes during a providential time in history when the era of the coming of heaven is so close at hand. In fact, this festival is opening the way for the era of the coming of God's kingdom. The title of this speech is, "The Absolute Value System of the True Ideal Family Determines the Owner of True Love," and it introduces only a part of the truth that heaven has given to mankind.

Dear guests, what was God's purpose in creating humankind? The desire of the omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent God was to not live in solitude. Thus, He created the cosmos as a part of the process of creating an environment for His children, and on that foundation, He created men and women as the object of His absolute love.

God created mankind as His children. His desire was for them, His objects, to become better and greater than Himself. Even in this world, parents wish for their children to become better and greater than themselves. This is the love of a parental God, which He gives as a blessing.

God's purpose of creation was to feel joy in seeing His children grow and perfect themselves, receive the marriage blessing from Him, multiply true chil-



dren, and create a true, eternal ideal heaven in which they could live.

The path for becoming an owner of love can be opened through the practice of true love which invests and completely sacrifices itself first for its partner.

Before God created human beings, He first established the standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience and then invested Himself 100 percent. Through this, He brought the realm of the object into the realm of absolute values. One cannot become an owner of love on one's own. This is only possible through an object-partner. This love principle of absolute values also pertains to God. Without children, parents can never become owners of love. In the same way, in order for God to stand in the position of the owner of absolute love, He must create His children, who stand as God's object-partners, in the realm of the values of absolute love. Perfection is reached through the emergence of the values of an absolute subject and absolute object.

Observing the order of the universe, it is not true that the weak are unconditionally sacrificed and exploited for the sake of the strong. The theory of

survival of the fittest and the law of the jungle are fundamentally wrong.

Believers of this theory have overlooked the absolute values that aim for the perfection of the owner of love, who stands as the subject by living for the sake of others, investing true love and forgetting ever having invested into the object, who responds in absolute obedience. If true love is excluded from this formula, only the concept of struggle remains, but God's principle of creating is not that of existence and development through struggle. Rather, He seeks harmony and unity leading to absolute values through a mutual process of giving and receiving within the relationship of subject and object.

An individual may be sacrificed for the sake of the greater good, but we should not perceive this as struggle. It must be seen as an investment for the sake of mutual development.

Can we indeed define the act of an individual willingly sacrificing himself for his family, or the family for the nation, or the nation for the world as struggle? In this way, the realm of absolute values exists for the sake of bringing about the full realization of true love, where each strives to first set up the other in

a position of an owner of true love.

Thus, we must remove from our lives the roots of a self-centered and individualistic mind-set and the behavior that flows from that. This is the root of fallen nature and the cause of all evil. This can be said of self-centered behavior on the individual level as well as of collective individualistic behavior in society.

This path is directly contrary to the spirit of true love's system of absolute values. Instead of sacrificing and giving for the sake of others, self-centeredness calls for others

to sacrifice thereby causing a person to be more concerned with his own interests than the well-being of others. Through the Fall, self-centeredness was ingeniously injected into the mind-body struggle. Satan planted this poisoned mushroom in the hearts of people.

Although embracing self-centeredness may result in a person appearing beautiful and gaining worldly fame and earthly comforts, it is a trap that once entered will lead to addiction and a life of suffering that is difficult to escape.

Let us think about the concepts of "front" and "back." When we say "front" it already acknowledges as a pre-existing condition the word "back." The word "top" holds true only when "bottom" exists; "left" is a precondition of "right."

In the same theory, male denotes the prior existence of female. In other words, men were born for the sake of women, and women were born for the sake of men. Without men, there is no need for women. In the same way, without women, men cannot retain the value of their existence.

In the end, nothing is born for the sake of itself. All beings exist and act for the sake of their partner. This means that we were created to live in an ideal

homeland within the context of relationships of mutual concern for each other.

Let us think about our five sensory organs. Did your eyes come into being for the sake of looking at themselves? Our eyes, nose, ears, mouth and hands all were created for others. What is the force that mobilizes our five sensory organs to sustain our lives and maintain our activities?



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Family Determines the Owner of True Love

It is the force that aims to perfect the values of true love. Therefore, our five sensory organs are simply tools that came into existence for the sake of practicing true love.

In this way, nothing exists for its own sake. A life of living for the sake of others, giving and sacrificing through love, and perfecting the owner of love through obedience, is a life that satisfies God’s ideal of creation. You were created for the sake of your partner, therefore the law of nature calls you to live for others more than for yourself. This is where the absolute values of true love are created.

Dear guests, do you know where the dividing line between heaven and hell is? Is it in the air? Is it in a cathedral? Is it in a national boundary? No, the dividing line between heaven and hell can be found in one’s sexual organ. The selfish use of human sexuality is where the greatest tragedy in human history occurred; it is a tragedy which turned heaven and earth upside down.

If you recklessly use your sexual organ, like a blind man, you will surely go to hell. On the other hand, if you use it in accordance with the standard of God’s absolute love, you will go to heaven. Who can deny this fact? If you doubt this, I ask you to carefully read the Divine Principle, which contains the laws of heaven that I revealed. If you are still in doubt, I sincerely ask that you pray to heaven. I’m sure that your prayer will be answered.

Ten of thousands of young people in the world who have accepted the teachings of the Rev. Moon have ceased engaging in free sex. The message of the pure love movement, which advocates “absolutely pure sex,” or “absolute true love,” is now spreading like wildfire.

If free sex is false love centered on selfish desires and Satan, then absolute sex is absolute love centered on God. Many literary works and stories in the press have the tendency to fan the fires of free sex.

But now, leaders of all spheres of life, including politicians, economists, philosophers, journalists, religious leaders and writers will stand together driving away free sex, a disease that cripples people and nations.

The cornerstone of world peace was supposed to be within Adam’s family, which was to create the absolute values of true love. It was also Adam’s family that could destroy the path to world peace. Thus, we must bear in mind the importance of Adam’s family, the ancestral family of humanity.

The reason I brought an end to our “church” and established the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification is because the time had come to focus on the family.

How can we transform this world, which has become hell-like? The prac-



tice of true love is the only way of finding the absolute values. Since the attributes of God, the owner of true love, are based on eternal, unchanging, unique, and absolute standards, we must also inherit them and live according to those standards.

Dear guests, why is the family a good thing? It is because the family becomes the basis for our activities based on our original freedom, centered on the love of parents. Even though they may be shabby in appearance, when a family becomes an original family, consisting of people bonded in heart with true love at the core, humankind and even God will feel liberated. Freedom without love is not true freedom.

If you feel restrained when you go to someone’s house as a guest, it means you still lack a deep bond of love with that household. In other words, because your love does not spread out in all directions you feel awkward and restrained.

Then what is the highest and greatest value in the original family? It is the original parent. Why is the original parent good? Because the original parent is the subject of eternal love. The original parents are the ones who stand closest to us in creating a relationship that lasts throughout our lives and beyond.

After birth, the first partner to whom we relate our joy to is our original parent. Thus the original parent is both the subject and object of our joy. The original parents are such that when we are happy, they are the first to be happy for us. When we are sad, they are the first to shed tears of sorrow. Thus, children without parents are called orphans,

and orphans are treated with pity.

Next, one’s beloved husband or wife is the second most valuable being in the family. Husbands and wives must be couples that can give and receive original love that is unconditional in nature.

Although this love may not have started within the relationship of love that is absolute and eternal in nature, if it becomes an original love created within the husband-wife partnership, based on the absolute bond between a couple, then that love will become the basis upon which the eternal happiness and joy of the family exists.

But if this ideal, original relationship between husband and wife stops there, existing only between the couple, then it will not bring eternal happiness and joy that hold an absolute value. That is to say, this couple must have their own children. If a couple decides not to have children, thinking that they will live in happiness as a childless couple, you will see the result. Humankind would die out before the second generation. Only when a couple receives the love that the original children return, can they rise up to the position of the original parents as true couples.

Therefore, the next most valuable and important thing is the love of the children toward their original parent. If the children can sacrifice and love the original parent with a bright and positive mind-set, while longing for the ideal environment, not despairing, but hoping for the future, then that love has a pure and genuine value because it exists for the sake of the family’s happiness. In this way, an original family

extending over three generations, completely endowed with the sacrificial, original love of original parents toward their children, the true love between the original couple, and the true love of the original children toward their parents will become the most ideal true family in the world.

What kind of person is called a happy person? In other words, what standard is used to measure happiness? Can a person be called happy due to the fact that he has external talent or authority that no other person possesses? Can a person be happy just because he has tremendous wealth that draws the envy of all? Is happiness obtained by becoming a world-renowned scholar and rising to a position which everybody envies? That is absolutely not the case.

No external condition alone can guarantee a man’s happiness for eternity. It may be a reason for searching for happiness, but it cannot become happiness itself. In the end, genuine happiness comes from a family that has loving parents, a couple bonded

in true love, and children that are devoted and faithful to their parents.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, humanity will now witness a great revolution of true love that is taking place on the Korean peninsula. Humanity, which has struggled under the false love of Satan for thousands of years, will now hear a cry of joy upon establishing the absolute values of the true family and ridding this land of all sorts of false values.

Two hands must come together in order to make a clapping sound. Heaven has already opened the gates of the “era after the coming of heaven” on the foundation of the victories of Rev. and Mrs. Moon, the True Parents. Our responsibility is to become the absolute object partner before Heaven, the subject partner, and open the way for the age of the creation of a new heaven and earth.

This is an historical age where spirit world and physical world are united as one and when Cheon Il Guk (Cosmic Kingdom of Peace and Unity), the peace kingdom that God had envisioned from the beginning of time, is being established on this earth and in heaven. The time has come for intellectuals the world over to receive the teachings of Rev. Moon, who has served God as the vertical axis of humanity and upheld his mission as the horizontal True Parents. This has been done throughout his eighty-five years of life, consistently sacrificing and serving, in order to discover and to establish a true person, true couple, true parent, true family, and true world. May I ask all of you to please join me in completing this historical task for the sake of heaven? ❖

Blessing Ceremony in Chicago



Sunday evening, July 26, 2004 we here in Chicago joined with the WCSF 2004 in Korea via satellite, and the program was a great success. Fifteen couples received all aspects of the Blessing Ceremony. Altogether there were 100 guests in attendance to view the beauty of the couples' ceremonies and to support their venture towards a new beginning. Everyone was very pleased with the Chicago event and were grateful to all Chicago members for making this an unforgettable experience.

One Chicago couple, Marcial and Pops, shared about how much they felt the parental love of Bishop and Mrs. Kim through both the preparation and during the Blessing ceremony. Another couple that came to Chicago from North Dakota shared how much their heart was touched by the ceremony and that they really felt it was a precious unforgettable moment. Other people blessed their ancestors in the spirit world and they also had a deep moving experience of joyful tears for them.

We would really like to thank everybody who helped make this WCSF Blessing 2004 another historical occasion. This gives us new hope, new commitment, and new determination to go forward and accomplish our goals as blessed families. ❖



Blessing Ceremony in Los Angeles



by Rev. Timothy L. Henning

The Los Angeles Blessing Ceremony on July 26, 2004 had 13 couples participating, including one "heaven and earth" blessing of an 80-year old member whose husband applied for an earlier blessing but passed away before being able to attend it. The ceremony was beautiful, with a holy atmosphere that truly inspired all present. ❖



Blessing Ceremony in New York

by Rev. In Hoi Lee

On the evening of Sunday, July 25, at 10:00 pm, couples gathered at Belvedere to join in the Blessing 2004 ceremony. This event was linked by the internet to Korea where the main ceremony was taking place with True Parents, at the same time (but on the next day), Monday, July 26. Prior to the Blessing ceremony the blessed couples took the holy wine at the main house (True Parents old house) based on 3 hours of education by Rev. Lawrence Fong and Rev. Tom Corley.

In his congratulatory remarks to the 50 participants, Rev. In Hoi Lee, the director for the New York Region, commented on how privileged the couples were to receive the holy blessing in such an historic holy place, where True Parents had invested so much for God's providence.

Those who were participating included 15 newly matched couples, 10 brides

and bridegrooms who held pictures of spouses who were in other countries, and 5 previously married couples (including one couple that had just begun to learn about the blessing). The emcee for the event was Rev. Bruce Grodner, the vice regional director, and the coordinator for the event was Rev. Hirofumi Sakamoto. Dr. and Mrs. H.G. McGhee started us off locally with prayer. Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Compton represented the officia-



tors and 10 elder couples participated as attendees.

The Blessing was held in the training center that was decorated with flowers on the walls, ribbons, and white and pink balloons.

In addition to the brides and bridegrooms the room was overflowing with members and friends who had come to support and honor the newlyweds.

Even though the internet connection was sometimes

delayed and at times there were prolonged moments of awkward silence, the opportunity to actually participate in the event that True Parents (dressed in white tuxedo and wedding dress) were officiating was priceless.

After the ceremony concluded, Rev. In Hoi Lee gave a brief message encouraging the couples and all members to reach out to others. He challenged everyone to bring 500 or even a 1000 participants for the next blessing. Archbishop de la Rosa and Jim Stephens (National Director, BFD) offered words of wisdom to the couples - letting them

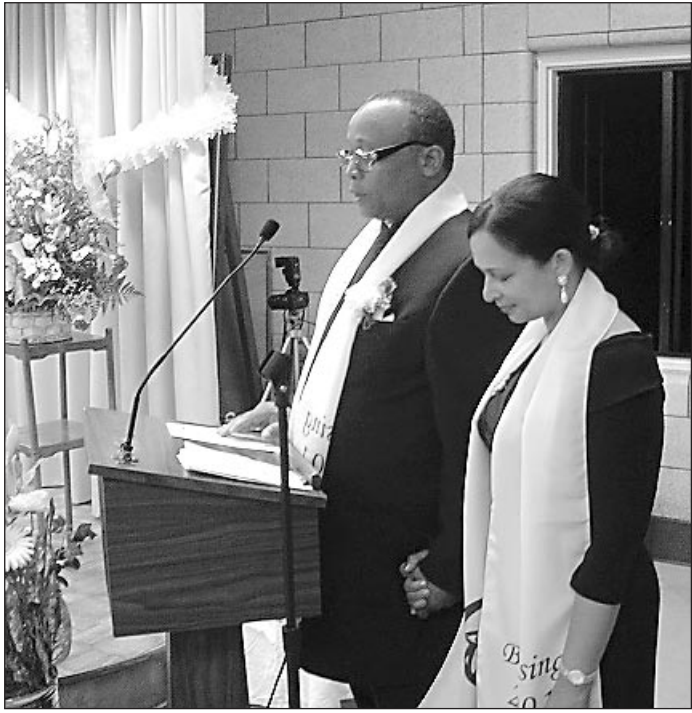


know that they were going to face serious challenges in today's permissive society.

Finally everything was concluded with a closing prayer offered by the Bronx district leader, Rev. Esteban Galvan.❖



Angeles



World CARP at WCSF

A lecture in “Building Alignment to the Vertical Axial Line” was presented by Young-Jun Kim, the Vice President of Human Resource Development in WCARP, at 11:30 in the morning of July 22, 2004. The purpose of the lecture is to grasp an overall picture of Hyun Jin Nim’s core teachings of the last five years and to recognize our responsibility in this time of age and determine to fulfill it. The Flow of the presentation was centered on the two key words, “Vertical Axial Line” and “Alignment.”

The first half of the lecture focused on presenting “Vertical Axial Line.” He presented the meaning and significance of the Vertical Axial Line, and its relationship to the commencement of the settlement age. In this presentation, the Vertical Axial Line, having the characteristics of oneness and uniqueness, was defined as the Three generations of God’s original family: God, True Parents, and True Family. The Vertical Axial Line is very significant because it is the center of God’s providence. Establishing it is God’s original dream and the purpose of creation.

The second half of the lecture focused on “Alignment.” He discussed the member’s prerequisite for Alignment of the Vertical Axial Line was the changing of blood lineage through the “Blessing.” There were two necessary components for alignment, “Cultural Alignment” and “Strategic Alignment.” Cultural Alignment is having the same culture of the Vertical Axial Line, while Strategic alignment is having the same vision and mission, goals and strategy of the Vertical Axial Line. In order to build Cultural Alignment, we must embody the Core Values, and to build Strategic Alignment, we must own the Vision and mission, goals and strategy of WCARP. Thus, building Cultural Alignment and Strategic Alignment to the Vertical Axial Line is through embodying the Core Values and Owning the Vision and Mission, Goals and Strategy of WCARP. Hyun Jin Nim’s Core teaching of the last five years and our responsibility in the Settlement Age is therefore realizing God’s ideal of creation through Building Alignment to the Vertical Axial Line.

Plenary Session II

Hiroyuki Tosaka, the Vice President of Leadership Development in WCARP, presented the lecture “Transforming the Culture in the CARP center” at 2:00 o’clock in the afternoon in July 22, 2004. The presentation was the main theme of The International Education Conference.

In Transforming the Culture in the CARP center, we must have a new mind-

set centered upon core values. In building a new mindset it must be mission driven, Frontline Oriented, Quality focused, and Excellence minded centered upon the culture of heart.

An essential mindset for cultural alignment must have a long term and short term mission driven goals. The long term goal must be focused in the

successful in his short term and long term goals he must embody the core values, embody True Love.

Being Frontline Oriented, the leader should set a standard by frontline victory. We should lead by example since transformations starts from leaders. The leader should have the firsthand knowledge in the field situation. The frontline victory of the leader will bring about passion and conviction as it moves the heart of the people. This is the foundation of leadership.

In gaining Ownership through victory the leader should focus on frontline missions: Fundraising and Witnessing as field education. We should make sure members understand “why” they should fundraise and witness. Leaders should guide members to gain victory. It is essential for victory that leaders should build strong Discipline and Focus on their responsibility.

To focus in Quality, center leaders

the bar higher and higher with professionalism. He should be focus on a mindset that there is no such thing as no. 2, only no. 1!

Lastly, in the culture of excellence a center leader should build strong conviction through breaking limitations, constantly challenging to move himself and the members out of the comfort zone by thinking out of the box. A leader must pursue excellence in every responsibility by fighting to bring excellence in result both internally and eternally.

These are all an essential mindset for cultural alignment in transforming the culture of CARP centers.

Plenary session III

The lecture “Core Values-Based witnessing and Outreach” was presented by Kazushi Mito, the Vice President of witnessing and outreach WCARP. In his lecture, he states that Hyun Jin Moon’s expectations of witnessing and outreach are Core-Values Based, Market Oriented, Leadership training, and Value-Creating organization.

Witnessing must be core values-based since Core Values are our organization’s competitive advantage. Culture is our first battlefield as our 2004 Motto states that to substantiate the culture of heart it must be done through embodying core values. World CARP’s

“brand” is “World CARP will teach people how to live Core Values.”

Witnessing must also be market-oriented. It must aim for high quality students. The leaders must develop modular education and utilize new membership categories. There should be differentiation of education such as the

beginning level should be Universal Values and at later stages introduce Divine principle and Completed Testament Age.

Leadership Training is also expected in witnessing. The leader should develop a leadership pipeline. A center leader should establish Leadership training based on W-CARP educational epistemology: Experience Based supported by cognitive education and must be transformative, challenging, and aim for excellence.

A value-creating organization is also expected. Leaders should create both core base and mass movement. Reposition our organization through doing things that bring value to community. World CARP should be an exciting place with lots of activities.

All these expectations with the vision and mission of WCARP, Core-Values Based witnessing should bring substantial success to WCARP as an organization.❖

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level of CARP activities.

Hence, for a center leader to be suc-

cessfully, emotionally, and spiritually. He should create a new reality by setting

WORLD CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL 2004

Opening Day of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival at the WCSF 2004

The opening ceremony of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival began with a big bang with a procession by 100 flag bearers. The athletes looked excited as they marched into the stadium in groups sorted by their faiths that include Unification, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism and Shintoism.

After receiving a grand welcome and an inspirational speech by Reverend Sun Myung Moon himself, VIPs, athletes and the 4000 locals of Asan were presented with several warm-hearted musical and dance selections by young Korean performers. There was also an exhilarating instrumental performance by the Korean band "Two Ji." Audience members and athletes alike were awed as the ceremony ended with a beautiful display of fireworks.

The fun did not end with the opening ceremony. During the day many sports events

took place, including table tennis, basketball and soccer. For the Muslim Singaporean soccer team, losing the first round at the game was not a big deal. The manager of the team, Mr. Omar Ibrahim from the Association Of Singapore Muslim Professionals, said: "It's ok to lose, you know. The most

important thing is that these kids are having fun and getting to know so many athletes around the world. I was so surprised to see how such an exposure could give so much confidence to my boys when I saw the way they mingle with the other group. Back home, they were so timid!"

Timid is not the word for the Miami soccer team. The team was the runner-up for last year's IPSF soccer game and is already promoting IPSF in America through "live" radio interviews held at the press office.

Lester Melendez said: "We want more people to know about IPSF. It's a great place to be, and I think if we promote IPSF widely and correctly more and more people will be excited about this event."

The day ended with the colorful performances of athletes from various nations during the cultural night. Everyone's eyes were glued to the stage as the Mongolian delegation explained a bit about their culture in their traditional clothing. Their presentation was followed by cultural dance performances by the North Indian and Thai athletes. They were really amazing to watch. The highlight of that event was the martial arts performance by the students of Sun Moon University. ❖



IPSF Works at the De-Militarized Zone Between North and South Korea

by Khorrum Omar

Part of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival educational program was a service project at the De-Militarized Zone (DMZ) between North and South Korea. Untouched for over 50 years after the war, the De-Militarized Zone has become a symbol of harmony because it is home to hundreds of species of plants and animals that have been living together in peace.

Sixty fortunate athletes, including myself, were chosen to participate in the one-day educational tour/service project on July 27, 2004. After a four-hour bus ride and a short stop at the ticket office, we entered the DMZ. Our first stop was the train station, which had photos and artistic impressions of the aftermath of the war in the area, with some brief history behind them. Everyone was snapping photos of everything. Even the soldier on duty was not spared.

We were later taken to the underground tunnels that the North Korean army had dug during the war. The passageways were only discovered by

accident during restoration of the area after the war. All of us got the opportunity to walk through one of the tunnels. Four hundred meters deep and more than 2km long, it became colder the deeper we went. As we walked through the tunnel, there were signboards that explained how coal was painted onto the walls of the passages so as to disguise it as an ordinary coal mine. There were yellow paint marks indicating holes that the diggers made in walls for inserting dynamite and blasting the wall away. For thirsty travelers, natural spring water was available through a tap that was connected to bowls that collected the natural water dripping from the tunnel ceilings. Going back up was not easy, as everyone had to stop and catch their breath at places where seats were located.

It was not until we got to one of the observation towers that we had a better view of the DMZ area. A South Korean Army sergeant explained to us the



various places of interest as we looked through the huge glass windows that gave us an almost bird's eye view of the beautiful area. After the short briefing, participants got to look through telescopes to see the places that we were told about. However, no one was allowed to take pictures beyond the observation tower.

A short distance away, we were driven to a home-like restaurant where we had lunch. The food tasted so delicious because the ingredients were freshly

picked from the nearby farmlands. Bowls were refilled over and over again, so everyone left the restaurant with a full stomach.

The last part of the program was the service project. We were given gloves and sickles. Our task was to clear the overgrown land of weeds that had grown high and spread wide. One of the participants, Mr. Kenny Holiday, started humming a tune, and one by one we started humming our own tunes. The hot sun took a lot out of everyone, but by the end of the

work, we were treated to a refreshing drink and ice cream. Some of the athletes from Singapore went to the nearby river to refresh themselves. The cool and fresh river water was re-energizing.

Although it was not what most of us expected, the trip to the DMZ was fun and educational. Everyone, especially those who have never experienced anything like this, will remember this for many years to come. ❖

ASSEMBLY 2004 FIRST

The Tenth World Culture

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

This address was given in Seoul, Korea, on July 24, 2004

Distinguished delegates from 120 nations. Leaders from the religions, the nations, civil society, academia, the arts and sports. Ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of the Founders of the World Culture and Sports Festival, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, welcome to Assembly 2004, sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the recently-launched Interreligious and International Peace Council.

The 10th World Culture and Sports Festival marks a significant milestone in the history of this global festival dedicated to peace. The WCSF was founded in 1988 at the time of the Seoul Summer Olympics, and was first convened four years later in 1992. The core purpose of WCSF is the establishment of a "world culture of heart." That is, its purpose is to contribute to a global transformation of the minds, hearts and behaviors of people of all races, religions and nationalities, and to create a world in which human relationships are characterized by true love, harmony, and co-prosperity.

When the Olympics came to Korea in 1988, Rev. Moon affirmed the Olympic ideal of promoting world peace through athletic competition among people of diverse nations. As people of diverse backgrounds interact centering on sports, they can draw closer together and overcome barriers.

However, Rev. Moon wanted to expand this ideal in several important ways. First of all, he identified God as the center point of the human family. By centering on God, all people are better able to transcend or go beyond their own limited perspectives, and see others as their brothers and sisters under God. By humbling ourselves before God's infinite goodness, knowledge and power, each one of us is also better able to recognize the limitations in our own character, perspective, and worldly attachments.

Secondly, he understood that true global peace has its foundation in the family. Peace in the family has its foundation in a God-centered marriage. A man and woman in marriage represent the coming together in love of the masculine and feminine dimensions of the cosmos. In turn, the loving, creative harmony between husband and wife naturally gives rise to parenthood and parental love. Knowing the central and sacred value of marriage and family, he integrated into the WCSF a public marriage Blessing ceremony: the World Peace Blessing.



Thirdly, he brought together leaders from all fields, including religion, government, civil society, academia, and the arts to meet and collaborate in seeking constructive solutions to critical global problems. This component of the WCSF has come to be carried out through the IIFWP Assemblies.

This Assembly for world peace is the 6th in a series that began with the Inaugural Assembly in 1999. In six short years, the IIFWP Assembly series has become a premier international and interreligious gathering dedicated to peace. At this year's Assembly we will consider the theme, "Establishing a World Culture of Heart: Innovative Approaches to Peace in a Changing World."

The best way to understand this theme is to consider and reflect on the spiritual and historical foundations of the IIFWP. As human beings who live in this historical world, we each know that we always are standing at some specific and limited point in time and place. And so, it is helpful for us to have a map that helps identify our location. You may think of these words that follow as a kind of providential map that will allow us to locate our position in the cosmic order.

The ultimate standard and point of orientation of our being in this world,

like a north star, is God. The context for our existence is the cosmos and world He has created. God is the source and foundation for all that exists. Our concept of God is of profound significance for our entire worldview, including the way we view all people and all materials things in the world around us. A narrow, partial or limited view of God, leads to a narrow, partial or limited worldview. The important point is not only THAT we believe in God, but rather HOW we believe in God. Our understanding of God is absolutely essential.

In light of this point, our understanding of the primary characteristics or attributes of God is also of great significance. It makes all the difference if we associate God primarily with such attributes as power, control, and judgment, as distinct from attributes of love, parental care, and compassion. It makes all the difference if we view God as satisfied, remote and distant, or as near, seeking love and relationships, and therefore deeply affected by the selfishness, suffering and evil in our world. Also, it makes all the difference whether we understand God primarily as a being who wants to receive or a being who wants to give.

Rev. Moon has always taught that God's essence is true love. As he puts

it, "God always gives and forgets, gives and forgets....." In creating the world, God had infinite hope for the successful growth and development of Adam and Eve. Through them, He longed to multiply His true love and the joy it could produce. The chief characteristic of true love is unselfishness and living for the sake of others. This is God's essence.

True love, however, is not random and unstructured. It has a precise order and structure to it, just as the universe has order and structure underlying its beauty and function. The order of true love is linked to the harmony of man and woman in marriage, and parents and children in the family. God envisioned the family as the repository of the most precious gift he could offer, namely, true love. This was God's gift to Adam and Eve. It is precisely this gift of true love that Adam and Eve were to have inherited by fulfilling their own portion of responsibility. That is, they would have inherited true love if they had each followed their conscience and practiced faithful obedience to God's guidance as they grew to maturity.

The tragedy of the Fall was brought about by the failure of Adam and Eve to observe the laws of love. In this way they undermined the order and structure of true love.

Among Rev. Moon's most profound, spiritual discoveries about God, is the realization that God's heart is one that aches with disappointment and loneliness over the loss of His children, and the core and essence of His creation, true love, which were subverted and lost by the Fall.

Human society was built on the foundation of impure love within the family of our ancestors. Selfishness became dominant in human relationships. As such, family



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love was not only easily corrupted by infidelity and abuse, but family love often contributed to racism, ethnocentrism, and nationalism. As various families multiplied into tribes, nations and civilizations, selfishness manifested itself in injustice, inequality, preferential love, and imbalances of power and wealth on a global scale.

For this reason, the purpose of God's providence is to restore the family. This process begins with religion.

Religion came into being as a needed tool to repair the corrupted heart of human beings. Imperfect love within the family reproduces itself, and creates a culture of selfishness that multiplies and expands from the family, to the tribe, the society, the nation and the world. Religions exist to guide each of us to follow our original mind and to learn the way of true love. Religions are there to lead us to God, our true center, so that we may eventually restore our true character of goodness.

Knowing this, Rev. Moon has always emphasized the central importance of religion and the need for mutual respect and cooperation among religions. Religion is a school of repair and restoration. Religions are not our ultimate destiny. They are not eternal institutions. Rather, they are instruments to lead us to a full, clear relationship with God, untainted by sin, selfishness or impurity; to a state where we would exist without any shadow and with nothing to hide before God, humanity, and the entire spiritual world.

According to God's ideal, human beings would graduate from religion in much the same way as we graduate from a university. That is, we would dedicate ourselves to our courses and pass our exams and receive our diploma, moving on to a full, loving, intoxicating relationship with God, our Father.

Our graduation from religion occurs not through perfection of knowledge or ritual, but as we perfect our character. In the eternal spiritual world we are not appreciated for our religious background or knowledge of doctrine, but for the quality of our character, and especially our heart.

This graduation then provides the basis for our entering into marriage, where we practice living for the sake of others on the most personal and intimate of levels, in the relationship of a husband and wife. Through conjugal love a deep and permanent union is formed, and, as we know, children are born. The family is none other than the school of love, the place where love is experienced and learned by spouses, children, parents and siblings.

In this sense, the family, according to God's original purpose of creation, is a higher expression of God's ideal than religion itself. It is closer to God's original ideal. For God did not originally prescribe a series of rituals, scriptures or houses of worship. He originally created a man and woman in the beauty of creation. He created a couple that was to come to embody God's ideal of love and produce children and multiply true love.

This helps us understand Rev. Moon's own methodology as he works to establish a world culture of heart. For, he initially created a religious organization, one which affirmed the value of the mission and purpose of all religions and which aimed at bringing religions into cooperative and respectful relationship with one another. He understood that not only faithful adherence to truth, but also interreligious respect and cooperation are necessary if each religion, and each one of us, is to effectively fulfill our mission. For this reason, he initiated the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity in 1954. In fact, just a little over two months ago, on May 1, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding.

However, in 1996, Rev. Moon officially closed the HSAUWC and replaced it with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, with a mission centering on God's ideal of the family as the core institution for the realization of true love. The Family Federation era represented a shift in providential focus from religion to family, underscoring the truth that the God-centered family is the essence, mission and end toward which religion moves.

The family is the primary building block and instrument of peace. In the family we harmonize male and female, parent and child, elder and younger, past and future, individual and society, law and love. All the basic requirements for peace have their basis in the family of true love. The family is a micro-society, a micro-government, a micro-religion, a micro-school, and a micro-economic system.

Father Moon also looked through the family ideal to a vision of universal peace, and the realization of the Kingdom of God. Thus, in 1999, on the foundation of decades of effort in promoting peace through a wide range of organizations and federations, Rev. Moon initiated the IIFWP, as the premier global institution to promote world peace. Building on the foundations of religion and the family, its goal is a world of universal harmony among all people, who would dwell together in a unified kingdom as citizens of one world of true love and co-prosperity under God. This is the ideal of the Peace Kingdom.

When Father Moon established the IIFWP, he provided its motto: The Hope of All Ages is a Unified World of Peace.

As he expressed it in his speech at the United Nations in August of 2000, one of the core objectives of the IIFWP mission has been to promote the establishment of an interreligious council within the United Nations. He also strongly urged the United Nations to appreciate more fully the significance



of marriage and family. Both religion and the family are essential to the establishment of world peace.

Rev. Moon understands that it is not easy for either the United Nations or many of its member states to change traditions and practices that have evolved over decades and centuries. He realizes that it will take time for the UN to implement innovative proposals.

For this reason, and because the world is in such urgent need for an institution that provides leadership, vision and sacrificial commitment, he launched the Interreligious and International Peace Council on October 3, 2003. As he put it, the IIPC is to be a "Peace UN," an institution of global governance based on true love and rooted in a world culture of heart.

Our theme at this Assembly not only considers the "world culture of heart," but also "innovative approaches to peace in a changing world." Innovation, we all know, is both necessary and inevitable. We are living at a time of transformation, most visibly in the realms of technology, communications and business. Globalization, for example, is a dramatic innovation, as is the rise of NGOs, as well as new expressions of spirituality. This trend will not subside, but will only intensify. Old structures and systems will be challenged relentlessly.

The IIFWP has launched the IIPC as an innovative approach to peace, a council of responsible governance and

service that seeks to integrate dimensions of the human social order that have been historically divided; for example, the spiritual and the secular, the governmental and non-governmental, international business and humanitarian idealism, left-wing ideals of justice and right wing ideals of freedom,

traditional values and modern technology, scientific rationality and spiritual wisdom, private morality and public ethics.

Some of you may consider such a goal as either illogical or impossible, or both. However, this list is not intended to ignore logic or reality. These alternatives are not irreconcilable. To borrow a term from Western logic, they are themselves false dichotomies. Within the logic of love, and most importantly the logic of family love, we can find the way for reconciliation.

I hope that during this conference you will come to better appreciate the genius of Father Moon and his profound contribution

to peace. He is no ordinary man, and the movement he has given birth to and raised up over the past 85 years is no "flash in the pan."

Historical changes often emerge in surprising ways. Some of the world's greatest changes have occurred through the invention of a lonely scientist working in a lab, or a searcher alone in the desert seeking truth. It has not been easy for the world to recognize Rev. Moon's contribution to history. But, as I said earlier, what he has taught and accomplished represents an innovation and a contribution that is what the world needs at this time. We are fortunate to be among those who have met him and have heard so directly what he teaches. If we apply these teachings and create institutions that give full expression to them, we will indeed transform the world. We can create a world culture of heart. We can change this world. It begins with each of us. It expands to each of our families, to our places of work, of worship and citizenship.

Please take the opportunity that lies before us with utmost seriousness and hope. Let us create a place here where God's love, wisdom and heart can fuse with His sons and daughters, as we seek Him and seek humbly to express all the goodness and creativity that He longs for us to inherit and enjoy.

I hope that we will each help one another become new and truer people of goodness and true love. ❖



REV. MICHAEL JENKINS

Rev. Jenkins is the President of the American Church

This is a time in which the chosen people of God (the Fourth Israel) must apply the lessons of history and exhibit great faith. We have entered this time in history based on the completion of the providential history of restoration. When Father was 16 as he prayed upon a Korean Mountainside he received the commission from Jesus. Answering the call he was led through a course to discover the history of restoration laid out in the Bible. The course of Adam's family, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and thru Moses on through Jesus. On May 5th, the first Day of Settlement and Attendance Father announced that the Pre Millennial Era had ended and we entered into the first day of the prophesied coming of the Kingdom of God. This was achieved through the course of love based on restoration. This is best clarified in the scripture through the sacrifice of Jacob for Esau and their embrace and tears.

This course of restoration is clarified through the Divine Principle. In its contents are the secrets of unraveling humanities separation from God and from one another. This course is the one that True Parents walked. It is the course of restoration through sacrificing oneself for the sake of others. This is the course that each and everyone of us must walk to truly become one with the heart of God.

Now having completed this course from the Individual, Family, Clan, Society, Nation, World and beyond True Parents could receive the title of True Parents of Heaven and Earth. Through that path the key was always in loving Cain. This path is the path that is central to the heart of God. No matter what the central figures of history had the hold the central position of heart and love for all humanity. Regardless of the attitude of Esau, Jacob had to maintain love for him.

This is the time of Settlement and Attendance and based on True Parents completion of their course they have given us the title of "Owners of Choen Il Guk" and "Tribal Messiahs".

Father has been emphasizing recently two Tribes that we must be the Messiah for. First in the "Internal Tribe" which is that of our relatives, that is we should bless our relatives with the Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine allowing them to receive the lineage of heaven and allowing them to step into the Realm of the Fourth Israel. Father has expressed serious urgency for this condition to be secured by all blessed couples. Its the requirement of heaven for each Blessed Central Family to have the foundation that is required to secure the stable base of the Tribe. The Blessed Central Family is blessed and must develop the foundation of blessing in our own Internal Tribe (our Relatives and Family.)

The other aspect of our "Tribe" is to

be found in what might be called the "External" tribe. This is the Tong Ban Kyok Pa or the Neighborhood and community development. Father has now commissioned us that through our own responsibility and in cooperation with the leaders of our community and church, we must raise and bless 3, 36 (3 x 12), 72, 120 and 430 couples from both our internal and mainly our external tribe. Why must we walk this course.

Through the process of raising, sacrificing and caring for others your heart expands and grows. It is ultimately for the perfection of the Love of God expressed through our own individual hearts. We go through this with our Blessed Marriages and Families. Through the course of digesting and overcoming difficulties

and Jews. We also engage in dialogue and relations with Jewish rabbis, who themselves have become Ambassadors for Peace, thus transcending many of the traditional barriers that block us from good relations beyond our denominations or religions. You will visit and experience a deep spirituality at one of the three most holy sites of Islam – Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. You will be given a special presentation by one of Israel's most prominent rabbis on the depth and spirituality of the great faith of Judaism. This experience does not take place in a hotel but right inside one of Israel's prominent synagogues.

You will have an interchange with

leaders in a World Peace Symposium, in which many of our Ambassadors for Peace will also share their insights. You will bring gifts and symbols of your nation and culture as you visit the hospitals of Jerusalem and Ramallah, with particular focus on the children. It is almost certain that you will change some Jewish or Muslim young person's life as they experience love from your nation and culture, which they never believed they would ever see or experience.

You will experience the high desert climate and the cool evenings that come with such terrain. You will feel the healthful atmosphere that is created by the hot desert sun as you go to the world-famous Dead Sea. You will have the opportunity to bathe in the mud that is found there. It is world-renowned for its healing and medicinal powers promoting the rejuvenation of your body and spirit. You will see the Sea of Galilee and you will touch its sparkling clear waters, realizing that this was the place where Jesus created a teaching and a tradition that changed the world. You will sit on the gentle slopes where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount.

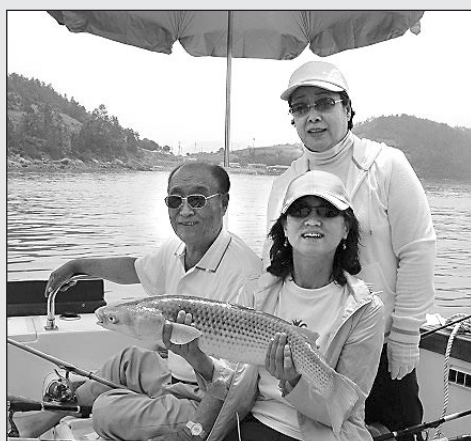
You will serve the nation as an Ambassador for Peace not only in word but also in deed. With love you will plant a tree representing your family, your lineage, and your nation. Joining with other Ambassadors for Peace, you will leave behind a peace forest that will one day bear fruit that will teach future generations about your sacrifice to heal this historic land.

People to people, heart to heart, you will have the opportunity to visit people one-on-one who are indigenous to the area, and you will make a bond with your brothers and sisters in the Holy Land that will last forever. You will carry your wisdom and your understanding that you gained from your great nation and culture to the Knesset and the lawmakers of Israel. On our past journey with the group from Latin America, the former prime minister of Barbados gave hope to the whole parliament as he received a standing ovation, to the surprise of the various factions and parties of the Knesset. He said, "I came from my country to help you in the pursuit of peace. I am an Ambassador for Peace."

Never before have emissaries come from all over the world with a message of love and support that was principled, not partisan. This is the message that there is one God of all the Abrahamic peoples and faiths and we are His ambassadors from every faith and religion.

You will experience the power of your prestige and responsibility as you see borders open that do not open regularly to visitors. With the status of the Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC) and its Ambassadors for Peace having been enhanced by many journeys from representatives of the

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in relationship our hearts grow in love. That's also the growth that occurs as we live and sacrifice for our neighborhood and our community. Our hearts grow. We become like God.

Now as we build our foundations of substance with our communities we are laying the foundation for each and everyone of us to be the "Messiah" and the "True Parents" to our own family and community. This was the path that Jesus walked. This is the path of True Parents.

World Peace Pilgrimage

The World Peace Pilgrimage is unlike any other trip to the Holy Land. While it gives the Ambassador for Peace genuine and uplifting experiences at the holy sites that are sacred to the three Abrahamic faiths, it also allows you to engage in profound relations with the people of Israel and Palestine. Muslim clerics will welcome you, and you will be surprised at the openness they share toward people of the Book – Christians

dedicated Catholic priests who have kept the spirit of Nazareth as the city where Jesus once lived. You will march in Nazareth with the Nazarenes. You will see with your own eyes the Golan Heights, and you will set foot in one of the most famous rivers of the world, the River Jordan.

You will journey into the world-renowned West Bank, not as a tourist but as an Ambassador for Peace. You will journey into areas where no tourist has ever gone. You will be safe and you will be inspired because as an Ambassador for Peace you are welcomed wherever you go. On the journey in the West Bank, you will visit the homes of other Ambassadors for Peace as well as friends of the Peace UN. You will have lunch with three or four other colleagues as the special guests of Muslims from the West Bank and Jews from Jerusalem.

You will journey to Haifa, where you will be welcomed by the city fathers and some of the nation's most prominent

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world's nations, we have now been accepted at every border and checkpoint. From the Palestinian people to the Israeli people, IIPC is accepted and known as a friend to all.

The people of this land descended from two brothers, Ishmael and Isaac. Your mission will be to give these brothers hope that the divisions of the family will be healed through our cooperative efforts. You will experience an academic seminar of the highest quality with experts on the political situation and the current state of affairs. With this knowledge and understanding, you will gain special qualities to come back to your nation to be a source of conflict resolution between the "brothers" of your own culture.

All in all, you will have an experience of joy as you will find that the Holy Land is your second home. Somehow, we instinctively feel that the resolution of conflicts in the Middle East is connected to the resolution of the world conflicts that now have so many on edge. Your work and pilgrimage will reduce tensions among Muslims, Christians, and Jews, and with each step you will bring understanding and insight into the value of the various faiths of humanity.

Heart to heart, you will find your "brother" or "sister" as you cross the Bridge of Peace with your counterpart from Palestine and Israel. Crossing with someone of a similar profession or interest, you will contribute to the resolution of tribal divisions that have existed for thousands of years. We have seen tears flow like a river as each one crossing the Bridge of Peace realizes that their steps and embrace across the lines of division in the Holy Land have a real power to dissolve those barriers and tensions.

At the conclusion, many will weep as they have to return to their homes. But our tears will be pure and beautiful, because they will be tears of hope – hope based on the real accomplishment of advancing peace in the City of Peace. History and all of humanity, as well as the Scriptures, predicted that one day believers from all over the world would take this journey. Now you are no longer just studying history. You are making history as you work to fulfill the prophecies that were given thousands of years ago.

The Ambassadors for Peace are bringing the day of hope.

Gloryland Baptist Church

History is unfolding before our eyes. I recently had the privilege of visiting our American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) leaders in Texas.

The Rev. Dr. Bennit Hayes met the movement in an unusual way. Rev. Charles Keyes, an ACLC pastor, was accompanying another pastor to a revival two years ago at the Gloryland Baptist Church in Houston. When Rev. Keyes walked in, Rev. Hayes called to him from the pulpit from which he was speaking. He said, "Pastor, I know you, don't I?" Pastor Keyes, not aware of knowing Pas-

tor Hayes, said, "No, I don't believe so." Then Rev. Hayes said, "What's your name?" Pastor Keyes replied, "Rev. Charles Keyes." Pastor Hayes said, "Charlie Keyes—helicopter pilot, Viet Nam, Da Nang."

Then Pastor Keyes remembered. He flew the mission that saved Rev. Hayes' life. Rev. Hayes was in a special unit that would go out to find out what happened to lost patrols. It was a very dangerous mission. He was a dangerous



man; he had no fear and believed that America was worth fighting for. This time he got stuck in the bush, and the mission was deemed too dangerous for any pilot to go in. Captain Keyes volunteered and against all odds saved Dr. Hayes' life.

In that moment in the pulpit, the two men became clear on their history. Rev. Keyes and Rev. Hayes bonded instantly. Rev. Keyes introduced Rev. Mark Hernandez to Pastor Hayes and they held the 144,000 Blessing in their church. Latter that year, Rev. Hayes attended the Ocean City Workshop for clergy on the theme: "Who is Rev. Moon?"

At Ocean City, he learned of Rev. Moon's teaching that John the Baptist failed his mission. Quietly, Pastor Hayes was disturbed by this and determined that he would leave Ocean City the next morning. However, that night he awakened from sleep with the words in his heart, "Read It!" He understood that the words that he felt meant he should read about John the Baptist. There, late at night, he read Matthew 11:11-12: "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

The lights went on. This is the truth and Jesus made it plain in the scriptures! Pastor Hayes felt a strong sense

that Father Moon was indeed sent by God.

He bought 20 Divine Principle books and began to teach with the Divine Principle in his Bible Studies. The members understood. The next year, Minister Ethel

Hayes, Rev. Hayes' wife, went to the Divine Principle seminar held in Virginia with Muslims, Christians and Jews. There she understood the teaching and got excited, because she could now fully understand the joy with which her husband was testifying to his church and all the clergy in Houston about the unfolding of the Bible that the Divine Principle brings.

Subsequently, Pastor Hayes, Minister Hayes, Minister Price Carruthers,

receive the Blessing of marriage. By receiving the Blessing, believers can now become True Parents themselves. Believers are now entering the age in which they also can receive their crowns. I Peter 5:4 says, "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." The crown of glory has now been lifted up at Gloryland. Truly this church is pioneering a new level of fellowship for the body of Christ and the preparation for the Second Coming.

On Sunday morning, Minister Chambers picked us up for Sunday service. The Bible and the Divine Principle book were in her back seat. She said, "I read the Principle every day. I love it. It gives so much insight into Jesus." I thought to myself, "Wow, Pastor Hayes' ministry is really strong! The ministers of his church are studying very seriously."

When my wife and I arrived at Gloryland the reality was greater than the descriptions I had heard. A large church one city block wide and another deep grew out of the original church that Pastor Hayes organized in 1989. Rev. Shin and Rev. Hernandez and their wives as well as a number of families from Texas joined us for the celebration. Minister Ethel Hayes was excited to assemble the ministerial staff with Rev. and Mrs. Shin, Rev. Hernandez, and my wife and me for a photo that she wanted placed in the America Clergy magazine (the magazine of the American Clergy Leadership Conference).

Their banquet halls, dining rooms, VIP rooms and the sanctuary are all dedicated for the Glory of God. The ministerial staff all wear traditional black garb with clerical collars. They are serious about the Word.

Pastor Hayes was excited beyond description. His Divine Principle book on his desk was frayed on the edges, and his leather Bible was well worn. He told me, "I'm reading the Principle every day. It's so exciting!"

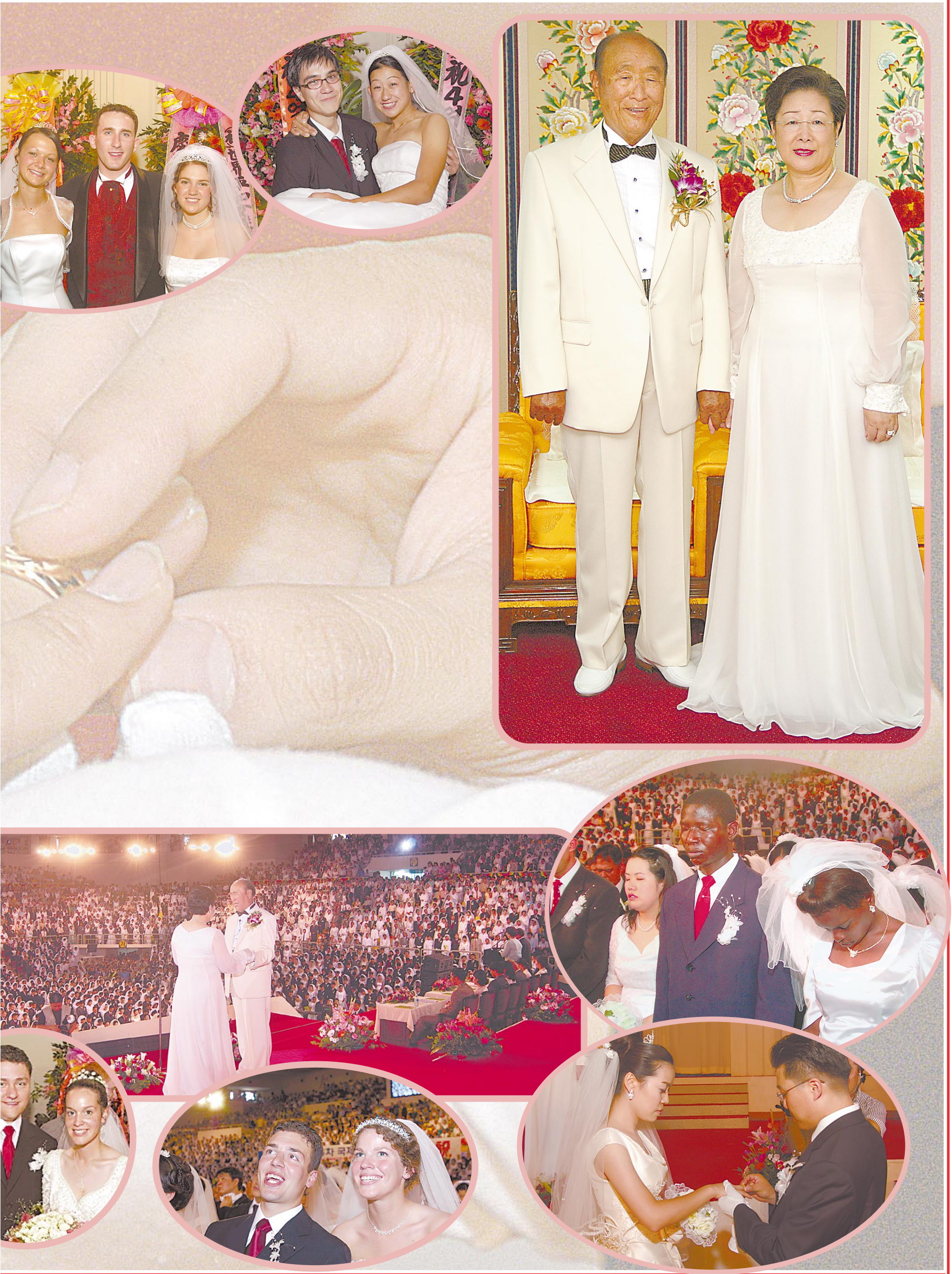
We had come for the celebration of the pastor's anniversary on July 25. Rev. Levy Daugherty was asked to open it, and I was asked to close it out. Dr. Hayes believes and trusts the ACLC.

When the service began, the Cathedral Choir of Gloryland did a special procession into the sanctuary. Forty voices lifted our hearts with traditional and powerful Gospel hymns. The atmosphere was filled with joy.

Then Mr. Jenkins who heads up the Gloryland martial arts team brought out 20 young people who are studying Tae Kwon Do. A great demonstration was performed. The young people demonstrated not only technical skill but great spirit. In a demonstration of self defense, the "attacker" was aptly prevented from any success in his attack. They are training the mind, body and spirit to allow these beautiful young people to reach their full potential as the sons and daughters of God.

Some of the demonstrations were done by grade school students who were just over three and a half feet tall. At 6 feet, 2 inches tall, Mr. Gerald Jenkins is a master trainer and in excellent shape. The children half his height didn't care. They faced him down and in some cases flipped him over!! It was a joy! Mr. Jenkins (my namesake) is a

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man of love and heart. The young people from grade school to college really enjoyed following him.

The congregation was uplifted. Discipline, training, heart and spirit were the formulas for a successful life. Pastor Hayes himself is a seventh degree black belt from his time in the service. Now he says, "I'm a spiritual black belt sent by the Lord to fight against evil." When he says it, he smiles.

Another selection was offered by the choir.

I was so happy to see Rev. Tessie Willis, our key ACLC pastor from the Lighthouse Family Church of Faith in Dallas, which she co-pastors with her husband. Rev. Willis drove four hours to celebrate Rev. Hayes' anniversary. She went to Israel for 40 days last November and December. She has an amazing ability to touch the hearts of religious leaders: imams, rabbis and Christian leaders. Her work did much to move the spirit in the Holy Land. Recently she testified to Father Moon at our National Press Conference concerning the Crown of Peace awards. The Baltimore Sun featured her testimony that True Parents are on the cutting edge of teaching about purity before marriage and fidelity in marriage. She said, "I am proud to follow Father Moon and am proud to be with the ACLC because he's so bold about teaching on the family and that the model of the family is that of man, woman and child." Rev. Willis was the first to volunteer to stay overnight in the Gaza strip with some pastors to bring love and understanding among the Family of Abraham. I'll never forget her peaceful spirit as a small contingent walked together to the Mediterranean Sea just 200 yards from the El Judea hotel in Gaza City, where we stayed

last December.

The residents of Gaza were quite shocked to see black, white, Hispanic and Asian pastors joining hand to hand with Muslim clerics walking to the seashore to pray. It is a new day in Gaza. It is a new time for humanity.

The Texas contingent of the ACLC is very strong. Rev. Willis is on the National Executive Committee of the ACLC. Rev. and Mrs. Hayes, Rev. Keyes, Rev. Willis, and Rev. Jimmie Clarke are absolutely clear that Father Moon is the one whom God has called to bring in the kingdom. They know that Jesus is with him. Nothing can change it, and from what I saw in Gloryland rapid growth through the churches is now beginning to occur.

Rev. Willis brought Rev. and Mrs. Powell with her. Sister Powell has been a key organizer for the Women's Federation for World Peace for many years. She was excited to see her husband inspired about the ACLC spirit.

Just before I got up to speak, Minister Ethel Hayes asked everyone to stand. "I have an inspiration," she announced. Her husband smiled. "All husbands and wives join hands," she asked. "This is a serious moment. The ministry has now taken on the central focus of bringing the grace of Jesus to the family through the Blessing of marriage. The power and the protection of the Holy Spirit is now covering the marriage. Divorce will be no more." She wrapped a white cloth around the joined hands of herself and her husband. She called for Rev. Hernandez to pray for the families.

She spoke so sincerely: "My husband and I are joined together in the Lord, and we are bound together in the love of Jesus. True Parents have brought the anointing of our family. We will never

be broken apart. God is with us."

Rev. Hayes and Rev. Mark Hernandez introduced me. I have such love and respect for the work that God is doing there. It was unusual for me to preach before a congregation that is so well prepared and has studied so deeply. The ministers and the congregation have crossed the Jordan River in trust for the pastor. They know without question that Jesus sent Father and Mother Moon.



I know now that many important Christian leaders are reading my testimonies in private and asking God sincerely, "Is this the hour of the coming of the Lord?"

Minister Hayes shared with me an interesting story. She and Rev. Maggie went to witness to an important pastor in Dallas, whose name is a household word. He is very open to ACLC and Minister Hayes. A group of ACLC women pastors are praying for him. They shared with me that he always welcomes them, knowing that they are with Father Moon.

Many Christian leaders are receiving revelations about Father Moon. Those who are truly praying and sincerely seeking are hearing the tender

voice of Jesus leading them to Father Moon. Those who are really sincere are deeply troubled by the culture of sin and selfishness that is now challenging the very essence of faith and marriage. They don't feel the same power they once felt, because they know that God is doing a new thing before history.

That's why this famous pastor said to the ACLC clergywomen: "I'm interested because deep in my spirit I feel that Christianity has to wake up and catch up because God is moving on and His dispensation is not static and remaining where the majority of Christians are. God is moving beyond the walls of denomination and faith now. The traditional boundaries are gone, yet many Christians want to keep the boundaries up because they are not confident that their faith can do anymore than save the individual."

This pastor believes that true Christianity created America, and true Christianity initiated the reconciliation between whites and blacks in America. True Christianity is based on faith in Jesus and the practice of his love. Faith without practice yields a false Christianity. This false Christianity is the one that condones division, hatred and even (in the past) slavery.

This important pastor in Dallas is looking closely at ACLC. I was quite surprised to hear this testimony. Thousands of pastors are looking very closely.

The time has come. When the body of Christ unites together, a new America will emerge, one that is true to its founding spirit.

The sermon was well received. Pastor and Minister Hayes and Rev. and Mrs. Keyes received the Blessing with Holy Wine that opens the door for a new covenant between the believers and God. This covenant allows us to enter into the Fourth Israel.

Now the Blessing of 12 couples is being planned at Gloryland. Pastor and Sister Hayes will officiate. Pastor Hayes is bringing pastors to the light of the Gospel that God has revealed.

Gloryland is on the cutting edge of the Kingdom. Thank you, Pastor Hayes and Minister Hayes. Gloryland has the power to transform the nation. Pastor Hayes, God has called you and your wife, your beautiful ministerial staff, and the beloved congregation of Gloryland to lead the revival and renewal of America, so America will be able to lead the world into the Peace Kingdom.

Thanks to our beloved Texas family. After Gloryland, I had a most inspiring chance to visit our Texas Family Church in Houston, and members drove from all over the state to be with Rev. Shin, Rev. Hernandez, Rev. Lee and all of our beautiful brothers and sisters. One of our beautiful sisters, Helen, drove us around. Also, Ann Marie had just returned home after months of working as an Ambassador of Peace in Korea. The Texas family is harvesting the fruits of unity and enormous sacrifice. They have given so much, and their sacrifices are allowing such great spiritual leaders to rise up.

Praise be to God! Praise be to Gloryland, Rev. and Minister Hayes, Rev. and Mrs. Keyes and all the Texas family. ♦

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Divine Principle Convocation

by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

Based on the foundation of a very successful conference on church growth, a prayer breakfast focusing on the topic, “the faith of a disciple” taught by our own Archbishop George Augustus Stallings and other activities, the Chicago community under the leadership of Bishop Ki Hoon Kim prepared for a 4 day national level seminar focusing on the Divine Principle and True Family Values, entitled “Reaching Divinity.” Held at the Ramada O’Hare, Chicago welcomed about 100 ministers and clergy to the conference—July 13 - 16, 2004—from all across America.

The conference began on Tuesday night with our Continental Director, Dr. Chang Shik Yang giving an exciting and informative PowerPoint presentation over-viewing many of our 2003-2004 activities from around the world. These included the programs in Washington DC on February 4th and March 23rd. He also gave an inspiring and detailed explanation of our pilgrimages to Israel which concluded with the powerful sisters’ pilgrimage in May.

The next morning we were treated to PowerPoint presentations dealing with the Creation from our own energetic ACLC leader, Rev. Levi Daugherty. Rev. Daugherty always brings a lively and creative presentation to the teaching of the Principles of Creation.

The Rev. David Reed treated all to his methodical and direct lectures based on the guidance of Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu and the Divine Principle Teaching Institute. Rev. Reed’s methods, which many first experienced in Cheong Pyeong in January, 2003 inspired many of us to prepare for a 1 day ministers teaching seminar. With Bishop Kim’s concurrence and support, we plan to teach our ministers how to present the Divine Principle on their own.

I know for anyone who has ever taught the Divine Principle, we realize that the most effective way to learn

the Divine Principle is to teach it. Through that effort, God can inspire us as we explain the Principle to others. We experienced this as well on Thursday morning when Bishop C. Phillip Johnson was our guest DP teacher for the session on the Purpose of the Messiah.

What has always been an especially valuable aspect of our ACLC seminars has been our morning and evening fellowship. The same was true at this conference. Each morning a different minister (Rev. Dr. Lonnie McLeod, Rev. Carl V. Rawls, Rev. Dr. H.G. McGhee and Rev. Tessie Williams) led our morning Hoon Dok Hae. Each evening was filled with music, song and the Word of God. Our dear brothers, the Revs. McGhee and Edwards were responsible for much of this and lifted the spirit higher and higher. Rev. McGee has such an amazing relationship to God through music, and Rev. Jesse Edwards

is a one of a kind Pentecostal preacher. As many times as I have heard Rev. Edwards, I left the session on Wednesday night feeling deeply repentful that I had not encouraged more people to join the festivities and be nourished by the word of God.

The participation of some key ministers was especially meaningful to me. The Rev. M. Earle Sardon recently celebrated his 92nd birthday and has been working with our movement for over 20 years. Rev. Olivia Jones prophesied the birth of our first daughter (after 3 sons) and became her God-mother. Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Strong also attended; Rev. Strong gave me my first opportunity to preach in 1984. These 3 ministers have worked with our movement for over 20 years each. They have participated in CAUSA, ICC trips to Korea, Common Suffering, True Family Values, WFWP, True Parents’ speeches and many other conferences. These ministers have stood up in the freezing cold to defend the right to have a nativity scene in the public square and have been staunch supporters of our True Parents. Rev. Sardon, who 22 years ago, admitted to being “very skeptical” of our ICUSA program (because of the negativity that he had read in the media) would later go to jail to stand up against the religious discrimination against our True Parents and our movement, just as he had done with Dr. Mar-



tin Luther King, Jr. in Albany, Georgia in 1962. Then, last year, when True Parents came to Chicago, Rev. Sardon sat at a table directly in front of True Parents and boldly responded when True Father asked if anyone in the room was older than he. After that response, True Father dialogued with his “elder brother” for about 10 min-



utes in front of 1,000 guests. The amazing thing is that Rev. Sardon was not supposed to be at the event. Nevertheless, through his faith, he canceled urgent plans and wound up having the experience of a lifetime with True Parents.

Then there is Rev. Randall, all 5 feet of him. Rev. Randall is the pastor for our dear sister Rev. Bennie Owens. As you know, the hardest people to get to attend an entire conference are always the ones in their home city—because they are constantly getting urgent calls that take them away from the seminar. But Rev. Randall attended every session and seemed 100% focused on every word being uttered from the mouths of the lecturers. When I complimented him on his faithful attendance, he just said to me, “thank you so much, I needed this.”

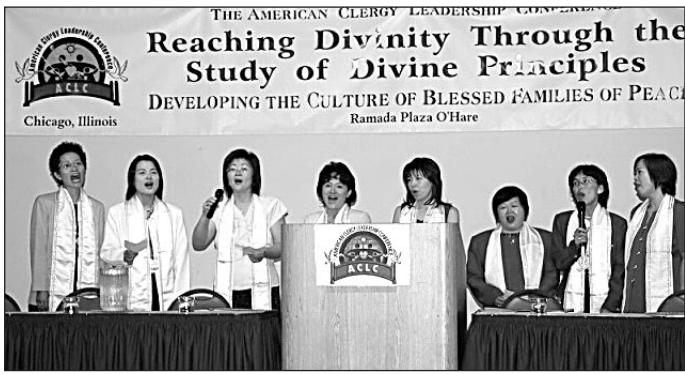
My conclusion is this. Even True Father listens to the word of God everyday. I think that he would be the first to admit that these are not his words, but the word of God being expressed

through him. Therefore, as we all would agree, no one can get too much of a good thing—too much of the word of God. For our minister friends and ourselves as well—we can not get too much of the word of God.

All of us in Chicago want to thank our national staff; Dr. Yang, Rev. Jenkins (who led the seminar so powerfully), Rev. Daugherty, Rev. Schanker (who taught our brand new True Family Values lecture), Rev. Reed and the staff that planned the seminar. Thank you to David Rendel and Noriko Ogden who made all the hotel arrangements and thank you to our Bishop Ki Hoon Kim, whose continuous insight inspires and creatively leads our Chicago community.

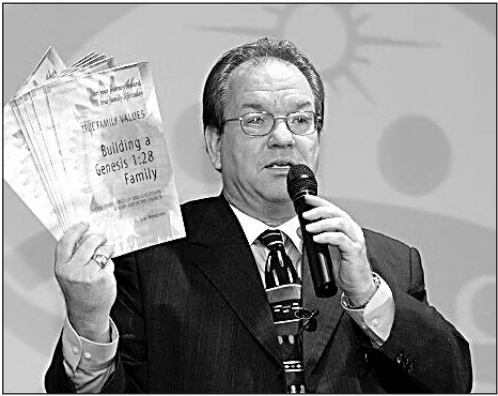
At this seminar, he included our more than 5-year on-going monthly prayer breakfast to take place right in the middle of the convocation. Likewise, Mrs. Reiko Jenkins, Mrs. Debbie Taylor and others co-hosted the first national “Women in Ministry” luncheon during the convocation.

So, brothers and sisters, it’s time to march on. Our summer camps, educating and bonding together our beloved second generation children are in full swing. The 2004 Blessing is upon us. More and more providen-



tial events are coming up faster than we can count. And we are getting stronger and stronger.

So let us all put on the armor of God and go forth, in the shoes of the servant and the heart of the Father and bring peace to our world and love to our families. ❖



IIFWP Pakistan Programs

by Dr. Zulfiqar A. Kazmi

The IIFWP Pakistan Chapter, with the collaboration of Ambassadors for Peace Foundation, has launched a weekly forum at Lahore City to address critical problems facing the Pakistani nation because of religious extremism, sectarianism, and lack of understanding for other religions. The IIFWP Weekly Peace Forum, "Vision for Peace" has cultivated a group of leaders from all spheres of life.

This Forum's strong advocacy for peace and true love in the perspective of Dr. Sun Myung Moon's teachings has impressed so many intellectuals in the country. Mr. Farhat Abbas Shah, a poet intellectual and author of 58 books of Urdu literature is one of them. This Forum was initiated in September 2003 and has been held every Sunday at the Hotel Pearl Continental in Lahore. Former President of Pakistan, Muhammad Rafique Tarar, Governor Shahid Hamid, and leader of Jam'at Islami, Mr. Ameer ul Azeem, are among those who addressed this forum so far. This forum has earned a great respect from all circles of Pakistan.

The IIFWP Pakistan Chapter arranged a special event at Lahore for welcoming the holy month of Ramadan and to honour Muslim leaders. In this recep-

tion 150 top leaders, including Provincial Government Ministers, Advisors and members of the Parliament participated. Former Governor of Punjab, Hon. Shahid Hamid, Grand Imam Maqsood Qadri, Christian leader Rev. Bahadur Janj, and famous film actor Muhammad Ali also attended this important event as special guests. In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Kazmi greeted Pakistani Muslims brothers and sisters on behalf Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of the IIFWP. Dr. Kazmi said fasting is an obligation and it is a commonality of three great monotheistic

religions Islam, Christianity and Judaism. Dr. Kazmi said we should talk about similarities and focus on coexistence. He said coexistence is a divine philosophy and Holy Qur'an gives us deep insight about all.

Clergy council Reverend Bahadur Jung of Sharq Pur Sharief, a Christian

actor of Pakistan film and movie industry, Muhammad Ali, former Governor of Punjab Hon. Shahid Hamid, Secretary-General of the Music Conference, Mr. Hayat Ahmad Khan and almost 50 top recording singers, musicians and film actors and actresses participated in this inaugural ceremony.

President of the Music and Arts Foundation, Mr. Farhat Abbas, Sr. Vice President, Mr. Zia ul Haque, Secretary General Mr. Muzaffar Chaudhry and Mr. Shah Nawaz Najmi addressed this event.

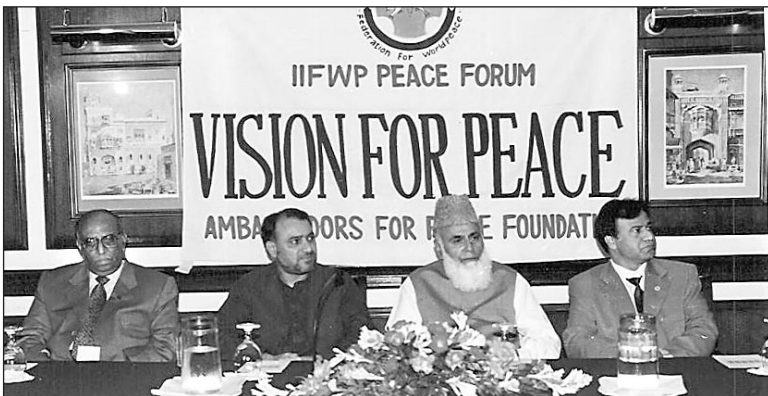
The Al-Qamar Foundation Pakistan has initiated its free Polio Vaccination Clinical Program for infants and Children at

Islam Pura, Lahore. About 5000 children and infants will receive free vaccination and medical services of this remote area every month from this clinic, which was established on no charge basis by the Foundation. Dr. Mohy-ud-Din, a well-known NGO leader and Chairman of Al-Qamar Foundation, invited Dr. Zulfiqar A. Kazmi, President IIFWP Pakistan, as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of this Clinical Program. Addressing the participants of this inaugural ceremony, Dr. Kazmi appreciated the role of Al-Qamar Foundation for its humanitarian efforts. He said we must join hands with Dr. Mohy-ud-Din, in this noble cause and that members of the IIFWP are with them at this great endeavour. Dr. Kazmi assured his full organizational support to the organizers and prays for the success of this clinical program.

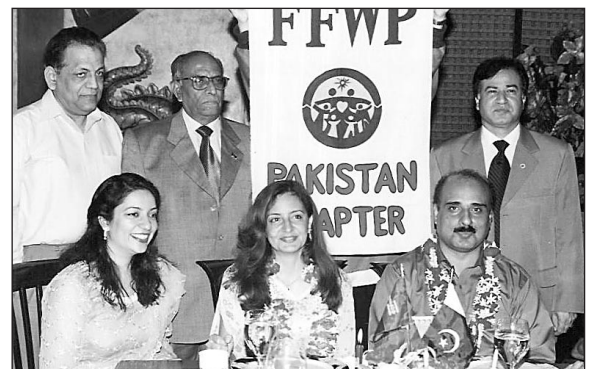
IIFWP and FFWP Pakistan Chapter celebrated a marriage of famous Pakistani Political Leader and intellectual Mr. Sohail Gowindi. Mr. Gowindi (Pakistan) recently married Lady Farrukh (from Lebanon). This international marriage was held at Beirut, Lebanon, and Former Prime Minister of Lebanon Mr. Blund Edvitt attended this marriage ceremony. Both bride and groom have significant political and religious background in their countries and belong to the most influential families. The bride belongs to the famous Daruz tribe of Beirut. After this important international marriage, it was celebrated under the auspicious banner of the IIFWP and FFWP Pakistan chapters. The celebration was held at Hotel Pearl Continental Lahore. Dr. Kazmi invited 50 VIPs to attend this important ceremony. Former Minister for Justice Mr. S.M. Masud, and former Federal Minister Syed Afzal Haider also attended this dinner event. Dr. Kazmi congratulated the newly-married couple on behalf of the IIFWP Chairman Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak and Secretary-General Dr. Thomas G. Walsh. Dr. Kazmi said this marriage will bring Lebanon

and Pakistan closer together, and this relationship will serve as a bridge for peace, love and harmony in both friendly nations.

A leading NGO of Pakistan Idara-e-Shaoor arranged an important semi-



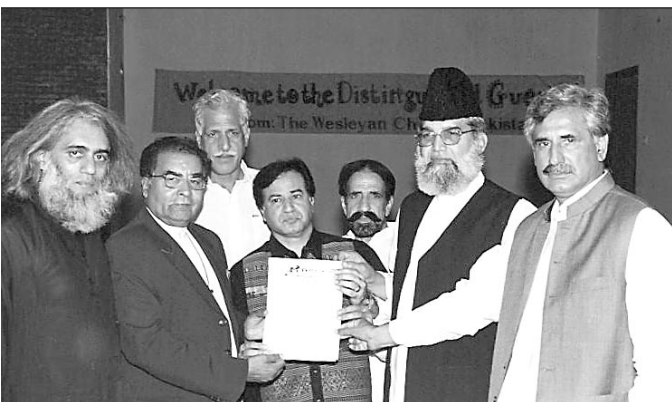
nar entitled "Terrorism, Islam and Pakistan" at the National Press Club, Lahore. Dr. Zulfiqar A. Kazmi attended this seminar as chief guest, and Justice Javed Iqbal, Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, presided over this seminar. Pakistan Peoples Party leader, Prof. Ijaz ul



Hassan, Senior Journalist, NM Rashid, Pakistan Muslim League (N) leader Ms. Ayesha Javed, and Former Provincial Minister Brig. Hamid Saeed addressed this seminar. Dr. Kazmi focussed on the need for dialogue for better understanding and peace. Dr. Kazmi said we must learn from the past and should resolve all issues and conflicts through dialogue. He emphasized adopting the philosophy and strategy of people to people contact to overcome all problems. He said that a dialogue between civilizations is an urgent need to prevent possible wars. Mr. Suhail Ashraf, President Idara-e-Shaoor, expressed appreciation for the role of the IIFWP for World Peace.

The Punjab Press Council convened its Cultural Award Function at Al-Hmara Cultural Complex on October 27, 2003. Minister for Culture and Youth Affairs for the Government of the Punjab, Hon. Rai Mehdi Hassan, and Dr. Zulfiqar A. Kazmi attended as chief guest and presented awards to the winners. Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Kazmi said that IIFWP seeks to encourage and support the efforts of leaders from all disciplines

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Peace Rally started from the New Campus of the University and ended at the Old Campus. About 1000 students, teachers and IIFWP Pakistan Chapter members and friends participated in this rally. Mr. Muhammad Asif addressed and delivered a message on behalf of Dr. Zulfiqar A. Kazmi at this occasion. In his message Dr. Kazmi mentioned IIFWP efforts for creating a culture of peace for security and human prosperity.

The Music and Arts Foundation For Peace inaugural ceremony held at Holiday Inn Hotel Lahore. This foundation was founded by Dr. Zulfiqar A. Kazmi

to unite leaders in cultural fields for peace and love. Leading personalities of the music and arts participated in this ceremony. From all circles it has been warmly welcomed and appreciated the role of Arts and Music for World Peace. Dr. Kazmi addressed and elaborated the founding vision of this foundation. Legendary film



by Don Marsolek and Mary Anglin

As the Steve & Mary Anglin family headed west across the state of Kansas on July 23rd to visit out-of-state family, they met Mr. Machida walking along highway 24. They stopped and shared for a short time. They were impressed by Mr. Machida's attitude. Even though he is making such a great sacrifice, he is genuinely humbled by the kindness of those he meets along the way. This is the sign of a truly great man, his concept of self is gone and he sees only the goodness of others.

On the evening of July 24th, Jim and Masayo Bowles arrived in Kansas from Oklahoma with Rev. George Akeen, a Native American religious leader. They

met with Mr. Machida and Jessie Berndt, along with another Kansas family, Ken & Elisabeth Thompson and shared a meal at a steakhouse in the small college town of Manhattan. Rev. Akeen gave a spe-

cial blessing prayer for Mr. Machida. Mr. Machida and Jesse then spent the night at the Thompson home in the countryside, before going on their way again early the next morning.

Mr. Machida arrived at the western edge of Kansas City, KS on the evening of July 27th, and was taken by Jessie Berndt to the home of Bill & Dawn Dillinger in Kansas City Missouri. There was a reception there and intimate sharing with Mr. Machida among Blessed couples and Ambassadors for Peace. Representatives from the three Abrahamic faiths were pres-

ent, as well as black, white and yellow races and people from both Kansas and Missouri. A letter of welcome from Mayor Kay Barnes of Kansas City, MO was read and presented to Mr. Machida. Mr. Machida was in very high spirits and was most gracious to meet Family Federation members and Ambassadors for Peace.

Early the next morning Mrs. Dawn Dillinger walked several miles with Mr. Machida upon his start in Kansas City, KS. Later that day, several Ambassadors for Peace along with Rev. Juan Acosta joined in walking with Mr. Machida for several miles in Kansas City, MO. Mr. Don Marsolek, the AFC Leader walked several miles with them.

A Proclamation of a "Day of Reconciliation and Peace" from Mayor Kay Barnes was also presented to Mr. Machida in Kansas City. Rev. Acosta arranged for both the letter and proclamation. So far, donations in the amount of \$320 have been presented to Mr. Machida in Kansas City. ❖



IIFWP: Character Education and AIDS Prevention in Zambia

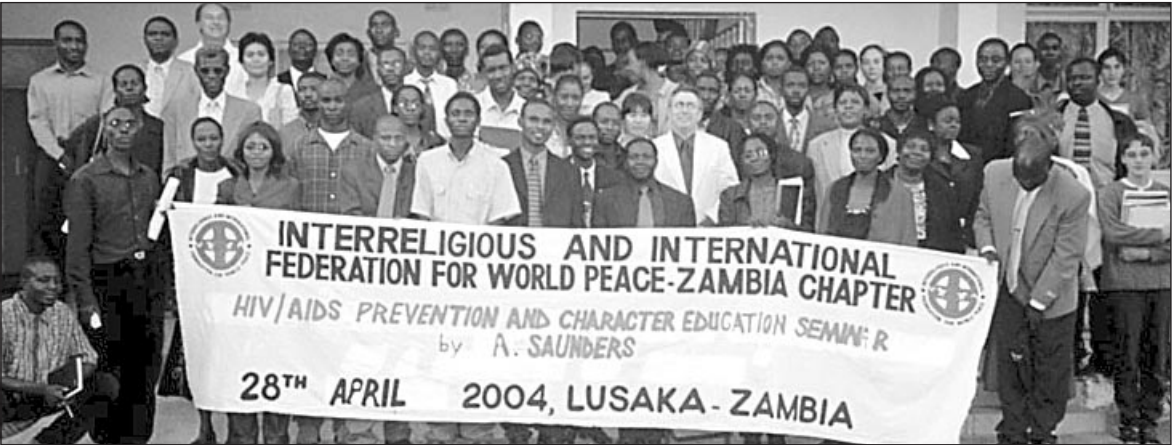
by Adamson Musonda & Nicholas Chisha

At the first seminar in Zambia—Lusaka, May 19, 2004—on "HIV/AIDS Prevention and Character Education," three times as many people showed up as invited. The 110 participants came from 18 NGOs, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Education. There were four primary and secondary school teachers and two members of the press. For-

mer Prime Minister, Hon Gen. Malimba Masheke, attended the seminar.

The Peace Embassy in Lusaka hosted the April 24, 2004 event. The presenter, Mr. Alan Saunders, gave an Introduction to Character Education and outlined the Best Practices in the field. He emphasized moral rearmament and good character development, especially among children. Then he moved to specific information about HIV/AIDS prevention, followed by guidance about Relationship and Communication Skills. His presentation was excellent and professional.

To meet the challenge of catering for unbudgeted participants, we had to look for more chairs, food, cooking utensils and kitchen staff. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Saunders, who



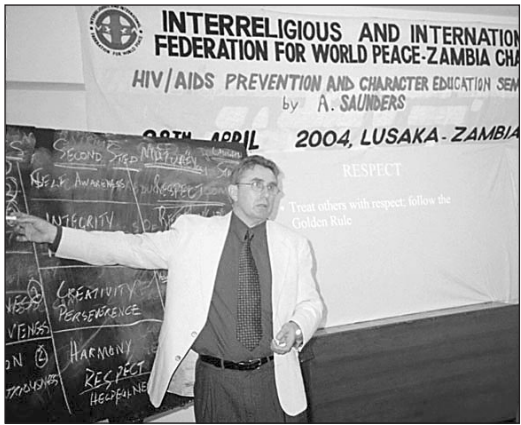
donated a substantial amount to cover most of the expenses.

The participants reported that it was the first time they received such profound education. They responded to all the presentations with eagerness and enthusiasm, although in some cases the interactive presentation style was very challenging.

Immediately after the seminar, Mr. Mambwe, Executive Director of ARGAZ,

sought a private meeting to express his organization's willingness to network with our organization. Former Prime Minister Masheke expressed his appreciated and encouraged Mr. Saunders to help Zambia and Africa as a whole to rebuild the declining moral standards and good character among the young people, who are the future leaders. One of the media participants from the government newspaper

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National IIFWP Conference in Guatemala

by Chung Hee Bessell

A new era has dawned. On the May 5th 2004, the founders of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dra. Hak Ja Han Moon, declared the "Era of the new Millennium". According to this, now is a time of great changes and development for the entire world. A time in which peace will be established as the whole world unites as one global family.

With the purpose of declaring this new era on a national level, the VI National Conference of the IIFWP was held on the 11th of June in the Peace Embassy of Guatemala. The event was the result of a united effort of

the IIFWP and the weekly Newspaper Tiempos del Mundo (TDM) as sponsors.

More than 40 representatives of several Embassies, the Guatemalan Congress, the Media and diverse NGO's, as well as numerous community, religious and political leaders came together to participate in and contribute to this historic event.

Mrs. Catalina Soberanis Reyes, president of IIFWP Guatemala and former President of the Guatemalan Congress, and Mr. Katsumi Kam-bashi, General Manager of TDM in Guatemala, welcomed the participants and gave

an introduction to the event.

The program continued through several sessions, dealing with diverse subjects. Such as: "Access to Information as a Tool for Transparency and for Strength-

ening Democracy", "Adjusting Taxes and the responsible role of Rulers and the People" and "The Geo-political Constellation of the World and the Process of Change", by Lic. Roberto E. Landaverry, Lic. Jos?Guillermo Garcia Fuentes and Rev. Gerhard Bessell as experts in the respective fields. The speech "God's Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom", given by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the IIFWP on the first of May this year, was read as highlight of the Conference.

The participants could also participate actively in the different sessions through Questions and Answers by the presenters. There were also talks by special guests, such as a representative of the Embassy of Venezuela and the national representative of WANGO (World Asso-

ciation of Non-Governmental Organizations).

At the conclusion of the event four new Peace Ambassadors were recognized. Peace Ambassadors are leaders who understand the Vision of the IIFWP and its

founders and who, through their lifestyle, are examples of living for the sake of others and establishing strong families. Ambassadors for peace thereby are an essential part of overcoming religious, national, and racial con-

flict.

Adjusting our nation starts with ourselves and therefore concerns every single one of us. This conference has been a valuable step to bringing about a "Peaceful and Unified Nation". ❖



Historic Healing: JAMII is Family in Zwahili

by Rev. Jenkins

Recently, my wife and I had the opportunity to share dinner at the home of Rev. Zagary and Fumi Oliver. Also joining us were Rev. Constantin David (Originally from Benin) and Rev. Henry Mungai (originally from Kenya). Also Minister Angelica Selle joined the dinner.

The main purpose of our sharing was to understand a new movement that has been started by Unificationist and other Christian leaders called "JAMII AFRICA". They have a beautiful website which is Jamii-Africa.org.

My wife and I were deeply moved by what was shared this evening. This is a profound manifestation of the fact that the curtain has been opened between heaven and earth and all of our ancestors are coming down to participate with us in realizing God's Kingdom. However, as they come down a lot also has to be resolved to all for the restoration of history.

Part of that restoration is unfolding in a way that is most needed. The leaders from Africa are seeking to reconcile with the African American brothers and sisters as historically there was betrayal and brothers were sold into slavery by their own brothers. The white man took advantage of this division and exploited the people. All of this must be resolved and restored. Noting the difference and the division between the brothers and sisters of Africa and the brothers and sisters of African descent in America the President of Benin, which was noted for slave trade, felt that repentance and reconciliation had to be initiated from Africa. While this was occurring our Unification leaders were receiving the

same inspiration and JAMII AFRICA was formed. JAMII is Zwahili for "Family". The reconciliation of the family is now being initiated. This in turn can open the door for the white brothers and sisters to repent and be forgiven.

Starting with President of Benin who was moved several years ago to host American clergy and political leaders—a ceremony was held to begin the process. Rev. Oliver shared along with Rev. Mungai many of the testimonies of this effort. Rev. Oliver showed a powerful video (BBC or similar in quality) of a documentary done on the conference held in Benin. It has very important implications. Featured in the video was the President and others from Benin repenting for this sad history and Amer-

ican clergy like Rev. Perrin from Washington D.C. receiving the apology and saying "All is Forgiven" let's move on from here. The work of Jamii first came to my attention in an "End of the Era of the Cross" seminar put on by the ACLC of Baltimore with Rev. Howard and Rev. St. George Crosse and our Washington/ Baltimore ACLC Community led by Bishop C. Phillip Johnson, Rev. McCarthy. It was a beautiful program. I had no idea that the ending would have a special part in the program that would call for African Christian leaders to come forward and repent to their brothers and sisters who were Americans of African descent.

Brothers and sisters, this was a very meaningful and profound moment. It was very moving and powerful. Then in Rev. Oliver's home in an incredible discussion and spirit that followed I was awakened to another aspect of God's work of restoration. (Also Fumi, Rev. Oliver's wife, prepared a 7 course meal that was world class immensely delicious—it gave confirmation of the love in their family).

This work can open the door for African, African Americans and white brothers and sisters to repent and be healed. It is a process. Our history is profoundly sad and we have not restored it yet. I thank God for the leaders of JAMII and the heart with which they are seeking to allow the ancestors which we are now seeking to bless to be comforted and liberated. This is the work

of God. For all of us to fulfill our role as Tribal Messiah's we must also establish our Tribe both in the spiritual world and through reconciliation on earth. The spirit of love, the presence of True Parents was so strong there last night at Rev. Oliver's. I am moved to repent again and again. There is nothing more to say but that I am grateful to God to allow me to be part of this family and to experience the heart of the ancestors seeking to overcome the pain and come together as God desires.

Rev. Mungai brought it to another level. He said, to be liberated we must be filled with love and liberated from our resentment. He then shared his testimony of the fact that his grandfather had been brutally murdered by evil people. He then shared how he had to overcome his anger and resentment toward these people. It is real and it is not simple. God is working through this movement.

Brothers and Sisters—please support this effort — they will have a program on June 27th to raise funds. On July 29—August 7 they have been invited by the President of Benin as special guests along with many key ACLC leaders like Rev. Daugherty and many others. The President invited them to be a special part of the annual program he holds to heal the division of the "family".

I am grateful for my brothers and their wives for responding to God's call. Isn't it time that we set all things straight? True Parents are manifesting the Peace Kingdom and this is healing the hearts of all humanity.

I pray that the journey to Benin will open the flood gates of healing for all of God's children.

Thanks be to God and to all people of faith. Thanks to our African and African American brothers and sisters, leaders and ACLC clergy who responded to True Parents call and have protected Father every step of the way. There is no question that this particular family suffered more than any other and continues to do so, however in that suffering Jesus love was manifested for all enemies and therefore those who suffered the most became the source of healing to the world. ❖



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and to build coalitions among a wide range of cultural, religious and educational institutions in advancing solu-



tions to pressing world problems. He said culture could play a vital role to create love, peace and harmony.

The Pakistan Forum arranged a Special Consultation meeting to meet the

High Commissioner to India, Hon. Aziz Ahmad Khan. This meeting was held at the Punjab Government Services Club Lahore. Convener of Pakistan Forum Colonel (R) Ikram Ullah invited Dr. Kazmi as special guest. Dr. Kazmi

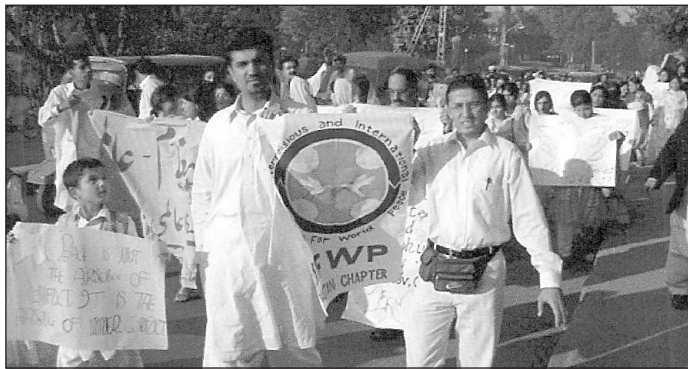
expressed his hope that India and Pakistan would be able to resolve all problems in a peaceful ways through dialogue. Dr. Kazmi informed Hon. Aziz Ahmad Khan about the IIFWP initiatives for peace. Hon. Aziz Ahmad Khan said he would

count on the support of IIFWP while working for ideal and peaceful relationship between India and Pakistan. Dr. Kazmi said Hon. Khan is going with a tough agenda, but his efforts as a professional and dedicated diplomat

will be fruitful and bring peace in this region.

Dr. Zulfiqar A. Kazmi, President of FFWP, was invited to address a most important religious and spiritual place, the Central Mosque of Hazrat Data Gunj Buksh Syed Ali Hajwari at Friday prayer. Our IIFWP Ambassador for Peace and Grand Imam of Data Sahib Mosque, Sheikh ul Islam Allama Muhammad Maqsood Qadri, introduced Dr. Kazmi and expressed appreciation for Dr. Kazmi's leadership for interreligious harmony in the country. At this historic place more than 60,000 people were present. Addressing this historic gathering Dr. Kazmi conveyed special guidance and instructions of the IIFWP founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who has convened world leaders convocations, seminars

and symposiums around the globe to create harmony among all nationalities and religions. He informed the followers of Hazrat Data Gunj Baksh that after the 9/11 tragedy Grand Imam Allama Qadri was invited by the Chair-



man of the IIFWP, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, to two important events of the IIFWP in New York and that the Grand Imam contributed his efforts for world peace through these historic events. ❖

West Block Youth Summer Camp

by Rev. Godwin D'Silva

A few days before our main workshop program—Youth Leadership Workshop, June 23 - 27, 2004 in Los Angeles—over 60 young 2nd Generation gathered at Pasadena House, the West Block Regional HQ to participate in a leadership program. The Leadership program was headed by Grace Joe-gensen. The purpose of the leadership program was to train the 63 young people on how to be effective leaders for the 2 week summer youth workshop which was to be held following the leadership training.



The training was quite vigorous. Sometimes, the participants were woken up at 2 am to begin running around the Rose Bowl. This was done to instill leadership qualities -i.e. be prepared for anything. Grace and Kenritsu did a fantastic job of training the participants.

Because of their training, we had a fantastic workshop the following two weeks.

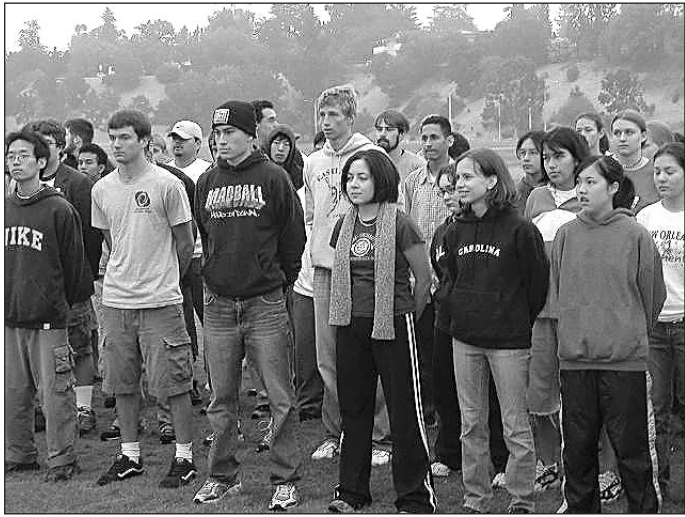
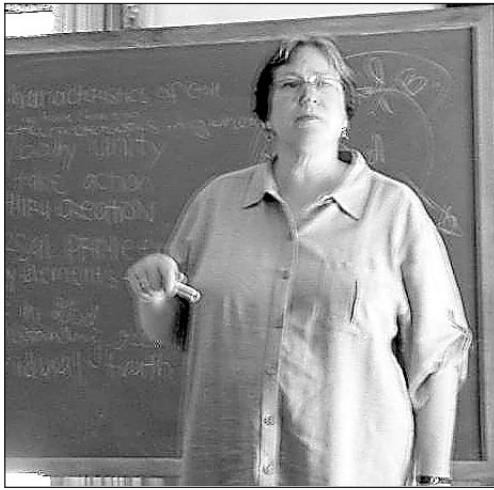
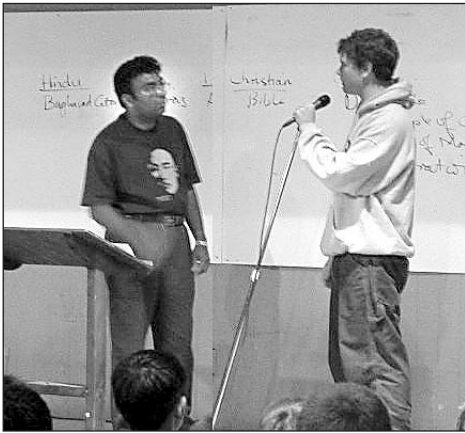
At the Leadership, we had internal guidance from Rev. Baek Joong Ku, West Block Regional Director and Mrs. Sheri Rueter (co-pastor of LA Family Church

After the leadership workshop, we held our 2 week workshop from June 27 through July 10, 2004. The camp was held at a wonderful and beautiful location called Camp Seeley. Camp Seeley is located in the San Bernardino mountains, about 80 miles east of Los Angeles. Over 185 young people attended the first week, which was the High School Workshop. Together with 1st Generation Leaders and staff the total number we had at the workshop was 224. The second week was for Middle School Workshop and there we had about 85 participants and with staff we had about 120 people.

The amenities of the camp included a heated swimming pool. All participants

received a T-Shirt, which had an imprint of True Father's face when he was 16 years old.

Working on the Theme "Finding Myself", we had a lot of help putting this workshop together, especially from Northern California. Northern California had originally started this workshop



During the High School Workshop, we had Rev. Baek Joong Ku our Block Regional Director, give a wonderful presentation on Marriage and Blessing.

The Middle School workshop saw a breakthrough in our kids to experience the Heart of God. After hearing a lecture on Spirit World and Prayer, our young kids in Middle School had a prayer condition of 21 minutes and from the testimonies we heard after, they had amazing experiences with God. Over 30 kids testified that they had a deep experience

with God.

All in all the youth summer camp was successful and we hope to have an even better one next year. A Special Thank You to all our volunteer staff especially Elizabeth Manaka, Mike Lograsso, Sheri Rueter, Robert Brown, Dave Roberts, Mary Gowey, Annie Steinbronn and Bill Bectel. ❖

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per with the largest circulation, Times of Zambia, interviewed Mr. Saunders and the local IRFF representatives, Mr. Adamson Musonda and Mr. Nicholas Chisha. The next day, the Times of Zambia carried an article about the good work of IIFWP in Zambia.

Participants asked that the presentation materials be reproduced and distributed to other NGOs and that more presentations of such a nature take place. It was an amazing experience for everyone involved. The content highlighted the

missing values in our corrupt society. We deeply appreciate the efforts and time dedicated to this program by the IIFWP International body.

The previous day, we met with the Vice President of the Republic of Zambia, Dr. Nevvers Mumba, at his office. It was a rich and moving experience. The Vice President assured Mr. Saunders of the government's support in all of IIFWP's endeavors, especially towards the fight against HIV/AIDS.



consisting of Blessed 2nd Generation and 1st Generation were offered. Every day started with Hoon Dok Hae and morning service.

We also had a visit from our esteemed brother In Suk Kim (Director of 2nd.Gen. Dept. in USA. He spoke about Core Values. Since July 1st was a special Holy Day, we celebrated it with an offering table with a special morning service.

Mr. Saunders explained IIFWP's program in detail and highlighted the organization's commitment to work with the Zambian government. The Vice President explained that IIFWP has come at the right time when the government is looking for good working partners such as IIFWP in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Shortly after meeting the Vice President, we met with the Minister

of Education, Hon. Andrew Mulenga, who expressed similar sentiments. He further promised that he would infuse character education into the school curriculum. He requested Mr. Saunders to extend the character education training to the teachers.

On the same day, a meeting with the Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Brian Chituwo, was held at his office. The Minister noted that the content of the program was the missing ingredient in the fight against HIV/AIDS. He, too, promised to render his full support to this initiative. ❖

by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

I joined the Unification movement in San Francisco in 1976, but my first experience in my hometown wasn't until about 8 years later when I was doing my summer of service from UTS. At that time Rev. Michael Jenkins was the regional leader, Mr. Reiner Vincenz was the State leader and Mrs. Sheri Reuter was the city leader.

Then Suddenly and without warning at the leaders meeting in the grand ballroom after the celebration on the day of the Victory of Love, 1987, Father assigned 75 American leaders to work with the ACC mission and I returned to my home town (after much prayer, asking God where he wanted me to go).

At that time we were beginning to work with a city councilman, a state representative and a state senator.

Through these next 17 years, these three leaders have become a Congressman, the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer.

True Parents actually advised us that it would be better to work with retired, rather than current elected officials, because of the flack that they might receive by being identified as having worked with our movement. We all know the stories about ministers who were persecuted because of their involvement with the unification church. But somehow our work with these three elected officials just continued to grow and blossom.

The city councilman was elected to the county board, the state representative was elected to a county office and the state senator began to rise in the leadership ranks of her party. When I first met the state representative, he took me along to a service project with senior citizens. But rather than listen to a speech, he handed me a fork and a spatula and pointed at the awaiting barbecue grill. I spent the next 2 hours cooking hot dogs while he led acrobats as they entertained the seniors.

He later participated in our ICUSA/Project Volunteer programs as we distributed food throughout the city. After being elected to a county office he came in his jogging suit and brought his acrobats to perform for the sisters at our WFWP bridge crossing conference. He had been to Japan,

so he also brought videotape highlights of their performances and television interviews in Japan. Needless to say he was a big hit! Then the next day he returned in a suit and tie as the elected county official and spoke to the WFWP gathering. It then took him over 1 hour to leave the hotel, because our beloved Japanese sisters demanded to take pictures with him. And our relationship only deepened after he became a state official. He joined our Parents Day Selection Committee and one

at how much weight I had lost—this was shortly after I had returned from Chung Pyung). She really tried to go on one of our fact finding tours of the Soviet Union (she has her college degree in journalism) but the timing was not quite right. Since becoming our state's first elected female official she has sent many beautiful proclamations and letters honoring our True Parents and she has no reservations whatsoever about the direct language that she uses in honoring our True Parents.

In the twenty something years since he was a city councilman has also participated in many of True Parents speech programs. He is known and loved by many of our ministers and I believe that their support for him and his support for us have a powerful mutual benefit. I remember how he came to speak at one of our national WFWP programs. He drove out to the hotel by himself (no aids or assistants) and he gave a heartistic and beautiful speech. He has participated in many of our programs in Washington, DC and we have developed a deep relationship with his key staff people both in DC and in his home district.

Through the years (over 20) I have attended many of his local functions (most often with one or more of my own children). I have gone to a new Post Office dedication, summer back to school fairs and fests, Town meetings and along with CARP/STF we have helped him in each of the past 3 years, as he serves over 600 senior citizens a beautiful Christmas dinner. Last night he held a thank you reception for all of his friends to celebrate his recent re-election to the US Congress. He walked around the room with his microphone thanking various people.

When he came to our table, he publicly thanked our True Parents for the opportunity to meet with world leaders, "ambassadors, princes and potentates," and for the opportunity to speak before the United Nations. For many years, he would never even accept the smallest honorarium until finally, almost through force he directed that our offering be directed to a local community charity.

These are three of our most long term political contacts. But there are many

more. We have had US Congressmen come to visit our local businesses, have lunch with us during the holiday season and I even fed pigs at the local county fair with someone who has become one of the leading political figures in America. This man (after many conditions and much prayer) was able to greet our True Parents at their 80th birthday celebration in the US Capitol. He has also written several very personal and beautiful letters of greetings to our True Parents honoring their work with family issues in America.

On the most local level we have made a long lasting relationship with our church's own city councilman. He has responded by getting several city proclamations to honor our events over the years* and he has visited our church, attended our monthly prayer breakfast and he even delivered an "evangelical" proclamation reading at one of True Parents speeches in our city. We have helped him distribute athletic shoes, served at his annual Labor Day picnics and volunteered in other arenas. Then one day we walked out our front door and discovered that someone had put in a new sidewalk right in front of our church center. (In order to get a proclamation passed in our city, the councilman must read the entire proclamation before the entire body at their monthly meeting. Therefore every proclamation that he has proposed to honor our True Parents was read publicly.

Likewise, we have pursued a relationship with our Jewish Congresswoman. She represents a strongly Jewish section of our city which is where our church center is located. She attended the reception on capitol hill for our True Parents 80th birthday. Then this past summer, after a long time of negotiating schedule with her district director, she actually came and spoke at our Sunday Service. The fact that my mother and her mother had taught school together made the event even more special. She gave us a briefing on the situation in Iraq and I am proud to say that my parents were in the congregation.

So what am I really saying? I remember several years ago when we were supporting a project in another state. Eventually, we had to bring in our own ministers to witness to certain public officials. This is because their CAUSA graduates had not been taken care of. I even heard that during True Parents 50 city tour our members contacted a very prominent min-

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Witnessing to VIPs



year his recommended nominee was chosen. So he took time off from his work and traveled to DC to participate in the Parents Day Ceremony. And of course, because of him, our US Senator and several of our US Congressman joined the ceremonies. Since that time our relationship has deepened even more. He has invited our Japanese missionaries to his office on several occasions (like 50-75 at a time) where he serves each one of them cokes and cookies and takes about 180,000 pictures with them. He has also attended several of True Parents speeches in our city and along with another congressman was one of only two elected officials to stay throughout True Parents entire speech.

The lady State Senator attended one of our early ALC Conferences in Washington DC and was duly impressed. She then participated in local ALC conferences and would take time to have lunch with Rev. Jenkins and I about once a year. In the meantime, we would meet her at many political events throughout the year (she once even mentioned that she was impressed

IRFF Zambia AIDS Program

by Nicholas Chisha

IRFF Zambia, through its HIV/AIDS awareness program has found that many families have been affected by HIV/AIDS

In Zambia like any other African culture, the family is not only the father, mother and children but includes grand parents, HIV/AIDS has broken this wonderful culture, where the old people were looked after, they always had a loving home through their sons and daughters, that is why in the old days having children was regarded as a big investment.

Today it is a sorry sight, because most of the people who are

dying of AIDS are the young ones, the ones who are supposed to take care of the aged and now the aged have found themselves faced with a number of difficulties, looking after their sick HIV/AIDS children and the orphans left behind by their children.

As a result of all this, today in Zambia we have so many old people with no home to go to, no one to take care of them, as a result end up at the Home for the Aged, where it is so hard to find love and care.

It is with this back ground that IRFF Zambia came up with the program SERVICE FOR THE AGED, where we have one day in a week spe-

cially reserved for the aged, we go to visit and work at the Home for the Aged known as Mitanda Home for the Aged, which accommodates more than 50 old people, this Home is run by the Salvation Army.

Management at this Home for the Aged at first did not believe that we could give free service to the aged, because many young people have no time for the Aged, they do not even want to hear of them.

It is our prayer that our small contribution will help the Aged at Mitanda Home for the Aged find True Love and happiness. ❖



Chung Il Guk Horsemanship Seminar

by Lesa Ellanson

On Saturday, July 31, the 2004 Chung Il Guk Horsemanship Seminar celebrated its first graduating class. It was an intense and rewarding two weeks, with the Second Generation students riding, touring the many facilities, and listening to lectures given by qualified professionals in the equestrian world.

The schedule was rigorous; the average day was around 18

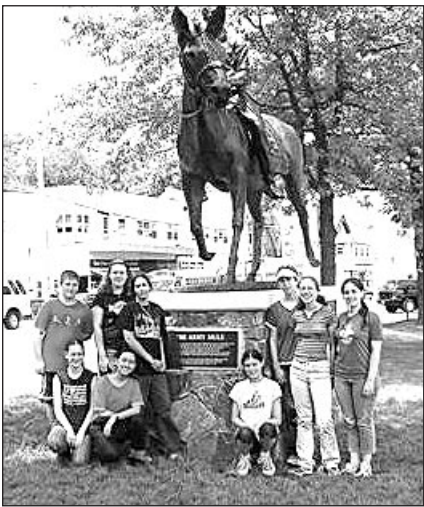
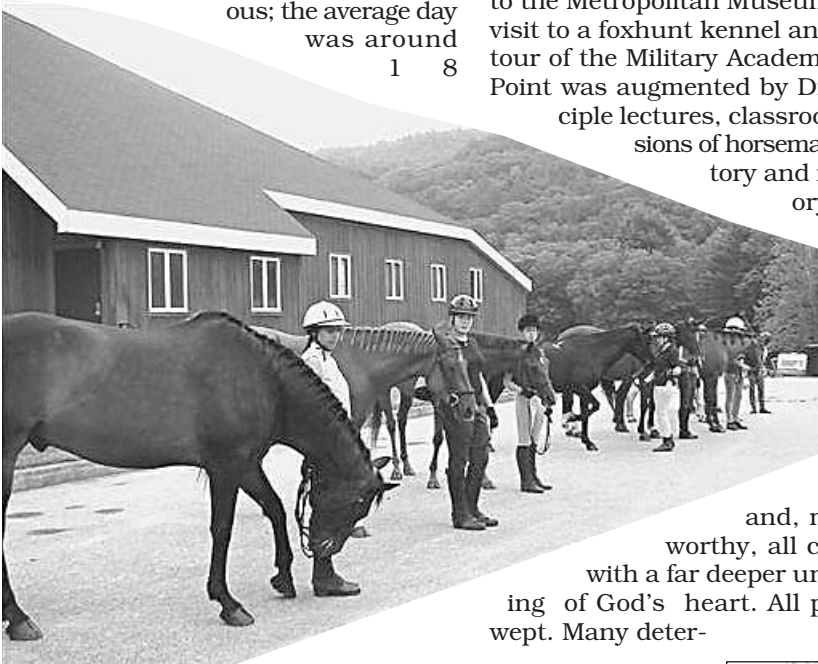


written exams. Hearing from Olympic and other world-class trainers, a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a visit to a foxhunt kennel and stable, a tour of the Military Academy at West Point was augmented by Divine Principle lectures, classroom discussions of horsemanship, history and riding theory.

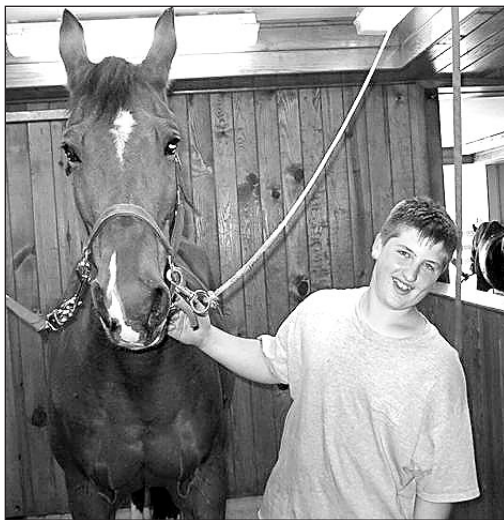
The participants conducted themselves in the true spirit of sacrifice and honor and, most noteworthy, all came away with a far deeper understanding of God's heart. All prayed, all wept. Many deter-

when both man and beast were lost. The New Hope Farms teaching staff wishes to extend a heartfelt appreciation to those parent volunteers: Gerry Servito for his inspiring Divine Principle lectures, Linda Feher for her marvelous meals, Gale Alves for shopping, cooking, and collating learning materials for the students, and Lowell Ellanson for waking us up and conducting morning Hoon Dok Hye.

Finally, on behalf of the Second Generation Equestrians and the New Hope Farms Staff, we wish to extend our gratitude to the horses; for their gentility, trust, their



ever-enduring patience and forgiveness for our shortcomings. They helped give us all a glimpse into the world that is meant to be; it is an ideal kingdom where no separation exists between Almighty God, His creation and we, His children, who are blessed to love it all. Thank you, too, True Parents for your vision of that ideal. ❖



hours! Everyone woke at 4:30AM for daily Hoon Dok Hye and Ahn Shi Il, worked hard, rode their assigned horses and studied in order to pass their

mined to now be responsible for alleviating the long held misery that Heavenly Father has endured since the Fall

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ister in their state to see if True Parents could speak in his church. He said, "where in the world have you been all these years? I was invited to Korea in 1984 and I had the time of my life. But then I lost touch and didn't hear from anyone in the UC for almost 20 years. Several years ago in our city we held DP study sessions in one minister's church every Saturday morning for over one year. The church was a very nice but simple church and every week the minister took whatever small offering was raised and used it to improve the church in some way. By the end of the year he had replaced all the electrical work in the church and put in new pews. Then one day he gave his testimony. He said that in 1984 he had been invited to go on one of our CAUSA trips to Korea. When he was praying at the Rock of Tears in Pusan he received a vision of a church without a roof. Some years after he returned

home he began to look for a new church. One day after unsuccessfully looking at one church, he looked across the street and saw a simple humble church, but noticed that it had no roof. Needless to say, he bought that church and that was the church that we used to hold the DP study during that year. So often we have no idea about how much True Parents work affects everyone that it touches. The successful work that we have done with the political leaders in our state has no magical formula. Most simply we have just continued to serve them and maintained contact with them on a consistent and regular basis. Sometimes it has been hard to connect with them as they have risen up the ladder and their local staff assistants have changed. The state treasurer returned my call one night well after midnight. She was at a national conference on the East Coast. She was nearly in tears as she shared with me how difficult it was to serve on the state level. Whereas before she had "only" 200,000 constituents, she now was responsible for

almost 11 million people—many of whom still expected the same personal attention that they had received when she was still a state senator. Even in our case, although we have maintained contact and met her on many occasions since she became a state-wide official, we have not been able to continue those annual personal lunch dates. However, last year, my 9 year old daughter chose for her social studies project, to make her a campaign poster and sent it to her as a Christmas Card. In response she invited my daughter to the state's inauguration ceremony (and she even allowed her to bring her dad along as a guest). I truly believe that the good fortune that these elected officials are experiencing is directly related to their work with our movement. It has not always been easy to maintain our relationships, (after our very own state senator who knew Rev. Jenkins and I on a first name basis was elected to the US Senate, we couldn't even get a letter of greeting from him) but I truly believe that God will give us every oppor-

tunity to move the relationship to a deeper level over time. Throughout history God has always tried to work through the prophet to reach the king. Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Nehemiah each stood in this position. Today, in 2004, the 21st century, the new millennium and the 4th year of the Cheon Il Gook, I do not think for one minute that God's desire has changed even one iota in this regard. I believe that our responsibility as Tribal Messiahs and more specifically those of us who have been chosen to be ACC/AFC leaders ordained by our True Parents, is to work with world and national political leaders as well as ministers, ambassadors, UN leaders and men and women of true faith to unite the prophet and the king to work together to bring peace to the world and to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth. And I truly believe that this is meant to be and will be established in our lifetime. ❖

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40 YEARS IN AMERICA

by Dr. Michael Mickler

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The work-hard, play-hard approach of PLA was effective. By Washington, D.C., which was the final stop on the '97 summer tour, the number of participants had swelled to 500, and members were welcomed by Mayor Marion Berry who recited the Pure Love Pledge with them. The tour itself generated three hours of television coverage and dozens of newspaper articles. It also contributed to the education and maturation of the movement's second generation. In Boston, near the end of the tour, PLA held its second Absolute Sex speech competition. The first such

ing Love and Uplifting Esteem, and the curriculum was built wholly around U.S. federal government guidelines for abstinence education. Previously, a

According to one account, "Brothers and sisters who had been timid and awkward in Boulder now exploded into Heavenly impassioned fire breathers. They all had matured greatly in their logical and heartistic expressions not only of the pain and misery of broken families and false love but also of their longing and determination to strive for pure love for themselves and the world."

One Unification parent expressed pride and gratitude upon receiving the fax of a newspaper article in which his daughter was quoted "speaking out for what she believes" in a front-page story about the tour. Other parents were moved to tears of a different sort when their second-generation offspring took part in such PLA spin-off activities as bungee-jumping "purity" plunges. However, on balance, the scales tipped decidedly to the positive side. Another positive benefit was the synergy that the tour created with the wider movement. The Pure Love

This is the thirty-sixth in a series of excerpts from the book *40 Years in America: An Intimate History of the Unification Movement 1959-1999*. The editor is Michael Inglis, the historical text by Michael Mickler. The book is available from HSA

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Elder Son

'98 tour to the Orient stimulated the development of parallel efforts suited to the particular context in Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and even on mainland China. The same occurred in Europe.

In 1999, PLA moved beyond an exclusively activist posture by creating CLUE 2000, a ten-chapter character development and abstinence education curriculum. The acronym stood for Creat-

ing Love and Uplifting Esteem, and the curriculum was built wholly around U.S. federal government guidelines for abstinence education. Previously, a

theless, much of the cutting-edge creativity and know-how was a product of the American movement and its contacts. This was much the same for the movement's efforts on behalf of pure love and second-generation education. In all of this, the U.S. movement as well as currents within American Christianity in the wider U.S. society played an important, perhaps even an elder-son role.

Elder Sonship

As was previously noted, Rev. Moon elevated the United States to the status of "elder son" nation to the "parent" nations of Korea and Japan in 1998.

This was done with little fanfare probably because he and much of the movement's senior Korean and Japanese leadership were still ambivalent about American culture. On the one hand, they acknowledged U.S. political, economic, military and cultural ascendancy as the world's only superpower. Movement leaders, unlike many in American society, also affirmed the United States' identity as a "Christian" nation. They also admired the U.S. as a cultural melting pot. On the other hand, they were uncomfortable with core American cultural norms. Coming out of a traditional, neo-Confucian context, which to a large extent was identified as being closer to "heavenly" culture, the movement's East Asian leadership had a particularly dif-

ficult time fathoming the American concept of equality. For them, it was perfectly obvious that there was no equality. Rather, everyone knew their position in a secure familial-based social order resembling what in the medieval West was known as "the great chain of being." This clearly was an oversimplification as East Asia, no less than other world cultures, grappled with the competing forces of tradition and modernity. Nevertheless, within the movement, members tended to relate across cultural divides on the basis of broad-ranging cultural stereotypes.

Even more disturbing than conflicting cultural norms was what the movement's East Asian leadership experienced as an abrasive and imperial cultural style. In general, these leaders were used to more understated, deferential modes of relating than many Americans were inclined to render. Frank styles of interaction, including the expression of disagreement with scant acknowledgement of a given leader's need to save face, created distance as did its opposite: the assumption of more familiarity than one's central figure was willing to concede. However, these were minor irritants. What really disturbed Rev. Moon and the movement's top Asian leadership was the American air of cultural superiority: that the U.S. was always on the side of righteousness, or at least was the leading force for goodness in the world; that there was something wrong with anyone who couldn't speak English; and that leadership was an American entitlement. This may have induced Rev. Moon to emphasize U.S. faults, the necessity to learn Korean, and the primacy of Oriental leadership more than otherwise might have been the case. He also did very



PLA educational team had created many activities for young teenagers. These also were incorporated into the text. During the fall, the curriculum was taught in eighteen public schools in Chicago which was a focus of STF and PLA concentration. One report noted that PLA student-teachers, primarily second-generation STF volunteers, had access to 1,200 students and that each student received ten hours of abstinence education which was "12,000 hours of abstinence education being taught in the schools this fall that was not there before!" The report stated that the curriculum was also being taught "in after-school programs and communities in many states and several countries throughout the world."

The outcome of all these initiatives became clearer at the decade's end. It was clear, first, that the Unification movement had targeted the issues of moral education and family values, as well as the assumptions upon which they rested, as the main focus of its worldwide activities during the 1990s. The True Family Values Ministry, the globalization of the Blessing, guidance from the spirit world, Ideal Family Education Workshops, and the movement's major educational efforts all focused on this area. It was clear, second, that the American movement was playing a leading role. Many of the movement's key initiatives in its earlier victory over communism struggle—The Washington Times, the World Media Association, CAUSA International, the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance, CARP rallies, and the activities of innumerable movement-funded organizations all emerged out of the American context. To be sure, there was essential overseas funding and leadership. Never-

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Nation

their blessing and offer it to me.” He stated, “the elder son inherits the mother’s spirit and attends his father through the mother’s education.” In this respect, the designation of the U.S. as elder son nation did not appear to be a dramatic departure from what was already

addressed us directly very briefly on the first evening. I have one sentence of him speaking in English: “Please live by the tradition and way of True Parents.” We were fortunate that one Korean sister who lives in America stayed for the entire workshop and helped translate. Father did say at one point that the children (America) were witnessing or participating in the relationship between the mother and father nations, Japan and Korea. Father, I believe, needed some American representation there to experience the Mother and Father nations becoming one.”

If given a choice, many Americans may have preferred being knee-deep in the Pantanal without insect repellant to sitting through all-day Hoon Dok Hae readings and lectures with scanty or non-existent translations.

There were some efforts to define the identity and mission of elder sonship more proactively. Significantly, none of those who did so, at least in print, were American leaders or members. Rev. Joong Hyun Pak was Continental Director of the Unification Church in North America at the time Rev. Moon designated the U.S. elder son nation. In an article, “Elder Son Nation and Blessing ’98,” he took a conservative line, indebted to neo-Confucian presuppositions, in speaking of the position and duties of the elder son designation. The elder son was “always expected to be the role model for the others to follow” even “to spank the younger siblings when they needed discipline.” It was “also the duty of the elder son to take care of the parents.”

As applied to an Elder Son nation, “This nation is responsible...to bear the burdens of the other nations...representing brothers and sisters throughout the world. Never complaining; just accepting the responsibility. Always working hard, setting the best example.”

On the positive side, “Parents invest everything into the elder son,” and as Rev. Pak noted, “True Parents always brought help from other nations to America, raising and nurturing America.” However, now that “the training period is over, America must be ready to take care of other nations in the same way it has been helped.” Rev. Pak did not limit his remarks entirely to an exposition of duties and position. “While fulfilling this role,” he suggested, “America will naturally start to become the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, expanding out to the world.” ♦



little to conceal his distaste for the “ladies-first” tradition in American culture. This, in turn, pushed him into positions he might not otherwise have taken regarding women’s access to careers or even checking accounts. In fact, it was something of a badge of honor among the movement’s top Asian leadership not to have become Americanized.

To Rev. Moon’s credit, he overcame these cultural predispositions in designating the U.S. the elder son nation. However, it wasn’t clear that this designation had any immediate practical effect other than being a signal to U.S. budget holders that they should not expect the funding they once received. Perhaps, the clearest indication that the American movement had been well trained was in the lack of any serious expectation among members that they were about to assume any significant leadership of the movement’s worldwide activities. Rev. Moon remarked that Americans should “[r]eceive a servant’s certificate from Japan—get

in effect. A November 20-28, 1999 workshop convened by Rev. and Mrs. Moon in Kodiak, Alaska for some fifty Japanese, thirty Korean and four American leaders who stayed for the full session was fairly typical of such gatherings during the late 1990s.

One of the participants commented,

As an American, I had no clear reason why Father wanted us to be there. He only

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At a PLA rally in Washington, D.C.

THE FIRST LADIES ASSOCIATION EVENT

World Peace and the Role of Clergy Wives

by Rev. Kathy Sato

On Saturday, May 22, 2004 we held a First Ladies meeting in Clifton, New Jersey. The topic of the event was World Peace and the role of Clergy wives. The house was packed with Clergy wives and a few Ministers who couldn't be persuaded to stay home when they heard Archbishop Stallings was speaking. The evening was filled with laughter, excitement and embraced with the warmth and love the Holy Spirit. It just got better and better as the evening rolled on. Beginning with delicious dinner, specially catered by Rev. James P. Paige, member of the ACLC Steering Committee, followed by the New Jerusalem choir, which sang in beautiful harmonies, making our spirits soar.

Lady Gertrude Paige, a key member of the First Ladies Steering Committee, gave a short testimony. She expressed such a sincere heart of commitment as a First Lady to her own husband, but also to the ideals of The First Ladies Association.

We were ready for the second course (spiritual food) when Archbishop Stallings stepped up to the stage. God's love and comfort poured out to the First Ladies as Archbishop Stallings spoke. He emphasized their crucial role in min-



istry as mothers and wives. Clergy Wives are peacemakers in the home, the church community and in the world. He encouraged them to attend and support ACLC activities with their husbands. At the conclusion of Archbishop Stallings' powerful and uplifting message, Mrs. Doris Abebe, wife of an ACLC steering committee member, presented him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

It was a victorious event,



setting the stage for the partnership of ACLC and The First Ladies Association, working hand in hand as husband and wife, supporting God's providence for world peace and religious reconciliation. Everyone went home inspired by a greater understanding of how First Ladies can support the ministry of ACLC and work together.

The internal victory and beauty of the event was the support behind the scenes from Rev. Dong Woo Kim, the Regional Director, who empowers members to take ownership and responsibility. The teamwork of Rev. Ferrabolli, the Regional Coordinator for ACLC; Rev. Barry Geller Vice Regional Director of FFWP; Mrs. Igarashi, Regional Coordinator; as well all the headquarters staff, the missionaries and outreach members who invested their hearts and effort into the event. ♦

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19, 2003, called "Gays on TV." The reporter, Terence Smith, stated, "Just a few years ago, the subject was nearly taboo. This season there are some 20 series, dramas or reality shows, that feature gay and lesbian life."

Smith interviewed Suzanna Walters, the author of *All the Rage: The Story of Gay Visibility in America*. Walters said, "The options for lesbians and gays ten, fifteen years ago were either complete invisibility or awful, heinous, you know, vicious stereotypes. There's been this sea change in our culture, where gays and lesbians have entered into the popular imagination in mainstream television, network and cable television, films, advertising."

Bennett is ominous in his conclusion: "Television, radio, newspapers, magazines, and the Internet—the media are the means. Kirk and Madsen have succeeded."

Cohen offers even less comfort, stating, "Welcome to my world. Read it and weep."

Most Americans are busy and hardworking, with little time to research the machinations of homosexual and lesbian activists. One conclusion that ordinary citizens can draw is that as a nation, we've been "snookered." The dictionary definition of snooker is "to fool; dupe," as in "snookered by a lot of malarkey."

The manipulation that Kirk and Madsen write about is being piped into American homes, via television and films, at an ever-increasing rate. With a high percentage of the Hollywood film industry dominated by gays and lesbians, the stream of pro-gay material is not likely to cease anytime soon.

Americans, who love and honor fair play and individual freedom, have taken a tolerant view of the private relationships among homosexuals and lesbians. Gay activists have championed gay marriage as a private affair that is part of an individual's civil rights. It is a rare American who won't defend civil rights.

Lost in the verbiage are the long-range consequences if gay marriage becomes legal in all fifty states. MarriageWatch, a service of the Marriage

Law Project, has published a "Talking Points" Web page about the Defense of Marriage Act. Its overview of the impact of legalized gay marriage on American society is chilling. The most immediate victims of gay marriage will be children. MarriageWatch points out that since gay and lesbian couples cannot have children, they will have to utilize the services of a third person to provide the missing egg or sperm. This will force the children into the position of either never knowing their real but missing father or mother, or relating to the odd parent out as a "third parent."

Nationally legalized gay marriage will create a firestorm of public school curriculum modifications. Schools will be forced by gay activist lawsuits to present homosexual and lesbian marriage

as normal. Private schools may not be exempt. Future generations of schoolchildren, from kindergarten on up, will be forced to recognize Mr. and Mr. Jones as a validly married couple. In their drive to "reduce teen pregnancies," liberal sex-education "experts" from the school of Alfred Kinsey and Wardell Pomeroy will encourage students to engage in homosexual and lesbian sex as a viable way to avoid pregnancy—the ultimate in "safe sex."

Gay activist groups such as the Human Rights Campaign Foundation are already pushing for

the addition of gay and lesbian curricula to the public schools, from "children's first years in school." Bennett believes that the "homosexual's main goal is to wipe out 'homophobia' in one generation—by getting the children now."

A commonsense approach to marriage is needed to counter the clever marketing of the gay and lesbian lobbies. In a *USA Today* commentary on February 23, 2004, Dick Richardson, director of political affairs for the Black Ministerial Alliance of Boston, stated it simply: "We have always found that every child has an innate need to connect with a mother and a father. Children instinctively seek a connection to both halves of the human race."

America has survived and been victorious through many crises, including that of the Civil War and the civil rights movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We owe it to our ancestors and future generations to win the battle of marriage and the family. ■

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Poetry Request

by Halvard K. Iversen

We have here in Ireland an Ambassador for Peace, a Muslim Sheikh who has come to sincerely love and admire True Parents. He is a driving force in the work of the IIPC and works to share True Parents' message of peace with the growing inter-religious community here.

Among many talents, he is a poet and a writer, and he has already founded the "International Society Of Poets Of Peace" (ISOPOP). His determination is to publish a book of poetry about True Parents' life and teaching before their next birthday, and he is asking anybody who already know them and who have writing abilities to send in poetry to be published in this book. He promises all submitted poems will be judged by a group of qualified people.

Deadline is set to November 30th 2004. Could you please pass this on?

Poetry will be accepted in different languages if there follows a translation in English. Requests for further information or submission of poetry can be sent to

isopop@iol.ie c/o Sheikh Dr. Satardien

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CARLSON

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This two-part article is about marriage. It's something we Unificationists are famous for, and justly so. Our success rate is high, and my own 1982 mass wedding was covered on the front page of the New York Times. Please note that my discussion becomes rather gritty. We'll get into further detail next month, in part two.

People marry for all sorts of reasons, personal and otherwise. Marrying for love is a fine tradition, and some claim it's a newer one, stemming from the Romantic period of enlightenment France. I'd say it's as ancient as humanity itself. No one can read the Bible's Song of Solomon and imagine it describes some dry, arranged-for-convenience match-up.

We Unificationists perform a lot of arranged marriages, but we don't base them upon selfish economic or political concerns. It's really about heart, for this and future generations.

Getting hitched ain't easy. Building serious, lasting relationships is a terrific challenge. As the old timers say: "Women! Can't live with 'em, can't live without 'em."

These days, selfish guys can easily "get the milk for free," so they don't even bother with marriage. Sure, they'll say enough to keep her hopeful, but never quite get around to real commitment. And yet, guys do recognize marriage as a better, more ideal, possibility. So does society at large. Everyone dreams of finding a soulmate.

America does everything big, and supports a gigantic wedding industry, to the tune of about \$70 billion per year. Traditional ceremonies involve ornate settings, and expensive caterers, florists, gown makers, musicians, card printers, and more. Wedding photographers, harried as they often are, usually deserve the money. Japan's modern style is, if anything, even more extravagant.

These days, couples often write their own vows, and find liberal ministers happy to recite them. This can be a wonderful thing, especially when they don't leave out any important parts...

Difficulties

So is it 'equally yoked,' as the Bible says, or the feminist's 'chained by oppressive tradition?' Marriage does have its down side. Older laws made wives themselves into property (still true within Islam); not to mention, whatever the bride owned or earned came under exclusive control of the man.

For a very long time, many priests and rabbis told battered wives to "just take it." This was (supposedly) allowed in order to correct feminine disrespect or incompetence. Pastors would say it's something to be endured, in the same way Jesus allowed Himself to be wounded.

Nowadays, plenty of women are expected to wear awkward fashions

(such as high heels), and to have (or obtain) large bosoms, all to satisfy their husband's Freudian whims.

In past decades, millions of poor Americans (including mothers) remained single, encouraged by welfare policies and lax social norms. Over the years, this disastrous practice has spread throughout society.

President Bush has established government programs to encourage young people, and unwed couples, to get and stay married. Noble as this effort sounds, it's getting opposition, mostly from activists who claim it isn't realistic.

The poor do face serious obstacles to marriage, such as addiction, debt, and incarceration. The blame, and possible solutions, are all over the map. Recent studies, in a very un-politically correct finding, indicate that a person's health and wealth closely matches their IQ level. Apparently this has to do with the growing complexity of medical advice and treatment, and of modern jobs and finances, plus a generational cycle of childhood deprivation.

Of course, anyone can learn and practice God's truth, and healthy living habits, but for some it's an awfully big challenge . . .

In Third World countries such as India, weddings require a huge dowry plus a lavish party, which places extreme pressure upon families with girls. As they grow up, these women face terrible hazards, like (so-called) 'honor killings,' as when a rape victim gets punished far more severely than the perpetrator.

As every nation advances into modernity, and learns of the Divine Principle, their marriages will become fairer and more loving.

Opposition

Even as modern marriage spreads worldwide, it faces trouble at home. Since Marx's time, it's been under attack. Lenin tried to abolish marriage in Russia, but he couldn't pull it off.

Later, feminists did their best to scorn and devalue marriage. In an ironic twist, now they don't have many children, and so lack an instrument to pass along their radical ethos. (As college professors, they sure do try!)

Today it's the homosexual activists, who've switched tactics by embracing marriage. Therefore, much of this article will focus on that issue. (Please note that your author has had gay friends and coworkers for thirty-four years, and we get along fine, thank you.)

"How can you oppose love?" the gays say to conservatives, and then toss back accusations of promiscuity: "Allow us to form solid legal bonds and maybe we won't play around so much."

Previously, most gays derided marriage as a constricting, bourgeois institution. Now it's touted, for the most part quite sincerely, as a means of personal fulfillment and wider social acceptance. "See our happy couples and you'll stop worrying," they assure us. (Surveys back their idea, with acceptance

much greater among America's youth.)

One oft-heard proposal is to let the government simply license consenting adults to marry, and let the churches pick and choose, offering sacred ceremonies to whomever they will—or won't. Activists ask, "How does gay marriage threaten the traditional kind, anyway?"

The answer is a long one. Gay marriage would be included in children's books and school curriculums, plus it'll infuse the popular culture more than ever. Related laws will create a new, prosecutable form of discrimination.

Many gay men admit that their mar-



rying wouldn't entail sexual monogamy. The lifestyle omits chastity and fidelity, almost by definition. Such men, with their definitive act, engage in dangerous sex (medically speaking). Lesbians have a 100% infertility rate, and obtaining sperm can be an emotional and legal risk.

This isn't a 'homophobic attack' (as the knee-jerk reaction would have it) but, sorry to say, a plain recitation of fact. On the whole, gays live twenty years less than average. This was true before the AIDS epidemic, and remains so in places like San Francisco, where discrimination can hardly be blamed.

By now, most conservatives are willing to compromise, with laws for domestic partnerships and such. This 'live and let live' attitude is a fine American tradition. Too bad it's not reciprocated! In The Nation magazine, activist gays (and their radical allies) have already promised a "long, church by church fight" to force gay clergy and weddings upon everyone.

Activists have been careful to label 'domino theory' objections a "right wing canard," and keep the discussion focused on gays alone. Yet, they also promote ideas like 'polyamory.' As we speak, incestuous and polygamist adults are eager to get on the marriage bandwagon.

On their heels is the BDSM crowd, with their newly renamed 'dominant and submissive' couples. (This was to stay politically correct, as it used to be 'master and slave!') Imag-

ine: this is a relationship in which degradation and painful abuse are not only acceptable, but expected. Its advocates love to hint at the number of 'closeted' ministers, politicians, etc., who practice that lifestyle. (As if that supposedly impressive number becomes an extra justification.)

To a non-lawyer like me, San Francisco Mayor Newsom's legal argument, in favor of gay marriage, is obviously inclusive. If every adult, and couple, has equal civil rights, then how can you possibly exclude anyone?

In the end, marriage could become so diluted as to obscure its meaning entirely. (And then there's the ongoing lower-the-age-of-consent movement...)

Healing

Marriage is in trouble. It needs to be strengthened, not excused or confused. Teenaged pregnancy is down, while the first gay divorces have already been filed. Can an afternoon TV show called Gay Divorce Court be far behind? Medical science, with cloned babies soon to arrive, is only going to make things more

complicated.

State and Federal marriage laws are under to ferocious assault, with both sides calling the future of liberty, and of civilization itself, into question. This time, they're likely correct.

All people, of whatever culture, economic status, or proclivity, need to be supported and healed—not scorned or derided. The Principle, whether in book form or shown by PowerPoint, can illuminate these issues better than anything else around.

Next month, we'll talk about the biology and psychology of couples. Also, illustrate the Ideal in several ways. ❖

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Gay Marriage and the Future of Our Children

by Peter Falkenberg Brown

On February 24, 2004, President George W. Bush issued a clarion call to the nation. Speaking from the Roosevelt Room of the White House, the president stated, "If we are to prevent the meaning of marriage from being changed forever, our nation must enact a constitutional amendment to protect marriage in America."

Calling marriage "the most fundamental institution of civilization," the president stated that "the voice of the people must be heard." Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, expected to be the president's Democratic opponent in November, has stated that he would vote against a marriage amendment.

The effort to create a federal marriage amendment has been gathering steam since Colorado Republicans Rep. Marilyn Musgrave and Sen. Wayne Allard, joined by a broad coalition of Democratic and Republican leaders, introduced bills HJ RES 56 and SJ RES 26 in 2003, calling for such an amendment. The proposed amendment would state, "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the Constitution of any State, nor State or Federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

The Alliance for Marriage, a northern Virginia educational organization founded by Matt Daniels, crafted the proposed amendment with the assistance of Judge Robert Bork and other constitutional scholars. The amendment must be supported by two-thirds of the House and Senate and then ratified by three-fourths (or 38) of the states or it to become part of the U.S. Constitution. The bills now in front of the 108th Congress have until this November's presidential election, when Congress adjourns, to be voted on and become law. Currently, over 100 mem-

bers of Congress are listed as cosponsors of HJ RES 56. The environment in the states is ripe for a federal marriage amendment. Thirty-four states already have a "Defense of Marriage" law in place, and four states have added a marriage amendment to their constitutions.

Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996, which President Clinton signed. Senator Kerry and thirteen other senators voted against the act.



The federal marriage amendment has been introduced because of fears that the Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as the union of a man and woman, may be challenged by a liberal court system. A constitutional amendment is seen as the only sure way to preserve the traditional definition of marriage.

The issue was brought into sharp focus on November 18, 2003, when the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled in *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health* that the Massachusetts ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional. The actions of the liberal court engendered a strong public response. A coalition of over 3,000 Massachusetts religious organizations issued a statement on February 7, asking the state legislature to pass a state-level constitutional amendment to counter the *Goodridge* ruling.

Recent national polls have shown that most Americans are opposed to

gay and lesbian marriage. A November 2003 poll from the Pew Research Center stated that 59 percent of Americans were opposed to gay marriage, with opposition rising to 80 percent among evangelical Protestants. The Episcopal Church, widely thought of as liberal in its attitudes toward gays and lesbians, has been in turmoil since it consecrated a gay priest, V. Gene Robinson, as bishop of New Hampshire in November 2003. In January, in opposition to the election of Bishop Robinson, delegates from 12 of the 107 Episcopal dioceses formed a new organization called the Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes. It remains to be seen whether the Episcopal Church will split over the issue.

With most of the major religions and historical American customs standing in clear opposition to gay marriage, how is it that traditional marriage is suddenly in such jeopardy?

Stephen Bennett, a Christian speaker who was an active homosexual until the age of 28, having had relationships with over 100 men, believes that the current marriage crisis is the result of a well-planned campaign by gay and lesbian activists during the last fifteen years. Now married, with a little boy and girl, he spreads his message nationally that "no one is born that way ... it has everything to do with childhood and complete change is completely possible."

Bennett is joined in his opinion that homosexuality can be reversed by a slew of nonprofit organizations, many of them founded and staffed by former gays and lesbians. P.A.T.H. (Positive Alternatives to Homosexuality) is a "non-profit coalition of organizations that

help people with unwanted same-sex attractions (SSA) realize their personal goals for change—whether by developing their innate heterosexual potential or by embracing a lifestyle as a single, nonsexually active man or woman." One of the organizations listed on the P.A.T.H. Web site is the International Healing Foundation, established by psychotherapist Richard Cohen in 1990. Cohen is the author of *Coming Out Straight: Understanding and Healing Homosexuality*, a guide for individuals wishing to make a transition from the homosexual lifestyle.

To clarify the genesis of the current marriage crisis, Bennett and Cohen both point to a manual of homosexual and lesbian strategy, written in 1989 by Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen and published by Doubleday/Bantam. The book, *After the Ball: How America Will Conquer Its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the 90's*, is a sophisticated marketing strategy of manipulation that uses terms such as "desensitize," "jam," and "convert."

The authors state, "by Conversion we actually mean something far more profoundly threatening to the American Way of Life, without which no truly sweeping social change can occur. We mean conversion of the average American's emotions, mind, and will, through a planned psychological attack, in the form of propaganda fed to the nation via the media. We mean 'subverting' the mechanism of prejudice to our own ends—using the very processes that made America hate us to turn their hatred into warm regard—whether they like it or not."

Americans wondering why so many television shows and films in recent years have more and more incidents of gay and lesbian individuals and couples need look no further than the book's recommendation: "to desensitize straights to gays and gayness, inundate them in a continuous flood of gay-related advertising presented in the least offensive fashion possible. If straights can't shut off the shower, they may at least eventually get used to being wet."

PBS aired a *News Hour* with Jim Lehrer on November

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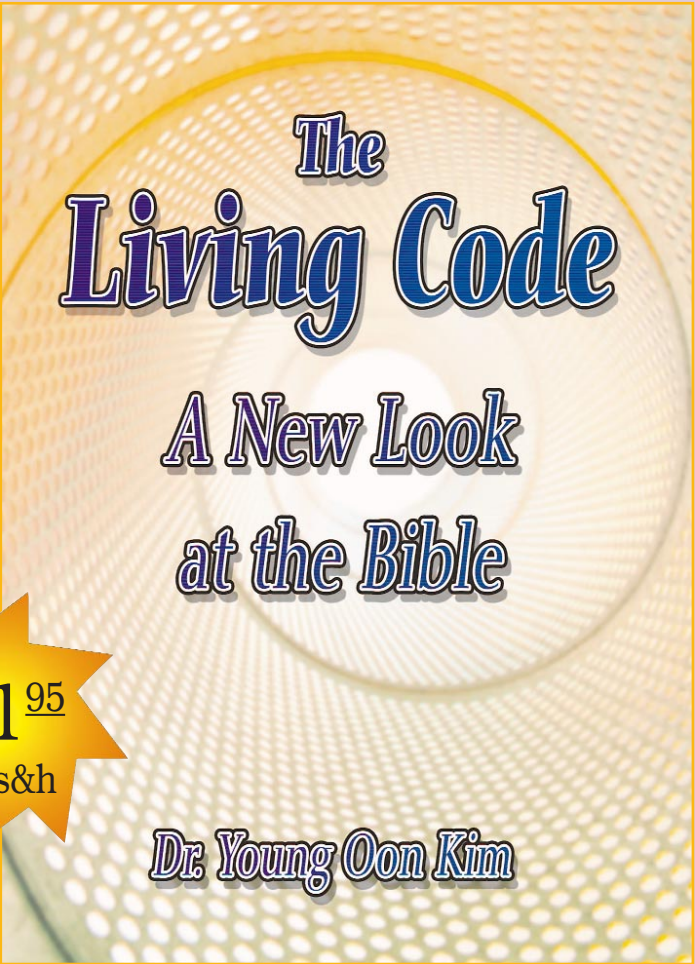
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