

True Mother's Speaking Tour of America

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GRAEME CARMICHAEL

True Mother speaking in New Jersey, above, and in Harlem



FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

This is Reverend Moon's address to the participants of the Summit Council for the World's Religions held October 21, 1990, in Cairo, Egypt. The address was read by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak.

Islam and the Establishment

Honorable religious leaders, esteemed scholars, beloved guests. Thank you for your participation at this most urgent summit. By responding at such short notice to this call for peace, your presence here must bring great joy to God.

Of course you know that we are surrounded by tensions of frightening proportions. Political and economic rivalries, and historical resentments have blossomed so fully that even those who see with only earthly eyes recognize that our very survival is threatened. In the face of annihila-

tion, humans, like all created species, respond with emergency measures. This is why we now see such frantic activity in all spheres of human enterprise. In the effort to prevent unspeakable tragedy, leaders desperately propose solutions according to the orientation of their consciousness. Some seek military solutions, others political, or economic. While such proposals may participate in the establishment of peace, they can never generate the primary insights and analyses upon which lasting peace can be founded.

Only truly religious and spiritual people understand the nature and origin of conflict. And only those who know the true origins of disorder can bring about a solution. This is why, in this time of great emergency, I have requested your presence and participation. Of course peace on earth will ultimately require insights from all spheres of human enterprise, politics, media and so on, but the root of peace is in God, and it can only come to this world through those who conform their lives to His perfect Will.

Realizing that world peace ultimately depends on the human response to the Divine Will, I founded the International Religious Foundation. From the earliest days of the Unification Movement I always devoted the greater portion of our resources to serving other religions. In the 1950s many Unification families did not have enough to eat, and members complained to me about the funds I devoted to the cause of interreligious harmony. I suffered to see their hardships, but I begged their patience because I knew Satan would ultimately resort to racial and religious war in his effort to destroy mankind's future. For forty years I poured everything into the IRF, always insisting upon true love, harmony and cooperation among all religious believers. Now these great saints and peacemakers in the IRF, from every high religion, have the Divine mission to thwart Satan's plan, and pioneer a future of lasting peace.

As you know, Satan always seeks to bring the greatest destruction and darkness upon the human race. Throughout this century his plan was perpetuated through the God-denying totalitarianism of communism.

Through state oppression and torture entire generations were forbidden to hear the truth of God's Word. Countless millions were slaughtered in the name of building a society without God. This treacherous, Satanic device flourished for sixty years, coming to occupy two-thirds of the world. Political analysts have yet to explain how this empire collapsed overnight. The spiritually astute, however, know with assurance that it was God's power, and the power of living in perfect accordance to Divine Law, that caused Satan to surrender and give up his evil reign of terror.

Now Satan has turned to his final

offensive for the destruction of the human race. His strategy is through two central ways, even more fundamental and threatening than communism. This is through religious war, and racial war. Anyone can see we are standing on the threshold of a conflict of such devastating proportions that our race, if it survived at all would be cast into the deepest darkness, barely able to maintain life on a ravaged and devastated planet. If races, religions, and nations limit their thinking to self-benefit, the only one who will benefit will be Satan, the enemy of God, and of the human race.

For this reason, the unending concern of God's heart is related to these two points. Why did God reveal Himself to the Prophets and create the great religions of the world? Of course it was to enable the human race to return to Him, and then, in perfect oneness with His blessed Will, establish one peaceful world. Mankind must know God's original vision for the world, and know the reason why God revealed himself to the Prophets. Surely no one expressed more deeply this original ideal of God than the blessed Prophet Mohammed, not only in word, but in deed. God who is infinite compassion would not like to see even the slightest one perish. What would we be then if we tolerated, or even perpetuated interreligious strife, knowing that this is the exact opposite of God's desire? We can never lend our hand so willingly to Satan's plan to destroy innocent children, and cast mankind into unspeakable darkness?

The same is true of racial war. We are one family descended from common parents. God intended all races to live in harmony as brothers and sisters. Again the blessed Prophet knew this and history clearly records that he exemplified this understanding through the substantial deeds of his life. It is our unavoidable mission now to reveal God's whole plan for peace, and for harmony and cooperation between races and religions. Anyone who isolates only disparate portions of God's revealed truth, and preaches against others, goes against God. We cannot depend on the masses, or even political, economic and military leaders to understand the revealed Will of God as fully as we who have devoted ourselves to religious and spiritual leadership. Mankind must be educated about God's original, broad vision for peace and brotherhood. At this time in human history, nothing could be more painful and offensive to God than religious and racial war.

Why are the greatest tensions on the planet centered on the Middle East. Because a single military aggressor happens to come from a Middle Eastern nation or because the area is rich in oil? No! Anyone offering analysis strictly at that level, no matter how much of a genius, or how profound their historical and political knowledge, lacks the necessary starting point to explain the deeper reality. The reason is that this is the arena of activity for God and Satan. All the Prophets

C A L E N D A R

DECEMBER 2001

- 1 Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of the Spiritual World (1997)
- 2 Jin Whi Nim's Birthday (10/18/63)
Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
- 4 Opening of Columbia Road Church (1977)
- 7 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
Supra-denominational Christian Association Established (1966)
- 18 Summit Council for World Peace Inaugurated (1981)
- 22 35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 25 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)

JANUARY 2002

- 1 True God's Day (1968)
- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984)
- 3 Heung Jin Nim's Ascension (1984)
- 6 UN Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)
- 10 Kook Jin Nim & Soon Ju Nim's Blessing (1989)
- 11 72 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1989)
- 12 1275 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 13 Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God (2001)
International Federation for the Victory Over Communism (1968)
- 14 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
- 15 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)
- 23 Ye Jin Nim's Birthday (12/11/60)
- 27 WCSF Blessing Ceremony (2001)
- 31 Shin Yul Nim's Birthday (12/19/92)

FEBRUARY 2002

- 1 Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)
Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)
- 6 Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace Established (1999)
- 7 Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)
360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 11 16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 12 Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)
Lunar New Year
- 13 First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples (2000)
Cosmic True Parents' Federation Established (2000)
Family Center for Universal Peace and Unification (2000)
- 14 Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)
- 17 Father's Birthday (1/6/20)
Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)
International Security Council Established (1985)
- 18 Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68)
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)
Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
- 22 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- 23 Day of the Victory of Earth (1977)
- 27 Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)
Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998)
- 28 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)

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of World Peace

of the three great covenants received their revelations in this region. Is this because God's message was destined only for the people of the Middle East? Of course not. God's Word is destined to be the guiding force for all human life, everywhere on this planet. Similarly the present tensions and conflicts here are not only a matter of concern for people from this region. The fate of the whole world depends on developments in the Middle East. Just as the great prophets had to fight the forces of darkness to make the vision of God available for the whole world, your peacemaking mission is to deny the forces of evil who would delight in racial and religious war, and reveal the divine will for peace to the whole world.

I know that human history has been marked by the constant struggle between good and evil. This is natural in the process of restoring human life and society to oneness with God's love and heart. If we study this process closely we can see the principle by which the great saints and prophets conquered the forces of evil. Satan always establishes his evil regime first, ahead of God. Then, with this mighty power, Satan attacks God's side, attempting to destroy the tender shoot of God's Word, and crush the lives of His gentle champions. Satan is always first. First with the established power, and first to attack. In fact aggression is the trade mark of Satan. Being attacked first is the trademark of God's side. Yet God's side prospers according to this principle. By being attacked first God's side builds up great wealth through suffering and sacrifice. Through paying this price and bearing injustice, God's side ultimately gains the victory. Perhaps you are most familiar with the mighty yet corrupt powers that ruled out of Mecca during the life of the blessed Prophet. When Muhammad brought his sweeping message of peace and brotherhood among all tribes and peoples, these mighty governments of evil power mobilized themselves to take the life of God's Messenger and his followers. The followers of Islam endured this aggression and injustice, and by thus conforming to God's principle of indemnity, Muhammad and his followers were able to bring even these mighty powers into complete surrender. In the end Muhammad walked unmolested, as the glorious victor, to the Kabaa and dedicated it to the one true God.

But his is not the only story which reveals this principle of God. The same is true for Jesus, the family of Abraham, and others. In fact, if you look at any mighty religion on the earth today, you will see clearly that it prospered by means of living out this very principle of indemnity and self-sacrifice. How foolish would we be if we dared to think that the perfect and true God changes His ways, as we might do. These truths never change: 1) Aggression belongs to Satan, and 2) God's side achieves victory by being attacked,

enduring, and paying indemnity and sacrifice. Both of these are true and lasting principles, principles that mock the size of armies, the wisdom of political science, the geology and economics of oil, and so on. Only one truth prevails and that is the truth of God and His laws of restoration.

Besides the principle of restoration and victory through indemnity, the second unchanging historical principle is that God always supports those serving the larger purpose. For example, if one person lived only for himself, and a second lived for his family, God would support the second one, the one who lived for the benefit of his family. The person living for himself actually sacrifices others for his own benefit. The one living for the family sacrifices himself for others. On the other hand, between one who lived for his family, and one who sacrificed his beloved family for the benefit of his community, God would support the

one living for the community. This too is an unchanging principle of God. Once again, we can use the Prophet as a supreme example of knowing and living according to this Divine Principle. Did the Prophet live only for his own clan or tribe or even only for the Arab people? No, he always lived for the higher purpose, not limiting his message for only one group or race. The message of the Prophet was for every precious one into whom God

breathes His spirit. Thus the greatest among us is the one who ultimately lives for the sake beyond even the world. The highest purpose is to live for God. The way to check one's closeness to God is to see if one's message and life are devoted to the greater purpose. All action must be for the greatest good of all mankind, never for the sake of only one group, one nation, religion, or race. The one who is closest to God is the one who lives for the sake of the whole.

Therefore, even though the contemporary situation in the Middle East is complex, we must resist the temptation to rely on all sorts of analyses and sophisticated interpretations. Our primary responsibility is never to forget God's unchanging, revealed principles: Aggression is Satanic, and blessedness is to sacrifice the individual purpose for the sake of the greater purpose. Only religious leaders know these truths, and these ways of peace. So we have no other choice than to be the bold pioneers, revealing God's Will, and God's principles. Peace depends on us.

As we deal with the present situation, and speak to our followers, including the political and military leaders who depend on our wisdom, do not think about which nation might benefit most, but think about what is best for the whole world. We must be the untiring voice calling for true love, the base for living for the sake of others. The greatest imaginable tragedy would be for war to erupt between Christians and Muslims in the Middle East. The whole world will have to realize this point, the United States, European nations, Middle East nations, and so on. That is why I am sending this message to leaders of all nations. Everyone must live for only one goal, and that is to protect and safeguard this situation against the possibility of a religious war. As religious leaders ours is the greatest responsibility. We must do everything in our power to guide all players into a peaceful solution for this Middle East situation.

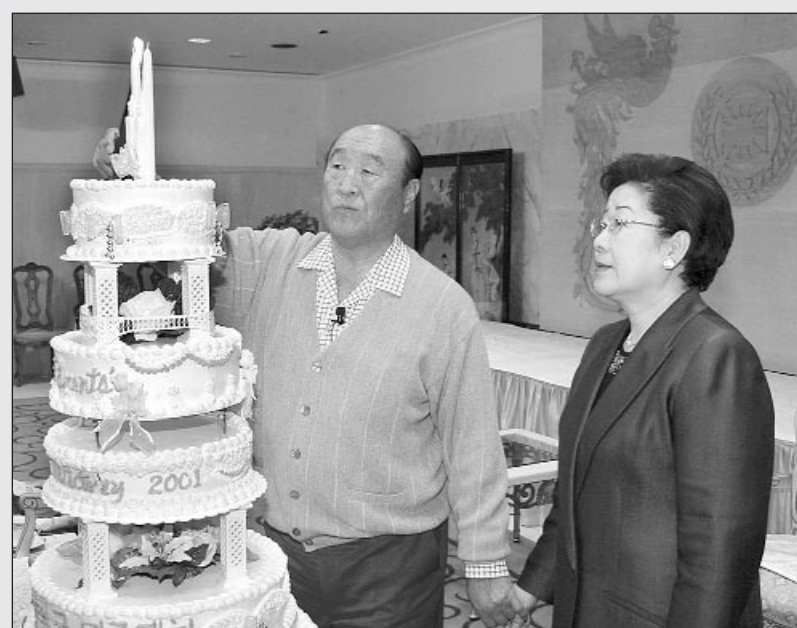
With my deepest heart, I pray day and night for the peace I have just described, all religious leaders must do the same.

Once again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your holy and noble love of God and God's peace. May God bless you and your families, and bring lasting peace to our world, our home. ❖

Surely no one expressed more deeply this original ideal of God than the blessed Prophet Mohammed, not only in word, but in deed. God who is infinite compassion would not like to see even the littlest one perish. What would we be then if we tolerated, or even perpetuated interreligious strife, knowing that this is the exact opposite of God's desire? We can never lend our hand willingly to Satan's plan to destroy the innocent, and cast mankind into unspeakable darkness?

Victory Celebration for Mother's Tour

There was a celebration at East Garden, Irvington, NY on December 2, 2001 as Father welcomed Mother home from her 8-city speaking tour of the USA.



GRAEME GARMICHAEL

True Mother Eight-City North American Speaking Tour

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

T rue Mother's tour is rolling. This tour is one for the heart. Through your continuous sacrifice and continuous efforts to develop the VIP guests and the Clergy a solid foundation now exists in America in which great American leaders of all races, religions and professions truly love and respect our True Parents. So many feel so close in heart with Father and Mother.

At the University of Bridgeport, Mother's tour was connected to the International Leadership Seminar. A strong contingent of clergy, together with professors and elected officials joined in the sessions of the IIFWP, AFC and ACLC. They received their certificates as Ambassadors for Peace directly from True Mother at the banquet.

The University Student center had been refurbished and looked absolutely beautiful as a banquet meal was served. The stage was set with the flags of many nations with a beautiful seal of the University of Bridgeport. It so good to be greeted by many of our second generation who are going to school there. Tweron Verheyen, Amy VanDerstock, Christoff Yasutake, Ester Bessel and her brother and many more.

The event was jam packed not so much with students but with professors and clergy from Bridgeport and surrounding cities. President Salonen did a magnificent job. President Rubenstein was there and many of the areas top VIP's.

Special thanks to Paul Yasutake and Rev. Hempowicz. Rev. Yang, the Connecticut regional leader and Rev. Kim from Boston brought a very broad variety of guests.

Dr. Tom and Alexa Ward were there with many special guests. It was held as a luncheon which significantly increased the participation from professors. The video that Rev. Phillip Schanker has completed

Bridgeport CT



The Cosmic nation is the national identity that is cosmic (a combination of the spirit world and the physical world). A nation that consists of all races, religions and cultures living together in perfect harmony.

Mother's delivery was very powerful. She has the audience captivated. She also reveals that the path to peace has four gateways, 1 Live for the sake of others. 2 Blessing of Marriage. 3 Embrace all races and religions and love your enemy through exchange marriage. 4 Establish religious bodies to advise both the US political leaders and that of the UN. The

ed is entitled the Way of True Love. It is a story of Mother's life. Many people cry during the video. It touches the Christian ministers as well as the world religions and the humanitarian efforts Mother has initiated through WFWP.

It was a truly rich basis upon which True Mother could give her speech. The purpose of this tour is to formally inaugurate the Unified Cosmic Nation of World Peace or the Chun Il Guk. We have entered the era of the Kingdom of God on earth and Father is proclaiming that our true citizenship is no longer that of Korea, Japan or America but that of the Kingdom of God.

ACLC evangelist strongly testified to the power of True Parents to heal marriages.

Rev. Smallwood the campus minister gave the invocation.

Two students, Jonathan VanDerstock and Daniel Bessel from the University of Bridgeport CARP and RYS organizations, presented Mother with a gift. Christoff Yasutake gave flowers. When he gave mother the flowers he stood so close to Mother that when she waved the flowers as a thank you the bouquet hit him right in the nose. Mother then gave him a hug and a big smile. It was quite heart warming. President

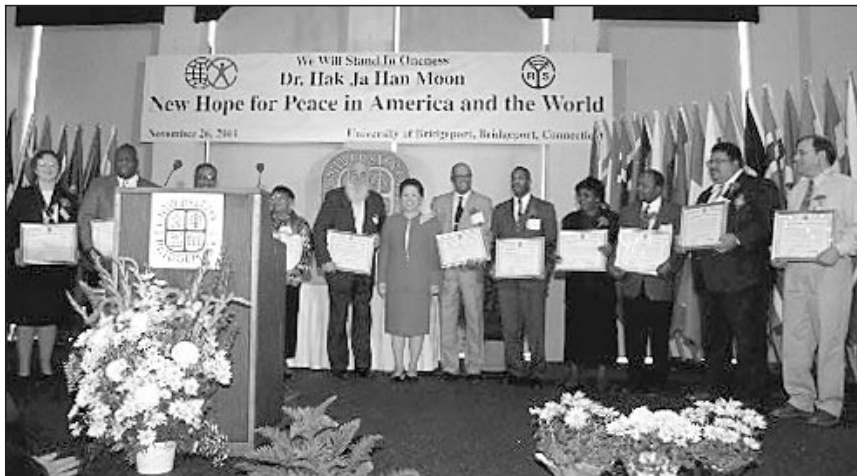
Salonen, Dr. Chin and Mrs. Keum Taek Kim gave a beautiful ceramic artwork to Mother from the University. Mrs. Kim is a ceramic artist and lecturer of art at the university.

The event concluded with the Ambassadors For Peace receiving their formal commission as heaven's representatives. Dr. Jerald Cole, Professor at UB as well as Rev. deKock, Minister Teddy Muhammad and Bishop Robert Stallings (not George Augustus!) were among the many Ambassadors For Peace.

Father and Mother celebrated back at EG. Won Ju sang, Russian students sang, the new Japanese Missionaries that Father is sending to 43 countries sang, and finally Mother sang. Father felt so much love from Mother. It was truly a happy moment. Father concluded with his arm casually and lovingly draped over Mother's shoulder as Father and Mother sang.

This tour is one for the heart. America is strong and our foundation is very broad now. The leaders who have been attending True Parents over the years are showing that they really understand True Parents call for True Family and love for all religions and races. It was a tremendous beginning of the 8 city tour. Senator Joseph Lieberman former U.S. Vice Presidential Candidate, and Congressman Shays sent letters of congratulations.

Thanks to all in Connecticut and Boston Regions and especially the UB family. ❖



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ILC New York City

by Nanette Doroski

T he New York ILC was held in the Crystal Room of the New Yorker Hotel. It was an excellent event with 156 participants and 142 Ambassadors of Peace appointed. New Jersey and Pennsylvania participated to make this event a success.

Mr. Bill Lay and Mr. Farley Jones were the moderators. Mr. Neil Salonen, my spiritual father, did Dr. Walsh's Power Point presentation. Neil spoke of our ethics. How the workers at the Marriot Hotel next to the twin towers that went down, ran out and did not even warn the people staying in the hotel. Neil, with his humor, mentioned how we long for the day when we won't have to open up our Christmas Cards wearing gas masks and rubber gloves.

Iman Ameer Pasha Salawhidin, director of the Islam Center, gave an excellent speech. Alexa Ward spoke about the Women's Federation. David Konn

and Rev. Dr. Raymond Rugen Blanchette spoke on "One Community One Family"; the AFC effort in New York and New Jersey to help after the Sept. 11 tragedy. Carol Probanz, representing the Religious Youth Services, spoke on the Young Ambassadors of Peace. Young people going out and helping the world. At the luncheon I gave an explanation of Parents Day and the American Century Awards and asked for nominations.

Under the AFC portion, Richard Panzer spoke on "Violence in Male and Female Relationships" with a Power Point presentation. Rev. Carlton Barrett spoke on a program called "Marriage Missionaries." One woman spoke with him and she explained how her minister wouldn't help save her marriage. Ministers just marry you and forget about you. The woman's present minister stood up and said he just

wanted everyone to know he wasn't the minister of her church when all this happened and everyone had a good laugh.

Then I gave a presentation on 7 Habits of Highly Successful Families. Many leaders came to me and told me they were interested to come to a full program. This was my second presentation. I gave a presentation at the Suffolk Community College.

The ACLC Portion was moderated by Levy Daugherty. Then Bishop Stalling, Bishop Billings and Rev. Jesse Edwards all spoke. It was absolutely amazing collection of great speeches. I wish I had filmed this to show at other conferences. It was my biggest mistake. It was a very strong team.

The final program consisted of Tyler Hendricks presenting a Power Point presentation on the Spiritual World and the Blessing. This was to educate

our Ambassadors on the Blessing to prepare them for receiving it and also for the future transition into the next plane of existence. Christianity has so little idea about the life after and how our daily life affects us in the next life. I was sorry we did not have more time. In my next program I am going to allocate more time for this area. The best part of this conference was that we had so many visual presentations and videos and not just speech after speech.

I used as readers two AFC Alumni that I have taught Divine Principle to completely and who accepted our Founder. Rev. Dr. Sapphire Anderson and Ebony Kirkland, CEO of Ebony Marketing and Research. Our program ran from 10AM to 4:30PM. At 5PM buses took everyone to the Zion Methodist Church where the Family Federation sisters prepared and served a wonderful dinner: salmon, chicken, shrimp and Mother spoke to later to a gathering of 3,000. ❖

True Mother Eight-City North American Speaking Tour

Harlem NYC

by Rev. Daryl M. Clarke

The Cosmic Spring has come to Harlem. On May 8th of this year our True Father spoke at the Canaan Baptist Church by personal invitation of its Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker. Father spoke to an overflow crowd inspiring all to take a stand in oneness and tear down the walls that divide us.

After a successful 8-City Tour in Korea and Japan our True Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon launched her third, 8 City Tour in America. The New York Region was the seventh city where Heaven's Blessings landed.

On Saturday, December 1st, Harlem received another great blessing in the person of True Mother. Speaking to an overflow crowd of more than two thousand, our True Mother gave a stirring and rousing speech at the Salem United Methodist Church. The Salem Church is a historical landmark that has served Harlem and the New York City communities for the past 98 years.

In conjunction with the International Leadership Conference, coordinated through the hard work and dedication of John and Nanette Doroski, the New York Family Federation for World Peace and Unification held its First Annual Awards Ceremony. 150 participants from the ILC who were anointed as "Ambassadors of Peace" joined 200 other clergy, community, and civic leaders for the awards banquet program.

While the participants dined on the delectable buffet prepared by Mrs. Debbie Grodner and company they enjoyed a variety of quiet classical pieces from the esteemed and talented composer and artist, Mr. Kevin Pickard. The Apostolic Revelation Society of Ghana's choir led by Rev. Patrick Amedzekor and Rev. Segbefia Moses lifted the spirit with rhythmic African Gospel spiritual selections that had everyone clapping their hands and swaying in harmonious oneness.

The awardees were selected for their dedication in the service of others in the areas of family, community, nation and the world. Beautiful plaques were prepared by the events coordinator and regional vice-director, Rev. Andy Compton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gerena were recognized for their commitment to the families of East (Spanish) Harlem through a food service program. The Honorable Una S.T. Clarke, the first Caribbean-born woman elected to the city's legislature

as Council Board member from Brooklyn; Mr. Lateef Islam the Director of Youth Services at the Family Partnership Center in Poughkeepsie and the Rev. Domingo Araujo, founder of the Interstate Federal Chaplains Corporation and the Worldwide Federal Chaplains Association were given awards for their service to the community, nation and the world.

A very special recognition was given to the Fireman and Policeman, the heroes and sheroes of Ground Zero at the World Trade Center.

Later in the evening each awardee and Ambassador of Peace received their awards and certificates directly from the hands of True Mother. As you can assume, there was magic in the air. Praise Be to Our Beloved True Parents!

After some brief remarks from Mr. Gerena and Mr. Islam everyone gathered upstairs in the sanctuary to help create the most exciting atmosphere to receive the keynote speaker for the evening. The FFWPU vice-president, Rev. Levy Daugherty started the program with a Litany Prayer for the healing of the nation and the world. As the prayer leader, Rev. Renee F. Washington co-pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church in

Harlem, accompanied by a host of religious leaders of various faith traditions, heard the response of the congregation shouting in unison, "Lord, heal our land".

As the Japanese Missionary Choir ended a heartfelt rendition of "Standing in the Need of Prayer" the "Pope of Harlem," Rev. Dr. Charles Kenyatta, founder of the African Square Church, stepped up to the podium. As a respected elder of the religious community and ex-bodyguard to Malcolm X, Rev. Kenyatta gave a warm welcome to the congregation and challenged everyone to unite together and support the work of our True Parents.

In superb form the triple "A" (anointed, appointed and approved) Archbishop George Augustus Stallings gave the most powerful and inspiring testimony that I have ever heard in the history of John the Baptist figures. "I met a man and a woman who have changed my life for ever" this great orator proclaimed with joy and conviction. After claiming the victory of True Parents through receiving the Blessing, Archbishop Stallings continued to shock the highly inspired crowd by walking on the pews, touching those around him. People could not believe their eyes as they experienced in awe the Holy Spirit lifting "Air Bishop" up across the sanctuary like Jesus walked across the water.

After you thought you've see it all, FFWPU President, Rev. Michael Jenkins announced that the twin brother of Archbishop Stallings

was coming forth to address the crowd. When the United Pentecostal preacher from Philadelphia jumped up to the podium and shouted, "Praise the Lord" with great enthusiasm, the crowd had another shock to see that it was our beloved brother, the Rev. Jesse Edwards. The church began to rock in amazement as they responded with a hearty "Amen". Like a twin brother, Rev. Edwards echoed in his own way a most amazing testimony of his experience with True Parents as a JB figure. Oh, what a night!

A hand of applause goes out to vice-president, Rev. Philip Schanker and Mr. Simon Kinney for creating a very informative and beautiful video presentation of the historical work of True Parents and an introduction into the life and heart of True Mother. The videotape was in high demand and on sale after the program.

True Mother's speech was so, so, heavenly. As Mother read past the middle of the speech, the reaction of the people caused her to respond from the heart with a warm smile and stopping the reading just to say, "thank you" to a single applause. Mother truly melted the people of the Greater New York Region. We could not have asked for a better evening. True Family was there up front to share the Blessing with us.

After Mother's speech Rev. Jenkins and Rev. Daugherty guided the awardees of New York's First Annual Awards Ceremony along with representatives from the Ambassadors of Peace recipients to receive their award and certificates directly from True Mother.

The highlight of Mother's presentation was when she gave plaques of appreciation to the Fireman and Policeman from Ground Zero. What a sight to see, there was True Mother in middle of 10 tall firefighters in their gear stained with smoke, grease and dirt from a days work fighting fires and saving lives. The whole church was standing, shouting, whistling and showing so much gratitude and appreciation for both True Parents and the heroes and sheroes of Ground Zero.

Mother was presented with various plaques and proclamations. The most precious was when Minister Kevin Muhammad and his wife together with six sisters from Muhammad's Mosque #7 in Harlem offered Mother a beautiful flower bouquet. The women embraced Mother with warmth, love and appreciation for her important and timely message.

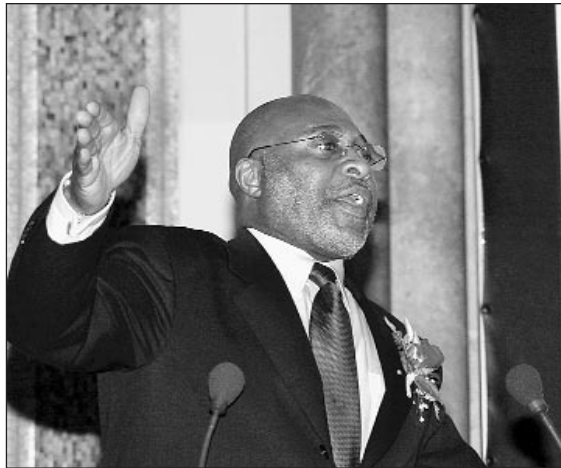
As Mother departed from the sanctuary, Rev. Philip Thomas led the Japanese Missionary Choir on to the stage to close out the evening in a patriotic sharing of "God Bless America". Continental Director, Rev. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Archbishop Stallings, Rev. Jesse Edwards and Rev. Levy Daugherty joined the choir showing unity and victory for the establishment of the Cosmic House of Unification.

The New York membership is very grateful and proud of the leadership of our Regional Director, Rev. Dong Woo Kim for guiding us to make True Parents seventh city a wonderful victory and great success.

Rev. Clarke is the Pastor of the Harlem Family Church. ❖



GRAEME CARMICHAEL



True Mother Eight-City North American Speaking Tour

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Dallas TX

The Dallas Family really desired that Mother come. Although there were other cities under consideration to host True Mother, the Dallas Region—which does not have a large community of families—really wanted Mother. The heart with which Rev. John Jackson and Rev. Shim invited True Mother was what caused Mother to come to Dallas. The Blessed Central Families from Texas are to be commended. Mother was very pleased with Dallas.

With such heart the event was absolutely beautiful. The International Leadership Conference was also held that day. Over 80 guests attended; clergy, civic and community leaders and activists, as well as one President and one chairman of an Asian Assoc. based in Washington D.C. The Ambassadors For Peace education is essential for their understanding. Mrs. Karen Smith represented IIFWP and Rev. Bruce Biggins the AFC regional director did the AFC presentation. Rev. Levy Daugherty led the ACLC portion as an excellent moderator and inspiration. Rev. Edwards, Rev. Jenkins and Rev. Henderson, who is the President of the Baptist Ministers conference for Dallas, also gave presentations on Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community and Renew the Nation and The World.

We were quite surprised to leave 70 degree weather in New York and be greeted with freezing weather in Dallas! When we sat down for lunch with True Mother she said to Bruce Biggins with a big smile, "Nice Weather!". Rev. Edwards also attended the luncheon. He was able to share an interesting story. When he was traveling on the 50-state tour he met a Japanese sister in Boston who for years could never have a child. She asked him to pray for her that she might have a child. He did and never thought about it again. On the 8 city tour she came to him in New Jersey with great excitement—she was pregnant. She got pregnant shortly after he prayed for her! Rev. Edwards is so sincere and very humbled by the power of God.

Then he asked Mother a question, "The other day I was in my office and I found a book that I had bought for my father. I was filled with remorse because I forgot to give it to him and now he has passed away. I felt so sorrowful and sad. Then suddenly a book fell off of my top shelf as I was leaning over and hit me

squarely in the head. The odd thing was that my remorse and sorrow was instantly transformed. I felt the presence of my father telling me that I shouldn't be sad. He is fine and I should just keep going forward. It was very odd because my father and I didn't speak very much but



this seemed to be so close. Mother, do you think this was him?"

True Mother shared that the spirit world is very close now and they are trying to help us. Then we asked if his mother was still alive and he said she was. We mentioned that she could receive the Blessing with his father. He said, "Oh they received the holy wine and blessing when Dr. Hendricks visited us one time." Then Mother laughed and said, "It was your father visited you! Because of the blessing, our ancestors who are blessed are totally free to help us. Without the blessing it's very difficult." Mother then mentioned the video; it shows her mother, Dae Mo Nim. Mother shared that her Mother was always so deeply guided by God and the Heavenly realm. Then she explained how St. Augustine is now blessed with Mrs. Kang the first Christian to join our church. The spirit world is so real that she can experience his presence just as a real physical experience when he visits.

Rev. Shim then reported on the activities in the Texas region. Things were well organized.

The event began with a prayer from Rev. Harvey Starling one of the 120 Ministers and original founding member of the ACLC. Laura Hornbeck led the Bridge of Peace ceremony in which Muslims, Christians, Jews, black, white and American Indian crossed over the bridge to reconcile. Then Rev. Biggins called on

Rev. C. J. Phillips, another one of the ACLC 120, to come forward to sing a powerful gospel song to set the tone for the evening.

The Ambassadors For Peace, who had just graduated from the conference came forward with their Blue Ambassadorial Sashes (made by the Dallas Family). They gathered at the front of the stage, approximately 60 Ambassadors for Peace. The Honorable Freddie Fraga, former member of the Houston City Council, swore them in. Raising their right hands they affirmed the four tenets of the Ambassadors For Peace and the councilman then proclaimed them, "God's Ambassadors for Peace." It was a thrilling moment, filled with dignity and grace.

Rev. Jenkins was introduced and gave the welcoming remarks which are based on the speech that Rev. Kwak gave in Korea on the 8-city tour. This speech highlights the victory of the October Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace Conference in New York. It brings to light the unity that is occurring between the religions.

Rabbi David Brodman of Israel, when giving in the closing prayer was suddenly inspired to bring a Moslem leader together on stage with him to finish the prayer together. Professor Kurasha of Zimbabwe testified in his call that Father and Mother are clearly the, "True Parents of Humanity." They love all people and all religions and ask all people to become one family. Rev. Jenkins goes on to explain that Father is calling all people to the 144,000 couple blessing in April, 2001 in Washington, D.C. Every nation will conduct a ceremony by satellite. This blessing is for already married, religious, political and top leaders of every religion and nation. We should even consider marrying not only beyond our race and country but even beyond our religion to bring peace on earth. One Roman Catholic priest at the program gave a warm mile

Then Rev. Edwards came up and preached the Gospel of peace. It was a moment of Pentecost. The audience broke into applause and shouts of joy when he said Father and Mother Moon are

inspiring preachers across the land to challenge the biggest threat to marriage and family—adultery. Reading from Proverbs 6:32 he said that adultery destroys the soul. Also, it says that this comes from a lack of understanding. He said we are clearing up that lack of understanding by teaching that Jesus taught no divorce in Mt. 19:6 "What God has joined together let no man put asunder." Father Moon made it most clear, there should only be one key to our love and that key belongs to our spouse. *No Spare Key*. Mother Moon is bringing a message that is transforming America. That we must do as Jesus taught and tear down the walls and truly love one another. We must become one with the Moslem family, Jewish family, Christian family and all God's children. The audience strongly proclaimed, Amen.

True Mother was magnificent. Her presentation is absolutely beautiful and melts the audience's hearts. Both new guests and those who have been with us for years leave feeling like we are one family. She is proclaiming the Kingdom of God and we are all the Ambassadors for Heaven. We are now becoming citizens of the Kingdom of God.

At the celebration we sang back and forth with East Garden. It was a joy.

Many second generation in Texas sang so well. It was pleasing to True Parents. Attendance is so important. It's amazing to see the VIP's streaming into the room to be with our Parents.

They love the atmosphere. Father got inspired and then gave a two hour hoon dok and his own speech on True Parents.

This tour is definitely another great advancement toward the kingdom. The Clergy, Muslim leaders and political leaders are soaking up the words of Truth concerning the Family as the basis for peace. Mother said this morning that because of the enormous activity of the spirit world the people are yearning for God's word. If we make a strong effort the top people will come.

Thank you so much America for your sacrifice. Mother proclaimed that this is the Elder Son Nation. ❖



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ILC Indiana/Kentucky

by Michael Jenkins

The program of the ILC in Indiana and Kentucky was a powerful experience. It was held in French Lick, Indiana the home of Larry Bird the sports legend. Larry would have been proud. Senator Dick Thompson (R. In) and Rep. Denbo (R, In) from the state legislature started off the program.

Rev. Kim the Regional leader from North Carolina did an excellent job in leading our IIFWP, ACLC, FFWPU, and AFC to a great success.

Over 50 VIP guests (40 was the goal) including clergy, educators, political leaders and other great Americans joined in to hear about and experience Father and Mother's foundation world wide and the basic foundations for the Family and

World Peace and then to accept the role of Ambassador for Peace.

Mrs. Lynn Walsh (wife of IIFWP Secretary General Dr. Tom Walsh) represented IIFWP, AFC leaders Peter Hayes and Jack Harford represented AFC and Rev. Michael Dickerson and Rev. Triggol represented FFWPU/ACLC.

Rev. Kim gave the opening address which set the tone for our convention and laid the groundwork for the Ambassadors for Peace.

AFC presentations were given by Rev. Peter Hayes, Mr. Jack Harford, Senator Dick Thompson and Minister Jerald Muhammad. This gave people a very deep sense of practical accomplishment of Father's vision for working with the elect-

ed officials of our nation bringing moral principle to government.

Rev. Dickerson, Bishop Dan Johnson and Rev. Triggol gave the ACLC presentation. Presenting the three pillars of the clergy's commission from Father to Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community and Renew the Nation and the World. Bishop Johnson brought the audience to tears as he described his experiences at Ground Zero, praying with the firemen, police and rescue workers and helping the families through the trauma. He gave a vivid description of a father and son asking him to give a proper prayer and Godly treatment as a family member being brought into the makeshift morgue. He testified as to how God was using this

tragedy to bring America together and cause us to really seek God and bring America in God's direction.

Rev. Peter Hayes gave a very moving conclusion of the session when he called on all to really examine America. He stated clearly that if America fulfills God's will then America will be blessed. It's spiritual law. If America doesn't fulfill God's will then God cannot bless America. Now is the time to fulfill the Will of God and bring unity between all races and religions. America is the only place that God can do this kind of work. Peter really moved the participants.

Over the luncheon the video of the WFWP was shown demonstrating True Parent's work through women to build

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Bay Area CA

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The San Francisco/Oakland region was on fire with preparation for True Mother through the visit of Archbishop George Augustus Stallings. Bishop Stallings has been preaching across America about the Blessing and the time we are in. He met former Governor Jerry Brown and Pastor J. Albert Smith of the Allen Temple Baptist Church a most well known pastor in the Oakland area. It turns out the Bishop Smith had known Bishop Stallings before. He was so moved by the meeting with Rev. Thompson and Bishop Stallings that he decided to come that night to Mother's speech.

Mr. Bento Leal of the American Family Coalition did an excellent job in organizing the International Leadership Conference which hosted over 80 Ambassadors for Peace. Dr. Frank Kaufmann gave the IIFWP presentation. Many of the 120 founding ACLC pastors were there. Also, fine academic and political leaders were there. One very important Moslem Imam spoke earlier who is the head of the oldest Mosque in America. He has completely memorized the Koran and he feels God's spirit calling him to be with Father Moon. The AFC presentation and ACLC presentations were well received. This created a very advanced core group of VIP's to attend True Mother's speech.

The Banquet was well prepared. The Mayor of San Francisco, The Honorable Willie Brown gave a proclamation honoring the spirit of the event. Rev. Kevin Thompson, Vice Regional director, opened the program with music from our Bay Area Choir and band. Their music was very professional—if you didn't know the brothers and sisters singing you would think that they are a professional group. The Invocation was given by Dr. Scott Griffin who is Chaplain of the California State Prisons for Women.

Then the Step Out Band was introduced. They are also known as the Redeemed Convicts for



Christ. These men had turned their lives over to Jesus and you could feel it in their music. They performed very smooth, sweet and soft soul-filled gospel and a quartet in perfect harmony. Rev. Jenkins then gave the Rev. Kwak's message concerning Building a Nation of Cosmic Peace.

Bishop George Augustus Stallings was the Complete Testament Age Evangelist. In a most inspired and moving presentation he testified to True Mother's speech and the peace that she is bringing throughout America. He also gave a testimony about his own Bless-



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schools in Africa. WFWP leader Susan Nishio gave an excellent introduction to WFWP. Then Rev. Jenkins read True Father's speech from Korea which Father asked to be read at every ILC to the Ambassadors of Peace. The power of that speech was truly magnificent. Everyone was standing and applauding the power uncovering the origin of conflict in the fall of man and how only through the resolution of the conflict within ourselves and our families can we bring peace to the nation and the world.

In the panel discussion there was a rousing discussion about September 11th. Rev. Moon's love and support for America was strongly expressed with his call to pray that God will guide our Pres-

ident. Min. Jerald Muhammad said that we must be united as Americans and we must teach our children that violence doesn't solve the problem of hate. We must protect our nation but ultimately peace will only come through love. Now we have a chance to turn to God and ask God's blessing on our family. We can now ask that God will bring Muslims, Christians and Jews together in America so that peace will be achieved in the world.

In the testimonials, Rev. Wanda McIntyre gave an incredible speech concerning how she was struck by Father's words—especially that the road to peace was based on living for the sake of others. She testified that she didn't want to come and she had her job and other things that had to be set aside. But when Rev. Dickerson came to her with such a sincere heart and humbly asking her to

come because it was important for America. She had no idea. His pure heart was the base through which God moved her. She feels the call now to be an Ambassador for Peace. She is going to tell her son and daughter that "You are a Holy Son and a Holy Daughter. You have a Divine purpose before God to be his temple and bring God into every corner of the World."

Bishop Collins gave a powerful testimony of how Rev. Moon touched her and gave her strength. She was going to leave early because she didn't want to have to drive the two hours back to Indiana in the dark. But when she heard Father's speech a powerful energy came into her. She gave a powerful testimony of how her daughter was kidnapped by a gang and she found them and with the Holy Spirit went in and saved her and con-

ing and how Mother played a key role helping to find him the bride that God had prepared for him. We have certainly entered a new time in history. Bishop Stallings is preaching a combination Gospel/ Divine Principle message. He testified that the "I" and "We" that Mother speaks about is real. He said, "The 'I' that I was one year ago than the 'I' that you see standing before you tonight. This 'I' has been transformed by the Holy Spirit coming through Mother Moon. And now this 'I' has become a 'We' with God, True Parents, my wife, Sayomi as one big we. Mother is transforming America with her message of peace and love."

Then the video entitled The Way of True Love captivated the audience with Mother's life of sacrifice and love for the sake of God's Kingdom. The video shows special insight into heavenly predictions surrounding Mother's birth and the way heaven guided her Mother Dae Mo Nim. It also captures the testimonies of True Parents diverse work to bring peace—particularly with heads of state, the UN and Ambassadors For Peace throughout the world.

Mother came on the stage with a commanding presence that immediately caught the audience's sincere attention. She is so beautiful and charming that such a warm feeling is generated. However, the truth that she brings is very strong. Mother clarifies that no earthly law or authority should be above God and the law of heaven. She inspires, and yet challenges, the religious leaders: that we must take responsibility for peace by breaking out of our denominational walls and love all religions sincerely and humbly. We should not be proud but we go forward with love and service. She gives the four paths for peace, the first being "Live for the Sake of Others." Second, the blessing of marriage and creating True Families. Third

inter-religious reconciliation.

She said, "World peace is the original ideal of God. Therefore, religious leaders and believers should be the guides who lead people to peace. If religions only emphasize narrow-minded denominationalism and fail to teach true love for God and the universe, we will never free humankind from the horrors of war. In the face of this global crisis, religious leaders have to practice true love, humbly following God's Will, walking hand in hand beyond the boundaries of their own religion."

Fourth, she emphasizes the importance of the United Nations in bringing peace. She again proposes that a special body of religious leaders be formed to discuss with the UN Ambassadors the spiritual and moral dimensions of world problems."

Rev. Dr. Albert Smith Sr. of the prestigious Allen Temple Baptist Church, was there with his wife. With great sincerity and attention he studied True Mother's speech so carefully while helping his wife follow each word. Elder Wm. Perry one of the 120 Clergy sitting at the table told Rev. Smith soon Mother is coming to page 17 which is very powerful. Dr. Smith said, "I can't wait."

Mother received a heartfelt standing ovation. Dr. and Mrs. David Walton of Double Rock Baptist Church in San Francisco presented the flowers.

Rev. Dr. Scott Griffin of the American Clergy Leadership Conference presented the gift representing 14,000 clergy of ACLC. (Rev. Griffin and his wife Pam were among the 60 International and Interreligious couples Blessed by True Parents in May of 2001.)

Ms. Suzanne Mulcahy and Ms. Dovough White represented the Womens Federation for World Peace gift. Finally, representing the Muslim faith, Dr. Sher Ahmad presented the gift from the new Ambassadors for Peace.

Three of the key clergy were inducted as members of the 240 Gold Watch recipients representing the 12 disciples of Jesus. They were Rev. A. Lawrence Van Hook of the Community Church for Christ in Oakland; Rev. Victor Medearis of Double Rock Baptist Church, SF; Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith Sr. of Allen Temple.

It was a great time, and a wonderful celebration followed. Rev. Medearis sang for True Parents. Thank you Rev. Lee, Nick Buscovich and Bento Leal, Rev. Thompson and Mrs. Durst and all of the SF / Oakland Region. ❖

verted her kidnapper.

Rev. McDaniel (Indiana) testified, "Whether you know it or not or understand it or not God has given a mantle of anointing and responsibility to save this nation. You are now Ambassadors of Peace."

Minister Jerald Muhammad and Bishop Johnson offered Muslim and Christian prayers. Mrs. Lynn Walsh led us all in Three Cheers at the end. We sang Amazing Grace which caused so many to weep.

Thanks to Norman Presley, Doug, Bob and all Kentucky and Indiana Families. The International Leadership Conference can open a new era and direction for America. We should sacrifice and work hard to bring America's top leaders to this educational seminar so that they can receive their God given mantle. ❖

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by Rev. Michael Jenkins

New Jersey

The New Jersey event was a great inspiration. Many of the clergy and guests stayed for an hour afterwards just to share in the inspiration and the joy. True Parents' foundation is really blossoming now. Rev. John McReynolds, Mrs. McReynolds and Rev. Mays were there from the fishing club and long time supporters of our True Parents' work.

Rev. Albert Rowe of Calvary Baptist Church gave the Invocation. LaLeh, an Persian America, opened with song. WFWP Chairwoman Mrs. Alexa Ward led a beautiful ceremony with the Bridge of Peace. Muslim leaders, Jewish and Christian, black and white crossed the Bridge of Peace, symbolically reconciling a sad history of conflict and strife. "Let There Be Peace On Earth" played as they crossed the bridge—it was quite moving.

Our ACLC evangelist gave a powerful message. As he gave his sermon the audience was captivated—you could feel the Holy Spirit descend. He declared that Father Moon's message was absolutely true. To have a good marriage the Bible makes it clear that there can be no adultery. As Father Moon puts it, we cannot have a spare key for others

to use! With great passion he spoke of the walls coming down. He said we are here tonight to tear down the walls. You are about to hear a truly great message. A message of True Peace. We are bringing Muslim and Christian and Jewish people, people of all faiths together as one.

Rev. Phillip Thomas brought the house down with the Japanese Missionary Choir which he started, conducted and trained. They stunned the audience with their rendition of the gospel, "Its me Oh Lord, standing in the need of Prayer."

Again, as before, the video presentation of Mother's life brought tears. Mother was magnificent. One pastor reflected that she was so graceful and charming, yet she had a powerful and complete command of the stage. The audience really melted.

When she came to the podium, the audience kept on cheering. She kindly asked them with a smile, "Thank you, thank you. please be seated." With grace and the authority of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, she gave God's message.

The applause and affirmations of Amen came like bouquets of flowers blossom-

terson, came forth and gave a most beautiful trophy from the Muslim community. It read, "Those who believe in the Quran, those who follow the Scriptures and the Christians and any who believe in Allah and the Last Day and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their lord, on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve. In gratitude to Rev. and Mrs. Moon."

Then the heroes from ground zero, the Newark Police and Fire departments and the Emergency medical teams, as well as the police from Nutley, came of the stage in full uniform giving Mother great respect. Mother gave each department a plaque commemorating their sacrifices at ground zero.

The finale was when Mother gave the Ambassadors for Peace certificates. Dr. Roderick McLean and Gloria of the United Methodist church, Mrs. Frederika Bey of the Women in Support of the Million Family March, Imam Salahuddin, Professor Win Win Kyi of Yale and Dr. Kabah of Sierre Leone were made Ambassadors as heaven's representatives.

This tour is a great affirmation of the yearning in America for a message of true peace and love. ❖



by Rev. Michael Jenkins

ILC Denver

God is working in miraculous ways. The Denver International Leadership Conference was a solid experience which elevates our allies, both educationally and experientially, to a completely different relationship with the movement and our True Parents. Revs. Lee, Flynn Nglame, and Peggy Yujiri have outstanding unity, cooperation and momentum.

The conference began with Rev. Kwak's address presented by Dr. Bill Bruhoffer. It was an excellent beginning. Then Rev. Jim Flynn gave the IIFWP powerpoint presentation. Many VIP guests attended who are the fruit of 20 years of direct education of America's key allies. Airforce Veteran, Col. D'Amico, Karl Erickson (former AFC President), Rev. Ephraim and many others have stood with us for years through the highs and the lows. They are confident in True Parents role to bring peace and strong families. They were very moved by this comprehensive presentation of Father's vision and work to become Ambassadors. for Peace.

After Rev. Flynn's presentation, the speaker was Dr. V. Nanda of the University of Denver College of Law, a professor of International Law and an expert in the field. He is active with a special advisory council active with the United Nations. He gave an excellent presentation. He discussed whether Bin Laden, if caught, would get a military trial, or a civil trial. His knowledge was fascinating and revealing.

He also testified to Father's vision as presented in the IIFWP Powerpoint presentation as the only real and lasting road to peace. He strongly supported and praised the "vision" for a "religious upper house" to guide the United Nations. What

was most surprising was that I thought that he had been with us for years. He actually had only attended True Mother's speech one time! Yet he was truly with us.

After that the American Family Coalition presentation was led by AFC Colorado leader Mr. John Redmond. John gave a solid introduction and presentation of Father's words. Then the director of Lost and Found (a program for youth), Dr. Sheryl Brickner gave a very moving presentation of the value of family. She spoke professionally and from the heart. It was quite moving. She had lost her son to suicide and her family had broken. Yet she overcame it all with faith to present a beautiful affirmation that God's most profound creation is the family and that true happiness is to only be found in that context.

Then Professor Kambutu, of the University of Wyoming gave a stunning presentation of the reality of the our youth. Michael Hentrich has built a solid foundation in Wyoming and many key allies are there to carry God's dispensation. This could be seen in Dr. Kambutu's presentation. Dr. Kambutu stated that the way our children are being educated in our schools and effect of television and other mediums are severely damaging the natural development and moral education of our children. He drew examples of how the family must have natural times together such as a mother and daughter preparing food for the family and how those moments can be the most profound in terms of family and moral education. This is being completely destroyed in most families today. The schools do not and can not give this kind of "family values" education. At one point he became passionate. The atmosphere

in the room was very much "caught" by this spirit and heart.

He said what are we going to do. How can we talk about world peace, national peace when without dealing with the family. There can be no peace without the family. He testified to the ILC and Father's education concerning family. He received a standing ovation. His wife and family were there. They were beautiful. Dr. Kambutu is truly a man of God and should be a speaker on the ILC circuit.

Then the ACLC presentation came. Rev. Nglame was the moderator. He is a UTS graduate and a most capable leader of the Clergy. He had everyone inspired in very short order as you could feel his enthusiasm and confidence. Rev. Ephraim a blessed pastor and one of the earliest Christian leaders who stood by Father's side in America, read Father's words. The ACLC video was presented. Hat's off to Rev. Schanker as the video gave a powerful presentation of the Clergy movement and the power of its application to the Sept. 11th tragedy. The Interfaith breakfast and Harlem Day of Prayer and Healing showed how the religious leaders can take the lead to bring peace. It also demonstrated the clarity of the teaching of our True Parents and the victory of Father's 50 state tour. The teaching of fidelity and no "Spare" key had everyone captivated.

Rev. Ephraim of the Progressive Church of God in Christ gave a profound testimony of how Jesus directly inspired him and appeared to him to work with True Father. He touched on the theme of rebuilding the Family. Rev. Patrick Demmer, former President of the prestigious Denver Ministerial Alliance, Rev. Demmer gave the theme of Restoring the Community. His presentation was very moving for he testified that he was very skep-

tical of this movement. He was careful when he got involved because it seemed unusual that a religious movement would give of themselves so much and not expect something. (Rev. Daugherty and Bishop Stallings designed the ACLC format with an excellent presentation.)

Over time he began to see that Father Moon was truly committed to help Pastors to fulfill their missions to lead their congregations to heaven. He shared a deep heart of commitment that from Father Moon he learned that we must "tear down the walls" that divide our races, religions and nations. He gave a strong witness that we as Christians cannot have walls if we are true to the love of Jesus. He proclaimed that ACLC is Restoring the community by bringing denominations together and breaking the walls between Moslems, Christians and Jews.

The Blessing and Spirit world lectures took people over the top. The Ambassadors of Peace were soaked to the bone in truth by the end of the day.

Mrs. whose gifted spirit and voice lifted us with great beauty and inspiration brought us to a spiritual vista that cannot be achieved through teaching and words. Somehow the Holy Spirit had taken over and our hearts melted. Also, a United Pentecostal group called the Gordon sisters came with their father who is their pastor. They sang high spirited Christian music which brought joy to all.

At the closing banquet, Amb. Sam Zakhem former ambassador. to Bahrain gave a very solid and patriotic message. As a Lebanese-Christian-American he had suffered a lot in his life. But his love and gratitude for God and for America was a driving force in his life. His message focused on Father and the work of

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True Mother Eight-City North American Speaking Tour

by BillieAnn Sabo

T rue Mother's Speaking Tour in Los Angeles was a wonderful success. All our families and full time members worked together in unity during the month of November to bring victory. We used a large signboard at our Regional HQ to make visible the number of day's remaining until November 30th, our speech date in LA. We also posted daily community witnessing results, daily confirmation totals and a very large colorful signboard showing True Mother looking down at the banquet hall and only seeing two tables filled, the rest marked with question marks. Results and determination words were also emailed out daily to all our membership along with the confirmation totals to keep them going quickly. All these things helped us to make the victory.

Our events were held at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel, very close to LAX. It was a beautiful hotel and they were very accommodating to us. Our ILC VIP reception and registration began at 1:00pm – the conference started at 2:00pm. In attendance were 120 top clergy and other leadership.

Dr. Wiley Drake, Pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Buena Park gave the invocation. After Dr. Yang's and John Gehring's talks, we had three presentations given. Renewing the Nation was given by Rev. Dr. E.V. Hill, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Dr. Aslam Abdullah, spokesperson & publisher with the Islamic Center of Los Angeles, and Dr. Kene Holliday, Evangelist and television actor. Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings, Jr gave a powerful speech on the Significance of Marriage, Family and the Blessing.

The last hour of the conference featured Rev. Michael Jenkins introducing the ACLC, Rev. Tim Henning, VRD of Los Angeles showing a power point presentation on the Significance of Eternal Life and the Spirit World, and a brief introduction to the bridge crossing ceremony, by Mrs. Sheri Rueter, which would take place during the dinner banquet.

The ILC ended at 6:00pm and all participants joined the dinner banquet in the Marquis ballroom. The ballroom looked beautiful, decorated in Christmas colors and the large lit bridge on the stage. Each round table

had a circular mirror on the table and fresh flowers in each circle. We had several sections set up for our guests. The front tables were reserved for VVIP and behind that were the tables for our ILC Ambassadors of Peace. Many churches had reserved and paid for tables of 10 prior to the event. The balance was used for our choir and other paid guests.

The banquet hall quickly filled. Registration opened at 5:30pm and by 6:00pm, it was 95% full. Delicious prime rib of beef dinners were served at 6:30pm. By 7:00pm, every seat in the ballroom was filled. There was not one empty seat! Headquarters sent us 1200 speech books and there were no leftover books—not one. We had to prepare 200 extra lunch box dinners for our members and overflow guests. All our members had to "Stand in Oneness" against the wall—there was no leftover space.

We had many VIP join this dinner banquet and the program was opened by 40 choir members of Rev. Dr. Apelu Poe's Samoan Congregational Church, dressed in their traditional native attire. We also had our own choir during the evening called "Origin". This professional choir was recently formed under the guidance of Music Direction, Mr. Rick Joswick. The other singers are Mrs. Miyuki Harley, Mrs. Mary Ellen Legay, Mr. Tony Parham and Mr. John Holmes. This was their first professional group performance together and they did an outstanding job.

During dinner, the Interfaith Bridge Crossing ceremony took place. First to cross the bridge was Dr. Wiley Drake (white) and Rev. Dr. E.V. Hill (black). It was an incredible encounter. Dr. E.V. Hill was named by *Time Magazine* as one of the 7 most outstanding preachers in the country. We have been wit-

nessing to him for over two years. He has always been pleasant, but has kept his distance. Even for Father's 50-State Speaking Tour, we could not get him to attend. He was contacted two years ago by the Los Angeles Kodan Leader, Mrs. Naoko Hiraki, who never gave up. She continued to visit his church week after week with determination. Finally, a break through came and he agreed to attend the ILC and also the dinner banquet. He stayed from start to finish. He gave the 10-minute reading on Renewing the Nation during the ILC and the John the Baptist speech during the banquet. He also brought his wife. After the dinner banquet, he strongly testified to the other ministers about True Mother and his determination to work closer with us.

After True Mother's keynote speech, Ms. Cheryl Landon presented the flower bouquet to Mother. Award plaques and proclamations, as follows, were then presented to Mother:

A Peace Award, presented by Rev. Lester Mosley, Dr. Roy Pettit, Dr. Raymond Harris and Rev. Joe Waller. An ACLC Award, presented by Dr. Theresa Carmenatti, and Dr. Kene Holliday

Some of the proclamations & letters were as follows: proclamation, City of Los Angeles, James K. Hahn, Mayor; proclamation, California State Assembly, Marco Antonio Firebaugh, Member of the Assembly; letter, State Capitol, Governor Gray Davis; letter, City of Rosemead, Jay T. Imperial, Mayor; and a plaque, County of Los Angeles, Don Knabe, Supervisor 4th District.

We prepared nine Peace Ambassadors to receive the framed certificates on stage from True Mother.

It was an incredibly inspiring day and evening. We made many strong prayer conditions in the days prior to the speech event. Our Regional Director, Rev. Baek Joong Ku, held 3 special prayers to call down all the blessed ancestors of our members who offered financial donations. We could feel many angels were present during the speech event, and

many high level clergy who previously were distance from us, attended this time and have turned around. Our members received much energy from November 30th and are totally determined to keep the "I CAN DO—NEVER GIVE UP" spirit that has always united Los Angeles together. We have a wonderful foundation now for the 144,000 clergy cou-



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God. He said that love is absolutely the only way we will bring peace on earth. The Family love and teaching of Rev. Moon is foremost. He said I'm not a member of Rev. Moon's church but I'm one with him. Later he said to me "I'm a member of Rev. Moon's Family." We are all one family.

The capstone moment of the event was the powerful word that True Father had directed that we bring to America. Father's message was read by Rev. Jenkins. The power of this word is great and totally current. It addresses the problem of terrorism and the four gates of peace that God has laid out. Living for the Sake of others, building a true Family, loving the

creation and loving all races and religions. Religious leaders must be put in an "upper house" relation with the UN and the American political leaders.

As these outstanding VIP's received their Amb. for Peace diploma from Amb. Zakhem and Rev. and Mrs. Lee. Amb. Zakhem would said to each congratulations Mr. Ambassador, Congratulations Madame Amb. You could see in their eyes that they knew this was a great honor and was serious. They received a direct commission, not as Amb. of a secular nation or society but Ambassadors For Peace of the highest and most profound calling in history. This chosen men and women had been chosen to be Ambassadors for God!

Sunday Service Denver

The Denver Family Church was packed

for the Sunday Service. The Denver family, Rev. Lee, Rev. Flynn, Rev. Yujiri and Rev. Nglame have made a model of unity. Rev. Jim Flynn and Caroline are a model blessed family. Taking not only the AFC mission of advancing values in public policy and our political leaders, he has also taken full responsibility as an "Elder" of the church and guides the spiritual life of the community. The Denver family caught Father's eye in a special way during the 50-state tour. They had to be responsible for six states. With enormous sacrifice Rev. Lee led the family to victory. That's why I could see and feel such beauty and unity and spirit in the Denver family.

The sermon I gave was "You have the Power." Centering on the Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship we have inherited the authority and power of our True

ple blessing in April and we are already laying our plans. We have recently been able to make contact with the Crystal Cathedral—They have asked us to hold a bridge crossing ceremony there in January.

Following the dinner banquet, we held a Victory Celebration in a different ballroom where 300 members joined. True Father (via cable) and True Mother seemed very happy and joyful. Father sang 3 songs. Our 2nd generation children offered songs as did some home members. The next morning, we held 5:00am pledge in the same ballroom, also attended by 300 parents and children. Mother emphasized the importance that we all start studying the Korean language now! Mother was very happy that the LA event made victory, as were we. Through True Mother's speech, all guests and members really felt the True Parents love, love for the world and embracing of all people.

We are grateful that Los Angeles was the 5th city of the tour and thank God & True Parents. Los Angeles is the City of Angels, and many angels are really with us, working with us, pushing us to work quickly and make the final victory. ❖

Parents. We must utilize the powers of heaven (ancestors) and earth to fulfill our mission. We are in the last days, yet the only people who understand the turmoil and spiritual upheaval of this day are the Central Blessed Families.

True Parent's lifestyle is truly the living model. If we seek to give up our life we will live. True Parents gave up their life over and over yet they live and are blessed more and more profoundly. Now the world is turning to True Father for stability. I asked the Denver Family to sacrifice. I could see from their absolutely faithful response that Denver is a solid base for God's Kingdom to come. Denver is on fire with faith.

If you want a strong community that will give you budding spiritual life —Go West Young Man! Go to Denver. ❖

By Rev. Michael Jenkins

The Detroit International Leadership Conference was a great success. It began with Rev. Jenkins giving Rev. Kwak's address as the opening. The leader of the Islamic House of Wisdom, Imam Mohammad Ali Elahi (one of the leaders of the largest Arab Muslim Communities in America and recent graduate of the October Crisis and Hope IIFWP conference in New York) gave significant endorsement and testimony concerning Father's work. He praised the living example of Art and Roxanne Roselle and Rev. David Kasbow (AFC and IIFWP respectively). He is so sincerely moved that we are out embracing the Moslem communities in America. He expressed his love for America and the fact that the tragedy of September 11th was a truly sad event. One good thing emerging from this suffering is that Americans are all feeling the need to understand different religions. He also said that Father's teaching on the family is exactly what is needed. "What Father Moon is teaching concerning the family is the key to lasting peace and it is what the Koran teaches. The Koran says that if someone forsakes the family they also give up the faith!" He is a most prestigious and great Muslim leader and a true Ambassador for Peace.

Mr. Antonio Betancourt gave a powerful presentation on the IIFWP and all of True Parents vision and activities for peace. His knowledge of world affairs and his relations with all the heads of state gave the audience a very personal feeling for the commitment of world leaders to work together with Father and Mother. It's so great to see the senior leaders of our movement visiting all the local state organizations and giving them the heart to heart connection to Father's providence.

True Mother's speech was delivered by WFWP Michigan Chairwoman Roxanne Roselle. Roxanne delivered the message with great heart. She is a very successful career professional that does everything with grace and a fine spirit

of dignity. She is the wife of the AFC leader Art Roselle. A response to True Parent's speech was given by Sister Lona Muhammad, wife of the leader of the Nation of Islam in Detroit.

Roxanne and Art organized the Bridge of Peace. Roxanne (WFWP chair) explained Mother's initiation of the WFWP and how Korean and Japanese as enemies first went through the sisterhood ceremony. Roxanne called on everyone to repent and forgive. It was beautiful as Sister Deja of Rev. Wm. Revely's church (one



of the 120 clergy of ACLC) proclaimed "let there be peace on earth." Black and White, Muslim and Christian, Arab and Christian crossed the Bridge of Peace. With Mother's words and the practice of embracing, repenting and forgiving an incredible spirit of reconciliation filled the room.

There were over 100 participants (including FFWPU members), the fruit of a great effort by Art, Roxanne, David Kasbo and all the Detroit family.

Representative Doug Hart, an ALC graduate and participant in the recent October conference said that, "the fundamental value and teaching of morality must be done in the home. Therefore our religious foundation is crucial to bring forth this kind of moral family. Thus the religious leaders have the key

role to play to guide each family on their moral journey. As a believer in Jesus, my wife and I have tremendous commitment because of our faith. We will not divorce."

Minister Dawud Mohammad, leader of Mosque # 1 in Detroit, gave a very deep commentary on Father's words from the ACLC readings. He said, "Rev. Moon takes it right to the root, to the origin. That is of the fall of the first family. The basis for all peace is the love between husband and wife. I am still fascinated with and overwhelmed with the spiritual depth of my wife." He really testified to his wife. His message conveyed the teaching of Elijah Muhammad and Min. Farrakhan: that we must learn everything all over again. Since the fall everyone learned the wrong way to live. Now God is working to create new people in us that we might live correctly with love.

The ACLC video was shown which always lifts up the atmosphere based on True Father's 52-city victory this year. Especially exciting for the audience is when Father tells everyone that there is no spare key allowed. Only one key for the husband to his wife's love.

Rev. Dr. Wm. Revely then came forward. Rev. Revely is one of the National Executive Committee board members of the ACLC. He is a known civil rights leader and a great pastor of Holy Hope Heritage Church, a Baptist. He recently got the *Washington Post* to write two corrections and print the ACLC letter when he went with us to meet the editor Mr. Len Bernstein. He challenged and disproved the allegation that pastors were losing their churches. He was a former Washington D.C. pastor and close friend of Rev. Willie Wilson. He has the power! He spoke passionately declaring that we are not Baptists or Muslims or Black or white. We are children of God. He said many have talked about how bad September 11th was and many

ILC Detroit

ILC Kansas City

by Mary Anglin

I would like to begin my report on Kansas' ILC conference a little bit differently—from an observation and realization I had the following day. Pastor Russell Davis was appointed an Ambassador, but needed to cancel his attendance. This was due to a family seeking a church for a funeral. His was the only large church in Kansas City which would agree to deal with this person; a gangbanger who had been murdered. Fifteen hundred people attended—essentially all gangbangers. I hear it was quite a sight, with Pastor Davis working to save them all, throughout the funeral day.

The day following our conference I went to his morning service and presented him his certificate in front of his congregation.

When his service was over, I went across the street to Rev. Leo Standley's church. Rev. Standley and his wife did attend the ILC conference and both were appointed Ambassadors. I've been to the Standley's church many times and know them and their congregation well. I arrived toward the end of service, but still went to the front to take part in the final prayer of healing and intercession. I experienced something

very different there today. I know this church well and have always liked it, but today was something very different. Rev. Standley was on fire in prayer, dancing, singing. I felt the atmosphere was much higher; a very *strong* presence of Jesus, of God. As I watched Rev. Standley, I kept receiving the word "Messiah, Messiah, Messiah". Of course Father has always told us we must all be messiahs, and we all have heard Bishop Stallings' proclamation. But I knew it and felt it deeply. I realized that these Ambassador of Peace appointments are spiritually *very* powerful! They will liberate these appointees. Through them God can work profoundly. These are not just pieces of paper, but spiritual declarations of liberation and appointment.

Our ILC conference took place December 8th at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in suburban Kansas City. There were 70 attendees, with 54 people receiving appointments as Ambassadors.

The presentations were all done by local members; Mary Anglin, the State Leader, Don Marsolek, the State AFC representative, Steve Anglin, the local UC Pastor, and members Bill Dillinger, Juan Acosta, Claudio Melgarejo. Dawn

Dillinger read Mother's speech.

The agenda included the following presentations, in order: Rev. Kwak's keynote speech, read by Steve Anglin. The IIFWP presentation by Bill Dillinger, followed by the IIFWP video. We continued with the WFWP presentation by Mary Anglin with the WFWP video. Don Marsolek presented the AFC vision, including video footage of Bob Dole's speech at our DC Parents Day event. Col. Roger Donlon and former Salina Mayor, Bob Frank assisted. The Blessing presentation by Steve Anglin, assisted by his wife. The ACLC vision was presented by Evangelist Sonia Slaughter, Juan Acosta, Claudio Melgarejo and Mary Anglin. Mother's speech was read by Dawn Dillinger over dinner. We closed with the Ambassador appointments, the Litany of Prayer—read by ten ministers in attendance—and a stirring rendition of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" by Rev. Charlie Lott, aka "Mama Charlie". Mary Anglin moderated the program.

"Happenings" during the day: Mr. Bob Frank and his wife drove 200 miles to attend. They were late and we were a little worried, as he was on the program. When the time arrived for his

presentation and he still wasn't there, Don Marsolek mentioned his concern at his tardiness, considering such a long drive. Just as Don said, "Let's pray that they're safe", they burst through the door and took their places. What an entrance!

Sister Isabella Scott is an old contact from the '80s. She and her late husband used to pastor a church together. She sits in the crowd and loudly praises everything we do and say. During the breaks we hear her telling everyone how much she loves Rev. Moon. She's known and loved by many in the city.

Five members of Nation of Islam attended, with two of their Ministers receiving AP appointments. Steve Anglin sat at their table during dinner, while Mother's speech was being read. Steve was concerned that maybe Dawn's voice was too slow and gentle, but realized how intently the crowd was listening. Especially at Steve's table, Minister Paul Mohammed mentioned over and over how deep and insightful Mother's understanding of God and life is.

Claudio Melgarejo presented his talk on the ACLC in tears, moving most of the audience to tears. Mama Charlie (Rev. Charlie Lott), obeyed the Lord's

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True Mother Eight-City North American Speaking Tour

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

T rue Mother's eight-city tour concluded in Chicago on Saturday with great support and a great victory. Over 2,000 religious leaders gathered to receive True Mother's pronouncement of the Unified Nation of Cosmic Peace. Congressman Danny Davis and Secretary of State Jesse White stayed for the three hour luncheon. They both became official Ambassadors for Peace. Bishop Stallings gave a tremendous introduction to Mother. Rev. Thomas Jackson (a major figure in the Church of God In Christ) honored Mrs. Erikawa for the work the Japanese Missionaries have done. The True Family Values Japanese Missionary Choir sang with great grace and beauty.

Kim Barrett and the Quiet Storm Trio, both of Pastor T.L. Barrett's church, brought a great patriotic spirit by singing *America the Beautiful* and *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Chicago had sold most of the 200-plus tables to the Chicago churches over 600 of which have joined the American Clergy Leadership Conference.

In conjunction with the event the American Clergy Leadership Conference hosted 200 ministers representing all 50 states. Hawaii and Alaska were well represented.

The 2nd Annual Convocation of the ACLC received great messages from the Rev. Dr. Hycel Taylor of Pilgrim Baptist Church and Bishop Stallings and Bishop Dan Johnson. The Executive Committee of 21 pastors was officially voted in along with Executive director Levy Daugherty. Rev. Michael Jenkins and Pastor T.L. Barrett were affirmed as Co-Conveners with Chairman Dr. Chang Shik Yang. Bishop Stallings was confirmed as the Chairman of the Executive Committee.



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direction to sing. After the Litany of Prayer she grabbed Rev. Mary Anglin's hand and they stood at the front together leading the participants in "Let There be Peace on Earth". The interesting thing about this is that this was the song sung at the closing banquet of the IIFWP program in New York in October. Mama Charlie didn't know this. She even told God that she didn't remember the words, but He still said "sing it!"

The Nation of Islam members stayed and talked quite a while after the program. They sincerely want to work with

Then in turn the 50 state executive committees were affirmed and the organization has come to life. Rev. Eu, the leader of our Japanese movement, gave a beautiful testimony to True Parents in Hawaii and that he couldn't believe that such prestigious clergy from many denominations and races have now firmly established a 50-state organization that is self sufficient. (All the clergy covered their own costs as much as possible.) It was an historical moment. I heard that the celebration in Hawaii was great and that Father was truly happy. Thank you True Mother.

We sincerely thank Bishop Ki Hoon Kim for his magnificent leadership and Dr. Yang for his vision to have the whole nation convene at the same time making the event truly representative of North America. All 50 state leaders and the leaders of Canada were there as well as the Vice Regional Directors and Regional Leaders.

The following is based on a report by Rev. Rich Lemont:

The combined 6th True Family Values Awards Banquet and the ACLC and ILC conferences that took place on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14, 15 was a great success.

True Mother was very pleased with the reception of the ministers and community leaders at the 8th speech in her American speaking tour.

Over 2,000 people attended the main event in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Chicago. Leading ministers, academics and politicians took part.

The Bridge of Peace ceremony was an emotional highlight for everyone. Representatives from the Christian, Moslem, Indian, White and Black communities took part to help heal the rifts of the past.

Over 270 Graduates of the ILC conference received their Ambassador of Peace awards

us.

We also many new people, met through or since Father's tour. These new people all mentioned that they'd had questions, wanted to understand what motivates us, and wanted to hear *our* side of the "Rev. Moon question". All were satisfied. All were positive.

When we look at what we do, as the presenters we always see things that could have been better. We see the little mistakes. We have such a critical eye. The same with this program. But the response from the guests was so positive. Every one of them. Their questions were answered, and they loved the spirit. They all mentioned how they were just overwhelmed by the spirit. ❖

Chicago

before our True Mother. The ACLC conference on Friday saw over 200 ministers and church leaders take part in the convocation and discussion of the future course of ACLC. Archbishop Stallings remarks were especially well-received.

The ILC conference saw Rev. Max-



Walker's tremendous call to the gathered ministers and Muslim and Sikh leaders to take part in our True Parent's revitalization of the UN.

3 television stations, CBS and ABC and WGN, covered the event and CH 9 WGN sent out a fantastic feature story that was covered nationwide by satellite and cable systems.

The reaction of the ministers was tremendous. Bishop Frank Harrold, Jr. of St. Louis, Missouri attended the ACLC convocation and True Family Values Banquet. He said, "We people call, even at night, asking for help... I learned that from Father Moon and the Unification Church. If he told me he had a revelation that I should go to some remote part of the world, I would leave the next day, I trust Rev. Moon that much."

Rev. and Mrs. Higashino brought a member of a large church. She could attend the ILS conference and the banquet and she was so inspired that she canceled two or three appointments to stay till the end. She was melted by the True Mother's presence. She listened to her speech so attentively and was making many underlines on the text. She looked so overwhelmed and she said, "I had a concept about Rev. Moon that he is conducting big marriage ceremonies, but I didn't know that he was for Peace."

We explained his vision of world peace through the ideal marriage, she was so moved and began to share her personal struggle. She is 41 years old and still single. She believes God must have someone for her but she couldn't find him yet. Since she sees the reality of marriages, she was afraid to go the same way as ordinary people go.

We explained that we are matched by Father and we shared our marriage life testimony. She said Rev. Moon has the key that Christian church doesn't have, which is "family." She said that even a huge church like hers has many singles, but nobody can do anything about it. She can't bring this kind of problem to the pastor because he is so busy worrying about more public

things such as how to enlarge the parking lot space, banquet hall, etc.

We explained that even though Father himself is not doing matching anymore but in Chicago our Bishop Kim has that authority from Father, and we suggested that she apply for the matching by Bishop Kim. She said, "Why not." Rev. Higashino is giving her the application form now. She was very happy and thankful for the chance to have come and see True Mother.

Richard Singer reported that Rev. John Ray Smith from North Carolina was talking with Dr. Revele, one of our strong supporters from Detroit, and it turned out they were old friends.

About twenty years ago, they both were ministers in Washington, D.C. During that time, Minister Farrakhan wanted to have an event in Washington, but no one would rent them a hall. Rev. Smith was able

to rent a hall for them so they could have their event. As Minister Farrakhan was so controversial at the time, very few ministers came to the event and Rev. Smith met Dr. Revele at that time. They became friends and Rev. Smith



left the position he had of leading the broadcast ministry at one church to work with Dr. Revele.

Rev. Smith has only been working with our movement for a few months, and was very doubtful about coming to Chicago. In the end, it was only Burgi Hutcherson's faith and persistence that brought him. She has a way of being so insistent with such a pure heart that people can't refuse her. Once he was at the event, he had such a positive experience, but meeting his old friend Dr. Revele really inspired him. They talked for quite while about the "We Will Stand" tour and the press conference they had in Detroit. Rev. Smith has had many years dealing with both the print and broadcast media, and is well aware of their power, both for bad and for good. That is one reason he hadn't had anything to do with our movement until recently. Hearing Dr. Revele's testimony really inspired him and gave him hope for the future.

As Richard Singer said, "December 15th was a day of great victory in Chicago for True Mother's speaking tour and the conferences held in conjunction with the speech. One thing we need to remember is how much God and spirit world are working to prepare for these events, so much more than we are doing." ❖

by Joshua Cotter

The Mobile ILC took place Saturday, December 1st at the Ramad Plaza Hotel in Mobile, from 12:30 - 8:30 PM. The program was a great success with 70 guests in attendance and over 30 FFWP members and staff. In attendance were 27 religious leaders, 3 elected officials, 6 civic leaders, 2 educators and 28 other guests.

59 Ambassadors of Peace were awarded; 48 from Alabama, 10 from Louisiana and one from Mississippi. Among these AOP's were 6 elected officials, 42 religious leaders, 3 media representatives, 6 civic leaders, and 2 professors. 18 AOP's could not be there to receive the award, but they were all mentioned and recognized at the final banquet, with some sending representatives in their place.

The ILC was a joint effort between Alabama and Louisiana, and some Ambassadors of Peace came from Mississippi to help. This represented the first cooperative effort between these three states, which comprise the Mobile region, centering on Bishop Won Geun Kim.

The conference began at 1:00 PM and the session lasted until 5:30 PM. The Ambassadors of Peace banquet then took place from 6:00 - 6:30 PM. For the sessions we met in a ballroom with round tables of 8. The sessions were full all day long and the participants were increasingly inspired right up to the dinner hour.

In the opening IIFWP session, the invo-

cation was given by Dr. Harold Toliver, ACLC President, who lost his church during Father's 50-state tour. He weathered the storm and God has now blessed him with a new building and an independent church which he started: God's Church of Hope and Healing". He was so inspired that he invited everyone to come and visit his new church before he prayed!

Welcoming remarks were given by Hon. Frederick Douglass Richardson, Mobile city councilman. He is an ALC graduate and great supporter of True Parents' work. Music was provided by our Japanese Missionary choir and Rev. Tony Balmes, originally from the Philippines, who moved everyone with his song about "All God's children coming together; all generations, no more segregation..." It was a great way to open the conference and bring the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Joshua Cotter read Rev. Kwak's opening speech and we presented the IIFWP video. This was followed by Mrs. Teresa Yaman, WFWP Alabama President, who spoke for 10 minutes about the history and activities of WFWP, including our local chapter. She concluded with the video on the Mozambique school project. Everyone was amazed by the world level activities of True Parents' organizations.

We went immediately into the AFC presentation on Rebuilding the Family and Transforming the society. John Thomas, AFC Louisiana chairman, gave an overview of AFC's mission and activities and then gave a totally inspired hoon dok hae reading on the Marriage and Parenting. He truly captured and held the attention of the audience!

Commentary was given by Sister Alicia Muhammad, wife of the Nation of Islam leader here, Minister Timothy Muhammad. She works with at-risk girls and is a mother of four. She gave a great talk about how we have to raise our children in purity and not allow them to be corrupted by this society, but become transformers. She had thoroughly read the Founder's words and frequently referred to them in her commentary. She also has a beautiful voice and sang, "To God Be the Glory" for everyone. Dr. Toliver followed her with a moving and humorous commentary on the importance and sacredness of marriage.

The audience was truly alive by the time we broke into our roundtable discussions. All nine tables insisted on giving their reports at the conclusion of the roundtable discussions, even though the time was short. Rev. Cotter, the moderator, tried in vain to cut them off, but they all wanted to be heard. There were many thoughtful and inspiring comments regarding the issues of youth, parenting and marriage. The unity of religious leaders from different faiths, public officials, community activists and our members was beautiful to behold. The spirit was building strong-

ly now.

After a brief refreshment break, we went into session III, the ACLC vision. We were blessed to have Bishop and Bishop Cotton from Jackson, Mississippi with us. They are part of the original 120 ACLC ministers. Rev. Cotter moderated and read the hoon dok hae material on the unity of religions, racial harmony, and America. When we showed the We Will Stand video, the spirit was so high. Everyone was moved by the power of God to bring so many faiths and races into one.

Commentary was given by Councilman Fred Richardson, who gave a stirring speech on restoring the community and racial harmony. When he speaks, the power of God and his namesake, Frederick Douglass, comes down! Dr. Toliver, ACLC president also spoke on Rebuilding the Family, and the 2 Bishop Cottons (husband and wife) concluded by speaking on Renewing the Nation. Bishop Mary Cotton tearfully testified to the work of Rev. and Mrs. Moon as the True Parents.

By this time, we were supposed to go into the last session on Spiritual Principles and Marriage and Blessing. However, the Holy Spirit was moving so strongly that we just let God have His way and His time.

Rev. Cotter introduced Rev. and Mrs. Won Geun Kim as the regional leader of this new 3-state region. We all proclaimed, "We are one; Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi!" Then, we invited Rev. Kim, Dr. Toliver and Bishop Cotton on stage to present the "Golden Sea" watch to Bishop George T. Craig from Tuscaloosa. Bishop Craig has been working together with True Parents for almost 20 years and he and his wife are blessed. Dr. Toliver and Bishop Cotton both received the Golden Sea previously.

Bishop and Mrs. Craig received the watch with so much pride and gratitude and then Bishop Craig began to testify to God and True Parents. He told of being in Korea in the 80's for ICC and receiving a vision from God on the "Rock of Tears" that his whole life would change; that he would forget all that he had learned; and that the Marriage Supper of the Lamb was at hand! Some time late



he was in a terrible car wreck, where he was clinically dead in the hospital. He rose to the ceiling and saw his lifeless body, and the flat line on the scope. His body was packed in ice and wheeled down the hall. Then he went toward a beautiful part of the spirit world, but was told if he reached there, he couldn't come back. He went back and woke up covered in ice, to the great surprise of everyone in the hospital. But his wife never left his side, never gave up hope.

Bishop Craig had to learn how to walk, talk and write again over a three-year period. God taught him new things and eventually he received the Blessing from

Rev. and Mrs. Moon and has been teaching these new things to his congregation and to anyone who would listen. He told the preachers to teach about the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, that God is working through True Parents at this time.

Everyone was blown away by his testimony and Rev. Cotter said that God had accomplished the session on Spirit World and the Blessing through Bishop Craig without the powerpoint and technology! Hallelujah! He invited all the clergy to attend the Blessing of 144,000 ministers in February.

John Thomas then introduced Rev. Dr. Simmie Harvey, who walked with ML King, Jr. and has supported our movement since CAUSA days. He gave a beautiful testimony and praised the conference. This powerful session was concluded by Apostle Floyd Nelson of the Lighthouse Apostolic Temple.

Then it was on to the dinner banquet! Imam Kamal Saleem, who received his AOP award in New York was the co-convenor with Rev. Cotter. He gave an introduction to Islam and prayed an Islamic prayer of peace. Robert Battles gave an observance for World AIDS Day (December 1st). Then we had more great music from the Japanese choir and the great gospel group, the Trumpetaires. They had everyone up and dancing and shouting in the Holy Spirit. And I mean everyone!

Our guest speaker was Rev. Clinton Johnson, President of the Mobile City Council. He was so moved himself by the conference. He received the American Century Award from the *Washington Times* in 2000. He gave a fiery speech on leadership that everyone later said would become the standard on that subject. He really lifted up the crowd, saying that a true leader cannot worry about those who criticize him, but must be true to God and to himself. I know he was speaking not only about his own experience, but also about Rev. Moon.

Then Bishop Won Geun Kim presented True Mother's speech, while everyone read along in their speech booklets. We told the audience that Mrs. Moon was speaking that night in New York. Rev. Kim did a great job and read in a powerful, moving voice.

After he concluded, we presented the Ambassadors of Peace Awards. All of them were asked to come to the stage and remain for a great photograph. The first to receive was Sen. Georg Callahan. His son Greg, a city council candidate, came to accept on his behalf and he testified how much his father respected this conference.

When all the AOP's were on stage, many pictures were taken. Everyone was so proud to receive this truly special award. Later, Evangelist Loretta Handy said, "I can't believe it has been signed by Father and Mother! What a treasure!"

The two Bishop Cottons concluded with thankful words to True Parents and to Rev. and Mrs. Kim, and then prayed. The Trumpetaires took us out with "Reach Out and Touch".

What a powerful day! Hallelujah and Praise God and True Parents! And thanks to all of our families who sacrificed so much to bring their guests and ensure that this conference would be a victory. I'm so moved by our brothers and sisters, because they will accept nothing less than total victory and success with heavenly dignity. Amen! ❖

ILC

These are the ILC conferences that have been held across America.

13 Oct.	DC
3 Nov.	Billings, MT
10 Nov.	Kentucky
10 Nov.	Anchorage
17 Nov.	Boston
17 Nov.	Jackson, MS
17 Nov.	Fargo, ND
17 Nov.	Denver, CO
17 Nov.	Dallas
17 Nov.	Arizona
17 Nov.	Albuquerque, NM
17 Nov.	Northern California
23 Nov.	Portland, OR
24 Nov.	Lansing, Michigan
24 Nov.	St. Louis, Missouri
1 Dec.	NYC
1 Dec.	Raleigh, NC
1 Dec.	Mobile, AL
1 Dec.	Miami
1 Dec.	Minneapolis
1 Dec.	Des Moines, IA
1 Dec.	Seattle
8 Dec.	Charleston, SC
8 Dec.	Atlanta
8 Dec.	Milwaukee
8 Dec.	Kansas City, KS
8 Dec.	Salt Lake City
8 Dec.	Houston
8 Dec.	Nevada
8 Dec.	Los Angeles
15 Dec.	Cleveland
15 Dec.	Memphis, TN
15 Dec.	Chicago
15 Dec.	Little Rock AR ❖

ILC St. Louis

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The Missouri International Leadership Conference, held November 24, 2001, at the St. Louis Salad Bowl, was unusually successful in a couple ways. First, a high percent of those that confirmed actually attended. In fact, a number of them went through the extra work of adjusting their schedules due to the Thanksgiving holidays. Some even brought their relatives, rather than missing the ILC if their family happened to be visiting at that time. Second, the conference room filled early, with more tables and chairs being brought in to handle the larger-than-



expected audience.

Bishop Irma A. Cannida, pastor of Greater True Vine Spiritual Church of Jesus Christ and long-time friend of the movement, opened the conference with a beautiful invocation. Carl Swearson, president of the American Family Coalition of Missouri, gave opening remarks. He was followed by Chicago Family Federation Regional Director, Rev. Ki Hoon Kim, presenting Rev. Kwak's welcoming address.

Rev. Kathy Rigney delivered the IIFWP PowerPoint presentation, giving the audience an excellent outline of the work of True Parents around the globe over the past half century. Kathy is a St. Louis native, who in 1975, became a Unification Church missionary to Africa. She served as the Continental Leader of the Africa from 1993 through 2000, but still travels there to oversee its continued development. Everyone deeply appreciated that, through the presentation, she interjected first hand accounts of the positive impact of the IIFWP around the world.

Mrs. Earlice Wrice, of Missouri Women's Federation for World Peace, gave a spirit filled reading on marriage and parenting principles with such love that the audience truly caught the heart behind our True Parents' words. Next, Sister Andrea Muhammad, a wife, mother, teacher and Protocol Director at Muhammad Mosque in St. Louis, gave a moving commentary saying, "husbands and wives, when you are submissive to God and to each other, the children are raised in an atmosphere of holiness and the whole society benefits from a Godly family." Bishop Irma Cannida then spoke about the family and touched on the detrimental affects of divorce. She also emphasized how we need to seriously come to God in prayer when seeking a spouse saying, "If you are asking God for nothing, then that's probably what you will get."

Rev. Leonard Wrice, Missouri State Director of the Family Federation, served as the luncheon and afternoon master of ceremonies. He did a wonderful job of introducing the speakers and keeping the program on schedule. Mr. and

Mrs. Ahmed, directors of the Islamic Information Center, were the first speakers at the luncheon. Born in India, they are now citizens of America, migrating in 1977. Both have Masters Degree in Economic and Political Science. Mr. They gave an excellent overview of the basic tenets of Islam as a religion of peace when correctly practiced. Mr. and Mrs. Ahmed were both taken by the level of concern and interest in understanding Muslims on the part of the Christian community. He later shared his frustration with other organizations he has affiliated, stating, "This is what they should be doing. I am so honored to have the opportunity to be with you today. Let me know how we can work together."

Judge David C. Mason was the featured luncheon speaker, sharing his own experiences in growing up in poverty, but in a home where the word of God was lived, with his brother and grandmother. Many things she taught them through her own modeling examples of faith, love and sharing he didn't truly realize until many years later he told the audience. Judge Mason later had these

comments on the ILC, "Keep doing this and do it as big as possible. This message is the perfect cure for world violence and disunity. This is a great movement, a God-driven movement. I am honored and blessed to be able to participate."

Mrs. Barbara Harrington Smith, sister to Kathy Rigney and an African missionary for 18 years, gave True Mother's speech, "The Nation and World of Peace Sought by God and Humanity." Although it was in the afternoon, Barbara was able to keep the attention of everyone due to the heart and content she conveyed.

AFC President, Carl Swearson, gave excerpts of past speeches of True Father on topics relating to eternal life and the spirit world. Before the Ambassadors for Peace were announced and awarded, Rev. Ki Hoon Kim spoke about their expected roles as road builders and bridge builders as living testimonies to the truth and relevance of 'living for the sake of others.'

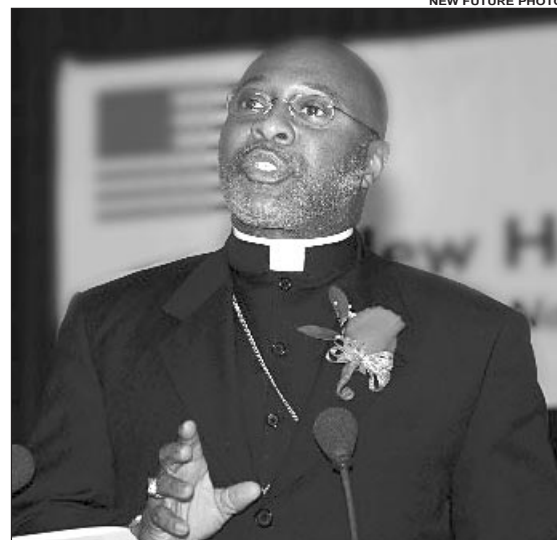
Although we had prepared for 65, the Missouri ILC accommodated 80 guests. After the event, some who had not been those numbered among the 50 Ambassador for Peace honorees, came forward and requested that they also be considered to be appointed as an "Ambassador for Peace."

Arch-Bishop Michael A. West, D.D.; Ph.D. is Missouri's first appointed Ambassador for Peace. He is pastor and founder of the St. Michael's Temple of the Expanded Mind in St. Louis. "I was greatly impressed with the coming together of multicultural and widely diverse religious groups... This seminar gives me great hope for the future, for as the dialogue progressed, the climate of understanding led me to see the potential for great progress beyond dialogue."

Dr. John N. Doggett, a retired District Supervisor with the United Methodist Church who was also one of the AP recipients, summed it this way, "The Ambassador for Peace concept is basic to the good life which the world needs. We shall champion the cause."

Another Ambassador for Peace recipient, Honorable Darius J. Whitson, proclaimed, "This conference was an eye opener. The Ambassadors for Peace concept has my full support. May the Lord Jesus bless Father Moon and Mother Moon! I propose a think tank come together on how to best develop and expand what has been started here."

Gedlu Metaferia, Executive Director of the Ethiopian Community Association in Missouri, was so inspired by the event that he insisted that a conference on conflict resolution be organized in St. Louis by February of next year. "God has been pushing me to put together a program such as this and I need your help. Promise me you won't allow me to miss any of these in the future," he said.



Gedlu has already obtained approval for partial funding and contacted prominent speakers who have agreed to participate without charging an honorarium. Mr. Metaferia, also one of the AP recipients, has requested that a representative of the IIFWP also be a presenter at this conference. As a sidebar, Gedlu is now giving serious thought to the Blessing and has asked that he be submitted as a candidate for the 2002 blessing. ❖

Victory for Il Hwa Soccer Team

The Il Hwa soccer team won the national league game of Korea on Oct. 28, 2001. When True Parents arrived at Han Nam house in Seoul from America the final game was in progress. True Parents had hoon dok hea reading with Korean elders and leaders after their welcome and then watched the national league soccer game on TV. After the victory, the team captain brought the championship cup to True Parents for a victory celebration.



IIFWP Sponsors 10th Friendship America's Project in Honduras

by Mario Salinas

From July 2-13 nearly fifty youth and staff gathered from eight nations to help construct a community center and contribute to the building of an environment of peace and cooperation through their participation in the 10th Friendship America Project in Honduras. Working under the theme "Youth's Active Role in Building a Culture of Peace" the participants who ranged in age from 15 to 19, enthusiastically united in their work efforts as well as shared cultural and educational programs.

Background:

Since 1996 and especially in the wake of the devastating Hurricane Mitch, the Religious Youth Service (RYS) and the International Relief and Friendship Foundation (IRFF) have conducted four major projects in Honduras. These projects have drawn a wide range of co-sponsorship including the national Ministry for Social Projects, the Christian Disaster Relief, the Mayor's Office of Tegucigalpa, the International Inter-religious Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) and the Women Federation for World Peace. On this most recent project two NGO's and the UN volunteer branch aided the project in Honduras.

This July's Friendship America Project drew from a diverse source of resources that included an inter-religious component from the RYS and development aspects from the IRFF and education and cultural speakers and financial support from the IIFWP. Several Honduran Ambassador's for Peace took active roles in implementing and supporting the program. Special support was given by the Honduras Military Forces, which hosted our participants at their very new Technical Army School.

The program was filled with hard work, smiling faces and an abundance of good will. The group of fifty quickly became a team of fifty and soon after a family of fifty. The initial orientation period contained time for leadership training, education components and times of sharing was soon followed by a week of work. All the participants initially went to work in Tatumbala, a quiet community forty-five kilometers from the capital of Tegucigalpa. With shovels, picks, wheel barrows, bricks and sweat and muscle our task in this rural community is to help construct what is to become a Center for Peace and Culture.

Our arrival to the quiet, bucolic Tatumbala community came as a surprise. In the words of a local merchant; "hardly anything ever happens here." After adjusting to the surprise of fifty energetic youth the mayor rose to the occasion and offered work tools, while the school director sent a group of students to join us at the worksite for a day of work. Our participants often visited the local schools to offer time for cultural exchange and playing games under the guidance of Kelly Henzl a teacher from the Newark school system.

Our program chose this beautiful, quiet area because it is to eventually be a training area for youth and NGO leaders coming from the capital of Tegucigalpa. The center will be dedicated to the education of young people in an



effort to promote leadership, character, strengthen families, and drug and AIDS prevention as well as provide economic uplift through nurturing local handcraft training. The center is inspired by the vision and effort of the FFHICCA, a Honduran NGO who under the direction of its founder Humberto Sanchez Esq. who has personally donated the land and part of the materials for the project. The FFHICCA project attracted the support of IIFWP because of its shared vision for social and spir-

itual uplift and its plan to be a base to coordinate NGO activities in Honduras.

Additional work drew our participants into the national capital of Tegucigalpa. Our volunteers formed a special work team of and went to the National Hospital in Tegucigalpa in response to the hospital director, Dr. Rigoberto Cuellar call for emergency help. At the hospital our team of volunteers was given the responsibility of removing large amounts of medical equipment which was taking space in the clinic

rooms, halls and even the stairs of all seven floors of the building. The equipment location made a fire hazard out of the hospital and was endangering the patients and staff. The efforts made by our young volunteers were well recognized and greatly appreciated by all the medical personnel of the hospital.

An additional service of the Friendship America's project took place in an area often neglected by others, work with prisoners. Cooperating with a local NGO and the Minister of Prisons, Dr. Francisco Amador and local RYS alumni we helped organize a medical team to go to the National Jail to give dental service to the prisoners. RYS attended the doctors in a variety of ways, which included cleaning their tools, holding the head of the patients. We also had the chance to spread some joy through sharing our musical gifts through singing, playing guitars and keyboards with the jail band. One might quote the Elvis Presley song and say "We had a real jail house rock". The prisoners were especially appreciative of having a chance to be with such energetic and happy group of people.

National Military College

In the 1980's the nation of Honduras suffered from civil unrest that resulted in the death of many civilians. It is a sign of the profound social changes marked by healing and reconciliation the nation is going through that in Honduras a new attitude reconciliation and cooperation is emerging within the nations' armed forces. This attitude is being marked by concrete changes in the way the military trains and works.

On the foundation of these in the relationship between the civil society and the military our community of peacemakers were welcomed and hosted as special guests of the new Honduras Military Forces. During the project we stayed at their newly constructed Technical Army School and were provided with housing, meals and transportation. This school is the Honduras equivalent of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

In a substantial way, Col. Jorge see **HONDURAS** on page 15

Season's Greetings



GRAEME CARMICHAEL

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Rodas Gamero, Col. Jorge Montañola and Col. Julio Cesar Avila were the core actors who hosted us at the Technical Army School and modeled the new policy of cooperation aimed at bringing greater cooperation with the civil society.

On a personal note, when the Project Director, Mario Salinas initially approached Col. Avila, he was so impressed by the scope of the programs vision that he asked if his two daughters could participate. He worked to organize a special tour of the whole school and proudly let us know how they are training their students in many different fields more related to the civil life than military life. Our participants and staff had many opportunities to exchange with the military students especially through sports and a cultural program.

Our days had woven into them var-

ious educational programs, which served to help broaden the understanding of culture and life. These talks were enriched by academics and experts like Dr. German Espinal who spoke about The History of Honduras; Dr Francisco Amador who spoke on "The Crisis of the Honduras' Youth" and also a session with the International UN Volunteer representative Lic. Lucio Sade on the topic

"The UN, Voluntarism and Youth" which gave reinforcement to the ideas of a globalization of service.

Our project concluded with a time for personal and collective reflection and commitment, which was framed by the beauty of the Caribbean coast of Honduras in Tela. Everyone spirits were lifted as we experienced directly a close harmonious relation to nature.



As an inter-religious project the surroundings helped gave each of us a wonderful opportunity to find God looking high at the blue skies while reflecting on the wisdom of the saints looking at the beauty of nature and creation that was surrounding us.

We want to thank the parents of all the participants for raising up such wonderful sons and daughters who demonstrated strength for work and a vision for life. Their example has helped established a good example for the youth Honduras. An additional note of thanks to the parental presence and love of Mr. Ron Pappalardo (USA) and Alixe Ikehata (Germany); the strong spirit of Kelly Henzl (USA), the sweetness of heart and unconditional service of Julie Prenchtel (USA) and the leadership of Daniel and Chung Hee Bessell (Germany/Guatemala). Together we are greatly enriched for being part of this movement to create a culture of peace, a movement that can and will make a positive difference in the way we care for others. ❖

by Kathy Winings, EdD

Dr. Winings is a specialist in the area of service learning and has authored a new book on character and service learning.

Living for the Sake of Others: Passing This on to Future Generations

‘Hello, this is IRFF, where living for the sake of others is a way of life!’ This is the message that greets you when you call the IRFF office. Because living for the sake of others is a central tenet of our faith as Unificationists, it is a phrase that is heard on an almost daily basis. Nor is this concept held exclusively by Unificationism. Most of the world’s faiths will affirm that service, unselfishness, or giving to others is a characteristic of a good or spiritually mature person.

Yet, as much as we talk about living for the sake of others, do we really know how we can pass this ethic along to our children? Do we really know how we can make it a meaningful experience from which others learn? I have found that many of us believe that the only thing our children and teens need to do is simply sign up for a service project and then living for others will become a natural part of their life. Just do it; just experience it. Isn’t it enough that our youth simply experience something? Won’t that be enough for them to find profound meaning in the experience and so make it a clear part of their lives? Or isn’t it enough that they see us, their parents, living this ethic? Well, it would be nice to say “yes,” but it isn’t so simple.

If all of us lived in a society that followed the ethic of living for the sake of others, then I would say “yes” it is as simple as just doing it. We would be surrounded on all sides by those for whom service would naturally foster recognition and reflection of who we are as children of God. Unfortunately, we all know that this is not the case. Our neighbors, acquaintances and co-workers are becoming increasingly self-absorbed. Our current generation of teens and young adults have learned to exemplify the “me” generation attitude to new heights. Just sit and watch the commercials on television for the next 60 minutes to see how this is reinforced. To be cool—buy this; to get ahead of everyone in your school—you need this; relax, be happy—you deserve it! Be this one in your school to have this product. Don’t worry about others—look out for number 1.

Fortunately, this isn’t the only message out there. Sociological studies and ethnographic surveys show that since 1990, more teens and college students are engaged in community service and volunteerism than any previous generation. That is excellent news. More good news indicates that community service and volunteerism are celebrated and encouraged through the increasing number of scholarships and awards for graduating high school seniors across the United States. During this past year I met a young woman who earned over \$15,000 in college scholarships for her community service work. And we saw literally thousands of men, women, and teens volunteer during the World Trade Center tragedy. All of this points to the fact that the U.N. was right to make this the “Year of the Volunteer.”

Yet, if this is true, why are we still

seeing the high rates of consumerism, individualism, violence, and apathy? One would think that with these increasing numbers of activists in addition to the increasing number of organizations that handle the large numbers of volunteers, that we would begin to see a change for the better in our communities, schools, and cities. But, the sad fact is that we are not seeing much improvement. While there are complex reasons for this, a major reason is that, while community service is a wonderful experience, it does not go far enough.



Those who engage in service work do not have the opportunity to bring closure to their experience; they don’t close the circle of the experience, so to speak, through service alone.

So, what is missing from this picture? It is the connection of theory and practice. It is the opportunity to consider why one is serving, what one is learning from the experience, and how this relates to who we are as sons and daughters of God. It is the one thing that brings word and deed together into a coherent and focused picture. In other words, what is missing is the chance to reflect on our experience. This is the meaning of service learning.

Service learning is the beginning of true service work. It really is a more advanced and principled understanding of volunteerism and it is an idea whose time has come. How does service learning work? If one is first beginning to work with service learning, it is easier to break it down into three simple steps: reflection which prepares you for the project, reflection to help you as you work on the project, and reflection that will encourage you to draw insights from the experience.

Beginning Your Service Project

Before you begin the service project, your experience will be enriched if you take the time to reflect on what it is you are going to be doing and why. Religious Youth Service, RYS, uses this time to guide the participants of the project to look at their own expectations, images, and vision of what it is they are going to be doing. Often times, participants are led

to consider why they are doing this work and what it is they hope to gain from the experience. What this does is begin the process of connecting theory and practice. It grounds you and focuses you at the same time. Reflection at this stage begins to bring your heart and mind closer together. Taking the time to think about what it is you are doing and why will add purpose to the project.

Many teens will come to a project wanting to do something valuable. They may not necessarily know why they want to do this. They just know they want to do something of value. This is a good time to challenge them to reflect on this feeling, probe a bit more deeply as to why it is we feel this need. This small connection lays the groundwork for the total experience and will help the volunteer integrate what they gain from the experience into their life.

During the Project

As an individual actually lives for the sake of others through service, there are profound changes that take place in the volunteer. These changes involve one’s spirit, emotions, and intellect. We serve with our whole beings. As we begin to feel something from our experience, we use these three faculties of spirit, emotion, and intellect to process that experience. Unless we have an opportunity to do that constructively and intentionally, our experience may not root itself in our life. That is the function of reflection.

Reflection can be as simple as providing time to talk about what is happening or as creative as putting one’s feelings and thoughts to music, poetry

or drama. In other words, just as the type of project is not important, the form of reflection is not as important as the fact that one does it. For example, one young girl shared the following during a project: “Wow, I used to think that old people were useless, smelled bad, and couldn’t teach me anything. But, after working with these senior citizens, I really see them as my own grandparents.” This was an important realization for her. It is the kind of realization that will not only stay with the teen for a long time, but will help shape her life in a principled way. Another young man who was working in a low income neighborhood reflected that: “I thought service was about me giving to the poor who also were lazy and didn’t care enough about themselves to change their life. But during the project, I realized that I have gained a lot from working with this neighborhood and that they really do care and work hard for their children.” It takes time for attitudes and habits to change for the better. Without the opportunity to reflect on our attitudes and behaviors, we might not realize how they need to change.

After the Project

When the project is finished, most youth will feel good about their experience. And they should. Through living for the sake of others, they have actually engaged their original heart and mind. That is, after all, what happens when we live according to God’s principles and God’s standard. But, the challenge comes when these same youth must go back to their normal everyday life. They need to bring their experience around full circle and bring closure to it by reflecting on their new insights and feelings. They need to ask where they go from here; they need to consider what lasting principles they have learned through their experience; and they need to recognize how important living for the sake of others is for their daily life. These insights will not come to them

automatically. They need to take the time to reflect and allow these insights to make themselves known.

Time and again, testimonies of service learning volunteers indicate the power of this process. “I want to make service a real part of my life because this is who I am as a child of God.” “Through my project I have realized that I was created to bring joy to God and others—and that this is the secret to my own happiness as well.” “I really felt God working through me as I was tutoring these young children. I don’t ever lose that feeling.” “If there is anything I have learned from this work it is that we are part of a family and so I need to change my image and attitude toward others.” Statements like these tell us that these young people have profoundly changed their lives as a result of their service learning experience.

Studies show that when community service and service learning are evaluated, those who engage in service learning have a greater rate of long-term change in their attitudes, thinking, and behavior



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Registration Ceremony in São Paulo

by Christian Lepelletier

About 360 families from Latin America gathered at the São Paulo HQ of the FFWPU on the 9th, 10th and 11th of December to participate at the 18th Workshop for the Registration Ceremony. The full name of the ceremony is the Transition of the Three Ages Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Ceremony.

Originally this Ceremony took place only in Chung Pyung, but due to economic difficulties and the cost of travel to Korea, very few families from Latin America could make it to go to CPL. Rev Heung Tae Kim, National Messiah from Brazil, convinced Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim (representative of Dae Mo Nim) to come to São Paulo to make an

extension of CPL activities, she said she opened a special "highway" for the angels to come to São Paulo and for the liberated spirits to go to Chung Pyung.

On the 19th of November about 200 Blessed wives gathered from Latin America to participate at the 21 day Blessed Wife Workshop, about 160 more came the following week. Then the husbands together with the children gathered and overcrowded the building for three days. Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim came for the closing ceremony of the 21-day workshop, and to initiate the opening of the three-day seminar for the Registration.

On the 11th in the morning the Blessing Ceremony was held where the Blessed Wife offered the Holy Wine to

the husband and the children then, right after a small break, was the Blessing Ceremony for the liberated ancestors from past ceremonies. Here the participants dressed in white holy robes offered the Holy Wine to the ancestors by lifting up the small cup above the head. Concluding was the ceremony to liberate the ancestors until 49 generations where the participants sit in lines singing repeatedly the song Grace of the Holy Garden in Portuguese and clapping to the rhythm of the drum.

The event was

finished for the wives who completed 21 days and the children, they could go home, but the husbands were asked to stay until next Sunday to attend the eight day special seminar for the husbands. ❖

America on the Cross

There is a bleeding wound on the aching heart.
Those innocent died as a holy sacrifice for peace.
For the dissolution of hatred,
for the pass-away of evil.

Endless tears shed by the loved ones.
All people of the world offer their great regret.
The price of blood-shedding is always great,
and the heart of forgiveness is even greater!

Jesus' words
ringing in my ears:
"Father, forgive them, for
they know not
what they are doing!"

Cherng J. Guh, MD, Taiwan

IN MEMORIAM

Seiko Ramunni

Seiko Ramunni was born on Nov. 10, 1956 in Niigata-ken, Japan. She joined the Unification Church and CARP in 1976. She graduated from St. Mariana University of Medicine (nursing program) in 1979. She worked at St. Mariana University of Medicine and N.I.C.U. and Ishin Hospital in Tokyo from 1979-1981.

She was blessed to James Ramunni at the 2075 (6000 couple) MSG blessing in New York in 1982. After that she worked on the special MFT in Japan. In 1983 she was a Seattle church member before being chosen to be one of the "50 sisters" at the International Seafoods of Alaska fish processing plant in Kodiak, Alaska. Besides processing fish, she also did bookkeeping and cooking as well as fundraising during the winter.

In 1989 she joined her husband at the Spokane, WA center and they start-

ed family life in 1990. She then went with her husband to her mission country, Morocco, North Africa, to pioneer the fish business from 1990-1994. From 1994 until 2001 she was a Connecticut state member in her husband's hometown.

She had a long battle with cancer. She entered the spirit world on April 6, 2001, the day after Rev. Moon completed the 40th speech of his 50 state speaking tour in America, an indication to many leaders and members that her life was offered as a sacrifice for America and the world. She leaves a very proud husband, a 3-year-old son, Ricky, as well as her father and brother.

Besides being a loving wife and mother, Seiko-san was, and I'm sure will continue to be, a joy and inspiration to all.

Hitoshi and Yugi Oda ❖



tion, and considering what it is that needs to be learned from the experience. You can also encourage your local schools, youth ministries, and service organizations to add reflection to their service projects if they do not already have a service learning program.

God gave of Himself completely out of true love when He created Adam and Eve. Each of us were created by God with the same character of living unselfishly based on true love. Only when we live unselfishly with true love will we create this culture of true peace. If we are to begin that process, our children need to actually live that ethic on a daily basis. For that ethic to become an integral part of their lives and the lives of their children, we need to develop programs such as service learning to make the process complete. Only then will we see the truth of True Parents' statement: "A life of living for the sake of others is the first gate to peace."

Dr. Winings is Dean, UTS-NYC; President, Educare; Vice President, IRFF. ❖

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than those who simply do community service work. As an educator and a minister, this is an important finding. It tells me that this is a program that we need to do regularly.

True Service

The time has come to take the concept of living for the sake of others more seriously in terms of guiding and nurturing the coming generations in making this a vital part of their daily lives. We can do this by encouraging our children, teens, and young adults to engage in service learning projects on a regular basis. In addition, we can do this directly in our homes by volunteering in the community as a family and then spending time together as a family to reflect on the experience. You don't need to be a teacher or youth minister to do this. All it requires is a desire to talk together, setting time aside for reflec-

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Peace Prayer and Walk for Global Peace

by Dr. Zulfiqar A. Kazmi

Peace Prayer took place on October 12 at Data Darbar Lahore, Pakistan. In this event more than 30,000 people participated. I was requested to attend as a special guest of this grand event of prayer.

The other event was a "Walk for Global Peace and Role of Pakistan." It was organized by our Daily Pakistani Newspaper Din and I was asked to lead this walk as an IIFWP Ambassador for Peace.

At the end of both events I conveyed a message of good will and peace on behalf of IIFWP Chairman, Rev. Dr. Kwak. Most of our Urdu newspapers have published cover story of both events. My Ambassador for Peace mission assigned by Rev. Kwak and Dr. Walsh has been highly appreciat-

ed by our people.

People of Pakistan pray for success of our upcoming conference and hope it will bring awareness about peace and harmony globally. Finally, I would say that I am availing every moment my stay for God's Providence.

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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

How, Where and When Christ is to Return

In the same way that esoteric, apocalyptic imagery and symbolism has proved enigmatic, the issue of the historical moment of the Parousia has also been a question for believers throughout the centuries. As we have indicated, the occasions of hope—and subsequent periods of dismay—have been many. The Gospel of Matthew's warning that "of that day and hour no one knows" (Mt 24:36) perhaps should have been given more heed than it has.

On the other hand, there is reason to believe that the climactic time can be known. In Amos 3:7, for example, we are told that "Surely the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets." Consistent with such a reassurance, instances of Yahweh's revelation of His purposes and plans to Old Testament figures abound: God revealed the coming of the Great Flood to Noah; He told Lot of the imminent destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah; He indicated to the family of John the Baptist and others that Jesus would be born.

In like manner, although two thousand years ago no one did know the "day or the hour," Divine Principle affirms that at the appropriate time God will make known the moment of the Second Advent. Indeed, given the importance of such an event to the Lord's own purposes, it is virtually inconceivable that He would not.

In their discussion of Israelite history, *Judaism, Christianity and Islam* by Janet O'Dea *et alia*, we are reminded of the special relationship between God and man, because of which God is given to communicating His intentions and activities: "Yahweh had revealed himself in history to his people and had determined their historical destiny. The Israelites...were partners with Yahweh in carrying out his plan for mankind."

The Hebrews' relationship with God thus centered around a concept not only of law but also of covenant. Such a covenant is at the basis of Yahweh's revealing His will to Noah, Lot, and the family of John the Baptist. As He announced His ways to them prior to significant Old Testament events, in a similar way God will communicate His purposes today. After all, the cooperation of partners requires it.

Before we proceed to discuss the present day, those historical patterns which suggest the significance of the twentieth century should be noted. While Divine Principle affirms that we are living today in a time of unparalleled importance, it nevertheless recognizes that this is possible only on the basis of prior spiritual developments. Let us examine them.

Patterns in History

Since the restoration of God's creation is to be consummated through the Messiah, we may imagine that this person is the center of God's hopes. Accordingly, God's work in human society has focused on preparing a foundation for his coming. The foundation was originally established through the Israelite people and their Jewish faith. As we know it, it is in Hebrew culture that the idea of a universal messianic figure first emerged.

When the Hebrew people failed to recognize the Anointed One when he came, however, they missed their chance to serve as the soil for the new messianic civilization. As Jesus indicated, their privilege was passed to a new nation (Mt 21:41-43). History would subsequently show that this was to be the multi-racial Second Israel, consisting of the devout of the Christian faith.

As we will demonstrate, in studying the histories of Israel and Christianity a certain parallelism in the developments of these two Israels can be detected. For Divine Principle the reason is clear. Since God is a God of principle and law, the history of the Second Israel, Christianity, must both follow the same pattern for preparing for the Messiah. The history of the two societies differ in terms of their historical eras, specific events, geographical settings and cultural backgrounds. Nevertheless, as both of these dispensations were to prepare for the foundation for the Messiah, the purpose underlying them was one and the same.

The history of Israel from Jacob to Jesus was divided into six major sub-periods—those of slavery in Egypt, of Judges, of the United Kingdom, of the Divided Kingdoms of North and South, of Jewish Captivity and Return, and of Preparation for the Messiah. These six sub-periods actually comprise one dis-

pensational age of 1930 years, a period in which God sought to consummate His salvific efforts. When through the crucifixion of Jesus the goal remained unattained, however, the time was unavoidably extended—into what we now know as the Christian era.

This era, from Jesus to the Second Coming, may also be divided into six major frames—the periods of Persecution in the Roman Empire, of the Patriarchs, of the United Christian Kingdom, of the Divided Kingdoms of East and West, of Papal Captivity and Return, and of Preparation for the Second Coming. These six sub-periods also span a time totaling 1930 years. Let us look at these stages in greater detail, both in order that the specific parallelism of these two histories may be made evident and so that the probable timing of the Second Advent may be substantially identified. We will begin with Israel's period of bondage.

Egypt and Rome

Divine Principle points out that the periods of suffering by the Jews in Egypt and the Christians under the Roman Empire are distinctly comparable. After the spiritual accomplishments of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Jacob's twelve sons and seventy kinsmen entered Egypt. Here their descendants were enslaved by the Egyptians.

Even in the midst of their suffering and deprivation, however, the Hebrews maintained their faith. They performed the rites of circumcision, offered sacrifices and kept the Sabbath. Similarly in the centuries immediately following Jesus' death, the Christians were persecuted by the Roman Empire. It is said that Nero's palace grounds were once lit by the burning bodies of cru-

cified Christians. Regardless of such atrocities, the Christians also preserved their faith.

After the 400-year period of slavery in Egypt had ended, the Book of Exodus tells us that God chose Moses to subjugate Pharaoh and lead the Israelites to the new land of Canaan. In a parallel development, at the end of the period of martyrdom in the Roman Empire, Jesus influenced the Emperor Constantine to recognize Christianity publicly, which he did officially in 313. In 392, approximately 400 years after its inception Christianity became the state religion.

Having led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, Moses brought them the Ten Commandments. Similarly, after the period of oppression by the Roman Empire, the early Christian Church developed a stable core of doctrine to guide its faithful. The New Testament was canonized and certain affirmations of faith, such as the Apostles' Creed, were formulated. Both accomplishments were possible only on the basis of the 400 years' indemnity paid by persecution, first in Egypt for the Hebrews and later in the Roman Empire for the Christians.

Judges and Patriarchs

A comparison between the Old Testament judges and the patriarchs of the early Christian Church is also evident. During the age of the judges, which began after Joshua had led the Israelites into Canaan, the tribes of Israel were governed by a series of administrators and military heroes known as Judges.

Just as the period of Egyptian domination lasted a reported 400 years, see **RETURN** on page 19

The words in the word list are hidden in the diagram of letters. Find them by reading forward, backward, up, down and diagonally, always in a straight line. Some of the letters in the diagram are used in more than one word and some are not used in any words. If two forms of the same word (RICH and RICHEST, for example) are in the word list, they will be found in different places in the diagram. When you locate a word in the diagram, draw a loop around it. Cross out the word you found in the word list.

This month's topic: Predestination

Quotation from the Bible, Romans 9:21

"Has the potter no right over (the) clay to make out of (the) same lump one vessel for beauty and another (for) menial use?"

Words in brackets are not included in the word search.

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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

A Mother's Grief Turns To Joy

by Barbara Pavey

This is the sixth in a series about True Parents' life written for children and first published in the Blessing Quarterly.

Many years ago, in the year of 1944 when World War II was still going on, Father was in Japan. He had been going to school and working there for several years. Now the time had come to return to Korea.

Wartime is dangerous, because there is lots of fighting and bombing going on. You never know when you might run into a battle or get hit by an exploding bomb. In spite of all the dangers, God wanted Father to return to Korea at this time. Father loved God the most, so he was willing to follow His directions, even if it meant his life was in danger.

During the time Father was living in Japan, his mother, who loved him dearly, used to think about him day and night. She was always wondering what he was doing and when he would return home to Korea. Father loved his mother very, very much. So when it

was time to return home, the first thing he did was send a message to her to tell her when his ship would be arriving and exactly where it would arrive in Korea.

His mother was overjoyed when she received his letter. At last her beloved son was coming home! She had been praying for his return for so long, she could hardly believe the time had finally come.

Suddenly, however, a few days after receiving his letter, his mother's smiles turned to tears.

She received a terrible message! It said that the ship Father was on had been bombed by an American B-29 plane and had sunk. She was completely heart broken, and all she could think of doing was going to the port where the ship should have come in. Perhaps there were survivors.

She ran out the door, out the gate, and down the road. She ran for miles and miles through the countryside of Korea. She never thought about herself. She didn't notice that she was hungry and thirsty. She didn't notice that she had forgotten to put on her

shoes. She didn't notice the pain as she ran over the rocks, or when she landed on a sharp stick. She ran barefooted all the way to the port!

All she could think about was that her son had sunk with the bombed ship. What were the chances he could have survived? He was probably dead! For a mother who loved her son so much, this was the worst possible thought. She was frantic with worry.

Mothers do love their children more than their own lives, and she really showed this kind of true heart.

Finally, she arrived at the port, panting and holding her side. She waited for news. She asked everyone she could find whether they had heard anything. No one had any answers.

Then, she got a big surprise! Somehow she learned that Father wasn't on the ship that had sunk, after all. Because Father is so important to helping God fulfill His Will, somehow, with God's protection, Father had changed ships at the last moment. Therefore, Father arrived safely at the port in Korea on a later ship.

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by Anonymous

Dear lovely daughter, How are you doing? I heard you talked to omma two days ago. BTW, we will send you a phone card or two, and you should buy one if we don't, because the credit card number I gave you is about \$1 a minute, so we had a phone bill on that card of about \$460 last month!! Your mom and sister talked so much! But this phone card at the store is 49 cents for the first minute and 1 cent per minute after that. Nationwide.

So, how's it going? I hope you don't think about how much longer you have to go, even though it's difficult to get

your mind off of that. But it's better just to focus on TODAY and right NOW and just give your best and try to connect to God. You have a special blessing, as we say, because you have difficulty with your Abel. We always get stuck with the Abel that we cannot stand. There is only one way: figure out how to appreciate his good points. Figure out how to unite. Serve him, humble yourself. Maybe you do that already, and he doesn't care. Well, you've got to persevere with it.

Also, be light, spiritually. I mean, be serious, but be light also, don't let things get to you. Slough it off, shake it off. You are in a place now where you really don't have to worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Like True Father says, you are in the middle of the hurricane cradled in the arms of the hurricane. It is intense, but if you are one, mind and body, then it is dream-like.

Father says, see yourself as the star in a movie. I can remember many moments on MFT, vignettes, scenes. Like, one night in this parking lot in Tennessee or Kentucky, in the mountains, it was a warm, pleasant evening and it was one or two hours to pick-up, and just a few people coming out of the store, and from across the streets comes this Fleetwood Mac song from some sound system, "Rhiannon." Do you know that song? It's very dreamy. So I just felt as if I were dancing as I went up to people. It was a little gift from God. And I remember fundraising a diner, and the Eagles song, "Take It To the Limit" was on the jukebox, and I'd never heard that before and was just blown away. It seemed so perfect for MFT: "All

alone at the edge of the freeway."

And one time in a parking lot near Boston, the first time I ever went out on a team for a week or more, and the first time to be in the SNOW! It was snowing, blowing in my face, and I had this leather jacket on, and inside my head was this Eric Clapton guitar solo from the first Bluesbreakers' album, burning away. It kept me alive; it gave me energy to burn through the snow and reach out to the people. I guess my memorable moments have to do with music.

And at a gas station in Mississippi, and this guy comes skidding up to get gas, runs into the gas station, runs out to his car, I tried to fundraise him, and he's too much in a hurry, and says to me, as he's getting back in his car, "My name is Aaron Presley and I'm Elvis Presley's cousin and I'm going to do something that I know I shouldn't do." And he speeds off down the road. I don't remember if his name was Aaron exactly, but that's what happened.

And one time, again in Kentucky or the south, when I told someone my name is Terry, and he said, "Terry Moon?" and one time running to pick-up in Caruthersville, Missouri, and I felt as if I could run forever, even carrying a box of whatever. And floating across the Mississippi on a ferry boat, looking up at the stars. It was so quiet and so mystical. And a town called Big Stone Gap, in the coal country of eastern Tennessee, I think it was the setting of Coal Miner's Daughter. A parking lot, and these humble, simple people coming out and buying. And in New Jersey, late night in a bad area of bars, and these guys come out of a bar so angry at me, and one is smashing bottles on the ground. I left, bye bye. And one guy in a bar in the south who said

When his mother saw him coming down the gang plank, she was the happiest mother in the whole world at that moment. You can just imagine how excited she was to see her son walking off that ship, alive and well! She jumped and cried for joy. This really moved Father's heart to see how much his mother loved him, and as he hugged her tenderly, he cried with her.

It wasn't until about a week later, after she had calmed down from the excitement of seeing her son safely home, that his mother noticed that she had hurt her foot on a big splinter. It was sore and infected. But she didn't care. She still smiled and sang all day long. That day Father learned a lesson he could never forget: that the love of a mother or father is truly the greatest love of all. He could never forget how she ran bare footed all those miles because she thought he had been killed.

Father loved his mother so much, and yet he loved God even more. That is why he was able to travel during dangerous war times. Just as Jesus had taught his disciples to love God first with all their heart, Father always did that. Therefore, God protected Father even in war days to bring him safely home. ❖

A letter to an STF daughter

he'd buy the rest of the mints in my box if I drank a bottle of beer, so I swigged it down and he bought everything. I felt a little woozy getting back in the van. Then I remembered how in the front of that same bar, I had talked with the manager and told her that I was a Christian missionary and that we never drink or smoke!! Then, not five minutes later, here I am in the back drinking down this bottle in about 10 seconds! Now, was that God or Satan getting me to drink the beer? Maybe I'll never know.

And the black people in the south are so humble and kind. Poor, but they're so wonderful.

So you've gotta record in your spiritual archive all these kinds of experiences. I don't know how you can record very much in writing in a book; I never did that on MFT cuz you're so tired at night. But it's good if you can. But the main recording is in your character and your relationship with God and True Parents. All MFT graduates have these kinds of incredible experiences, too numerous to recount. You feel like you're the king of America, like you can go anywhere and talk to anyone. Like you know America better than anyone else does. So, you are going to join the ranks of MFT graduates, and it is a big blessing.

So please dig deep and look at everything from a spiritual point of view. Take care of yourself and pray for your other team members. Me'n your mom, we're praying for you.

ITN, your dad ❖

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so—we are told by the Hebrew scripture—the period of rule by the Israelite Judges lasted an identical period. While both numerical figures may be symbolic, for Divine Principle they nevertheless indicate distinct phases of God's dispensation.

Leadership functions for the early Christian Church were fulfilled by Patriarchs. A patriarch was the bishop of one of the chief cities of the Roman Empire, primarily Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch or Jerusalem.

In some cases a patriarch's influence extended well beyond his immediate domain. At the height of his power, for example, the patriarch of Antioch governed the Christians of Syria, Lebanon, southern Asia Minor, Cyprus, Palestine, Iraq, Iran, Georgia, and South India. In general, just as the Jews were governed by judges, Christians looked to patriarchs who represented for them wisdom, power and authority.

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by Michael Hentrich

When True Parents came to Cheyenne, Wyoming on their 50-state tour this past March, Father offered only one specific point of advice or direction to help our work here. He said, "When you witness, begin with HDH instead of the *Divine Principle*."

Now, we have tried many different approaches to introducing people to True Parents and the Providence through the Principle, but only recently with HDH, and mainly at large conferences for leaders. On the local level, and one-on-one, we had little foundation to build upon or work with in terms of HDH.

After spending too many days and weeks thinking about what Father said, I was inspired that what we needed were small, pocket-size HDH booklets on various general topics which could convey Father's vision to even a casual new acquaintance. However, weeks and months of procrastination flew by as all of the wrong priorities found their way to the top of my daily to-do lists.

HDH For Beginners

Then, we received the direction this past summer to begin a 40-day witnessing condition which, for the first time, was to involve the whole family, including the children. Our children were 16 and 14. So, I said to my son, Michael, "I don't know when I will ever make this inspiration become reality the way I am going, but if you will help me, we can do it as part of our 40-day witnessing condition." He agreed and we began.



I poured through all of our English language HDH publications, marking all the excerpts which seemed especially appropriate as introductory material. After this, Michael typed them into

his computer where we could then organize and edit the selected verses. I tried to organize the excerpts into 7 topics, but finally settled on just three. We boiled down the material

into booklets entitled: "Wisdom of True Love", "Wisdom of Marriage and Family", and "The Truth about Life After Death." My wife and daughter joined the effort by repeatedly proof-reading and giv-

ing their input and suggestions.

After massaging and massaging, we found we had three very nice HDH booklets of 30-60 pages each, which offer a very stimulating introduction to True Parents' vision and thought. They are the kind of material that is very comfortable to hand to even a new acquaintance and certainly appropriate for our friends, contacts and relatives. And, I felt very good creating this together with the children since it also gave them an opportunity to have another level of give and take with Father's words, themselves.

We printed a small quantity of booklets at a local copy shop and have made them available to members to purchase for their own use. But, our hope is that something like this might become a very helpful tool in our collective efforts to reach especially the young people of this country, as well as the leaders, and turn their hearts in the direction of God's Will.

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Bridgeport International Academy Established

by Theodore Kirkley

I am a second generation from New York who is currently attending Bridgeport International Academy (formerly known as New Eden Academy or NEA). Our high school was set up and ordained by True Father and True Mother five years ago, and it is situated on the University of Bridgeport campus in Connecticut. There have been many improvements at BIA this year, and we hope that this will help to give you an accurate impression of our school, or even encourage you to enroll here for the spring or fall semester for 2002.

In the process of creating a new school there are always hindrances and problems that must be overcome. BIA was no exception. The change in

our name and transformation into primarily a day school (instead of a residential school) has created a new beginning for us. This new year brings many new and exciting changes to BIA, and we have much to be proud of.

But first of all, I'd like to explain the reasons behind our name change. The Board of Trustees of NEA decided that we should open our school doors to people who aren't only Unificationists to broaden our appeal, while keeping a strong emphasis on morals and character education as we always have. They decided a more universal and less sectarian name was needed. The administration and faculty developed a number of names and then, with True Father's approval, chose Bridgeport International Academy.

Along with the new name came the

removal of our old residential school system. It is now nearly all day-students, who live at home and come to school for only the day. This means that there is no longer a dorm, and new students will need to find a family for homestay. Homestay means that they will reside with a local family in Connecticut during their enrollment at BIA. Even with this change, however, the students and staff here are dedicated to finding eligible homestay families. If you are interested in attending our school, it is very probable that we can find a family you could live with.

Now, to explain a bit about what Bridgeport International exactly is, let me start by saying it has always been a college preparatory high school. In other words, it is a high school that resides on a college campus and gives students the opportunity to take university courses for actual college credit! In this way, BIA students have the opportunity to get high school and college credit at the same time. A few students are graduating after their junior year, because they have enough cumulative high school credits to get a diploma. BIA also has access to every one of the university's facilities, including a large gym, a gigantic nine-story library, an elaborate dining hall, and the various events and festivities that are held on the campus. There's a lot to offer here that most high schools cannot.

In addition, the recent developments from this year have been quite remarkable. BIA has an active student council that has already completed two successful fundraisers. In October, we held our annual Haunted House for the blessed children around the area. We've also set up various extra-curricular activities and three active teams that compete against other high schools in the area. These are the debate team (that has already won a trophy), a basketball team, and a swimming team.

Some people may think that our school is not a professional high school, but that is completely false; we have official approval from the Connecticut State Department of Education. The school curriculum fulfills the state's standards, and we have always been graduating students with legitimate high school diplomas. All students are required to take the PSAT and the SAT tests, just as in other high schools. Some may also think that BIA is located in a dangerous place but that is all not true at all. The students are very safe because UB employs a very professional security system called Burns Security, which is rated as one of the best security systems in the world. The area around the University is also quite safe. It has been improving in recent years, and no local residents have harmed our students for the entire five-year history of the school. People also may think that BIA's students are not motivated about their education. But let me assure you that this is also false. This year, even more than in previous years, our students have a great deal of incentive to study and graduate with honors and extra credits. Students have been participating in extracurricular and community service activities, as well as attending and working hard in class. Our greatest achievement this year is the fact that all the students are serious about their education.

The mission of this school has not changed from the day it was formed. We want to make it known that the faculty and student council have continually been striving to provide an excellent learning environment for Blessed Children that is purged of the problems and secular influence of everyday public high schools. We believe that our school provides a purer place to learn. If we had more students, we would be more able to operate this school well and fulfill True Parent's expectations, so we encourage you to consider us.

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Sunday School Manual Parent and teacher study material with children's coloring book

This Sunday school manual contains 50 lessons, almost one for each Sunday of the year. The material covers Father's and Mother's life, the Principal, Jesus life and his teachings and the main central characters from the Old Testament.

Each lesson is accompanied by illustrations that can be photocopied for the children to color in. This will help the children, especially the younger ones, to memorize the lessons. There are also some simple crafts that the children will enjoy doing. This Sunday school Manual is probably most suited for children from four to ten years of age.

The Manual will be a considerable source of inspiration and information for all the Sunday school teachers and for parents who are concerned about giving the best spiritual education to the Blessed children. The cost of the manual is £7 including postage DM24, USA\$20. If you would like to order a copy, you can contact George Robertson at: HSA Publications UK, 44 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3NA, Great Britain. Tele: 0207 723 0721 extension 104. email: Forcefuse@aol.com.

The Lowdown on the Hereafter

by John R. Williams

Who can turn down juicy insights about life after death? I've seen the movie "Ghost" about 15 times—a few times at home and about a dozen times with students from the former Soviet Union in the early '90s when I was on staff to host their visits to the United States. "Ghost" was our attempt to educate them about the spirit world. (Even with every line memorized, Whoopi Goldberg as Oda Mae Brown still cracks me up.) Now there's "Where Dreams May Come," mentioned by Mrs. Kim as having accurate references to the afterlife. This is not to mention the other movies church leaders have recommended as helpful or the many books—the old favorite *Life in the World Unseen*, *Wanderers in Spirit Lands*, and Dr. Lee's recent books. And of course there are all the things learned and experienced at the Cheong Pyung Lake workshops. This stuff is all utterly fascinating.

But am I the only one who finds these various accounts of the spirit world to oftentimes be contradictory and confusing? The spirit world painted by Dr. Lee and Daemo Nim doesn't always fit the picture we are given from other recommended sources. For example, Daemo Nim speaks of most people going to hell, yet Anthony Borgia's spiritual universe and even the afterlife where the character played by Robin Williams ends up in the "Dreams" movie doesn't look so bad at all. Another example is the contrast between the Cheong Pyung Lake method of vigorous physical activity and deprivations to expel possessing spirits, while Edith Fiore in *The Unquiet Dead* tells of quietly talking to clients under hypnosis and inviting the intruders to leave, which they rather easily do. How can we make sense of all this? I must confess that my response over the years has been to tune the whole subject out in frustration, and stick with the bare bones explanation given in Divine Principle, knowing that I was far from comprehending its implications.

For this reason I am grateful that a fellow Unificationist, Kerry Pobanz, has finally pulled together an absorbing and comprehensive explanation of the essential points about the spirit world, in the book, *The Spirit-Person and the Spirit-World: An Otherdimensional Primer* (HSA Publications, 2001). The chapters are

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laid out in a convenient question and answer format and cover the gamut of key topics, such as: The relationship between the physical and spiritual selves and the characteristics of the "silver cord" said to connect them, how we travel in the other realm, how we exist in both worlds at the same time, where the spirit world is and how it is set up (did you know there were three "basements," like the New Yorker?), the nature of communication there, how people grow after earthly life, who else inhabits the spirit world besides humans (it ain't just angels), the consequences of suicide, sexuality in the spirit world and all about earthbound spirits. There are insights familiar to Unificationists—returning resurrection, indemnity, angels and the Fall, and so on—as well as novel ideas, such as the existence of nature spirits (Santa's elves!) and where UFOs fit in to all this.

Pobanz has certainly done his homework—you should see the bibliography! (Then you'll understand why it took him 10 years to write this.) Here the profound insights of Reverend Moon are elaborated with like perspectives from Jesus, St. Paul, Rudolf Steiner, Yogananda, as well as ordinary folks who survived near death experiences and those who went to Daemo Nim's workshops. In other words, one moment we hear the 17th century prose of Emanuel Swedenborg, then we hear from contemporary psychologist Edith Fiore, then we swing back to Thomas Aquinas and over to best-selling psychic Betty Eadie. There are quotes from Young Oon Kim, Benjamin Franklin, Muslim mystics, you name it. Pobanz references scriptures, movies, channeled books, friends' stories—whatever helps. And you'll find quotes from Reverend Moon that you probably have never heard before.

Father has suggested that among the most essential things to teach contemporary people is the knowledge of the spirit world. Truly, as Pobanz's book demonstrates, it is a potent and effective way to teach all the practical basics of the Divine Principle within a theme that is compelling to everyone and that no one knows enough about. I know one Sunday School teacher using it with her seventh and eighth graders; they read a chapter and then the group discusses it each week. How could they not be interested?

And speaking of Sunday School, most adults' understanding of the next life remains at the same level it was when they last heard about it in church sometime in elementary school. Though it is wonderful that most Americans believe in the afterlife and sense that where we go after death has a lot to do with motivation and love, there remains a serious deficiency of understanding about the more sobering realities. This book goes a long way to mature people's understanding. At the same time, learning the realities of the afterlife—the "facts of death"—is like learning the facts of life when we were kids. We couldn't help but be interested—after all, it's part of our God-given purpose of life—but at the same time a part of us doesn't want to find out *too* much just yet. There's something about the idea that babies come from Mommy's tummy that we may have wanted to hang onto, just like we'd all like keep spirit world more than a little vague. *The Spirit-Person and the Spirit-World* is guaranteed to make readers more grown-up about where they are going after they "graduate" from this life and what they need to be and have when they get there.

One of the most compelling chapters is the one on earthbound spirits and

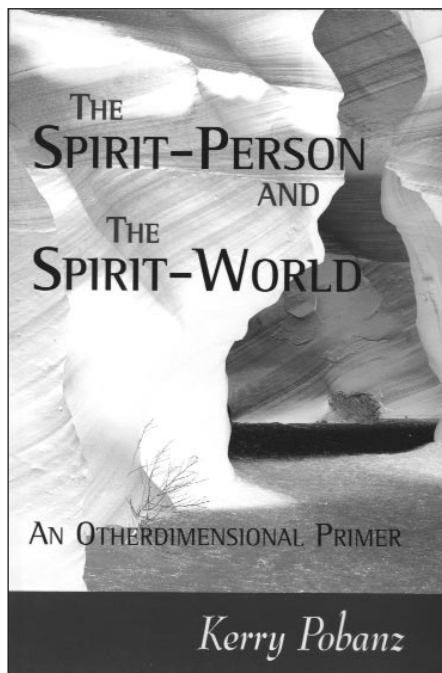
tive forces—either disease or possession—and once they are compromised, it takes a lot of effort to repel the invaders and fortify them again. Pobanz reminds us that suicides, violent crimes, addictions, amnesia, homosexuality and gender identity confusion, physical and mental illnesses are all caused or aggravated by earthbound spirits. To our relief, he finishes by describing the methods to use to release these unwanted influences.

Another notable chapter is the one on personal growth in the spirit world where Pobanz takes on the formidably popular notion of reincarnation and convincingly demolishes it beyond resurrection. For this reason alone the book represents a quantum leap in understanding about spirit world, by finally articulating Father Moon's revolutionary insights in an accessible way.

You might be wondering, how accessible? Can you give this to your dear Uncle Fred who has heart problems so that you can educate him before he dies? The book assumes a belief in the afterlife in general and an openness to Reverend Moon's wisdom in particular, though it introduces all Unificationist references as if the reader is not very familiar with them. The book seems perfect for Uncle Fred if he is a man of faith who is not overly attached to his own religious doctrine and not hostile to the Divine Principle perspective.

All this said, the reader should know that this is not always easy reading. Bewarned that Pobanz's fondness for high falutin' academic prose—"ontology," "interiority" and "insalubriously," for example—can be intimidating at first glance and sentences can be lengthy and paragraphs long. But the occasionally dense prose is mitigated by the many subheadings and short chapters—some only a few pages long—and excellent summaries at the end of the chapters. Besides, Pobanz's engaging curiosity and warm heart shine through the academic gloss.

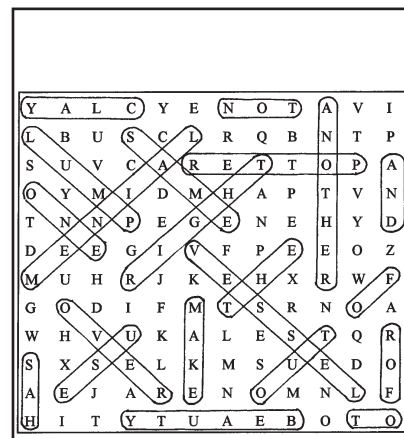
More importantly, the book is not easy to read in the same way any good spiritual material is not easy—it challenges us to think deeply about how we are living our lives, how we will feel when this life is over, and the legacy we are leaving behind to our family and the world. In fact, as I mentioned before, you may think you're finding out more than you wanted to know. The explanations, the examples, the implications are only too clear. Its easier to pop "Ghost" into the VCR yet again and get some popcorn, but this book offers real substance that provokes the kind of healthy reflection that will have you returning to it again and again. ❖



here Pobanz's organized treatment of material really shines. I've never seen the topic so well explained, with all the various types differentiated, all with riveting examples. Pobanz explains how certain spirit persons get earthbound due to ignorance, confusion and regret, attachments to people or things, physical addictions, revenge, religious fanaticism (watch out!) and a sense of unfinished business. He describes the emotional suffering of these "stuck" spirits, whether they be immobile and forced to relive their death over and over, or wandering like ghosts and poltergeists or attached to people on earth. He does a fascinating and detailed treatment of such things as the difference between obsession and possession, what the possessing spirits experience while invading another's body (trapped, bored and frustrated) and how they influence the living. One memorable point was the comparison between the physical immune system and the aura. Both protect us from invasions by destruc-

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In closing, we would like to thank you for your support and your consideration, and we implore you to change any previous misconceptions of our school. Please keep in mind how far we've come this year. If you would like to learn more about Bridgeport International, please contact me at the student council's email address: biastudentcouncil@hotmail.com. And you could always contact the school by calling (203) 334-3434, email biahighschool@hotmail.com, or through the mailing address: Bridgeport International Academy, 400 Linden Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06604. ❖



40 YEARS IN AMERICA

by Dr. Michael Mickler

The Church conducted four separate public speaking tours in 1973-74: a twenty-one city Day of Hope tour, a thirty-two city Day of Hope tour, a ten-city "Celebration of Life" tour and a culminating eight-city Day of Hope tour. These tours were much larger than the original seven-city tour of 1972 and far more sophisticated. In addition, the focus of the tours was less on the building of internal solidarity than it was on the attainment of public visibility. Following completion of the twenty-one city and thirty-two city tours, Rev. Moon had spoken publicly in all fifty states. Well before the Celebration of Life tour and the culminating eight-city tour, the Unification Church had attained national exposure.

Twenty-One City Tour

The twenty-one city tour, which began on October 1, 1973, took as its theme, "Christianity in Crisis: New Hope." Each three-night stop featured speeches by Rev. Moon on "God's Hope for Man," "God's Hope for America," and "The Future of Christianity." In mid-July, as a result of a further influx of missionaries from Japan and Europe, two forty-member IOWC teams were formed to travel the twenty-one city itinerary, preparing the way for Rev. Moon's lecture series the following fall and winter. By the end of August, more than four hundred members gathered to prepare for the Day of Hope talks scheduled to begin at Carnegie Hall on October 1st. A five-member Day of Hope planning staff consisting of a campaign coordinator, PR director, media director, technical director, and logistics coordinator helped generate public visibility. Newspaper and magazine ads, bus and commuter train posters, and mass leafletting introduced the series to the people of each city. The staff also sent professionally made tapes to 540 radio stations for public service announcements. According to campaign coordinator Mike Leone, the purpose of the staff's work was twofold: first, "to bring to the public eye Rev. Moon of South Korea, a dynamic and inspiring spiritual leader of thousands of people," and second, "to fill every hall, every night."

Civic proclamations also enhanced the Church's public visibility. The previous February 14, 1973, as a result of the intercessory efforts of Benjamin Swig, a prominent San Francisco hotel owner and friend of Mr. Choi, Rev. Moon was awarded the key to the city of San Francisco. During the twenty-one city tour, campaign workers secured a multitude of proclamations of honorary citizenship, and days, or weeks, of "Hope and Unification." Many of these proclamations were read at Day of Hope banquets. Held prior to opening night talks during the tour, the banquets featured entertainment, introductions and greetings from Rev. Moon to civic and religious leaders, educators and businessmen.

The results of the twenty-one city tour were remarkable. In New York, where four hundred members worked a month prior to the Carnegie Hall opening, the movement attracted widespread media coverage. The September 22, 1973, *New York Daily News* carried a large photo and article on a Day of Hope rally on the steps of Federal Hall on Wall Street. *Time*, *Newsweek* and *Christianity Today* all carried stories on the campaign, and Associated Press religion writer George W. Cornell's generally positive feature story appeared in seventy-nine newspapers throughout the U.S. Two

National Tours, MSG and

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hundred and fifty prominent New Yorkers attended the inaugural Day of Hope banquet at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Telegrams of congratulations were read from New York mayor, John V. Lindsay and columnist William F. Buckley, Jr., as well as from several U.S. congressmen. In Baltimore, Cardinal Sheehan sent his blessing to the banquet. In Washington, D.C., where the

With the completion of the thirty-two city tour, Rev. Moon had proclaimed his message publicly in all fifty states. To conduct campaigns in this drive from Maine to Hawaii, three IOWC advance teams from the twenty-one city tour were increased to seven teams of seventy members. Each of these teams were given itineraries for four or five two-week campaigns in preparation for the Day of Hope programs. According to Rev. Moon, the tour had "created in two weeks a foundation in every state which would have taken two or three years otherwise."

Celebration of Life

The movement hoped to reap a harvest of new members as a result of the Day of Hope tours. To facilitate these goals, the Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusade (SMCC) sponsored a ten-city "Celebration of Life" tour that evangelized a selected city in each of the ten regions of the country. Beginning in the Bay Area, the itinerary included stops in Seattle; St. Paul, Minnesota; Austin, Texas; New Orleans; Miami, Florida; Columbus, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; Boston; and Rochester, New York.

Billed as "A 21st Century Experience," programs included an hour and fifteen minutes of entertainment: songs, solos, skits, dances and testimonials, followed by forty-five minutes of inspiration from "God's Colonel," Bo Hi Pak, on key points of the Unification Principle. Week-long stops in each city featured Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday performances and a weekend Celebration of Life workshop. The concern was to find a successful formula of mass evangelization. As a result of tour innovations, advance preparation and media coverage, the Celebration of Life drew substantial crowds.

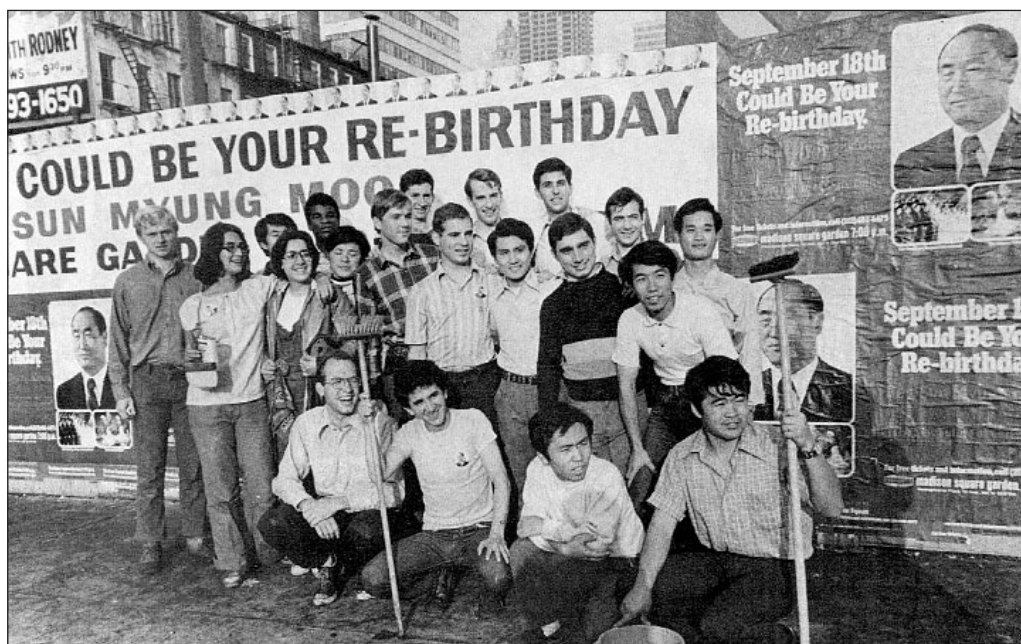
SMCC's "World Premiere" May 15-17, 1974, at the Paramount Theater in Oakland drew 2,600 guests and 34 participants for a weekend workshop in the Santa Cruz Mountains. By Boston, the three-day total was up to 7,562. Equally important was the emergence of New Hope Singers International and the Korean Folk Ballet. Both would make signal contributions to the Day of Hope's culminating eight-city tour, scheduled to begin in September, 1974 at Madison Square Garden.

The Watergate Crisis

Although its Day of Hope tours were gaining momentum, the Church's involvement in the Watergate crisis, more than any other single factor, catapulted it into the national spotlight. Previously, the movement had separated its evangelistic activities from its activity in the public arena through the separate incorporation of the Freedom Leadership Foundation. This separation broke down during the Watergate crisis. In asserting that "the crisis for America is a crisis for God," the movement's large-scale demonstrations and stance in support of President Richard Nixon, attracted national attention but also alienated it from important sectors of the American establishment.

The movement launched a forty-day National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis (NPFWC) on December 1, 1973. This action took place following a two-week break in the twenty-one city "Day of Hope" tour, during which time Rev. Moon traveled to Japan and Korea. There, following a period of prayer and meditation, he concluded that America was in crisis and decided to speak out. The decision to launch the campaign was finalized in Omaha, Nebraska, and conducted simultaneously with the remainder of the twenty-one city tour.

Asserting, "God's command at this crossroads in



The 21-member poster team transformed New York City into what team leader David Byer called "a blue kingdom of heaven"

movement also concentrated its efforts, almost four hundred citizens turned out for the banquet, and more than three thousand people for the three nights of talks at Lisner Auditorium. In Atlanta, Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter proclaimed November 7, 1973, a "Day of Hope and Unification." The January 17, 1974, San Francisco Day of Hope banquet attracted more than 500 guests to Benjamin Swig's Fairmont Hotel. In Berkeley, where Rev. Moon spoke at Zellerbach Auditorium on the University of California campus, *The Daily Californian* reported, "Rev. Moon's followers have waged one of the neatest and best-run publicity campaigns seen here in years." In San Jose, January 17-24, 1974, was proclaimed "Hope and Unification Week," while in Oakland, Mayor John H. Reading proclaimed the period from January 21-24, 1974, as "Day of Hope Days." Single days of "Hope and Unification" were proclaimed in Berkeley and Hayward, and on January 21, 1974, Rev. Moon was awarded the key to the city of Berkeley by Mayor Warren Widener.

Thirty-Two City Tour

Following the completion of the twenty-one city tour in Los Angeles on January 29, 1974, the movement immediately launched another Day of Hope tour with the theme "The New Future of Christianity." This tour, which carried the Day of Hope to thirty-two American cities in sixty-four days, included an opening night banquet and a second night speech by Rev. Moon at each stop.

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40 YEARS IN AMERICA

Watergate

American History is to Forgive, Love, and Unite," Rev. Moon's "Answer to Watergate" statement appeared in full-page advertisements purchased in newspapers in each of the twenty-one cities of the Day of Hope itinerary, including the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, beginning November 30, 1973. Over the next two months, it was published in one newspaper in every state except Hawaii. In addition, The National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis Committee (NPFWC) organized vigils, rallies, letter-writing and leafletting in all fifty states to publicize its theme and to obtain signatures of people promising to pray and fast for the Watergate crisis. At least eight senators and fifty-three congressmen either signed the statement or responded with messages of support. Congressman Guy Vander Jagt (R-Michigan) read Rev. Moon's Watergate statement into the Congressional Record of December 21, 1973.

Two annual events on the Washington, D.C., calendar were also occasions for calling national attention to the Unification Church. The first was the December 14, 1973, Christmas Tree Lighting, where the movement mobilized 1,200 pennant-waving, banner-carrying members. Not only was this rally aired on nationwide television, but later in the evening, President Nixon emerged from the White House to thank NPFWC President Neil Salonen and still-assembled members for their support. The other annual event of note was the January 31, 1974, Presidential Prayer Breakfast to which Rev. Moon was invited. Although plans to ring the Washington Hilton Hotel, site of the prayer breakfast, were canceled, a post-breakfast rally at Lafayette Park brought out Edward and Tricia Nixon Cox, who greeted well-wishers. On February 1, 1974, Rev. Moon had a twenty-minute audience with President Nixon, reportedly telling him, "Don't knuckle under to pressure. Stand up for your convictions."

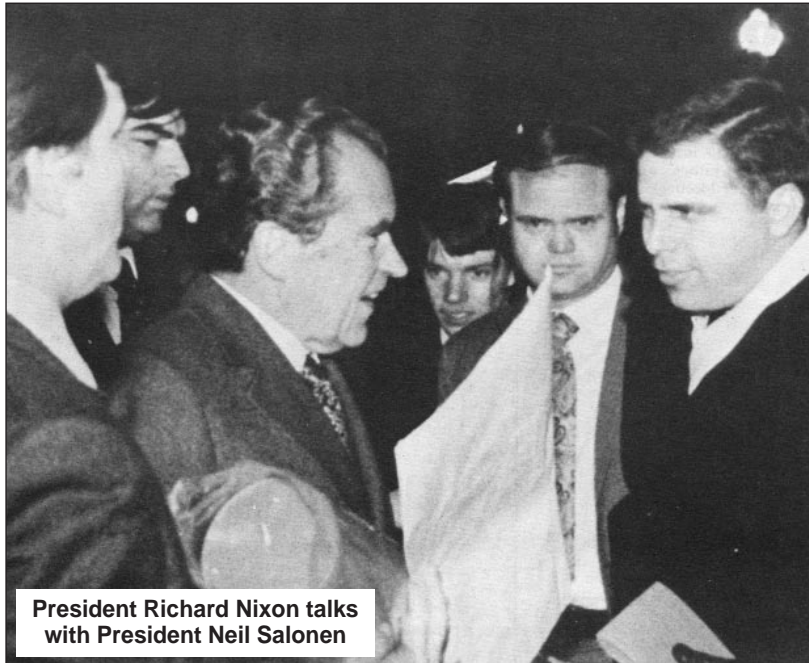
A second phase of the Church's Watergate involvement came at the height of the crisis in 1974. With court-ruled limitations on executive privilege, articles of impeachment, and exposure of damaging transcripts of presidential conversations all imminent, the NPFWC mobilized 610 members for a three-day fast and vigil on the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., July 22-24, 1974. Participants wore placards with a quotation from Rev. Moon's Watergate statement on the back and a picture of the elected or appointed official for whom they were praying on the front. With public attention riveted on Watergate, the three-day vigil received national exposure. Seventy-six congressmen and five senators came out to meet the person praying for them. Newspapers across the nation carried pictures and interviews in over 350 stories. Local television stations and all three broadcasting networks showed film of the event and described it in their newscasts. Among the news magazines sending their own reporters to cover the vigil were *Time*, *Newsweek*, *New Republic*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *New Yorker* and the *Washingtonian*. Rabbi Baruch Korff, organizer of the Citizens' Committee for Fairness to the President, came to the vigil and declared "personal solidarity with these young people." Nationally syndicated columnist Art Buchwald later wrote a column featuring an imaginary conversation between one "Senator Throggsnutton" and the young man fasting for him.

Madison Square Garden

The culmination of the movement's evangelistic activities during this period was its concluding eight-city Day of Hope tour which opened at New York's Madison Square Gar-

den on September 18, 1974. Building on all that had gone before, the tour was, in certain respects, a triumphant march through many of the same cities in the movement's original, anonymous, seven-city tour of 1972. Taking as its theme, "The New Future of Christianity," the itinerary included New York City, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. However, the key to its success was Madison Square Garden.

Filling Madison Square Garden was the Church's most ambitious undertaking to date, but it had several months to prepare. In addition, there had been "a tremendous influx of members." In New York City, members had been assigned, since July, one hundred



President Richard Nixon talks with President Neil Salonen

and twenty houses each for door-to-door contact. Ten thousand pocket-sized editions of *Divine Principle* and an equal number of Rev. Moon's "Christianity in Crisis" talks were made ready for distribution. The arrival of seven hundred IOWC members in mid-August greatly augmented campaign preparations in New York City. Lodged at the Paris Hotel on Manhattan's West Side, ten seventy-member IOWC teams followed rigorous street canvassing schedules in assigned sections of Manhattan and Queens. Representatives from each of the forty nations where the Unification Church maintained missions and the remaining American church members—in all, about 2,000—converged on New York City for a final week-long blitz prior to September 18th.

Tickets for the event were free, and five hundred buses were chartered to transport outlying residents to the Garden. There were numerous TV and radio "shorts," full-page ads in the *New York Times*, and a massive poster campaign. Advertising that "September 18 Could Be Your Re-Birthday," eighty thousand two-by-three-foot posters with a portrait of Rev. Moon as well as insets of the New Hope Singers International and the Korean Folk Ballet "wallpapered" Manhattan. Maintaining 150-200 locations, a twenty-one member poster team put up two thousand posters in forays

from midnight until 10:00 a.m., beginning forty days before the rally. As reported in the *New York Times*, "His face is everywhere, it seems."

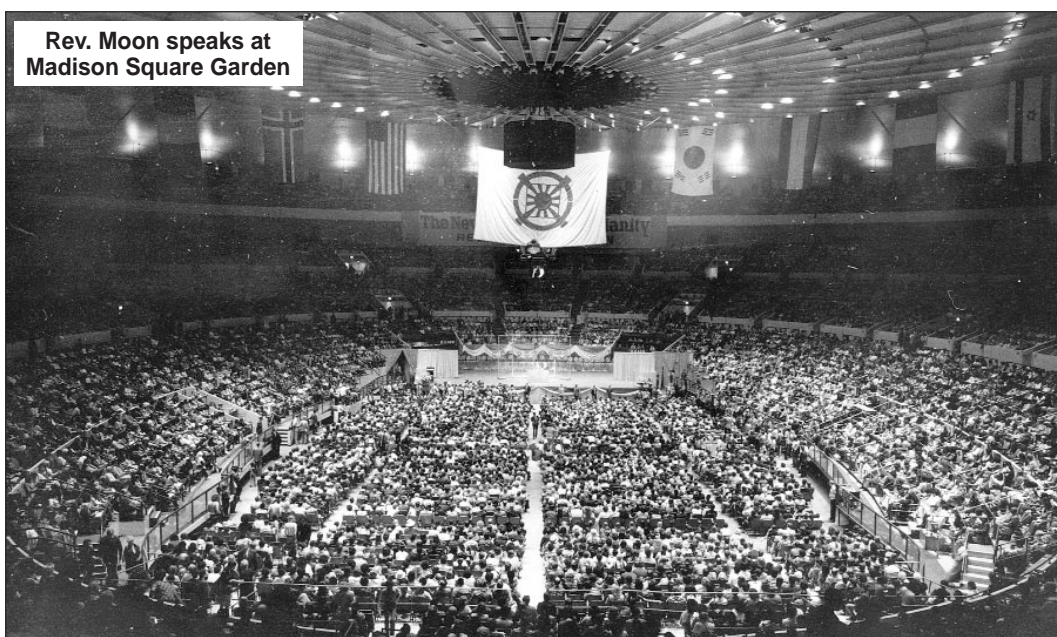
As the Church was able to bring only 350-450 people to Alice Tully Hall in the Lincoln Center for its initial Day of Hope tour just thirty-two months earlier, the turnout at Madison Square Garden was astounding. The movement feted 1,600 prominent New Yorkers at a kick-off banquet in the Waldorf Astoria on September 17, 1974. The following night, an estimated ten to thirty-five thousand ticket holders were turned away from an already filled-to-capacity Madison Square Garden. With nearly two hundred press people in attendance, widespread publicity helped insure success in other cities. The pattern of overflow crowds and continued publicity was repeated throughout the tour. In San Francisco, a December 7th kick-off banquet, held at the Fairmont Hotel, brought out 1,160 San Franciscans. A letter of welcome from California Governor Ronald Reagan was read, and proclamations were announced from San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, Concord, Burlingame, San Mateo, Stockton, Menlo Park and Hayward. The city of Oakland proclaimed December 9th as Sun Myung Moon Day and presented him with a tie tack and cuff links in the shape of an oak tree. The December 9, 1974, talk brought 5,000 people to the 3,200-seat San Francisco Opera House, with the overflow directed to the Municipal Auditorium a block away.

"The Time Bomb Is Ticking"

The Unification Church attained a great deal of public visibility by the end of 1974. Overflow crowds which attended its concluding eight-city Day of Hope tour were not only the result of campaign preparations but also the result of interest generated through widespread media coverage. At the same time, now that the movement had emerged, it was a visible target. As Rev. Moon put it during an otherwise exuberant celebration at Belvedere following his Madison Square Garden speech, "The time bomb is ticking. We must do our job before the time bomb explodes."

Opposition toward the movement was evident on all fronts, but especially apparent in controversies over evangelization. The Bay Area was an early locale of controversy. There, during Rev. Moon's twenty-one city Day of Hope tour stop in Berkeley, the Christian Student Coalition of the University of California formally disavowed "any spiritual kinship with the Unification Church and its founder, Sun Myung Moon," purchased a full-page advertisement in the *Daily Californian* to that effect, and distributed leaflets outside Zellerbach Auditorium. Although there had been sporadic protests and picketing previously, this was the first joint effort. As a result of increased visibility following his meeting with Richard Nixon, Rev. Moon faced mounting opposition during his thirty-two city Day of Hope tour. "Nix-on Moon" placards denounced Rev. Moon as a fascist backed by KCIA money. More common were disruptions during speeches by fundamentalist Christians exhorting audiences and calling Rev. Moon a false prophet. A widely reprinted February 15,

1974, Laurence Stern and William R. MacKaye article in the *Washington Post* quoted the General Secretary of the Korean National Council of Churches, who labeled the movement "a cult...a new sect which has been undermining the established church." Equally significant was a widely circulated document originating in Louisville, Kentucky, entitled, "The Satanic Beliefs of Rev. Moon." Purporting to be from a group of inter-denominational ministers and laymen known as the "Concerned Christians," the return address was the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. However, the public relations director for the seminary stated publicly that the Concerned Christians' post office box had been obtained "under false pretenses." ♦



Rev. Moon speaks at Madison Square Garden

IN MEMORIAM

Sarah Witt

Our beloved sister, Sarah M. Witt, 83, of Barrytown, New York, passed away Friday, November 23, 2001, at her Seminary residence. According to the autopsy she died of a heart attack.

Sarah Witt was the first person of Jewish descent to join the Unification Church. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 18, 1918, four days after the end of World War I. Her parents immigrated to the United States from a small town near Kiev in the Ukraine in 1905. Sarah was the youngest of six children, four boys and two girls. It is said that her parents argued about her name. Both wanted to name her after their grandmothers. Then, they found out that both grandmothers were named Sarah, like Abraham's wife. Sarah believed it was her "destiny" to join the Unification Church just as her namesake was the first Jewish woman in the first Israel.

Sarah grew up in Chicago, on the South Side, where her father ran a shoe store. At age 3 1/2, she began playing the piano by ear and at age 5 she had her first spiritual experience. Her mother had become very ill and while watching the doctor treat her by "putting leaches on her back to draw out the bad blood," Sarah heard the words, "You don't have to be afraid; we're taking care of you from up here." Sarah said that after that spiritual experience, she grew up "with no fear."

Sarah's mother died in 1943 and shortly thereafter, against her family's wishes, she joined the Women's Army Corps (WACs). Her father told her that "women who joined the army became prostitutes." But Sarah disagreed. She later wrote,

I only knew that we were at war, that I had four brothers who were not eli-

gible to serve our country in the war effort, and that I had to assume responsibility for the family to be represented in World War II. I had and still have a burning patriotism and love for this blessed nation, and would gladly give my life to save this Republic from destruction.

Sarah served for two years, first as an IBM tabulator and later as a counselor, helping soldiers adjust to civilian life.

After her discharge in 1946, Sarah moved to California where she stayed with relatives and entered Los Angeles Community College under the G.I. Bill. There, during her first term in Sociology class, she encountered Edward Bellamy's *Looking Backward* (1888), a book that launched her life's quest. As she told it:

"I read the entire book without stopping. As I read, the world being described as an ideal world without war, crime or evil of any kind became very real for me. The book was written as a romantic novel but was meant as a true prophecy of what was to come in the year

2000, to be pioneered in the U.S., and to be brought about without war through a peaceful process...

"I realized that the prophecy was true and that I would see this world in my lifetime... The year was then 1947, and I was 28 years old. I figured that I would be 82 when this world was established."

Sarah realized she "was not qualified to be a citizen in such a perfect world" and, as she expressed it, "determined to change myself to become like a character in Bellamy's book, able to love everyone as though they were part of my own physical family."

Sarah married her first husband in June 1949, bought a home in suburban Los Angeles and bore two sons, Mark in 1950 and Norman in 1953. She divorced and moved back to Chicago in 1955 where she met her second husband, a widower with four children whom she divorced four years later. In all this time, Sarah said she had "never stopped thinking about Bellamy's book."

In October 1965, Sarah met Eileen Welch, a Unification Church mission-

ary. After several visits, Eileen said, "You know, there's an International Family building an Ideal World." Sarah immediately replied, "You know, that's what I've been looking for, for 18 years!" From that point, Eileen began teaching Sarah the *Divine Principle*. Later, Sarah put her writing skills to work helping edit Mr. David S.C. Kim's English text.

In 1969, Sarah met Father and Mother Moon at Upshur House in Washington, D.C. Then, in 1974, at age 56, she took a leap of faith, leaving her job and two adult children in Chicago and coming to 100-Day Training at Belvedere. She didn't return. The rest of her story is relatively well known. She went from Belvedere to Barrytown Training in late 1974 and when the Seminary opened a year later, she became its public relations officer. Over the next quarter-century, she was a Seminary's spokesperson, wrote innumerable letters to editors and carried on a voluminous correspondence. She was an active evangelist and conducted a radio ministry for more than 30 years. Most importantly, she was a counselor and friend to a generation of Seminary students.

Sarah maintained that "the Unification Movement and Father [Moon] were actually building the world described by *Looking Backward*." She said, the "core teaching of 'Living for the sake of others' and becoming one Heavenly Family centered on God, is the same message given by Bellamy to the world in 1888." In 1999, Sarah received a celestial blessing with her first husband. She said her "purpose in life" was "to change myself into a more heartistic and empathetic individual who can give myself freely and unconditionally to others."

Dr. Michael L. Mickler ❖



we're taking care of you from up here." Sarah said she felt comforted by those words and had many occasions to recall them. One day, years later, she slipped on a patch of ice and her feet flew out from under her. She should have landed very hard, but at the last moment something that felt like a cushion slipped under her and she wasn't hurt at all.

Sarah and I were together at the Seminary for twenty years and our friendship grew over the years. I always felt encouraged and uplifted by her. I didn't see her as often after we moved from Barrytown but occasionally we got together. We did see her at the IOWC Board meetings with Pres. Kim in Poughkeepsie. We all reported on the various activities we were involved in and Sarah reported such projects as her weekly radio broadcast; writing an introduction and epilogue for Edward Bellamy's book from a Divine Principle viewpoint and putting it on the Internet; devoting much time to replying to the many letters she received; and working in the Health Center one day a week "doing the kinds of things I would do in my own home."

Sarah took her prayer commitments very seriously. She told me that she prayed for friends and families individually and by name. One time when she was sick she worried about not being able to complete all her prayers and I assured her that

at that time, being ill was her prayer. In 1999 she participated in "Lady General" Kim's prayer condition at the Rock of Decision on the Seminary campus for as long as she was able to do so.

While Sarah was happy living and working at the Seminary, sometimes her heart was heavy over having left her two sons (then ages 24 and 20) when she first came to New York. At the same time, she felt that God wanted her to be at the Seminary. She loved her sons

dearly, wrote them regularly, and visited them and other members of her family in Chicago from time to time when she could do so.

Yesterday people commented on Sarah's positive attitude. She attributed that in part to her work typing the manuscripts of Earl Nightingale, one of the first motivational speakers in America in the 1940s.

Some of you have heard Sarah's Unification Hour radio broadcast. I remember how hard she worked developing the first series of talks. She went over her drafts with my husband and they had lively discussions over various points. She appreciated Ernie's knowledge of the Bible and his Christian background and found that it complemented her perspective from Judaism. So they too became good friends. Yesterday Marie Ang talked about Sarah's care of families at the Seminary as well as students. Our son Michael, like the Ang children, the Byrnes and some others who were born at or lived at the Seminary, knew her from little on and were touched by her birthday card and the \$10 bill she enclosed in it each year.

Last night I talked with Ernie about what I was planning to say today and asked him what he had to say about Sarah. He summed it up well: Sarah loved everybody and was always reaching out. She was concerned about everybody.... She was "Granny Sarah."

Therese Stewart ❖

Sarah was, and is, a dear friend of mine. We met in Chicago in 1969 or thereabouts. I was in Chicago for True Father's Day of Hope speech. I remember going shopping with Sarah—the neighborhood was busy and traffic heavy but to my surprise we had no trouble finding a parking space. When this happened at two more stores, I remarked to Sarah, "This is amazing!" and she replied, "Oh, not for me. This happens to me all the time." And then she told me about her relationship with the spiritual world. At some time her mother became very ill and in danger of dying. Sarah heard a voice say, "Don't worry—

On Sarah's Seung Hwa

One of our sisters' best
Sarah Witt is laid to rest.
But her spirit, strong and pure
Does not rest, as I am sure.

Will she witness with elation
To a Jewish congregation?
Will her lectures, here and there
Broadcast through celestial air?

Sarah lived and loved us well
Where she went, I cannot tell;
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Part One

This month we begin a two-part article about the beliefs and practices of humanism. In my view, the differences between Christian denominations are relatively minor. The clash between Christianity and Islam is far more serious, but the two faiths have more in common than many people care to admit.

Even the yawning chasm between monotheism and paganism pales in comparison with one other cultural divide. In the future, the crucial debate will be between those who believe in God and those who oppose that belief. (I'll address paganism and the New Age movement in an upcoming article.)

The Divide

Marxism may have failed, but that was just one quirky version of atheist thought. In past UNews articles I have appealed to atheists, and mentioned humanism. This article is an appeal to card-carrying Humanists, plus information for believers who have encountered them, or soon will.

Why the concern? Humanists don't just privately doubt, or simply not believe. They actively denigrate the beliefs of others. They claim that the universe is entirely material, and that *any* belief in the spiritual or supernatural is at best a pleasant delusion, and at worst a dangerous fanaticism.

In practice, this opposition ranges from clear, logical arguments to childish, ignorant mockery. Increasingly, they are launching headline-making laws, new institutional policies, and significant court battles.

At times the clash has become quite personal. After the Sept. 11th tragedies, a humanist leader publicly complained of "all this talk about God and prayer." In recent years, Humanist leader Paul Kurtz and Christian author Timothy LaHaye have been slamming each other in their books—by name.

Basics

In the past, when faced with a big challenge, traditional leaders often responded by ignoring, or even trying to silence, their rivals. It's a cowardly and ultimately ineffective strategy. (Think: Galileo vs. the Inquisition.) Here, let's follow the analytical method used by our own VOC and CAUSA movements. But if I stoop to a few cheap shots, then so be it.

First, let's address the basic difference in worldviews. The two sides cannot even agree on what they can fairly discuss. Humanists always 'state their case' as a fundamental contrast between belief (blind faith) and reason (scientific evidence). The more charitable among them will say, "It's fine if *you* want to believe that," but with a pitying tone.

They will bristle, and go on the attack, if any believer claims to have evidence or logic to back him up. Believers know that's silly; that God made everything, including the world, our intelligent selves, and the scientific rules we study things by.

Humanists have complete confidence in 'reason' and 'science.' In most areas of life, this boils down to relying on themselves. But let's take them at their word.

Science itself has some limits.

For example, one cannot do experiments upon astronomical objects, nor observe the multi-million year process of evolution. In both cases we can only see the results, and that from a considerable distance. Scientists are unable to create life, much less intelligence. (These things may yet occur.)

There are also basic flaws in the scientific method. Gödel's Theorem states that mathematics cannot prove itself true; that one must always seek another, larger source of truth. Authors Jones and Wilson put it thusly: "In 1931, the Czech-born mathematician Kurt Gödel demonstrated that within any given branch of mathematics, there would always be some propositions that couldn't be proven either true or false using the rules and axioms of that mathematical branch itself. You might be able to prove every conceivable statement about numbers within a system by going outside the system in order to come up with new rules and axioms, but by doing so you'll only create a larger system with its own unprovable statements."

This concept was expanded by computing pioneer Alan Turing, with his famous Halting Problem. In essence, a computer *cannot* always know when a given problem is unsolvable, or when to stop trying to figure it out. A popular example involves a donkey caught between two identical piles of hay. Unable to decide which pile to approach, a literal-minded donkey would starve!

As with the Vulcans of popular fiction, logic cannot really give motive, much less meaning, to one's life.

Straw Men

Humanists rarely attack such beliefs

as the Buddha's Eightfold Path. They reserve their ire for Christianity, and do their best to shred the Bible and popular American beliefs.

There are endless 'proofs' for and against the existence of God, which alone would fill an entire bookshelf. However, few are convincing. In my opinion, no one has ever done it better than C.S. Lewis (in his *Mere Christianity*), and our own Principle of Creation.

Most humanists display a basic ignorance of theology. Most of their essays poke at concepts such as 'predetermination' and the 'existence of evil,' which theologians have already tackled. But if mainstream Christian doctrines are lacking, chances are that the Principle has already provided a decisive answer.

One tongue-in-cheek attack on the Biblical 'Noah's rainbow' story was especially silly. (It presumed that rainbows would not have existed before that time.) Rather than joining in a rich discussion, humanists are usually content to set up straw men.

Suggestions

I'd like to offer the humanists a few helpful suggestions. You see, despite some impressive scholarship, their organizations have a tiny membership. (Dare I say, a lack of converts?)

Surveys reveal that there are millions of non-religious Americans, and humanists wonder aloud why those people aren't flocking to their banner. With their vast self-assurance, and their multiple claims of superiority, it puzzles them to no end...

There may be several reasons for this lack. For starters, humanists preach a flexible 'ethics' carefully divorced from the Ten Commandments. They claim that "morality was hijacked by religion" at

some point in ancient history. Who had it before is not exactly made clear.

Some prominent humanists are homosexuals who, not satisfied with modern-day tolerance, seek to weaken and defeat traditional morality. Up to and including the very concept of right and wrong. Thus, it seems clear, to take pressure off their own lives, and to assuage any guilt they might now incur. This matters to people.

Normally, vigorous internal debate is healthy for organizations. The humanists have Nat Hentoff, an atheistic leftist, who makes some profound arguments in favor of prenatal life, and against abortion. (Read his columns on the subject.)

However, they also honor Prof. Peter Singer, who advocates the infanticide of "low quality" babies up to about a month old. Even for treatable conditions such as hemophilia! And who draws the line? That part looks good on paper, but fallible humans will always be making those decisions. Without a universal morality in effect, people understand that this 'line' would get pushed all over the place.



Seeing themselves as consisting *only* of bodies, humanists focus on theirs to excess. Who else, when holding scholarly conferences on varied subjects, always include workshops about sex? Apparently that's the utmost—if not the only—happiness they can find in life. Most people find that a pity.

Humanists, like most Americans, have strong opinions about politics. Because they're viscerally opposed to the so-called Religious Right, they've wed themselves to the political Left. Despite their brain power, they illogically support liberal politicians, including venal and demagogic ones. They even backed Al Gore, who (according to his own book) is of the anti-scientific Naturalist mold.


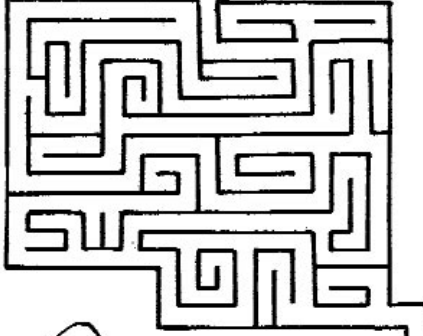

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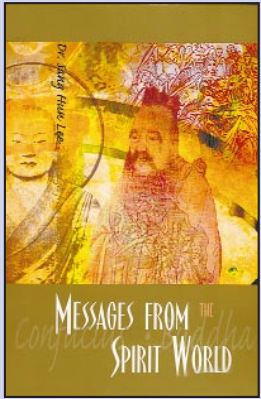
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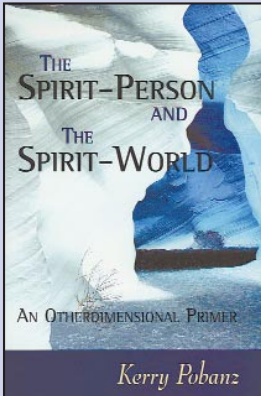
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