

## FFWPU and ACLC Women in Ministry celebrate "Lasting Peace by a United People" with Native America

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*ACLC meeting for lasting peace by a united people*

*True Mother's grace and love filled the hearts of the Native American people on June 13-15, 2014 in Concho, Oklahoma. Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, FFWPU, ACLC Women in Ministry and 39 Tribes also recently assembled at the Cheyenne National Capital for "Lasting Peace by a United People".*

Last year, the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) Women in Ministry (WIM) felt inspired by True Mother's call to do everything to bring True Parents' love to all the people of America. They decided to travel the path of the *Trail of Tears* on which many Native American tribes traveled as they were forced to move from their homes in the eastern U.S. to settle in Oklahoma. There are 39 Native-American tribes in Oklahoma who were forced to relocate there from various states from 1830 to 1892 because of policies set up by the U.S. government.



*Dr. Ki Hoon Kim with Cheyenne Arapaho Chief George Akeen and his granddaughter*

Last year in June 2013, eight women and one man of ACLC Women in Ministry, FFWPU, UPF and WFWP, drove the 1200-mile journey and stopped at the historic sites to pray for the release and liberation of the pain within the original people and to inspire all races to reconcile under True Parents' love.

Leaders of the Cherokee and Cheyenne people praised True Parents for their inspiration and support.



*Rev. Marilyn Kotulek, ACLC Co-Chair of Oklahoma with Dr. Ki Hoon Kim*

We are always amazed how God prepares the people ahead of time. Rev. John Copeland is a Cherokee leader and a Christian pastor who met True Parents through ACLC and the 50 state tour. Rev. Kotulek, a Cherokee minister, also met True Parents for the first time on the 50 state tour. Rev. George Akeen, now the supreme chief of the Cheyenne Arapaho people, is also a Methodist pastor who believes in, and deeply trusts, True Parents. Rev. Akeen and his wife were blessed in marriage by True Parents, along with Rev. Kotulek and her husband.



*Chief Akeen shares with ACLC pastors how the buffalo are so meaningful to the Cheyenne and Indian culture*

This year Rev. Akeen invited ACLC to join in the pow-wow that he hosts each year. He took us on a tour of Concho, the capital of the Cheyenne nation located 35 miles west of Oklahoma City, and showed us the buffalo of the Cheyenne Arapaho nation. We were fortunate because the buffalo had come by the fence to where we could see them. They are usually miles away and don't come to the area where they can be seen by car...but today somehow they came! Rev. Akeen shared that the buffalo had almost become extinct for their tribe – until a Christian man who was traveling through the area heard about it and gave them 10 buffalo. Now they have cultivated and grown the herd to 2,750 head of buffalo. This year 38 calves were born! The buffalo are sacred and deeply meaningful to the Cheyenne people as they are the provider of food and clothing.

### **39 Tribes Assembled at the Cheyenne Capital**



On Saturday, June 14th, the ACLC had its regular prayer breakfast. Clergy from around the country were inspired to attend.

Rev. William Allen of Corinthian Baptist Church in Memphis came. He is of the Choctaw tribe whose great-grandfather died on the *Trail of Tears*. Also in attendance were Rev. Casandra Buchanan (who has oversight of 20 small home ministries in Los Angeles), Dr. Gilda Price (Brooklyn Christian Center, New York City), Rev. John Copeland (Baptist pastor from Oklahoma) and Rev. Beverly Thompson (co-chair of ACLC in Nebraska). All came on their own to support this memorial and ACLC meetings.

### At the Prayer Breakfast



*(From l to r): Recognized Trail of Tears leaders and recipients of the Trail of Tears Memorial Album, Rev. William Allen, Choctaw (Memphis, Tennessee), Rev. Marilyn Kotulek, Cherokee (Oklahoma), Rev. and Mrs. John Ngoren, ACLC Co-Chairs for Oklahoma, Chief and Mrs. George Akeen, Cheyenne (Oklahoma), Dr. Ki Hoon Kim (honored speaker), Dr. Michael and Minister Reiko Jenkins (FFWPU and ACLC leaders, respectively), Rev. Jun Orikasa (State Director of Family Church of Oklahoma) and Rev. John Jackson (District Pastor, Family Church of Texas District).*

Rev. Allen shared, “True Father and True Mother have taken down all barriers between the Indian people, the black people, and the white people“.



*Oklahoma State Representative Anastasia Pittman inspires the fellowship and testifies to her work with Rev. Kotulek (Rep. Pittman will be elected Senator in November. – prediction !)*

Rev. Kotulek shared that she met True Parents during the 50 state tour. She was preaching in a church in Oklahoma when one American sister walked in with several Japanese sisters. They invited her to True

Father's speech in Oklahoma City. From then on, Rev. Kotulek worked with ACLC as it grew and grew. In 2002, she and her husband participated in the 144,000-couple Holy Marriage Blessing. For many years, Rev. Kotulek was very supportive but not a total believer. As a Christian pastor, she was very cautious; however, through the 172 Clergy Registration and as citizens of "Cheon Il Guk" (Korean for the "Kingdom of Heaven on Earth") she came to understand and trust True Father and Mother and their Biblical teaching. In essence she was moved by the Holy Spirit and became a great educator/pastor of the ACLC. Because True Father asked that we educate 13,000 people in 2012, she became a lecturer and has been teaching the Divine Principle.

Rev. Akeen shared how much he misses Father Moon. He shared about how he went driving with True Father in Oklahoma and True Father said, "Let's go fishing in the lake here". Rev. Akeen shared that Father Moon "knows my people and he knows that God is in the creation". He also shared that to become a chief, many men are selected when they are younger and are given a knife, a rope, and a flint that makes sparks to start a fire. He had to go into the Black Mountains of Arizona where he had to survive one year. The Black Mountains of northwest Arizona form the north-south border of southwest Mohave County. He shared that all forms of weather had to be endured from the searing heat to the freezing cold.

He shared that many good men went and never returned as they died in the harsh winter on the mountain. The first night he was so scared – he prayed so strongly for God to guide him – and said "Dear God, I can't do this on my own. Please show me how to survive or I will die here". The next morning, the sun rose as the cave was facing the east and the sun gave him hope that God was with him. Then he prayed again to God, "God, please show me the way". Then he heard a large animal crying out and roaring loudly. He was scared, but the animal kept making a terrible sound and he felt he had to go investigate. He walked down a ways and he was so shocked to see a giant elk with his horns caught in a tree so that it couldn't escape. Rev. Akeen knew that God had given him this elk. With the meat from the elk he could live for many months and also have skin and other things to survive. He made it for 365 days, and on that basis, he could be considered to be chief.

Two years ago, after Rev. Akeen's multiple visits with True Father and True Mother and after he went to Israel many times with ACLC, there was a vote of 764 elders for Rev. Akeen to become their chief. He felt this was a blessing that resulted from working with True Parents.

Rev. John Copeland, who is a direct descendant of John Ross, the first chief of the Cherokee tribe, also shared about how he was so touched by True Parent's teaching on the unity of Christianity. Then he showed his ring, as he and his wife were participants in the 60-couple Holy Marriage Blessing that True Parents held after the 50 state tour.

### **An Evening of Fellowship**

The night before the clergy breakfast with Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, Rev. Marilyn Kotulek invited 25 clergy and church members to her home. In attendance was Rep. Anastasia Pitman, the Oklahoma state representative. She was so excited about what ACLC has done and has connected with Rev. Kotulek, not only for Oklahoma, but also for world peace through the Middle East Peace Initiative. She is now running for the Oklahoma Senate, as she just won the endorsement of the Democratic Party in the primary elections and will most likely win in November.



*Pastors join with Kids Against Hunger to promote the role of youth to serve humanity*



### **Marshall and Sherry Horn, *Kids Against Hunger***

Mr. John Danner, who works with former US President Bush's Points of Light Foundation, also came with two Christian leaders, Marshall and Sherry Horn, who run a famous program called *Kids Against Hunger*. They come to Washington D.C. every year and inspire major corporations who donate millions of pounds of food that are assembled together by youth inspired by their ministry to help end hunger. "Kids against Hunger" assemble the massive amounts of food into a package that can provide a family a week's worth of meals. They travel to different countries throughout the world with efforts to end hunger. In 2013 they served 300,000 meals in Washington D.C. and had a rally of 20,000 in the D.C. Convention Center.

### **Breakfast with Dr. Ki Hoon Kim and the ACLC Clergy**



*Dr. Kim shares with the clergy about the work of Mother Moon*

A beautiful breakfast was held with the ACLC Clergy just before the Sunday service in Concho, Oklahoma. It was a good chance for everyone to hear directly about the way True Mother is guiding us. Also, each pastor shared how they were moved by True Parents' love for all people and that this work with the 39 Tribes is surely bringing healing to the Native communities.



*Rev. Allen and each pastor shared*





*Rev. Beverly Thompson testifies to the power of faith and how Jesus teaching of love for all people is being practiced by ACLC*

### **Sunday Service at the Cheyenne National Capital in Concho, Oklahoma**

The ACLC Women in Ministry worked together with Chief George Akeen and Mrs. Akeen to have 39 tribes come together for this 39-tribe pow-wow. Rev. Akeen invited Dr. Ki Hoon Kim to give the Sunday message. Local Unificationists were there as well as the members of Chief Akeen's tribe. Also in attendance were Mr. John Danner and Marshall Horn and Shelly Horn from *Kids Against Hunger*.



*Chief Akeen shares his love for True Parents – the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, and welcomes Dr. Ki Hoon Kim*

Chief George Akeen spoke saying, “We are so grateful for Dr. Kim coming and representing True Parents”. He also shared that though there is a sad history of the relationship between the U.S. government and the Native America Tribes in which every treaty was broken over 185 years. “As a Christian with the love of Jesus, I have learned to forgive.” He said, “I miss Father so much. I sure miss Father Moon”. Rev. Akeen shared the same sentiments at the ACLC prayer breakfast the day before. He said that our visit really brought a blessing to him and his people.

Dr. Kim's message was very clear; he quoted Matthew 4:17, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”. He stated how True Mother is teaching us that we are in the era of “Cheon Il Guk” (God's Heavenly Kingdom) and we must truly not just believe in but also achieve the Kingdom. The most essential aspect of God's Kingdom that Dr. Kim shared at this event, was that before Father Moon got off the airplane on his first trip to America, he prayed for the Native American people.





*Dr. Kim gives a powerful message on the work of True Mother to rapidly expand True Father's Foundation for Unity and Peace*



*Rev. Beverly Thompson, co-chair of ACLC, Oklahoma, lifts our hearts with praise*



*Rev. Sandra Buchanan of ACLC, Louisiana, inspires all to come together*



*Minister Reiko Jenkins of ACLC Women in Ministry gives a presentation on the Trail of Tears journey that eight women of FFWPU, ACLC, UPF and WFWP did last year*



*Women Clergy of ACLC (l to r): Rev. Marilyn Kotulek (Cherokee, Oklahoma), Dr. Gilda Price (ACLC, New York), Rev. Sandra Buchana ACLC, Louisiana), Minister Reiko Jenkins (ACLC Women in Ministry), Rev. Beverly Thompson (ACLC, Oklahoma)*

Dr. Kim also shared about the ACLC Women in Ministry (WIM) conference in Jamestown and Norfolk, Virginia in 2007, how scholars and Native American leaders came together and were reconciled with white people who descended from the first European settlers. Dr. Kim inspired all to come together with True Mother to bring the reconciliation of all people with the power of true love.

### **The Blessing of Marriage and Families**

Then the pow-wow began and the drums began to beat. The pow-wow went from 3:00 pm to 2:00 am. In many ways, it is like a Korean village festival, the beautiful colors of their regalia looked in some ways like Korean traditional dress, the drums – like Korean drums and the dance – truly like Korean dance, especially the dance done by the women.





*The Procession - Mrs. Akeen leads the procession of the pow-wow*



*Mrs. Akeen and two other women participants in the pow-wow*



*Chief Akeen with Mr. John Danner who is Chairman of Native American Communications and a respected voice on Capitol Hill for Native American Economic Development*





*Rev. Marilyn Kotulek and her Husband Victor – host an evening fellowship giving testimony to their faith in God and how their marriage was blessed. Rev. Kotulek is a strong advocate for True Parent’s blessing of Marriage*



*John Danner introduces Ministers Marshall and Sherry Horn and their amazing “Kid’s Against Hunger” program*

This year, 39 tribes sent representatives to the pow-wow. Chief George Akeen introduced Dr. Kim and Dr. Jenkins for the Holy Wine ceremony, a ceremony with deep significance in committing to God’s side. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Soldier, Cherokee leaders from the Cherokee national capital of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where the *Trail of Tears* ended, stood together for the Holy Wine ceremony. All read the pledge to prepare for the blessing and all drank the holy wine. Native couples stood face-to-face and drank the holy wine. Rev. and Mrs. Akeen participated. A special prayer was given by Rev. Copeland for Cherokee leaders (which was a 60 couple blessing including prayer for his wife who is in the spirit world). He also offered a specific prayer for Cheyenne chief and Mrs. Akeen.

### **Miracle of White Buffalo**

Rev. Akeen spoke at the end and shared that a miracle happened as a result of Dr. Kim and the ACLC coming to Oklahoma.

A woman that had been looking for Rev. Akeen for two years was able to reach him right after the blessing ceremony. She told him, “I have four white buffalo that I want to send to you”. The white buffalo for the Native Americans is sacred and means the presence of God. For Christian Native American people, it means the return of Christ has occurred.



Chief and Mrs. Akeen had tears in their eyes when they shared the incredible blessing that ACLC had brought and Rev. Akeen concluded by saying, "Please tell Mother Moon, 'We feel True Father and True Mother are bringing healing love to our people.'"