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#### by Rev. Michael Jenkins

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r. Yang and I wish to sincerely thank all of our brothers and sisters, blessed families of all generations, and all of our Ambassadors for Peace and ACLC clergy for making the 12 City One Family Under God Tour a huge step forward. True Mother was very excited and pleased

with the overall tour. Hyun Jin Nim also saw tremendous development in the events and expressed that he sees America rising substantially through this tour as the Elder Son Nation. Dr. Yang just called me and said that Father was incredibly inspired by this tour and the unity of the ACLC clergy and Ambassadors for Peace as one movement for the Abel

UN. America is moving in God's direction. This tour



verified that we are rising up to a new level to fulfill the Elder Son Nation's role.

True Mother could feel things were different after the Los Angeles and San Francisco events. She felt so moved by the sincere efforts of the American movement and especially the District Directors and their members that she invited all National FFWPU leadership and District Directors and their wives to East Garden for a Thanksgiving Day celebration. She gave gifts to all. True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim gave so much love to America. We feel so inspired to move forward now. Each event was a step higher from the past. No event was a routine repeat of the past. So many



ways at this time. It is very clear that if you invite someone and give them God's words and love, they get tremendous support from their ancestors to attend. One leader commented that in the past there was a head wind against anyone trying to connect with God's providence centering on True Parents but now there is a tailwind! Once we make the connection, they are moved by heaven and earth to come.

This works on any and all levels. If you seek to bring the top leaders of society, we are living in a time when they will feel support and encouragement to come from their ancestors. Congressmen Nielson, Garcia, Fauntroy, and Hilliard all supported events across the country, as well as Ambassador Rita DiMartino. Thirty ambassadors to the United States came in Washington and a large of Ambassadors to the United Nations came to the New York event. (Thanks to Dr. Walsh, Dr. Betancourt, Ms. Tomiko Duggan, and Mr. Ricardo Desena).



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new guests came in each city, people who are respected leaders who can rise up to lead America toward the realization of peace in the world.

The spirit world is working in the most amazing



Letters came from governors, senators and congressmen as well as mayors of major cities. This was incredibly significant. Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl Champion Everson Walls and media professionals like Esther Davis (WFWP) and Senator Steen Miles all stood on the organizing committees to make this a great success. Also a special military chaplain traveled to the cities to give prayers and words of support. Our great clergy Bishop Stallings, Rev. Edwards, and Pastor Barrett did an incredible work traveling with Bishop Kim. Mrs. Ward went with Mother to all 12 cities, and outstanding Women's Federation leaders came in the evening and the morning Global Peace Festival discussions. True Mother proclaimed this tour a very significant success, and True Father called for the clergy to come to Korea to transfer this victosee **CELEBRATION** on page 4

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# **A Providential View of the Pacific** The United States and the Future Direction

#### by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

This is the speech given on the 12-City Tour.

t is truly a pleasure to be able to meet you here today. Together with my family, and on behalf of the seventy million people living on the Korean peninsula, my homeland, and all citizens of Cheon II Guk, I extend my heartfelt welcome to you all.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to the United States of America, and especially to its veterans, for the sacrifices you made during the Korean War, upholding the founding ideals of the United Nations and the noble cause of world peace. Knowing God's will, I convey my heartfelt gratitude.

Ladies and gentlemen, God's desire is to save humankind from evil and sin, and to actualize the ideal He envisioned for all that He created. From the viewpoint of God's providential plan, the Korean War was not a simple war involving one country. It was a historic, righteous war that played a decisive role in bringing God's providence to fruition. This understanding will become an important principle and tradition for the "Abel UN." Due to constraints of time, I cannot explain in detail today the profound providential plan God has had for my husband's mission and for the Korean peninsula. I will therefore speak about some aspects of God's providence dealing with the Pacific Rim Era that my husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, and I have recently announced.

Distinguished guests, my husband and I declared this year, 2007 (the seventh year of Cheon II Guk), a jubilee year in God's providence. God has greatly blessed this holy year. It is a jubilee year the likes of which God and humankind have never experienced in thousands of years of history.

God's heart has been in pain throughout history because humanity has been confined under Satan's dominion. Humanity had endured oppression under the sovereignty of evil throughout the "era before the coming of heaven." That time has finally come to an end! From this year on, the gates are opened wide to the revolutionary "era after the coming of heaven," ushering in the time of a new sovereignty of goodness in which humanity can serve and attend God as the Central Being.

Without your being aware of it, Heaven's providence has been expanding in extraordinary ways. Now Ambassadors for Peace in 185 nations, numbering in the tens of thousands, have received my husband's teachings and are working day and night in response to a special decree from God. Hence, today I would like to convey to you Heaven's message, which is entitled, "A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World." It is a declaration of God's plan for His dispensation and the direction humanity should take.

#### **The Progress of Human History**

If you carefully examine the progress of history, you will undoubtedly discover God's plan and sense His presence as He tirelessly worked behind the scenes. Consider the history of civilization, which began centering on four of the world's great rivers. We are familiar with the Egyptian civilization that flourished along the Nile River, the Mesopotamian civilization between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, the Harappan civilization on the Indus River, and early Chinese civilization around the Yellow River. The center of civilization shifted over time to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea where the Mediterranean peninsular civilizations flourished in Greece and Rome. History continued to progress and the European continental civilization emerged. This continental civilization in turn gave birth to an island civilization, Great Britain, which flourished in the Atlantic sphere. The British Empire, which dominated the seven seas and wielded its might as "the empire on which the sun never sets," passed its splendid culture on to North America. We know these facts from history.

Civilization on the North American continent raised the banner of democracy, which was rooted in Christianity. It bequeathed to the world the principles of freedom of religion and respect for equal human rights as it led the struggle against fascism and communism, which had established atheistic, evil sovereignties. Through the victories of the First and Second World Wars, and the third — the Cold War — it won victory over totalitarianism and communism.

However, that victory does not simply mean that America is great, and the development of human civilization did not stop there. Victory came because God had chosen and raised the United States of America as the Second Israel, in accordance with His providential plan, and had raised and trained the American people through Christianity. God worked through America to bring His providence to its present stage of fruition.

Ladies and gentlemen, the present time marks an important milestone in the development of civilization. Civiliza-

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- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984) Heung Jin Nim's Ascension (1984)
- 9 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
- 10 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)
- 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 Victory Over Communism (1968)
- **18** Ye Jin Nim's Birthday (12/11/60)
- 26 Shin Yul Nim's Birthday (12/19/92)
- 27 WCSF Blessing Ceremony (2001)
- 31 Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Yun Ah Nim's and Un Jin Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2006. Contact me if you come across any errors. (c) 1999-2004 Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

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# FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM Rim Era in Light of God's Will ion of the United Nations and the World

tion has completed a circuit of the entire simply the words of Rev. Moon. This is riers fallen people have created, includglobe and has now arrived on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. History's course has come to the point under God's providence where it must be concluded in the Pacific Rim region.

No force can stop God's providence now. Though there were both victories

and defeats during the course of indemnity under the evil sovereignty in the era before heaven, now nothing can prevent the rise of the Pacific Rim Era. Herein lies the special reason that Heaven declared this a jubilee year.

#### **Our Mission**, the Pacific **Rim Era**

The arrival of the Pacific Rim Era signifies many things. What do you think the world would have been like if Jesus had fulfilled the complete messianic mission during his lifetime on earth? Jesus came as the Savior and Messiah, to save all humankind. He did not come just to save the people of Israel, a small nation located on a corner of the Mediterranean Sea. At that time, Rome, based at the center of the Mediterranean, was the center of human civilization. Rome was ready to rule the seas. Heaven earnestly wished for Jesus to first teach and transform Rome and then rule over her. Heaven was eager for a civilization that could bring salvation to all humanity by employing Rome's strength. Yet, Jesus was cruelly put to death on the cross, as we know all too well through the biblical record.

After thousands of years of preparation, God finally was able to send Jesus to the earth as His only son. There is no way to fathom God's heart as He anxiously watched Jesus' each and every action. Jesus' death was a tragedy that broke God's heart. It brought Him anguish even more extreme than the time when Adam and Eve, whom He created as the first ancestors of humankind, were lost from the Garden of Eden due to the Fall.

During the two thousand years since the cross, God, in the background of history, has walked a suffering path that is beyond human imagination. Through this course, He prepared the United States of America to serve as the nation of the Second Israel. As a Christian nation that includes Catholicism and Protestantism as well as the Orthodox world, the United States' mission is to bring harmony and unity to Christianity as soon as possible, and, in the twenty-first century, to fulfill the responsibility that had been the Roman Empire's, but which was not realized in Jesus' time. On America's shoulders rests the responsibility, within God's providence, to bring harmony and oneness among the world's 6.5 billion people and to expedite the creation of a peaceful, ideal world. These are not

Heaven's decree. Then how can we unify Christianity?

God has already revealed the solution through my husband and me, the True Parents of humankind. God has given us the supreme command to practice a life of true love, to understand complete-

ing national boundaries and the barriers of race and even religion.

The main attributes of God's absolutely true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Therefore, whoever practices true love will live with God, share His happiness, and enjoy the right

God.

You should form families that God will miss and yearn to return to after He has been away. You should raise families to which He can come freely as a parent visiting His children. This is what it means to live in service to God.

In such a family, God is the subject partner of your conscience,



acting vertically. Following God as your vertical subject partner, your mind stands in the position of the vertical subject partner of your body, bringing your mind and body into unity. Then we can perfect the four realms of love and heart: parental love, conjugal love, children's love, and siblings' love. In this way, the family connects above and below, front and rear, and left and right and thus revolves in a spherical motion. This leads to God's everlasting, model ideal families and nations, and His peace kingdom. If only the entire world

were filled with such true families! It would be an orderly world where people governed themselves by the heavenly way and heavenly laws, with no need for lawyers, prosecutors or even judges.

#### The Future of Humankind

Among the 6.5 billion people on the earth today, almost five billion are our neighbors, relatives, and brothers and sisters belonging to the Pacific Rim region. In other words, many of our fellow human beings share

the same root as the sphere of the Mongolian peoples. There is nothing we cannot do if we receive the Marriage Blessing and pull together centering on God's ideal for peace! The future of humanity is in our hands.

God's providence has now spread from the North American continent and blossomed in the island civilization of Japan, which is in a position similar to that previously held by Great Britain, but on the other side of the world. It is now about to fulfill its destiny by reaching fruition on the Korean peninsula, the homeland of the True Parents who have emerged on the earth as the Savior of humanity and the returning Messiah. The Korean peninsula stands in a position similar to that of Rome in Jesus' time. The current conflict on the Korean peninsula transcends religion and politics, which have the mission of resolving the world's problems. From a geo-political point of view, the Korean peninsula persists as an arena of most intense confrontation despite the ongoing efforts on the part of all to secure peace.

ly the reality of the spirit world to which we go after we die, and to establish a model, ideal family — a true family.

Then what kind of love is true love? And what kind of family is a true familv?

#### **True Love and True Family**

God's absolute true love does not instill a desire to have one's partner exist for one's own sake. Rather, true love's essence is giving, living for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, such as that of a devoted son who finds his greatest satisfaction through dedicating himself with all of his body and mind to helping his parents. When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, continually increasing in the joy of each other's company. The attraction of true love brings all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissolve the barto participate as an equal in His work. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute precondition for entering the kingdom of heaven. This is the new way of life in a family where its members live peacefully centering on God. It is the ideal model of peace for all creation.

The path is now wide open for humanity to establish true families. God's true family establishes the pattern for people to live for the sake of others. The warm environment of oneness based on true love and respect between true parents and true children, mutual fidelity and true love between true husband and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings is the manifestation of the model, true family. This means that you need to establish a true family wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love. In this manner, the three generations of true grandparents, true parents, and true children should live together as one family and serve the eternal God. God desires to see such families, and it is your responsibility as tribal messiahs and Ambassadors for Peace to seek after and establish them — families of the kingdom of

The principles of restoration through indemnity make it inevitable that civilization will bear fruit in the Pacific Rim see 12-CITY SPEECH on page 4

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region, centered on the Korean peninsula. Fortunately, during the Korean War, the UN forces, led by the United States,

were mobilized to the peninsula. Yet, they did not recover the homeland and hometown of God's desire as they should have, according to God's will, and they left the job half done. As a result, global conflict and strife emerged, soon to be called the Cold War. During this period, the Korean people were deprived of their possessions and displaced, leading them to search for God.

In order to restore this through indemnity, Rev. Moon and I established the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). We then reorganized the Peace Kingdom Corps and Peace Kingdom Police Force, comprising the heavenly women who have received the Marriage Blessing, who love peace, and who are willing to serve and sacrifice for the work of the Universal Peace Federation. We have taken the lead in educating those involved with these organizations. These peace organizations stand in the forefront for actualizing a world of peace centering on God. They will create the peaceful, ideal world that God desires.

You may not be aware of this, but Rev. Moon has been assisting behind the scenes of the Six Party Talks currently being held for the sake of resolving the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula and rec-

onciling democratic nations with communist nations. He is presenting a solution based on the principles of peace and harmony rooted in the new "Way of the Heavenly Father."

At such intense times, what exactly should be the role of America and the United Nations? Hawaii in the Pacific and Norfolk on the Atlantic bridge East and West, link North and South, and represent the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and all the great oceans of the world. With the support and protection of the American continent, the Korean Peninsula

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ry to Korea and prepare for the next step in America. The Global Peace Festival was successfully introduced to all Districts of America, and the key leaders were able to have meaningful discussions with Hyun Jin Nim each morning. The vision of One Family Under God and bringing the world together through the Global Peace Festival next vear on every continent has crystal-

should become the homeland that protects and defends the Pacific Rim region by bringing together all the island nations of the Pacific. I say this because the future of humankind lies in the preservation of the Pacific Rim region centering on Korea, Japan and the Unit-

homeland and hometown. This year, in particular, a jubilee year in the providence, we again prayed in Hawaii as the first stop of a visit to America.

Ladies and gentlemen, I ask that you analyze the current state of affairs in the world closely. Although the days of com-

munism are gone, even now powerful nations such as China and Russia are constantly on the lookout for opportunities to pursue their own interests aggressively at the expense of the powerless and small island nations. No small island nation by itself can deal with these powerful nations and their economic, political or even military ambitions. They are so powerful that, if they wanted to, they could dominate any smaller nation in a single day, without shedding blood.

Only when peace and security are settled in the Pacific Rim can peace for all humankind be guaranteed. As I have mentioned, the small island nations by themselves cannot contend with the great tsunami of powerful nations moving into the region. The time has come, therefore, for all these small island nations in the Pacific Rim sphere to unite as one and build the homeland of the new civilization. The small island nations dispersed in both the northern and southern regions of the Pacific, on either side of the equator, as well as Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia. the Solomon Islands. Australia, New Zealand and other

countries, should become as one country, forming a union to sustain peace throughout the Pacific Rim civilization. This will secure peace and stability for all people.

What I am saying to you is that you have the responsibility to protect and save the oceanic realm, which is a lifeline upon which humanity's future depends, from the environmental destruction and conflicts that are worsening by the day, and to shield its natural resources for the sake of peace in the future.

#### **True Parents' Work for Peace**

Distinguished guests, my husband and I have surmounted and triumphed over a course of inexpressible suffering and tribulation. We have not lived for personal glory or comfort. Even as we walked a thorny path, on the thin line between life and death, we received Heaven's seal and were made fully aware of the destination of God's will. Thus, we held dearly to Heaven's command to bring salvation to humanity. Though beaten down many times, we rose up like the phoenix and continued our demanding work.

My husband, Rev. Moon, has come to be recognized by leaders of religion, academia, politics and other fields, both here in America and throughout the world, as the champion in eight areas of spiritual knowledge and discipline.

The first has to do with his knowledge of God. Until now, God has been known only as an all-knowing and all-powerful being. People think God is sitting on the throne of honor and glory as the absolute Master, having nothing to do with the created world of all things. There is another side to this, however. From the time my husband first embarked on a journey to fulfill God's providential call, he came to know that the relationship between God and human beings was that of parent and child. He learned that God has been the Parent of pain, sorrow, and lamentation ever since He lost His first children, Adam and Eve.

Throughout his life, my husband has been doing his very best to dissolve God's pain and sorrow and bring liberation and total freedom to His heart. Finally, on January 13, 2001, through the Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship, he was able to restore His throne of glory and power and offer it to Him.

The second area has to do with the reality of Satan. Throughout history, human beings have not known the identity of the devil, Satan, who caused the human Fall, which led to all kinds of evil.

For fourteen years, Rev. Moon labored desperately to discover all the secrets of the spirit world through many bruising spiritual battles. Finally, he discovered the real identity of Satan, the origin of all evil. Taking one step further, he also

#### ily standing by her side. We cannot thank True Parents enough

ed States.

for their patient love for us, longing for us to raise America to be the shining example of God's vision for One Family Under God.

As we were well aware of Heaven's

plans for this region, my husband and I

invested thirty-three of the prime years

of our lives in the United States begin-

ning in the early 1970s, for the sake of

world peace. While on our way to meet

Kim Il Sung of North Korea in 1991, we

first visited Hawaii and prayed there, at

that critical moment, with the purpose

of bringing an end to the Cold War era.

On that victorious foundation we returned

to Korea, where we are working to com-

plete the providence of establishing God's

Thanks to all of our Blessed Families. Thanks to the American leaders who rose up to make True Parents proud of you. Dr. Yang and I and our national team are deeply pleased with this new spirit in America. We can and will fulfill Father's vision and direction for the Elder Son Nation!Thanks





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America.With True Parents' Love, 🛠

All this came about because our families in each District sacrificed themselves with sincere devotion. We want to thank all of you for fulfilling (or continuing to fulfill) your offerings. Your heart to fulfill the prayers, fasting, and sacrifices necessary made this tour very meaningful. We sincerely express gratitude. Because of this, True Mother cried in many events as she spoke of Father's suffering course. She felt she could express her internal heart and that America could receive it. America was deeply moved by True Mother's tears and the example of Hyun Jin Nim and her fam-



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uncovered Satan's strategy and tactics for multiplying his power.

After my husband discovered Satan's strategy of defiling the human blood lineage through the Fall, he became totally committed to restoring God's original blood lineage. The heavenly strategy developed for this purpose, and now widely known throughout the world, is the International and Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing movement.

The third area has to do with understanding of the human condition. Where are we human beings from, how should we live, and where should we go? Why are our minds and bodies fighting, and why do we struggle in conflict? What is the meaning of life and death? Does the world after death truly exist? If so, how should we live while we are on earth?

The answers to these questions and others are expounded in detail in the Principle of Creation that God revealed to my husband.

Rev. Moon has the intuitive ability to look into the hearts of men and women and predict their destiny. That is why many young people throughout the world come to him hoping to be matched with an ideal spouse.

The fourth area has to do with knowledge and understanding of the spirit world. The spirit world, the world after physical death, is a world that really exists, and to which all humans are bound to go as an extension of their earthly life. Human life is one continuous stream

from conception and life in the womb all the way to an eternal life, after physical death ends our earthly life.

When their physical life has ended, those who have received the Marriage Blessing, which eradicates the original sin and opens the way to spiritual perfection, go through the sacred ritual of Ascension. Thereupon they are welcomed and celebrated on their path to the heavenly realms, where they will enjoy eternal life.

We should understand clearly that the numerous saints and sages who have lived on earth throughout history are actually still living in the spirit world. They are assisting God's providence on the earth, having been reborn as absolute good spirits after receiving the Marriage Blessing from the True Parents.

Each moment in our earthly life is recorded in the spirit world exactly as it takes place. On the day when we cross over to the spirit world, our life's record will become the basis for judgment. That is why all human beings should practice a life of true love and sacrifice themselves for a greater cause. The fifth area has to do with knowledge of Jesus. My husband came to understand the terrible tragedy of the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus came as God's son. the Savior and Messiah, but he was rejected and opposed, even by the people whom God had prepared. It was God's will that Jesus, as the second Adam, should fulfill the model of a God-centered ideal family, and engraft all humankind to himself.

Bride to receive the Lord at his Second Coming. Therefore Christians in particular must comprehend the sorrowful heart of Jesus, who was driven to the cross, unable to fully unfold God's will for him.

Rev. Moon's teachings clearly explain the truth about Jesus' mission, the limitation of salvation through the cross, Today, Reverend Moon is declaring that it is time for all nations and religions to break down their barriers. Through this, the era of "One Family under God" will arrive and last forever.

God is leading history. With the help of heavenly fortune, under the auspices of the "Abel UN", we will now make rapid progress toward a world transcending



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and the reason and purpose for his return. The sixth area is in the knowledge of

the core contents of the Bible and other religious scriptures. These are books of revelation that enable human beings, trapped in ignorance after the Fall of the first human ancestors, to return to God.

Many of the important issues in scripture are described in metaphors and symbols. The meanings of these metaphors and symbols are to be fully revealed only by the Messiah sent by Heaven. Hence, Jesus was able to disclose the core contents and deep meaning of the Hebrew Scriptures.

In the same way, God's secrets regarding His providence of salvation, hidden throughout the Bible, are now being revealed by Rev. Moon's teachings. The Bible is a book of revelations that concealed the secrets of God's ideal for the creation, the Fall, and the path of restoration. The Divine Principle, revealed to Rev. Moon by God, lucidly answers all the questions that are raised in the varreligions and nations. It will be God's kingdom on earth, which in Korean we call Cheon Il Guk.

The eighth area concerns true family values. God's ideal of creation is to build God-centered true families. It is the goal of His salvation providence to restore the ideal of the true family, the ideal that Adam could not fulfill in his own family. In this way, it is to establish the foundation for the kingdom of Heaven on earth and in Heaven.

The Marriage Blessings, which comprise a movement that my husband and I have been leading, are not ordinary wedding ceremonies. They are sacred rituals through which to eradicate the original sin and engraft human beings to the true lineage of God.

True families are the wellspring and foundation of true love, true life and true lineage. Through true families the true nation, true world, and true kingdom can be built. Families centered on the True Parents can become the base for the perfected relationships within the Four Realms of Heart and the Three Kingships, and become the foundation for the kingdom of Heaven. On September 12, 2005, my husband and I founded the Universal Peace Federation. Then, in order to build "One Family under God" through the twin strategies of proclaiming God's Word and conducting the Marriage Blessing, we completed three world speaking tours with our children and our grandchildren. In this way we were able to successfully demonstrate three generations fulfilling the Marriage Blessing ideal within one family.

simultaneously throughout 190 nations. They represented their own nations by spreading the Peace Messages of the True Parents and sharing the Marriage Blessing. These tours helped spread true family values as the universal values of humankind that will establish a new Godcentered civilization.

My husband has become well known

as a champion in each of these eight areas. But we cannot complete this work by ourselves. The support of all humanity is urgently needed for everything to be fulfilled. With God's grace, we will soon win the victory!

These victories that we attained through blood, sweat and tears, and on the basis of the unity of the True Parents and all humankind, laid the foundation for a series of historic proclamations. First, in Jerusalem, in 2003, Rev. Moon and I had Jesus proclaimed as the King of kings before heaven and earth with the acknowledgement of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Following this, in 2004, Rev. Moon and I were acknowledged as the king and queen of peace in a United States Senate office building and then at the Korean National Assembly. Subsequently, in June 2006, we held the Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth.

Ladies and gentlemen, as we begin the twenty-first century, we find ourselves at a truly historic turning point. We are at a point of decision. Can everlasting world peace take root, or are we doomed to repeat the twentieth century's dark and oppressive history of war and conflict?

The twentieth century was a period of ceaseless struggle, including that of colonized countries to gain their independence, the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and the Cold War. Living through this era, Rev. Moon dedicated his life entirely to bringing about the kingdom of God, the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. He has always prayed sincerely that the United Nations, founded after the Second World War, would be an institution for peace, and that it would uphold God's will for the realization of eternal world peace.

The United Nations has indeed made important contributions to peace. Nevertheless, around its sixtieth anniversary in 2005 there was a broad consensus, both inside and outside the organization, that the UN had yet to discover the way to fulfill its founding purposes. The number of member states approaches two hundred, but the offices of these states do little more than represent and even insist on their own interests. They seem inherently unable to resolve conflicts and achieve peace. On September 12, 2005, we proclaimed throughout all of heaven and earth the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), which will enable God's providence to flourish. Now, it is possible for UPF to serve as an "Abel-type" counterpart to the UN in the era after the coming of heaven. It will renew the "Caintype" United Nations and lead the way for millions of Ambassadors for Peace throughout the world who have taken up Rev. Moon's teachings, the "Way of the Heavenly Father" - which consist of the principles of true love and the ideal of true family — and, without fail, fulfill the

Christianity became the foundation of Western civilization through Rome, and then became the nucleus of the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean civilizations. It has always stood in the position of the

ious scriptures.

The seventh area is in the knowledge and understanding of the goal of human history. History is not merely a record of events that take place by coincidence. It is flowing in a clear direction and with a clear purpose. It is a history of the providence for the re-creation of human beings' original state, through indemnity — a history of restoration for their salvation.

Because of this insight into the origin and direction of history, my husband was able to predict accurately the sudden end of communism and dialectical materialism, which he proclaimed in a speech at the 1985 Professors World Peace Academy conference in Geneva, Switzerland, a time when the Soviet Union was still at its peak.

Afterwards, 120 Christian representatives in America as well as 1,200 religious leaders and 12,000 Ambassadors for Peace from across the world traveled

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# **12 CITY NORTH AMERICAN SPEAKING TOUR**

#### by Rev. Timothy L. Henning

e made up our minds and hearts to show True Mother greater devotion and to realize an even greater response from the Ambassadors for Peace and ACLC clergy. It happened last night. It was great, almost two times the size of the events over the last six years. The spirit was absolutely beautiful and the very large ballroom at the Westin Bonaventure Los Angeles was filled to capacity.

One hundred and twenty dignitaries were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace. It was great.

Particularly moving was the way True Mother broke down in tears when reading about Father's course and how he is doing his best to comfort God. It was difficult for her to read. The audience started weeping. Then, as Mother cried, naturally the whole audience came to its feet, weeping and applauding for True Mother's courage and strength. They expressed, "True Mother, you are not alone. We are with you." Mother regained composure and then read on through.

Brothers and sisters, the hearts of the Ambassadors for Peace are being moved deeply. We sincerely thank Rev. Henning and the Los Angeles family for launching this tour in a most historic, beautiful and victorious way. All related organizations cooperated so well to bring such a beautiful spirit. It was just that it was overflowing -- the event had the magic that only comes from prayer, sacrifice, and sincere heart and love for the people. Congratulations, Los Angeles!

Here is what True Mother said: "Did you like the event last night? I want to sincerely thank you for your sincere

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Cheong Seong (devotion) that you gave for this big and historic event. That sincerity brought about the victory last night."

The City of Angels witnessed a truly wonderful event. The Global Peace Festival provided a kaleidoscope of speeches, music, and one very special and moving address by Dr. Hak Jan Han Moon, the True Mother of Humanity, a peace message heralding the dawn of the Pacific Rim era and the rise of a new civilization centered on the heart of God.

Before the event even started, an Ambassadors for Peace appointment ceremony and reception were held in the adjacent San Diego Ballroom. 120 new Ambassadors for Peace were appointJenkins and Dr. Yang, shared the vision and signed certificates with the appointees . Simultaneously, in the nearby fover

of the California Ballroom, an expo of peace organizations was taking place. It was like a convention center, with tables brimming with literature and color photos, videos, an amazing array from eighteen organizations. All this even before the main event set the stage for what was to become a most memorable and meaningful evening!

"One Voice" a second-generation choir from San Diego, led the way with a joyful and enthusiastic singing in



ed then, as Mr.Keith McCarthy, our local Secretary General of the Universal Peace Federation, together with Dr.

dom of heaven — the sacred reign of peace on earth — by recovering our ideal homeland and hometown, is being carried out anthusiastically in all car

carried out enthusiastically in all corners of the world. This is God's hope for engrafting the 6.5 billion people of the world to the lineage of the true tribe. At this very moment, people are competing to fulfill their responsibility to hold assemblies featuring the teachings of peace and the Marriage Blessing in twelve thousand locations in each of the 185 nations of the world.

#### The Coming Culture of Women

You have truly come to a meaningful occasion today. Please do not miss your

harmonic refrains. Looking as great as they sound in tuxedos and formal dresses, they created a procession of flags,

guidance of True Mother. They should fulfill their missions, taking the lead in pushing triumphantly through every obstacle to give birth to this new civilization that will transcend the Pacific Rim civilization. Please take this to heart.

On this meaningful occasion, please engrave this message on your hearts. The families of your good ancestors in heaven are already blessed. Numbering in the billions, they have come to the earth today, and they are listening to this message with you. This is because it is only through you, their descendants, that they can perfect themselves and advance to the positions of true parents, true teachers and true lords and ownbearing the flags of the 16 nations that defended Korea and also the Universal Peace Federation flag and the flag of the United Nations. A trumpet solo carried the tune of "America the Beautiful" in a very moving performance. Ambassador Phillip Sanchez, himself a veteran and a colonel with long and

distinguished military career, congratulated the veterans present and then led the entire audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Next the rocking sounds of the Power of Love Choir set the stage for some brief but deeply inspired preaching. Archbishop Stallings has earned a tremendous reputation in Los Angeles, and tonight he did not disap-

point. In just over 5 minutes he left the crowd astonished and moved—well aware of the kind of blessing from God they were in for this evening.

Father Mora, an Old Catholic priest from Mexico City who has helped initiate the "ACLC of Mexico" (Conferencia Interreligiousa de Mexico, CIM) said that the most uplifting part of his wonderful experience was hearing the vibrant enthusiasm of Dr. Hyun Jin Moon as he introduced True Mother. He felt that such a bright and hopeful time is really taking shape in the way Dr. Moon strongly and boldly carries forward the ministry of his parents.

True Mother's message, while always beautifully read, became especially moving and memorable tonight. There was one point, as she reflected on the suffering course involved in bringing salvation to America, when she was choking back tears; the whole audience, in total empathy, rose to their feet and showered her with applause. *see* LOS ANGELES on page 7

make them the guidelines for your life. These messages of peace are a summary of the teachings that can be found in the more than one thousand volumes of True Parents' speeches. God will stand at the forefront. The spirit world and the physical world will unite to protect and aid you in creating the peaceful, ideal world of God's desire in which you can enjoy eternal liberation and complete freedom.

Your families should now find their place in history by fulfilling their missions as members of the Peace Kingdom Corps and Peace Kingdom Police Force of the "Abel UN," which is advancing God's providence in the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven. History will forever remember you for leading a noble life of devotion to the well-being of humanity and world peace. True Parents are now developing globally the Peace Kingdom Corps and the Peace Kingdom Police Force, which they founded. Who, if not leaders such as you and your families, can stand in the forefront of these two organizations under the banner of UPF, the "Abel UN"? Again I sincerely wish that you will engrave on your hearts the words I have conveyed to you, and utilize them in educating your children, other young people, and the people of your nation. Aju! May God's blessings be with your families, your nations, the Pacific Rim region and the "Peace UN"! �

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heavenly will of creating "One Family under God."

#### The International and Crosscultural Marriage Blessing

Ladies and gentlemen, through the Cross-cultural Marriage Blessings that transcend religious denomination and nationality, the Universal Peace Federation will be in the vanguard of carrying out the great revolution of restoring the original lineage of humanity, hearkening back to Adam before the Fall. Some may laugh and say that this is impossible. Yet, where there is a will there is a way, especially if it is the will of God. Please think about this: what do you think will happen if people from the United States and Russia marry across the boundaries of their nationalities through International and Cross-cultural Marriage Blessings, according to the teachings of Rev. Moon, who does God's work on His behalf? The two nations will belong to one family under God, the eternal, absolute Lord of all Creation. How could anyone harbor antagonism toward, much less point weapons at. a nation that many millions of grandchildren from their own lineage make their home? You who have been called by God! The holy task of building the ideal king-

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chance to ride on the surging currents of heavenly fortune during this important and sacred jubilee year. Take the lead in protecting and developing the realm of the oceans, which cover seventy-five percent of the earth. Where else will you find undiscovered treasure-stores of natural resources that hold the promise to resuscitate the earth endangered by all kinds of pollution and resource depletion?

Now the oceanic era has begun. The oceanic era represents the universal era of women. The culture of the oceanic sphere constitutes the original women's culture, transcending all nations and spanning the seven seas. To create this culture, all women should unite in heart and make concerted action under the ers.

Furthermore, they must become one in heart and body with the True Parent, the King of kings. From the original position before the Fall, they must uphold the True Parents' standard absolutely, take an active role in carrying out their works, and be mobilized for the creation of the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven through a life of service and attendance. Please remember that the spirit world and the physical world are to unite in this way as one living entity, and move and breathe together.

There is one more special request I would like to ask of you today. Please immerse yourselves in the contents of the Peace Messages to the point where you know them virtually by heart, and

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## 2 CITY NORTH AMERICAN SPEAKING TOUR November 12, 2007

s Dr. Hyun Jin Moon put it in his address and introduction to True Mother, "A heavenly earthquake is about to hit the San Francisco Bay Area!" An excited and diverse crowd of 1,200 filled the beautiful Grand Ballroom at the Marriott San Francisco Airport Hotel Monday evening. People came by the busload from throughout the Bay Area and as far away as Sacramento, San Jose, and Reno, Nevada, to see and hear our True Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

Bishops, pastors, ministers, deacons, and congregation members from over 50 churches came, as well as 30 monks and members of the Purple Lotus Buddhist Temple in Union City, leaders and members of the Amidiyyah Muslims, and many more. This time 120 college-age youth leaders came to welcome True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim, and many of those were appointed as Youth Ambassadors for Peace. In all, over 200 new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed.

The afternoon began with a "Summit for Peace" conference that over 100 youth and senior Ambassadors for Peace and guests attended. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hagen organized the conference, with the help of a great team of brothers and sisters. Rev. Bento Leal gave the educational presentation on the Five Principles of Ambassadors for Peace. We heard from several local Ambassadors for Peace, and there were lively discussions among the participants about how we can work together to bring peace in our communities and in

our world. The preprogram began with a slide presentation titled "Youth Serving from the Community to the World," accompanied by our 2nd Generation band. This was followed by a moving tribute honoring our veterans on Veterans Day. Ambassador Phillip Sanchez and Captain Jim Herndon led the audience in the hon-

oring of the veterans on stage and in the audience, as the Boy Scout Troop 818 posted the colors on stage. Our preprogram MC's Jove Meyer and Meagan Simonds did an incredible job!

Next the Youth Ambassadors for Peace were recognized, and we gave

# SAN FRANCISCO, CA



thanks to the veterans, for it is their sacrifice for freedom and peace that has made it possible for this younger generation to work for peace. Rev. Jesse Edwards brought the Holy Spirit through his remarks and the program just continued to build momentum.

Rev. Jenkins took the stage for the main program and brought the Interreligious prayers of peace, featuring Archbishop Stallings, Dr. Hanif Koya (Amidiyyah Muslims) and Master Samantha Chou of the Purple Lotus Temple, accompanied on stage by a dozen of her monks. Dr. Amos Brown, pastor of the truly brought the spirit to a peak as he called for us to work for peace for all of God's children in a prophetic voice.

This truly set the stage for Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, who was electrifying in his emphatic call for "One Family Under God!" He testified so deeply to the work of his father and then introduced True Mother, to the standing ovation of everyone in the room. The spirit was so high and united as Mother came to the stage. She read God's message with such passion and beauty that many were moved to tears. Mother was so beautiful; she was the embodiment of true love and

> the image of peace. Mr. and Mrs. Jean-Jacques Vitrac were so moved by her speech as they prepared to present the flowers backstage to Mother and Hyun Jin Nim. A beautiful tro-

phy was presented to Mother by Bishop and Mrs. Andre Jackson , Ms. Wafaa Aboreshaad, and Mr. Dwight Sterling.

We thank all of our brothers and sisters who prayed and worked so hard to bring this victory and take our foundation to a new level; and all of our Ambassadors for Peace, clergy, interfaith leaders, women leaders, and youth leaders who joined together in welcoming True Parents and True Family and determined to join hands in truly building peace in our families, communities, and our world.

Aju and thank you, God and True Parents! ??Rev. Joshua Cotter

TESTIMONIES FROM GUESTS Amidiyyah Muslim: It was a beautiful, fantastic program!

Professor: The conference was wonderful and very educational, and I will definitely come back. I deeply respect Mother Moon for her leadership and her efforts for peace throughout the world.

Bishop: It was a wonderful program. I really enjoyed the talk on True Family Values and Mrs. Moon's speech. It was very family-oriented.

Deacon: It was a Holy Spirit filled program. I really enjoyed worshipping together. I am looking forward to building this One Family Under God together!

Service for Peace leader: It is very inspiring to be part of an international movement for peace. You don't often see people coming together to build peace centered on spirituality.

Minister: It was so inspiring and rejuvenating to see so many young people ready and willing to carry the torch of world peace on into the future! To God be the glory in the rebuilding of world peace and His Kingdom!

International gospel singer: I am so blessed to be here and to be a part of this! Glory be to God! This is a work of God and I want to be part of the national and the world tour. God bless Mother Moon!

UC Berkeley graduate student: I was deeply moved by the prayer of St. Francis, in both Dr. Brown's remarks and Dr. Hyun Jin Moon's remarks. I remembered that it was the understanding of the suffering heart of God that touched me so deeply about the Unification Church before. I was grateful to be there tonight.

San Francisco State University student: I was tearful and repentful; I felt Mother's beautiful, sincere and loving heart. I was also moved so deeply by the quality of Father Moon's life, and the 8 areas that he championed in his life. I was also moved to tears by the interreligious prayers and by the Ambassador for Peace conference.



3rd Baptist Church of San Francisco and ACLC co-chairman, gave powerful remarks for peace in our community and in the world and brought to the stage young Kofi Vordjogbe, a 14-yearold child prodigy from Ghana, who enthralled the audience with his original piano composition. Then Dr. Brown

we would see peace in action every-

deeply inspired by tonight's program

"It was so beautiful to witness the

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From that point, there was a special resonance between the speaker and the audience one rarely has a chance to witness.

One of the newly appointed Ambassadors for Peace, a television director and producer whose productions reach an audience of over 350 million people in 90 countries (OITN Network) said: "Tonight was one of the most magnificent nights for me, and I would like to thank you for giving me such a big gift as 'One Family Under God.'. That is a great message for all people. I can envision and wish that this message fly like a white dove of peace to the world and where! This is my wish and goal, such a respect and love for everyone!"

"Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon presented a clear vision of the emergence of a new spiritual civilization," wrote a Bahai Faith leader and chairman of an Interfaith Council. "Everyone can certainly benefit by hearing this message!" he concluded.

A Catholic priest and the principal of a school said, "The more we meet the better I feel. I hear in her message the commissioning to speak the truth, the Word of God. The attendance was wonderful and the program well organized. What a blessing to be a part of this Universal Peace Federation!"

The trumpet soloist told an old friend of his, Mr. Rick Joswick, that he was

and would very much like to start a thorough study of the "Divine Principle," message he's heard so much about.

Another guest reflected: "America is in terrible moral decay, and yet Rev. Moon is trying to give a message guiding us back to our original home with God. I like the cross-cultural and crossethnic aspect of this movement for peace."

"I enjoyed Mrs. Moon's heartfelt message. It was so different, so warm I wanted to cry," said another

A clergyman offered, "The event was simply divine! Well organized, informative, inclusive of all religions and cultures. Let's continue to grow developing spiritually, intellectually and practically in the 'way of the Heavenly Father." loving interaction between a true son and his mother. This was a demonstration of the heart that leads to everlasting peace through true love unity. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, True Mother, really lifted our hearts and gave us hope through her proclamation of the era of women's role in leadership to a world of peace and harmony through reconciliation of God's family," said Mrs. Norma Foster.

"El evento me gusto, estubo muy organzado y lindo. Felicidades. I was very impressed with all of the contributions of love presented here tonight," reflected another guest.

Thanks to all who made such a great and historical moment possible!  $\clubsuit$ 



he Chicago Event was beautiful - True Mother said "Let's Celebrate the Victory" The Chicago event of the 12-city tour once again shows that the foundation in America is expanding rapidly. Many prominent clergy who had not come before are now

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# November 14, 2007 CHICAGO, IL

appearing. As with the other cities on the tour, Chicago shined with so many new guests. However, there is also a feeling" that True Parents are leading

"the" movement to bring peace in America and throughout the world.

True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim are excited; this is the time of harvest.

Everyone who is a son or daughter of True Parents should reach out with a sincere heart to bring people to the movement of true love. One person came last night who had attended Father's speaking tour 33 years and 9 months ago. He could never forget that experience. No one knew he was there; his reflection came in on the reflection form everyone was asked to fill out. Finally now he has come to the movement for peace and true love. You never know what will happen when someone enters the atmosphere of true love. All who really love God sincerely should know and understand that the time of harvest has come Please take the extra steps to invite all that you love. In Seattle. door-to-door teams were created from our HDFC groups, and they went to amny fine neighbor-

appearing. As with the other cities on hoods. Many pepole came from that.

True Parents are here. People feel hope through True Mother's beautiful and most kind heart and love, and the words of life. They feel hope for the future when they see Hyun Jin Nim and feel the spirit leading us to the Global Peace Festival.

Reverend Fauntroy spoke last night; prominent ministers were amazed at his conviction that Father and Mother Moon have created a movement that succeeds what was sung by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when Reverend Fauntroy sang "The Impossible Dream". �



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## **Unification News**

November 16, 2007

**DALLAS, TX** 

#### NORTH **AMERICAN SPEAKING TOUR** Сіту

he Texas family went over the top of any event in the history of our movement in Texas. Over 1,000 came to hear the message of "One Family Under God". The movement is growing.

Noted Super Bowl Champion of the

and gave support for the UPF and the Global Peace Festival. Esther Davis and

Dallas Cowboys, Everson Walls, came Fred Jones did much to make it all come together.

Over 200 Youth and Collegiate Ambas-



by James Gavin and Carl Swearson

he ballroom at the Minneapois Convention Center was filled beyond capacity November 15 with over 700 people in attendance. As the guests filed in, the Golden Swans lifted the atmosphere with a smooth, polished blend of Gospel music.

When the Bethesda Missionary Baptist choir came up, not only the room became filled with beautiful harmony, but also the spirit in the whole room became much brighter and alive.

What made this gathering so special was the incredible diversity witnessed by all who came to the event. All races, cultures, and religions were represented. White, Black, Yellow, Jew, Muslim, Christian, American, Vietnamese, Hmong, Burmese, Somali and many others were part of the fast-moving program.

After serving the holy juice to bless the family, Reverend Jenkins went directly into the program. He asked Rev. Alphonse Reff to give the invocation. Jessie Edwards then spoke about calling out to God to bring this nation back to God.

Shane Kim, a performer with the St. Paul symphony and an accomplished violinist, captivated everyone there with his beautiful rendition of "Meditation."

When Continental UPF President, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, spoke next, the audience got a better understanding how God was using Rev. Sun Myung Moon to bring true peace the world. One participant reflected after the program, I felt this evening's proceedings were fast-paced with each speaker giving a unique message." Dr. Hyun Jin Moon gave a passionate testimony to the work of his father and mother, and helped those in attendance to appreciate the message so eloquently delivered by his mother. He spoke about his father coming to awaken the United States. "Reverend Moon came here to find the soul of America. and he stood as a lone Korean in the midst of Americans." Dr. Moon also reminded his audience that America has a destiny to fulfill with the living God. "Looking beyond the racial and

# November 15, 2007 **MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

that made this nation great." he said. true peace in the world." Dr. Hak J Han Moon was very beautiful as she delivered Reverend Moon's

At the conclusion, the former secre-

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om the Community

tary of state and the president of the Korean War Veterans presented a beautiful trophy with a crown to Mrs. Moon. Other special gifts were also presented to her and her son.

sadors for Peace were appointed. They

were led by Alex Buessing and Kayo.

Peace went all out for this event. Dr.

C.J. Phillips organized buses from many

Herndon, a U.S. Army Chaplain, and

churches.

The clergy and the Ambassadors for

We have gone to a new level. Rev.

It was beautiful. Ms. Dottie Peoples, a

True Mother was

The audience was entertained with spirit-filled Gospel music from the groups Excelsior, the Golden Swans, and the

Bethesda Missionary Baptist Choir. It was truly a memorable and joyful evening for all, an evening touched with God's love.

One participant maybe summed it up best: "This was a wonderful ceremony, of which I was privileged to be a part of, both in spirit and in body. I sincerely bless God, the Almighty Father for the special revelation He gave to Rev. Moon, who in turn, shared it with us. God bless the Universal Peace Federation!" 💠



religious divisions - that is the spirit K. Ward commented, "I believe everything that was said was the way to bring



peace message.

the speech, the attendees were so excited that they stayed long after Mrs. Moon left the building to talk about what she

had said. One guest said about the evening, "it was a very uplifting spiritual experience. I felt like

it was a holiday!" In total, 84 individuals were recognized as new Ambassadors for Peace and 7 pastors received the church flag of peace. Rev. G.

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December 2007

#### by Susan Nishio and Rev. Mike Lamson

FWPU members, ACLC pastors, Ambassadors for Peace, and friends joined forces over the last few weeks to support the Global Peace Festival 12city tour stop in Columbus, Ohi,o on November 17th. Saturday was our night,

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and everyone came to the Renaissance Hotel with high expectations and hope.

As the guests started arriving, Ohio's very own trio "Providence" welcomed them with beautifully arranged songs that set a good tone and clear, upbeat spirit. Rev. Josef Schrattenecker welcomed all the guests, along with Mussa Farah, who welcomed the Arabic community.

Preparation for this event combined the best of the past with the victorious spirit of Chun Il Guk. Numerous times in the midst of the campaign, we stood back in awe: We were having so much fun. At night,

tired and hungry, we'd come home and instead of sitting down to eat immediately, we would dance. Yes, old, beendoing-this-for-years-people, dancing, because the joy of the work went beyond words, beyond smiles. We felt ourselves coming alive. If the language of the past was tears, then the language of this campaign was laughter.

First of all, four cities sent representatives to work on the campaign: three first generation, and 6 second generation joined the well-trained Columbus

November 17, 2007 **COLUMBUS, OH** 

members. Burgi Hutcherson, North Carolina state leader, brought one minister to help with mobilization in response to Rev. Lamson's request for volunteers. Great things happened. We started out

Global Peace Vestipa One Family Under God Summit for Peace from the Community to the World

tickets as a fundraiser for them, and they later performed for us during our program.

New things happened. Melba Moore was well known in parts of our com-

munity, but more than that, she wanted to do this tour because she believed in the peace messages and True Parents. Its effect on our outreach was really significant. For the Ohio State campus, we developed a glossy postcard flyer and a banner more in tune with issues of the day that socially -minded students are concerned about. Graphics were delivered by a 15 year old. Louisville, Cleveland, Columbus, and

Indianapolis all contributed second generation to the mobilization team that took the large, hand-painted 6' x 4' banner our youth designed and went to Ohio State campus to "sound-off" for peace. They used four plastic trash cans as drums and invited others to join us in the drumming. It was cold, and the banner holders looked it, but by the end, we had delivered our message, handed out flyers, broken drum sticks, involved students, and did not want to

stop drumming when the time was finished.

The Columbus church members knew their areas of responsibility well and could accomplish pulling together the event without long hours of organizing. The outreach was able to meet and develop connections not just with new people but new organizations.

Melba Moore's performance was professional in every way, as one would expect. What was unexpected was that her music conveyed a depth of conviction and integrity that really lent a purposeful quality to the entertainment. God has great plans for Melba Moore and she as an Ambassador for Peace is ready to give all she has for the dream of One Family Under God.

What made this gathering so special was the incredible diversity witnessed by all who came to the event. All races, cultures and religions were represented.

After serving the holy juice to bless the family, Rev. Jenkins took the reins and the main program began. He asked Bishop Emma White to give the invocation. Jessie Edwards then spoke about calling out to God to bring this nation back to God.

New Ambassadors for Peace were recognized at the beginning of the program as names of all the newly appointed Ambassadors for Peace were scrolled on both screens. This event was celebrated with 372 new Ambassadors for Peace and Youth Ambassadors for Peace. Rev. Flores joined with Rev. Jenkins and Dr. Yang to present seven representative Ambassadors for Peace their see COLUMBUS on page 12

n Sunday afternoon, November 18th, True Mother was warmly welcomed to Atlanta by a host of dignitaries, including clergy, elected

officials, professors and heads of service organizations. One sitting state senator was so impressed by the dignity and significance of the event that he turned to one of the organizers, a former state senator, and asked, "Why aren't more elected officials here at this incredible program?"

The event began with songs of praise led by the New Life Assembly Praise Team. Rev. Mark Abernathy and his wife, Edna Abernathy are pastors of New Life Assembly in Snellville, Georgia.

The Mistress of Ceremonies, the Honorable Steen Miles, did a wonderful job of making all feel welcome and prepared us for a "life changing experience." Ms. Miles is an associate minister at Greenforest Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia and T.V. hostess of "Faith and the City Forum", a faithbased discussion of current events and public policy with guests of diverse faith traditions. She is also a former state senator. former candidate for Lieutenant Governor and former T.V. news reporter. Senator Miles helped produce an extraordinary radio ad inviting people to the event. In the ad she told thousands of listeners that as a news reporter for Channel 11 news, she had formed a negative opinion of Rev. Moon, but after having met him, she found him to be a man of integrity and vision.

# Atlanta, Ga



Rev. Tom Cutts, the Southeast District Director for the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and his wife, Mrs. Angelika Cutts, conducted the Holy Wine and Blessing Ceremony. Two couples, Pastor Mark Abernathy and Mrs. Edna Abernathy, and Elder Sammy Gilstrap and Mrs. Avis Gilstrap, came to the stage to represent all the couples in the audience.

Chief Apostle Willie R. Malcom offered the prayer of invocation. Earlier this summer, Apostle Malcom was elected the international head of his denomination, Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ. He is also one of the founding members of the American Clergy Leadership Conference of Georgia. The Honorable Earl Hilliard, former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, addressed the audience and spoke about the involvement of elected officials in the Universal Peace Federation, and the role they can play in establishing a world of peace. Congressman Hilliard had driven over to Atlanta from Birmingham. Alabama with his brother, John Hilliard. John Hilliard has also been a public servant, having served in the Alabama Senate.

al Chairman and National Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation. Dr. Michael W. Jenkins, National Chairman of UFP-USA spoke about the upcoming Global Peace Festival, and served as host for the remainder of the meeting. Dr. Chang Sik Yang, the Regional Chairman of UFP -North America discussed the mission of the True Parents and their 33 years of investment in America.

Four evangelists joined True Mother and her son, Hyun Jin Moon, on the tour, and all four spoke at the Atlanta program. Bishop Jesse Edwards, the pastor of the Pentecostals of Pennsylvania explained the purpose of the twelve-city tour and announced the upcoming Global Peace Festival planned for Washington, D.C. in the August, 2008.

Archbishop Georgia Augustus Stallings spoke powerfully of the anointed mission of the True Parents. He was so excited that he jumped down off the stage, and began walking on the tops of the backrests of the first four or five rows of the chairs.





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Greetings to all were extended by Commissioner A. Reginald Eaves, former Chairman of the Fulton County Commission, and former President of the National Association of County Commission Chairs. An explanation of the Ambassadors for Peace initiative was delivered by the Reverend Dr. Gloria Ward Wright. She is an ordained Elder of the A.M.E. Zion Church, and a member of the Board of Directors

We also had remarks from the Region-

Bishop Riah Abu ("Father") El-Assal, an Anglican Bishop from Jerusalem, Israel spoke about the Universal Peace Federation, and concluded that the fastest road to peace in Iraq and Iran is through peace in Israel. Rev. James T. Herndon is a Seventh Day Adventist minister, who is serving as an Air Force Chaplain in Seoul, Korea. Chaplain Herndon, representing Christianity, led the interfaith prayer at the end of the program.

During the interfaith praver. Minister Steven Muhammad of Atlanta represented the Islamic faith. Mr. Muhammad is see ATLANTA on page 12

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November 19, 2007

#### AMERICAN SPEAKING TOUR CITY ORTH

n Monday, November 19, 2007, the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel was alive with True Love. Our Nation's Capital welcomed the Global Peace Festival 12 City USA Peace Tour with a packed house.

The evening began with a highly informative forum on the Middle East Peace Initiative. Interfaith activities promoting peace in the Middle East sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) include more than 32 interreligious pilgrimages and fact-finding trips within the past 4 years! Over 120 newly appointed Ambassadors for Peace joined in discussions led by Mrs. Gail Paine, UPF Secretary General, of the Mid-Atlantic District.

Speakers included; Mr. William Selig, Deputy Director of the UPF's International Office of Government Relations and Pilgrimage Coordinator of UPF's Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) He along with his wife Mrs. Donna Selig have been part of the core team that has organized the MEPI World Peace Pilgrimages to the Holy Land. They were followed by an Ambassadors for Peace Delegation of MEPI Alumni; Mrs. Jan Du Plain, President, DuPlain enterprises, Interfaith Speakers Bureau and Mr. Dan Ammerman, Former State Department, Xebec Global Inc. The forum started of with about 70 participants and much to our surprise ended up with around 200 people! There was much more interest in MEPI than we had anticipated. The atmosphere was very comfortable and familial. The Selig's sharing was straight from the heart and it was obvious that the audience was moved by their presentations. To conclude, a Chief Representative of the League of Arab States to the United States was appointed as a new Ambassador for Peace. He was asked to speak briefly and he topped off the forum by saying that this appointment meant so much to him and he expressed his hopes for the coming Peace talks in Annapolis. The forum had been so heart to heart, and then he gave the substance, showing that we can have both the internal and external standards of faith leadership and diplomacy

As the crowd of new AFPs came up front for a photo together, the feeling was one of great hope as the AFP network is obviously expanding by leaps and bounds. Our forum participants then walked into the exciting atmosphere of the beautifully arrayed reception in the Ballroom. Displays were setup through the room highlighting the projects and organizations of many of the District's most active AFPs. Each of them had a thread of the vision for creating a world of peace through serving others. With each mobilization, we are able to really depend on the widening circle of District 1 Ambassadors for Peace, and this festival was accomplished by the Family Federation members and the Ambassadors for Peace working together. The AFPs are taking ownership, they are coming to know one another and they look forward to seeing each other at these events. The AFPs are realizing their identity as the next concentric circle of support around our True Parent's and their vision of peace. It is a circle of deep love based on camaraderie and

## WASHINGTON, DC a shared passion for peace. There was the sense as one walked into the ballroom, seeing all the Ambassadors for

Peace sharing their work and projects at the displays, that they are so proud to be part of the Peace Federation. All their individual dreams and efforts are becoming the grand

collective dream of "One

Family Under God.' At the conclusion of the gala reception, we were called to our seats by the joyous sounds of the Voices of Peace Choir made up of FFWPU members, and then the Tayitu Ethiopian Cultural Dance team. They performed a traditional dramatic dance and sang Salam, a song of peace. Originally, this song was recorded 25 years ago in the middle of fighting in Ethiopia by

Mr. Mahmoud Ahmed. Mr. Ahmed was also one of the newly appointed, Ambassadors for Peace tonight for his work on creating peace through music and cultural exchange.

The Psalms Ministry Chorale brought us up to the main program with a very professional, harmonic and high spirited musical offering.

Dr. Michael Jenkins called the program to order with an invocation from Rev. Edward Young, Pastor, Laurel Grove Baptist Church Fairfax, VA. The blessing of families was shared upon all led by Rev. and Mrs. Randall Francis, Director UPF-USA District One.

The first in a series of special remarks was offered by the Honorable Robert Garcia, US House of Representatives, South Bronx, NY 1978-1990. Congressman Garcia congratulated the Founders of UPF on the occasion of the 12 City Tour for Peace. He mentioned his recent visit to South Korea with, the United Nations Peace Keeping Forces Memorial Federation (UPKMF), founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon in support of the memory of, and gratitude to, the 16 nations that served during the Korean War. During that conference congressman Garcia brought his grandson

along to show him the nation in which he fought for freedom and peace in 1950's. He said. I wanted him to see the value of the sacrifice for such a cause. Keep the fight alive in all our generations. It is inspiring to see the young Dr. Moon taking up his father's role today.

demonstrative, so she had all stand and lead the audience in a heart felt rendition of "Let there be Peace on Earth"

After the event had finished, she said, "We can turn this ol' city around! My father used to tell me to work to make this city the city of light on a hill, and

my husband pushed me to move here and help my son when he became the Mayor of DC. All the children of DC need to hear this message. We have to save the children. Together we can turn things around. I'm going to take Mother Moon's Message home with me and study it in quiet. I will work with you until I drop to bring peace to our land."

Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Chairman UPF-North America, gave Welcoming remarks as a report of what the purpose of the tour has been. Archbishop Stallings keyed off of Dr. Yang and Mrs. Williams saying that we are the ones that need to take the steps in our lives to change this world. If Not us, Who? Let us join together and do it!

After a stirring video presentation about the formation of UPF and the founders lives of service to God and mankind, Dr, Jenkins introduced Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon. He lit up the audience with relevant stories of his life in America. "When the Moon family talked and discussed about the American Dream, we realized it was not about money, or positions, but about creating one nation under God"! "That has been the purpose of this nation". Now my

father, Rev. Moon is called by God to encourage us to realize "one Global Family Under God"! "This tour is like a prefect storm crossing the country in 11 days". Please listen with all your heart as my mother, the mother of 14 and the grandmother of 43 plus, pours her heart out to you with these words from heaven. "Let's work to realize the dream of God, together living as "One Family Under God!"

With this Dr. Moon held out his hands

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and welcome True Mother Mrs. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon to the center podium. She stood and took in the love from the crowded ballroom, gazing across the forty columns of attendees. The seats were filled with a diverse arry of people very international in scope with a large diplomatic presence from the embassies along with hundreds of Clergy and Ambassadors for Peace from all walks of life.

Mother Moon expressed deep gratitude to the Veterans for their

sacrifice for the nation of Korea and world peace. As she spoke, the audience followed along in deep contemplation. Applause broke out spontaneously and when Mother Moon put special emphasis or key parts of the message. By the conclusion the feeling was we had just taken a ride through the history of restoration and we were coming out victors for Heaven.

Beautiful Flower bouquets and gifts were presented on behalf of the entire group. Then 12 new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed. They included 5 current and former Ambassadors, Native American leaders, Ethiopian and Nepalese cultural icons, Military officers, and NGO Leaders. Also, 6 Outstanding clergy received the ACLC Family Church/Mosque/Temple of Peace Flags.

The Program concluded with a festival of music from Kenya, Nepal and USA. Dr. Thomas D. Tyler conducted the final song a special arrangement of "We are the World". The great hall again was filled with the joyous atmosphere of hope for true peace to come to all of God's Children as "One Global Family Under God". 🛠



Mrs. Virginia Williams, (Mother of the Year for the Washington Metro Area,) then warmed up the audience with her inspiring remarks on peace and her resounding support for UPF. She took welcoming Mother Moon very seriously since she feels responsible for Washington DC, and wanted the audience to be more

## Rev. Phillip Schanker's **Presentations**

or anyone interested, the Education Department of FFWPU-USA is making available Rev. Phillip Schanker's lecture presentations from the "Special Workshop for the New Beginning of Cheon Il Guk Blessed Families." These presentations will be available in two formats:

1. The Powerpoint Presentation File, which Rev. Schanker used to lecture, will be available on CD-ROM for \$12.00 This file is separated into three segments:

a. "The Results of the Fall & Separating Blessed Families from Satan"

b. "God's Grace & the New Beginning

"True Parent's Foundation for Cheon C. Il Guk and Amnesty for its Citizens"

for CIG Blessed Families

2. A DVD Recording of Rev. Schanker's presentations from the Washington, DC workshop will be available on DVD for \$15.00 This Recording will include the following presentations:

a. "The Results of the Fall & Separating Blessed Families from Satan"

b. "God's Grace & the New Beginning for CIG Blessed Families

c. "True Parent's Foundation for Cheon Il Guk and Amnesty for its Citizens"

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a member of the Nation of Islam. He and his wife, Margaret were selected by the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan as Regional Representatives for the Million Family March. Together they mobilized 50 buses from Atlanta for that event in Washington, D.C. Mr. Moses Abramson, and his wife, Mrs. Luka Abramson, from Haifa, Israel, represented the Jewish faith. Mr. Abramson is the brother-in-law of the Honorable Sharon Beasley Teague Elnamala. The State Representative and her husband, Farajo Elnamala are members of the invitational committee for the Atlanta program. These representatives of the Abrahamic family of faith simultaneously lit a three foot long Unity Candle, and each offered a prayer for all families and for the family of man.

Featured entertainment during the event was Atlanta's own gospel giant, La Shun Pace. She is one of the famous Pace Sisters who are well known throughout the state.

After the video presentation, "One Family Under God", Dr. Preston Moon, came to introduce his mother. He was struck by the holy atmosphere and referred to the audience as "this congregation." He noticed the wonderful diversity of the attendees and remarked that "our diversity should never be used to divide but should be celebrated.'

Mother Moon was radiant. The sister of Dr. H. G. McGhee, an ACLC pastor from New York, literally gasped when Mother Moon entered the stage. True Mother was perfectly dress, and Minster Steven Muhammad remarked that she represented the perfect world yet to come. When she began speaking, there was a hush in the audience, and all hung onto her every word. No one left the room until she had finished reading her speech. One State Senator had received several text messages

during program, and when it was suggested that he might want to leave, he said, "No, that would be impolite. And furthermore, I don't want to miss a single word."

Flowers were presented to Mother Moon by Imam Furgan Muhammad, and to Dr. Preston Moon by Princess Julia Horton. Imam Muhammad is the Imam of the Masjid Al'Muminum in Atlanta, and Princess Horton is the Shepherdess of the Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ Church in Marietta, Georgia.

A gift from the American Clergy Leadership Conference of Georgia was presented to True Mother by the Honorable Donzella James, former state senator and candidate for U.S. Congress, and by Bishop Sharron White.

After the keynote address, eight dignitaries were presented a National Level Ambassador for Peace recognition. The eight were Minister Sharrieff Muhammad, the Southeast Regional Representative of the Nation of Islam; Mayor Lee Swaney, of Clarkston, Georgia; Dr. Subash Razdan, the Chairman of the Gandhi Foundation, USA; Mr. Sang Chul Park, Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Federation of Korean Associations; the Honorable Emmanuel Jones, member of the Georgia Senate; Mr. Jean-Paul Samutu, the Founder and Director of Mizero ("Hope") Children of Rwanda, Africa; and the Venerable Khamla Xayasone, the Temple Master Wat Buddamoongeoon, in Riverdale, Georgia. A posthumous appointment was made to the Reverend John H. Cross. In 1964 he was the pastor of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. His was the pastor of the church that was bombed by racist bigots, killing four young girls. Instead of returning hate with hatred, Dr. Cross distinguished himself as the "Reconiliator" by trying to bring blacks and whites together. Rev. Cross went to his eternal reward on Thursday, November 15th, three days before the Atlanta event.

The program concluded in a celebration of music and dance. A troupe of young women dancers dressed in white, "Sista's in Action for Christ", performed a beautiful dance. They had come all the way from Athens, Georgia to perform. The King's Chapel A.M.E. Church Choir from Smyrna, Georgia performed two songs. The choir was directed by Pastor Larry Mack. La Shun Pace sang the concluding song.

#### **Testimonies from Guests**

Dr. Tanya Brown (Atlanta - Psychologist and Counselor)

"I was so impressed by Dr. Hyun Jin Moon. He has incredible language skills and he explained so well about Father Moon and Mother Moon."

Minister Steven Muhammad (Atlanta -Regional Director, Million Family March, Nation of Islam)

"Last night Minister Sharrieff Muhammad, the Southeast Regional Representative of the Nation of Islam, came with nearly 100 of his people. We were all impressed by how elegant Mother Moon was. She was dressed perfectly with emerald earrings, and designer dress which perfectly matched the décor of the stage and banner. And she spoke with such dignity. I saw in Mother Moon the reflection of the perfect world that is to come. Mother Moon spoke so sincerely. When she began to speak, the whole room of nearly 1,000 people got quiet. Everyone was hanging on every word. Her words went into the listener's heart."

Chief Apostle Willie Roy Malcom (Atlanta - Denominational Head of the Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ Church)

"I pray that God will let Rev. Moon live a long time. Father Moon, Mother Moon, and their children have suffered. I felt from Mother Moon's speech that she was asking "What can you do to help?" There is such passion in Rev. and Mrs. Moon. They have the kind of passion that prevents you from sleeping. Rev. Moon is so

giving. And he gives without asking anything in return. Most people give and say, 'now you have to join me.' But that is not like Rev. Moon."

A current elected official, Georgia

"Wow. I am so glad I came to see Mrs. Moon and her son, Hyun Jin Moon. I had seen a lot of negative things on the internet, but came anyway because of Senate Donzella James and Senator Steen Miles. Why aren't more politicians here. We need to promote this project across the country. I want to personally meet with Dr. Moon. I have three car dealerships, and recently bought a Hyundai dealership. During the meeting I was receiving text messages on my blackberry. A couple of hot deals came up, and the person next to me suggested that I leave. But I couldn't. I wanted to stay and hear everything."

Bishop Shirley Wright Cotton (Atlanta pastor of the Pentecostal Church of God -Fairburn Mission)

"My son and my secretary finally came to an event. I asked my son, Anthony, what he thought of Mrs. Moon and the event. He said, 'Mrs. Moon reminds me of you, Mom'. I told him, 'No, I am not that sweet.' He also said, 'I didn't know the meeting was going to be like that. It was wonderful. If something is spoken from the heart, it touches the heart. I felt Mrs. Moon."

Dr. H. G. McGhee, New York

"I got my blood sister to come to the Atlanta event. She had been so negative about Rev. Moon and the movement. When first called her, she said, 'Brother, if you keep moving with those Moon people, you are going to mess yourself up.' Then she hung up the phone, slamming it down. I called her back a little later, and finally, she agreed to come. She did come, and she brought a friend. My sister's reaction was to gasp. She couldn't believe how deep and of God this movement is. This taught me the lesson not let go, or ever give up on a person." 🛠

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framed certificates on the stage.

Through Dr. Yang's message, the audience caught a glimpse of how God is working through and with Rev. Sun Myung Moon to bring true peace to the world. Many participants shared that the message of "One Family Under God" touched them deeply.

Dr. Hyun Jin Moon gave a passionate testimony to the work of his father and mother and helped those in attendance to appreciate the message so eloquently delivered by his mother. He spoke about his father coming to awaken the United States. "Rev. Moon came here to find the soul of America, and he stood as a lone Korean in the midst of Americans." Dr. Moon also reminded his audience that America has a destiny to fulfill with the living God. "Looking beyond the racial and religious divisions - that is the spirit that made this nation great," he said. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon was very beautiful as she delivered the peace message. She was strong, loving, and articulate. She gave the peace message with passion and enthusiasm. Mrs. Moon embraced and lifted up the entire audience. One participant wrote, "I loved hearing what Mother Moon had to say. She called on all women to join her in this great effort. I believe that the world needs the heart of a mother to heal." The event came to a happy celebrative conclusion, with Melba Moore singing many songs and the excitement of the door-prize drawings.

A special thanks to Heavenly Father for His constant and never-wavering love, to True Parents for touching us so deeply and to Dr. Yang and Reverend Jenkins for all they did to help our event become so wonderful.

#### Testimonies

1. Pastor: "What a wonderful vision to be One Family Under God. This si what Jesus wanted when he praved: 'Father I pray for those you have given me that some day they will be one.' I thank God for using the True Parents to unite the families of all faiths in peace and harmony' 2. "I came to this event tonight because I am a lifetime supporter of world peace. I am leaving this event tonight with more inspiration and a new conviction that one person does make a difference. Peace begins in our hearts and transcends to all humanity. Not only were our spirits raised by the beautiful and talented Melba Moore, my life was changed."

gram was really fantastic, and the speech was awesome, as was everything about the program. My heart was deeply, deeply, moved."

5. "Mother Moon's speech about bringing peace to the world at this time really inspired me. She is a wonderful example of a mother both in her personal life and her professional life. She shows by example that a mother, a woman can set the tone for harmony. The patience, diplomacy, and love and nurturing exemplified in Mother bring harmony to discord."

6. Evangelist: "I was able to ork for the last week with a won derful group of volunteers inviting people to this event. It was a Holy Spirit experience. God is working with Father and Mother Moon, and their vision of one family under God is a vision which can bring unity to all people." 7. I was moved by the speakers at tonight's event. The central message that the family is the most important component to building peace was made crystal clear. I was asked to help promote the event and when I was told that 3,000 people needed to be mobilized in less than two weeks, I had many doubts. When I came to the event, however, the hall was packed,

and it truly was an event which drew on all races, cultures and religions. I have never seen this before.  $\clubsuit$ 



3. "From tonight's program I believe that we all have the opportunity to become peacemakers. If we work together, we can reach the goal."

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#### Сіту North **AMERICAN SPEAKING TOUR**

#### by Rev. Michael Jenkins

r. Yang and I wish to sincerely thank all of our brothers and sisters, blessed families of all generations and all of our Ambassadors for Peace and ACLC Clergy for making the 12 city One Family Under God Tour a huge step forward.

True Mother was very excited and pleased with the overall tour. Hyun Jin Nim also saw tremendous development in the events and expressed that he sees America rising substantially through this tour as the Elder Son Nation. Dr.

Yang just called me and said that Father was incredibly inspired by this tour and the unity of the Clergy and Ambassadors for Peace as one movement for the Abel UN. America is moving in God's direction. This tour verified that we are rising up to a new level to fulfill the Elder Son Nations' role.

True Mother could feel things were different after the LA and San Francisco events. She felt so moved by the sincere efforts of the American movement and especially the District Directors and their members that she invited all National FFWPU leadership and District Directors and their wives to East Garden for a Thanksgiving Day Celebration. She gave gifts to all. True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim gave so much love to America. We feel so inspired to move forward now. Each event was a step higher from the past. No event was a routine repeat of the past-so many new guests came in each city-people who are respected leaders who can rise up to lead America toward the realization of peace in the world.

The spirit world is working in the most amazing ways at this time. It is very clear that if you invite someone and give them God's words and love they get tremendous support from their ancestors to attend. One leader com-

he Massachusetts motto, "Spirt of America," was revitalized and renewed when Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her son, Hyun Jin Moon spoke before a crowd of 1,100 people at the famous John Hancock Hall in downtown Boston. Father Moon, spoke in the same hall in 1973 as part of a 21 City speaking tour.

The event was miraculous in that even though there were only 961 official confirmations, the hall was filled to capacity despite a snow storm that hit Northern New England earlier in the day, along with wet weather, and numerous accidents on the major highway leading into Boston. Despite long traffic delays, the hall was full as Dr. Moon walked onto stage. It was the highest number of people to attend one of our events in Boston since our first programs here in the early 1970's. Rev. Michael Jenkins began the program by introducing the Universal Peace Federation and the work of Rev. & Mrs. Moon. He mentioned this was the 10th city of a 12 city tour for Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. The Rev. Dr. Tina Saxon, the Youth and Education Director of the Church of the New Jerusalem gave a beautiful opening prayer for the program.

# November 21, 2007 NEW YORK, NY NEWARK, NJ

mented that in the past there was a United Nations came to the New York head wind against anyone trying to connect with God's providence centering on True Parents. Now there is a tailwind. Once we make the connection they are moved by heaven and

event. (Thanks to Dr. Walsh, Dr. Betancourt, Ms. Tomiko Duggan and Mr. Ricardo Desena). Letters came from Governors, Senators and Congressmen as well as Mayors of major cities. This



earth to come. This works on any and all levels. If you seek to bring the top leaders of society-we are living in a time when they will feel support and encouragement from their ancestors to come. Congressmen Nielson, Garcia, Fauntroy and Hilliard all supported events across the country as well as Ambassador Rita DiMartino. 30 Ambassadors to the U.S. came in Washington and a large of Ambassadors to the was incredibly significant. Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl Champion Everson Walls and Media Professionals like Esther Davis (WFWP) and Senator Steen Miles all stood on the organizing committees to make this a great success. Also a special military chaplain traveled to the cities to give prayers and words of support.

Our great clergy Bishop Stallings. Rev. Edwards and Pastor Barrett did

# November 20, 2007 **BOSTON, MA**

Dr. T.L. Barrett from the Church of God in Christ from Chicago spoke.

Ms. Melba Moore, a Tony Award winner, gospel singer excited the crowd when she sang the Black National Anthem.

Rev. Dr. Walter Fauntroy, a former Congressman, civil rights leader, and Pastor

alty, she was greeted by thunderous applause from the audience. The air in the auditorium was stilled as Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon began to read the Speech, A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will. Her sincerity to communicate this important message was

an incredible work traveling with Bishop Kim. Mrs. Ward went with Mother to all 12 cities and outstanding Women's Federation leaders came in the evening and the morning Global Peace Festival discussions. True Mother proclaimed this tour a very significant success and True Father called for the clergy to come to Korea to transfer this victory to Korea and prepare for the next step in America.

The Global Peace Festival was successfully introduced to all Districts of America and the key leaders were able to have meaningful discussions with Hyun Jin Nim each morning. The vision

of One Family Under God and bringing the world together through the Global Peace Festival next year on every continent has crystallized.

All this came about because our families in each District sacrificed themselves with sincere devotion. We want to thank all of you for fulfilling (or continuing to fulfill) your offerings. Your heart to fullfill the prayers, fasting and sacrifices necessary made this tour very meaningful. We sincerely express gratitude. Because of this True Mother cried in many events as she spoke of Father's suffering course. She felt she could express her internal heart and that America could receive it. America was deeply moved by True Mothers tears and the example of Hyun Jin Nim and her family standing by her side.

We cannot thank True Parents enough for their patient love for uslonging for us to raise America to be the shining example of God's vision for One Family Under God.

Thanks to all of our Blessed Families. Thanks to the American leaders who rose up to make True Parents proud of you. Dr. Yang and I and our national team are deeply pleased with this new "spirit" in America. We can and will fulfill Father's vision and direction for the Elder Son Nation.

the program, absorbing the depth of understanding revealed within the text. Participants nodded in agreement and broke into applause as Mrs. Moon proclaimed the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation and the central role it has in building One Family Under God.

After Mrs. Moon completed her message, she received a presentation of flowers as well as a reproduction of the Declaration of Independence. Rev. Jenkins remarked that the gift was appropriate since we had this celebration in a hall named after John Hancock whose signature is so prominent on this historic document. The fact that Boston was the birthplace of the American Revolution bodes well for Boston to take the leadership in ushering in a new age of One Family under God. The Universal Peace Federation appointed fifty three Ambassadors for Peace. Another three representatives were given the Church Peace Flags which could be hung in their churches symbolizing Peace on Earth through Ideal Families. The evening concluded in celebration and song led by Melba Moore. 💠

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fully testified to True Parents as the messengers for this age. He introduced Dr. Hyun Jin Moon who spoke of his Fathers life-long dedication and the vision and dream that he has carried throughout his entire life to realize One Family Under God. He went on to introduce his Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon acknowledging her many accomplishments but at the same time recognizing her greatest accomplishment is

being the Mother of 14 children and 43 grandchildren.

As Hyun Jin Moon welcomed his mother on stage with a heart of love and lov-

of the New Bethel Baptist Church power- evidenced in the clarity with which she



enunciated each word and the sincerity she invested in each sentence, sometimes pausing to wipe tears from her eyes. The audience following along read from









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# **Rally for the Cosmic Federation**

n October 14, 2007, the "Rally of the Cosmic Federation to Initiate the Liberation of God's Fatherland" was held to commemorate the victory of the establishment

of the Abel UN and the 57th anniversary of True Father's release from Heungnam labor camp in North Korea. The rally began at 13:00 p.m. and took place at the Asan Campus of Sun Moon University.

The event was organized and hosted by the Universal Peace Federation and Family Federation for Peace and Unification under the theme "The Complete Settlement of the New Divine Civilization and the Arrival of the Age of Absolute Peace." Blue skies blessed this day as 50,000 prominent figures, Ambassadors for Peace from all walks of life, and members of providential organizations gathered to culminate a series of rallies presided directly over by True Parents from October 6th to the 12th.

From 12:00 noon, a number of famous Korean performers and singers came to the stage to heat up the spirit. The official event began at 1:00 p.m. The emcee for this day was Rev. Sun Jo Hwang, president of FFWPU Korea. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Dow Soon Lym, chairman of the Unification Movement in Japan. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, chairman of the Universal Peace Federation, gave the welcoming remarks.

In his address Dr. Kwak explained: "Father Moon's life course has been intertwined with the United Nations. The United Nations was established as God's providential instrument in realizing humanity's hope, an everlasting world of peace, the peace kingdom centering on the returning lord and true parent." He asked all participants "to spread heaven's new message centering on the teachings for peace, the Pyeonghwa Hoongyeong, and giving the blessing to 120 families," and to "become courageous warriors for realizing an everlasting world of peace where no barriers exist between religion, race, ethnic groups, language and nationality True Parents were then introduced to the stage. True Father spoke on "A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World," the same speech he delivered at the launching of the Able UN on September 23. At the beginning of the speech True Father mentioned that his record for reading the entire speech was thirty-eight minutes but that it usually took more than an hour because he would add some explanations as he read the speech. In this

tone, Father began his speech.

In the midst of his speech, True Father asked how long he had been reading. Rev. Hwang replied, forty minutes. Saying that he had used up his time, he welcomed True Mother to the podium and had her read the remainder of his speech. True Mother elegantly yet powerfully delivered the speech.

At the end of the speech, a Korean representative and a representative from the International Leadership Conference came up and offered a flower bouquet to True Parents.

The event was closed with four cheers of eog-mansei, led by Dr. Chang Shik Yang, the regional president of North America.



**Leaders Rally for Restoring God's Homeland** 

uesday, October 30, 2007: 3,150 ambassadors for peace, national messiahs and their spouses, church leaders and their spouses, executives of the providential organizations and local hoondok church leaders gathered in the main hall of the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center.

There was nationwide interest for this event as True Parents had specifically called for this gathering. There were some concerns from the local church leaders as True Parents had mentioned that they would be educating the participants equally regardless of whether they were an ambassador for peace or a member. Amidst a colorful autumn landscape surrounding the training center in Cheongpyeong, the participants began to arrive. As if purified by the beautiful natural environment and spiritual atmosphere surrounding the training center, people had smiles on their faces as they greeted each other.

In a packed hall, True Parents entered the stage with a firm expression filled with confidence and determination. Father spoke for a lengthy four hours and showered the participants with words of guidance and blessings. He emphasized that "If Cain and Abel can be united, they can become like babies-babies who fervently seek God, their parent. Everyone loves babies." He explained in detail of the historical enmity and friction that existed between Cain and Abel, and that unless a source is established that could make us into babies whom God could conceive in his womb, we would have nothing to do with God regardless of any achievements or accomplishments we produce.

Father also emphasized that the most important providential task is in finding that origin that can

ed us, however, that mankind are decedents of a lineage centered on the body and that this is the reason for all the troubles that arouse. He asked the participants to create that source which can produce the eternal and original lineage. He reprimanded the ambassadors for peace saying that there were

many ambassadors for peace who still carried a lot of baggage. He warned them that they will end up in hell if they do not rid themselves of such baggage. Father was quite direct when speaking to the ambassadors for peace.

Yet, still he treated the ambassadors for peace as if they were his children, and as people who bore the fate of Korean on their shoulders. Though he harshly reprimanded these leaders they all listened to Father respectfully

Some of these ambassadors for peace were not used to sitting on the floor for long hours, which has become somewhat of a culture in our movement. Yet, none of them left their seats; they all focused on True Parents and

expressed their determination to fulfill their heavenly mission of restoring their nation by raising both hands and pledging before heaven--a sight that was quite impressive.

Mentioning the recent establishment of the Abel UN Father predicted that it would not be long before the world becomes one. He also challenged the par-

ticipants saying that they should first take a critical and objective



produce the original seed of a baby. He reiterated that humanity should have descended from a lineage centered on God and the mind. He remindMr. Gi Wan Lee, an ambassador for peace, gave his impressions of the gathering saying "They say that with every crisis lies an opportunity. Coming here made me realize that this is truly a time of hope and that now is the time for this nation to make great leaps towards becoming the center of this world by riding on the tides of heavenly fortune. It also gave me time to reflect on whether I should just submit myself to the current in history which is coming to a close or if I should entrust my life to the sun that is now rising in history. I am truly grateful for this educational opportunity that can now enable me to make the wise decisions at such crucial and transitional time in history.



### Light of Grace

Take pity, O Lord, on the Emperor penguins huddled in the eternal night of their Antarctic exile. 17



look at themselves if they wished to fully understand Rev. Moon. Father also stated that the Pyeonghwa Hoongyeong would become well-known throughout the world and become loved as the "Peace Bible" by the people of the world. He emphasized that we should all keep it as a guiding post in our lives. After True Father's speech,

After True Father's speech, there were a number of special lectures by the heads of the providential organizations. They further clarified and explained some of the important points Father talked about to help the ambassadors for peace better understand True Parents. Powerless except for their ability to endure the endless months when your furious winds mercilessly devour their dwindling body fat.

Lord, hear their silent prayers, grant them Amnesty; open a priceless door to Spring & teach them how to once again sing.

Lloyd Howell

## **Unification News**

# A Strategy for Hoon Dok Family Church

#### by Pastor Hiroshi & Kathleen Goto

orthern Virginia Church is made up of about 60 families that live in Fairfax Co, Arlington Co, Loudon Co. and Prince William Co., Virginia. Starting July 2003, under the former regional director Rev. In Hoi Lee, NOVA Family Church was organized as a local independent church.

According to what we studied, for a successful church growth model through small groups (or cell groups), one constant is a larger gathering (worship service) that is relevant and exciting to new small group members (members of the church). Accordingly, we determined to create a guest-friendly service, which can be an outreach service as well as an educational service for our own membership. We have been working to develop such an

effective church service for the last three years. At the same time, we are trying to move from a church with small groups to a Church of Small Groups. This is a church that is made up of small groups (HDFC) that are headed by tribal messiahs. In other words, small groups are the funnel for all activities rather than just one of the activities.

We have had some success in bringing new members with our guest-friendly Sunday Service during the last three

years (trials and errors). We had four members (three blessed and one is on the way) who joined in 2006. In 2007, we have an additional ten new members coming to Sunday service regularly. Out of the ten, two applied for the Blessing in August (did not get matched this time). One is a 25-year old young man who considers himself a member. One lady is a regular in one of my small groups (Japanese language group). Two people (husband and wife) were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace. One family (husband, wife and two teenage sons) will be educated and brought to the blessing. In the last case, both husband and wife are former members who decided to return after attending our Easter Service.

I have been using my small group to help new members to become deeply connected and develop strong conviction. Two of our group members are new members who joined in 2002 and 2005. Also, one member – a longtime UC member – had not come to church for at least the last 17-18 years. She, her husband and daughter came back last year after attending our Mother's Day service and have been attending church and our small group ever since. Her 16-year old daughter had never been to any Divine Principle workshop until this summer. She attended the Junior STF workshop – her first-ever DP workshop – and is now is on fire.

Besides membership development, I am honored to see that members have been maturing as committed members. For example, our offering has almost doubled since we began in 2003. More people are taking responsible positions. We have accomplished all of the

providential activities, although we don't focus on promoting them in our Sunday Service.. In May 2007, Northern Virginia Church, working with Ambassadors for Peace (AFP), brought more than 250 guests for Mother's speech event. Our AFP has been developing well. Also, on Easter this year, we had an outreach service with 250 people (50 guests). Last Sunday we had our first-ever marriage rededication during a celebration for Parents Day. Our Parents of the Year had never had a church wedding and asked us to marry them. We used our Blessing vows from Madison Square Garden Blessing. The lady, the mother of one of our new members, was in tears during the reading of the Blessing vows. One note: for many years, Rick Warren has been using this as a strategy for bringing new members through offering just such a rededication ceremony to couples.

ly since 2005. We had more groups that started but could not sustain meetings. With some progress through our Sunday Service strategy, I believe that we must now move forward with a focus on HDFC development.

In order to move forward with this goal, we need to reorganize and remove some obstructions preventing us from successfully transforming our community to a HDFC community. These challenges and obstructs are as follow:

1. Members do not have a lot of time to prepare for consistently high-quality meetings on a regular basis 2. Members do not have a good study curriculum to educate/lead members as well as guests.

3. Youth and young adults ministries were not aligned with church development plans, even though more couples with children/teenagers started to

attend Sunday service regularly Our actions during this summer to kick off our outreach and next-step implementation of HDFC starting September 2 (Our outreach service – outdoor)

#### Study

Consistent study materials matching the small group setting that can teach introductory Divine Principle. Several of us brainstormed how we can develop such materials. As a result, we decided to go

back in the past experience to move forward to the future. Around twenty years ago, True Father instructed us to use video-based Divine Principle lectures to educate and witness to people. We carried DP videos and video machines from door to door, since only a few households had video machines (it was a cutting-edge technology). Also, as I learned from the Saddleback Church,

Rev. Steve Gladden (pastor of small groups) and Rev. Rick Warren have said their success was based on implementing a video-based small-group education curriculum.

Rev. Randy Francis, Rev. Kevin McCarthy, Kathleen and I decided to make a video-based Divine Principle introduction for small groups. Format for the study booklet is based on a small-group video and study-book series from Saddleback. First, it incorporates ice-breaking questions based on the topic at hand

for group members to share feelings and connect together Then they turn on the video-based DP lecture (introductory in nature), which is a combination of graphics and voice-over. This is followed by discussion (discussion questions are presented in the booklet). Then, we close the meeting with a "next step" discussion (i.e., homework – application of what was learned). At the next session, we discuss the results of the homework. We see this material as giving practical life application of the Divine Principle, not just an intellectual study. The booklet is organized so that if the group leader can follow the outline, the small group meeting will be conducted effectively. In other words, the structure of the study booklet mirrors successful small group patterns used in other small-group curriculums.

We have completed the First Volume (Principle of Creation) and the Second Volume (Human Fall). By the end of August, we will have the third volume (Principle of Restoration – through Abraham) completed. The video for the first is almost ready. However, anyone can use the booklets we have now by going to the www.getreadynow.net website and playing the tutorial on the website for the corresponding DP chapter. The videos will pretty much be those tutorials in a DVD format.

#### Youth vision and goals

During this summer we have been reorganizing our church to respond to what God has been doing - to the type of people who have been coming and joining our local church. Many of them have young and/or teenage children. They are concerned about the American moral climate and seeking truths that can be applied to their own situations. Yet, in our local church, the youth/Sunday school have been operating apart from the pastor and core church structure. Thus, our youth group and Sunday school have been a kind a club for blessed children without proper guidance from the church structure. This is especially a problem when it comes to incorporating children of new members who are not 2nd Generation, which has been very difficult up until now. We have had AFPs who wanted to join, but their children didn't feel welcomed into the Sunday school atmosphere, so they didn't join our church yet. I am struggling to change and align our youth/collegeage people with our church vision and goals. A part of that, I realize, will be

> getting them on the bandwagon of small groups as well. We already have a small group of young blessed adults meeting to discuss the challenges of married life. I am very interested in how the Junior STF pipeline might fit into my plans for the younger kids. Right now, there is no preparation amongst the 2nd Generation for them to go to STF or the Blessing.

> Finally, this summer, I was able to align the leadership of the young people and youth. We are able to communicate and have an agreement that children of the

guests, AFP, and new members will be welcomed and guided by the core leaders of the youth and young adults. Our youth activities and Sunday service will be tools to bring and educate them. For example, there will be Sunday services (throughout the month of September) where the first and second generation will collaborate and work together to create more a robust outreach/guest-friendly service. Through this, all of our leadership (young and old) will focus on the same goals and objectives.

In conclusion, I believe that NOVA Family Church

New Truth in the Last Days My 36 Years in the Unification Church Shirley Stadelhofer, Doctor of Ministry will be better equipped and positioned to expand our church membership in the coming months. Also, with the new video-based DP small group study materials, we will encourage and empower more members to take responsibility to start/restart small groups. We have several members expressing their newly found excitement to create small groups and bring friends/neighbors to the group since they have seen the study booklet. As we determine to produce more study materials, I believe these new groups will continue to meet and multiply. We also look forward to collaborating with Naokemi and the new Junior STF pipeline project to retool our youth education. 🛠

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Beside my two groups, we have five groups that have met regular-



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## **Unification News Prayer Breakfast in Cleveland, Ohio**

by Bruce & Keiko Biddle

n October 13th we gathered at the Fairfax Place for our District 6 Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. This is a beautiful new retirement center established by a longtime supporter of our movement and Ambassador for Peace, Mrs. Ethel Pye. Currently her son is director of the center. Mrs. Pye, 90 years young, was with us for our spirited morning program.

After the invocation by Rev. Joel Lindstrom we started the delicious breakfast. Next, announcements were shared and our Second Gens sang "Higher Ground." Elder Edward Walton, who just returned from the Ocean City conference, was emcee this month. Evangelist Anita Wilkins, also returning the day before, gave us a beautiful and strong report from the conference and shared her realization about God and Divine Principle.

After a brief video presentation on Ambassadors for Peace, Elder Walton presented a powerful ACLC membership drive, stating the necessity of having this important

organization as he reminded us of the recent tragic high school shooting that happened in Cleveland.

The keynote speaker, Elder Kim Parker of Zion Pentecostal Church, gave a dynamic and heartfelt message emphasizing the importance of the family and repeated the motto of ACLC many times, encouraging all of us to go forward with faith, no matter what may come against us. It felt as if God were speaking directly to us through this high-spirited pastor. Uplifting closing remarks were given by Ambassador for Peace Rickey Barksdale, who just returned from the conference as well. He also shared a message from Dr.Thelma Johnson, our District 6 co-convenor. Three family church flags were presented. We ended with a fine benediction by Elder Parker.

Each prayer breakfast is unique. Every time we find that God is giving us a special message. This month, it was connected to the dining room at Fairfax Center. We originally reserved the small chapel meeting room in the building, which holds only 20-25 people. However, at the last moment, the large room upstairs became available and the staff set up for us there. The larger room holds about 100 people and is beautiful and bright. We had only 19 people this time; however, with our dynamic ACLC ministers who just came back so energized from the conference, the spirit opened up and became very high and it was as if many more people were with us. We're confident that many spirits were attending and were glad to have room for them all! Everyone felt the importance of going forward with faith and joy. A special thank-you goes to our Second Gens for their attendance and help with so many important tasks.  $\clubsuit$ 



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Teddy Verheven was sent as a lone missionary in 1965 from Los Angeles to Holland (his country of birth), by the leader of the Unified Family, Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

This writing not only explains the purification and develoment of the inner personality (moral and intellectual), but also the unfoldment of the innermost spark, by awakening and feeding the growing soul with the Love and Truth of God. For more detail, go to: "The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race" on AtlasBooks.com - "Category" Biblical Studies or Body, Mind, Spirit. See Summary and Testimony and click on "excerpt" for Foreward and 10 pages of Table of Contents.



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# Louisiana Prayer Breakfast at Mount Moriah

by Rev. Jean B. Kasongo

he Louisiana Amer-Ican Clergy Leadership Conference met Saturday, October 27, at Mt.Moriah Missionary Baptist Church at 10 a.m. sharp. After a short praise, prayer and welcome we had a delicious Southern breakfast prepared by four of our Japanese sisters- Mihoko, Shigeko, Izumi, and Michiko San.

By 10.30 we moved to the sanctuary for the main program. We opened in song and praise; we had two consecutive prayers by Rev. James and Imam Rafik. There was a brief review of last month's prayer breakfast in picture. Then came four different presenters with short comments on one point of the monthly theme "Resolving Resentment and Racism Through Repentance and Reconciliation" by Brother Mark Turegano, two of our young people, Yoshiko Miller and Elana Denham, and Rev. Elay Kasongo.

Your servant introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Mark Abernathy. He passionately advocated the need to tear down the walls as the son of a white preacher who was assaulted and beaten by the Ku-Klux-Klan as he brought 150 of his

black members from Southern California to Stone Mountain, Georgia. Rev. Abernathy shared about his ties with Louisiana through his mother. He also testified to the older members of the Unification movement who blazed the way for him and other clergy to come



and receive the fruits of the harvest. He was so effective in breaking down Father's vision for the clergy that he got Prophetess Floria Washington and her husband excited about the vision and work of the American Clergy Leadership Conference; Imam Rafik echoed

the same sentiments and wants to work closely with us in promoting peace in Louisiana. Apostle Ronnie Bailey came from La Fayette, a two-hour drive, to share his positive experience at the latest ACLC convocation in Ocean City, Maryland. We appointed three Ambas-

sadors for Peace and had four people ioin.

We want to thank Bishop Ki Hoon Kim for going the extra mile to help with Louisiana's first guest speaker since we re-started our program in June of this year. 💠

# **ACLC Breakfast held** in Austin, Tx



Minister Ethel Hayes truly blessed Austin Texas with her visit along with five Ministers from Gloryland Baptist and granddaughter Camri.

Wonderful entertainment was

tion that ACLC holds within American Christianity.

Anne-Marie Morgan introduced Sister Hayes, who opened with prayer and spoke with eloquence and a rich heart on the subject of being true to one's faith. Her talk. "It's Your Time to Make A Stand" was supported scripturally by Esther 4:14 "....and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" and by her own wealth of life experience. Sister Hayes wove these thoughts together to let Austin know that "you too might have been or soon may be "called" to make a stand in faith. Sister Hayes reflected how the comforts, perks and buffers of the corporate world are fleeting trifles, but the will of God remains forever, and in the meantime, He will provide for your "daily bread". From the scripture reading, we find that Esther's heart was pleasing to God. She had no foundation or prestige and yet her pure and filial heart shaped her quite,

simple and unnoticed life into the key instrument which God could use in those times, to liberate the Jewish people from the bondage of Persia. Esther made a difference through her stand of absolute faith, and likewise each of us may at any time be in the same position. The question is, what will be our response?

Inspiration, testimony and announcements were shared by Phyllis Clair (very inspired) of the Travis County Sheriff Dept., Lola Somemoto of Dallas Family Church, Elder Fenimore Johnson of Garden of Prayer in Austin, Mrs. Sun Russell (Korean) of New Life Pentecostal in Austin, Deacon Anderson of Greater St. John, and MarvAnn Davis. You could sense that though everyone has an agenda, and that we all came to meeting with priorities, but Sister Hayes message was clear, the stand of faith that God calls us to make, is rarely on man's agenda. �



in Sakurabana VT.



and ask for Takahashi if you are interested in learning to make sushi or are already a Sushi Chef

provided by Minister Glover, MinisterPam, granddaughter Camri, Pastor Jones and Deacon Anderson, Lola Somimoto and Frank Davis. After entertainment, the ACLC Statement of Purpose was read by Frank Davis and Ken offered welcoming remarks and a perspective on the value and posi-

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## WE HAVE THREE LOCATI

### One is in downtown Burlington (fine dining)

### Second location is in Williston (carry-out/to go, 6-7 tables)

### Third is in UVM (university's cafeteria; open during school days, **Monday through Friday)** Salaries are negotiable

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## IN MEMORIAM Christine Martinez

ur Beloved Sister Christine Martinez - made the transition to the spirit world. We are at a time when God's providence is so serious. Another outstanding blessed wife and mother went to the spirit world on Monday, November 12 in Denver Area. Her husband Guillermo is a fine member and they were blessed in the Madison Square Garden Blessing.

They have two sons. Benjamin and William. Benjamin (23) is blessed to Hwa Jong and they have a 9 month old 3rd generation child, Zoe. Zoe has been Christine's joy. William is 21. Guillermo and Christine are a very faithful and loving couple and always supported God's providence. Guillermo went to Israel with me twice and supported the work for peace. He worked for Master Marine and then moved to Denver. Christine had an accident where she slipped and fell into a bathtub of scalding water. She had extensive third degree burns, she managed to call 911 and she was transported to one of the top burn units of the nation. Later, she went into cardiac arrest. Hyun Jin Nim spoke with Guillermo and encouraged him that we prepare our whole life to go the spirit world and certainly Christine was prepared for such a time as this. He encouraged Guillermo to encourage his sons to live a righteous and holy life and that they build strong blessed families. Hyun Jin Nim told us afterward that all these fine members are going to spirit world at this time to set an enormous condition that the Elder Son Nation will break through now and that our movement flourish and grow massively so that America can be guided so as to lead the world to the Peace Kingdom.

## IN MEMORIAM Jack Jewel

ne of the finest members of our movement, Jack Jewel, passed suddenly to the spirit world the morning of True Children's Day. He was prayerfully preparing for the ceremony to open at 8 am. He became ill and was rushed to the hospital. Many testimonies are coming in about the character and outstanding attitude of faith and service to God and True Parents that Jack, his wife Kyoko and their children have

reach out to them and give them support. These kinds of trials are not easy to understand. Jack was profoundly balanced in his spiritual life and also an excellent businessman working one of the key companies connected to our movement. He had served many businesses run by members of our movement, he was always verticle, loving and absolutely ethical and principled. He was a Hoon Dok Family Church leader and teacher in New Jersey and his family were models of atten dance and support for the church and Sunday service. For many years they lived and worked in Chicago and were widely known as one of True Parents most loyal, faithful and loving families. It is a great loss to see Jack go at this time, however we cannot help but believe that this must be a special calling from God When Hyun Jin Nim got the news he called Kyoko san directly to give words of comfort. It was very beautiful. Kyoko san is demonstrating so much gratitude for True Parents, Hyun Jin and True Family and all the many things that family members have done to reach out at this time of great suffering and sacrifice.

Rev. Michael Jenkins �

exhibited as a blessed central family.

Father spoke later on True Children's Day in reference to Jack. He said that no one goes to the spirit world by chance. Many times God chooses the most pure people to go to the spirit world to work with God there. Father reminded us of Jesus. Many times the best become an offering for heaven. Father also mentioned that four of True Parents children went to the spirit world and he said that each and every one had a purpose and was called at a certain hour to go to the next world.

We prayed together with their daughters Nina, Motomi and Lumika (their son Seiya was flying back from the special second generation high school run by Jerry Tamayo). The shock and sadness is beyond words. We weep for this blessed family. They are standing with absolute faith and we ask that you

Rev. Michael Jenkins 🛠



Music Continues Forever

by M.J. Yasuko Tashiro/Bang

his year 2007 becomes the 21st year since I joined the Unification Church in 1986. The Unification Church, primarily a young people centered church, did not know what mission to give a 56 year old grandmother. Thank God that Mother knew. She decided that I was needed to teach the True Children music. This mission meant MUSIC CONTINUES FOREVER for me even though I left California and my dear family, my piano teaching and composing to become a missionary for God. The next 12 years were devoted to composing and publishing more than 350 piano solos for the children. Being inspired by Father's speeches, choral music based on Father's words became a necessary project of 13 songs, the last called Sun Myung Moon. On Father's 70th birthday, Mother asked that the Gina School do an operetta. Suddenly I heard that

Always life in our church holds surprises that may or may not be so positive. The seemingly negative challenged me to practice the Divine Prinposed a piano solo hoping to capture these same emotions written in the poem and put the words above the music to help those who performed it, to understand the promptly put his signature on as approval.

Finally I could not forget Mother and her complete devotion to Father and so I composed a song dedicated to her called, Mother's Heart.

The moment I believed so strongly to write these songs came about because of my feeling that True parents needed help to spread the Word from God. In gratitude I made my offering through music.

These 2 piano solos, Father (based

Mother expected me to compose music for Heung Boo and Nol Boo. These were all a part of the plan to keep me centered on music.

ciple spurring me on to greater dedication to express God's everlasting o v e 1 through musical compositions; thus, dispelling the negative. I was so moved by Father's poem called, Crown of Glory which he wrote when he was 16 years old. I com-

deep meaning. Then came the magnificent Kajong Mengsei which was Father's commandments to be recited. I will never forget how much I was supported by Spirit World as well as my Korean husband to complete these commandments 8 through music which Father

on Crown of Glory) and Mother's Heart and 5 other solos, are included in a CD called DAWN OF LOVE and can be ordered through cafepress.com/mjtmusic. The Kajong Mengsei and other choral performances can be ordered by e-mail: mjtmusic1@verizon.net. �

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**15th Anniversary of WFWP Celebrated in LA** 

by Joy Garratt, WFWP Southern California Chapter

n Sunday, October 21st, the Women's Federation for World Peace, USA, celebrated its fifteenth anniversary and also held a silent auction to benefit the Schools of Africa. The New Otani Hotel and Garden in the heart of downtown Los Angeles was the venue. Friends new and old reminisced and enjoyed each other's company as they listened to inspirational music and shared lunch. All the while, funds were raised through the silent auction for the seven schools of Africa supported by WFWP, USA.

More than 250 people were in atten-

dance, and they made bids on items ranging from exquisite jewelry to international folk art to an irresistible array of gift baskets. Mistress of ceremonies and national board member Sheri Rueter opened the program by introducing special guests. These included local diplomats, the Honorable Mary Nyambura Kamau, consul general of Kenya; and the Honorable Jeanette

Ndhlovu, consul general of South Africa; the Rev. Dr. Cecil "Chip" Murray, pastor emeritus at First A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles; Rev. Leonard Jackson; actress Cheryl Landon; award honorees; WFWP, USA national president

Alexa Fish Ward; and executive vice president Yasue Erikawa.

Congresswoman Diane E. Watson, a member of the event's honorary committee, sent a letter of congratulations as well as her regrets that an important congressional vote prevented her attendance. A special proclamation from Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Vil-

laraigosa was read by Rev. Leonard Jackson.

Then a short video was shown of the

speech. Dozens of women present at the luncheon were seen in the video crossing the Bridge of Peace with their Japanese "sisters." Afterward, they were asked to stand in acknowledgement of their participation in those historic Friendship Conferences. Minister Reiko Jenk-

Angeles in 1995, featur-

ing Coretta Scott King's

ins, representing Women in Ministry of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, gave the luncheon invocation. Over plates of delicious chicken and



wild rice, participants attempted to name countries represented by the African flags placed on each table's Kente cloth-covered centerpiece.

Singer-songwriter Miyuki Harley captured the hearts and attention of



ful photos that included highlights of the recent service-learning trip to the Han Dow Secondary School in Kenya. Alexa inspired attendees to return to the silent auction so their generous contributions could finance the

expansion and maintenance of the schools in Africa. For "homework,"

she provided small pink piggy banks for women to take with them for collecting money with their families on a monthly basis.

WFWP, USA, seeks to recognize and network with other like-minded individuals and organizations. Therefore, in honor of the 15th anniversary, awards were pre-

sented to two individuals and two nonprofit service organizations for their contributions and activism. The "Woman of Peace Award" honored performer, writer and producer Sheryl Lee Ralph. The star that created the original role

of Deena Jones on Broadway in Dreamgirls, Sheryl Lee has combined a long career in film and television with activism and education efforts on behalf of HIV/AIDS, particularly as to how it affects women of color and children. Longtime actress, activist and author

Marsha Hunt, for whom everybody sang Happy 90th Birthday, was appointed an Ambassador for Peace, in honor of decades of activism on behalf of the ton, Texas, with over 200 chapters in the United States and Jamaica. The United Nations Association (UNA), Pacific-Los Angeles Chapter initiated the annual International Day of Peace in Los Angeles with the Governor of California, the Mayor's Office and the City Council and maintains ongoing efforts to promote harmony and peace among all people and to educate youth.

Wrapping up the awards portion of the program, Alexa gave a special presentation to Norma Foster for serving as a national advisor to WFWP, USA for the past five years. Then eight women were recognized for working side-byside with the WFWP, USA, Southern



California Chapter since its beginning. Those women are: Nina Alexander, Adele Bloom, Roberta Brown, Myriam Cascella, Cheryl Landon, Ethel Lover, Eleanor Montano, and Susan Thibodeaux.

Finally, the traditional WFWP closing song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," was led by the beautiful voice of Sheryl Lee Ralph, our Woman of Peace. Guests lingered as they picked up their auction items and made plans to meet together over the future months at upcoming WFWP events.

Special thanks are extended to the honorary committee, the celebration committee, all the performers (including high school senior Victoria Calix and her eighth grade brother, Jacob Calix, who graced the event with background music on the piano and cello), the Tribute Book designers Robin Cox and Robert Brown, and all the many, many volunteers who poured out their energy and hearts to make this a successful event. In addition to the money raised by sponsorships and national ads for the national WFWP, USA office, around \$10,000 was raised for the schools of Africa. Ten percent of the



all with a moving rendition of her own composition, "Can You Hear Me?" Twenty-one-year-old California State Fuller23

WFWP, USA, Japanese-American International Friendship Conference in Los



ton student Jena Eisenberg accompanied Miyuki on the piano for a second

song, "Image of You," written by Jena herself. Miyuki and Jena then led the audience in "Happy Birthday" to Ms. Marsha Hunt, WFWP, USA honoree and well-known actress who celebrated her 90th birthday on October 17th.

Keynote speaker, Alexa Fish Ward, president of WFWP, USA, gave an overview of the 15 years of WFWP. She shared the history, goals, and major program areas, with beautiUnited Nations and other organizations. A popular actress during the 1930s and 40s, she turned to activism in 1955 after observing extreme poverty while on a trip around the world with her husband, Robert Presnell, Jr.

Partnership for Peace Awards went to Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., Los Angeles Chapter, and the United Nations Association, Pacific-Los Angeles Chapter. Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., is a national philanthropic and community service organization headquartered in Houstotal net raised will be used as seed money for next year's benefit.



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## Jr. STF Educators' Training Report

Naokimi Ushiroda

Seong Hwa USA Director

November 2 - 4, 2007 Estes Park, Colorado

e completed our first Jr. STF Field Educ a t o r 's Training the weekend of November 2-4 2007 at Estes Park, Colorado. There were 16 people who attended, from 9 different communities:

Takamitsu Sakuwa (SH HQ), Kenshu Aoki (CARP HQ), Rev. DongWoo Kim (FF HQ), Naokimi Ushiroda (SH HQ), Kimikami Miyake (WR NY), Abigail Zambon (CT), Krystoff Heller (Metro NY), Jin Kwon Kim (NJ), Leo Soaivan (NJ), Crescentia Hinkle (PA), Will Stein (MD), Christa Sofenoski (MD), Aki Goto (VA), Pastor Hiroshi Goto (VA) Sakiko Muranaka (LA), and Roddy Portelance (Canada) Although it was a very short time that we had together. I felt that we were able to go deep into the workshop motto



of "Discovering My True Identity" We started with discussing the overall vision of education for our youth, and covered some key topics such as: Importance of Identity Education, My Identity as a Child of God, My Identity as a Blessed Child, and My Identity as an Extended Member of True Family.

We also had the privilege of having both Takamitsu Sakuwa, representing the Seong International Hwa Department and Rev. Dong Woo Kim, the national education director, give morning service on each of the mornings that we were there. The weather was perfect throughout the weekend, and the view was breathtaking. We even had the chance to go for a mini-hike into the beautiful Colorado snow-peaked mountains. We took a lot of pictures.

Thanks for reading, and please support the Jr. STF field educator in your area. Mansei!

## Unification News The New Voices of Our Generation

## Spirit World is Alive and Working!

#### by Leonhard Granstrom

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reetings to all our STF community from Dallas, TX! It's been exciting times here in Dallas and all across America with our True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim traveling the country on their providential 12 city speaking tour. First, I want to say how inspiring it was to be here in Dallas leading up to the speech staying at the church center here and seeing all our amazing 1st gen. mobilize like they were still 22 years old. Thank you to them because I wouldn't have had this experience without their amazing efforts.

So, we all know the mad scramble there is to fill every seat in the house during any speaking tour time. Our team, lead by Sungil Fleischman, got the opportunity to be a part of this amazing mobilization process. The Sunday before the speech we were sent out to visit different churches attending their Sunday service and then inviting them to come see Mother speak.

As we left the church center to go do some outreach work we assumed we would just be the powerful group of young people that would come and show a good example while the 1st gen. who came with us would do all the talking. But then just as we were leaving they asked us, "So what song are you going to perform at there church?" Of course we were caught a little off guard since there were only 5 of us, but we thought quickly and started listening to some good wholesome songs that would inspire the congregation. When we arrived at the church we were greeted so warmly and kindly, and even though our singing performance wasn't Grammy winning quality we sang with all our hearts and attended the service with the same heart. We didn't realize that we had made much of an impact until the end of service when people started coming up to us saying they'll be there Friday night to see Dr. Moon. One brother in particular inspired me. His name was Demitri and he's 19 years old and he was the drummer of the church and we just sort of hit it off talking about school and football and by the end of the conversation he was committed to coming to the speech and also coming to the Youth Ambassadors for Peace program 1? hours before the main program. So, we all left very inspired and ecstatic that

#### speech.

So the night of the speech came along and a lot of us STF'ers were involved in some part of the Youth Ambassadors for Peace program including myself so out of the 100, or so youth that attended I didn't realize that Demitri wasn't there until afterwards and I was a little discouraged because I really thought he was going to come. I didn't let it discourage me though because I was excited to go to the main speech and support Hyun Jin Nim and True Mother. Beforehand all the STF'ers had decided to spread themselves out throughout the hall to be able to reach out to more people and not stay all huddled together and at first I just sat down in row that was completely empty and hoped people I didn't know would come sit next to me, but that didn't happen to quickly. So, I looked around and saw a young guy sitting in the next section to the left of me all alone and I decided to go reach out to him and introduce myself and ask if I could sit next to him. Now when I think back on it I did all this in one smooth action and thought I didn't even hesitate or question whether I should do it or not. This young man's name was Richard and he was actually only a senior in high school. So, I asked him how he heard about the speech. He replied that he had gotten an email from the theatre mentioning the event and he had some feeling that he should come. Pretty good feeling if you ask me.

So the event started and I really started hoping and praying that Richard would have a great experience through the speech and that he could connect with the amazing content that Mother was going to share. At first I just wanted to talk to him through the whole event and answer any questions he had and elaborate on points but, I decided to trust in the event, trust in spirit world, and trust in God allowing Heaven to work its magic through the event. As the event continued I started thinking how amazing it was that Richard had been drawn to be here, but at the same time thinking how unfortunate it was the Demitri was missing it. All of the sudden during the video presentation right before Hyun Jin Nim was going to speak my phone starts vibrating and I look at it. It's a number that I don't recognize at all and it could have been anyone but I had this instant feeling that it must be Demitri. Again without hesitation or question I got up in the middle of the video and made my way to the lobby telling Richard I would be right back. I opened the door and there was Demitri standing there with his cell phone calling me! I couldn't believe it! I quickly grabbed him, said our hello's, and told him I got the best seat for you near the front. We went back to where Richard and I had been sitting and I quietly introduced them and then got ready to hear Hyun Jin Nim. I kept telling them that Hyun Jin Nim was a really good speaker so get ready, and of course Hyun Jin Nim delivered.

As Mother came to the podium I really felt that she was my mother and the mother of both of the brothers sitting next to me and I really wanted to support her through clapping and cheering throughout the speech and all the STF'ers did a great job of that throughout the speech giving Mother a lot of energy. I had the hope and desire, now for both Demitri and Richard, that they accept and find something inspiring for them through True Mother's speech. So, Mother started speaking and I was a little worried because Demitri and Richard looked a little bored but I just put my faith in the power of God's words and didn't nag them or anything. I started to take notes part way through, immersing myself in the content, and really focusing on supporting Mother and giving her my undivided attention, and when I looked at them again about 30 minutes later Richard was taking downnotes himself and Demitri wanted to go back stage afterwards to shake hands with True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim!! I couldn't believe how they had changed so quickly. The power of God's words never ceases to amaze. Unfortunately, STF had to leave after Mother's speech to prepare for HDH so I didn't get a chance to talk to them afterwards but I was able to get their phone numbers and will try to keep in touch with them somehow.

Most of all what I gained through this experience was seeing the power of these Peace Messages and the power of spirit world. All those times where I did things without any hesitation or question in one clear action and thought I realize now must have been God and spirit world pushing me and guiding me to go sit next to Richard and to go run out of the theatre in the middle of the video to find Demitri. Our goal for this current quarter of STF has been to discover myself as a child of God by creating a culture of living for the greater good, and by living for the greater good of the Youth Ambassadors for Peace Program, supporting Mother and Hyun Jin Nim at the main event, and being there at the speech not so that I could gain something, so that Demitri and Richard could have a good experience I feel that God and spirit world could work through that because that is God's very essence, Living for the Sake

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# **Parents Matching Convocation at UTS**

#### by Jim and Hiromi Stephens

he third Parents Matching Convocation in North America was held on the last weekend of October 2007 at the Unification Theological Seminary. 210 parents attended,64 couples and 82 individual parents (146 families). There were approximately 325 photos and profiles of candidates on the display boards (which were

the original boards designed and used by True Father at Belvedere). ??Both our Continental Director, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, and our National President, Michael Jenkins, were able to attend briefly and provide a warm welcome and inspiration for the participants to start this most meaningful weekend.??The program consisted of a number of educational presentations and testimonies from the Second Generation Department and the Blessed Family Department. There were many networking opportunities to help parents get to know other parents that they did not know before and to also renew old acquittances. Two panel discussions were held. One was members of the Second Generation talking about their experience of the matching, and the other was a panel of leaders from America and Europe answering questions from the audience.

#### **Reflections from participants**

It's so valuable to hear the guidance of the Blessed Family Department and 2nd Gen. Department at this conference. Please encourage all Blessed families to attend whether their children are ready or not. - L.Z.?

What new realizations or inspirations came to you during this week? The need to look at the process from the point of view of our BC's as well.

Comment: (It was) Outstanding a step forward from last year's convocation. Anyone who even thinks about

matching their children needs to attend one BEFORE they go one step in that direction. - S.Q.

What new realizations or inspirations came to you during this week? More than ever, I was proud of our members and what we're done.

I've been in Alaska for 20 years. I feel our community, as demonstrated in the convocation has really matured. For the first time I feel confident that we will have a very

positive impact

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than expected;

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ties for my son.

- C.F.

- H.S.



matching our children and expanding the heavenly lineage. - V.Y.

Please encourage all states, cities, and districts to have all parents put their information on the BFD website about where their children are attending college and to encourage BC's to go to colleges together for spiritual protection. - K.H.

What was the primary reason that you decided to come? Are you satisfied that it was fulfilled? This is

This program is a must. We learned a lot from the experiences of those parents who went before us. - J.J.

Don't wait - I recommend that every couple attend before their children say they are ready to be matched so that you as an individual and as a couple are ready. - P.T.

Thank you for providing concentrated, concise, valuable information in 1 hour segments and for being sensitive about the lengths of the breaks in order to net-

work digest, rest. Good to end official programs early each night as you did for 1) "aging" moonies 2) more networking. - L.H. This year's matching convoca-

tion was a breath of fresh air. To be in an environment with other like minded parents who are serious about matching their children was a blessing and inspiring experience. - B.S.

Thank you for providing all practical guidelines for me as a beginner of match making process. I have learned that family unity is the key to bringing satisfactory results. -H.N.

All in all I was so very awesome and I'm eternally grateful for your investment. - D.H.

Thank you very much for an excellent, well run and inspiring weekend. You have become very proficient in this critically important ministry. Thank you for the respect you have shown for the time and capabilities of our Blessed Couples. Participating in these Matching Convocation is essential for those parents who intend to match their Blessed Children. I expect we will be at every Matching Convocation until each of our four children is matched. We will recommend the Matching Convocation to all Blessed Families in Massachusetts. - J.E. 🛠

our first time; we needed the framework, process and to make contacts.

What was the most valuable aspect of the convocation for you? The environment that was created to learn, visualize and empowered us - A.J.

Are you glad you came? Was it worth it for you? AND give it an overall rating from 1 to 10. (1 = useless, 10 = priceless) I am glad we came to meet many people and learn of ways to connect to others for matching, I feel empowered - Anonymous

Practical and inspiring at the same time. Very helpful. - J. & C. W.

The Parents' Matching Convocation is invaluable for parents to stay connected with the matching and Blessing process, to obtain essential education, and to find potential matches. - M. & R. M.

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