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EACH NATION SHOULD

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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Each nation should have a peace blessing. Through this, one unified kingdom can be established. The Abel UN and all nations must be united as one, centered on your tribe and nation. All nations should join the Abel UN. True Parents, true teachers, true owners, true families, and true nations should have been established by Adam's family. Due to the Fall, Adam and Eve were not able to fulfill their responsibility, and the mission eventually was accomplished by True Par-

ents.

Mother and I emphasize now that each family must become true parents, true teachers, true owners, and a true family. The key to this is reading the Peace Messages every day. The Peace Messages give the core principles and contents through which the world can walk the path to peace.

Rev. Otsuka and Rev. Oyamada, please stand up. You are in charge of Japan. Who here is from Taiwan? Philippines and Canada? All of you stand up. What's the total population of all these nations combined? It's over 270 million. That's a very significant number. These nations all represent the mother nations of the world. Centering on Japan, they should become united in supporting the world peace providence. These nations are standing in a feminine role as a mother. Japan cannot continue to sustain the burden by itself of supporting the world peace movement. Therefore, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Canada must shoulder more responsibility. One third of all your members should go to Japan to work

there to support the world providence. You have to take collective responsibility. Japan must work to bless every single person in the nation.

You must have the attitude that you will work harder than your sons and daughters and all the nations of the world. I am now 89 by Korean counting. Soon I will be 90. And January 13, 2013, is coming quickly. We have five more years. Now there is no significant persecution. Even though there is some opposition, it does not have the power to hinder our growth and development at this time. I remember when people were completely blocking and opposing our way. This no longer is the case. Yes, there are still some people that try to raise opposition, but they do not have the condition or spiritual power to stop God's providence. Eventually all the nations of the world will be brought into harmonious cooperation and unity. Every nation is valuable and important.

You remember that 120 Christian ministers went to every nation of the world [during one of the world speak-

ing tours], to every continent. This was a very important condition of bringing world unity centering on America, Japan, and Korea. Unity is very critical. But unity is based on lineage. We must have the blessing of heaven and become one lineage of God. Then unity becomes possible. Wherever Satan's lineage still exists, there will be division and fighting.

Why do I keep talking about the Pacific Rim era? It began on March 17, 2007, in Hawaii. People of the island nations must become one, centering on Hawaii. The island nations are very important in God's providence. The Pacific Rim era has now dawned; blessing and prosperity will now come to all of Asia, while still spanning the Pacific and connecting with America. Therefore, America is still central to this providence.

Norfolk and Hawaii are two key areas that are protecting the oceans for the peace kingdom. Norfolk and Hawaii should become as one. Who is going to fulfill Japan's mission and other partner nation missions respectively? You must do it. [The leaders of these nations

A P R I L 2 0 0 8

Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 3 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)
New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
- 6 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)
Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)
57 Single Blessing (1989)
Declaration for the Blessed Family (1995)
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)
Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)
Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (1996)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 13 Proclamation of Liberation and Release (2004)
- 16 Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- 17 Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
Day of the Resurrection of Shimjung (1960)
Day of the Resurrection of Substance (1961)
- 21 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
- 27 Shin Joon Nim's Birthday (3/22/2004)
60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
Interreligious (144,000) Clergy Blessing (2002)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Ascension (2001)

M A Y 2 0 0 8

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
Ceremony for the Total Dissolution of Resentment (1975)
Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 3 Shin Nae Nim's Birthday (3/28/05)
- 5 Day of Ssang-hap Ship-seung (2004)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 7 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)

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C A L E N D A R

- 8 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 14 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
National (American) Won Jeon Shrine Dedicated (2002)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
Citizen's Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (1987)
- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 17 Shin Su Nim's Birthday (4/13/06)
Washington Times Established (1982)
- 21 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 27 Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' East and West (Global) Victory (1999)

J U N E 2 0 0 8

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 3 Inauguration of the Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification South American Headquarters (2001)
- 4 Day of All True Things (5/1/63)
72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
- 13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim's Blessing (1998)
39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
1st Stage of the 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)
- 14 Jeung Jin Nim's Birthday (1982)
Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 17 Declaration of the Return of the Sea to Heavenly Dominion (2000)
- 19 Shin Goon Nim's Birthday (5/16/02)
- 20 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
- 21 Rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth (2002)
- 23 Il-Sung Construction (1978)
Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Declaration of the Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

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HAVE A PEACE BLESSING

remained standing for over one and a half hours while Father spoke.]

During this time we must mobilize all nations to support the Abel UN. The island nations can't achieve this by themselves. They must work together with the peninsular nations such as Korea to be able to fulfill this. America, Russia, and Japan are all concerned about what China is doing at this time, especially in the Pacific Rim region.

Rev. Lee, you are the leader of Canada. Do you support this? Do you understand Canada's responsibility? Please fulfill.

When you make a decision to go the path of faith in God, even if you fall down 100 times, you must get up and continue. Love is the most powerful force in the universe, but love also can be a temptation. Love is the most dangerous thing. That's why the blessing is critically important to secure love within the context of the family.

Mother and I have prayed so seriously when there have been obstacles in the path; we found that as we continued to pray, a way would eventually open up. Many times I found that Mother was helping people without my knowing it. Often she would personally reach out and help families. I'm very grateful to Mother for this. Because of True Mother, the women of our movement truly follow me and listen to my direction.

The Unification movement is a most serious organization. The four nations of Japan, Taiwan, Philippines, and Canada are very important in God's providence. God has prepared for this moment in history for 2,000 years. Is America a male or female nation? [It's the elder son nation.] America is the eldest child. As the elder son, America should be helping all the nations of the world to unite with God's providence. You must follow the Principle to achieve this. If you don't follow the Principle, I know it immediately.

Why is Japan responsible? We must understand what Japan took from other Asian countries in history. The Japanese took women from various nations as captives, also taking women's jewelry from every house. My home was actually very wealthy because of my grandfather, but the Japanese took everything we had.

How about the Peace Palace? This is the palace of peace for all humanity. This is not a house for one family; it is a place for all humanity. It is a beautiful place before God. Mother truly loves the Cheong Jeong Gun. Many times she'll say, "Let's go back there." When you study my history, you will understand that there were enormous spiritual battles before me that I had to overcome. Ko mun do is another place of God in Korea, and we will build another peace palace there, in addition the peace palace that should be built in Geneva for all religions.

Today is the 13th of February. Thir-

teen is very important. There are five years from now until January 13, 2013. The 13th of every month should be marked as important days on our march to 2013. This is the ssang hap time of connecting the 7th and 8th jubilee years. We will expand the jubilee of God's for-

Money should be used for the benefit of humanity. We have to understand the importance of the economic foundation to do God's will. Japan and these four nations are responsible. So is America. According to the laws of heaven, after we enter the Cheong Jeong Gun,

one of the tribes. Each one of my children has chosen their tribal area. We must develop the 12 tribes. They were first established in 2006 and organized in 2007, when each family drew a tribe. Now it's the third year, 2008.

We can build the Korea-Japan tunnel as well as the Bering Strait tunnel.



giveness every year through 2012. Many people in God's providence have ignored me and disrespected me; many of our members did not heed my directions and words. They moved here and there and claimed they would do great things, but they did not fulfill their responsibility to save their nations. Only through unity can we bring victory. If you live as you wish, you will decline. There is a standard before God in heaven. We must live according to God's way.

If you know how important it is to be with me at this moment, for your ancestors, your life, and your history, you might write this on a piece of cloth and attach it to your clothing every day so it reminds you of the importance of being a representative of God. How valuable is this jubilee time of True Parents? All the debts of past history can be cleared up, so a new world can begin.

we should offer 30 percent of all we have to heaven. This is not a tax. This should be offered from your heart. One third means 34 percent. Try God and see if your offering is not multiplied.

What is the origin of hell? It came from the fact that Adam and Eve did not go through the completion stage. They didn't get blessed and married properly. Now because of the completion of this course through True Parents, I know what Adam and Eve didn't know. If you commit the fall, that is the most serious crime before all humanity. Jesus couldn't go beyond his 33 years. Christianity became the foundation and prepared for the second coming for 2,000 years. [Now the four nations' representative leaders can sit down.]

Twelve tribes have now been established, and lotteries have been drawn so that each family should belong to

We must build a highway from Pusan to Mokpo because Yeosu is going to become a major center for world development. Everyone here must understand that Korea must be protected as the homeland. The unification of Korea must be achieved peacefully.

Many people said they would attack me and try to stop me, but now it is impossible. The conditions on God's side are too strong, and God's people are rallying with us. God's people must go out and embrace everyone until all become people of God. Tong ban kyok pa, breakthrough on the neighborhood level, is very important. We must center on hoon dok family church so that an organization of families can be established in every community to advance the blessed family and absolute sexual morality. ❖

from Today's World Magazine

In December 2006, Hyung Jin Nim kindly consented to be interviewed for Today's World magazine while he was giving a 'Workshop for the Citizens of Cheon Il Guk' at Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology. The interview appeared in the January 2007 issue of Today's World. The first question by Editor Julian Gray was, "Hyung-Jin Nim, how did you come to begin these seminars?"

Initially I was not intending to stay in Korea. My plan was to go back to Harvard to register in the Ph.D. program.

Whatever religion you are studying at Harvard, whatever tradition, it receives a strong critical analysis. It is a liberal atmosphere. They are always attacking religions that hold conservative values. I did not find it so enriching in that respect. I talked with Father. He was very empathetic. It is not as though I am going to be an academic, teaching at Harvard for the rest of my life! I want to be closer to the members. I want to not just deal with books; I see myself as a Unificationist practitioner — Unificationism not as something to know, but as something to live.

You cannot just know something and that's the end of it. We have to change society; we have to help the diseased and the poor. We are very practical in terms of our theology. We have tried to be engaged socially. We have done big activities, but how focused are we on the central tasks we have to fulfill within the movement — creating strong and true blessed families, examples to the world?

We have to substantiate the four great realms of heart and three kingdoms, creating the four-position foundation on the individual and family levels... the three blessings. How are we supposed to start?

My older brother (Young-jin nim) emphasized method. I felt we have to provide our members with more than the big goals; a great mission statement contains both the goals and the means to achieve them.

How do we help people substantiate their ideals in a very real way? With children life is very real; it is not ethereal. It is also not always some kind of mystical experience. It's visceral, very emotional, psychologically challenging, physically challenging, spiritually challenging.

How do we begin to acknowledge that these are the levels we have to start addressing, and where we have to begin succeeding in a practical way?

Julian Gray:

Father has done so much, but we have a lot to implement personally.

Hyung Jin Nim:

If you study religion, Father is the most successful religious leader that we have seen in the last two hundred years, in all of religious history even. He's impacted millions of people around the world. We've become so mainstream in his lifetime.

I give the example of Mormonism; their founder was imprisoned and killed. Father and our movement have done it together. We have accomplished a tremendous amount. The question is how to go forward. A religion has to be concerned not only about recruiting people; it has to consider retaining them as well.

We need to be able to become more consistent with our words while developing the skills to start viewing whether our actions are consistent or not. That's why I emphasize practice.

When we practice, we can learn a lot. Those thirty minutes of meditation are totally packed with experience. They are packed with emotion, with sights, thoughts, feelings — all sorts of things. In that very short time, we can see a lot about ourselves.

We talk about the "I" that I think I am and the "I" that I really am. Why that is important is that our spouse has to live with who we really are, our children have to deal with who we really are!

My main impetus for starting these workshops was to see how we could begin to train our mind and body. At UTS, that is what we primarily focused on. At that time, we did not get so much into the spouse or family side, at least not in depth. It was a good chance to exercise the will aspect of our being...

We have always trained our intellectual side, our emotional side. That can be a great tool to create peace in the home. I am very interested in realization; in how we can utilize mind-body practice to help us become better husbands and better daddies, better brothers, etc.

That connection is crucial. Even in my own life, although I exercise mind-body practices, I also have a family, which is so intimately connected. If I don't have the ability to review myself in a systematic fashion and to purge myself of intrusions or anger (when I am angry at the kids, or whatever), I often fail.

As you experienced, the meditation time is a very chaotic period — very similar to our lives — because in that thirty minutes so many things are thrown at us, and we have to learn how to deal with them in a manner that is

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not going to stress us out or tire us out.

We learn how to take the subject role, but also how to become a better object, so that we can become more grateful for the smaller things that God has given us. That skill is also important in our families because when the husband is trying (although it may seem like a small thing) it requires so much effort on his part.

If the wife can catch that and say thank you, the husband feels acknowledged. You know, (laughing) maybe it infuriates her when he moves the toothpaste from here and puts it there — but this day he didn't do that, and it took a lot of effort. When we start sensing when people are trying, and appreciate their efforts, we can start acknowledging the fact that we are all trying. We usually just think, "Well, I'm trying," but when you look around and you watch your children, they are trying! We want to develop those skills, become better objects to God, and to find those great gifts — at the same time learning how to keep the subject role when we are being intruded upon by fallen nature, secular values or temptations. To be strong in mind and body — that's really what I feel is the center of it. Because as Father says, if that's not happening, you're not going to heaven (laughs).

That's why we have to address it as a movement; we have to start practicing. Let's begin a systematic approach that is consistent with our teaching. There are so many gems — what I am trying to tell people is that the Principle has so many systems, that whole mind-body dialectic — that's a system.

But how do you use it? That's the problem! Again, the system we talked about in the seminar; the five levels of sharing love with one's spouse, the sharing that has to be on all levels of the human being... That's a system within the Principle. But how do you use it in your marriage life?

Once we see that the Principle is systematic, we can start using those tools as Unificationists; we can start actualizing the teachings. I hope that was being communicated. I feel that is won-

derful, because it brings life to the theory.

It is not as if we are just wishing one day to be in that ideal world. No, we can use these systems; we can start building it now. That's what I find exciting; that's why I wanted to do the workshops.

Julian Gray:

What plans do you have for the workshops in the future?

Hyung Jin Nim:

What I really want to do is start investing my energy in working on the manuals and then hopefully develop it so it can be very accessible to people to make accessible the wisdom of the Principle to people regardless of religion, race or nation — that's essentially what we are supposed to be doing. For me it's a question of how are we going to help improve people's lives. I had the experience of visiting the home of my son's friend. I met his parents. They are not members, but they know who I am. They asked me, "What do you believe?" Of course, when asked that question, we are itching to say something about the messiah — Rev. Moon is the Messiah! But I just said, "What my father teaches is that we have to create peace between mind and body. We participate in a marriage blessing sacrament. We see marriage as a holy institution where true peace can be realized. He teaches us to create what we call true families, that is, to have healthy strong families that contribute to our world."

When you think about our theology in terms of what we must actually do, it is those things. When I told them that, they said, "Oh, that's great!" They were interested, too. They are interested in those aspects as well. What I found is that it doesn't matter whether they have been in the movement a long time, or don't even know the movement; they want to have better control over their mind-body relationship; they want to learn how to create stronger marriages, and they also want to have better relationships with their children.

These wants, these desires, are because each of the dimensions — emotion intellect and will — is searching. The emotional realm is searching for the reciprocation of beauty; the intellectual side is searching for the reciprocation of truth; and the will is searching for the reciprocation of goodness. We start understanding and utilizing our entire being, we can start making our life more beautiful, more true, more good.

I think that is quite basic for all people. It's a practical way for people to start approaching their families, their relationships and themselves in a different way. I think it can be beneficial for people that are not necessarily Unificationists, because in the end we are supposed to be helping the whole world.

I hope that the program



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can develop over time, which is why we ask members to offer their thoughts on it. We really want to build this together.

For example, Stephen Covey took the real principles of Mormonism and applied them in a manner that is accessible. We should have been doing that, in terms of leadership, family... whatever. And I believe we can.

When we look from a systematic perspective at the many systems that are there, they are very useful. They have been there, but we just haven't known how to use them. How do we bring them to life and start applying them in a way that is creating more beauty, truth and goodness? If we can do that, it will be wonderful — not just for our members but for the rest of the world.

So I am hoping that we can develop this in a way that can be more accessible for people and that can help them succeed in all the dimensions of being happy, being well, being healthy.

We've held workshops and now hope to do retreats. The retreats will focus much more on practice. We will practice, but we will also learn such things as a very simple Korean ceremony for sharing tea, which uses a very principled system.

There is a father, a mother and children in the tea set. We can practice that, learn how to share tea and give something healthful to each other, enjoy that gift from nature and learn how to give each other foot massages, for example. I learned this from my wife. Whenever one of my kids feels emotionally needy, she gives them a foot massage, at night. They feel so adored! That's skin-ship, the sense of touch that we need as human beings in interacting with each other; especially within our families, we need to hold each other, embrace, massage each other's feet. Even a father can come down and massage his child's feet.

So I want to develop a system where we can actually practice these things together and have fun together! This is the age of release and liberation, when we can start rejoicing, and start bringing each other health and happiness. We can start practicing, in order

to become stronger in all the aspect.

I hope what I am trying to do is helpful. My point is that we have a lot more than we think we have. If we look closely; we can make an impact in the world and be helping people. From the resources of our Principle, we are retrieving these systems that are helpful.



Julian Gray:

This work will help the future of the movement and everyone will want to help you...

Hyung Jin Nim:

I always try to tell people, "Don't try to do everything at once; it's too much." We end up giving up because it's too much to do. Try to take one small step. Do small things. Small things are what build strong relationships, not big things. I think people forget that.

With Father, we do not see every single day of sincerity and devotion that he must invest in, every single moment and hour. We just see the big announcements, but there is so much preparation for that. In fact, that is only one aspect of the entire effort. I really want to acknowledge that. When you look at a man like Father, he's great not because he is doing great things. He is doing many; many small salvific actions that in the end are saving all of us.

As his child, when I interact with him, it's the small things that save me. Here is one example: Usually when we are talking to someone and we talk at the same time, both people stop to let the other one talk. We think of Father as a very dominant speaker — he speaks a lot, educating his kids, talking all day to them (laughs) — but this is totally not the case!

When we both try to say something at the same time, he stops, and I am

Just the ability to say, "Yes, as a father I can stop, catch myself and listen to what my kids are saying." We don't do that usually, because we are dominating the conversation — we're the Dad! But that's not what I experienced with Father, and I found that so illuminating.

I wanted to share those aspects of Father's life. In the end, it is not only the words that he speaks, it's his life that is exemplary. We also want to see the other aspects that are even beyond words — how he lives and practices.

Julian Gray:

You remind me of Father when he was in his student days. We can catch a glimpse of Father's youth through you...

Hyung Jin Nim:

(Laughing) I am a germ compared to Father! I definitely cannot claim to be anywhere near him. I see him as a real example of living the Principle.

Recently I was present when Father suddenly started tickling Mother's foot. They were just playing around, like two innocent children. I am waiting to see if when I am eighty-seven and all wrinkled, if I can still be that free, harmonious and unified. We talk about that in the fourth pledge — freedom, harmony; unification and happiness!

I found that to be a tremendous teaching because it is not the cerebral Principle, it is the living Principle. I love watching Father and Mother, observing what they do. When I talked about this experience in front of Father, he was overjoyed. As academics, we can sometimes get into our cerebral prowess and lose that freedom to just act with heart, emotion and will and move freely. We may be stunted by our rationality.

Linguists say that ten percent of communication is verbal, and that 90 percent is non-verbal. If we are only learning through Father's words we are only learning ten percent of what he communicates — with his family, in his true marriage to Mother, and we are only learning ten percent of how he communicates with God.

We've got to start looking and seeing the other ninety percent. I feel that these teachings, in conjunction with the verbal teachings, will create a much more holistic understanding of how we can become true parents. ♦

waiting for him to say something, but he lets ME speak. That's a different side, you see! It is those small acts of trust — empathy and listening — that make me so grateful in our relationship. I cannot do that! I've reflected, and I realize I am not even doing that with my kids.

I'm learning from this. I feel that strong families are built on many small investments. That's where strong families are built; that's where powerful marriages are built and that's where the mind and body unity is built. That is hard to invade. It is built by many small investments, effort and training.

Father is such a humble person. As his child, speaking with him, it is amazing how much he just listens. That has really been the most enriching part of my relationship with Father — to understand the value of the ability to listen.

This has greatly benefited my own family, my own life, my relationship with my wife and children, and so forth.

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THE BEST WITNESSING IS TO RAISE GREAT CHILDREN

by In Jin Moon

This is from an address to the Blessed Wives in Japan on February 13, 2008 at Cheongshim Village in Cheongpyeong.

We are all mothers. When you see me, you might see me as a True Child, but I think myself one of mothers. It is the most important responsibility for us to be a mother in our lives. If we really believe God and attend True Parents, what should we do? We should not only suffer but live well.

When we emphasize ideal families, excellent children should appear from the ideal families. Secular people check the credibility of the Principle there. It is important for us to do church activities and do witnessing, but the most effective way of witnessing, I think, is to become an excellent mother and to raise excellent children. It is treasures of the Unification Church to raise excellent children, isn't it? Until now, all of you have worked hard. Even if you have a mind to raise children well, you have been in financial difficulty, and there have been no supports from the church.

Fortunately, my son won the grand prize at a concert competition in Italy with a supplementary prize of the world tour. Fortunately, there was an opportunity of a youth concert in Japan. At that time, we met second generations in Japan. We tried to make an atmosphere in which they could feel, "We are One Family also with members of True Families." We did not do only a concert but also a Yut game, and laughed together.

We wanted to make an opportunity to know even the names each other. We started this concert 8 years ago without depending on the church. We prepared money and started from our family little by little. There are many talented second generations in Japan. True Parents always talk about the importance of culture. I also felt that children needed culture.

It might be necessary for us to push our children to study hard. However, the society they grow now is different

from ours in the past. There are many pressures from their friends, the Internet, etc. Therefore, it is necessary for them to overcome the pressure. I saw my children struggle a lot without art. Then I thought that music was necessary. Children can get good trainings and habits through music.

Through not only music but also fine art, or other arts, we, as mothers, need to make our children be able to express themselves artistically.

Our church invited famous people with money, but my dream as a mother is to say, "We can raise such famous people." Let's raise a president in the future. Let's train our children to be a famous scientist. With the power of mothers, let's train our children to be a musician who can touch many people. I want to do this. Then the image of the Unification Church would be changed. You have really worked hard. However, every mother wants her child to be great. Mother can sacrifice herself eternally if her child grows well. It is mother's heart, isn't it?

Therefore, I ask you not to leave your children to the church when you give birth to them and raise them. Please be responsible for your children. Anyone can give birth to children, but only mother can raise them. I realized after meeting many people that there was mother's sincere devotion behind excellent children. Even though children have some talents, the talents cannot grow without the mothers' help behind them. Children are encouraged by their mother's belief, "You can do it." They can overcome difficulties one after another thinking, "My mother says I can do it, so I can do it." Our works are inconspicuous, and there are not so much opportunities for us to hear

the word, "Thanks." We wash, clean, and prepare the table every day. We prepare meals thinking our children; "My kid will have a big exam soon. So, he needs to have protein to get power." In case that a child was beaten by his friends in his school, his mother thinks, "My kid needs mother's love. I will make his favorite Toppokki for him."

Only a mother thinks like this. It is our important mission as mothers to raise our children to get excellent per-

schools go to the path of faith. A mother knows her child's talent better than anyone else. Therefore, please watch your children every day, and find their talents. Only mother can do it. If your children have a talent for music, please push them to cultivate it. Then they can have more self-respect. Once they get enthusiastic about something, they can make all-out efforts.

With your love, your children will become crazed about music or some

arts, and they will become great. We can raise our children to be great, which is True Parents' wish. When I made my CD, I made it with my children. It was a kind of music class.

Human beings are the same. Rather than distinguishing True Family and members, please think people are the same. When your children go through hardships, please talk with them. It is not true that everything goes well if you send your child to the workshops in the church. Even though going to the workshop, they cannot grow well without mother's love. Therefore, talk with your children well. Wash

and prepare meals together with them. I have 4 sons and 1 daughter. It is easy to talk with a daughter. However, a son escapes from me when I try to talk with him. From my experience, it is good to have some activities together with a son; going to somewhere, going on a picnic, making something together at a garage. I think that we need to raise our child talking together through such activities.

True Parents always think big with a great vision. However, a mother needs to think from a tiny thing and be responsible for a small thing. We have to make Japan a great country and change the image of the Unification Church. The best method for witnessing is to raise great children. If we succeed in it, people in the secular world would ask us, "Why is your child diligent? Why does your child listen to your advice?" Then it is natural to do witnessing. To raise great children is connected with witnessing.

Therefore, please smile even though you are tired. When a mother is tired, her child becomes tired. After taking a shower well, dressing nicely, and combing your hair, please hug and smile at your child when your children go to school. Then it will cheer them up. ❖



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sons in the future. At that time, people in the secular world would think, "The Unification Church is a wonderful church." However, how many people speak ill of True Parents now? You live in poverty and difficulty, so many people do not want to join the church.

We all have the same experience as mothers. Sometimes, it is difficult and lonely. Sometimes, our husbands are so busy that we get tired of raising children alone. However, we have to raise our children greatly even through sacrificing ourselves, don't we?

I heard again and again that you suffered hardships as the Eve nation. (with tears) Thank you for your hard work. Now, we have to make the Unification Church great instead of just suffering hardships.

In America, the Mormon Church is growing best now. The Mormon Church helps members in the education of children. They support their members' children, saying, "Study hard in your school. If you are interested in something, we can help cultivating your interests." In our church, many of second generations choose between going to good schools or going to the path of faith. Children who go to good schools leave our church meanwhile children who cannot go to good

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Ending the History of Poverty in Nepal

by Robert Kittel

KATHMANDU, Nepal, March 11, 2008—“This may be the first joint venture between the corporate sector and civil society for generating self-employment in Nepal!” These words from Mr. Ravi Jaipuria, Chairman of RJ Corp (PepsiCo India), helped launch the “Movement for the Underprivileged” (MUP) in Kathmandu on March 11, 2008.

Two multi-million dollar business houses, the Chaudhary Group in Nepal (net worth \$250 million) and the RJ Corp from India (net worth \$400 million), joined hands with two non-profit NGOs, the Healing Touch from India and the Universal Peace Federation of Nepal. Their goal: “To Make Poverty History,” the slogan coined by Healing Touch and the primary objective of MUP.

Nepal faces the uncertainty of elections and limps along at just under 2.5 percent annual growth rate. (India, by comparison, is Asia’s fourth largest economy with a yearly growth rate over 9.4 percent, 2006-07.) In Nepal’s uncertain environment, members of the Communist Party (Maoists), professional gangsters, and hoodlums randomly extort businessmen and common people for huge bribes under the pretext of soliciting donations for the upcoming elections and raising funds for national development. The police are overextended and the army is in their barracks.

By establishing MUP, UPF along with the other MUP founding-partners, have offered the leaders of Nepal a positive, potentially more powerful, alternative route to peace and prosperity.

The day after launching the poverty eradication program, a delegation from MUP visited Mr. Prachanda, the Chairman of the Maoist party. The UPF-led coalition, in effect, provided a model that was scalable and replicable—and importantly—which has the possibility to raise far more funds for national development without the strong-armed intimidation which inevitably leads to resentment and retaliation.

When Dr. Julia Kim, Co-Chair of UPF-Asia, explained about “parentism” as the ideal model of good governance, Prachanda was very intrigued. He was also sincerely appreciative of the MUP model which could help develop Nepal and asked for more detailed meetings after the elections.

Under the leadership of Amb. K.V. Rajan, the former Indian Ambassador to Nepal and the Chair of UPF-Asia’s Regional Peace Council, this project aims at enabling those in the most vulnerable sections of society to be self-supporting, earn a respectable living, live in dignity, and make a contribution to society. Rajan’s personal relationships of mutual respect and trust has been the lynch pin for this international partnership.

The Indian diplomat emphasized that “this project reflects the belief that civil society groups and corporate sectors on both sides of the border can work together to make a meaningful

contribution to the common search for human security, greater prosperity, and sustainable peace.”

The project envisages micro-level financing coupled with subsidized products supplied on consignment to provide income-generating capacity and employment opportunities in areas of greatest need. And each of the founder-partners contributes from its own expertise.

PepsiCo will be providing soft drinks and other beverages on concession at special rates for the project. They will use their network of distributors to train and support the beneficiaries.

The Chaudhary Group (CG) is the largest corporate group in Nepal. They are the distributors for LG, the giant electronic company from South Korea. Mr. Nirvana Chaudhary, Director for CG, reached into the depth of his heart to explain that, “We in the Chaudhary



they already produced, to men and women in need. “We don’t give money freely,” he stressed at the meeting in Kathmandu, “Instead, we give love and affection freely.”

PepsiCo was the first to accept Anand’s concept, which resonated with their concept of “corporate social responsibility.” The idea is simple: successful companies have a responsibility to society, beyond just making more and more

sy, and conviction behind this decision: “In spite of Ku Klux Klan attempts to organize a national boycott against Pepsi, the company (stood) firm in its decision.”

For its part, the Universal Peace Federation of Nepal will select beneficiaries through its Ambassadors for Peace network of representatives in all 75 districts of this mountainous nation. It will also provide motivational educational programs and garner the support from the highest levels of the Nepalese government.

Mr. Ek Nath Dhakal, president of UPF-Nepal, said, “UPF-Nepal is happy to be part of this major undertaking, to contribute to Nepal’s inclusive economic growth.” Dhakal highlighted three fundamental pillars in the UPF philosophy that MUP is building on: 1) that sustainable peace can only be



Group are extremely, extremely..., not only honored, but are so happy..., not only honored, but are so happy that we’ve been given a chance to participate in this initiative.”

He went on to say that not only would they be providing LG refrigerators at subsidized prices, CG would also work out the micro-financing component of the project.

The project model is based on the success of the Healing Touch in India. Mr. Mukesh Anand, founder and chairman, started the program in December 2000 by rehabilitating ex-servicemen, wounded soldiers, and war widows.

Rather than just giving low-interest loans, Anand, the son of an army officer, reached out to corporate sponsors. He asked them to provide food products and manufactured goods, which

money. Business enterprises are in the position to offer products which they already produce at, or near, cost to help people help themselves.

Since its inception, Healing Touch has been able to resettle over 1,400 people using this small-scale, self-employment project model. For his efforts, Anand received PepsiCo’s highest honor, the Harvey C. Russell award given in January 2008 by Pepsi’s international CEO, Indian-born Indra Nooyi. The award is named in honor of Harvey C. Russell, vice-president of corporate planning for Pepsi-Cola Company and the first African-American vice president of a major corporation.

Pepsi hired Russell in 1962, at the height of the civil rights movement in the United States. The website of PepsiCo explains the courage, controver-

built on the principle of living for the sake of others; 2) that irrespective of religion, language, cultural or ethnic background we are essentially “One Family Under God”; and 3) a whole-hearted support to fulfill the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals.

The Chief Guest at the launching of MUP, the Hon. Ramesh Lekhak, Minister of Labor and Transportation Management of the Government of Nepal, said “This movement will uplift the living standard of the people of Nepal who are victimized by conflict and poverty.” He thanked the four founding partners for establishing MUP, which he said was a “milestone for the nation of Nepal.” ❖

Easter Message

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Today in our Easter services throughout America we remembered the resurrection and victory of Jesus. Though he was rejected and misunderstood he forgave humanity from the cross and then resurrected on the third day opening the gateway for rebirth for all who would believe. Though Jesus and the Holy Spirit could bring rebirth, the coming Kingdom was delayed until the second coming, this was the secondary plan of God.

The hidden message behind the Easter story is concerning the grieving heart of God and the anguish of Jesus. In the thirteenth peace message from March 17, 2007 Father Moon said, "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."

To liberate Jesus from this grief and comfort God, Father and Mother Moon initiated the interreligious movement to honor Jesus with the Crown of Peace in his homeland. On December 22, 2003 Jews, Christians and Muslims honored Jesus as the King of Peace in Jerusalem. This comforted God and lift-

ed up Jesus in his own home and by his own family thus liberating his pain and sorrow. On that basis and for their lifelong achievements in bringing unity among the people of faith while reconciling enemy races and nations, the Crown of Peace honor was presented to True Parents four years ago today on March 23, 2004 in America and subsequently presented in every continent and over 120 nations throughout the world in the subsequent months.

God's tearful path of suffering will not end until all the family of man is restored back to God's heart and conflict and violence are ended. If we fulfill our responsibility, especially in America, we can shorten the path of the suffering of God. Through the passing of our Elder Brother Hyo Jin Nim,

True Parents have offered their own family once again for the sake of the world. Hyo Jin Nim is a son of loyalty and filial piety to True Parents. They are grieving and tearful over God's suffering course and seeking to comfort God at this time.

We ask all brothers and sisters to pray to comfort God and True Parent's heart at this time. Father Moon has encouraged everyone to trust in God and know that all these things work together to advance God's providence if we offer everything to God with gratitude. True Parents continue to give everything while totally trusting God that the sacrifices offered will hasten the realization of God's Kingdom of Peace on the earth. ❖

UTS Ocean Conference

by Dr. Keisuke Noda

The UTS Ocean Conference was held successfully with thirty participants, including twelve leaders of Ocean Challenge who had been working on their own programs and projects.

The conference began with Dr. Hendricks' welcoming remarks, followed by Mr. Mike Dover's presentation of his Los Angeles Ocean Challenge Program. He explained the 24-year history of the program, which involved collaboration with gang prevention organizations, schools, the Board of Education, the police department, Coast Guard, and various youth organizations. His presentation included heartfelt testimonies by those young individuals who found life again through his program and now volunteer as staff for the program.

Ms. Karen Smith presented a new perspective on the Ocean Challenge program. She explained how boat technologies and skills can fulfill the needs of small island nations based on her experiences with UN related organizations. Ms. Margaret Sisserson, a UTS student from Palau, added insightful testimonies from an islander's perspective.

Rev. Gregory Odlin, a UTS alumnus, presented his Ocean Challenge programs in Maine and Florida. He explained his financially self-supporting model, where participating students raise the funds for the program costs. He pointed out the increasing demands for his program, which he cannot accommodate.

Rev. Terry McMahon, a pastor and a youth minister in the New Jersey Church, presented his Ocean Challenge program, which he ran in collaboration with the local commu-



nities. He pointed out the negative effects of radical urbanization on human life-, and emphasized the value of a nature-based experiential education program.

In addition to those formal presentations, each participant briefly explained his or her own project and program. Mr. Frank Zochol explained his plan for a Fish Farm Program in UTS, which includes technical training in aqua culture for students from developing countries.

Rev. Tim Henning, director of Pacific Southwest District of FFUWP, explained his plan for his UTS Doctor of Ministry dissertation, which will serve as religious education material for Ocean Challenge programs. He explained that his thesis will focus on how religiosity and spirituality can be cultivated by such programs as Ocean Challenge.

Dr. Keisuke Noda, UTS philosophy professor who developed an Ocean Ministry course at UTS, explained his research project of conceptualizing ideas of the Ocean Challenge and contextualizing them into interdisciplinary frameworks that include environmental theories, critique of modernity, psychology of Flow, and religious education.

Other participants included Boat Captain Kensaku Takahashi, who is the director of Ocean Church and Ocean Education International, Captain Mitsuru Nakatsuji, Mr. Steve Kearney, WestRock fishing club president, and Rev. Dong Woo Kim, vice-president of FFUWP USA.

Participants were pleased with the synergy generated in the conference and agreed to continue holding the conference and communicate amongst one another through a website created by Ms. Karen Smith. ❖

UPF-India Vision for the New Year

UPF-India held its first meeting in 2008 on the theme "UPF-India Vision for 2008 and Beyond" at the beautiful India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi with 70 Ambassadors for Peace and friends in attendance on February 29. Several of them traveled for many hours from their home towns in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan in order to be with us on that day. We extend our deep gratitude to them for their sincere investment.

Hon. Eduardo Faleiro, Chairman of UPF-India, presided the function and Amb. K.V. Rajan, Executive Vice-Chairman of the India chapter, conducted the proceedings. Mrs. Ursula McLackland gave an overview of the many new developments and expansion of the work of UPF in India and abroad.

The two major UPF initiatives are its International Leadership Conferences (ILC) on the theme "Leadership and Good Governance" as well as the Global Peace Festivals (GPF) celebrating the common vision of humanity as One Family Under God-Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam. UPF-India plans to host a series of ILCs in the various states of the country starting with Goa in March.

Wherever possible, these conferences can be accompanied by projects for the underprivileged or the Religious Youth Service (RYS). The Ambassadors for Peace will be entrusted with leading such initiatives in their respective areas of location and profes-

sional expertise. We are also thinking of holding a Global Peace Festival in India towards the end of the year with the desire to bring India's prominent spiritual leaders on a common platform through this festival.

During the time for interaction, participants commented on their keen interest in UPF's character education initiative as the need of the hour. Many Ambassadors for Peace have already started such character education programs in their own institutions, and it was suggested that Peace Clubs be formed in each school and college. UNESCO New Delhi has also expressed its deep appreciation for the UPF character education text books "Discovering the Real Me" for providing hands-on lesson plans from Class 1 through 12, accompanied by teacher's manuals. The Delhi ILC will focus on the "Educators for Peace" component.

Hon. Faleiro and Amb. Rajan appointed six new distinguished Ambassadors for Peace and three Campus Ambassadors for Peace. One of the awardees, Mr. Mukesh Anand, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Healing Touch, shared his work for the underprivileged. UPF is partnering with his organization as well as Pepsi Co. and the Chaudhury Group of Nepal to offer new hope for victims of violence in Nepal. UPF-India hopes to initiate similar projects in the Northeast and other parts of India. ❖

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Muslim and Christian Women Pray Together in UK

by Francoise Murphy

Twenty two Muslim and twelve Christian women, one small boy, three of our sisters and 2 drivers, 40 all together took part in a day trip to St Albans Cathedral on Wednesday 20th February. The trip was organised and sponsored by the Bridge of Peace, a project of the Women's Federation for World Peace which aims to create bridges of understanding and friendship between women from the Christian and Muslim communities in Watford.

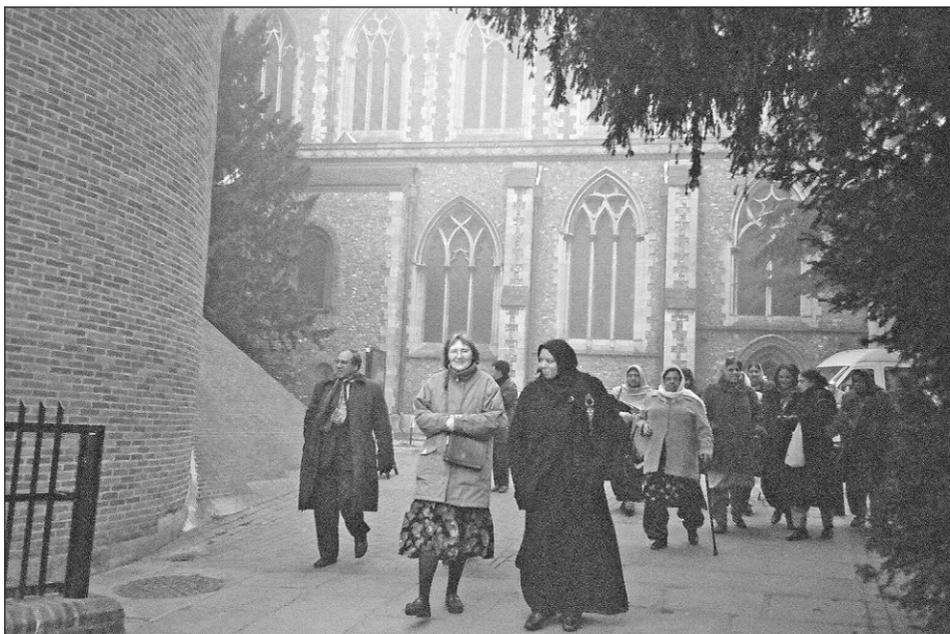
The Bridge of Peace in its fourth year had organised two visits to the Watford mosque and this time Sharifa Chaudry one of our Muslim Peace sisters expressed the wish to visit a church, namely St Albans Cathedral. Francoise Murphy and Chikako Raineri co-ordinated the trip, rented two minibuses, organized the lunch and invited all the ladies involved with the Bridge of Peace.

When Gillian Heath, from St Michael All Angels CoE and regular supporter of the Bridge of Peace heard about the project, she became inspired and decided to help us and contact the cathedral. Reverend Canon Ian Lane, education and inter-faith canon at St Albans cathedral responded in a very positive way and offered to welcome us personally and

showed us around. Ian Bond, (husband of one of our Christian Peace sisters) and Patrick Murphy drove the 2 minibuses and 2 extra cars filled with ladies followed.

There was a very relaxed and joyful atmosphere in the minibuses. Christians and Muslims sat together chatting away forgetting about their differences. One of the Muslim ladies exclaimed: "We are one family"! What a sight to see those Muslim women all dressed in their traditional cloths wearing colourful hijabs and their Christian sisters walking together inside the cathedral. Some were young Muslim students brought by Syeda Shah, some were elderly women, and among them two were pushed in wheelchairs.

There were Christian ladies from Church of England, Seventh Day Adventist, Catholic Church and others. Reverend Canon Ian Lane wel-



comed us all and invited us to sit at the back of the cathedral where he told us about the life of St Alban, the first Christian martyr in the UK.

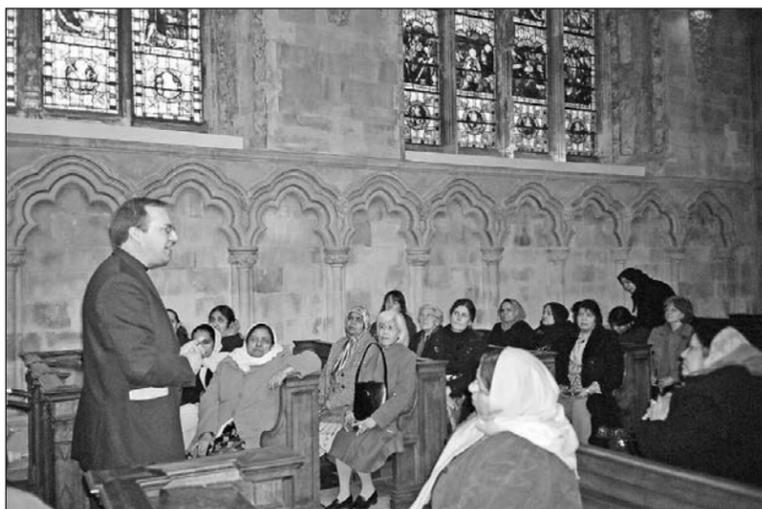
Recalling the long journey in time from the Roman period through the various periods in history, Canon Lane told us that St Albans cathedral is the oldest Christian worship place in the UK. It is the heart of Christianity for the UK! Around 12 noon, we took our lunch at the cafeteria of the cathedral. Everything had been reserved and prepared for us. At that time some of our Muslim sisters asked us which place in the cathedral they could go to do their prayers. The Canon a bit puzzled by the request, could not give a clear answer so our Muslim sisters decided to take off their coats and laid it on the cold stone floor of the cathedral and they started their prayers.

What a sight to see Muslim women praying in this magnificent cathedral! How many centuries of prayers have been heard in those walls but how often those walls heard Muslim prayers?

Some of our Christian sisters had tears in their eyes. The Canon concluded our visit by giving everyone a booklet about the cathedral. He told us that five years ago he went to Germany to pick up the bones of St Alban that had disappeared from the cathedral 500 years ago. A Catholic church in Cologne had found the bones and had contacted the cathedral. It was decided that both churches would keep some of St Alban's bones. The canon explained that St Alban has brought together all the denominations of Christianity. Every day, the cathedral holds services from the various denominations of Christianity.

At the end of our visit we left the cathedral and walked down the hill to the parking area where the minibuses were waiting to bring us back to Watford.

We would like to thank Patrick Murphy and Ian Bond our two drivers, Gillian Heath who liaised with the cathedral and Naomi Ngyoten, Chikako Raineri and Francoise Murphy for helping to make this day a most memorable and significant day! ❖



Family Federation scholarships to attend Bridgeport high school

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification will again offer ten New Eden Scholarships for American students who wish to attend Bridgeport International Academy, which is a college preparatory high school that is located adjacent to the University of Bridgeport. Each church scholarship will cover all tuition and fees for students with outstanding academic records.

To be considered for a scholarship to attend BIA, a youth must be fluent in English, have an overall Grade Point Average of 3.75 or better for the last two years of school, have parents who are Unification members, either be an American citizen or have an American permanent resident card, and will be ready for ninth grade this fall.

For information on the New Eden Scholarship program, please contact Nora Spurgin at Bridgeport International Academy, 285 Lafayette Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604. The BIA's website is www.bridgeportacademy.org. The school's phone numbers are (203) 334-3434 and (203) 260-6801. The email address is office@bridgeportacademy.org. BIA is currently taking applications for the 2008-2009 school year.

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Friday	12:00 p.m.	All Alumni Informal Lunch
	2:00- 3:00	Special Presentation on UTS Campus Plan Vision
	3:00- 4:00	Discussion on Networking, Politics and Community Leadership
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	4:00-5:30	- Free Time, Walk on trails, Socialize
	5:30	- All Alumni Reception
	6:00	All Alumni Dinner -sponsored by Class of '77
	7:30	Free Time and <u>Class of '78 Reunion Gathering</u>
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	9:30	UTS Alumni Association Business Mtg.
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	6:00-	Special Class of '78 Reunion Dinner Event (Hosted by Class of '77)
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MR. HYO JIN NIM MOON

A Victorious Life of Filial Piety and Loyalty to God and True Parents

A Life to be Celebrated for the realization of a beautiful and loving Central Blessed Family with Yeon Ah Nim Choi Moon

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

We wish to express our profound condolences and love for True Parents, Yeon Ah Nim and her children, and all of True Family at this time of transition for Mr. Hyo Jin Nim Moon.

Because of True Parents' central role in God's dispensation, we know that any sacrifice directly connected to True Family is also directly connected to the whole providence of Heaven. We also come together before God to repent, as we can see that our conditions are still not enough to liberate God and True Parents from directly bearing the cross on our behalf. We sincerely come together now to comfort God's heart and True Parents' heart, as well as Yeon Ah Nim and all the family, and to sincerely re-dedicate ourselves to liberate God and True Parents by fulfilling our responsibility in bringing about the Kingdom of true love, peace, and joy.

Certainly we can see that True Parents' course and total dedication to bringing the blessing and true love to all humanity has been a path of tears and great sorrow. This has been the path of God throughout history from the Old Testament to the New Testament, to the Completed Testament era, and now in this era after the coming of Heaven. We must understand that True Family has taken on the central responsibilities to fulfill all the conditions required of the families of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses. Also, the shortcomings in Jesus' family had to be born and restored by True Parents and True Family. How can we possibly know what kind of burden and trial would be required to take on such a dispensational cross.

From this understanding we must clearly know that all of the forces of darkness that have tried and tested God's people in the past have come to each and every family member of True Parents' family. We really cannot know the pain and misery that they have faced, suffered with and overcome. We can only know that God's heart has been a suffering heart and True Parents' heart has been suffering over the pain of wanting to see all humanity blessed and growing in the realm of the lineage of God. We see that True Parents and True Family are continuously offering everything for Heaven. Let us give our whole hearts as people who are chosen by God to give everything we have to uplift all races, religions and cultures – liberating all from the pain and suffering of this world. Through bringing all of God's children into unity as One Family Under God we can liberate God and True Parents' heart

We want to express our love and grat-



itude to Hyo Jin Nim for never giving up on the path of following True Parents and striving to realize the ideal of a blessed family. Though there were sad steps along the way, Hyo Jin Nim was truly a loyal son of filial piety. The beautiful flowering of his blessed family together with Yeon Ah Nim, the world



tours they shared with True Mother and their brothers and sisters, and also the way Yeon Ah Nim embraced all 50 states of America together with Jun Sook Nim, demonstrated profound love and fulfillment and joy. Hyo Jin Nim stayed on the path, seeking to bring joy to his parents and to God. Now he lives in the heavenly realm forever and is free to work upon the earth. He lives!! As his other siblings have gone before and when we see the course of Heung Jin Nim opening up so much grace for all humanity from the spirit world, we know in our hearts that this sacrifice, offered with the tears of True Parents and all of True Family will open the gates of heaven. That is why True Father gave a special calligraphy defining forever the true meaning of Hyo Jin Nim's life, "He will open and liberate the deepest heaven and turn it into a flower garden as the lord who opens the gates of loyalty and filial piety."

Hyo Jin Nim gave everything to reach young people and create a path for a new culture of heart. He planted the seeds that would allow God to bring forth a new beginning in the world of music. When I attended his concert in Japan it was profoundly moving. His special song and offering called "Rebirth"

is a testimony of his love and loyalty to True Parents. It is an testimony about his life, it is honest and it is real. At the completion of his life on earth he fulfilled together with Yeon Ah Nim, that which is most precious for God – the blessed family of the lineage of heaven. He also fulfilled the heart of filial piety and loyalty to True Parents and, as I am a personal witness, he fulfilled the heart of having deep love and care for the members of our movement. Especially those whose path was not easy. The seeds he planted will be fertilized by God's love and True Parents' tears. We can see that God has created a path that can give hope to all future generations of blessed children. That hope is that no matter what you go through if you keep your loyalty and filial piety to True Parents – you will be guided by God to have a beautiful blessed family and will be secured forever.

On a personal level, we worked very closely with Hyo Jin Nim in the last few years and saw his incredible love for all American members. As the leader of CARP, when he marched on the Berlin Wall he showed selfless faith and dedication to rally young people. Also when the Million Family March was held, Hyo Jin Nim was so sensitive about how the black people felt about the messages we gave on that day, especially representing True Parents. He watched carefully the reactions on the TV screens when the camera did close-ups of black families when we were speaking. He was so pleased that they were smiling and they felt loved. He often asked about how his brothers and sisters were doing

in their missions and work. He was always happy when he heard they were doing well.

When Hyo Jin Nim lost his eldest son, Shin Gil Nim, we can never forget how he completely took responsibility and dedicated his life to God more sincerely than ever. Giving Sunday service at Belvedere every Sunday, he brought to all of our members a fresh spring breeze of heart as a son who loved his parents, and as a father who loved his children. He sincerely sought to bring joy through his music and his work in the performing arts to God and True Parents, with a vision of reaching the hearts of all young people.

We want to express on this day our gratitude to Hyo Jin Nim, Yeon Ah Nim, and their family, as well as to our True Parents for this testimony of unchanging heart and love that brings hope to all. We sincerely thank all of True Family for their testimonies and insights into the path and victory of Hyo Jin Nim.

Brothers and sisters, True Father has asked the American Movement in particular to unite with and support Hyun Jin Nim as he leads America and the UPF globally. Now it is so important that we become one with True Parents through unity with Hyun Jin Nim who is now standing as the eldest son of True Parents on earth. Let us come together in love and unite as one fulfill the vision of True Parents for America that is manifesting through Hyun Jin Nim, let us rise up as the Elder Son Nation to completely support all of the True Family and pledge to fulfill our portion of responsibility to bring victory for heaven. Let us determine that we will, from this moment on bear the cross on behalf of God, True Parents and True Family as well as for Jesus, the founders of the great religions and for all of humanity. Let us end this sorrowful course with tears of joy and set

the condition that we will protect True Parents and True Family and remove the possibility of our burden going to them. Instead let us determine that we will once and for all liberate God by liberating his precious True Family.

We now celebrate Hyo Jin Nim's victorious blessed family life with Yeon Ah Nim, and his filial piety to God and True Parents, which will stand forever. He lives in the heavenly realm now. Congratulations, Hyo Jin Nim. We love you, and are grateful to you forever. ❖



Letter to the American Church

by Dr. Chang Shik Yang

Beloved Brothers and Sisters!
I am attending True Parents and preparing for the upcoming 49th True Parents' Day celebration on April 6th at Hawaii King Garden as I write this. First, I would like to convey True Parents' warm love and encouragement to all of you who have come to attend today's meaningful memorial service for Hyo Jin Nim.

I especially pray that the hearts of Yeon Ah Nim and the children of Hyo Jin Nim's family can receive deep and profound comfort. I offer my gratitude and pray for the comforting of each and every member of the True Family in attendance today. This 8th year of Cheon Il Guk began with the victorious foundation of the conjoined jubilee 7th and 8th years of Cheon Il Guk. Until January 13, 2013, Heaven's Providence is



being directly guided by our victorious True Parents. Therefore, a dramatic event such as this that happens during this significant time period has profound meaning, and is undoubtedly a holy sacrifice to shorten Heaven's Providence.

Moreover, the Seunghwa of Hyo Jin Nim, the first son of True Parents' family, is certainly no ordinary event. We can find True Parents' deep intentions in the calligraphy Father [see front page] wrote for Hyo Jin Nim: Shimcheon Kaebang Won Choonghyo Kaemooon Joo.

This can be translated approximately into English as "He will open and liberate the deepest heaven and turn it into a flower garden as the lord who opens the gates of loyalty and filial piety."

But at the same time, can you imagine how painful this must be for True Parents? I come to tears thinking about True Parents sending Hyo Jin Nim to the Wonjeon. In the plane as Father flew to King Garden, he called twice to ask how the Wonjeon Ceremony was going. I cannot help but offer my deepest gratitude to Yeon Ah Nim, who as his wife must have felt like her heart was being torn apart. Yet she became one in heart with True Parents and stood openly in front of members offering gratitude for Hyo Jin Nim who went as a living offering to Heaven for the sake of the liberation of God's Homeland and the shortening of Heaven's Providence. Watching all of Hyo Jin Nim's children, including Shin Chul Nim, write "Appa sarang-hae-yo" in Korean on his coffin made me shed even more tears. All of the direct children of the True Family, from Hyun Jin Nim to Hyung Jin Nim, attended the Seunghwa Ceremony and prayed for their older brother on his way to the heavenly world.

Beloved brothers and sisters, America is the Elder Son Nation. Therefore, we have the primary responsibility to protect True Parents and the True Family. If there is any need for sacrifices and offerings, we should no longer allow the True Family to take the burden. . That responsibility and mission belongs to me, to Rev. Jenkins, to all core leaders and to each and every member in America. We should protect the True Family with our lives. Today is a day of pledging and determining to make such a resolution. Our older brother Hyo Jin Nim was educated in America and led a cultural movement to guide the 2nd generation culture in America. He wrote over 10,000 songs, an achievement that should easily make it into the Guinness Book of World Records. Each lyric in Hyo Jin Nim's songs expresses determination, resolution, and either a pledge of loyalty and filial piety toward God and True Parents, or strong hostility toward the satanic world and a determination to bring victory. If any member of the 2nd generation with talent is willing to continue Hyo Jin Nim's work, the American HQ will actively help that person. Moreover, Hyo Jin Nim's music room in Belvedere will be made into a Holy Ground and a Memorial to cherish his example of loyalty and filial piety toward True Parents for eternity.

Although Hyo Jin Nim's body has left us, his spirit is with us. He will guide the Elder Son Nation with more freedom and power than before. We will make a beautiful sermon book out of the speeches Hyo Jin Nim gave at Belvedere every week. We will attend well and give encouragement to Hyo Jin Nim's wife Yeon Ah Nim and their children. Moreover, let's make this a day in which we make a determination with our lives to become totally united with Hyun Jin Nim and all the True Children in order to fulfill the responsibility of the Elder Son Nation. Once again, I convey True Parents' warm greetings to you.

I humbly pray that our older brother Hyo Jin Nim's path to the heavenly world can be filled with eternal glory and victory. ❖



April 1, 2008



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank all of you for your love and care for me and my family during this difficult time. All your gifts and notes and especially your prayers for Hyo Jin nim greatly comforted my heart and gave me hope.

I am also deeply appreciative for the beautiful tribute to Hyo Jin nim which all of you prepared. I am sure Hyo Jin nim is happy and can go to the Spirit World with a liberated heart.

I will always keep in my heart your love. To respond to your love I will do my best to become a better person. I can become a greater person in the future because of all your love and support.

God bless all of you!

Yeon Ah Choi Moon

Korea

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Hyo Jin Moon passed into the spirit world on the morning of March 17, 2008, due to a heart attack (myocardial infarction). The Seung Hwa service in Korea was deeply moving and uplifting. It is a testimony to True Parents' unchanging heart and love and the story of a son who never gave up trying to bring joy to God and his parents.

The service was profound. Yeon Ah Nim embraced us all. Messages were given from Dr. Yang, Rev. Song, Rev. Otsuka and myself showing respect and love for Hyo Jin Nim. All stood and honored Yeon Ah Nim for her beautiful marriage with Hyo Jin Nim.

Rev. Kwak gave the main Seung Hwa message.

True Parents gave the farewell message just before the procession left to the Won Jeon.

Father and Mother encouraged us all to know that this was liberation and release and that Hyo Jin Nim is a son of filial piety and loyalty. Father and Mother offered their son to Heaven as an offering with sincere heart to advance the world providence to save humanity. We are proud of True Parents and True Family. We congratulate Hyo Jin Nim and Yeon Ah Nim for creating a beautiful blessed family that will now live on for eternity. ❖

Hyo Jin Nim Mo

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

Sunday, 30th March, 2008-- One could only wonder at the extraordinary strength, poise and stamina of Yeon Ah Nim today. In the midst of the unthinkable, plus massive travel and having landed only hours earlier, Yeon Ah Nim immediately thrust herself into program after program to love and serve those of the region on her very first day back.

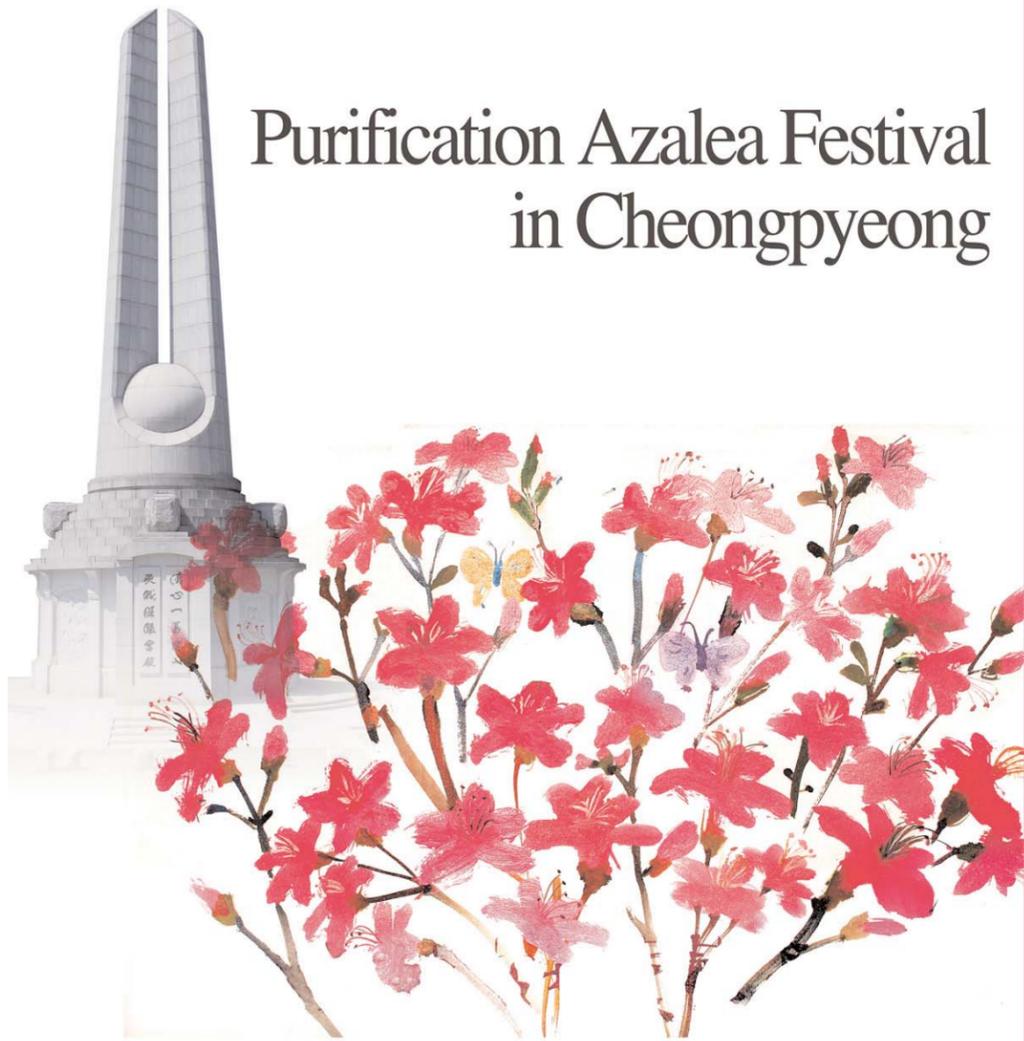
As many know, Hyo Jin Hyung nim was involved in a years-long program of Belvedere Sunday Sermons, following the tragic and untimely passing of his exceedingly beloved son Shin Gil Nim. For the time to teach his son that was robbed Hyung Nim, he chose in its place to teach us and our children. Each 7 am without fail from the first possible Sunday to the last, if Hyung Nim was in the State, he and Yeon Ah Nim would be with us. Thus 7 am at Belvedere this memorial Sunday was Yeon Ah Nim's first stop of the day.

Hyung Nim's sermons were famously concise never longer than 25 minutes at the most. Magically the depths of the subjects he sought to teach, somehow could be covered in these fleeting times together. One long time "Hyo Jin Nim member" tried to explain how he could communicate at such depth and clarity in such short discourses saying, "He was so true, he never had to repeat himself, and he was so loyal he never had to explain himself." As steady as Hyung Nim and Yeon Ah Nim were to be with us each weekend, so were a good many in the crowd.

At first Hyung Nim had set just a one year condition to preach, as an offering for Shin Gil Nim, but on the final weekend of that first year, he looked at us and said, "So now what? Do you want me to continue?" "Yes." "How much longer?" Silence. A long silence. At last in quiet, doll-like Japanese English a little voice ventured, "Forever Hyo Jin Nim." Hyung Nim smiled, "As long as you come here, I'll come here." The full story of this "Belvedere renewal," must be told fully over time, but for now, this is the first place to which Yeon Ah Nim came on Sunday to give comfort and encourage-

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The Best Self Dominion is Dying Well

by Hyo Jin Moon

This is the speech which Yeon-Ah-nim read at the memorial. It was given on January 10, 2008, to around 50 2nd generation leaders gathered at Han Nam Dung to congratulate Hyo Jin Nim on his 45th birthday was Hyo Jin Nim's last speech in Korea.

If one has a purpose of existence, one has to learn something. But what is it that one has to learn? If one knows something, there is no purpose. There is a purpose because one doesn't know, because one has to learn. Then what is my purpose of existence? Life is short. I am 45 years old now. I never thought

Hyo Jin Moon would become 45 years old. When I was young, I didn't have the concept of being 45 years old. I thought I would maintain my youth forever.

You probably also know because you are older now. Do you want your children to also grow up as I grew up? Do you want your children to grow up in a deprived environment such as I grew up in? There are situations that you can't help even though you do not like it. Do you wish for your children to be in that environment? But do you think you can control that? If you can't even control that extremity, what will you control when that is the basic stuff?

You have to learn while living a short life. But if the foundations for learning are lacking, what can go well? If anyone says otherwise, that is nonsense. We have to have control in educating people and giving them grace. In easier words, we have to control education and entertainment. If you can't control them, you lose in the competition. If you can't control multimedia, then you lose. That is the conclusion. You lose in the competition.

Why? We are also a religion. If we are a religion, we have to win in the competition. In the end, it has to be popularized. We have to attract more people to our side. In this case, let's call it a competition instead of a fight. We have to attract the populace to our side. We have to become more favorable. We have to become more awesome. We have to capture greater popularity. This cannot be accomplished in one moment. It takes a long time. It is not only during my moment. You have to think that way. You have to prepare thinking that way. Otherwise, you lose in the competition. You can't even go till the end. Can you follow what I'm saying?

We cannot manage this age of constant change, a fearsome age in which trends can change so rapidly. We cannot change it or out pace it because practically speaking, we do not have anything that the outside world considers as the best. There

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Memorial Service



ment. Here she read the January 10 speech of Hyo Jin Nim entitled, "The Best Self Dominion is Dying Well." True to form and appropriately, this was the 7 am program. A 15 minute Hyo Jin Nim speech. Yeon Ah Nim said no more, there was a prayer, and as we had done a 100 times before, spoke in the yard for some minutes and moved on to our Sunday.

At 10 am we reconvened, this time at the Rye Town Hilton, the site of one of Father's speeches while touring the US. The overflow crowd was several times what East Garden could have accommodated, thus the choice of this venue. The memorial service was designed by several program and design veterans who were guided by Reverend Jenkins and Janine Takahashi working in deep and respectful cooperation and collaboration.

The event itself shone with the beauty and efficiency of David Eaton's long experience in program production. Likewise the literature from that of Jonathan Gullery. The simple and elegant program was adorned with beautiful pictures of the True Family, and of Hyo Jin Hyung Nim's family, as well as the calligraphy etched by Father for Hyung Nim's ascension: "He will open and liberate the deepest heaven and turn it into a flower garden as the lord who opens the gates of loyalty and filial piety." - Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Andrew Compton served well as the program Master of Ceremonies, just as he had done faithfully each Sunday, and when we had to sing he called up our 7 am sister Eva Clark. Peter Ross, long time "Hyo Jin Nim member" and leader, offered the opening prayer, followed by the candle lighting ceremony. 7 pillar candles were lit by Yeon Ah Nim, Jin Sung Nim, Janine Takahashi, Richie Clarke, Masahiko Harigae, Steven Jares, and Tony Francisco. Yeon Ah Nim would only continue lighting the candles once all 7 chosen for the ceremony were hand in hand. 12 church officials and leaders placed bouquets in 12 standing vases to adorn the stage as the garden that Father inscribed as Hyo Jin Nim's mission.

Tyler Hendricks then read Dr. Yang's letter to the congregation. Here Dr. Yang pledges the devotion and the resources of the Unifica-

tion family of the USA to remain committed to Hyung Nim's vision, mission, and family. The New Jerusalem Choir of New Jersey sang "Shining Fatherland," which was then followed by Andrew Compton having the congregation sing out the chorus several times injecting life and energy into those gathered. (Even before arriving on site, Yeon Ah Nim had sent advanced words that those gathered should not be sad.)

The first testimony was given by Hiroshi Suzuki, who was one of the early bassists in one of Hyung Nim's early bands. Hiroshi was brief, eloquent, bright and to the point. He spoke simply and clearly of Hyung Nim's extraordinary vision for music, the arts, and the performing arts. A video followed showing Hyo Jin Hyung Nim through his many times and phases of serving his father, the movement and the world. From being cradled in his parents arms, to speaking and guiding the first 2nd Gen. 40 day workshop, to the performances and sermons in full maturity in recent Japan concert tours. After this film the second testimony was offered by Family Fed vice president Levy Dougherty. Levy was brief, stirring, and galvanizing. He rendered Hyung Nim's glory in the context of Christian piety and spirituality, and brought before the congregation a passionate vision of the providential meaning and context for Hyung Nim's ascension.

Laura Nakai followed Levi with her musical offering of "Amazing Grace," self accompanied on a crisp acoustic guitar, but most importantly with a listenable, splendid, resonance. Laura created a hush for which Reverend Jenkins should be grateful, for speaking in this environment should have felt ideal. Reverend Jenkins spoke with respect, honesty, and with a content and style ideally measured for the occasion. I myself heard praise for his honesty and "read" to call forth his words for the occasion.

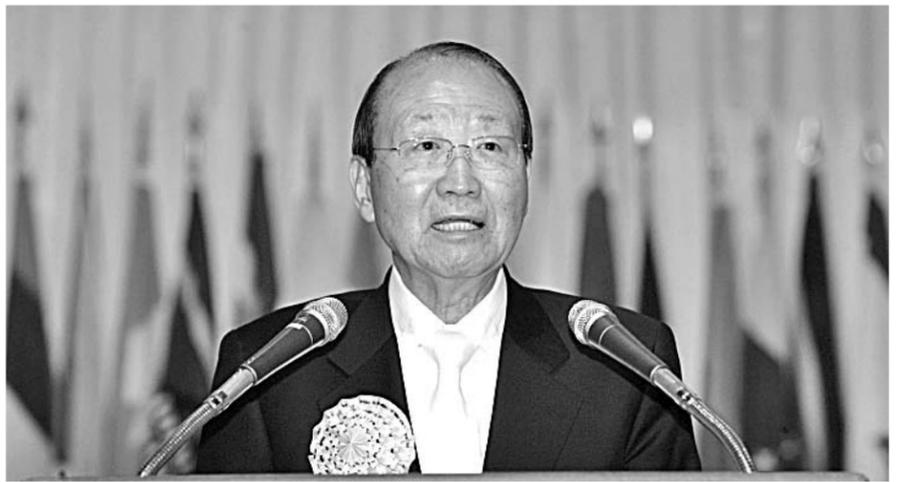
Following Reverend Jenkins was to have been what was described in the program as "The Testimony of True Love" from Yeon Ah Nim, but here is where the program began to take on a life of its own. In football it's called "an audible." It is when a quarterback takes a look at the situation and calls the play from the line of scrimmage. When it works it wins games. This one worked. Andrew Compton gazed down at the front row, as we departed from the program, and let the rest of us know what new and unscheduled thing was coming next. The changes, the flow, the ease, made us all the more "family," which after all was said and done, was the theme of the day.

Jin Sung Nim was invited to offer his testimo-

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In memory of Hyo Jin Moon
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ny. He led us through a roller coaster of life with Hyung Nim and the life of "one of us" being married into the True Family. So much was revealed, so much taught, so much learned. Interwoven into Jin Sung Nim's story was his own, his prides, his doubts, his humilities, and his final realization that True Family is the anchor, the wellspring, and our horizon. More video was shown, and then Yeon Ah Nim.

Yeon Ah Nim began as she had in the morning. She read Hyung Nim's Jan 10 birthday speech. After this she shifted to her native tongue so as not to be hindered in her self expression, and allowing her heart to fully flow. Won Pak Choi translated Yeon Ah Nim's talk that could be said to have fallen into three clear parts: The narrative of events leading to Hyung Nim's upright and noble passing, Hyung Nim's "Dying Well." This was followed by that part of her words in which she revealed the deep beauty of Hyung Nim that perhaps was hers alone to know. We came to know the unspeakable filial piety of Hyung Nim, as well as how this shone through each role a man has to play: a son, a brother, a husband, and a

father. Perhaps the third part of her speech was the part that none could have expected. In this she gave herself in love to the members. She thanked us for loving Hyung Nim, for loving the True Family, and for supporting her. She spoke of the comfort she felt from all of us. She explained her intention not to show or allow burdens, even with the great sadness and loss. "If I am sad, you will be sad and you may become sick. If you are sad, you may make Mother and Father sad. So we must realize that we all have received much more than we have lost." There are no words to describe the remarkable and effective embrace managed by Yeon Ah Nim in her time to speak. And so my words here on her stop as well.

After this the program moved toward conclusion with the presentation of two final videos. The first was of testimonies from True Children at the site of the Won Jon. Most especially the profound, stirring, and deeply heartfelt words from Kook Jin Nim and Sun Jin Nim. Tears flowed, all the more burning by the innocence, unknowing and pure love from the children attending the Seung Hwa with such beauty and guiding light. The second video was the Saturday, English language service from the Church pastored by Hyung Jin Hyung Nim. This was the service devoted and ded-

icated to recounting and offering the ascension of Hyo Jin Nim.

All words and any word striving to communicate the significance, the weight, the torture and the promise of events, and this event are like lead where they should be light. For this one begs the forgiveness of the reader.

A few of us sat in the very front row, and saw something odd. Seven pillar candles, as I already reported, were lit to begin the ceremony. Yeon Ah Nim lit the center candle, and all others joined her for the rest. By the end of the ceremony, six candles that had burned throughout looked barely diminished. The center candle however consumed itself before our eyes. Had we not ALL seen it, it is the kind of thing, you walk away, keep to yourself for your remaining days, and wonder if you were a little crazy for a day. This center candle roared in a blaze from the first moment to the end down to a nub keeping its own time. Little by little front row folk elbowed one another as if to check our own sanity one by one. Ain't that just like Hyung Nim. Never could stand things going on too long. It burned

with the same intensity that roared from him every second of his life. ❖

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isn't anything the outside world deems precious which we control. There has to be something, anything, of the top that is in our control but there is nothing. That is why it is so. That is why it becomes that way. What is our resolution? We first need some kind of resolution to be able to maintain the situation that we have. That is the way in which it will make sense.

So, what are you imagining? Come up with your own solutions. Just know who you are in the least. I, Hyo Jin Moon, don't have anywhere else to go. Even if I want to run away, there isn't anywhere else to run away to. There is only me. In the end, you are judged on who am I? Do you understand? There is nothing more. Did you understand what I said? The important thing is that you have to die well! You have to die well! Dying well is the best self-dominion! That is the best self-dominion! There is no better self-dominion! Making myself die well know at least this one thing correctly! Then, there is at least a possibility. Even if you lived long, how long would you live? All of you, die well! ❖

RYS Making Changes in India



The RYS India 2008 project, "I Can Change," targeted renovation to a hostel, which houses young underprivileged girls. The building, which is more than 100 years old, was in bad condition. The 30 enthusiastic participants did a great job renovating the building, giving it a much needed facelift. Volunteers cleaned the premises, scraping the old paint off the wall, mixing concrete used to inject into the structural cracks and re-enforced the walls with iron rods. The work was telecasted by Jaya TV, one of the most

prominent television channels in Chennai. The greatest reward for RYS India 2008 was to see the joyous smiles of the little girls' faces when seeing their home given a new look. Each day started with a morning meditation to rejuvenate the mind and the body. Educational Workshops were held in the afternoons and in the evenings. Various subjects were covered including family values as related to religious standards, interactive sessions, personality analysis, development, and much more. Mr. Ronan, RYS participant from Sikkim commented, "I am so exited

here. I never had such a wonderful experience ever in my life; I have changed. I am sure that RYS will go forward making a big difference in youths and society." Mr. Dilip, RYS Participant from Andhra Pradesh added, "It was such a great experience to have the feeling that we can do many things for the poor if we really wish to and dedicate ourselves. The educational program was really informative and I realized that teamwork can do wonders." Mr. Liswith Obinamuni, RYS participant from Sri Lanka said, "RYS is the best experience I have had in my

19 years of life. I'm sure any youth who takes part in RYS projects will say the same too. It is life-changing and self-challenging—an intriguing spice of life." A sense of unity and amity was witnessed by both national and international youths. Each participant took a vow to focus their hopes and aspirations toward creating harmony and peace in the world. The participants were emotional and tearful as they said their goodbyes. It was certainly one of the most memorable experiences for all those involved. ♦

RYS and 'Faith Link' Work Together in Israel

The 7-day joint project between Religious Youth Service and Faith Link in Jerusalem had a good mix of interfaith youth representing Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism, Unificationism and atheism. Participants came from various nationalities including Austria, England, Africa, India, Turkey and America and had an opportunity to meet with Jewish and Palestinian Muslim students.

This project had several elements that made it rich for the participants, namely:
 Community service teaching at a Palestinian private school
 RYS Education
 Visitation of holy sites
 Palestinian home visit



Participants' interviews with local people

The volunteers were able to sincerely reach out into the local community, to inquire about local life, to think at a deeper level and go to a higher learning curve, thus helping to increase their

understanding of the local situation on a heart level. Participant Mechmed reflected, "The Quran says, 'we create the people with different color so that you will know each other, not in order that you will fight each other.' I realized the truth of this theory and teaching through what we practiced and experienced with each other and with our Palestinian and Israeli partners." RYS trainer, Fazida Razak reported, "For me the biggest learning curve during this time was to learn from the teenagers. I was really amazed that at such a young age it is possible to be aware of religion and our responsibility in this world." The program successfully inspired the group to return home to carry on their peace building efforts. ♦

RYS Suriname 2007

We are inviting youth leaders between the ages of 18-30 years to attend the upcoming Religious Youth Service (RYS) in Paramaribo, Suriname, South America, August 18-28, 2007. The Suriname project brings together international youths in an effort to offer models of intercultural and interreligious cooperation through service.

Together with volunteers from the local communities, the RYS participants will be involved in the restoration of a children's facility (SOS Kinderdorp) and work with Habitat for Humanity. These projects will improve the living environment of the children and the families. The work project will include the rebuilding of sanitary facilities, as well as repairing, painting, landscaping and construction.

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Loving and Serving Your Community One Step at a Time Breaking Through on the Grassroots

by Pastor Mike Yakawich 2008

In the spirit of church growth, witnessing and general outreach, I was inspired to submit this article. After 20 years as a pastor in Montana, there are a few things I would be honored to share with you the reader. As the words of the Bible deeply inspire me, we must be a light to the world, salt of the earth and people of love. Father Moon's words that we "must knit the world together with the love of God" all echo in my heart of this vision of loving and serving our community. Truly, we are called to break through and substantially build God's kingdom on this earth.

We may struggle with quantity of membership. I think we all wish to grow the number of our congregation wherever we are. However, I have come to a conclusion that quality of membership and the work we do in our community far exceeds just the numbers. When we think of our selves as peacemakers, ambassadors and kingdom builders, substantial accomplishment to me is the goal.

I wish to submit twelve points to consider in any grassroots ministry.

1. Reflect, refine and align your purpose, goals and vision. The foundation of growth must reside in you (and your spouse/family). What are your talents, your skills, your abilities, your passions and your limitations?

a. So I seek courage, inspiration and power to lead?

b. Am I aligned with my pastor, State Leader, District Director, HQ and etc?

c. My goals and vision are to build my church/ministry/movement?

d. My talents and qualities are...

2. Form a team, take care of that team and work together. Your spouse and family would be your immediate team. It is vital to nurture and nourish this life line. Along the way, is the Board, your membership and/or those whom you work with being taken care of? Be clear and organize, set up a structure and means of harmony.

a. Work on your marriage and parenting skills and the Four Realms of Heart.

b. Form committees, advisory groups and work with them.

c. Be financially responsible and organized.

d. Make your alignment based on your relationship with our Heavenly Parent.

3. Plant roots deep, and invest. As the popular term goes, "Think globally and act locally." We should not create "fly by night" ministries. We must be willing and able to roll up our sleeves and work with courage and consistency.

a. Take care of your property, facility and grounds.

b. Take ownership of your commu-

nity.

c. Fight for what is right and be committed for the long term.

d. Develop a network.

e. Develop your center, your facility, your HQ to work from.

4. There are many models but simply put.... "Do something". You will learn as you go. Visit people, survey and seek opinions, find advisors and listen. The church and the community have needs. Discover those needs and address them with the tools you have or need to gain.

a. Walk in your neighborhood and introduce your self to others.

b. Share your faith with those people who live around your home.

c. Have confidence that you are an asset to your community.

d. Go to other people and organizations to find out what they are needing and thinking.

5. Volunteer! There are many people and organizations longing for your talents. Volunteer in your youth's school, other churches, and other organizations. Look around and ask were you can fit in and genuinely help out.

a. Join the local community or neighborhood taskforce.

b. Donate blood, do a recycling or food or clothing drives.

c. Look into United Way, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, to offer help.

d. Work at a local mission, family center.

6. Learn from those out in the community! Work with the media and discover they are your friends and not your enemy. Learn about the media and discover ways to promote your ministry. Go back to school to develop more life skills. Read and learn from others.

a. Go to the Bible Book Store, research, study and browse.

b. Talk with others, introduce yourself.

c. Write for the local paper, submit articles keep them informed.

d. Form your own TV or radio ministry.

e. Seek out what other media possibilities are there.

f. Learn what is going on in your city.

7. Develop your community outreach. Patiently work on your church. Likewise, take care of your community and the needs of it. Seek out way where you can offer help and even advice. You must first give and serve before others will seek your advise. You must develop your foundation.

a. Invest in your church programs and campaigns.

b. Develop your own programs and projects as needed.

c. Be creative and courageous in addressing social injustice or social needs.

d. Create your own foundation of service and contribute to the com-

munity.

e. Develop anti-drug programs or other civic needed projects.

f. Teach couples classes for people in your community.

g. Provide a musical ministry to the local rest homes.

h. Strive to be professional as you keep the heart and spirit of Lord Jesus and True Parents.

8. Invite! Ask people to come to your programs and projects. Build up a friendship than is not just campaign based. Build credibility.

a. Do not be shy, visit people even without an excuse!

b. Report to them and let them know what you are doing.

c. They cannot read your minds, invite them again and again.

d. Be patient and embracing for they cannot come to every event.

e. Always have a card to identify who you are and share it with others.

9. Be flexible, expand and consolidate as need. Never give up.

a. The sky is the limit

b. Sometimes you need to go forward and sometimes retreat.

c. Follow-up, keep in contact with others, your parents, family and friends as well.

d. Stay connected and aligned report and reflect.

10. Join Boards and become not just a volunteer but a leader among the organization by humbly serving.

a. Learn and develop skills in "Roberts Rules" and other management skills. Especially as you build your credibility and skills, you will be asked to participate in other groups.

b. Be fiscally responsible and strive to understand and glean better professional skills.

c. Organizations have boards that look for members.

d. Suicide Prevention Coalition, Black

The amazing thing too is that this is where we gain the greatest inspiration and feel the Holy Spirit deep in our bone marrow. This means working in the community, search, seeking, developing our ministry substantially with courage and credibility.

Heritage Association or Neighborhood Taskforce are other examples.

11. Be Head Wing! Visit all political leaders and be genuine. Invite them to your programs and ask them sincerely for their advice. They are public officials that desire and deserve honor and respect.

a. I am nether Republican, Democrat nor Independent.

b. Work with all parties and seek out their leadership.

c. Respect these leaders for they are very dedicated to their community.

d. Seek their advice and counsel.

e. Visit the Mayor, Chief of Police, City Council, legislators, Governor and other public officials.

f. Seek ways how you can serve in such a capacity.

12. Become a true peacemaker, build, expand and become a real and tangible ambassador and kingdom builder in your community. They will know you by your fruit. Reaching this level offers much inspiration to you and your family.

a. Strive for and achieve credibility.

b. Become a true leader in the community.

c. People will come to you for advice.

d. You are respected and acknowledged as a leader.

e. You are a great asset and never give up!

In conclusion, we have the world at our finger tips. What is presented here is not the all-in-all. You can discover more and add to this.

Nevertheless, we have the vision and tools at our footsteps/fingertips. The amazing thing too is that this is where we gain the greatest inspiration and feel the Holy Spirit deep in our bone marrow. This means working in the community, search, seeking, developing our ministry substantially with courage and credibility. When we are investing and substantially building a better community, we will find the greatest motivation and zest for life, the most encouraging words and the clearest alignment with Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, our True Parents and True Family. ❖

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It's not only the relationship of heart that needs to be deepened, but somehow, some of us also lost the bigger picture. Father thought we embraced his vision for greater happiness through loving spouses and other people we were NOT attracted to, and those who could NOT love us in return. What happened to the vision; the bigger picture? The biggest picture ultimately comes from the new Adam, the Messiah. Jesus tried to give his disciples the bigger picture. It was hard for them to see it. True Parents have been trying hard to give us the bigger picture; the biggest picture. Other visionary people have bits and pieces of it. But, the Messiah has the biggest picture, in the end. Has the bigger vision begun to fade away? Since the purpose of truth is to lead us to the Love of God, then study of the Principle and daily readings of Father's words are extremely

important in helping us see and keep the bigger picture. The new Adam has the biggest picture and Bible says we need to have the heart of children to inherit it from him.

That's why I think many of our young people feel like they are being expected to "sacrifice" something for the Providence or for the movement. They haven't yet had a chance to develop a deep enough love relationship with God and True Parents, so how can they make a heartfelt offering to them, even in a small way? For some, it's all conceptual. That won't last for very long. Therefore, the first step for all of us, and especially for our children, should be to develop a deeper relationship of love and heart with God and True Parents. Then, this cancerous situation can be converted into a fulfilling life of joyful offering. Ask yourself two questions: First, "Am I happy with my life?" And second, "Which kind of life do I live? A life of sacrifices or a life of heartfelt offerings?" ❖

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Dayton ACLC Prayer Breakfast

by Michael and Celeste Vlasic

On Saturday, January 12, 2008, Dayton, Ohio, held our ACLC prayer breakfast at The College Hill Community Church, hosted by Pastor Robert E. Jones. Pastor Jones gave the welcoming remarks to the 23 people in attendance, talking about love. Evangelist Lillie Wright gave the invocation and we had a wonderful catered breakfast. Following, Celeste Vlasic read an article she wrote concerning Pastor Jones's Anniversary event that some of our ACLC ministers had attended in December 2007.

The article was entitled "He Walks the Walk," pertaining to the exemplary life Pastor Jones lives and how he is bringing his community together. His congregation is a wonderful mix of African-Americans, Whites and Hispanics, with absolute unity amongst all. Upon finishing the article, Bishop White stood up and applauded, with tears rolling down her cheeks. Bishop White then



proceeded to read the ACLC Goals and Objectives emphasizing the wonderful message of Divine Principle and that Father Moon's philosophy is not his, but revelations from God and Jesus. Honorable Michael Vlasic read the Founder's Speech, emphasizing the Divine Principle and when our speaker, Rev. Mark MacDougald gave the main talk, he practically preached the principle of creation. It was very well received and we are trying to make the foundation for having Divine Principle lectures in the near future.



Although our group was smaller than usual, we had the victory of gaining 5 new ACLC membership applications, thanks in part to our sister Gloria Laurent's announcements and emphasizing the importance of joining.

Once again, it was a wonderful morning of inspiration and fellowship and our goals and challenge is to expand our memberships and participants for 2008. Glory to God. ❖

Archbishop Stallings' 60th Birthday Celebration

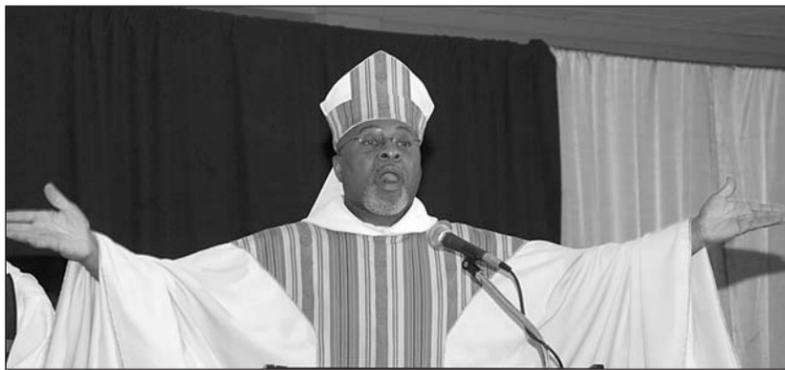
Archbishop George Augustus Stallings Jr. celebrated his Founders Week Revival on March 11-13. Archbishop Stallings is the Patriarch, Founder and Senior Pastor of Imani Temple on Capitol Hill.

Founders Day was on Sunday, March 15, 2008, and the Archbishop delivered the homily himself. He preached from Luke 8:43-48. This is the parable of the woman who touched the tassel from Jesus' garment and was healed after having suffered from hemorrhaging for the past twelve years. The message of the parable is that it was her faith that made her well. While all the doctors and the medicine they prescribed over the past twelve years had done nothing to heal her, just having the courage and the faith to touch the tassel on Jesus' garment had healed her. The Archbishop had given a deep message of faith to the Founders Day congregation.

During the continuance of Founders Week the Archbishop hosted three outstanding services led by such renowned preachers as Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks and Pastor Willie Wilson. Imani Temple then prepared to celebrate his 60th birthday banquet, which was held on the following Saturday at a beautiful banquet hall in suburban Maryland. The hall was filled both by the congregation of Imani Temple and a number of Unificationists led by Family Federation President Rev. Michael Jenkins and ACLC National Chairman Bishop Ki Hoon Kim.

It was a joyful festival as numbers of people came up and greeted the Archbishop with gifts and praise. Father James Rodney Watson, special assistant to the Archbishop, nobly served

as the Master of Ceremonies. In his own unique and eloquent way, Archbishop Stallings responded to each gift of love with a full-bodied response of love and gratitude in return. Rev. Jen-

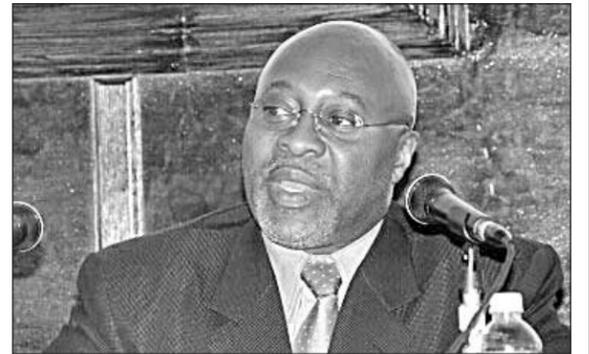


kins himself spoke of his gratitude and love for the support of the members of Imani Temple throughout the years.

Then the members of Imani Temple were both honored and continued to honor the Archbishop as well. Especially his wife Sayomi, the first lady of the church and his two handsome sons were recognized and honored. Senior Associate Pastor Rev. Wanda Outlaw and soon to be ordained Deacon Christian Bruce were also honored for their devoted love and service to Imani Temple. The afternoon's final honor was bestowed upon Dr. Wesley A. Boyd, Imani's Minister of Music. An incredible musician in his own right, Dr. Boyd has been the teacher of such great

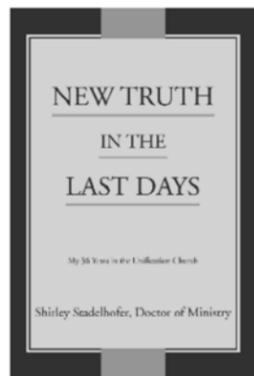
singers as Yolanda Adams and Jessye Norman.

By the time Archbishop Stallings rose to deliver his final remarks, there was little left to say. He had responded to each presentation throughout the afternoon in such a beautiful way that even he laughed at how little had gone unsaid. Thus he thanked the audience and moved over to cut his magnificent 60th birthday cake, accompanied by two complete renditions of "Happy Birthday" sung in perfect pitch and harmony by the entire gathering as they wished him Godspeed in his next 60 years.



The program concluded with a spirit of joy filling the banquet hall. The camaraderie between the congregation of Imani Temple, many of Washington D.C. and Baltimore's leading ministers, and the members of Washington's Metro Family Federation was evident as the guests continued to mingle, embrace, and celebrate long after the official birthday celebration had concluded. ❖

New Truth in the Last Days My 36 Years in the Unification Church Shirley Stadelhofer, Doctor of Ministry



"A 'couldn't put it down' kind of a book. So simple and beautiful, like Shirley herself." According to Rev. Kevin Thompson. "Dr Shirley as she was affectionately known by most people, poured the last days of her life into this book which is part testimonial of her 36 years as a follower of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, and part explanation of the teachings of Rev Moon."

As one of the foremost presenters of the Divine Principle to Christian ministers, Shirley Stadelhofer's presentation style is uniquely simple, concise, straight forward, and passionate. This book would be a great gift or loan to anyone interested in what Rev. Moon teaches. An e-book version is available.

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ILS: A Day for Peace in Kenya

Dr. Thomas G. Walsh

As part of its ongoing series of International Leadership Conferences on the theme, "Toward a New Paradigm of Leadership and Good Governance for Peace and Development," UPF-Africa convened a group of 800 participants from Kenya at the Kenyatta International Conference Center in Nairobi to consider how the core vision, principles, and programs of UPF might contribute to a resolution of the recent crisis in Kenya. Presenters included Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, Secretary General of UPF International; Rev. Mwalagho Kililo, Secretary General of UPF-Africa; Dr. Hee Sun Ji, Chairman of UPF-Kenya; Mr. Insu Choi, Director of Field Operations, Youth Federation for World Peace International; Dr. Manu Chandaria, Trustee, Mahatma Gandhi Foundation of Kenya; and, most notably, Mr. Martin Luther King III, Chairman of Realizing the Dream.

It so happened that the ILC, co-sponsored by Kenyan Veterans for Peace and with support from local corporations, was convened on the very day when the Kenyan parliament was in session with the specific purpose to bring an end to the political impasse and civil unrest that had plagued the country since the disputed presidential election of December 27, 2007. A solution, worked out in consultation with former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, called for the establishment of a power-sharing structure. Thus, in

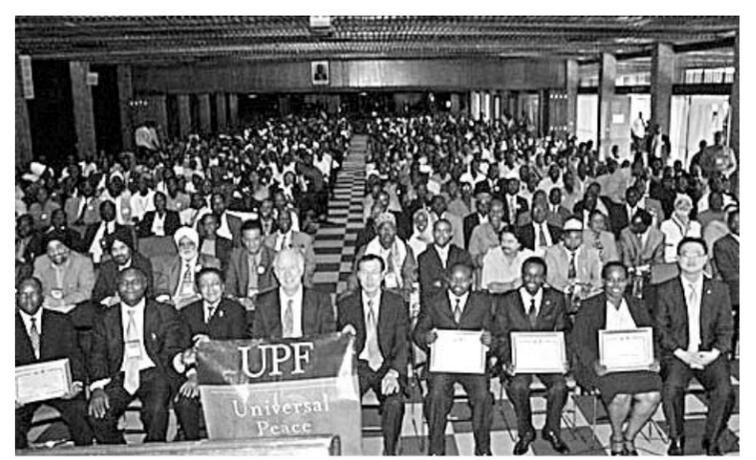
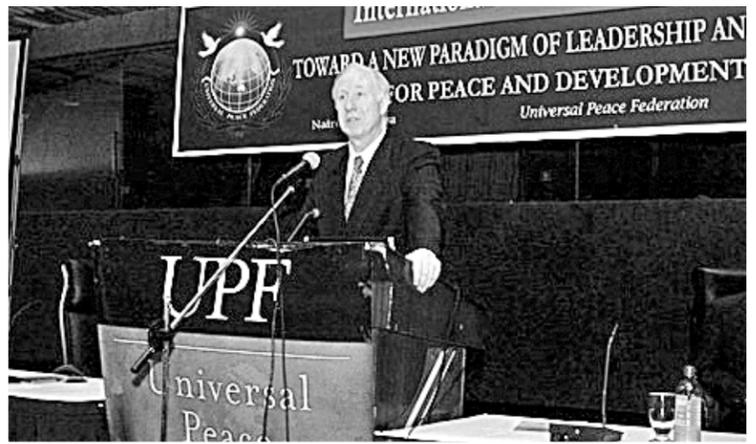
addition to the President and Vice President, there would now be a Prime Minister and two Deputy Prime Ministers. The "reconciliation legislation" passed, and President Mwai Kibaki's challenger, Hon. Raila Odinga, was appointed Prime Minister Designate on March 18.

UPF's Secretary General met with Prime Minister Designate Raila Odinga and Mrs. Ida Odinga, who have been

for Kenya.

The ILC proved to be stimulating and uplifting. Dr. Chandaria spoke about Mahatma Gandhi, the inspiration for the emergence of Nairobi University. In honor of the presence of Mr. Martin Luther King III, he underscored the influence of Gandhi on the great non-violent civil rights leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

could be a partner for peace. Dr. King asked all of the nearly 1000 listeners at the ILC to become Ambassadors for Peace. He said, "Sometimes we must take positions not because they are politic or popular, but because they are right." He added that we should learn to "lead with love," and spoke passionately about the need for an interfaith vision and of the need to turn



actively involved in the work of UPF over the past few years. UPF applauded their great efforts for peace and Hon. Odinga's decision to agree to the compromise that brought about a return of stability and peace to Kenya. In conversation with several parliamentarians, Dr. Walsh and Rev. Kililo reported a spirit of great hope and resolve to work for a bright and peaceful future

In Mr. King's 45 minute message to the ILC, he spoke often of the non-violent legacy of his father and mother and the ideal of a "beloved community" of peace. As Chairman of Realizing the Dream, Inc., Mr. King had come to Kenya to offer support and encouragement and to learn as much as he could about the current situation and explore ways in which Realizing the Dream

dreams into reality. King praised the decision by President Kibaki and Hon. Odinga to form a coalition, power-sharing government.

UPF-Africa and UPF-Kenya in particular are developing in substantial and very encouraging ways. Moreover, the International Leadership Conferences continue to be a major force for peace leadership and good governance. ❖

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A CANCER IN OUR MIDST

by Rev. Michael Hentrich

This is from the Sunday sermon given January 13, 2008, in Denver, CO.

There's a sort of spiritual cancer in our movement that has killed thousands of our brothers and sisters,



many of my friends, and which is continuing to slowly and quietly kill more people every day. It's a stealthy, spiritual virus. Just as physical cancer sometimes hides out in our liver or pancreas or other organ, this spiritual cancer hides out in our minds and hearts and counteracts our lives of faith. It slowly sucks the life out of us and leaves us like empty shells, like the locust shells I remember in my backyard as a small boy. It knows no boundaries. It attacks people of all classes, all colors, all nationalities, all races. It doesn't distinguish between first generation or second generation or third generation. We need to study this cancer, and I'm especially talking to you young people. Let's look at one form that this cancer takes so you can protect yourself against it and live a happy life.

A few years ago, one brother met me in an elevator in the New Yorker Hotel. He was so happy to see me after many years. I didn't recall who he was, but he remembered me. He looked in my face and commented, "You don't look burned out!" I was so surprised. I looked at him kind of puzzled and said, "Am I supposed to look burned out?" I thought about his comment for many years since. And I think I understand what was behind his question, now.

Some members feel like calling our movement the "Church of Unending Sacrifice". They feel that we're being asked to sacrifice all that we have, our youth, our money, our happiness, our freedom, our personal ambitions, our choice of spouses, our careers, our BMW's, you name it. I feel a lot of pain when I hear that kind of thing. The only reason there's any truth in it at all is because some of us have a kind of spiritual indigestion. It's a symptom of a spiritual cancer, if you will. It's a poisonous and even fatal problem, and, it should not be happening to us. While some people have clearly and unfortunately felt that they had that kind of experience in our movement, neither God nor Father ever intended it to be that way. We were supposed to live a life of offering, rather than a life of sacrifice, and there's a huge difference between the two.

A sacrifice, in MY definition, is giving something you really want to KEEP. An offering is giving something because your relationship of heart prompts you to WANT to give it. You can easily tell who's lived a life of sacrifice and who's lived a life of offering. One is feeling empty and the other has a brightness about them and is feeling the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Without a doubt, some of our friends in the movement made a lot of "sacrifices", for which God must certainly be grateful, but many of these friends are not with us any-

more. Perhaps they're looking for ways to refill the emptiness they unfortunately feel in their spirits.

Why is it that we sometimes feel our life is one of sacrifice instead of one of offering? When a woman named Mary poured expensive oil on Jesus' feet, one of the disciples complained to Jesus that the expen-

sive oil could have been sold, and the money given to the poor. If Mary had been TOLD to do this, but she didn't really feel a relationship of love and deep respect for Jesus, then her action might have felt like a sacrifice to her. Certainly, she could have done other things with that expensive oil. She might have had second thoughts about it for the next 20 years, thinking Gosh, I could have bought a flat screen TV with that expensive oil I poured on Jesus' feet. But, since she felt deeply honored to be in Jesus' presence and she wanted to express her most sincere and deepest repentful love for him, she was glad to use her treasure as an offering from her sincere heart. Why is it that we sometimes feel our life is one of sacrifice instead of one of offering? The answer can be found in our heartistic relationship with the one we are relating with, in our case, God and True Parents.

When reading the Bible, we often tend to think of the words "sacrifice" and "offering" as being interchangeable, as if they have basically the same meaning. But, I think we should make clear that they are NOT the same. I heard all my life about the "sacrifice" of Jesus on the cross. We've been told that his "sacrifice" was the shedding of his blood for our sins. Hallelujah. Actually, I think Jesus might disagree with that if we consider carefully the meaning of the words. If you were to ask Jesus today, I think he might tell you that, in reality, his death was really an OFFERING; that when it became clear that the only way he could continue God's Providence was by OFFERING his death on the cross as a RANSOM for our sin of disbelief, then he totally united with making that OFFERING. His scolding to Peter to: "Get behind me, Satan," when Peter challenged the idea of Jesus going to the cross, and later when Jesus stopped Peter from resisting the Roman soldiers who came to take Jesus away, both of these show Jesus' attitude toward his offering. What I'm suggesting is, I think Jesus would tell us that he "sacrificed his MISSION" and made his death on the cross an offering for us instead. He OFFERED his death on the cross. Jesus didn't HAVE to go to the cross. He went willingly. You may think I'm just playing with words here. But, I am trying to distinguish between the heart and mind of sacrifice vs. the heart and mind of offering. We sacrifice what we really want to KEEP. We offer what we want to give. Of course you can say Jesus wanted to keep his life so he could complete his mission and point to his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. But, once

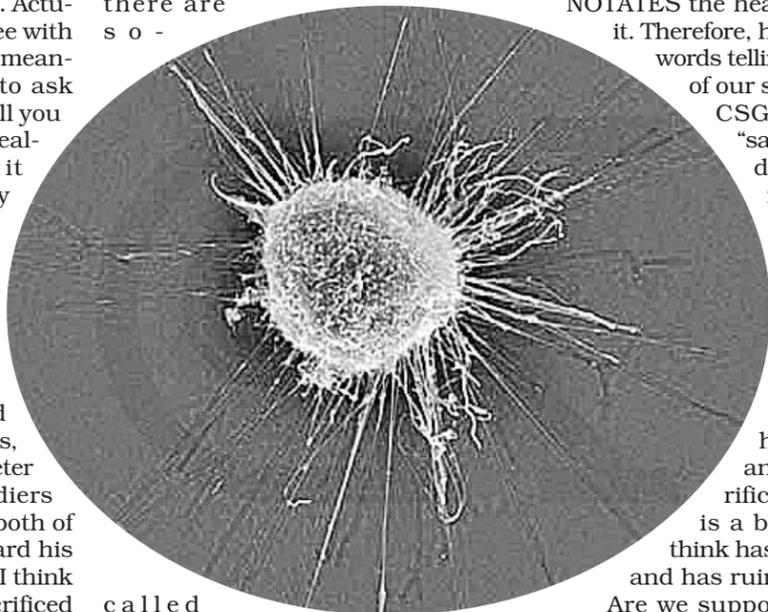
it became clear that there was no option, he was ready and willing to make his death an OFFERING for our sake. I think Jesus would say to us today that the deep Han he has felt for the past 2000 years was because he had to sacrifice his MISSION, but it was with the loving heart of a true son that he offered his body on the cross.

When Father opened the Original Palace in Korea last year, he underscored this idea with his direction that in the coming Kingdom, there will be no mandatory taxation, but only a voluntary 30% donation as a kind of tithe. He clearly wants the Kingdom financed by offerings, rather than involuntary sacrifices. There's a whole different spirit and feeling about an offering. There's a whole different value in an offering, as opposed to a sacrifice. Father didn't HAVE to go to leave his family and go to Hung Nam prison. I believe Father went with the heart of OFFERING; not with the heart of sacrifice. When Heung Jin Nim died, he made it clear to us that he was sent to Spirit World as an OFFERING. I think father tries to make EVERYTHING he does, and even everything WE do, an OFFERING. There's far more spiritual value in the heart of OFFERING than there is in the heart of sacrifice.

We didn't HAVE to do ANYTHING in the movement. No one HAS to do ANYTHING. It should all be done with the heart of offering. That's the incredible kind of God we have. Hallelujah.

Father was willing to go to Hung Nam. He was willing to go to Danbury. If we feel that our life is a "sacrifice", then that means that we are giving something we really don't want to give, but we do it because we have to. Father doesn't want that, even when there are things that are critically important for us to do. Even when

there are



called "required offerings". In other words, he wants us to be compelled by our HEARTS to give, not by our circumstances, or intimidation, or guilt or whatever. If we give because we WANT to give, then how much more will we receive life and vitality from our giving. It will fill us up; not empty us out. We won't lose anything. The same is true for tithing.

I've had some members say to me, "I gave so much over the years, not to mention the best years of my life. If I'm honest about it, I would have to say I'm

not happy with my life." I feel so bad when I hear that kind of thing.

Or, "I was an attractive girl when I joined. I could have had any guy I wanted. Sometimes guys would whistle at me when I was on MFT. Well, I never dreamed I'd spend my life with the kind of person I'm married to! Why me?"

"I'm not complaining or anything, but I did a lot for the Church. If I had been in the corporate world, I would be somebody today, and well off. Oh well, that's water under the bridge. At least I have good children." That's a very painful testimony, to me. I know Father wouldn't feel good about it, either.

These clearly show the feeling of sacrifice, rather than the feeling of offering. These people all expressed regret; the feeling that they could have done something better with their lives. The relationship of heart between them and God and True Parents did not stimulate them to have a sincere heart of offering. In the heart of offering, there's no regret. I'm reminded of Nathan Hale, when he said, "I only regret that I have one life to give for my country." That's the heart of offering, not sacrifice.

In some cases, religious people, and not just in our community, can become what I call "a captive of the truth". In our case, a person may have learned enough to know that Father is the Messiah and savior of mankind, but not enough to live a joyful life of offering and gratitude. So, instead of filling up with joy and vitality over the years, they're sacrificial hard work causes them to dry up and become empty. Too much of this kind of "sacrifice" can kill your spirit. Sacrifice is NOT the same as offering.

Of course, Father has spoken VOLUMES about "sacrifice". I suspect that the Korean culture and the Korean term he uses for sacrifice IMPLIES or CONNOTATES the heart of offering within it. Therefore, he has spent a lot less words telling us about the heart of our sacrificial life. (READ CSG). But, in English, "sacrifice" is a word that does not necessarily imply the heart of offering. Quite the contrary. So, I wanted to emphasize today Father's expectation and ASSUMPTION that we know what kind of heart we should have in our life of faith and devotion and sacrifice. In English, there is a big difference that I think has escaped many of us and has ruined some of us.

Are we supposed to look burned out? I guess we should if our life was an endless string of sacrifices by which we became empty. But, that's not the case for me and I hope it's not the case for you. That's one reason it's so hard for the world to understand people like Father. That's one reason it's so hard for the world to understand us. That's one reason it's so hard for our children to understand us. Too often, what our children see in their family is a life of sacrifices, where they should see a life of gratitude and heartfelt offerings.

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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



Have you been tired of dreaming big when possibilities are small? Exhausted by big responsibilities when you should be playing outside? Weary of helping others for you can't even help yourself? Well, this (very) young batch of modern heroes might be a help to remind you of your big dreams as they fought for theirs – not for themselves, but for others.

Fundraising Project to build school in Cambodia: Rachel Rosenfeld, 17

Going to school is very important to everyone's future. If I can build this school, then each of you can set goals for yourselves that you can reach."

After reading a newspaper article about the hardships of growing up in Cambodia last year, where even some young Cambodian girls end up being sold into prostitution by their parents, Rosenfeld sent out hundreds of fundraising letters, sold T-shirts and offered naming rights for several structures in the school to help poor Cambodian children who often have no access to education.

The \$52,000 she raised, (supplemented by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank which contributed \$10,000 and \$13,000 respectively) helped put up R.S. Rosenfeld School which brings five computers and internet access to 300 primary schools students of poverty-stricken Siem Reap Province.

Peruvian Hearts, Changing the World One at a time:

Dream BIG...



Ana Dodson, 14

I believe that each person can change the world a little bit at a time. Ana Dodson was born in Peru, but she was adopted by an American family when her birth mother passed away. She was three then.

When she was 11 years old, her adoptive family took her on a trip back to Peru where they had the chance to visit many orphanages. Inspired to help the young girls in the orphanages, Ana sent letters to family and friends asking for support. With the

donations she had collected, she was able to organize Peruvian Hearts, a non-profit organization that provides education, food, and clothing to girls in the orphanage. Currently Ana is working on the Stop Child Poverty Campaign, a group that promotes the United Nations Millennium Development Goals to halve extreme poverty by 2015.

Ryan's Well, Providing Clean Water to People in Africa: Ryan Hreljac, 10

Learning that people in Africa had a very hard time getting clean water and access to wells, Ryan, who was six then, persuaded his parents to pay him for extra chores. When he got his first \$75, he thought that he would be able to drill a well.

Later, although he was shocked to learn from Water Can (a non-profit organization that provides clean water to poor countries) that it would actually cost \$2,000, he didn't give up. He worked for more chores as he expands his fundraising ventures. When he was able to raise \$2,000 and more, he sent the money to Water Can in January 1999-several months later the first well was dug in Uganda. With the help of other supporters and partner organizations, more wells of hope were being drilled in Africa to provide clean water and a better way of life.

A Message from the Assistant Editor

The New Voices of Our Generation has now been running successfully for over a year and the editors at UNEWS would like to thank all those who have contributed an article to this section.

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July 6-14 - 8 day Jr. High School Overnight Program at Camp Sunrise - includes outdoor adventure trips.

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July 21 - Aug 8 - Day Camp at Camp Sunrise

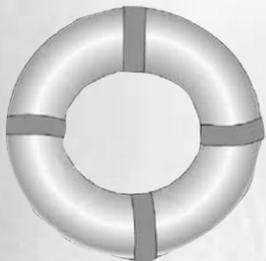
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The **Center for Education** at UTS is announcing the **Curriculum Mini-Grant Program**. The mini-grants program offers grants between \$500 - \$1,000 for the creation of professional curricula and teaching tools for the diverse age groups within the Unification movement. The Center for Education at UTS wishes to encourage the development and publication of effective and creative curricula or teaching tools that can be used throughout the country.

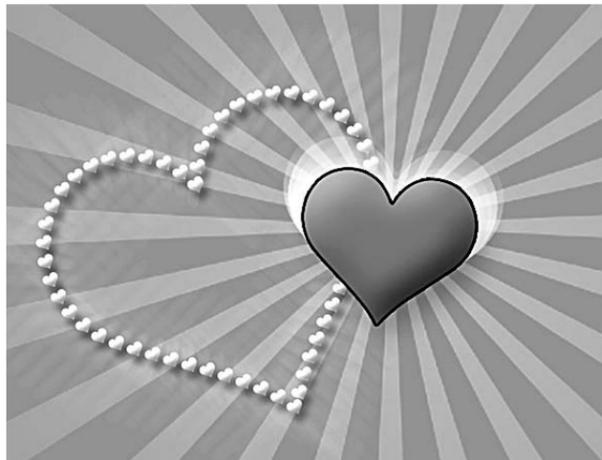
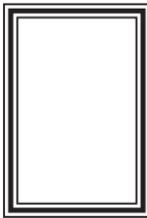
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In addition, there is a need to create effective teaching tools such as games, activities, specialized felt board teaching tools, dramas and similar creative tools for use in each of these ministries. Have you designed a game or teaching tool that you have found to be effective? Why not professionalize it or expand it so that others can use it?

Those who wish to apply need to review the grant requirements and submit an application. go to

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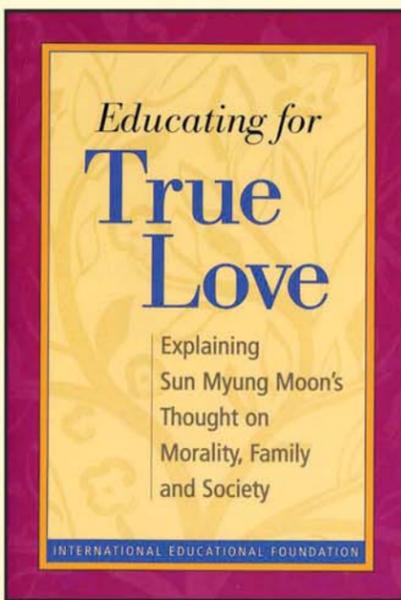
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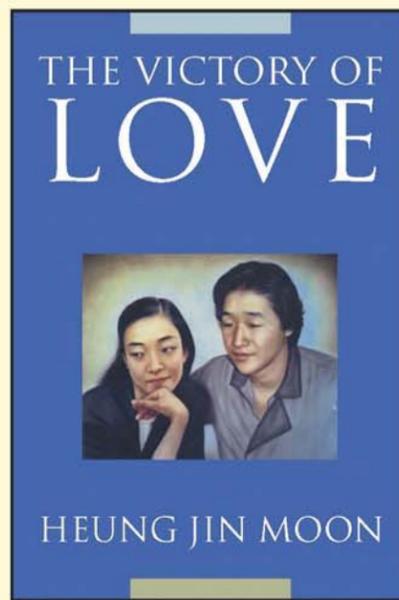
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