



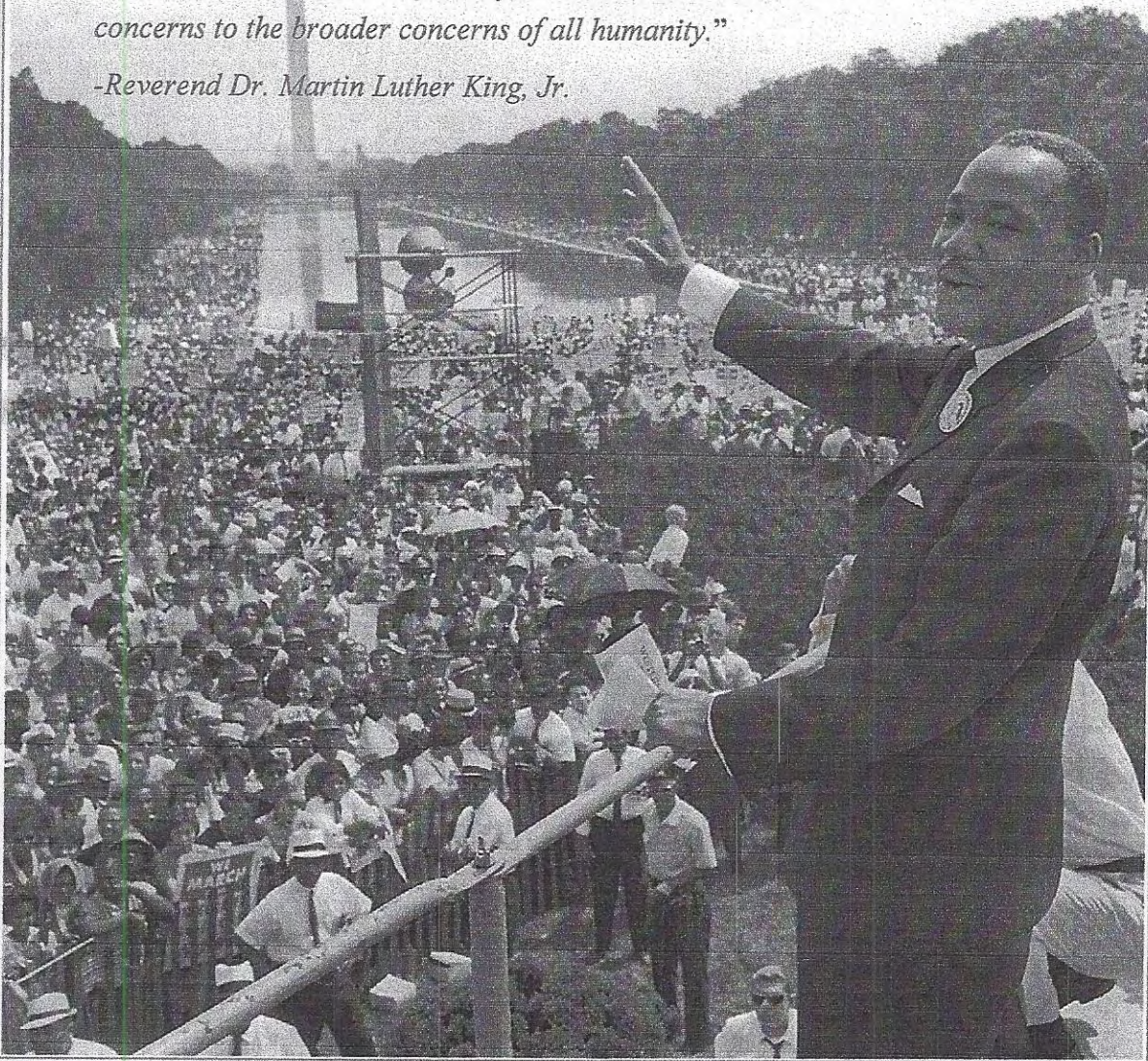
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"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

-Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Dear ACLCL Clergy and Friends,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord. I thank you for your continued support of ACLCL activities throughout 2007 and I am also praying for 2008 to be a great year for all of us.

At the Conference for Women in Ministry held this past December in Norfolk, Virginia, a Native American, author of the book *Pocahontas*, shared how her people were liberated through Dr. Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement. According to her, prior to the Civil Rights Movement, Native Americans led more suffering lives in the United States.

This week around the world, Dr. King's birthday will be celebrated. Many will commemorate the day by remembering his life and legacy. Perhaps some will recite his famous speech "I Have a Dream" which he shared on August 28, 1963 and which goes, in part, as follows:

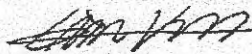
All of God's children, black men and white men, Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "*Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!*"

He was the true inheritor of God's dream. We are all children of God beyond race and religion. Dr. King's message truly awakens our lives, even today.

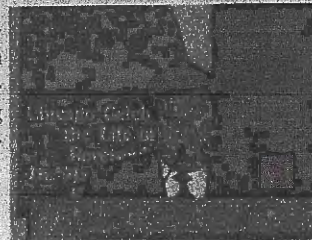
As ACLCL holds its convocation in Los Angeles January 24 to 26, 2008, under the theme "God's Family Building The Kingdom" participants will be sharing and discussing how to build God's Family and God's Kingdom. According to Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon, when asked, "What is God's purpose for creating human beings?" He replied, "It is to experience joy through relating with ideal families filled with true love. To cultivate a character of true love was to secure a parent-child relationship with God, whereby God's children could live attending God as their Father." They were to follow the path of living as one family with God."

We are the people of God and God's family. ACLCL is always seeking to promote action for building God's Ideal Family and God's Kingdom. Let us remember that ACLCL's founding goal is to "Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community and Renew the Nation and the World."

God bless you and your family.



Bishop Ki Hoon Kim
National Chairman, ACLCL



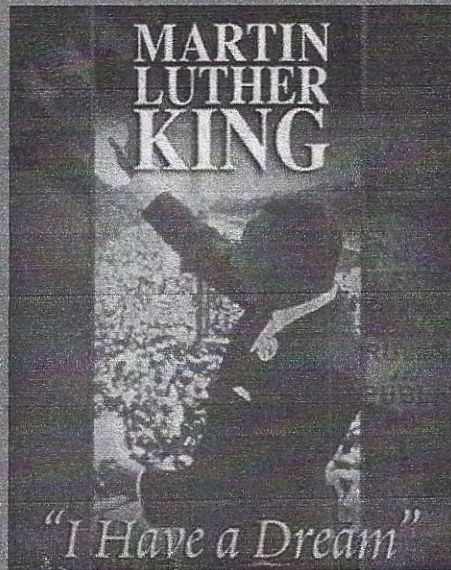
Chicago Mayor invited Bishop Kim to pray of unity at "Chicago Celebrates the Life of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." January 17, 2005.

In Celebration of
"The Dream"

Honoring
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Youth Musical Performances

Testimonies
MLK Day of Service 2008

Dinner Banquet
Monday, January 21, 2008



At the Peace King Center
1610 Columbia Rd. NW
Washington, DC 20009

Time: 6:30PM to 9PM



Sponsored By:

The American Clergy Leadership Conference

"Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, and Renew the Nation and the World"

Family Church of Peace Flag

Family Church of Peace Flag



Q: What is a Family Church of Peace Flag?

A: The Family Church of Peace Flag is a symbol of the new paradigm, where families will regain their proper position as a Blessed Central Family under the direct guidance of God.

Q: What does the symbol stand for?

A: The symbol on the flag represents the reconciliation of the family that was lost in the Garden of Eden. Every church or home that hangs this flag in a picture frame on their wall is making a bold statement that says, ***"When there is blessing and peace in families, there will be peace in the nations and the world."***

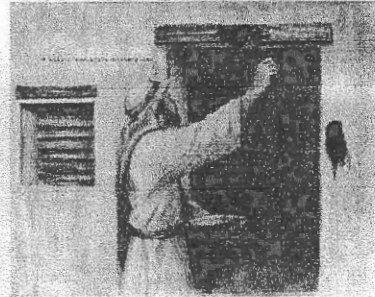
The family unit is a husband and wife, father and mother, and children. From this sphere, a four position foundation is formed with God in the center. **The family is the true image and likeness of God.**

Q: Is this "Church"?

A: The flag says, "Family Church of Peace". The word "church" does not mean a building or institution. The word "church" comes from the Bible meaning which says, "He is coming back for a church without a spot or wrinkle." This means that He is coming back for a people that are God's family, not a building.

Q: Why should we hang a Family Church of Peace Flag?

A: A famous spiritualist gave the revelation that anyone who hangs a *Family Church of Peace Flag* in their church or home will parallel history. This act will be the equivalent of when God told the Israelites that **whoever paints the blood of their lamb on their doorposts, the angel of death will pass over.** This flag will not only bring blessings to your home, but will also bring you and your family good fortune and spiritual protection.



Pastors received Family Church of Peace flag

Testimonies

Rev. Stephen Thurston



Rev. Stephen Thurston (center) receiving the Family Church of Peace Flag at New Covenant MBC with Sister Sadako Maeda (left) and Sister Kimiko Koga (right) January 13, 2008

Sister Kimiko Koga and Sister Sadako Maeda attended the 7:30 AM service at Rev. Stephen Thurston's New Covenant MB Church in Chicago. They had met Rev. Thurston many times at other churches and Sister Maeda started visiting his church last year with Japanese Missionaries. Rev. Thurston is the President of National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. and his son is co-pastor (4th generation pastor) Rev. Thurston travels nationally and internationally. They greeted him after the service and presented him the Family Church of Peace Flag. Rev. Thurston said, "You bring something to me every time you visit!" He was very happy to receive the flag. Rev. Thurston informed them that his new church building will be completed in April this year and he will invite them for the opening ceremony.

Apostle William McCoy



Apostle William McCoy (right) receiving the Family Church of Peace Flag with Rev. Kunihiro Sagisaka (left) at Brother's Keeper Outreach Ministries January 13, 2008

Rev. Kunihiro Sagisaka and Sister Hitomi Ishihara visited Apostle William McCoy (Brother's Keeper Outreach Ministries). Apostle McCoy moved his church to Chicago Heights (southern suburb) from Chicago six years ago and they did not have his address. When they entered the sanctuary, Apostle McCoy asked them, "Are you from Pastor Moon's church?" It was their first time to see him, but Apostle McCoy already knew that they were from the Chicago Family Church! Apostle McCoy asked about Rev. Shota Iwasaki and Rev. Yukimi Lemont and expressed how much he missed them. Since Apostle McCoy relocated his church to Chicago Heights, he had to tackle many organizational problems and could not attend ACLC events. But now he would like to attend the ACLC Monthly Prayer Breakfast this month."

True Family Value Banquet

You are Cordially Invited
To the
6th Annual
True Family Values Banquet
& Awards Ceremony

Saturday, February 9, 2008
6:00 P.M.

Charles H. Ellis III Banquet
& Conference Center

23500 W. Seven Mile Rd.
Detroit, MI
(Just east of Telegraph)

Keynote Speaker



Congressman Walter Fauntroy

Tickets \$30
Table (seats 8) \$240
734-546-4395

Music by:
Rev. Steve Maestro Thompson & Friends
The Japanese Missionary Choir

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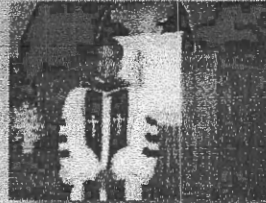


Walter E. Fauntroy



The Honorable Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy, a civil rights activist and former congressman, began his career when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. appointed him as director of the Washington Bureau of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Because of his personal commitment to the importance of unity and non-violence, he served as Dr. King's personal representative to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Baines Johnson. This led to serving in the U.S. Congress for 20 years and cabinet level agencies of the Federal Government that had relevance to the civil rights struggle at that time. During his course of over 46 years as a Christian minister, he founded the New Bethel Baptist Church in 1986 where he is pastor

to this day. As director of the Washington Bureau of Dr. King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Mr. Fauntroy served as D.C. coordinator of the historic march on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963 and coordinator of the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights march in 1965 as well as the Meredith Mississippi Freedom march in 1966.



ACLCL Prayer Breakfast Report

ACLCL Dayton, Ohio

On Saturday, January 12, 2008, ACLCL Dayton, Ohio held its monthly prayer breakfast at The College Hill Community Church hosted by Pastor Robert E. Jones. Pastor Jones gave the welcoming remarks talking about love. Evangelist Lillie Wright gave the invocation and a wonderful catered breakfast was served. Following this, Sister Celeste Vlasic read an article she wrote concerning Pastor Jones' Anniversary event that some of ACLCL 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, Caucasians and Hispanics, with absolute unity amongst all.

Bishop White then proceeded to read the ACLCL Goals and Objectives emphasizing the wonderful message of Divine Principle.

Rev. Moon's philosophy is not his, but revelations from God and Jesus.

-Bishop Emma White

Rev. Michael Vlasic read the Founder's Speech emphasizing the Divine Principle and when keynote speaker, Rev. Mark McDougald gave the main talk, he practically preached the contents of the Divine Principles. It was well received and ACLCL pastors are trying to make the foundation for having Divine Principle lectures in the near future. Although it was a small gathering, 5 pastors joined ACLCL, thanks in part to Sister Gloria Laurent's announcements and emphasizing the importance of joining.



Rev. Michael and Mrs. Celeste Vlasic and ACLCL participants at the College Hill Community Church on Saturday, January 12, 2008

ACLIC Appreciation Dinner Program

ACLIC New Mexico

ACLIC New Mexico invited ACLIC pastors to the ACLIC Appreciation Dinner meeting on Monday, January 7, 2008. Keynote speaker was Rev. Jesse Dompseh (Pastor of Powerhouse Church of Rio Rancho) and he shared his experience attending the 33rd MEPI Pilgrimage to Israel. The evening opened with an invocation from Rev. Craig Fowler, Assistant Pastor, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Rev. Dompseh gave an overview of his pilgrimage. He said that he was able to stand next to the very place where Jesus was born. He was



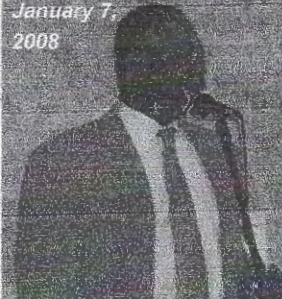
MEPI Participants

also very moved by the Stations of the Cross and was extremely grateful that he had the opportunity to see the physical surroundings where Jesus lived. Pastor Dompseh said that many of the Holy Sites were in the West Bank and because of the work of

the ACLIC pastors and Universal Peace Federation (UPF) they were welcomed at these locations.

Pastor Dompseh was most moved however to see religious clerics of Jews, Muslims, Druids, Christians, etc. working together to bring peace, and hugging and kissing each other.

Pastor Jesse Dompseh
January 7,
2008



That is not something you read or hear about in the news. He thanked Senator Mark Boitano and Sister Reiko Araki for opening doors that allowed him to see and appreciate the work of ACLIC and UPF.



The evening opened with an invocation from Rev. Craig Fowler, Assistant Pastor, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. A wonderful oriental meal was prepared by Japanese missionaries.

The Program began with singing two selections followed by Rev. Alonzo and Edna Twitty lighting up the audience with "This Little Light of Mine".

ACLIC Meeting participants. (1/7/08)

PEACE MAKERS FOR SACRED HEALING
HONORING NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN

By Rev. Betty Tatalajski

Joining in the spirit of reconciliation and appreciation of indigenous people everywhere and focusing on the need for a celebration of Native American Women, American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) – Women In Ministry, met in Norfolk, Virginia, to help fulfill that need. Women across America, including Hawaii and Great Britain, came together representing generations of their forefathers as instruments for healing the painful wounds of America's early history.

Time spent at Jamestown brought to life for us the extremely painful birthing pains of our nation. We stood before the statue of the beautiful Pohawton Indian Princess Pocahontas, a peacemaker between America and Europe, (1597-1617) and offered prayers for all those at the first Thanksgiving.

Congratulation's to ACLC Women In Ministry for the work of their hearts and hands.



White Swan 2 Bears putting a sacred purple blanket over Minister Reiko Jenkins



Rev. Betty with delegate from Hawaii

All participants at the Peace Makers for Sacred Healing



(Left) Chief 2 Bears, Gyoakla, Dr. Shuki Ben Ami and Chief George pray for healing (11/30/07)



Ambassadors for Peace appointment ceremony.

Local Events

ACLCL January Prayer Breakfast Schedule in the 50 States

Washington, DC: Jan 21 (Mon) at 6:30PM
Rev. Jean-Pierre Sonna: 845-532-3814

Baltimore, Maryland: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Mrs. Lynne Sofinowski: 410-446-8478

Norfolk, Virginia: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Akira Ota: 757-339-6084

Harlem, New York: Jan 31 (Thur) at 7PM
Rev. Edner Pierre-Louis: 212-316-0642

Brooklyn, New York: Jan 30 (Wed) at 7PM
Rev. Yasuhiro Hori: 347-744-7783

Caribbean, New York: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Desmond Green: 917-734-7897

Newark, New Jersey: Jan 29 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Hitoshi Onishi: 973-413-5041

Pennsylvania: Jan 12 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Shota Iwasaki: 845-750-0585

Boston, Massachusetts: Jan 14 (Mon) at 9AM
Rev. Bismark Bamfo: 914-388-4025

Bridgeport, Connecticut: Jan 17 (Thur) at 7PM
Rev. Chris Hempowicz: 203-526-7394

Columbia, South Carolina: Jan 26 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Seong Gi Hwang: 803-606-7119

Orlando, Florida: Jan 17 (Thur) at 9AM
Rev. Jecldie King: 407-873-2364

Miami, Florida: Jan 26 (Sat) at 12Noon
Sis. Hideko Ishida: 305-219-9093

Selma, Alabama: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Tarry Yamane: 251-751-3198

La Place, Louisiana: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Jean Kasongo: 985-210-8696

Jackson, Mississippi: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Steven Wilson: 251-656-5147

Columbus, Ohio: Jan 26 (Sat) at 9AM
Sis. Gloria Laurent: 614-262-0138

Dayton, Ohio: Jan 12 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Celeste Vlastic: 937-672-1493

Cleveland, Ohio: Jan 12 (Sat) at 9AM
Sis. Keiko Biddle: 216-382-4832

Charleston, West Virginia: Jan 26 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Claudette Kambara: 304-552-4059

Winston Salem, North Carolina: Jan 8 (Tue) at 9AM
Rev. Burgi Hutcherson: 336-682-5695

Louisville, Kentucky: Jan 12 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. David Powell: 502-608-2134

Nashville, Tennessee: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Yukihiro Saito: 615-289-4174

Chicago, Illinois: Jan 22 (Tue) at 9AM
Rev. Kazuo Takami: 773-991-6983

Detroit, Michigan: Jan 22 (Tue) at 9AM
Rev. David Kasbow: 734-546-4395

Madison, Wisconsin: Jan 22 (Tue) at 9AM
Rev. Jeff Schmidt: 920-889-1152

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Jan 19 (Thur) at 7PM
Rev. James Gavin: 612-290-6201

St. Louis, Missouri: Jan 26 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. James Anderson: 314-323-0923

Omaha, Nebraska: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Sis. Theresa Tsubaki: 402-250-8768

Kansas City, Kansas: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Peter Saarna: 913-217-7196

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Jan 7 (Mon) at 7PM
Rev. Rickey Schnorr: 505-463-7053

Salt Lake City, Utah: Jan 12 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Michael Stovall: 801-967-8013

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Dallas, Texas: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Sis. Jeannette Walker: 214-923-7845

Houston, Texas: Jan 26 (Sat) at 9AM
Sis. Helen Kashiwa: 281-861-6910

Austin, Texas: Jan 12 (Fri) at 7PM
Rev. Ken Morgan: 830-456-2169

Oklahoma City, OK: Jan 26 (Sat) at 7PM
Rev. Jun Orikasa: 405-826-8066

Little Rock, Arkansas: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Hiroyuki Ikawa: 501-626-3604

Denver, Colorado: Jan 26 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Michael Hentrich: 303-253-4123

Seattle, Washington: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Larry Krishneck: 206-527-0959

Billings, Montana: Jan 18 (Fri) at 9AM
Rev. Michael Yakawich: 406-208-2995

West Linn, Oregon: Jan 16 (Wed) at 9AM
Rev. David Coryell: 503-309-3232

Boise, Idaho: Jan 24 (Wed) at 7PM
Rev. Marcus Beresford: 619-589-0937

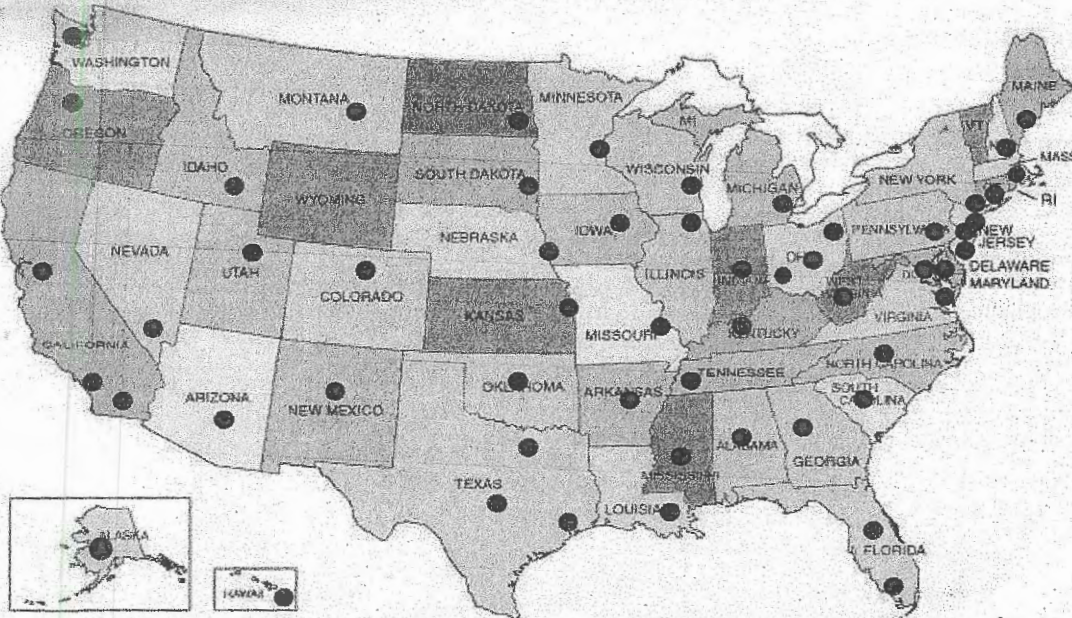
San Francisco, California: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. David Rosenblum: 510-517-4174

Los Angeles, California: Jan 12 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Mark Tengan: 702-648-7508

Honolulu, Hawaii: Jan 17 (Thur) at 6:30PM
Sis. Takako Davis: 808-987-5619

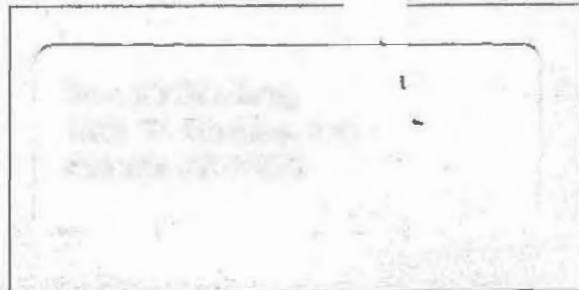
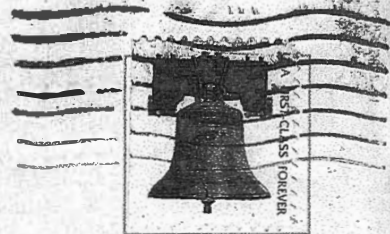
Phoenix, Arizona: Jan 19 (Sat) at 9AM
Rev. Diana Hickler: 480-892-2850

Anchorage, Alaska: Jan 17 (Thur) at 10AM
Rev. Shang Chih Hu: 907-229-4249



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ACLC Statement of Purpose

- To provide moral direction for America and world leaders.
- To foster denominational unity and work with all religions.
- To dissolve racial barriers by practicing the principle of loving one's enemies.
- To unify the body of Christ (the Christian Church) and all Abrahamic faiths as one family under God.
- To promote the blessing of marriage and the end of divorce as well as strengthening family ties and cultivating a healthy environment for peace in the family and the community.
- To bring salvation through the teaching of Jesus and to live according to the virtues of all faiths.
- To actively participate in the renewal of the community by working together with people of faith and faith-based organizations in order to address the needs of people around the world.
- To pray and invite the Holy Spirit to work and then inspire and direct the people of the nation and the world.
- To work for an environment and culture of peace by living for the sake of others.