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Aligning Ourselves with the Spiritual Reality

The sermon at the headquarters church in Seoul, June 22, 2003

THE central figures in providential history—the individuals, families, clans and tribes who have been responsible for the providence—have experienced a common characteristic in their courses. They all had to endure suffering. History is that of the providence of God's salvation, and the goal of the providence of salvation is to restore the past through indemnity, and that has meant suffering.

From this point of view, I find that there are a lot of similarities between the history of the Israelites and that of Korea. Korean history is a record of one of the most suffering histories of any nation in the world. This is because Korea was the central nation chosen by God. Sometimes, Korea suffered because of China; at other times because of Japan. Recently, it's been the Western powers that have caused Korea to suffer. What was the most difficult and suffering period of Korean history? Of course, it was when it was occupied by Japan, but the Korean War and the division that followed the War have caused Korea a great deal of further suffering. When hardships were inflicted from outside, we could overcome them through creating strong internal unity. It is the hardships that afflict us from within that most deeply scar the nation. When people fight against the hardships from without and win over them through their powerful unity, they feel joy at having turned a challenge into a victory. However, when people have to deal with suffering caused from within, they most likely end up feeling pain and despair....

As we all know, Korea was liberated from Japan in 1945. The trend around the world at that time was for once colonized nations to claim independence, and for Christianity to lead the global civilization. At that time, the central people of the providence completed their indemnity course, and a new era began. Soon after 1945, the Lord of the Second Advent and the Christian civilization were supposed to unite and restore the world in an instant, but unfortunately, Christianity couldn't fulfill its providential mission. True Father had no choice but to set off on a suffering course just as Jesus had two thousand years earlier. Father began a five-year sentence in Heungnam Special Labor Camp on February 22, 1948. More than any other group, Christianity was responsible for Father's suffering; communists come in second in that regard. Christians and communists in unity forced Father into the valley of death. Father has had to endure suffering in many forms, but there probably hasn't been anything that can compare with what he had to endure in Heungnam. There have been many testimonies about Father's

life there. One cell held thirty-six inmates. Father always volunteered for the humblest, the most difficult and the foulest jobs during his time in the Heungnam labor camp. We know him. We know he has always remained strong in any circumstance. However difficult things were at the moment, he knew that all the suffering and hardship he endured would someday be something he could be proud of in front of all people of the world. He was sure that the day would come, and it has. Today, all of his hidden effort has borne fruit.

After the course of suffering that Father endured in the labor camp, those in the Cain position could naturally surrender to him. His fellow inmates became his disciples, as did some prison guards. Prison guards came to him for guidance. That's the kind of life he had in Heungnam. He overcame Satan's attack by the principle of origin—division—union action, which put him in the position of being able to wholesomely restore people of the Cain world.

Not so long after the third year of Cheon Il Guk began, True Parents celebrated their birthday. Centering on God's kingship, a new order was created. It was the moment when the ancestors of goodness, those intended at the original Creation, settled on earth through their marriage registration. Centering on God's kingship, True Parents held their marriage registration as the ancestors of goodness. The ancestors of goodness came to exist on earth. On that foundation, we could register ourselves. We could register our births. And on March 10, the Family Party was organized to set up that new order. From March 16, however, Father had to endure more suffering, this time for forty days. He was physically sick. It was the final indemnity course Father had to bear to open up the new age. At the same time, the world fell into chaos. The devastating war between the U.S. and Iraq, representing the Christian and Islamic civilizations, began. After having been through all this, Father declared the Day of the Great Transition to the Realm of Dominion of the Ideal of Creation on May 4. There followed a period of twenty-one days, after which Father began the providential activity of uniting the first, second and third Israels, which had been separate. In the area of external activities, central nations have to have summit meetings, that is, Korea and America, Japan and America, and the Philippines and America. This is necessary for God's providential work to come to a conclusion. The three summit meetings should have two themes: One is peace on the Korean peninsula and the other is how to connect the UN to God's providence. The heads of these nations should hold these three

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Left, the wives of the 36 blessed couples, whom Father called to America for a workshop. Father has asked the early blessing groups to attend 40-day workshop at Cheongpyeong; Right, Cutting the cake on the 13th Chil Il Jeol (Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing), July 1, at Sutaek-ri in Korea.

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World Culture and

Founder's Keynote Address at the Opening Ceremony
Building a World of the Culture of Heart Based on True Love
Rev. Sun Myung Moon



RESPECTED present and former heads of state, eminent religious leaders, leaders in various fields from countries around the world, young people representing each major religion, ladies and gentlemen:

I sincerely welcome you to the ninth World Culture and Sports Festival, here in the Republic of Korea. The Korean Peninsula is my homeland and also the place where God will bring His providence of restoration (salvation) to its final conclusion.

From when I was a boy, I have had remarkable spiritual experiences that have enabled me to know God and commune with Jesus and other saints. Through these profound spiritual experiences, I have plumbed the depths of God's will and heart and examined the heavenly way and the original path of human life.

Human life does not end with the death of the physical body on earth. In the heavenly world, that is, the spirit world, the saints and sages and also all of our ancestors live as spirit selves, which is a form of existence that is of a higher order than that of the physical body. Compared with the fundamental world that God created—that is, the infinite and eternal world—this physical world where our physical bodies dwell is a small one.

The spirit world is an eternal world, and it is also the fundamental and essential world that is the subject partner to this present world we experience. I have invested a great deal of heart and dedicated effort to recover principled communion between the earthly world and the spirit world, which was severed by the human fall. This has been a truly difficult task that would not have been possible unless the appropriate conditions had been established on earth and in

heaven. Recently, in accordance with God's will, I am able to work through mediums to send instructional messages to the spirit world, and receive exact responses to those instructions and reports on the actual situation there. What is even more remarkable is that the representatives of the five major religions gathered together there and declared that God is the Parent of humankind, declared that I am the Savior and Messiah of humankind, affirmed that the Unification Principle is a message of peace for human salvation, and affirmed that the peaceful unification of the cosmos will be completed through true love and through lives lived for the sake of others on a level transcending religion, nationality, and race. They further resolved that they would attend the True Parents and harmonize, unite, and devote themselves for the sake of God's Kingdom and world peace.

These events happened in the spirit world as the new millennium was beginning. God's will in the providence of restoration has been prolonged through the Old Testament Age, the New Testament Age and the Completed Testament Age, but now I am indemnifying this completely in order to bring it to a final conclusion within this current generation. That is why good spirits in the spirit world centering on the five great saints are testifying to these things and actively cooperating. The spirit world is the fundamental world and in the subject partner position to the physical world, so whatever happens there is sure to have an impact on earth. Many spiritual phenomena have begun to take place, and resolutions



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containing the same content are being made with increasing frequency. The World Culture and Sports Festival was not initiated on the basis of human thinking alone. The motivation for its inception lies within the will of God, and it is conducted with the full cooperation and support of the spirit world. It is a celebration in which we will offer the champions of love to God.

I ask you to remember that the good ancestors of all participants and the religious leaders in the spirit world are sending you their encouragement from there. One of the important missions of religions is to educate people properly about the spirit world. If people knew with certainty about God and the spirit world, they would fulfill their divine callings and responsibilities with conviction and hope, and become whole.

In the present age, many countries are realizing that the security of their country is not an issue that can be addressed at the level of one country alone. No country is free from international issues such as war, terror, and the threat of nuclear weapons. World leaders agree that harmony and cooperation among religions is necessary for the sake of world peace, and this is even more the case following the events of September 11, 2001. For the past fifty years, I have warned about the dire threat of conflict and war among religions, and finally now people are beginning to understand the seriousness of these.

Reconciliation and cooperation among religions is a prerequisite to world peace. The important events of the World Culture and Sports Festival are intended to foster permanent harmony among religions.

Leaders, particularly religious leaders, must understand the importance of a person's true love lineage and teach this correctly. God's will in creating the first man and first woman as the ancestors of humankind was that they would each become perfected in true love and bring about a healthy ideal



in their marriage relationship, and establish a family with God at the center. In this way, their descendants were to have multiplied generation after generation as God's people.

The first human ancestors failed to perfect the first family created through God's marriage blessing. They fell due to the bonds of Satan's false love, and were expelled from the garden of Eden. As a result, they established a family that had no relation to God's true love. Our first ancestors failed to become God's son and daughter of goodness, a husband and wife of goodness, and parents of goodness. For this reason, humankind had its origin in false parents and false ancestors, and has multiplied evil descendants by passing on a false lineage.

The first human ancestors failed to pass on God's true love, true life, and true lineage. As humankind is descended from false ancestors, we must, by destiny, endeavor with true love to recover the true family that God desires. True love, true life, and true lineage are all important. But among these, true lineage is particularly precious, because it transcends the life of a single person and connects one generation to another.

You representatives of youth who have gathered transcending nations and religions, you are the most important participants in this festival that seeks the realization of a new world of the true-love culture of heart. You possess some truly precious things. You possess qualities such as youth, fervor, purity, righteous spirit and courage—qualities that are closest to God's own nature. Because of this, God desires to be with you. You should use your open minds to go beyond the barriers of exclusivity, antipathy, conflict and hatred to put down the roots of religious harmony firmly into the ground.

One thing I have practiced and taught throughout my life is the breaking down of barriers. We must rise above differences of race, religion, and nationality and live together. We are all members of a one world family of brothers and sisters, with God at the center. This must not remain a mere slogan or rhetoric; we must actually live this way. God places His greatest hope in the young university students. We must





transcend the consciousness of belonging to a particular race, language, religion, country, or culture.

I would like to pass on to you a truly precious teaching today. People, particularly young people, must understand correctly about the value of the love organs, and treat these precious. The love organs in their original state are the center and origin of love, life, and lineage. The completed fruit of love, as well as the conception of new life, is possible only by means of the love organs.

Without utilizing the love organs, the parents' lineage cannot be passed down to the next generation. For this reason, the love organs are the most important parts of the human body. Unfortunately in fallen modern society, the love organs are misused in too many instances.

The global trend is that social and cultural environments, manifesting particularly through movies, music, journalism and the Internet, are misleading people into the misuse of their love organs. Young people are easily swept away by the waves of free sex that are ruining countries, and families are breaking apart. This is a tragic reality. It is time that religious leaders and other leaders of conscience raised their voices loudly in support of what is right.

In every instance, the preciousness of the family must be recovered, and a proper standard of ethics for love relationships between men and women must be established. It is here that we find the reason that both the marriage blessing ceremony of true love through True Parents and a movement of young people for pure love must spread throughout the world in a manner that transcends nations and religions. The precious significance of the interreligious and international Blessing Ceremony that will be held on July 13 can also be found here.

I have encouraged people to participate in blessed marriages that transcend nationality, race, culture, and religion. I particularly promote blessed marriages between people of nations that were formerly enemies. I have done so for Koreans and Japanese, white and black Americans, Christians and Moslems, and Israelis and Palestinians. When this undertaking becomes universal, think how much it will shorten the way to a world of peace. By practicing love for our enemies, we can make our leadership apparent, tear down the barriers between our minds and bodies, and bring about God's world of peace in which sincerity and devotion are offered in love.

Respected world leaders, we have long spoken of the United Nations as the most representative organization for peace. However, as we can see from the UN's growth from 51 member states to 191, and from its history over the past 58 years, the internal and external environment of this organization has changed enormously. The UN has many accomplishments to show, but it now faces many challenges both from within and without. There are many limitations and problems, including issues concerning special rights in the Security Council, fairness in matters relating to both powerful and weak countries,

the imposition of sanctions, and budgetary matters.

In particular, the UN in its activities has ignored the spirituality and importance of religion, thereby bringing on itself a fate similar to that of a body that has no mind. In this multi-polar world, the UN has become a body without a head, as it has become unable to deal effectively with the problems facing the world. It has lost its impartiality in analyzing world issues, causing it to favor one side over another. If the UN continues on this path, it will not achieve the purposes for which it was originally founded, and, far from developing further, may face a crisis that will determine whether it can continue or be forced out of existence.

For the past thirty years, I have watched the UN with hope and concern to see whether it would become an organization for true world peace, and over the past four years I have taken every opportunity to call for the renewal of the UN. My plan for the renewal of the UN is the establishment of an interreligious council within its structure, as an organ of superior position. Fortunately, representatives from the Philippines and the United States, with the support of several countries, are going to submit a plan for the renewal of the UN to the 58th General Assembly in September. I am confident that many countries will cooperate so that the United

Nations can become an energetic structure centered on God, bringing about true peace.

In the spirit world, the five great saints and other leaders have already resolved that they will cooperate. The delegates to the interreligious council that will be created within the UN will have the opportunity to accomplish the lofty ideals that the founders of their religions attempt-

ed to achieve, but to do so they will need character and wisdom that are models of true love. To do this, religion itself must stand firmly on the path of other-centered practice. If religion cannot do this, the interreligious council will have no value. Today's world needs religious leaders who go beyond denominationalism, the self-interest of their own religious groups and fanaticism, and practice true love.

The events that make up the World Culture and Sports Festival—the International Blessing Ceremony, the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival, IIFWP Assembly 2003, the World CARP Convention, Service for Peace, and so on—are all convening in the interests of world peace. I have, additionally, built worldwide foundations in the areas of education and the arts. These, together with the 2003 Peace Cup football tournament—that will begin on the 15th of this month with well-known clubs from around the world participating—are all activities aimed at building a peaceful world of the culture of heart. I believe that over the next few days, under the watchful eyes of the spirit world and this earthly world, we will make manifest for all to see our vision for peace, our resolution, and our leadership. I am confident that we will inspire the people of the world, and create a common bond of heart that will plant a message of hope.

I pray that God's blessing will fill you, your families, and the world. ♦



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Festival of Global Peace and Harmony

What a Korean monthly news magazine said about WCSF

The following excerpts are from an article that appeared in the August issue of the Korean magazine Shisa News Monthly. The content is a combination of background information requested by the magazine and made available by the FFWPU Korean headquarters' Public Affairs Department and Shisa journalists' own observations gleaned from being present. A number of other publications have recently carried stories. Media coverage of the work of the movement and its founders has been increasing in Korea in recent years. This article offers a concise overview of the events of World Culture and Sports Festival 2003. It was translated from Korean and is used with permission.

A FOUR-DAY festival of peace for all humankind—the World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) 2003—ran from July 10 to July 13 with some 6,500 people, including well-known guests from both at home and abroad, participating.

The goal of WCSF 2003 is to realize the ideal of peace through international, interreligious and interracial gathering. Rev. Sun Myung Moon proposed the event in 1988, the year of the Seoul Olympics, and founded it in 1992. It had been held every two or three years, but since 1997 has been held every year. As directed by the founder, many organizations he has founded in areas such as education, politics, culture, relief work, science and technology and the media as well as those dealing with young people, students and women's issues have participated in WCSF, which has been held nine times. Notably, it played the role of conveying a message of peace to the world by hosting a World Peace Blessing at the United Nations. ...

WCSF has come to have more substance over the years, with events that mainly call for religious harmony and cooperation, thus its effect extends beyond the one-time event. It is a festival that brings together distinguished figures from a wide variety of fields.

It is a festival aimed at realizing the ideal of "the world is one home, mankind is one family," by overcoming racial, national, and religious barriers. WCSF 2003 opened at 10 AM at Yu Gwan Sun Gymnasium as athletes from eighty nations entered with their national flags.

When Rev. Moon gave his keynote

speech entitled "Building a World of the Culture of Heart Based on True Love," he said, "In every instance, the preciousness of the family must be recovered, and a proper standard of ethics for love relationships between men and women must be established. It is here that we find the reason that the marriage blessing ceremony of true love through True Parents and a movement of young people for pure love must spread throughout the world in a manner that

ideal of a "one-world family" under one God that is not bound by racial, lingual, religious, national or cultural differences.

In his address, Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, chairman of the WCSF Organizing Committee, said, "I hope all of you will feel pride in knowing that this festival is different from other international sports meetings—even the Olympic Games or the World Cup—which face many problems due to ill-will in the competition, and due to excessive commercialism. God's great blessing will be with you all as you overcome the barriers between different doctrines and traditions, and race toward the ideal of peace with purity and passion."

Mr. Shim Dae-pyung, governor of Choongnam province, where the events were held, said, "I believe that Rev. Sun Myung Moon's noble idea, and belief in all humanity being one family under one God, will spread hope and love to the world."

Following the governor's speech, a singing group comprising four girls of different nationalities, Colors of Love sang "Amazing Grace" and "Come to me." Middle school, high school and university students then took the stage as the True Love Dance Group and performed "The Rose of Sharon," depicting streams of the blossoms, which is the national flower of Korea, with butterflies representing all mankind gathering around them.



The Shisa Monthly Magazine cover

transcends nations and religions."

He also explained the significance of the International Blessing of 400 Million Couples, Fourth Phase, which was held on July 13. In addition, he added, "No country is free from international issues such as war, terror, and the threat of nuclear weapons...harmony and cooperation among religions are necessary for world peace."

With that, he declared that his proposal to revamp the UN as a bicameral organization with a religious council as its upper house would be submitted at the 58th session of the UN General Assembly in September. For that, he received applause.

He explained that the significance of the proposal lay in its demonstrating the

Interreligious Peace Sports Festival

The Interreligious Peace Sports Festival (IPSF), which hopes to foster peace and reconciliation among the world's religions through sports, lasted from July 10 to 12; events took place at a variety of venues. Participants from a number of religions, including Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Islam and others came from thirty countries. Some nine hundred athletes, whose ages ranged from 17 to 23, participated in eight events—soccer, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, tennis, badminton, track and field and a run for peace. They competed for medals and through this interaction had an opportunity to come to a better understanding of one another's religious background.

IPSF demonstrated the potential for

world peace. It was a first attempt at creating a new culture based on diverse religious traditions. It could be called an Olympics of Religious People. There were 261 Christian athletes, 122 Buddhists, 90 Confucianists, 91 Hindus, 20 from Cheondokyo [a Korean indigenous faith], 78 Muslims, 5 Jews, 60 Shintoists, 35 Sikhs and 140 members of FFWPU, for a total of 902 athletes from 34 countries.

Prior to the sports festival, the IPSF bureau in New York established entry requirements for the athletes. The athletes had to be between 17 and 23 years old and have a religious faith. Several teams from the same religious tradition were possible for a single sport, but they would have to go through a selection process through preliminary matches. While a participant could participate in only one sport, he or she could participate in similar events within that specific field. The first, second and third place players won gold, silver and bronze medals, respectively.

On the final day, all the participating athletes visited the Independence Memorial Hall, Hyung Choon Temple and On Yang Folk Museum. It was a good opportunity to experience Korean culture....

IIFWP Assembly 2003

Assembly 2003 [IIFWP] was held at Seminar Hall, Sun Moon University, under the theme, "Global Governance at a Turning Point: Innovative Approaches to Peace in a Changing World." Political, religious, educational and NGO leaders from around the world participated in heated discussions to find solutions to problems facing humanity....

Participants had in-depth discussions on the different themes related to religious reconciliation and cooperation, such as renewal of the United Nations, peace in the Middle East, peace on the Korean peninsula and human development. At the conference, the majority said that the UN needed renewal in order to ease international conflicts and struggles. Karen Judd-Smith (47), director of the Office of Program Development for IIFWP said that if the UN fundamentally altered its approach to have regular discussions on religious problems, conflict would be greatly reduced around the world, and that the idea of an interreligious council within the UN, which

IIFWP is working toward, is therefore very meaningful.

Since the September 11 terrorist attacks, and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, religious and political gaps between nations have become wider and deeper. It is indeed an opportune time for the UN to fulfill its proper role; however, it is also known that it doesn't really do its job well. From this point of view, the issue of revamping the UN and solving international conflicts are closely intertwined. It is therefore important that political and religious leaders set the example of transcending religious boundaries. Karen Judd-Smith pointed out that the UN has shown its limitations as an international organization because it has prioritized the national interests of its member states. She stressed that an interreligious council is needed within the UN to function as its Upper House in order to actualize mutual agreements and to eliminate conflicts between nations. She added that the activities of IIFWP for the sake of conflict resolution and for the future of humanity deserve to be recognized. The activities of IIFWP are not limited to proposing the idea of an interreligious council at the UN.

In the Philippines, the Speaker of the House of Representatives agrees with the idea of forming an interreligious



The July 10 issue of Jugan Hankook carried an interview with Rev. Kwak



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council within the UN and convinced the nation's president, Gloria Arroyo, to make the interreligious council project an important aspect of Filipino foreign policy. During

President Arroyo's visit to Washington D.C., she explained the purpose of the establishment of an interreligious council to George W. Bush, which turned out to be a positive achievement. In addition, Mohammad Khatami, the President of Iran, and President Arroyo signed an agreement to work together to resolve conflicts between Muslims and Catholics. Gradually, a network for dialog between different religions is being built through IIFWP.

IIFWP's Assembly 2003 was assessed to have been creative and productive. This kind of meeting with the purpose of resolving global conflicts is important as it provides opportunities to people of different religions to discuss important matters together. Proposing questions, sharing one's understanding and recognizing problems already make peace possible in the long term. What's more important is that it provides a precious opportunity to have us understand how important a sincere attitude and approach are for the establishment of peace.

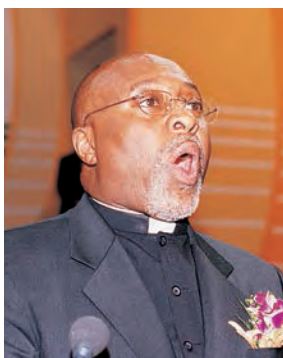
World CARP Convention

Following the fundamental principle of FFWPU that future peace can only be realized by the hands of young people who are well educated enough to practice a life of sacrifice and service based on true love, FFWPU has been actively developing various worldwide service groups such as World CARP, Service for

Peace, the Ae Won Volunteer Service Organization, Religious Youth Service, Pure Love Alliance, and the Medical Service Team. At WCSF 2003, World CARP held a convention and there was a Youth Peace Camp as well as Service for Peace activities.

Significantly, about 1,500 college students from thirty different nations convened for meetings and discussions at the World

CARP Convention under the theme, "Peace on the Korean Peninsula!" They also held a ceremony in which they collectively made a "Resolution for Peace and Unity on the Korean Peninsula." In



one session, "peace soccer balls" brought by participants from various nations were collected together. CARP also hosted the Mr. and Miss University Pageant. In this beauty contest, more points were given for inner beauty—such as the contestant's chastity, service and peace activities—than to his or her physical beauty. The goal was to have young people understand the true meaning of religion.

The International Blessing

The blessing ceremony, which promotes the realization of world peace through embracing the ideal of one world family, began in 1960. Over time, the size of each blessing ceremony has increased.

In 1997, there was a ceremony to bless 40 million couples, and in 2001 the World Peace Blessing was held at the UN. This has been followed by the first, second, and third phases of the Blessing Ceremony that is reaching toward 400 million couples. The fourth phase of this ceremony was held at 2 PM on July 13 at Yu Gwan Soon Gymnasium, with Rev. and Mrs. Moon officiating the event in front of some 3,550 couples representing all nations. The blessing ceremony was broadcast throughout the world via satellite and the Internet so that 30,000 couples in the major cities

of 186 nations of the world were able to participate in the ceremony simultaneously.

Love that can transcend racial, religious and national boundaries is a great power with which to reach the world. The 3,550 couples from 186 nations pledged to take the initiative to realize world peace through true love as they began their lives as husbands and wives.

Despite all having different racial, religious and national backgrounds, they were one in their will to contribute to realizing world peace by creating true families. The Blessing Ceremony was indeed the core of WCSF 2003, because it is the foundation of the ideal of true families centered on God's true love that transcend racial, national and religious barriers.

Korean, Japanese and Filipino singers including Hyun Chul [a popular middle-aged Korean singer] came on to the stage to celebrate the event. Representatives of various religious traditions prayed over the couples, who were then sprinkled with holy water. The blessing vows were read out and affirmed by all, after which Rev. Moon prayed. Then the holy marriage blessing was proclaimed, following which Hon. Hamilton Green, former prime minister of Guyana, offered words of greeting to the brides and grooms. The entire solemn ceremony lasted about two hours.

Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, the chairman of the WCSF Organizing Committee said in his speech, "The family is the most precious school that teaches love and morality, and the parents are the first teachers of love to their children.... You must realize the ideal of true couples and have good children... I ask each and every one of you to play a leading role in establishing a world of peace."

The event concluded with three cheers of *mansei*, led by Rev. Moon.

Yu Gwan-soon, after whom the venue for the blessing ceremony was named, is for most Koreans seen as the embodiment of purity and patriotism. The event showed how Rev. Moon actualized the unity of all different peoples through racial and religious reconciliation and the order of true love, as well as how FFWPU is taking the initiative to promote ideal families. The event showed the scope of the activities in which FFWPU has been involved, including those that aim to overcome the problems caused by sexual promiscuity and crises of sexual identity, which are threatening to families, nations and, moreover, world peace.

A Farewell Banquet

After the various events held over four days, a farewell banquet for the participants of WCSF 2003 was held. Rev. and Mrs. Moon, present and former heads of state and youth representatives—together some five hundred people—attended the dinner.

A cake was cut, the invocation was offered by Shiekh Mohamad Kanaan, president of the Sunni Islamic Tribunal Court in Lebanon, and a toast was proposed by a senior Ugandan diplomat. Then, following entertainment and an introduction by Rev. Kwak, Rev. Moon spoke. In his speech he emphasized, "If a man and woman become one as husband and wife centering on God and unite their lineages, the buds of harmony, unification and the creation of a new culture will develop. This is the miracle of cross-cultural marriage that I have been teaching for many decades....this is the only way that true world peace can be assured."

Rev. Moon exhorted the audience, "I hope that you will become Ambassadors for Peace who will play substantial roles in the plan for the renewal of the United Nations that I am proposing and developing for the sake of realizing world peace."

Today, the world needs a religious leader who can embody true love and who can go beyond religious sectarianism, religious fanaticism and the self-interest of one religious group. WCSF 2003 showed the essence of FFWPU, which has built a global foundation in the fields of education and the arts.

FFWPU has shown its vision for peace, its determination and its unique leadership, which is striving to bring all people of the world to recognize that we are one family under God, that we should cherish our relationship to one another and share our abilities, wisdom and experiences with one another. The efforts of FFWPU will be much more effective in the future in realizing world peace, the hope of all humanity. ♦

Speaking at the opening ceremony were, from top, Rev. Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan (Chairman of the WCSF Organizing Committee), Rev. Dr. Hwang Sun-jo (International President of the Family Federation), Archbishop George A. Stallings (Co-Chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference), H. E. Rodrigo Carazo Odio (former President of Costa Rica) and Hon. Shim Dae-pyung (Governor of Choongnam Province)



International Blessing of 400 Million Couples Fourth Phase



True Parents' Benediction

BELOVED Heavenly Father! Today is July 13 in the third year of Cheon Il Guk, and we are gathered here in Yu Gwan Sun Gymnasium, where the fourth phase of the International Blessing of 400 Million Couples—of good men and women—is being carried out under the eyes of people from 186 nations of the world, blessed families both in the spirit world and the physical world, the Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

We know that this occasion, upon which the eyes of people throughout the whole cosmos are riveted, is the place of blessing You have so wished for—the occasion where we are establishing the basis to find Your nation, and the starting base upon which You can build Your family. Therefore, please be present at this ceremony, and embrace everything here in its entirety, including the brides and bridegrooms, and the guests, surrounding them in Your bosom of grace. Please allow the Kingdom of Heaven on earth—the liberated physical world of glory, and the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven—the liberated spiritual world, to become one in heart, in mindset and in body, and bestow on us the grace to enter the era of the kingship of love and Your liberated Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven, by leading us in this ceremony in person.

Father, because the original ancestors fell, this world could not become a world of goodness but instead was connected to hell, representing the world of evil. Please take pity on the people of the world who are seeing, living, experiencing and

feeling this reality every day. In order to restore fallen mankind, the world should be restored to its original state before the fall, become the world of the ideal of creation that You have desired, in which You can eternally reside with us. But instead, Your kingdom was lost, and Your will for mankind to become Your sons and daughters, to make a family of love and become true parents, and for the Cosmic Parent and the substantial being of Adam to become the temple of God so as to establish the Parents of Heaven and Earth, was undermined.

Because of this, and because we have been living in an isolated situation, surrounded completely by the realm of Satan since we lost Your kingdom, we lost the foundation upon which we were to restore the sovereignty of Your kingdom, restore Your family in order to restore humankind that has been lost, set up sons and daughters centered on Your family and carry out the Holy Marriage Blessing of God and True Parents centering on Your kingdom which represents heaven and earth. We know of all this, and also that since the parents could not have the holy wedding ceremony centering on the nation, the foundation upon which the children's births could be registered was lost as well. Father!

The whole of humanity, and even the ancestors who have gone to the spirit world, do not know that this fallen world resulted from losing the grandsons and granddaughters of God, who would have been the third generation of Your family, with You as the first generation and Adam as the second.



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But You have been carrying out the providence of restoration until now, and walking a path of suffering in order to restore Your nation and the family. Your plan was to set up the nation of Israel on earth, centering on Jacob's family and the twelve brothers who could settle on earth. Thus, the realm of Israel was to begin. Along with that, the nation of Israel and the Jewish faith, centering on the Israelites, were to become one in order to establish Your nation, which could win over the satanic world and finally carry out the holy blessing. We know that this is the purpose for which You sent the Messiah to earth.

However, Jesus, who was to hold the marriage supper of the lamb, which is the final ideal of the New Testament, and digest and completely absorb Rome, the satanic world in the position of Cain, along with the tribes of Israel, could not complete his mission. Since the people of Israel and the Jewish faith did not accept Jesus, as we know, a lot of bitter pain remained in history, and the realm of the second Israel was lost.

That is why the people of this world had to become the tools of the Jewish faith centering on Jesus, and the tools of the people of Israel, and set up many different religious denominations and go through a history of conflict, so that by centering on the love, life and bloodline from the one God, these people could establish connected families, clans, tribes, nations and world and engraft the bloodline that had been defiled by the satanic world, so that the wild olive tree could become a true olive tree.

All nations centered on the one nation, which have been fighting with each other in the position of enemies seeking to destroy religion, were supposed to center on Jesus, the Messiah and center on Israel to make all religions and all nations one, find the Cain nation of the world and restore the

sovereignty of God's nation. However, the day when this was to be realized has been lost.

For this reason, another two thousand years of history had to pass centering on the purpose of the Second Coming, and finally the moment we have been waiting for has come: True Parents have come on the world and the cosmic level in order to make up for the mistake of Adam, who had lost the blood lineage. In order to digest and absorb this world, which has been defiled by the false love, false life, and false blood lineage of the false parents, our rightful relationship with the true love, true life and true blood lineage of the Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth centered on God was to be remade to bring about the start of a new family. Then the clan, tribe, nation, world and cosmos—and heaven and earth united into one—were to become part of the love, life and blood lineage of God, digest the satanic world and make the orchard of wild olive trees into an orchard of true olive trees. It has been Your cherished hope to be able to fulfill all of Your will and to secure the harvest of fruit from that orchard of true olive trees for heaven.

Because the first wedding was solemnized improperly, things turned out as they have. True Parents therefore had to appear and, standing at this time at the highest point of the world, expand the blessing to become the wedding of rebirth, wedding of life, wedding of resurrection, wedding of nations, and even to the wedding of the liberation of the cosmos,

through the marriage blessing and the second blessing. As You have given this place of blessing that represents all people of the world, the family, clan, tribe, nation, world and the whole of the cosmos—all of which can take dominion centered on Your kingdom, transcending nations and the world—are standing before You.

Now, the United States and the United Nations, along with Cain, Abel and the religious faith that Israel lost, as well as Israel itself are in the era of the Second Advent. The first, second and third Israels of the world have become one and united the UN and the Cain world into one, and are serving the Parents of Heaven and Earth on this foundation of unity. We are therefore very grateful to You for allowing us this place of blessing, where your ardent wish for the restoration of the sovereignty of Your nation to the ideal of creation can finally come true in heaven and on earth.

Please bestow the grace of liberation, resurrection and the restoration national sovereignty on the more than three thousand couples present here today from among the 400 million couples, and on the numerous blessed families in 186 nations around the world, and accept them with the joy of the blessing of the opening of the gates of heaven, through which the individuals, families and all the spirits in the spirit world will march through in fine array, with one heart, one mindset and one body, into God's nation and the victorious Kingdom of Heaven. Proclaim to all the realm of resurrection of the liberation of all nations and people once more, so that the mind and body of individuals can unite as one and leaders of nations and religious leaders can also unite as one. Allow them to complete the miracle of opening the gates of the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven, so that they will march faster into the world of the blessing on the cosmic level.

As we have passed through the era of restoration through indemnity, we offer You our promise, at the scene of the blessing ceremony, to advance into the world of freedom, happiness and peace, in which Heaven, taking responsibility to lead, will be able to reign as it wishes. Please accept our offering. May You take the position of the owner of the blessing of the world, become the parent, teacher and king of love over all nations and all creation, and finally advance—to cheers of "*eok man-sei*"—into Your global kingdom both in heaven and on earth to enjoy an eternal, unchanging, peaceful and prosperous reign. For these things I offer this prayer of blessing, this report and declaration. Amen! Amen! Amen!◆



Congratulations to the Couples

Congratulatory Address by Hon. Hamilton Green, former president of Guyana and current mayor of Georgetown, Guyana's capital city

OUR illustrious, our respected True Parents, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Moon, Dr. Chung-hwan Kwak, members of the diplomatic core, respected religious leaders, colleagues and friends, it is my pleasure on behalf of the delegates to this conference to bring you affectionate greetings and especially warm congratulations to the delightful young people, brides and grooms, represented here and elsewhere in the world today. I ask us to give them a very, very warm round of applause. My friends, from the dawn of our civilization, every society has upheld the practice of marriage, unions between a man and a woman blessed by the Creator and based on the religious beliefs of the contracting parties. Over time, we have brought a custom to this union, taking place between persons of similar race, religion, social and economic status. Indeed, up until now, in many places, a union that crossed these artificial barriers of race or religions was not acceptable. Indeed,

in colonial days, these marriages were not recognized. In my part of the world, it was difficult for a young Hindu to marry a Christian or a Muslim, or vice versa. Those who attempted to overrun these age-old tribal religious boundaries incurred the wrath of family, friends and the society of which they were a part.

Thanks to the perspicacity and the vision of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, together we have enjoyed a glorious journey beyond the narrow confines of those traditional boundaries. This wonderful and beautiful interreligious, world-peace blessing ceremony is the manifestation of a goodness that is bringing us all together to share hope, fellowship and love. This great leap forward demonstrated by this ceremony is like a bright beacon of glorious light that will lead us to a world of peace and contentment and so fulfill the prophecies of all the great prophets. We need to recall that for centuries, religion has been the basis for violent conflict, hate and the wanton waste of life and destruction of property. Religious bigotry allowed one group to believe that their way,



From Rev. Kwak's Blessing Address

An unprecedented revolution to hasten a beautiful culture of heart, a true love culture, is happening all over the world. All over the world, international, interracial and interreligious couples are giving birth to a second and third generation; their children are growing with beautiful and open minds, without barriers to nationality, race or religion. As they develop their loving characters, these children are becoming the future and

the hope of the peace of humanity, melting away all obstacles with true love....

Your lives, based on love and centered on the ideal of the blessing, will become sources of new hope and guideposts to the diseased societies of the world at large. I ask each and every one of you to play a leading role in establishing a world of peace, by following in True Parents' footsteps in living for the sake of others.



and their way alone, was the only correct and authorized road to salvation—any other had to be wrong and unacceptable.

Today, we assembled here are part of a dynamic and pervasive change. The fact that leaders of the world's major religions could be assembled under the wise banner of IIFWP suggests that we are being led majestically and correctly to accept that what we call religion is merely the pathway to the goodness and mercy of the common parent, God Almighty.

We assembled here are lucky to experience the result of the wise guidance of our illustrious icon, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, to seek a new and beautiful way to share love and to live in peace and harmony. We need to be reminded that civilizations have either foundered or been made glorious depending on the situation of its institutions.

The character of our institutions determines whether we advance or regress. The history of ancient and modern societies shows they collapsed or were eroded not so much as a result of conquests but more so when those institutions suffered decay or degeneration, a form of implosion. When their moral fabric became frayed or weakened, they were destroyed.

A building—no matter how beautifully painted, decorated

or maintained—will not withstand the pressures of human existence unless its foundation is secure and solid. The family unit is the foundation upon which the modern society is built. Marriage is the beginning of the family unit. It is therefore important that marriage and marriages do not suffer from the defect of fetteredness of or the quirks of history.

That we, as we did a moment ago, witness marriages, some mixed but all blessed by a variety of religious leaders, is a wonderful and rewarding experience—clearly the start for a safer world. These couples happily vowed to be true husbands and wives. Our modern-day apostle, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon has made this possible. These marriages, with their attendant blessing represent our hope to fulfill our dream for a happy and a peaceful world. Once again, on behalf of the millions spread over the world and those here in this city, special greetings. And may the grand architect of the universe guide you all now and always. ♦





Breakthrough 2003 toward the Culture of Heart

13th World CARP Convention

Excerpted from Hyun-jin nim's speech at the 13th World-CARP Convention, July 12, 2003.

AS YOU know, when we look at the world today, we see a world that does not necessarily reflect the ideal desire of our original mind and heart. Any conscientious person would come to the conclusion that this world really is not an ideal world.

Today in the audience we have people from many, many different nationalities, we have people that represent many different races, people that represent many different cultures, and yet today, you have gathered here in this auditorium for one reason and one reason alone—to take ownership of the culture of heart. I would venture to say that the original mind that resides in all men regardless of race, creed or nationality has the same common purpose and longs for the same thing.

That is one of the reasons why we have this year's motto, Breakthrough 2003: Owning the Culture of Heart. God originally intended from the very beginning to substantiate a true culture that was rooted in man's original mind, original heart and original nature, that was a reflection of God Himself and allowed men to touch the divinity that is within man's soul. What was the impulse that beckoned God to create man in the first place? True love. It was the love of a parent that wanted to substantiate a tangible love relationship with his beloved son and daughter.

God wanted Adam and Eve as individual truth bodies to resonate with this true love. And then God wanted Adam and Eve to pass this true love down to their children and their children's children—on and on and on and thus to all of humanity. This selfless sacrificial love should have been the bedrock of the culture that humanity embodied as generation after generation came to pass.

Yet, what happened? Somehow, this plan was spoiled and wasn't realized. Now, what was the impulse that prompted Satan or Lucifer to tempt man away from God's original ideal? What were the deceptive tactics that he used to seduce Eve and that Eve later used to seduce Adam?

It is said that you will reap what you have sown. So too, in the original history of mankind, back with the original ancestors, something was sown that eventually was reaped and that humanity faces today. The seeds that were planted in the very beginning, that prompted the fall of Adam and Eve, were not the fulfillment of God's original ideal, which was true love, but a substantiation of that which God did not want to establish—false love, self-centered love.

This seed has been planted so that it has become the norm, an accepted norm, in the behavior of mankind, and unless we get rid of the seed, true peace, true harmony, true unity and true love can never be realized.

So what cure can get rid of this, root out this self-centered love? It is living for the sake of others. This has to be the motivation behind and the bedrock of CARP culture. That is why I keep saying that this is not something that you can understand conceptually or that you can talk about; it is something that you have to embody. If you look at what CARP has done over the last three years, there has been a tremendous consistency. Although it is only recently that I talked to you about core values, everything that we have done since the beginning with my inauguration has been based upon core values. The most important component of those core values has been living for the sake of others, or living for the greater good. If you don't have that, ownership, teamwork and dreaming big mean nothing.

I had many talks up to this point with CARP leaders on the concept of having to take ownership over something. In the past, they just looked up at me with confused faces. What does ownership mean? Does it mean I memorize the core values so that when asked about core values, I stand up straight and say, "Core values: live for the greater good, ownership, teamwork and dreaming big"?

What do I mean by ownership? When I say "ownership," I mean that you must embody core values. Core values have to be you. In other words, wherever you walk, whatever you say whenever you speak, and whatever you do should embody

core values. Isn't that how culture is built?—not by what we say, not by what we are able to teach, but by who and what we are and how we do things. This is what I mean by owning core values. Imagine that you own core values. Don't you think that you should be someone who can lead others? You know, I've had the opportunity to show core values to many, many people, especially those people who consider themselves professionals in the leadership-training field. Their reaction when they look at core values is "These qualities are qualities of leadership." In other words, if you embody core values, you will understand the fundamentals of what leadership is all about. I always ask the question, "How does one lead?" Do you lead because you have a position? Because you have the resources? Because you have money? Because you have charisma? It is because you are able to touch the hearts and souls of men.

I remember when I first said, "I am going to change the STF program." The standard I used was very simple: These kids I'm looking at, who are going into these programs, are they the ones that can lead, that can have men and women commit their lives to? In the past, I said, "probably not." If you want to be a leader, you have to set the bar high. As the bar is set high, then you raise all those who follow you up to that high bar. Then when you reach the bar, you say, "Okay, who amongst us is going to raise the bar even higher? Then, *you* lead." Raising the bar even higher—that's leadership.

There is the experiential component of learning and there is the cognitive component of learning. The experience-based component of learning, however, has a more profound influence in developing youth. The cognitive component gives credence to what our experiences are; it gives framework to what our experiences are; but experiences are the most profound element in developing who and what you are. Isn't that why, when we look at families, those that come from a good, stable family usually are more stable. Yes or no? [Yes.]

How many people did I send to the top five MBA programs in America? Most of the top management team at Universal Vision Group (UVG) have gone to one of the top five MBA schools in America.

None of what they learned is something that I am teaching here today, yet, were you to ask them what has been the most profound learning experience in their leadership of UVG, they would say it is what is taught here. Because this is the fundamental approach. This is where everything begins. You don't learn this in the classroom. You learn it by doing it, by making it your own. This is the power behind the experiential component of learning. Therefore, we, especially in CARP, put great, great importance on the experiential component of learning.

That is why we created the Special Task Force (STF) and made all of you go out and do fundraising, Service for Peace and witnessing; so that you could have experiences and make them your own. Of course, that doesn't mean we don't have

classroom lectures. We do have classroom lectures, but they frame the experiences that you have.

So, let me ask a question here of you STF kids. How many records are you going to break this year? I bet you, if I was one of you kids sitting in the auditorium today, I would say, "What were the records made by the previous STF teams? I shall not stop until I break them, and then I will lead those around me to break my record, and then I will break their records." In the constant push to do that, what happens? Everybody starts to grow; everybody starts to take ownership. It just becomes a continuous cycle of value creation.

Think about it. Leadership is the key. It has nothing to do with resources. It has nothing to do with how much money you have. It has nothing to do with the kind of people you have access to.

I'm thinking of the kind of quality I look for when I look for people who should become leaders, or who aspire to become leaders. What do you think the first component is? You have to have drive, passion. In other words, conviction and exuberant energy that is unquenchable. And then what I look for, when everything is steeped in that belief, I'm looking for creativity, because leadership is a creative process. You know it is easy to think linearly here. There is no whiteboard here, so I cannot show you my graphs, but what I mean by thinking linearly is this: Most of the time, when you are a leader, you face issues and problems where you will have to pioneer the course. It's very easy to resort to the way you used to do things. Creative problem solving takes more effort. If it takes that much effort, don't you think what drives that is your passion and your exuberant energy? If you don't have it, do you think you can invest the amount of investment necessary to find your way out? Where are those character traits formed or developed? They are developed at your age.

Parents—I see parents over here—do you think what I'm saying is right or wrong? Just wait and see how these kids turn out. Think about it. What would happen if we started the STF program earlier than college? What would happen if we began teaching our kids core values even before they enter

high school? I always believe it takes a minimum of seven years to raise somebody. To those of you who think, "Oh, that's just Hyun-jin nim's opinion," I say, fine, think like that. But I am in good company, especially among those people who have accomplished a lot. Education is not something that happens overnight. It is a continual investment process. Especially if what you are trying to teach is as valuable as core values. This is learned and won through experience and time. So let me ask you parents—those parents who think, "Oh, let me calculate this: two years of the STF program, one year of missionary work and then four years of active CARP service, when they're doing college. What kind of path will my son or daughter have and how will they take care of themselves?" Well, you know



Soccer balls that had been brought by CARP representatives from all over the world, were collected and placed in a container fashioned in the shape of the Korean peninsula. All had been inscribed with messages from leaders from in society, scholars, members of organizations dedicated to reunification, and students. The balls are to be brought to North Korea as a gesture of reconciliation, and there distributed for the use of North Korean children.



This, the 13th World CARP Convention, was dedicated to the very topical matter of peace on the Korean peninsula. In addition to Hyun-jin nim's speech, the 1,500 student participants heard from *right, top*, CARP Vice President Kwak Jin-man, *right*, Sun Moon University President Dr. Lee Kyung-june and *far right*, President of W-CARP Korea Kim Kyoung-hyo



what, even if that might be your perspective, it is quite short-sighted. You ask anybody anywhere in the outside world, "Do you want conscientious young people who are living for the greater good, who understand the concept of teamwork and of ownership and have big dreams, do you want them—versus somebody who has a degree from this university or that university—yes or no?"

What I've done, or what I've accomplished somehow has the tendency to turn out okay. I wonder why that is. The reason might be that maybe what we are doing here is moving quote unquote "in alignment with God's providence." It is moving in alignment with the forces of history. In other words, all of a sudden, things start happening, opportunities start coming before I even planned. So there's no doubting the fact that there's some force, clearing, opening the path, because things always start to happen even though we weren't expecting it. I have no idea. That is why I have been moving with such conviction, because I know that the tide of history is behind us and we are moving in alignment with that.

Do we believe in sitting on our butts and waiting for things to happen, or will we go out there and make them happen? I can tell you one thing: I am not the kind of person who will sit on my butt and wait for things to happen. I will be the one that takes you, turns you around, kicks you in the butt and says, "Follow me!" But eventually, don't you think it should get to the point where you should be the one that says, "Come

on, follow me!"" If all members and leaders of CARP have that attitude of "follow me!" don't you feel that the world will tremble in our wake? Yes or no? [Yes.] Absolutely yes. Don't you think that that spirit of leadership would be infectious? People would feel it, and even though they didn't know anything would say, "Oh, could you explain to me what you believe in?" What did I say? Leadership moves not the mind but the heart. If they feel it, they will come. If they feel it, they will be prompted to action. If they feel it, they will believe. Amen or no-men? [Amen]

You may see great leadership coming out of this crop of kids, because you're learning the fundamental impulse of leadership, and you're learning it in the best classroom of all, which is the classroom of experience on the front line. Are you going to inspire other blessed kids to join STF, yes or no? [Yes.] And when you go to the CARP chapters and do fundraising and witnessing, are you going to break every record, yes or no? [Yes.] Will you have the highest standard, yes or no? [Yes.] Then truly, truly, truly our movement has a tremendous future. This is the embodiment of what we talked about, owning the culture of heart. These kids have made a conscious decision to own core values, to own leadership and to own their belief and conviction.♦

Guidance for Leaders

We present these brief excerpts from Hyun-jin nim's comments and guidance at the meeting with international CARP leaders held on July 8, just prior to the beginning of WCSF 2003.

ALL paradigm shifts come from revolutionary thinking. You start thinking about the problem out of box. I am going to need to look at it from a different perspective. That's what you need to do. The person who can understand the situation easiest is the person who is closest to the situation. You are going to identify the problem and solve it. K-CARP has identified key issues and hopefully they will deal with them relentlessly. Let's say one of the issues they have identified is not a key issue. Well, they realize they don't have to deal with this and they can put it in their back pocket. Who says that the way we've been lecturing the past thirty years is the way to do it? Who is to say that the leader-

ship-training program is the only way? It's not the only way. If you see there is a problem there and people are not developing, then find a better way. If you don't have ownership, you cannot think out of the box. The only way that's going to change is by changing our culture, that's why I am talking about LFGG [living for the greater good]. You have to have ownership—the willingness to have a personal stake, to feel accountable, to feel that you want to do things proactively—and then have teamwork. In other words, use your team to find creative solutions and dream big. I know these are new concepts to you, but they actually work. But, in other words, you yourselves have to change....

I want you to start thinking of how we can do a good job. You need to think proactively, not waiting for solutions to come your way. You have to come up with solutions that are going to be aligned with the direction we are going. But

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Mister and Miss University

A pageant focusing on a different kind of beauty



Participants in national costume



Thomas Phillips, international president of Service for Peace, was a judge at the pageant. In an interview conducted by the FFWPU Culture Department, he explains how he approached the task.

TONIGHT we saw a lot of talent and very handsome and beautiful young people, and significantly, we saw the fact that they came together with a commitment to break down barriers. They came together with the idea of creating one global family and going back to their universities and being ambassadors for the one global family. I think that's very significant, very moving.

It was not only inspiring to see their talent, their youth, but it was inspiring to see that here are young people who are aspiring to an ideal, who have their whole future before them and they're building it on the foundation of very high ideals about how people of the world should relate together as people from different backgrounds, different nationalities and from different religions. I think that's very much what the world needs now.

There are a number of complex factors that have to be considered—not only their abilities. We are trying to look into their characters, to look at the kind of values that they are putting into practice in their lives and trying to see a lot of things indicated behind everything that they are doing, say-

ing and so forth. So, I think we try to access the balance between the external abilities, their natural gifts—like beauty or intellect—and their values and their commitment. I was keeping in mind the fact that here is someone who should really represent the kind of global values that they should go back and promote as ambassadors of the one global family; therefore they should be people that seem to embody these things that they should not just be paying lip service to them; it's not just a competition to them, but they have some sort of commitment to this. These considerations weighed heavily for me.◆

My name is Fadle Saad from Lebanon. I'm a Muslim. I'm very happy. I've always valued the internal characteristics more than the outer characteristics. That's why this pageant really means a lot to me. I really did this because I want my country, which is participating in this for the first time, to be proud of this.

There are a lot of religious problems in the world. I think that through working together, like having camps as we had here, through having interreligious camps, intercultural, can international activities, we can solve all the religious problems all the cultural differences, and we can become a global family.

Fadle Saad and Shih Mei-I won the men's and women's titles.

My name is Shih Mei-I. I'm from Taiwan. I feel so good. I want to thank everyone here. And also thank God. Without God I couldn't make it. What I really learned in this competition is how to love through service. Love is everywhere and I feel that love is filling the inside of my heart. I'm really happy, really excited right now. What I want to express is that through service, we really grow. We really learn how to love. And I want to express this love to the whole world, to make a global family.

I would like to go to China and be a missionary. Through love I want to make the political situation better. It's kind of like South Korea and North Korea; I want to achieve the unification of my country. Thank you so much.



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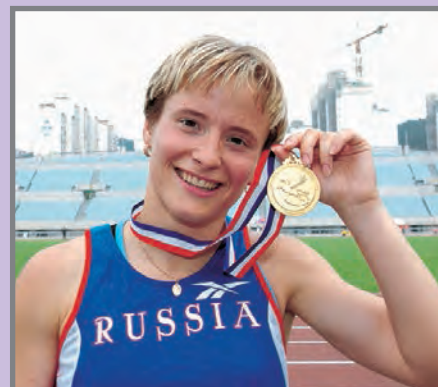


The start of
the Peace Run

Adapted from an account of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival that appeared in the FFWPU Korean monthly, Tongil Segye

Sun Moon University established a committee to organize the first IPSF in December last year under Dr. Lee Kyung-june, the university's president, and held a meeting in February 2003 in Cheong Pyeong where they resolved that they would make the event a success. With each committee member offering a forty-day condition of bowing twenty-one times, a total number of 100,000 bows was surpassed. The focus of the organizing committee was to gain assistance from provincial government organizations, many of which responded with tremendous support for IPSF, because they were proud to

hold an international event in their province. Originally scheduled to be held in May, the SARS epidemic's effect on some Asian countries (a number of which were due to send athletes) meant a two-month delay. It was challenging for the organizing committee to have to begin all over again. The final list of participants for events was completed just two days before the opening. The Olympics has the very strong Hellenistic element of focusing on physical strength and technique under the motto "Faster, Higher, Stronger." The Interreligious Peace Sports Festival, in contrast, focuses on the ultimate goal of realizing world peace through sports and cultural events involving people from different religions. This festival fits well with True



Parents' current emphasis on renewing the UN. This first IPSF was held from July 10 to 12, 2003. Athletes participated in eight events, held at Sun Moon University sports grounds, in Cheonan Stadium, and at other facilities in Cheonan. Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs, Confucianists, Muslims, Hindus, FFWPU members and other faiths with origins in Korea and Japan, participated. The events included team sports (soccer, volleyball, basketball), racquet sports (tennis, table tennis and badminton) and track and field events (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 400m-relay, 1600m-relay, the high jump, long jump, and shot-put), plus a special five-kilometer Peace Run. All the events were open to both men and women competitors (except for soccer, which was only for men), and there were both singles and doubles matches in the racquet sports.

The Games drew more distinguished athletes than was at first expected. Some athletes from Russia, Taiwan and the Philippines were almost as good as Korean athletes that had represented the nation in international competition. For example, in the men's 100 meters, a Russian runner ran it in a time approaching the Korean national record. In the women's high jump, another Russian competitor jumped high enough to meet the qualifying standard for the Korean national athletics team. Even the judges were surprised.

Each nation at the Games represented one of the faiths. The winning women's volleyball team was from the Philippines (representing Christianity). In the tennis and badminton matches, it was the Taiwanese players who came to the fore (representing Confucianism), and both the men's and women's winners in table tennis were from India (representing Hinduism). In the final of the soccer competition, the Sun Moon University team (representing the Family Federation) defeated an American team from Miami.



The Peace Run was open not only to participants but to anyone who wanted to run. Over two thousand people took part. The winner was from Jordan (representing Islam). He said to reporters, "We are in Korea to show our people and the entire world the right way to go—the way of peace, love and understanding."

When the points were tallied up, the teams representing Christianity had the most points with a total score of 4,740. Second place went to those representing Confucianism, who scored 2,880 points and third to the Hindu representatives who scored 1,680 points. Christianity fielded the highest number of athletes with 286, the Family Federation fielded 176 athletes, and Buddhism 149 athletes.

Overall, the participants expressed that they were very happy both with the facilities and the organization.

Although IPSF 2003 was held in July, in the middle of the hot summer in Korea and usually the time of the rainy season, it was indeed God's blessing to have fine weather for the duration of the games. As Father said, it was "God's gift for Sun Moon." ♦





Drawing Out the Potential

STF: Young members tap into powerful forces for personal growth

"This experience will remain in me for my whole life. We are the second generation! Let's live God's dream!"
 –STF member at the closing meeting of the Assembly.

Christine Froehlich
 Hayward, California

THANKS to Hyun-jin nim's leadership, over the past two years education and training of the second generation has rapidly advanced to a whole new level. The Special Task Force (STF) International Assembly came as the culmination of the past two years of development under Hyun-jin nim's guidance in the United States. STF originated in 1994 in America and has expanded to Europe, Japan, and Korea.

Excited STF members from Korea, Japan, the United States and Europe gathered with great enthusiasm at Sun Moon University in Cheonan, Korea for their first historic International Assembly, from July 7-12, 2003. For months they had been preparing to meet Hyun-jin nim at the Assembly, and to meet their brothers and sisters from different countries. World CARP Korea, led by Mr. Kim Kyoung-hyo, hosted this event with tremendous investment of heart and excitement.

On the first day, over five hundred STF members were greeted by Executive Vice President of World CARP. Kwak Jin-man. He outlined the purposes of the assembly to everyone: to deepen our vertical alignment by meeting with Hyun-jin nim, to share experiences and build a sense of international teamwork, to receive heavenly wisdom and inspiration through presentations and testimonies, and then to take off with new determination and ownership of the STF vision and culture of heart. Each member received a beautiful STF yearbook from International Director Mr. Ittetsu Aoki.

One of the highlights of the Assembly was a presentation by Akiko Ikeno, one of the outstanding leaders among the second generation, and an international ambassador for Service for Peace. She spoke of Hyun-jin nim's trust in the STF members, his concern and determination to train and educate the entire second generation. "Hyun-jin nim believes in you as the seeds of a new revolution of heart!" Another theme of her talk was, "It is not only you who are out there on the front line.

Be the one who fulfills what the first generation and all the saints in history gave themselves for. Behind you, someone prayed for a savior to come. That savior—that son or daughter of God and hope for the future—is you. Please inherit God's providence and be the vanguard of the culture of heart."

On the second day of the Assembly, members shared impressive video reports on the activities of STF in their countries, and their testimonies of meeting God and discovering the heart of True Parents and the True Family on the front line through witnessing and fundraising. Many testimonies reflected their tearful experiences of God's love and a deep heart-to-heart connection with Hyun-jin nim. Later that day, as they sang to prepare for Hyun-jin nim's speech, the whole room exploded with energy and excitement, with STF Japan taking the lead in jumping on top of their chairs and

calling out to their brothers and sisters from Korea, America and Europe. When Hyun-jin nim arrived to greet a room full of excited STF members, all dressed in their black STF t-shirts, his

first words were to express how deeply he was moved and energized by their spirit. In his speech, Hyun-jin nim outlined the Core Values and his determination to fulfill God's desire to restore God's nation, together with the second generation and the youth of CARP.

Filled with energy and the blessings of God's love and word, the international STF team members went out for the next three days to fundraise from CARP centers all throughout Korea.

STF brothers and sisters in international pairs became increasingly closer in heart as they went out selling socks, or carrying donation boxes, to raise funds on buses, in shops and in apartment buildings in their local areas.



STF Assembly participants prepare enthusiastically and vociferously for Hyun-jin nim's arrival





*The US
contingent of
STF members
at the STF
Assembly*

Upon their return to Sun Moon University, STF members attended the Mr. and Miss University Pageant and the World CARP Convention, where again Hyun-jin nim expressed his confidence and inspiration to the STF teams. At their final meeting, tearful testimonies reflected the transformation these members had experienced in such the

short time they had spent together. One brother said, "I didn't realize how I was growing until I came here. God and the spirit world are always working with us." Another testified, "I realized how much Hyun-jin nim loves us and believes in us." One sister expressed that, especially from the Japanese members, she felt incredible spirit and

heart, and their love and sacrifice for God and True Parents: "When we are all united like this, we are living out Hyun-jin nim's dream. Now I can see my potential and what I lack too. I have something to reach for. It is more real to me now when I see Hyun-jin nim and he says, 'If I am a betting man, I will bet on STF!'" ♦



For anyone wanting to be effective in this life—or in virtually any field, this conference was filled with presentations to help anyone achieve his or her potential. In both plenary and breakout sessions, the diverse topics included "Leadership as the Driver of Cultural Alignment", "Core Values and Culture", "Achieving Goals Effectively through Planning and Focus", "Organizational Culture: Lessons from the Business World" and "SFP Grassroots Initiatives: Integrating the Community." The conference concluded with a keynote address from Hyun-jin nim.



Congratulatory Banquet

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
Ninth World Culture and Sports Festival Congratulatory Banquet, July 13, 2003
Sun Moon University



RESPECTED present and former heads of state, leaders from countries around the world, religious leaders and youth representatives:

First, I give thanks to God that with Heaven's protection, and your enthusiastic participation, the ninth World Culture and Sports Festival has come to a successful conclusion.

At the Opening Ceremony a few days ago, I declared that the peaceful unification of the heavenly and earthly realms will be accomplished based on true love and through people living their lives for the sake of others, irrespective of others' religion, nation or race. My ability to make such a revolutionary declaration is based upon a background of truly remarkable events that link heaven and earth.

Unfortunately, due to the fall of the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, we are all descendants of the fall. Through no choice of our own, we inherited the lineage of Satan. God, however, created human beings to be His children, and He has worked tirelessly in the background to move the providence of restoration forward. Two thousand years ago, an attempt was made to bring the providence of restoration to a conclusion through Jesus; but it was prolonged again as a result of disbelief of the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. As was made clear by the resolution adopted by the five great saints in the spirit world, however, we now come to the time when God's providence to bring about human restoration must be concluded centering on me, the person who has appeared in substantial form as the True Parent of humanity, the returning Lord, the Savior and the Messiah.

As with Jesus two thousand years ago, I have gone through unspeakable persecution and suffering over the past eighty years. I was victorious over all those difficult circumstances, however, and on January 13, 2001, on the threshold of the new millennium, I offered to God "The Coronation Ceremony of the Kingship of God." This was a historic event that resolved the grief of God, who has endured untold suffering and has waited for six thousand years. On that foundation, I was able

to declare to heaven and earth the opening of Cheon Il Guk (the Kingdom of God).

Cheon Il Guk means "the world where two become one."

First, our minds and bodies must become one, and then complete unity must be established between husbands and wives, and between parents and children. It must come among religions, among nations, and between the spirit world and the earthly world. It refers to a world in which the entire cosmos lives as one family under the one God.

The Bible says those who believe will be blessed. Ladies and gentlemen, we are already in the third year of the era of Cheon Il Guk, and we are accelerating the pace of its construction. Through the practice of living God-centered lives for the sake of others, the earth is shaking with the sound of cheers that chase away the remnants of Satan.

In particular, on February 6 of this year, truly historic and providential ceremonies of historic declaration were held on the occasion of the joint birthday of my wife, Hak Ja Han Moon, and me. These were, "The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk" and "The Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families of the Peace and Unity of the Cosmic True Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth." God's kingship has been restored and True Parents have secured their kingship over all blessed families in heaven and on earth. God is thus now able to receive birth and marriage registration. Originally, this providence should have been accomplished through Adam and Eve as substantial beings, but due to their fall, God has waited for six thousand years.

On the basis of this series of cosmic declarations, the spirit world and physical world are becoming one both in name and in reality, and the world of peace that has long been God's deep cherished desire is rapidly settling on the earth. With the victory of the True Parents, the spirit world has been pacified, and the way has been opened for tens of billions of absolutely good spirits to be sent to the earth. Through me, they have



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already received the marriage blessing and become proud blessed couples. They will come to earth with the status of citizens of Cheon Il Guk and work with their descendants.

With the aid of such cooperation from our ancestors in the spirit world, and through the Ceremony of the Great Transition to the Realm of Dominion of the Ideal of Creation in the grace of the new blessing, humanity is now breaking out of the realm of Satan's dominion and entering the realm of God's dominion. It is a great revolution in cosmic history in which the lineage of Satan is completely severed and humanity is grafted on to the realm of God's lineage. We must therefore fight every minute and every second so that our relatives can receive the marriage blessing as quickly as possible and so that our tribes can be restored to Heaven.

The Kingdom of Heaven is not a place we can enter alone. We can only enter it together as families. Before another day passes, you must educate your relatives and give them salvation in your capacities as Ambassadors for Peace. Once we have secured our status as citizens of Cheon Il Guk on the foundation of receiving the marriage blessing while on earth and concretely attending the True Parents, we stand in the position of older brothers in relation to our ancestors in the spirit world. As sinless, good people of Cheon Il Guk, we become their ancestors.

As I mentioned during the opening ceremony, this blessing movement must be carried out around the world on a dimension transcending religion, nationality, and race, with yesterday's enemies becoming today's family members, and creating miracles of the 21st century. It does not matter how great the differences of doctrine or of language, culture, or custom may be. If a man and woman become one as husband and wife centered on God and unite their lineages, the buds of harmony, unity and the creation of a new culture, will develop. This is the miracle of cross-cultural marriage that I have been teaching for many decades. Already, hundreds of millions of couples who have received the cross-cultural marriage blessing from me are establishing families of true love, and living for the sake of others both in this world and in the spirit

world. I take this opportunity to stress once again that this is the only way that true world peace can be assured.

Respected guests, I am sure you must have learned and experienced many things through the various events of the ninth World Culture and Sports Festival. It is now time for us to transfer this learning and experience into practice. Time is short. God's providence of restoration, over the course of which He has waited six thousand biblical years, is now entering the final harvest period, and the wheat is being separated from the chaff. Please open your minds broadly, accept and put into practice in your lives "True Parentism"—or "True Love-ism"—which is the only philosophy capable of saving humanity in this age. It represents our only hope. All of us are called to build a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universally shared values, that is, one harmonious world that is God's ideal of creation. We must accomplish this by leading lives that, like the sun at high noon, cast no shadow—

where there is perfect alignment of our heart, our body and our mindset with God.

You now have three things that you must be proud of and grateful for wherever you go. The first is the fact that we all are encountering Cheon Il Guk in our lifetimes. The second is that the way has been opened wide for anyone who believes in Heaven, receives the Holy Blessing, and participates in the Registration Blessing Ceremony to become a citizen of Cheon Il Guk. Ultimately, if we restore God's lineage by becoming one in heart through the Holy Blessing, then all humankind will become the brothers

and sisters of one family of man, and both the earthly world and the heavenly world will become our common homeland.

When you return to your homes, I hope that you will become Ambassadors for Peace who will play substantial roles in the plan for the renewal of the United Nations that I am proposing and developing for the sake of realizing world peace. Again, I express my heartfelt gratitude to you for participating in WCSF and making it such a great success. I pray that the blessings of Heaven will be with your families forever. Thank you.◆



Mrs. Inam al Mufti of Jordan receiving her certificate of appointment as an Ambassador for Peace (see p. 27)

An integral part of WCSF 2003, Assembly 2003 was held from July 10-14 at Sun Moon University's convention center. Over 200 leaders from 60 nations representing government, diplomacy, religion, the media, business and the arts, convened to discuss new models of governance with a special focus on the unification of the Koreas, the "Roadmap to Peace" in the Middle East, and the establishment of an interreligious council at the UN.



The Embrace of Brothers



The process of realizing brotherhood among the Abrahamic faiths will draw deeply upon the inner resources of those who embark upon it. We are very happy to be able to include Dr. Kaufmann's essay here, which allows us deeper understanding of what it entails.

Frank Kaufmann
New York, USA

THE central chronology of the Jewish—Christian reconciliation pilgrimage to the Holy Land has been delineated in a number of articles and essays. I write, not to repeat what is now widely recounted, but rather to provide a single perspective inside the larger picture.

This effort was delicate beyond words. Potential for disaster was significant, even likely. At least two worlds and two cultures were to meet and surely, hell or heaven would prevail.

True Christians of the ACLC traveled in good faith to carry out a great historic task. Leaders such as Dr. Yang, President Jenkins, Archbishop Stallings, C. Phillip Johnson and others undertook the careful, demanding, exciting, and spirit-filled work of leading a community of 132 Christian (and Muslim) leaders from the United States on a pilgrimage through Rome and Israel. In addition to the Christian spiritual leadership and guidance, Dr. Wilson of the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) traveled with the pilgrims and had a unique but indispensable mission anent the group. Dr. Wilson, who has Jewish roots, taught during the trip with the aim of helping those of the Christian and Muslim clergy intensify their sensitivity to the Jewish experience, especially its more than two thousand year Diaspora, and the unspeakable persecution by Christians over this time. The Christians had to learn that their call to harmonize with Jews was not a simple matter.

This mission would not have had even a remote possibility of success had not these clergymen and women taken the crosses down from their churches before presenting themselves to their Jewish brothers and sisters in repentance.

I served in a different part of the equation. The American clergy has enjoyed the benefit of the great investment of our time, education, and human and material resources. The ACLC is a deeply grounded conference, whose members have enjoyed steady and significant education and practical experiences through such missions as this trip to Israel. Jewish leaders however, have had no such history of our extensive investment and education. The movement of the Unification family in Israel, while exemplary, has never received the kind of resources available to central providential nations. Despite this, in Israel, both Unification members and friends of the movement among major religious and political figures have proven remarkably responsive to providential demands. Credit for this incredible success must go to the Eve national messiah, the national leader and a phenomenal team of Japanese missionaries. The superior quality of their leadership not-

withstanding, there was no guarantee of success in the million to one shot that the pilgrimage represented.

I traveled to Israel ten days in advance of the Christian delegation. As the Christians toured and studied, the national leader of Israel and I visited the cornerstone Jewish leaders whose decisions would make or break the condition of reconciliation. Under the guidance of the Eve national messiah couple, and with the sterling support of indigenous Israeli members, we worked in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and elsewhere, holding meetings to make the acquaintance of, educate and prepare the core Jewish leadership.

I lived with the members and worked day to day in the Unification center. We each had our respective life and work, a beehive of focused, discrete assignments and responsibilities. Meanwhile, the Christian ministers had arrived and began touring the Holy Land.

By day we would continue our mission of meeting and educating Jewish leaders (while the Unification family continued their mission of conference preparation and the mobilization of conference participants), and by night we would go to the conference hotel to meet with the ACLC leadership, Dr. Wilson and other volunteers. We hammered out the program, other aspects of the main day and the main purpose of the journey.

This program preparation was no simple matter, everything had to be designed perfectly so as to create the one in a million chance that the moment of reconciliation would be blessed by

God, and history could move forward into a new era. The exact order of speakers, the exact topics and a thousand things had to be considered and decided upon during these weary late night confabs. We fought and argued through the issues, but never outside of love and common devotion to God, True Parents, the people of God and the will of God. I remain grateful to my elders Mrs. Erikawa, Rev. Abe and Dr. Yang who held the center and kept the bright line of God's central desire before us without modification or equivocation.

One thing eluded us, try as we might, until well past the eleventh hour. We just could *not* come up with the exact content of the declaration, which would define the mission as a success or failure. The trickiest part was that all people from both sides of the reconciliation effort would have to repent publicly for their past failures as stewards of God's providence. The Jews too would be asked to repent. The likelihood of achieving this was the part that seemed as remote as a distant star. We could not find our way around the simple and unbearable fact that for two thousand years the Jews have been tortured, killed and hideously persecuted in the name of Jesus. How on earth could they be asked to repent for anything remotely connected to the dominant source of their unspeakable suffering for millennia?

Our debates and discussions went round and round in circles. No one was satisfied. The light of hope eluded us. We could not find the words, the "angle," the enunciation of the



declaration that might win in its moment of history.

The final moment had drawn near. It was one o'clock in the morning the night before the symposium, and we were hardly even at a beginning. We were trapped beneath the concrete ceiling of even the most brilliant of our reasoning capabilities, but nothing would yield. What on earth could make a universal call to repentance viable? What could give that call a chance at a sufficient response? Our best efforts kept looking like nothing more impressive than mere horse-trading. "If we repent for the history of anti-Semitism wrought by our ancestors, will you repent for the role of your ancestors in the death of a good man (Jesus)?" It wasn't working. It didn't feel right. Had we come to trade guilt? We'd hit an absolute wall, we'd wandered into pitch black—but the leaders clung close together in faith.

In a moment, a fissure in the heavenly firmament allowed a ray of light to shine through and the declaration cracked through its shell to be born. What made shared repentance possible was not finding the perfect wording of a fair trade, it was possible because the saints of the spiritual world had already declared their oneness and common beliefs in the true providence of God (most particularly in *A Cloud of Witnesses*, first received in December 2001).

The elements of each part of the repentance came into a unified balance on the solid bedrock of the the *Cloud of Witnesses* revelation, which showed the already accomplished oneness of Christians and Jews. All we had to do was open the way once again for these historical leaders and founders to speak aloud to their descendants in faith, to speak to the world in a clear voice. With the *Cloud of witnesses* woven throughout the tapestry of the text, the *Jerusalem Declaration* was ready.

Its moment would revolve around key representative figures from each community of belief participating. The Christian would be Archbishop George Augustus Stallings; the Jew, Chief Rabbi of Ramat Gan, Itzhak Bar Dea.

At breakfast that morning, I sat to brief Archbishop Stallings on the plan for the presentation of the declaration. Taj Hamad happened by and joined us. Taj explained that he had been having revelations and clear guidance from God for weeks on this very matter, and said that he wanted to share his insights with the Archbishop. Taj explained that the only chance for the declaration to succeed would be for a Christian leader and Christians present to repent absolutely, wholly and without any reservation or conditions to their Jewish brothers and sisters. When Archbishop Stallings led off the day with his keynote speech, Taj's views and the things Archbishop Stallings and I had discussed that morning were manifest in his remarks. His address set the day off beautifully on a hopeful course.

Rabbi Bar Dea, on the same panel, likewise moved all present to have hearts of reconciliation. The day proceeded marvelously under blessing with only negligible parts that might have been improved. There were further presentations from distinguished Israeli leaders, as well as a little fun and entertainment to break up the day.

A part of the program that seemed enormously successful and important was the small group sessions. These occurred regularly throughout the day, with mixed groups under the moderation of carefully briefed group leaders from both traditions. It is possible that the miraculous success might have

stumbled were it not for the close and intimate bonds that developed throughout the day in small group sessions. The topics were explicit and focused on difficult issues. Thus, we did not simply rely on a bunch of cheerleading at the moment of the declaration. The investment and preparation went deep into the community, and though much is made of Rabbi Bar Dea's role in the signing, I trust that the solid ground of reconciliation had been firmly built far beyond the public role he played in the moment.

At the end of the day's work, the declaration was introduced. It was read by Archbishop Stallings, held up and translated by Israeli Minister of Infrastructure, Baruch Shalev, and signed by Stallings, Bar Dea and Abdelsalam Hosain Mamasra. It should be noted that at the time of this writing, Rabbi Bar Dea has publicly expressed second thoughts about his signing. We hope that his concerns and the pressure from his constituencies soon dissolve so that he can retain the glorious role he played in that moment. The Rabbi continues his intense devotion to interreligious reconciliation in his own ministry and in collaboration with the mission of IIFWP. The habit of celebrity veneration which tempts us to focus too heavily on individuals is thankfully avoidable in the instance of the *Jerusalem Declaration*. To focus solely on Rabbi Bar Dea

would do a great disservice to the hundreds of significant Jewish leaders present who invested deeply in the process of the day and met the call of God, each, owing to his own integrity and commitment, solemnly and gratefully signing the declaration.

In preparation for the presentation of the declaration, we took extreme precautions that the matter be handled with utmost integrity and forthrightness. No one was to be put on the spot or otherwise manipulated in the process. The declaration was read slowly, clearly, and without drama, emotion, or expectation. Mr. Shalev translated completely, fully,

and directly. As such, the moment of the reading was one of the most dramatic and frightening moments of my life. It had come to the point where the single most difficult change in the history of religion was playing out before our eyes. The time slowed down to a crawl. My heart ripped through my chest for what felt like hours.

I removed myself from any distraction or conversation. I stood in an inaccessible place in the hall, and just looked, listened and prayed. After the reading, the Archbishop, assuming nothing, turned and asked if the Rabbi would sign this joint declaration of repentance, and make a new beginning together with him. The Rabbi, as you've read elsewhere, said he would sign it if his Muslim brother would come with them to sign it. Taj brought forward from his table Sheikh Abdelsalam, and the three brothers collapsed into an embrace, a virtually physical oneness, which shot lightening crackling into the far reaches of heaven.

The heavens and the spiritual world opened like a cloud-burst, raining on all present. The document glistened golden under the passing pen as it went from one to another. People stood as if in a downpour after a drought, reveling in the end of a curse, and the promise of spring.

This miracle should provide an occasion for repentance, and invite deeper reflection on the person and work of Reverend Moon. ♦



Father and Mother with Christian and Unificationist leaders on their return from Israel with the Jerusalem Declaration

Middle East Peace Initiative Leads to the Washington Declaration

THE WORLD AT A TURNING POINT: CONSIDERING INNOVATIVE PROPOSALS FOR PEACE, COOPERATION AND CO-PROSPERITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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JEWISH, Christian and Muslim leaders convened in Washington D.C., just about a month after the first pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which 120 members of the clergy from America had participated in. This time, the audience for this effort for peace consisted of not only clerics but also professors and high-level officials from various fields such as the media, government and education.

The main objective of this three-day conference (held at the Sheraton National Hotel, near Washington D.C. from June 27-29, 2003) was to continue the dialogue among the children of Abraham in a different setting and to conclude the conference with the signing of the Washington D.C. Declaration, which differed in nature from the Jerusalem Declaration in that it had been adapted for non-religious leaders.

IIFWP Chairman Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan set the tone of the conference with his moving keynote address, recalling the deep roots of Father Moon's interreligious work for peace, which he began some fifty years ago, and which he often undertook despite extreme persecution.

The many panel discussions with questions from participants almost



Angelika in Jerusalem in May

always reflected the intensity and complexity of the Middle East conflict. At times arguments flared up between people, and it took an experienced, skilled moderator, such as Dr. Frank Kaufmann, to keep things on an even keel. In one breakout session, when Jews and Muslims argued, one of the Christian pastors asked them to not to argue, but rather to pray together and to look toward God for an answer.

One of the Jewish panelists, Dr. Shuki Yariv Ben-Ami from Jerusalem, who had previously attended a Divine Principle seminar, testified proudly to Father Moon and his vision: "Rev. Moon has brought a new Gospel to a divided world—bury the cross! Can you believe it? The Christian symbol that symbolizes all the suffering of my people—inquisition, anti-Semitism, swastika, banishment, and so on—is now buried in the Potter's field. My friends, these are the end times! Instead of the cross, we have now the crown. The crown reminds me of an ancient Jewish prayer, "Almighty God, King of the universe, we offer you a crown!" I bless the wonderful vision of Rev. Moon. I say *kadosh, kadosh*, holy, holy, from here salvation begins."

Archbishop Stallings began his stirring speech with "I am a child of God. That supersedes nationality, creed and

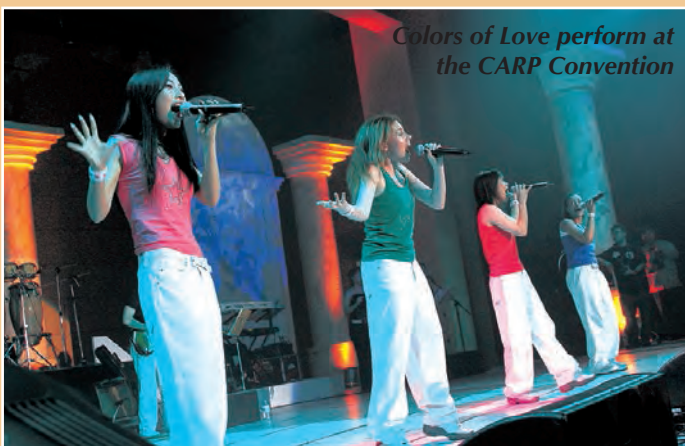
denomination. This is what we must regain to find solutions." It became clear that religions, as a body, are called upon at this time in history to help reconcile and heal a wounded world with the anointing from God and with Father Moon's vision.

On the last day, just before the Washington D.C. Declaration was introduced, Archbishop Stallings read from *A Cloud of Witnesses*. Then representatives of the three sons of Abraham put their signature on the historic Declaration. Each participant was then invited to sign an individual copy of the document. The atmosphere was calm.

There was one surprise still waiting for us. During lunch, when participants shared their testimonies, one lady minister, Prophetess Beverly Monet from Chicago, stood up. She said that during the entire conference she hadn't said a word but had felt moved to pray. As a Christian she realized that there is war going on between nations because Christians have not lived by and demonstrated the message of Jesus (love your enemy). On behalf of all Christians she then repented to the Jewish and Muslim participants and committed herself to do her best from then on not to hurt anyone's feelings and to stand up for righteousness.

God has indeed prepared His people everywhere to help this process of peace and reconciliation. ♦

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Colors of Love perform at the CARP Convention

assuming you are an owner of CV [Core Values], assuming you are aligned, then you should proactively find ways in which you solve problems that you and your centers face, utilizing your God-given creativity. Of course, leadership is a creative act. I cannot emphasize these CV enough...

It's really a question of organizational psychology, how do you get people to work effectively? Self-motivation. They feel inspired, they feel creative energy. You will get far more out of that person than someone who does it out of obligation, feels he has to do it. You are going to get so much more. Basically, what these CV are doing is turning these things upside down. If we just see this as a burden...no, once you think that this could be and should be done, then your attitude and perspective change. Do you think anybody has to be telling you what to do? You'll do it on your own. These CV have

WFWP Middle East Activities Inspire Hope



The 7th Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East was held May 9-12, 2003, at the Coral Beach Hotel in Paphos, Cyprus, attended by 65 women participants from 14 Middle Eastern countries. At the conclusion, participants wrote a letter supporting the Cyprus peace process to the leaders of both North and South Cyprus and to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, presented several proposals for action and organized the sending of aid to Palestinian children.

Here, WFWP International Dept. Director Naoko Brazil writes about how one distinguished participant has continued to deepen her relationship with WFWP.

Naoko Brazil, WFWP International

Mrs. Inam Al Mufti, former Minister of Social Development in Jordan, co-chaired our Middle East conference in May. Mrs. Inam Al Mufti is advisor to Queen Noor of Jordan, and also advises the WFWP Jordan chapter. She has co-chaired the conference now twice with WFWPI president Dr. Moon Lan-young, and the two

became "sisters" at a Bridge of Peace ceremony held at the 4th conference, in Athens, Greece.

Prior to this 7th conference, held in Cyprus, a two-day Divine Principle seminar was held for selected participants. Mrs. Inam Al Mufti heard the Principle and was an active and extremely interested participant. Dr. Moon had, on a number of occasions in the past as well, invited her to visit Korea. Due to her health, Mrs. Inam Al

Mufti was not sure she could accept; but the opportunity came sooner than expected. Mrs. Inam Al Mufti was recommended as a participant for the IIFWP Assembly 2003 held in Cheonan last July. She spoke at the sessions on the Middle East, and on the last day was appointed an Ambassador for Peace by the founders [see photo page 23]. As a special guest of the Women's Federation, she was invited to do some sightseeing in Seoul.

The following is an excerpt from a letter she wrote to Dr. Moon Lan-young, thanking her.

"Visiting Korea, seeing you, meeting with friends from WFWP and the wonderful people I met in Korea was like a dream...I shall always treasure the time I spent in your great country... Thank you my dear sister for giving me the opportunity to join you in the Conference. It was worth the long trip—I learned a lot, particularly about the great work of Rev. and Mrs. Moon. I tell everyone I see about their amazing work and the results of their efforts, and I pray that peace will prevail in this troubled world..." ♦



the power to unlock this passion and energy. What if every CARP member from top to bottom had this level of ownership and energy, how much do you think we could do? There is no question of what we could do. If you are able to tap into that energy, the creative juices of people...

Lead, don't manage. You lead people; you manage things. If you manage people, you are taking away from them their drive and creativity. Leadership does not come out of position; it can be harnessed and embodied at any level. [For example,] a CARP center member who has maybe been there for only three months finds a better way to communicate through his own initiative and drive—and we tag along—then he's leading, assuming that



this person is aligned. Leadership is something that is dynamic. It's inspirational. You can capture the idea of leadership at any time. This is what we need to tap into in CARP. The only way for this to be tapped is for you to embody CV. You will make mistakes

along the way. I don't care if you make a mistake, but just make it once. If you make it twice, you haven't learned from your mistake. The most profound lessons come when you learn from your mistakes. If you constantly rely on me as a crutch, what would happen if I stopped being in charge of CARP? The most important thing I can give you is CV. Don't think that you will always be under my leadership. At some point in time you have to graduate. ♦



Groundbreaking Ceremony for a New Headquarters in Korea

Father Speaks



On July 21, the groundbreaking ceremony for a new headquarters building was held at Chungpa-dong, on the site where the previous headquarters had been used since 1968. This site is about five minutes' walk from the old headquarters church where the True Family lived since the mid-1950s, and ten minutes from the current headquarters church. Before Father spoke, Citizens' Federation chairman Rev. Yoo Chong-gwan sang "Arirang All Alone."

THE word "arirang" is the combination of three words. "A" means love; "ri" means "a town," and "rang" means "passes to cross." The key point of the song is that one can never meet one's love in a town where they can safely settle together without having to traverse twelve passes. The words are about seeking the garden of love of the heavenly kingdom centering on hope and the heart of heaven and of the earth, and makes people think deeply about that, so I might put this song in the holy song book so that people in the world can sing it. I want you to think about God's course, which is very lonely and sorrowful.

Say the word, "tradition." [Tradition.] We must give people absolute education by setting up a tradition centered on a heart of patriotism toward Korea. Besides tradition, there should be education. Say, "education." [Education.] The Chinese character "education" is made up of two words, "filial piety" and "father." It signifies loyalty and filial piety. Education is the way to cultivate the way to unite a father and a pious child. Do you understand? You should become a devoted child to become a father [and mother] and you should become a father [and mother] to have a filial child. Only then, can you have a place to completely settle. That's why we should establish tradition and education. What should come next? You should put tradition and education into practice. Knowing tradition and education is one thing. It's much more important to put what you know into practice. From those who don't, no matter how rich they are, no matter how well established they are in the world, everything will be taken away in the end.

Then what kind of tradition are we talking about? Should we accept the present day Korean tradition? Should we accept the world's tradition? Should we accept the heavenly tradition? The answer is simple. We must accept the tradition of heaven and earth. What kind of education should we deal

with? It should be education about the parent—child relationship. This tradition and education are what you should put into practice and instill into your lives. Starting from each individual, all mankind should go through the course of tradition, education and practice, so that God can create the tradition, education and practice for His own settlement. That course is the way of devoted children, loyal subjects, saints and holy sons and daughters. Do you understand?

You've come here to celebrate the ground-breaking ceremony for the Unification Church headquarters, but there is nothing to be happy about yet. Can this be a place where people can find peace? Can this be a place where people can receive the proper education and learn the proper tradition? The place of safe settlement is the place where education and



Catching The Moment

Hyung-jin nim's book ~ reviewed by Anthony Guerra



Above, Father with Shin-koong nim; below, Father with Hyung-jin nim

THE MOMENT offers its audience not only an encounter with Abonim but also a glimpse into the inner life, the devout attentiveness, of a true child toward his father. The greater part of this work is replete with photographs of Abonim taken by Hyung-jin nim during an intensive period of several weeks. The close-ups suggest that the photographer must have held the camera lens near to touching Father's skin. Through this work, the author invites us to share his own appreciation for his close encounter with Father and "to hear the teachings of this great spiritual master with your eyes and hopefully your heart."

Some single head shots of Father are spread across two full pages of this already oversized art book. Other photos focus on Abonim's eye, lip, finger or foot and often span an entire page. In a few instances, Abonim's loving tenderness suffuses the page as in touching scenes with his grandchildren.

The book is an extraordinary photographic representation of True Father. Yet, this is not all that *The Moment* gives to us, as Hyung-jin nim here is also a highly creative poet. The

spiritual message of his poem is more fully explained in a commentary that the author offers to his readers at the conclusion of the volume. Further, the poet is also a calligrapher who has been tutored in the art by True Father himself over the past years. The seventeen Chinese characters drawn by Hyung-jin nim serve as the organizing principle for the selection and organization of the photographs contained in *The Moment*. After having taken many hundreds of photographs of Abonim, Hyung-jin nim selected the best pictures that correspond with the intangible quality of the seventeen Chinese characters such as tiger, water, earth, dragon and mountain. From an artistic perspective, the greatest merit of *The Moment* may indeed be its seamless integration of the arts of photography, poetry and calligraphy.

Transcending its artistry, *The Moment* is truly a devotional work. As Hyung-jin nim states in his introduction, speaking of his father's tireless life of service, "I attempted to capture

those years in a single smile, a gentle crease on the skin, or a warm ray of sun alighting on the hand. Feel at liberty to use this book as an aid to your daily reflections or your daily spiritual practice." The central motif of this work may be "offering

sincerity," as embodied in the one photographed as well as the one photographing. In learning more about True Father and True Children may we be empowered to become more like both. ♦



tradition can be firmly established and blossom. Therefore, no matter how many churches exist in Seoul, God wants this place, right here in Chungpa-dong, to be a place for firmly establishing a tradition that can unite the ideal of the family standard, that is, the ideal family of the heavenly kingdom who victoriously establish God's tradition, education and practice. That is the hope of all the creation in the universe and all mankind. It is the hope of heaven and earth as well. You've gathered here to make a new church as the central place. You must have the right tradition, and you must become educators teaching others not only with words but also through your actions.

I hope you are participating in this ground-breaking ceremony with the heart of true builders who are creating a church and the nation where God and humanity can safely find peace; and that you are building a foundation with deep love for your nation and people and becoming those who

love all humanity and God. I hope you have come here with the heart to build this church and help the nation make progress for the sake of God and all humanity. Tradition, education and practice! How much you have contributed to tradition, education and practice in your own lives will decide the degree of your ownership in the blessed land that will endure forever in the world, in heaven and on earth. Amen. ♦



The old headquarters offices

Rev. Hwang Visits Thailand



By Lek Thaveetermsakul, National Leader of Thailand

DESPITE Rev. Hwang's busy schedule, he took time to visit Thailand from June 16—18 on the invitation of the Asia continental director, Dr. Christopher Kim. It was his first visit to the Southeast Asian country.

Thailand is famous for tourism, and since this was Rev. Hwang's first visit, my wife and I guided him, Dr. Kim and his wife, Julia Kim, on a sightseeing tour of Bangkok and the surrounding area. We went to Khaoyai National Park and the tour-



ist resort area around Pataya Beach on the east coast. In Bangkok, we visited the Royal Grand Palace and the Emerald Buddha Temple. On the last day, President Hwang visited the new four-storey headquarters of our movement, which is also the Peace Embassy. It



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summit meetings, which have providential significance. Preparations are being made.

The whole purpose of our movement is to create the homeland of Cheon Il Guk. How, then, should we accomplish our goal? Needless to say, we are the ones who should have enough power to accomplish this goal. We should be dynamic enough to reach our goal. What kind of power should we have and where might it come from? From the Principle, we learn that power can't exist alone. There should be give and take action to generate power. To have give and take action, proper conditions should exist, a foundation between at least two parties. To have a common foundation, there should be a clear sense of purpose. Centering on that purpose, people on the Cain and Abel sides should create unity based on their common foundation to have the right give and take action through which amazing dynamic power can be generated. According to the Principle, that's how a new creation can come about.

It is time to gather our strength. How can we make that happen? No power can grow in disunity. No matter how big an organization is, it is absolutely true that no power can emerge from where there is disharmony and disunity. No matter how small an organization is, dynamic power can grow and emerge when there is complete unity. History has proven this fact. Their strong unity is the reason that Israel has been able to maintain its identity amongst powerful nations. Unity is the foundation for any power to work.

The word Father has used the most is probably "unity." Why is that? Because the fall meant a disconnection took place. In one speech Father said, "What is the fall? Because of the fall, conflict developed between God and humanity; and

struggles between humankind and Satan came about. From the fact that there have been numerous nations throughout history, it is clear that there have been countless struggles between peoples." It's the same for religions. When does a religion lose its power? When the believers of that religion are not in unity, it loses power. Accomplishing unity means establishing the order of creation as well as creating a foundation to generate new, dynamic power. In unity, people gain power and in disunity, people lose it. That's how things are.

When two people meet with a clear purpose, dynamic power can be created. Their power is not doubled when they come together, it is quadrupled. When four people get together, we can see that their power is not just quadrupled; through geometric progression, it is sixteen times greater than each individual's power. Therefore, in order to fulfill the providence in relation to Cheon Il Guk—which is in its third year—and to build our homeland, the time has come for us to pool our strength based on the one common goal.

We must stand on absolutely moral and ethical ground to have power. We must have validity. No matter how great the power one has or how much money one has, it is not the ultimate end. No matter what we do, if we don't have moral and ethical validity, there's no need for us to have power at all.

Also, if we become greedy, we lose power. It's easy to become enslaved by greed. If the Family Party had been initiated to satisfy someone's lust for power, it would end up being just another secular political party. They would be slaves to power. Similarly, if we had wanted to make money to satisfy our greed, we would have ended up being slaves to money. No matter how much power or money we might have, we won't have any energy as long as we are slaves to that power or money. So how can we have the kind of power



Photos, facing page left, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo being welcomed by members on his arrival in Thailand; right, speaking to the leaders and members in Bangkok; bottom, Thai national leader Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul welcomes Rev. Hwang; this page left, Rev. Hwang speaking at the main hall of the new headquarters, right, with Senator Wiboon Shamshuen; below, Thai senators visit Korea in July

was completed in April of this year. President Hwang gave an inspiring lecture presentation there on the situation of God's providence to about five hundred Thai leaders and core members in the main meeting hall on the fourth floor. That evening, after the lecture, he met with the Vice Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Education, Religion, Arts and Culture, Senator Wiboon Shamshuen, about a visit by a group of Senate subcommittee members to see firsthand the work of our movement in Korea. After the meetings, President Hwang left for Seoul on a late night flight.

Our movement in Thailand has gone through persecution since 1991, and some of its members were imprisoned by the government. We won a lengthy court case against the government in February of this year. Even though the public prosecutors continue to appeal the case, this is still a great breakthrough and a new beginning for our movement in Thailand. With the visit of President Hwang, the leaders and members received

even more encouragement and inspiration. The visit helped us have confidence in heavenly fortune for the future of our movement in Thailand. ♦



we need? The Family Party was not created to gain political power. That's why energy is being generated. If the goal were to gain political power, there would be no choice but to adjust to the way the wind blows in politics. If they were in the position where survival depended upon getting votes, they would have to please voters, but they aren't doing that. They are not trying to become secular politicians. What they're trying to become is heavenly politicians. What do heavenly politicians do? They set up a new order of goodness on earth. They want to renew the land and restore it to what it was originally intended to be.

The most fundamental base for our power should be a spiritual one. The prime foundation of our existence is spiritual power. How was David able to have such power over Goliath? How was Moses able to have power over the Pharaoh? How was Elijah able to have power over Queen Jezebel? They had spiritual power. That spiritual power came from absolute faith. Without reaching the standard of absolute faith, we can never have spiritual power.

In the third year of Cheon Il Guk, everything seems so difficult in Korea. Everyone's heart is divided. In the middle

of this, the time has come for us to plant the hope of Cheon Il Guk in this nation and in the world. To plant hope for our nation and the world, we must have dynamic power within ourselves.

As part of the new providence to establish Cheon Il Guk in this land, True Parents opened up a space for different religions to work harmoniously together. In addition, to unite the world centering on a culture of heart, they organized the

Peace Cup Korea 2003 soccer tournament. We must all become one, set up a heart-centered, moral standard and discard our selfish motives in order to create a way of life aligned with the spiritual reality. That's the providential mission we are facing.

We must have a clear purpose. That's how we can be one. When two entities become separated, they lose power in geometrical progression, but when two entities are united, they can have not twice as much, but four times as much power. They can have dynamic power with which to accom-

plish things. In conclusion, we should embrace the new providential way of life True Parents have taught us. I sincerely hope all of you can win great victories. ♦



The opening of Cheongshim Hospital at Cheong Pyeong; l to r, Rev. Kwak, Hospital Director Dr. Jin Kyung-hee, Daemo nim, Rev. Hwang



A Strong Kick for World Peace



In the midst of last year's World Cup, and in Korea where it was held, Father publicly announced that he was launching a new international football (soccer) tournament (see *TODAY'S WORLD* May/June 2002 issue). It seemed unimaginable to many of us familiar with the rough, earthy culture of the game in our home countries that it could be softened into a vehicle for the message of peace. Yet, just 13 months later (July 15-22) eight professional teams from five continents competed against each other in the 2003 Peace Cup Korea. Though the ideological focus was surely different, the format of the Peace Cup was reminiscent of the World Cup.

Divided into two groups of four, the teams in each group all played each other. Then the winners of each group played each other in the final.

The tournament brought major soccer powers from distant lands into contact with Korean league champions Seongnam Il Hwa—the team Father launched in 1989. Seongnam won two of their games with virtually last minute goals, yet still just missed qualifying for the final.

At each game, an organized group of Korean supporters dressed in the colors of the visiting teams appeared and led enthusiastic cheers from behind the appropriate goal. It was heartwarming to see these young people devoting themselves to supporting a team from overseas.

Father and Mother took a close interest in the Cup, attending

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Opening Ceremony: Father opens the Cup



Opening Ceremony: Rev. Kwak's speech



Jong Mong-joon, head of the Korean Football Association, gives the welcome address



The opening game, between Seongnam Ilhwa (yellow) and Besiktas JK, visiting from Turkey; Seongnam won 2—1

May the Heat of the Peace Cup Warm Up the K-league

From the Kyunghyang Shinmun [daily newspaper], July 22

Today's PSV Eindhoven and Olympique Lyonnais game is the final game of the first Peace Cup.

Some teams played less well or more roughly than they should have, and I regret the loss of Seongnam Ilhwa. Yet, overall I will remember it as a good tournament. It seems to have reflected the effort of the organizing committee; many people came and it was successful. We can praise the desire of the broadcasting company that broadcast the games live during prime time. This erases my regret that in the past they didn't show soccer games, because they were too stingy

to air them during prime time.

In fact, I have an optimistic view of the Peace Cup tournament. First, such famous teams as Bayer Leverkusen and AS Roma pulled out for some reason. I wondered if other teams could adequately represent their continent. I wondered if the players would do their best in a tournament that takes place during the time when they are preparing for the upcoming season.

I worried about whether Korean fans, who savored the essence of World Cup soccer, would cheer during the Peace Cup, but after the opening of the tournament there was more cheering than I'd expected. Finally though they didn't overcome their last opponent, Seong-



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The Korean supporters of PSV Eindhoven brave the rain



The teams, their year of founding and nation

Besiktas JK
1904
Turkey

Club Nacional De Fútbol
1899
Uruguay

Kaizer Chiefs
1870
South Africa

LA Galaxy
1994
The United States

Olympique Lyonnais
1950
France

PSV Eindhoven
1913
The Netherlands

Seongnam Ilhwa
1989
Republic of Korea

TSV 1860 München
1860
Germany

München (Munich) supporters



Curious to know how the Peace Cup had been viewed from inside, TODAY'S WORLD asked a few questions to someone who had worked on the team that organized the tournament.

Interview: Kim Ho-kee
International Manager, Peace Cup Organization Committee

TW: It seemed to be a brave initiative for Father to be breaking into the business and culture of football, and to have professional teams come all the way to Korea...

Kim Ho-kee: In the past, other attempts had been made to organize international tournaments based on clubs from different countries, but this is the first time such a tournament has been held in Korea.

TW: How would you say soccer promotes peace?

Soccer can bring unity. This was a tournament for clubs, not nations: the players are not from just the country where the team is based.

Smiles despite the weather at the final on July 22



And the fact that it is clubs, not national teams, means that nationalism is done away with. The loyalty towards a club is not the same as loyalty towards a nation; there is a deeper loyalty.... The Peace Cup was a combination of sports and a philosophy of world peace.

The Peace Cup is potentially a very productive idea. If it develops, it could even generate revenues that can be used to substantially support the cause of peace. Football generates a lot of invisible energy and passion—which can lead to a visible result.

TW: Speaking of energy, some of the games were very exciting to the last minute...

One reason for the success of the Peace Cup was the good standard of play. In Korea, people have not known how good club play is.

TW: Do you think the players themselves felt some meaning behind the Peace Cup?

It's hard to tell. Through the press conferences held prior to the Peace Cup and at the draw, and through,

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nam played well and beat Besiktas JK and the Kaizer Chiefs.

Hiddink's team had Korean players Lee Young-pyo and Pak Ji-song while LA Galaxy had World Cup star Hong Myung-bo, who all did their best. Because of them we could have great games. For our fans it looked like a post World Cup tournament—a year later.

The way the tournament was organized, four strong teams were eliminated, which was a major change. It meant that on the day of the penultimate match, we didn't know who would enter the final until the games were over. That added interest to the matches. For Korean soccer fans, rather than the usual national team play, they could enjoy the beauty of club soccer.

In fact, world soccer has two axes, national team soccer and club soccer, but our fans have only been interested in national soccer. Yet, in Europe and South America, fans are more interested in club games; club soccer is life. So, we

could see many young, foreign, star players who rejected playing for national squads in the World Cup because they wanted to be faithful to their club teams. For Koreans it's hard to understand, because for us having the flag on our uniform is the greatest honor. The reason club soccer is interesting is clubs can make their team however they like. In the case of teams that represent their nations, they are limited in the players they can choose. Clubs that have the will and economic means to do so can scout for any player in the world. I believe Korean soccer fans eyes have been opened to club soccer. I think Korea's K-league soccer will become more interesting to fans as a result of the Peace Cup.

The K-league's season starts at the end of this weekend. I hope many people will come to the games. And I expect that today's final will be a great match.◆

Go Won-jom, Sportswriter

(Translated and used with permission)



Photos left, Father donates one million dollars to WANGO (received by secretary general Tajeldin Hamad) for use in Third World countries; center, three winners of awards for most goals scored in the tournament; right, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo presenting the

awards; below, Father presents the winning team, PSV Eindhoven (from Holland) with the Peace Cup first prize. The team's chief coach, Guus Hiddink, coached the Korean national team to the semi-finals of the World Cup last year.

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a game almost every day, or at least watching on a wide-screen TV at home. Despite minimal advance publicity, the Peace Cup caught the interest of the public and the media. Sports newspapers carried daily reports on the front page, and the games aired live on TV. The crowds were large enough to make a noise. Yes, tickets had been sold—and yes, our members did help sell them (my local team took twenty), or bought them as gifts for friends and contacts.

The final match of the tournament was played in what became a monsoon,

with the pitch waterlogged and the ball almost unplayable. Even though the ball wouldn't bounce or roll, players, in contrast, couldn't stop, and sometimes slid along the wet grass for several meters (one player even pretended to be swimming, to make the point). Laughter, even, could be heard from the crowd at times, but there were loud cheers when a player succeeded in making a pass or getting to within shooting distance of the goal. The fans remained loyal—many of them clad in skimpy plastic raincoats as their only protection from the down-pour.

The last half hour became a test of which team could best overcome their frustration and improvise to triumph over adversity. Suddenly it was the character of each team that was on display. Top-level soccer it might not have been, but the circumstances gave us something to reflect on about perseverance and determination. I felt it was the kind of poignant ending Father would have been happy with. ♦

Julian Gray/TW

While the US-British coalition forces were engaged in combat against Iraqi soldiers, I saw on TV coalition troops playing football with Iraqi citizens, in the midst of war. I could feel the power of peace and reconciliation in football. It was a poignant scene, full of beauty and budding hope.... Kwak Chung-hwan, Peace Cup 2003 Organizing Committee Chairman, in his speech at the Peace Cup Draw



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for example, Rev. Kwak's speech at the opening ceremony, the ideas behind the tournament were publicized.

TW: Did the teams enjoy their time in Korea?

True Parents really wanted to take care of them well. They were happy with the hospitality and the organization. For example, we appointed three people (Koreans) to support each team. These were people who spoke the native language of the nation the team was from. They liaised between the teams and the Peace Cup Organization Committee so any problems that arose could be swiftly dealt with.

TW: Were some people concerned that Father was behind the tournament?

Actually, there were some who had concerns. FIFA has a policy that would prevent a tournament being organized based on a religious agenda. Yet FIFA supported the holding of the Peace Cup. Of course it was a sensitive issue, but it worked out well.

TW: I know there was some opposition organized by some Christian groups....

Yes, there was. They sent letters to the embassies in Korea to try to prevent the teams coming. But the teams came and the tournament went on and was well-received here. The Christian group that had led the opposition acknowledged that it had failed in its objectives.

The Peace Cup was such a fresh idea, and world peace is an issue of great interest. Against the backdrop of the aftermath of the war in Iraq, the Peace Cup held an attraction for the people. The media helped the voice of the Peace Cup spread.

TW: Was having Pelé's support a boost to the tournament?

Pelé is called the King of Soccer, and is very well known world wide, but if we had had a better sense of PR the tournament might have benefited even more from his efforts.

TW: The tournament was a remarkable coup in that national soccer leagues have very heavy schedules....

Yes, it was very difficult to schedule the tournament because of this. In fact this was the reason one of the teams withdrew before the competition.

TW: In fact three teams cancelled their participation just weeks before the tournament; yet three other

teams seemed to appear instantly to replace them. How was that possible?

Many teams had been contacted and there was a lot of interest in the idea of the Peace Cup, and also in the prize money! Alternative teams who wanted to take part were ready to come in if any teams withdrew.

TW: As a Korean, what did you feel about Seongnam IlHwa's performance?

IlHwa are ranked somewhere around number 250 in the world among professional teams, whilst two of the teams they played here in the Peace Cup—Besiktas (Turkey) and Olympique Lyonnais (France)—are ranked in the top 50. Il Hwa did well to win two out of three games, and the players showed that passion and challenging it could overcome the apparent disadvantage.

TW: A lot of people went to see the games. How did the message get out?

At first the company responsible for sales organized everything through the Internet. However, sales were not nearly as brisk as they had hoped, probably because the Peace Cup was a new event and still largely

unknown. The ticket sales company had not established an alternative ticket promotion and sales method. Thus, as the day of the opening of the Peace Cup drew nearer, and sales of tickets well below the desired level, it was decided to ask the help of the Korean church members. Then, in the week or so before the tournament began, the members made a special effort—and, to be frank, much personal sacrifice—to sell a large number of tickets. I can say that the members' effort was key in the success of the Peace Cup. Due to this, the Peace Cup had a good result in relation to society as a whole, as so many people attended games.

TW: From what you say, it seems the Peace Cup was a success....

Yes, and it has big potential to grow. Even Pelé Promotion were amazed that it went as well as it did. For example, fifty thousand attended the opening game. And SBS, the television station that paid for the exclusive rights to televise the games [at prime time], were very pleased with the viewer ratings. They will likely wish to bid for the rights to televise the second Peace Cup in 2005!♦





A souvenir photograph taken during a visit by Pelé to Hannam-dong residence in connection with the Peace Cup

The Kingdom of Heaven is not a place we can enter alone. We can only enter it together as families. Before another day passes, you must educate your relatives and give them salvation in your capacities as Ambassadors for Peace. Once we have secured our status as citizens of Cheon Il Guk on the foundation of receiving the marriage blessing while on earth and concretely attending the True Parents, we stand in the position of older brothers in relation to our ancestors in the spirit world. As sinless, good people of Cheon Il Guk, we become their ancestors.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon
WCSF Farewell Banquet
July 13, 2003