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International President's Message

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In the Chairman's Address to the first UPF World Assembly, which was given on February 1, Dr. Kwak spoke in some detail about the background of the organization, its future, its motivational roots and True Parents' vision

Your excellencies, spiritual and government leaders, representatives of civil society, educational institutions and the media, ambassadors for peace, welcome to the first World Assembly of the Universal Peace Federation.

When our founder established the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace in February 1999, it was given a broad mission related to global governance, human development and peace building. One central objective of IIFWP was the call, by the founder, to persuade the United Nations and its member states to appreciate the urgent need for the establishment of an interreligious council at the UN. Such a council was envisioned as a virtual upper house, which would allow the voice of wisdom and principle, indeed the voice of God, expressed through the teachings of the world's religions, to be heard, so that it might contribute to the effort to solve our world's most critical problems.

As IIFWP established chapters around the world, its mission expanded in significant ways as a variety of programs were developed in areas such as: character education, marriage and family, HIV/AIDS prevention, conflict resolution, interreligious dialogue, and leadership training.

In this way, the work of IIFWP has grown from an initial focus on United Nations renewal, to a broader focus on applying its innovative, principled vision and methods to the search for solutions to our world's problems. IIFWP is now widely recognized as an agent of broader social and national renewal and transformation.

One very important moment in the history of IIFWP was the launch of the ambassadors for peace movement in 2001, attracting leaders from all professional fields—government, religion, academia, the media, civil society, and the private sector—committed to the core principles of IIFWP and to the fulfillment of its mission.

Another watershed development of IIFWP and the ambassadors for peace was the Middle East Peace Initiative that began in February 2003. On the foundation of the success of MEPI, led by ambassadors for peace, IIFWP gave birth to the Interreligious and International Peace Council in October 2003. The founder referred to this as the start of an "Abel UN."

In fact, the founder was calling not only for UN renewal, but also for the development of a new model of global governance, centered not on the principle of national self-interest, but on the principle of living for the sake of others.

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For the past year, a group of creative people have been conveying the sincere efforts of members on film and distributing these via DVD. As the name implies they have concentrated on Europe, but this is just the beginning.

When people read how God is working through you, goodness has a chance to multiply!

Today's World magazine deals with issues that are important for those carrying the Unification Movement forward today. It is read in more than 150 countries. Ideas born in one place have been adopted in others to good effect. If you have succeeded in one area of life—in your outreach, an international project, or your own family—chances are that your story will empower someone, somewhere, to do the same. Please share your vision.

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Honoring a Coronation and a Birth



On January 3, 2006, a ceremony marking both the fifth anniversary of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God and the commemoration of the birth of Jesus was held at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. In the audience that day were prominent members of Korean society, both civic and religious as well as Unificationists. The following is what Father said to them that day.

Bring me the script for the declaration given at the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation. You need to be aware that the speech I gave in my 120-nation tour contains things that heaven and earth should fulfill and live by. That is why, based on this speech, this tradition, hoondokhwae, should be observed until unity is achieved between mind and body, within the family, in the tribe, in the nation and in the world. These words—the ideal family and the model of a world of peace—are important and are something God will bring to fulfillment.

Now centering on True Parents... With Moses, there were the Ten Commandments and the pillars of fire and of cloud. In the same way, when the Israelites left the land of Egypt and began their forty-year course in the wilderness, there was a pillar of fire and what else? [A pillar of cloud.] The pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud were symbols of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, symbolizing the True Parents. What else was there? What did they have to protect the stone tablets? [The two

stone tablets were kept in the ark.] It contained the two stone tablets, manna and Aaron's rod. These three items were in the ark. What this means is that when all of True Parents' rights of ownership are decided their children, by centering on the True Parents, can become owners and live as owners. The lineage was lost in Adam's family, and among Adam's children, Cain killed Abel. There was a fight between the brothers. The fight began because of Cain's ambitions and the jealousy he felt when God accepted the offering of his younger brother instead of his, the older brother's. The fight began because of jealousy.

What else was there? What did Aaron's budding rod symbolize? Aaron was someone who represented the word. The word must emerge in the Last Days, as did the fruit of the word of the chief priest. The Second Advent of the Lord must occur, and he must purify the lineage and unify the things that were in the ark. He has to stop the fraternal battle between the communist world and democratic world and make them one.

Then what? There was also manna inside the ark. [It represented....] the rights of ownership! Creation was inside. That is why what emerged as the fruit of the Old Testament Age has spread across the entire world. The outstanding problem that should be resolved by the Lord at the time of the Second Coming deals with the Arabic realm. In order to conquer the global Roman Empire centering on Israel—in order to dominate Rome—the lineage that Adam lost in his family must be... Since the wrong lineage was implanted, it became a problem. For this reason, parents are needed in order to replace the lin-

eage. Centering on Zechariah and Joseph's families, John the Baptist and Jesus were to become one, and Mary and Elizabeth from Zechariah's family should have become one. They should have become one, so that the front and back could be completely reversed. They were in a position to change the direction of the path of love. The bottom line, in regards to these problems, can be found in present times in the term "exchange marriage."¹ Through exchange marriage, there will no longer be any enemies. That is what this is about.

Please understand this and remember that what I am telling you is the greatest gift that can be presented to humanity, the fruit of all the fortune, grace and hopes of heaven and earth that are being given in this age by the Second Coming and the True Parents.

I should leave this behind for the sake of tens of thousands of generations; it is more valuable than the Ten Commandments, manna, Aaron's rod and than all of those things combined. There are many fine people here today, but do not think that this has nothing to do with you. It certainly has something to do with you. It is all relevant to you all. Your lineage is what is being talked about, so those who say that they have nothing to do with this are wrong.

This must all be resolved. The lineage, the Fall, the defilement of the lineage from Adam's family and...what else? Brothers turned into enemies and shed blood. Cain killed Abel; whenever a person reached the capacity of an owner, that is, whenever an Abel-type figure appeared, he was in danger of being killed [by Satan] in the fear that God would go to him, because God would surely go to an Abel-type person whenever one appeared. This is where the conflict began.

Adam and Eve's mind and body were disunited; the mind and body of the brothers were disunited; and people committed sexual sins out of their belief that they were the best. The lineage was turned upside down and the realm of love between brothers was completely overturned. In the end, individualism emerged centering on the rights of ownership themselves, and Satan came to claim the entire world as his own. Satan made a complete mess of everything. This must be brought together into harmony by the Lord at the Second Coming. When people come to know these things and particularly when politicians come to know these things, they should understand the path they are walking down....

There is no nation, including the Republic of Korea, in which we can register our births in the heavenly nation. There is no nation where we can register our marriages. There is no nation where we can register our deaths. This should be clear.

You should know how high this hill is. Nobody who is carelessly meandering and trying to accrue some profit can get by. You are unable to surmount the eight-stage hill. That is why when Unificationists who have been discreet in their behavior see this, they think, "That person still has a long way to go. I should have introduced the upward path to my uncle and father and even my king, but now it's too late."

That is why you should listen carefully to what I'm saying today. Understand that what I say is more important than the Bible's Old and New Testaments, the Buddhist scriptures or scripture from any other religion. This is what Satan fears most. With this, you can liberate Satan, religion and even the nation.

I am telling you to create an Abel UN. The Abel UN should not fight with the Cain UN. What I'm saying is based on rea-

son and is something that can bring about submission from everyone, from the individual to the United Nations. The Cain realm cannot refute this. They can only submit to it.

You are in such a fortunate position, but what do you need to do to inherit kingship? What is the [official] national seal called? If some thieves were to break in and steal the royal seal, you could not assume the position of a king of that regime. You should understand that we are in such a process.

That doesn't mean I dislike your coming to offer a New Year's greetings to me. Please understand these principles and make sure to feel in your heart that you are a representative who can stand in the place closest to me at this moment. You should offer a New Year's greetings not to me but to God and then to the sons. Do you know God? Do you know the heavenly nation? That nation is where you will register your birth, your marriage and your death. But that nation does not exist.

Please understand these things, and in order not to stand in shame before that nation in the future, harden your resolve to the root. Whatever order is given or if God were to appear and tell you His wish, you should be able to do even more than what was being asked and be ready to give even your body for that purpose. You should return what was stolen from God, but you have not done that yet.

The responsibility that can be likened to that royal seal is given to the blessed families. If the blessed family members can fulfill this, they can go anywhere in heaven. They can go all the way up to God's throne. You would not need the royal seal. That's how valuable this is.

Be aware of the fact that you could easily give an answer that would be even below the kindergarten level in reply to a question about how valuable the blessing of the Unification Church is. Therefore, you should be able to recite this from memory at all times. I have read this speech almost six hundred times. Whenever I went to a nation, I read it at least five times.

That is why this speech was polished and given to those who came to the 50,000 rally last time. Rev. Kwak! Pay attention to this point. A copy of this book should be given to everyone. Every single word has been refined. I have checked and re-checked this five or six times. It is the draft copy of what will decide the constitution of the heavenly nation. Is there anyone who sees it in that way?

Wherever you go you should always be focused on the constitution. In the Korean government, for example, there are eighteen departments and each has its own respective rules. The Construction Department, for one, has laws on construction. If anyone were to violate them, even if it he were the president, he would be caught. Do you understand that?

To those Japanese who came to the 50,000-person rally, I gave out copies of the book that has the declaration given at the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation. I then gave the white book to 40,000 Koreans. The question is why I gave it out to Japanese people. This is the root. The father root! Do you understand?

If the Japanese or members of Chochongryun become one, come to Korea and arouse the people to become patriots, would you be winners or losers? Originally, you would be losers. The question is whether the heart of a united Chochongryun that is intent on unification or that of patriotic people living in Korea would have greater value. If members of Chochongryun united and 10,000 of them got together, I would not exchange them for even 50,000 other people.

What I am saying is Koreans get your act together! If they

¹ 교차결혼: 교차 might be "cross," "transposition" or "intersection." 결혼 is "marriage," so "cross-cultural marriage" is sometimes used



register their children, shouldn't they be registered before your sons and daughters? This is a serious problem. The nation, heaven and earth would be turned upside down.

You can say, "I'm Buddhist" or "I'm Confucian," and holler as much as you like about your religion, but it doesn't teach anything similar to what this book—the word expressed here—does. I apologize for saying this to those gentlemen seated over there, but you have to wake up and follow me.

My path from now is different from yours. Aren't I the king of peace? Can the king of peace be treated like an ordinary citizen? I am the king of peace on the levels of the individual, family, tribe, nation, world and cosmos. Therefore, you cannot treat me with disrespect. There would be no order.

When I meet a president of a nation these days, he knows how to treat me as if I were God Himself and knows how to create a solemn environment. That's how it is in the North.

All these things should be in a higher position than Satan and the way of loyalty and filial piety should be about creating a clan of loyal, pious people. When we talk about the way of loyalty and of filial piety, it sounds religious, but we must become a clan of loyal people whose lives express filial piety. Is there anyone who looks at this in this way? There are many who view things without including the source. I am the only person who thinks centering on the source.

Please understand this and fully comprehend the attitude you should have and direction you should take in going your way. You should do so in a way that you would not be criticized by the members of the Unification Church here today or by the people of the heavenly nation. Do you understand?

This speech is more important than the ark. It is more important than the pillar of cloud, the pillar of fire, the stone tablets, manna and the rod of Aaron. That is what I decided, so that is how it is even if you do not believe it. Die and see for yourselves. Our path can be found where we go back and forth between the realm of life and death. That is why he who wishes to lose his life will gain it, and he who wishes to live shall die. People all eventually die. That is why if you offer your life, your foot may be spared—if your foot bows toward heaven, even though your entire body burns to the ground, your foot will receive redemption.

Both your mind and body should be burned at Satan's feet. God would blow away your ashes, for He has no need of them. Even were your footprint dug up and thrown away, God would not go to live with the children and nation from the enemy's lineage or live on the framework that was consoli-

dated by the enemy's lineage. The same goes for me. There is no province in Korea that I would want to use as a base. This is the very place where eight administrations have opposed me. That is why I am now pioneering anew.

I have built a palace in this area. Did you know that? This is a palace. Be aware that a palace more valuable than any other palace in the world is being built near here. If you don't understand these things, I will not invite you anywhere from now on. If you aren't invited, do you think you can come as you wish?

Even if you don't like what you hear, you should give an ear to what I am saying. Today we celebrated the coronation of God's kingship and the coronation of Jesus' kingship, and we completed the coronation of Rev. Moon centering on the Abel UN. Please treasure this experience and do not leave it just to memory but engrave it in your hearts. I said engrave—meaning to cut and carve it into your hearts. By engraving this in your hearts, you should become a household and nation that can carry on such a tradition throughout the generations to come for eternity. Unless you do so, you will lose your position as the center of the world. I'll be moving it away from you.

Even if you have many sons, you should go to the one who is the most devoted. It doesn't matter if he is the first son or not if he isn't devoted. Would the firstborn son of the satanic world still be the firstborn son in heaven? I'm the first father and firstborn son in heaven. Isn't that so? I am the father of all fathers, the king of all kings, the teacher of all teachers and the eldest of all firstborn sons. Would I go to someone to ask him to do me a favor?

That is why on the two occasions that George W. Bush, the American president, asked to meet me or when over fifty people signed an invitation for me to meet them, I chose not to. I could have met any of the world's great presidents if I wanted to, but I didn't. Heaven has to maintain its dignity. Even if I were handcuffed and in prison, once I had been released I would wear a crown and robes and go to places like a prince if I were a prince. But if were to I act as if I had forgotten my



prison experience, I would be driven out.

Please keep these things in mind. Since I gave you something extraordinary, do not spread this openly. Make sure that you don't go away uprooting the pillar of the Unification Church—instead drive it back in. I hope that you can be determined in that way and know that I am teaching you these things because I believe in you and love you that much.

Even if I were to say something that makes you feel bad, it shouldn't be so bad. Wherever I go, I give out orders as if standing on a summit. Were I to go to all 120 nations, the palace occupants there would be mobilized to wait on me. They would always be filled with people who could assist me with greater intensity than any of you.

Still, you came to me after hearing that I had come. Because you survived without dying, I thought I should cure you to make you healthy, then educate and assign you to do something.

You have been examples to this nation and have an excellent history. Having faith that I made you all into something greater than an ambassador for peace, though Unification Church members are still suffering, I still have to send you down a path of hardships. I'm asking you whether you can become my representatives, follow the right path, occupy the highlands and broaden the fortune of the nation.

We still do not have a nation even though we are holding such ceremonies in heaven and on earth. We still have eight years left. Anything can be done during this time. If you deviate, you will have to bow out. Adam and Eve were sixteen when they committed the Fall. They were attending God but couldn't complete their term and turned everything in the other direction. That's why they were chased away. I am a harsh man. I am heartless. That is why I never yield. If something is

wrong, I open my mouth and do not surrender. I can be heartless. I show no mercy.

I have no mercy on my enemies. In the satanic world, I cannot show filial piety or loyalty that I should display to my parents or nation even if my mouth were to lose its shape for being closed. That is why he who loses his life shall gain it while he who seeks to gain his life will lose it. Do you understand?

I know that there are many heads of religious orders here today. I'm sorry to say this, but you should bear in mind what I say. Do not publicize what you hear today. Instead write it down quietly in a pocket notebook and later pray about it, asking if it is true or not. If it is true, you should move your denomination over here.

Didn't I take down the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity sign? I took it down and created the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. People had opposed the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, but the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification is different from the Unification Church. If you were to take legal action, the Family Federation would file a complaint against you. The Family Federation itself is the root. If you were to try taking any action against the Unification Church root, you couldn't, because they are legally different entities. The name is different. The time has come in which we can demand compensation for any damage.

The UN peacekeeping forces have to make a fresh start. They've failed their responsibility. The Korean War was a war between God and Satan, but they lost! America, the realm of the second Israel, was at fault. Everything was taken away. Everything everywhere is in a mess. Aren't the communists doing all sorts of things? How can you bring them into submission and avoid a fight? You have to get your act together.◆

A high-profile front row, left to right: Mr. Kim Min-ha, Chairman, Association for Korean Ambassadors for Peace and erstwhile presidential advisor on Korean unification with his wife; Cho Chul-gwon, Minister of Labor 1985–6; Kim Yun-deuk, Minister without Portfolio 1996–7; Pak Bong-shik Seoul University President 1985–7; Huh Moon-doh Unification Minister 1986–88



Excerpts from True Father's speech on February 4, 2006

Message from the Heart: to leaders and his sons

We have reached the point when all steps in the process can be completed, even in the spirit world. The final goal is the establishment of the peace kingdom. Stepping over the eighty-seventh anniversary of my birth leads to the eighty-eighth anniversary. That's where we are now, eighty-seven years from the starting point. Therefore, you need to understand that we are at an era of transformation, which will usher in incredible development. You need to understand that point. We will have to clear away the European way of doing things. This is something that was decided even when I was in my mother's womb. You have to know that the time of conception is important.

Within your own family, you have to complete the responsibilities of clan messiah and national messiah. You should be setting your minds and hearts on those goals and making a new start, just as if you were newborn babies. Sweep everything away; wipe the slate completely clean, and as someone who can restore things for God, become a person who can be the first son or daughter of Heaven in the new millennium, this fresh time at the turning point of the ages. Become that kind of clan messiah or national messiah. You have to do that and make it an offering for the realm of Heaven's ownership. Until that time, you have no realm of ownership yourself. That's in line with the Principle. In the Principle, God passes on his realm of ownership to Adam's family with the intention of creating a starting point by having Adam inherit everything. Now, when you go back home and the topic of your nation comes up, you have to report that you are from such and such a region, such and such a nation, within the six continents, in one of our continental regions; [we're moving toward] the absolution of nation names. We have settled everything, and we have arrived at a time we've waited and longed for, the time of the new millennium, the ideal family sphere, so we have to resurrect everything with the achievement of God's will and clean up everything else.

Now we have to look at changing people's positions... rearranging the responsibilities of different regions, dividing things up, in order to prepare for the independent world under God, centering on our eight continental regions.... The number eight represents a new beginning. Each year, the continental regions can become different. It's not the region's citizens who will move, but centering on one region, each region will change on the basis of the blessed families in the eight continental regions....

Centering on content that has been unified for the entire planet, we will bundle together and move everything and change things around. It doesn't matter if you are rich or you are a beggar—everyone's the same. You have to adopt that life, that lifestyle of change, and with your effort, achieve a family that becomes one with the family that lived there. Do you understand? This year is the sixth year, so in the seventh year it might happen. In this case, the people who move have to thoroughly adopt the concept of being the citizens of Cheon Il Guk. The speech that I gave will become historical reference material. It needs to become the philosophical or ideological model, the kingdom of the ideal world. The time when we are settling down as occupants of the palace of the ideal world of peace is when we go over the hill into the eternal, unchanging world of liberation that is the original ideal of the love of God. Amen!

Originally, the ideal family of God and the model for world peace... That's the ideal. The peace kingdom becomes a kingdom centered on your families. The day the Universal Peace Federation was established

“If you are proud of your achievements, you will mess up. What happens is that you speak proudly of the fact that you have this responsibility, this destiny and then falter. I’m not proud. I’ll go into a deeper valley, face the next challenge, all the complicated problems of this world, the world you live in.”

was September 12, in the United States; the inauguration was held in twelve places in Korea and twelve in Japan. That we could not start with perfected [completed] families... How much effort... Centered on people of the new Israel... Bringing in a whole bundle of Laban’s things, won in Haran... Going over the standard of the entire family of all the sons of Rachel and Leah, even bringing out their idols. They exceeded Laban’s standard.... In a life and death struggle, having to win in this wrestling match, having a hip bone broken and getting the name of Israel from the angel... You have to understand this! Jesus could not accomplish the will and died, because the family level had not settled down. In the end, he left behind this great grudge, his painful, unrelieved heart. Because Jesus failed, the providence was extended for two thousand years....

For the Second Coming, this time is the same as when Jesus was here, and as in the past, the view held of the Old Testament is not the correct one. As was true the first time, the Second Coming will not occur in the sky “with the clouds of heaven.” The Lord in his Second Advent has to go over the historical course, which has to be indemnified, and raise the standard of the family. Centering on the nation, he then needs to go over the top. Satan’s is the elder son’s realm. In Adam’s family a tragedy occurred. If you are proud of your achievements, you will mess up. What happens is that you speak proudly of the fact that you have this responsibility, this destiny and

then falter. I’m not proud. I’ll go into a deeper valley, face the next challenge, all the complicated problems of this world, the world you live in... With my body as the reciprocal object to God, achieving, God’s ideal, the heavenly kingdom...

You still haven’t achieved the standard of a family that can live as God’s representative. You cannot forget that you have that responsibility; establishing Adam’s family is your mission. On a platform of global victory, you are to establish Jesus and based on having done so, you are to attend God. For me, from the start, the problem has not been the nation but the world. Jesus’ bloodline is entirely different. We thought that his mother was shown this in a dream, but that isn’t what happened. With unified content, in the horizontal era, the substantial era, with a lineage different from that of other people’s, when he made up his mind, he would never give up or yield. What the whole family wants, the village community also has to be involved in. We passed through an era of struggle in which Satan’s entire history manifested.

You can’t imagine how miserably, my uncle, the third son, “Grandpa” Moon Yoon-kook, suffered. He had to live up in North Korea, suffered throughout his life, having to worry about each day. His hope was to live through the suffering and establish the Korean nation. He had a real sense of anger against injustice, but he kept it in and was patient.... He was someone who really understood the tearful experiences of

A staff member radios ahead that True Parents (hand-in-hand with Shin-joon nim) with left to right Hyun-jin nim, Yeon-jin nim and Hyung-jin nim are on their way to the main hall at the Cheongpyeong training center on January 3



On February 24, True Parents took part in a dedication ceremony for Cheongshim International Middle and High School. Around 500 people were on hand to witness the event, including distinguished guests and members who were in Cheongpyeong for a forty-day workshop.

After praying, True Parents sanctified the school. Then Father wrote: 清遠 清情 清和 萬世之福地, which can be roughly translated as "pure, profound; pure will; pure harmony; eternally blessed land (for 1,000 generations)"

Father said, "We have to educate our successors at this school. It is an educational organization where we educate talented people to save the future and create the future kingdom of heaven. Creating world-level leaders is the school's purpose; that's why I made it. If you have such potential, I will train you."



Liberation came, but [it was followed by] the communist encroachment. I tried to wade through that, to pierce that, but I found myself inside a bog. I'd reached a deadlock. I had to move ahead in secret to do those things. I'm talking about history. My older sisters know what my situation was like. I never forgot my mother's tradition, the conditions she set and her investment for her family—a family of talented children—and how she worked hard, forgetting night and day, with no time to rest. She wasn't happy to rely on the talent of her children, but invested more.

Among my grandchildren, there is of course a favorite, one I love the most, little Shin-joon, who though he couldn't even talk would lead others simply by using hand gestures. Because I didn't have time to spend with him, there were many times when even though I'm the substantial model within our family, even I had

God's lonely path.

In the Sutaek-ri Central Training Center there was a painting of my mother. It was an unpleasant likeness, very unlike my mother. I cannot forget holding onto that painting and crying. That history, that connection, makes me want to weep. That's a historical record. My mother was a very beautiful and a healthy person.

If a young virgin woman gets married, her dowry has to be taken along. At the house where she is married, they send two servants. If the land is larger than 3,000 *pyong*, [9,920 m²], it's bigger than the land of North Korea. While the family is in the midst of confusion, we've known numerous mothers who have passed through a time period that indemnifies the history of the family.

I lived with my friend. I gave him hope. With revelatory content, I have moved ahead while sacrificing my whole extended family. Again, I am someone who has studied so much adversity. In order not to be a burden on my parents... I've done all kinds of unusual things. I've run messages. I was determined to create the kind of environment that would facilitate the achievement of what I set out to do. Walking down that path was what brought about activities no one else even thought of doing; it was a historic era.

to bow my head before his standard when I settled down to sleep.

In order to fulfill God's will, I am Mother's owner and master, the original husband. When you think about restoration of the world through indemnity, everything was completely true, nothing was a lie. If I had a friend, I would gather everything from my house—some sticky rice cake, some colorful clothes—pack it all up and go off to the ancestors' grave site at Chuseok.¹ The fifth generation ancestors' grave was forty *ri* (approximately 15.5 kilometers) away. As I carried the load along, we gave things to the poor folks along the road. By the time we came back, we had given away the offerings altogether. I lived this way in order to leave actual instances behind, a real, solid tradition that could remain for future generations.

So much scorn and derision was directed at my family during the years that Korea was governed as a colony of Japan! It was truly miserable. Even as we shouted against it, we ended up being the last to flee the situation as refugees. I came down to Busan, passing through danger from the Russian forces and

¹ The Korean harvest festival on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar when Koreans honor the efforts of their ancestors by visiting their grave sites (which are small, individual, earthen mounds), offering food and drink and bowing.

danger from the North Korean forces. I've really lived the life of a refugee in order to tie off and bring to a conclusion the path of suffering indemnity in this historic era. Many, many times I've had nothing but the sky for my blanket and have shed tears from a painful, aching heart. Please, please don't forget who I am, that I am your father, that my heart is aching, and that I cannot stop praying.

Even though I have the responsibility of liberating my ancestors and of producing descendants who will be unchanging and who can truly excel, I've never once prayed, "Please help me; please rescue me," no matter how difficult it has been. There have been times when you were exhausted and dropped out, when it was "Oh, are you leaving, too?" but I said I would stay. You can't forget your master, your teacher. I am determined to achieve the goal, even if I have to make the waters of the Pacific Ocean turn sweet. You shouldn't forget your teacher. You must not forget the things I have said. I remember the time—I long for it!—when I was perspiring, sweating, as I pushed a patient all the way to the hospital, and someone gave me a drink of water....

You shouldn't forget that my character, not to turn around, was a strategy for turning myself around. When I was a youth, I steeled my courage hundreds of times and went in search of difficult challenges and situations. I saw many people who decided they would not follow their own parents. I need to experience that same miserable situation as a parent....

Destroying and wiping away hell, and all the time pioneering the way, thinking how much God must want to re-create his ideal—that's how I have arrived where I am. Can you see anything in this world worth chasing? This is all I can leave behind. It's a precious treasure, which will retain its value for thousands, even hundreds of thousands of years. The families who have this book are bright stars among other stars, big bright stars. It's far away, so it looks small, but... It's something that can produce the light of the sun...

Do you think God made the sun first, or did he make the stars first? There are 1,200 people here? I wanted to speak about these things with the people who came yesterday [to attend True Parents' birthday celebration]. I don't look at photographs of my hometown, and I don't have photographs of my mother on the wall. I managed to find a photo of my grandfather, but I couldn't find one of my grandmother, or one of my father. I gave the blessing to my brother in the spiritual world. If you want to come and take a stroll through the palace, you have to have a card; you cannot just walk on through as you wish. Because I understood that, I had to walk a path of suffering and indemnity.

[Apparently to the True Children, Hyun-jin nim, Kook jin-nim and Hyung jin-nim] I loved the sons and daughters of the Cain world more than I loved you. Have your babies and then raise them. You just don't know the situation. God is really the most miserable, and you too are miserable, so that needs to be indemnified.

You have the mission of tying off and neutralizing the family tradition that created an ocean of blood when the three sons didn't become one, which left nothing but bloodstains. You also have to make it so that the joyful sound of your children's



Dr. Kwak looks on as True Father shares part of his morning hooddokhwa with his granddaughter Shin-rae nim, daughter of Kook-jin nim

laughter reaches Heaven. That is something that will remain forever.

Don't be indebted. Why should you resent this? You can persevere and love others even more than I have. Whom will these people [indicating the FFWPU leaders making up the audience] believe in and follow? Will they follow you?

We are starting anew. You have to understand how much I have longed for the day when we could build the palace and I could distribute our foundation. Your elder brother and Father and Mother have worked very hard. Don't forget that, and together as husband and wife, you have to feel fresh determination. This is the first time I've told you this—and it might well be the last time, too.

Members of the Unification Church have to believe in you in the same way that they have believed in me. If they can't, a hard, dark future awaits your descendants. You have to think of God and think of the heavenly spiritual world, and if there is someone you feel like cursing, you have to buy them an umbrella if they need one. Without having that kind of thinking, what kind of a clan messiah could you be? What kind of a national messiah could you be?

I'm telling you the truth. You have to leave descendants of the Unification family tradition that can live this way. For me, I cannot ask God to extend my life longer than it should be. I have to go to the spiritual world and liberate it. Am I an extravagant person or a person who likes a life of luxury? I know what good things are, and I know what big things are. My line, that is—you—also have to have that kind of thinking. Much of the world's population is starving. Every day sixty thousand people die of starvation.

You have to know this very clearly. You have to attend your parents in this way. That's the only way the door of happiness can be opened. Our ancestors...they couldn't do it.◆

True Mother's Mother: Crossing the 38th Parallel

Life in the South: Meeting the Lord of my dreams

This is a continuation of a series of articles on the early life of True Mother's mother. It is based on material compiled by the FFWPU History Committee in Korea.

During the two years of 1949-1950 when Hong Soon-ae, her mother and daughter were going to the Inside the Belly Church, Hong Soon-ae was once imprisoned for eleven days as a matter of suppression by the communist authorities in North Korea. True Mother at that time was a very pretty but cautious girl with good manners who was liked by all people. That is why even the barbarous communist authorities often bought her fruits and snacks. At that time, there was a revelation from heaven telling them to leave North Korea and go to the South. Hong Soon-ae's father told her to leave for the South with her mother.

At that time, Hong Soon-ae's younger brother, Hong Soon-jeong, was serving in the army. He had been appointed a lieutenant after having completed a course as a medical clerk at the military academy. Before that he had been studying in Japan but had returned to Korea in the midst of his studies because of the start of the war. He was then employed at a chemical research institute in Seoul and later completed his studies at a professional school of pharmacy. The three women left in the middle of the night with the intent of meeting him. They persevered on their way to the South through indescribable hardships and life-or-death situations.

As they neared the thirty-eighth parallel, True Mother asked her mother if she didn't have to sing songs praising Kim Il Sung any more. She told her mother that she was going to sing a song from the South and began singing. A South Korean soldier who was about to fire at them heard True Mother's singing and immediately arrested his fire. He warmly greeted them and was stunned when he discovered the kind of hardships these women had gone through. Commenting on what a lovely daughter she had, he gave them some money to get to Seoul. In this way Heaven protected them each time although the women went through many difficulties on their flight to the South.

Along the way, at intervals, they offered three full bows for the Second Advent of the Lord, who was supposed to be in the South. True Mother, who since the age of three had taken part in the pledge services of the Inside the Belly Church, also joined them in offering full bows on the road. As they headed toward Seoul and while passing through the Incheon port area, they prayed about how they might meet Hong Soon-jeong. By chance, on that long road they met a friend of Hong Soon-ae's younger brother and were told where he was stationed. Her brother was on duty at the army headquarters located at Samgakji, in the Yongsan borough of Seoul. Her brother immediately had one of



his subordinates find a room in Hyochang district where they were able to live together.

At that time, True Mother was enrolled at Hyochang Elementary School. Although those were turbulent times, she was cared for and loved by many people everywhere she went, even if it was when she was running an errand. Shortly after, however, the Korean War broke out. With the North Korean armies advancing into Seoul, they had to flee.

Hong Soon-ae's brother had acquired information about a plan to blow up the Han River Bridge and without a moment's hesitation, he went to them with his three-quarter ton truck. They quickly packed up their belongings and climbed into the truck to begin their flight. As soon as they crossed the Han River Bridge, her brother had them get down and cover their faces; the next instant the bridge exploded. Once again, they were blessed with divine protection. Hong Soon-ae's brother also had a large part in this.

Later, they stayed at a shelter for military dependents in Jeolla Province for a while. After Seoul was won back from the North Koreans, they returned and stayed in an empty house. During this time, her brother visited Jeong Seok-cheon,¹ an elder of the Holy Lord Church who had been living in Daegu. During the January 4 retreat in 1951, after North Koreans bolstered by large numbers of Chinese troops had taken Seoul again, they were again refugees and came to live in the vicinity of her younger brother, whose duty then had him at the army headquarters in Daegu. There they met the family of Elder Jeong and stayed for four years. Hong Soon-ae began a simple business and as a condition to meet the Lord, ate just two meals a day that consisted of wild pine needles, beans and kimchi soup.

Hong Soon-ae always took care to raise True Mother to be pure and upright. At the elementary school in Daegu True Mother drew a lot of attention for her fair appearance and good grades. Determined to raise her up chaste and pure, Hong Soon-ae moved to Jejudo in 1954 and spent nine months with Jeong Seok-jin, among others. True Mother was transferred to the fifth grade of Shinhyo Elementary School (now called Hyodon Elementary School) in Seoguipo. At a time when children her age would be innocuously running about, True Mother was taken to an island to go through harsh spiritual training. Hong Soon-ae winnowed barley and ate it with radish kimchi. For the needy people around her, she gave out school uniforms and dress shirts at a cheap price. She helped grind barley at farmhouses. Though she lost a lot of weight because of these activities her spirit was clear.

¹ Jeong Seok-cheon and Jeong Seok-jin were two sons of Kim Seong-do, a woman referred to as the New Lord, founder of the Church of Thanksgiving to God. She featured in our September 2005 article.

47th True Parents' Day Celebration



True Parents' Day at Cheongpyeong on March 29. Father began with an 8 am pledge service and hoondokhwae. Father spent the holiday on his feet amongst the audience. He asked people to sing. He called up prominent Korean women volunteers for the peacekeeping groups he advocates. He had Rev. Kwak read Father's tour speech. He had Mother read the speech she had given in Japan [see page 15]. In the photo prominent members of Korean society are seated at the back on chairs; church elders are seated on the floor in front.

In Daegu her younger brother was married to Hong Gye-soon. Financially, he had helped his sister with her business, but then he was transferred to Chuncheon in Kangwon Province. It was only later that he discovered his sister had gone to Jejudo. Worried for her, twice he sent a letter telling her to come to Chuncheon. Hong Soon-ae felt that there was some significance to her having received the letters, so she went to Chuncheon. She came to live in Yaksa district, which was near her brother's house in Hyoja district.

In February 1955, True Mother was transferred to Bongwui Elementary School and graduated there on March 2, 1956, in the 11th class to graduate from that school. Her school records showed that she was "a very virtuous and kind girl" with "something refined about her bearing" and that she was "the most feminine among her classmates." She also graduated with honors. In the records her plans after graduation were recorded as "to assist in housework because of poverty at home" which gave a glimpse of her family's situation at that time.

In November 1955, Hong Soon-ae heard news from Elder Jeong Seok-cheon in Daegu about True Father. At the end of December, she went to Daegu. There she saw a vision in her dreams. In river water flowing from the east, she saw white grains of sand and a turtle ship² that was glittering with radiance. She was listening to the sound of the oar when suddenly a white oriental dragon rose up and embraced her, at which point she woke up in surprise.

Unfortunately, Hong Soon-ae could not meet True Father, who had already left Daegu for Seoul. Elder Jeong told her that True Father's teachings were the same as those that were being taught at the Inside the Belly Church. To further dissuade her, he added that he was a young and handsome man who sang well, enjoyed

watching movies and frequently swore. In regret and self-reproach for foolishly going through so much suffering without catching up with the Lord, Hong Soon-ae made internal preparations. Yet in a dream that night she saw a pair of golden oriental dragons on their bellies and facing Seoul.

She immediately went to Seoul and was able to see True Father at the former headquarters church in the Cheongpa district. She was surprised to find that he looked exactly like the Lord that appeared twice in her dreams during her time with the Inside the Belly Church. Enraptured in infinite joy and gratitude, she listened to him speak. But father continuously scolded her directly and treated her harshly. After a week of enduring such harsh ordeals, she was finally formally introduced to True Father by deaconess Jeong Seok-on, the elder sister of Elder Jeong Seok-cheon, after a Sunday sermon that had begun and ended in tears. She then went to Chuncheon and began witnessing to people.

With Hong Soon-ae's admission into the church, Nam Goong-cheol, who had joined the church before her in March 1955, began to give services in her home in the Yaksa district in Chuncheon from January 29, 1956 in effort to establish the Chuncheon Church. A couple of months later the church was moved to Nam Goong-cheol's house in the Ungyo district.

In March of the same year, True Mother became thirteen (by Korean reckoning); right after she graduated from elementary school, Hong Soon-ae told her daughter that she would take her to meet the Second Advent of the Lord. She took her to the Cheongpa district Church, where she was greeted by True Father. True Father was surprised that Hong Soon-ae had such a beautiful daughter and asked her if she went to school. He closed his eyes as if in meditation and in a quiet voice asked what her name was. She answered "It is Han Hak-ja." The moment he heard the name, Father said "Han Hak-ja is born in Korea!" three times and prayed saying, "Thank you for sending such a wonderful maiden to Korea!" ♦

2 A warship purportedly invented by Admiral Yi Sun-Shin (1545-98) that resembled a turtle and had iron spikes protruding from its deck. It was instrumental in repelling Japanese invasion



From March 25–April 3, on 9 occasions dubbed Rallies for the Restoration of the Homeland, Father will deliver a public speech, after which True Parents will conduct a blessing for the audience. The third event was held on March 27 in the main hall of the National Library in the National Assembly complex. *Top:* True Parents lead the audience through their vows *Lower Left:* The National Assembly Building *Right:* True Parents' prayer with select couples

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This presented an enormous challenge to IIFWP. We were called to work to develop a global organization that was, on the one hand, very much like the United Nations in terms of the comprehensive scope of its mission, and yet very different in many other respects. The task was made even more challenging by its being undertaken by representatives of civil society rather than by governments.

Throughout 2004 and 2005, serious efforts were made to develop the Peace Council as a new organ of IIFWP, a representative, deliberative body, something like a General Assembly, but hopefully less bureaucratic, more flexible, and grounded in a spirit of volunteerism and service.

International and regional preparatory committees were set up in 2005, and a charter for the Peace Council was drafted. During this process, however, questions arose about the broader institutional context or framework of the Peace Council. The Peace Council itself came to be understood not as an independent, new entity, but more like a new body or organ within the broader institutional framework of IIFWP.

This realization led to the awareness that IIFWP had grown to become a system consisting of several organs, including what we have come to call the Presiding Council, the Secretariat, the Peace Council and the Standing Committees. With this realization, there has also been a general rethinking of the mission and role of IIFWP's Board of Directors, its Secretariat and regional offices.

This very serious discussion among the worldwide community of ambassadors for peace with IIFWP leadership brought

forth the concept of the Peace Federation as the overarching framework in relation to which not only the Peace Councils, but also the Presiding Council, the Secretariat, and the regional offices, would function.

Meanwhile Father Moon, as he witnessed the worsening global situation and the growth of interreligious discord, global tension, conflict, terrorism, and poverty, was driven by an increased sense of urgency to hasten the establishment of what he has always thought of as the "Abel UN."

This is why the founder launched the Universal Peace Federation on September 12, 2005, and proceeded to embark on a 120-nation speaking tour to spread the vision of UPF. He took up the world tour at the risk of his very life, saying he could not sit back and watch as the windows of opportunity for peace were closing one after the other. "Even if it costs me my life," he said, "I will not hold back."

In the message he carried around the world, he defined the Abel UN as "a United Nations whose efforts for peace are offered to Heaven, investing itself ceaselessly in living for the sake of others."

Living for the sake of others is the essential characteristic of true love. At the inaugural convocation on September 12, he wrote a calligraphic message with the following motto for the Universal Peace Federation, *True Love Is the Original Ideal and Guiding Principle of the Universal Peace Federation*.

Thus, the root of UPF is true love. If UPF does not embody the spirit of true love, it has very little value and will not be the agent of peace we hope it to be. Let us always keep this in mind.

Where are we to get this substance, true love? It has to come



Top: Mother spoke to an audience of 50,000 in a convention hall in Tokyo, Japan, on March 21 **Bottom right:** The Island Federation for World Peace (IFWP) hosted a congratulatory banquet at which True Mother spoke again the same day. On stage, Rev. and Mrs. Yu Dae-haeng, Dr. Kwak, True Mother, Mr. James Mancham, ex-president of Seychelles; a woman IFWP member; FFWPU-Japan President Oyamada and his wife **Left:** Rev. and Mrs. Yu toast Mother's arrival March 20

from each of us, based on our relationship with God, the original owner and source of true love.

The founder has described true love as "the spirit of public service. It brings the peace that is at the root of happiness.... The essence of true love is to give, to live for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given and continues to give without ceasing.... God created the universe out of just such love."

We may conceive of IIFWP, IIPC and UPF as stages in the development of a human family, for example, as parent, child and grandchild, each with different given names, but carrying the same family name:—Peace—and remaining part of the same lineage.

I cannot say enough about the experience of the world peace tour which Father Moon initiated. At eighty-six, he is fully inspired, energized and on fire for peace, continually ready to lay down his life for this mission. In nation after nation, the outpouring of support was overwhelming. I can only say that through UPF I believe we truly have an opportunity to bring about profound changes in our world for the sake of lasting peace.

I am so grateful to our ambassadors for peace around the world for their support, dedication and hard work in making the tour such a great success.

As much as I would like to look back and speak about the tour, I want instead to offer a vision for the future, UPF Agenda 2006. In many respects, however, Agenda 2006 is contained in the message presented on the world tour, "God's Ideal Family: The Model for World Peace."

Building an Abel UN

The Universal Peace Federation is committed to renewal of the United Nations, including the work of establishing an interreligious council as an organ of the United Nations. At the same time, UPF seeks to develop as an independent institution which functions in the world as an Abel UN.

As we know, Cain and Abel were the sons of Adam and Eve, born after their parents had fallen away from God and were expelled from the Garden of Eden. The two sons both sought the favor of their parents and of Heaven. Of the two, Abel's heart toward Heaven was more sincere, humble and sacrificial. Abel was a devoted son who sought to serve the will of heaven. However, as the scriptures tell us, Cain, whose interests were more external, materialistic and self-centered, killed his brother Abel.

Throughout human history, Abel-like people and institutions have been repeatedly dominated and oppressed by Cain-like people and institutions. This pattern—Cain killing Abel—needs to come to an end at this time; not through violence or by force, but through the power of true love. Ultimately, Cain and Abel are to reconcile and unite as brothers and work together in accordance with the principle of living for the sake of others.

What will distinguish UPF as an Abel UN is not its focus on the critical issues facing our world, for it shares this focus with both the UN and other international organizations. What is to distinguish UPF is its internal principles, methodology and best practices and the fact that these are embodied in our leaders, members and ambassadors for peace, who are truly living for the sake of others.

Addressing the root causes of peace

In the speech he gave on his world tour, Father Moon says, "Only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to establish world peace," referring to the importance of establishing God-centered marriages and families. This is the purpose of the blessing.

It is common today to speak about "root causes" of humanity's critical problems, such as poverty, disease, conflict, etc. Some associate root causes with economic inequality, others with government corruption. Surely these are critical factors, and indeed they are part of the root system. However, if we are to look even more deeply, we find that the most fundamental aspects of all human beings are related to the roots of love, life and lineage, all of which have their foundation in the family, our ancestral, genetic and historical roots.

By building families that embody traditions of true love, we can establish a society, nation and world of true love and lasting peace.

A very important point of emphasis in the movement that is promoting the Blessing Ceremony is to understand marriage as an instrument of peace. When a man or woman marries someone from a different—or even an "enemy"—religion, race, nationality or culture, they make a commitment to building a family of true love that goes beyond barriers.

Marriage and family are sacred within all religions. Governments and religions should form an alliance to uphold and protect the value of the two-parent, monogamous family of one man and one woman as the foundation of good, stable and prosperous societies. The family is the foundation for moral and spiritual development, good citizenship and economic productivity.

Cooperation and good governance

Our world is in urgent and desperate need to restore and repair the damaged relationships that exist not only between the world's great religious traditions but also between spiritual values and principles on the one hand and the work of governments on the other hand.

On True Parents' Day, March 29, Father suddenly cancelled the entertainment. As True Parents were leaving the Cheongpyeong training center 85 Japanese youngsters, under the tutelage of the Japanese Cultural Department, sang them a song. Father then invited them all to Hannamdong where the children's repertoire delighted True Parents and their grandchildren.



The broken relationships among religions need to be healed if we are to build a world of lasting peace. Also, the unhealthy relationship that exists in many nations between religion and government needs to be healed.

In reality, religion and government have complementary and overlapping concerns. Religion and government are alike in being expected to serve the well-being of humanity and create good societies. At best, both are grounded in universal principles, and both require leaders who apply those principles and who embody virtues such as love, compassion, wisdom and courage.

Governments fail when their policies or the practices of their leaders or citizens are out of line with these principles. The same holds true for religions. When either governments or religions fail to practice good governance, humanity suffers, prosperity declines and hopes are unfulfilled.

International conflict occurs when one or more nations act in self-centered and irresponsible ways, become an aggressor and violate the rights either of its own citizens or those of another nation.

Interreligious conflict occurs when leaders or followers of a given religious tradition act in self-centered, irresponsible ways and fail to embody and apply core values and virtues of their tradition.

In order to create a new model of governance that welcomes spiritual values and spiritual wisdom, there needs to be a transformation on many levels. A new global awareness and openness must be cultivated within religions themselves, among the leadership and the members. This is not a compromise that accepts relativism and rejects the absoluteness of truth, but an openness that underscores and expresses the absolute value of true love.

At this juncture in world history, we need to develop a global ethic, centering on core, universal values. One such value, which is at the heart of every religion and all the great philosophies, is the principle of unselfish love, living for the sake of others.

Interreligious dialogue and fostering good relations with people of all faiths should be among the central teachings and practices of all religions. In all the sacred scriptures we find statements in support of interreligious harmony, so let us build on that foundation.

Religious practices which continue to foster prejudice or bigotry will ultimately decline, as will nations that promote racism, ethnocentrism or selfish nationalism. Such behavior is in violation of universal law and our God-given conscience can recognize this point.

Religions should not isolate themselves, either from other religions or from the world at large. Religions should emphasize the value of service, and in relation to government and society, religious teachings and practices should show themselves to be fully consistent with and contributing to the establishment of a good, just and prosperous society.

Leaders and citizens of government should become more educated about religion and move away from an irrational fear of religion and spiri-



True Parents gave amber pendants (노리개), which are worn as a decoration with traditional Korean dresses, to wives from the 3-, 36-, 72- and 124-couple blessing groups and others to wear when their couples act as attendants on the day True Parents enter the original palace

tual values. Governments must end their prejudice against religion. There is nothing to fear, and much to be gained.

Good governance requires harmony between both the internal aspects of our lives, including both spiritual and moral values, and the external aspects, such as social, political and economic concerns. The spiritual and moral should never be divorced from the socio-economic dimensions of human life. The two should be harmonized.

Governments should also seek constructive partnership with faith-based NGOs and other faith-based organizations. In particular, the United Nations should waste no time in establishing an interreligious council on equal footing and in cooperative relationship with the Economic and Social Council, the recently established Peacebuilding Commission and other UN organs, commissions and entities.

Expanding our foundation

During the world speaking tour, Father Moon offered guidance on the development and expansion of the ambassadors for peace movement. He advised that within each nation the number of committed ambassadors for peace be expanded, saying that the ambassadors for peace are to be Abel parliamentarians, people who want to serve the nation according to the principle of living for the sake of others.

Peace Councils are to be like Abel parliaments, which serve the nation for the sake of the well-being of its people, as well as all the people of the world. They are to be parliaments of true love.

As you convene and work together during this Assembly and back in your nations, please keep in mind several key areas of concern:

1. Please consider how your Peace Council can support the work of creating an international peace highway, and a Bering Strait Peace King Tunnel to bring together East and West, and to link the world together, beyond boundaries, for the sake of peace and prosperity.

2. Offer your recommendations for developing what Father Moon calls the "peace army" or "peace police," having in mind a mechanism both to prevent or bring an end to conflict and to build stable societies and nations based on God-centered families. Neither calls for the use of military force, but rather mobile teams of activists and volunteers who form a kind of peace

corps or peace force that can be assigned missions to serve in trouble spots around the world. Already UPF has developed several peace initiatives, in the Middle East, in Northeast Asia, and in South Asia. The problems of conflict, however, are not unique to those areas. As such, we will be expanding our peace initiatives in the coming year and beyond, and we welcome your recommendations and support.

3. Please discuss and offer your recommendations for the establishment of the Universal Peace Academy. We want to develop a peace curriculum that embodies our unique vision, principles, and methodology, so that we can educate and train leaders around the world in the ways of reconciliation, cooperation, true love and coprosperity.

4. In addition to these new programs, UPF will continue its active work in three core areas: human development, good governance and peace initiatives. Each of these areas are represented in the work of the Standing Committees that convene formally for the first time later this morning. Please get involved in one of the standing committees.

Finally, as we engage in our work, we must continually pause to reflect on the core values and guiding principles we have learned. Our work will be in vain if we simply carry on according to conventional patterns. Each one of us must be renewed and transformed, so that we might see even more clearly through the eyes of love, compassion, respect and unselfishness.

I have covered a lot of ground in this presentation. Over the next few days, and surely throughout the coming year, we will see these ideas take shape and begin to bear fruit.

Thank you for your support for the work of the Universal Peace Federation. We have a great opportunity, and we have a great responsibility. Let us support one another, living for the sake of others, and providing vision and leadership for a world of lasting peace.

Never forget that there is a great providence that stands behind our work. We are not alone. Truly the living God is with us. Moreover, our ancestors, the saints and sages, spiritual leaders, righteous men and women stand with us and share our vision and our work. Let us be ever mindful of this as we move forward in the next few days. Thank you. ♦

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A festive atmosphere prevailed as ambassadors for peace who have attended seminars in Japan renewed acquaintances and greeted True Parents after having seen the message on Father's message. During his talk Father displayed his Nation of Cosmos membership card, calling it "a visa to heaven."

Meeting Core Leaders

Prominent members of Korean society have been going to top-tier seminars in Japan since February 2005. In the beginning, the seminars spanned six days, but now they are five days long. Except for major Korean holidays, such as the Lunar New Year, there have been no breaks. The day after one seminar ends, the next one begins.

After returning to Korea from one of these seminars, the participants become involved in groups tailored to their area of expertise or interests that go broadly under the title "forum." To audiences comprising members from various combinations of these forums, Father spoke in the Millennium Hall in the Marriot Hotel in the Central City complex to groups of 1,500 on each of four occasions from March 16 to 23.

The forums have names such as Forum for Social and Economic Leaders, Forum for Broadcasting Peace, Forum for World Peace Education, Forum for Peaceful Unification and the Women's Forum for World Peace. The first meeting was for those who are now or who have been leaders in the government sector and other nationally recognized figures. This seminar was hosted by IIFWP. The second meeting was for people who have contributed articles to the *Segye Times* newspaper and was hosted by the Segye Times Organization. The third meeting was for social and media organizations generally and was the responsibility of a collection of numerous church and business related groups. IIFWP and Sun Moon University brought together political, economic, security and women's groups for the final event.

These events in Central City were called Leaders' Rallies for Korean Ambassadors for Peace. One of the people who spoke in addition to Father at the first meeting was Mr. Lee Chul-kee, who is the retired leader of the Chondogyo religion, a traditional Korean religion that is well known locally for its active opposition to the Japanese Empire during the years that Korea was a colony of Japan. Less widely known is the fact that in 1936 their leaders set a day aside to pray for Japan's destruction. When the Japanese military learned of this two years later, the leaders were rounded up and

tortured. In jail, they chanted the prayer for Japan's destruction in unison. Historically, at least, their adherents were people who led the nation in patriotic sacrifice.

Korean newspapers have reported that the retirement of Mr. Lee, 69, who had reached nearly stratospheric heights within his faith not unlike the Catholic Pope, was prompted by his unabashed support for True Father and specifically for his having publicly declared Rev. Moon the king of peace.

As is to be expected, he spoke enthusiastically about the Leaders' Rally for Korean Ambassadors for Peace in an exclusive interview with Kim Hyung-woon, our Korean correspondent.

When did you become an ambassador for peace?

In December 2004, after I went to America for my first seminar.

Was there something that stood out from the Central City meeting as particularly moving?

Father's giving us the name "ambassador for peace" with the intention of our working to make a peaceful world is moving. The name indicates our mission. No nation, no government administration, no organization thought of this before or ever intended to do this kind of work, but the Unification group is involved in the very moving, valuable, worthwhile activity of saving humanity.

What was your general impression of the March 16th event?

If ambassadors for peace in every nation are not onlookers, just passing by or living like passengers—if they become coordinators and key players—they can do such great things. If they work with sincerity, are brave and optimistic, investing themselves in constructive activities, global peace is possible.

What did you think about your fellow speakers on that day?

We are becoming one in spirit—not only through what comes out of our mouths but through our positive actions and practices. I felt I could wholeheartedly agree with their views.



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What kind of influence do you expect ambassadors for peace to have on Korea?

The mission of ambassadors for peace is practicing true love, which was God's goal at the Creation. He created us with the expectation of seeing true families, who practice mutual respect, act humbly and are excited and happy about life. On the foundation of achieving that, peaceful reunification and world peace will naturally follow. This is a heavenly movement that appeals to our basic human nature. It has so much to offer Korea.

Korea is divided. Reunification is our homework. To achieve it, everyone needs to practice true love. Actualize the ideal God held at the time of the Creation and world peace will come about without even thinking about it. We'll be able to achieve the peaceful unity of Korea, which is just the thing we need as a foundation to live well.

What was the seminar in Japan like for you?

Think about history. The ancestors of Koreans and Japanese originate in the same root. We are geographically and culturally very close. There has been a lot of cultural intermixing and as far as bloodline goes, we are one people. Yet, I could not stop wondering why they visited so much affliction on us. When we meet as individuals, they are very kind, humble, good people. Why did they inflict so much suffering on us? I listened to the lectures. I read the books and studied and my question was answered.

As individuals, they are humble, honest, good. Human behavior has internal causes. Whether we live according to an Abel-type view of life or a Cain-type view determines the outcome. The key is what philosophy the nation has, whether Abel-type or Cain-type.

Korea is the father nation; Japan is the mother nation. In the future, they have to harmonize as parent nations and live well in oneness. Father is teaching this, and I think this is right. The lecturers were good—Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, Yoon Jeong-ro [IIFWP Korea], Park Jung-hyung [interdenominational movement], Dr. Son Dae-o [PWPA] Kim Bong-tae [Sun Moon University president] and Yoo Dae-haeng [FFWPU Japan]. The lectures were clear, plain,

good. So, it was helpful

How can we be peacekeeping people?

In line with the ideal that God wanted to realize through the Creation, we must be peacekeepers. We need to prevent war and peacefully harmonize.

What do you think of peace movement Father is leading?

He met Gorbachev and told him, "Don't make war." He met Kim Il-sung and said, "Don't make war." He sent a delegation to meet Yasser Arafat and they delivered Father's message, "Don't make war; live in peace." In 191 nations, his peace movement is conducting activities through UPF. We ought to offer Father the Nobel Prize or something better. We have to serve him as the king of peace with confidence.

How can we be a peaceful influence on the world?

People fight for reasons—economic religious or political. This is analyzing things externally. Internal causes are related to whether they have adopted an Abel-type, or a Cain-type view of life. It's related to whether they live in line with restoration through indemnity or not. Externally our work is as ambassadors for peace. Internally, ours is a heavenly movement that seeks to live according to what God envisaged at the time of the Creation. As peacekeepers, ambassadors for peace will be very effective.

In the flow of history, ours is a heavenly movement that passes beyond the limits of religion, that is color-blind to race, that is above creating barriers based on income levels, a movement where in all people can live in line with God's expectation of us at the time of the Creation, living together, developing together, cooperating together. Don't miss the chance to get involved in this. Every member of the human family can practice true love, create a true family, become a true parent and true owner and live in line with the ideal God held at the Creation. We can create a peaceful, comfortable kingdom of heaven. Let's work with greater strength and power.◆



Women Take To the Battlefield

ILHWA ADDS A SISTER TEAM

An inaugural ceremony was held for the Chungnam Ilhwa Chunma Women's Soccer team on March 2 in the Lotte Hotel in Seoul; Rev. Kwak is the president of both teams. Chunma, "heaven's horse" in English, is based in Chungnam Province.



Korean women's soccer is still in an early stage of development. They do not yet have a league, since there have been only three teams, INI Steel, under Hyundai, the Daekyo Kangaroos Women's Football Club, which is sponsored by an educational products company and the Seoul City Hall's Hi Seoul! Women's Football Club.

The three teams would hold tournaments rather than playing a yearlong schedule of matches. How exciting could a three-team tournament be? So, when Ilhwa began negotiating to join their ranks with a women's soccer team, the others were quite cooperative.

Mr. Kim Ho-gee, the international team liaison for the Peace Cup, went as far as to say that the average person in Korea might not be aware that women's football teams exist in their country. So, readers might wonder whether there is a pool of players large enough to support even a fourth women's team. Mr. Kim explained that because the other three teams welcomed a newcomer, they released their players to try out for the Chungnam Ilhwa Chunma Women's Football Club. In addition to this, seven universities in Korea have women's soccer teams. According to Mr. Kim, "Since there are only four teams, there's actually a relatively wide selection of players to choose from."

Near the end of our brief interview, Mr. Kim suddenly perked up and said, "The Ilhwa Chunma Women's Football Club is now in a tournament and they won their first match. They beat the Seoul City Hall team, the best team. City Hall has a player named Park Eun-sun; she's considered the best Korean woman player. Her fans compare her to Zinedine Zidane. They beat them 3-0. It's incredible."

With that, we requested directions to the women's team's general manager, Park Gun-hun. We asked him how he felt being in charge of a newly formed soccer squad. He began by explaining that they had gotten their timing wrong and should have formed the team in the summer, so that they would be

poised to recruit new players when the university players graduate in February. "Instead," he said, "we hired the coach in December and had to test for new players that month in order to participate in the coming season. We selected from Football Association players and former university players. We contacted them beforehand, made three teams from the potential recruits and had them play one another." For anyone still wondering if there really were enough potential candidates, Mr. Park explained that they had forty-two people try out and chose twenty-two. Two of those players came out of retirement. They had had experience playing for the Korean women's national football team in years past. Mr. Park said, "When they said they wanted to try out for the team, we were a bit skeptical. We worried that their technique and physical condition would make testing them a waste of time, but they really exceeded our expectations. We decided it was worth our choosing these senior players rather than choosing younger players who would require more training." One of those women coming out of retirement after four years is a married housewife with a baby. The other women are single.

Korean women's teams are semi-professional. All the players are employees, but the teams are not profitable businesses in themselves. They are regular employees of a company but rather than being assigned to the secretarial pool or the accounting department, they are assigned to the football pitch. In Japan, women semi-pro players work in the office in the morning and train in the afternoon, but in Korea the players work out and play soccer throughout the working day.

There has never been a professional women's football club in Korea, and there has always been only a small number of semi-pro women's teams. The plan is for the four teams to play frequently until October of this year, and if response and ticket sales warrant it, they will set up a league.

Mr. Park was quite pleased with their first game. "I knew we were scheduled to play a difficult team first, but our skill level and seemed good. I think it helped that it was our first game. The players were up for it and had a strong attitude." He added that they had been concentrating on physical training for a month before the match and that he thought there



was quite an improvement in the players' stamina and condition over that time.

"We beat them three-nil. We have a four back system. Our defense was stable. Our strikers ran a lot, so the middle was covered well. I'm sure part of it was just luck, but we had a stronger mind-set than our opponents."

The First Women's Peace Cup

In a related development, Mr. Kim was happy to announce that the scheduling and team selection for the first Women's Peace Cup all went smoothly. The Women's Peace Cup will be held from October 28 to November 4. The six national teams that will be competing hail from the United States, Brazil, Italy, Denmark, Nigeria, Australia and South Korea. The Women's Peace Cup differs from the masculine version in that the teams are all national squads rather than privately owned, professional teams. Each team was chosen to represent a continent, thus, the world is being covered through this event.

Mr. Kim sees the American team as having great drawing power, as it has already made something of a name for itself internationally. The Korean team has been steadily improving in international competition, so they are sure to attract local fans.

The Peace Cup itself has also been garnering increasing attention and respect with each tournament. When the American team was contacted, Mr. Kim explained that they responded quickly to say they would like to participate. "But we changed the dates, the tournament period. We gave the information to them, and again they said they would participate, but suddenly there was a scheduling conflict.

"They said they could not come because of a schedule conflict with their CONCACAF¹ qualifying matches for the World Cup. As it turned out, though, their World Cup preliminary games were changed to late November, so they are able to compete in the first Women's Peace Cup." ♦

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¹ Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football



Finally Home: Turning My City Upside Down

The city of Samcheok on the
east coast of South Korea

A testimony by Rev. Kim Myung-dae, Adam national messiah to Vanuatu

Good morning! I'd been told to go back to my hometown hundreds of times, but because of my mission as a national messiah and because of my frequent visits to my mission nation and other excuses, I hadn't gone back to my hometown. Finally, in March 2003, on the last Sunday of the month, I took charge of the Samcheok church in Kangwon Province. The church is an A-frame building. There are two types of such A-frame buildings, a small version and a large version. Ours is one of the small type. The physical condition of this church was given a "d" ranking by the national headquarters. Since the building of these A-frame style churches was something Father had personally instructed us to do years ago, I figured that headquarters would want it brought back to life, so I began repair work on the building.

On my first day as church leader, I had service with eleven members; there were only three Koreans and the rest were from Japan, the Philippines and Thailand. I was determined to restore the city of Samcheok with these members and worked as if I were putting my life on the line. Many younger church leaders had served at this church before I did. I had spent forty-seven years and eight months in public missions at True Father's side and knew that if what I leave behind in this church is no different from that of the previous church leaders, who have only ten to twenty years in public missions, the members will be disappointed and will feel there is no one they can trust or depend on.

Over thirty years ago, when Father had those A-frame churches built, he asked us if we were going to fill them up with members. We all replied that we would. I dare say,



though, that there hasn't been one church where the members can testify proudly to Father of having done that.

I went to Samcheok because, even if it took me the rest of my life, I wanted to fulfill Father's expectation and testify about it to him. I took care of all my other obligations and went there with an open mind. The situation there was difficult. I struggled hard and have the attitude that it is where I will spend the rest of my life. In 2004, when we held a service to mark my having worked there for a year, 86 people came. Last year we had 275. This year, I sent out invitations for the third anniversary service, to be held on March 26, and 1,200 replied that they would come. We are borrowing the Culture and Arts Hall. Because of the upcoming large

rallies in South Kyeonggi Province, Kangwon Province and at Sun Moon University, I was hoping that some adjustments could be made for our church in Samcheok, but I have yet to reported this to headquarters.

The rally for North Kyeonggi Province is slated for March 31, and our goal is to have 1,200 participants. We already have 1,200 who have said that they will come and Father has given some money to hold seminars for the people in the towns and urban districts.¹ We actually should be carrying these out at our own expense, but Father has given us money. We were told that in five days we needed to have four hundred people go through the seminar. Thirty-five minutes south of us there is a hot spring, one of the best in the world. We brought people there and fulfilled our quota

¹ In Korea, towns (읍) and urban district (면) are incorporated parts of cities. To non-Koreans, an 읍 might resemble a neighborhood and a 면 a village, which is the word 면 is sometimes translated to.



Rev. Kim Myung-dae and his wife

completely in the five days.

The suggested method of using a beam projector to teach our ideology is a good idea, but that alone would be like watching a serial drama that people would soon forget. We have a person in charge of student guests in our church, whom I told to prepare for these seminars. He gave one lecture for forty-five minutes, and I gave a Principle of Creation lecture that lasted two hours. I felt that the Divine Principle lectures were more likely to remain in people's minds. They would soon forget the lectures we give them on current events. We should be leaving lasting impressions in their hearts. We gave Divine Principle lectures from 9 AM to 1 PM and not one person stood up to leave.

We were given ₩5,000 per person, so we had women from the church prepare some food. We got rice from the local store and bought the head of a cow and boiled it throughout the night. We added water and rice to that and made boiled rice soup (소머리국밥), which only cost us ₩2,500 per serving. The rest of the money we used to buy drinks and coffee. We also received a donation of ₩2.8 million [about \$2,900].

Since it was my third year after coming home, many people wanted to hear me speak. We leased eighteen buses for the event. The previous mayor had received about a ₩1 trillion in funds [more than \$1 million] to restore the city after it was severely damaged in a recent downpour, but he embezzled funds and ended up in jail. Kim Dae-gong, the deputy mayor, became the acting mayor. During the event for my second year as pastor, Mr. Kim had sent a wreath worth ₩200,000 in his capacity as the acting mayor. I strongly pushed him to run in the next mayoral elections. Last year, it so happened that *Yon-sama*² came to Samcheok to shoot a movie, though there isn't much to shoot in our small city. Mr. Choi Yeon-hee, the Korean national congressman, is also from the Samcheok area. When he ran for congress, I provided him with information on a daily basis. At one event, he asked me to come up and we cut a cake together. He then asked me to offer a toast and I did. He always made congratulatory remarks at our Yoo Kwan-soon rallies.³ He was the

² This is the Japanese name for Korean actor Bae Yong-jun who, while his popularity in Korea is waning, has gained phenomenal popularity in Japan. "Yon" is the Japanese pronunciation of his surname; "sama" is a mark of deep respect.

³ Girl patriot who was tortured and killed by Japanese soldiers occupying Korea. Father has blessed her to a Japanese. Japanese members in Korea and Japan hold rallies in her honor each year.

one who had asked me what I thought about having a movie filmed in our area. I told him it should be done, even if we have to pay ₩10 billion [more than \$10 million].

Because of that movie, 200,000 people came from Japan to our city. We had more Japanese visitors than there are citizens of Samcheok. It was a major event for us. I checked out Bae Yong-jun's Japanese fan club site on the internet and started one of my own. Outside people comprised 99.9% of the membership, which reached seven hundred. I worked with the deputy mayor and the head of the city's Planning Department and took them to Japan. I began "working" on them, especially the deputy mayor. I told him that he should run for mayor. This fellow is an honest person. For thirty-five years, he has been as clean as a whistle. He would return any money remaining from business trips. He told me that he would never have made it to where he is now if he had even embezzled a penny.

When I first came to Samcheok there was nothing I could work with, because I didn't have an internal connection of heart or a common background with the people there. So I did what I have done eighty times in Japan. I talked about Yoo Kwan-soon, and people were attracted by that. I did conditions for eight months. I encouraged the Japanese members. I had to do this Yoo Kwan-soon rally to build a foundation to work from.

In the first year I accumulated ₩5.5 million [\$5,7000] in donations. I had never before served as a church leader in my hometown. I have not received even a penny of support for living expenses to this day. March marks three years since I came there. I gave half of the donations to the regional leader and half went to me, the church leader. Out of a million won, I received ₩500,000, of which half I donated and the other half I used on traveling expenses to commute between Seoul and Samcheok for my work. Still the amount I donated to the church probably adds up to ₩30-40 million. All that money went to the church.

I built an office on the church property. With a decent office, I was set. The deputy mayor visited my office twice a week. He told me that he didn't know much about worldly affairs, because he had been a government official for thirty years. I gave advice to City Hall on thirty different issues, such as where to build a road, where on roads to install digital display panels, where to have driveways and such. I sent



A computer-generated image of the A-frame church in Samcheok



In a rally organized by Rev. Kim, Japanese participants, as an act of repentance honor the memory of Yoo Kwan-soon—the young girl who was killed by Japanese guards while in prison for demonstrating in favor of Korean independence.

six people to Japan including the deputy mayor, speaker of the City Council, the director of a women's hall, two woman clerks and a woman member. I couldn't go because of my responsibilities to hold seminars in the city's towns and urban districts. Because of my having attracted the Yon-sama fan tour groups, and the hospitality I extended to them, I have gained quite a name for myself in Samcheok. I did all this as if I were putting my life on the line.

The deputy mayor had to register by March 3 to run for mayor, but he refused to do it. He said that he would be tied up with his duties as deputy mayor until March 20. He added that if he failed to be elected mayor, he would not be able to serve the rest of his term as deputy mayor, which ends at the end of June. I told him that what he's able to do as deputy mayor is irrelevant and pushed him to give up everything, including his position as deputy mayor, to pursue the mayor's seat. Two days later, he held a press conference at City Hall and announced his candidacy for mayor. He is really a devoted son. He served as deputy mayor for a year and six months. Before, fires would break out regularly in Samcheok and all the fire trucks from around the nation would be called on to put them out. During his term as deputy mayor, there was not one case of a fire or flood, perhaps because of this man's luck. I told him that luck was with him. I pointed out that many people belonging to the Yon-sama group had visited Samcheok from Japan. I made one of those groups. Actually, there isn't much to see in Samcheok, but with these Yon-sama groups coming from Japan quite a lot of tourist money came in. I told the deputy mayor that I would make another Yon-sama group if he would take care of it. He hired twelve people to work on promoting Samcheok. Congressman Choi had also mentioned that we should keep

the people coming, to have them come back again and again, so that they could contribute to the development of Samcheok.

We held three Yoo Kwan-soon rallies in Samcheok. We had a rally in 2003 with 1,700 people. In 2004, we held the rally in the Culture and Arts Hall in Samcheok. It is equipped with the latest systems. We invited the Little Angels and had them perform there.

Samcheok can basically fit in Buddha's palm. I wanted to give a refreshing report to Father on the activities in my hometown. There is no way to describe my life there. Heaven has given me food and clothes, so I did my best so I could give a good report about the work.

We will be holding a rally marking the third year of my inauguration on March 26. I've already signed a contract based on the promises of the 1,200 people who have said they would come.

On March 26, 1992, Father last went to Japan. He had gone to Japan before that to match people for the 6,000-couple blessing in 1982. I am praying now in hopes that Father could once again enter Japan on March 26, exactly fourteen years since his last visit.

Father: I don't want to go to Japan. It wouldn't be good for me.

Rev. Kim: People are telling me to establish a corporation, which I would like to call Samcheok Company. There are seventy thousand people living in Samcheok and twice that number who once lived there and now live near Seoul. We should bring these people together and do something.

Last year I went to a rally for Samcheok citizen's residing in Seoul with the secretary-general of Samcheok City Hall, because the deputy mayor, though invited, could not attend. I told the people there that they should help their hometown. I told them I would create a Samcheok company and asked them to do business with it. Most people have this nostalgic yearning for products from their hometown. I told them I would get goods from their hometown and have those goods delivered to them. I had their word. I invited six hundred leaders of the Association of Samcheok Citizens Living in Seoul. I invited their parents. I had the city government support that rally. I called entertainers who were originally from Samcheok to perform.

Years ago, President Park Chung-hee supported the New Village Movement. In the same way, I presented five best practices that could lead to the creation of this Samcheok

company, so that all the local agricultural and marine products could be delivered to Seoul. We have the addresses of twelve thousand families. If one family contributed ₩1 million, that would be a substantial economic resource. Only the Family Federation can oversee this initiative. In three years, we would have a ₩14 billion [\$14.5 million] budget. The City Hall can accept orders for products, the head of the Agricultural and Marine Products Department gave me his word. People usually want to eat food that they ate as a child. The water in Samcheok is clean, so we are focusing on the water. If we can have the water in Samcheok delivered to each family, this would have a substantial economic effect. We are checking the underground water. On July 29 we had a great festival at the Samcheok Culture and Arts Hall. The City Hall set up a large tent for this event.

This year, we are going to hold our Yoo Kwan-soon rally in December for the fourth time in Samcheok. The third rally in Samcheok, which we did last year, was the eighty-fifth rally overall. Just the other day we held the kick-off ceremony for the eighty-sixth rally in the borough of Songpa. Since we have had eighty rallies in Japan, we should do another eighty in Korea and the one hundredth rally in North Korea. Because I am determined to do these things, I have had the strength to overcome the many obstacles I face daily. Forty people came to the Yoo Kwan-soon rally in the borough of Songpa. They wept so much.

I explained to them why Father had instructed me to hold Yoo Kwan-soon rallies in Japan. It was amazing that we could testify about Father, who is without original sin, through these Yoo Kwan-soon rallies. We can testify about what kind of people our True Parents are wherever we go.

That I began taking responsibility for my local church on March 26 is not important, but I had to do something, so I am using the date to invite 1,200 of the wives of people who moved to Seoul from my hometown.

If you asked anyone in Samcheok about me, they would most likely know about me. I'm not bragging. This city is tiny. I went around each neighborhood to give lectures. In the beginning only three or four people came. My second experience at trying to draw people to lectures was when



Mr. Kim Dae-gong, the acting mayor of Samcheok at an official function

we were asked to hold seminars in conjunction with True Mother's sixtieth birthday. I didn't know anybody. It was difficult. Only fifteen or twenty people came to the talks I gave. This year, because of heavenly fortune, an average of 120 people came. Even that was not easy, given the fact that there are about six to seven hundred people per urban district. In the beginning, we had a hundred seats and a hundred people filled them. With that, we decided to go to two hundred seats; two hundred people came. If we set up three hundred seats, three hundred people would come. Not one person left during the lecture. There are twelve sub-districts in Samcheok and in each sub-district, not one person left. We carried the blackboard around on a truck, and I gave a lecture for two hours and forty minutes, beginning with the Principles of Creation. More than half the people would cry.

Father: We have to educate people who can work in Korea. Lectures provide the foundation enabling the assistance of those in the spiritual world, but people don't know that. It doesn't take much time to give lectures these days. Kim Myung-dae's name is spelled using the Chinese character "myung" meaning bright and "dae" meaning large. You should work to become a person who can give off a golden light.

Kim Myung-dae is a decent man. He did those Yoo Kwan-soon rallies in Japan, even though he could have been shot by an arrow. He went to Japan with nothing but rubber shoes and began doing those rallies. His shoes are all worn out with holes. How many pairs of shoes did you wear until they wore out? Shoes, I'm asking you how many shoes you wore out. Many people in South Korea feel ashamed and aren't going to the lands in North Korea. How could they go without some kind of work that could assist them?

Rev. Kim: That is why tomorrow we are going to form a Leaders' Association for Peace and Unification. I borrowed the small performance hall at the Culture and Arts Hall and I came this morning to see True Parents.

Father: I should call Mother to have her help you.

Rev. Kim: It's all right. We have many donations coming in. Our church had a "d" ranking

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The movie *Winter Sonata* resurrected Bae Yong-jun's acting career when it attracted adoring fans from Japan. Rev. Kim arranged that parts of a sequel, *April Snow*, be filmed in his hometown. Here a city promotion planning group meets with the movie posters as a backdrop.

Recommissioning Hope: Liberia Bravely Steps Forward



From February 9 to 11, a Universal Peace Federation (IIFWP) Peace and Reconciliation Conference was held in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, a country of 3.3 million people on the southwest coast of Africa.

Though the conference began just weeks after the inauguration of Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, the first democratically elected woman president on the African continent, it had been arranged at the behest of the National Transitional Government, headed by Mr. Gyude Bryant, who had been chosen by the country's three warring factions to lead the government from October 2003 until a duly elected president was sworn in.

As Mr. Augustine Arkoi, leader of IIFWP Liberia, explained, "The vice-president of the transitional government [Mr. Wesley Johnson] attended three of our conferences, and he pleaded with our headquarters to convene a conference in Liberia to help the peace process. Then, of course, the conference took place during the administration of the new government, about two weeks or so after the new government took power."

The conference was held in Monrovia's City Hall and had the support of the government as well as the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL). A pre-conference meeting, held in an UNMIL building at a local airfield brought together people from the neighboring countries that were to participate in the conference as well as from all over Liberia to suggest areas of concern that the conference ought to address. According to a local newspaper, these included job-skills and resettlement training for demobilized soldiers and guerrilla fighters, sufficient support for war victims, avenues of participation in the peace process for religious bodies and the importance of the inclusion of the traditional, tribal leadership.

Though it had been widely publicized that President Johnson-Sirleaf would speak at the conference on its opening day, she sent Mr. George Wallace, her newly confirmed minister of foreign affairs, in her stead. By phone from Monrovia, Augustine Arkoi said, "The key message came from her, even though, that day, for some reason she couldn't come.... The difficulty is that she is still forming her government. At the time, she was finding and forming her cabinet, as well as directors of major public corporations and that kind of thing. That is, in fact, still ongoing."

Africa's first independent nation

A bit of background might be helpful in understanding the current situation that Liberia and its new president are grappling with. Readers might then get a clearer sense of the key support that UPF hopes to provide.

By the early 1800s, no traces remained of the few sporadic attempts that had been made at European settlement in what is today Liberia. Only indigenous tribes populated the area, when, in 1820, a group of eighty-two freed slaves from the United States established a settlement they called Christopolis where modern day Monrovia now stands. These pioneers, early members of the "Back-to-Africa" movement, received funds and other support from the privately run American Colonization Society.

Advocating that liberated slaves return to the Africa, the *raison d'être* of the

American Colonization Society, was contentious within the United States among both blacks and whites and attitudes about the initiative went through periodic shifts. Nevertheless, shortly after the American Civil War, during which all American slaves were emancipated, the immigrant population of Liberia stood at thirteen thousand.

Though Liberia declared its independence from the control of the American Colonization Society in 1847, the organization was not disbanded until 1964. In the final stages of its existence, it operated more in the area of missionary outreach and had all but abandoned facilitating emigration.

When the first Americans settled in an area that had indigenous residents, this gave rise to resentment; there were early clashes. Anger may have dwelt just below the surface of Liberian society through the first century and a half of the country's history, but through two presidents, Samuel Doe (1980–1990) and Charles Taylor (1997–2003), rancor found free expression, and as is the way of evil, through them circumstances became infinitely more complicated.

Doe, a member of the Krahn ethnic group, was a master sergeant in the army at a time when tensions were high between indigenous people and descendants of the Americo-Liberian founders. On April 12, 1980, Doe and his cohort assassinated the president, William Tolbert, who was of American descent, and thirty others in the Executive Mansion. Soon afterward, he had thirteen of the president's colleagues executed. Doe ruled with brutality until he, too, died by assassination.

Taylor, an Americo-Liberian, led an army against Doe in 1989. After Doe's assassination, through a series of interim governments, in a civil war that cost 200,000 Liberian lives, Taylor kept fighting. It has been said that when he finally stood for election, Taylor won handily because people feared a return to war were he to have lost.

As president, while doing nothing to ease the plight of his own people, Taylor exported revolution. In exchange for diamonds, he supplied weapons, military training, hiding places and training grounds to rebels in Sierra Leone. To neighboring Sierra Leoneans, the man behind their local atrocities is Liberian Charles Taylor, now living in exile in Nigeria.

Thus, the situation that President Johnson-Sirleaf has stepped into is a difficult one. The newly-elected members of Congress have elected an ally of Charles Taylor as Speaker of the House and a former rebel warlord, who had fought against Taylor, as president *pro tempore* of the Senate. The president's choice for speaker of the House garnered

thirteen votes. Her Unity Party captured just eight out of sixty-four seats in Congress, where eleven parties are represented, and the largest number of seats held by any one party is fifteen. Based on the personal character of the president, though, there is cause for hope.

She is a woman of substance and an electrifying speaker. If the vision she presents to her fellow citizens takes hold, there's every reason to expect congressmen will support her rather than risk upsetting their constituents.

A timely conference

The newly elected president is in a tight race against time and circumstances to make her presidency a viable one in the early stages of her administration. She may not be able to spend as much time with key people as she would like to. After Mrs. Laura Bush, the wife of the American president, had flown to Liberia to attend President Johnson-Sirleaf's inauguration, she was asked by a reporter if she'd had a chance to speak much with the Liberian president. Without a trace of irritation, Mrs. Bush replied, "Very little. We got to meet twice. When we first came in, we went over and paid our respects to her; then, at the very end, she stopped by and spoke again. I got to tell her that I was impressed with her inaugural address, that I liked it a lot."

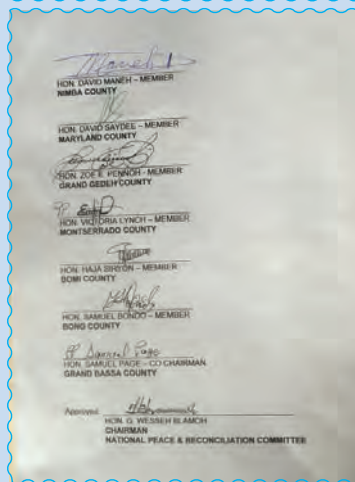
In light of her circumstances, the president's absence from the UPF conference is understandable. As Mr. Arkoi described it, "The conference actually went well.... The press was also very much involved. Every day they covered the event, so everybody was following the proceedings of the conference, likewise, President Johnson-Sirleaf. On the last day, she called us. We met her at her office, there, at the presidential palace."

Members of the delegation who visited the president in her office explained to Mrs. Johnson-Sirleaf that they would continue to cooperate with her in bringing reconciliation within the country and within the Mano River Union, a subregional grouping, named for a shared waterway, that comprises Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

Liberian refugees and Charles Taylor's support for Sierra Leonean insurgents meant that Liberia's problems have become



Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, the first elected woman president in Africa, meets a UPF/IIFWP delegation in her office in the presidential palace, including left to right Mr. Augustine Arkoi, leader, UPF-Liberia; Mr. Tageldin Hamad, representing UPF Chairman Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan; Mr. John Gehring, Abel National Messiah to neighboring Sierra Leone and Mr. Wesley Johnson, an Ambassador for Peace who was Vice-Chairman of the National Transitional Government of Liberia from 2003 to 2006



Members of the Liberian Congress requested that a Peace Embassy be opened to further the work of peace in the region.

regional issues. In her inaugural address, the president said, "My dear brothers and sisters of West Africa: You have died for us; you have given refuge to thousands of our citizens; you have denied yourselves by utilizing your scarce resources to assist us; you have agonized for us, and you have prayed for us. We thank you, and may God bless you.... To our sister Republics west, east and north of our borders, we make this pledge: under my Administration, no inch of Liberian soil will be used to conspire to perpetrate aggression against your countries."

Mr. Arkoi went on to say that when they met the president, members of the delegation also profiled some of the conference participants for her and emphasized that they had "actually succeeded in bringing together all the stakeholders." In addition to the parliamentarians from the Mano River Union countries, "the fifteen political subdivisions of Liberia were represented by local government heads and their traditional leaders, their paramount chiefs. The conference was actually a microcosm of Liberia if not the subregion."

Moving forward

Disarmament of the various warring factions was only completed last year. Only on the basis of that could the elections be held. Security for the country is the domain of the United Nations, which has 15,000 troops on the ground in Liberia.

Augustine points out that one of the president's first tasks will be to reconstitute the national army. Maintaining a healthy military that can achieve cohesion after so many years of internecine warfare and that will not interfere in politics will be a particularly thorny issue, but the president (and perhaps the United Nations) feels it is important that the country be able to take responsibility for its own national defense.

In an online report to IIFWP about Liberia and the conference, John Gehring wrote, "It is not a good sign of a country's health when you see three times more UN planes at the airport than commercial planes, or when the UN peacekeepers and non-government relief agency workers outnumber tourists fifty to one or even a thousand to one."

John went on to mention that there was no running water and that electricity for the conference had to be supplied by generators, consuming large amounts of fuel. "Why is there no power?" he asked. "One rebel soldier decided to drop thermal bombs down the shafts of the hydroelectric plant and the huge turbines whose free motion allows the power to be generated are melted together. Repairs may not be possible; the dam may have to be reconstructed, which takes time

and money."

Augustine, who is a native Liberian, confirmed this and added, "The hydroelectric plant has been out since 1990 and for water we have to rely on hand pumps or wells. That's the current situation."

Under the circumstances, that the country was able to hold elections and is able to make something of a new beginning is quite admirable. To her fellow Liberians, the new president said, "No one who has lived in or visited this country in the past fifteen years will deny the physical destruction and the moral decadence that the civil war has left in its wake here in Monrovia and in other cities, towns and villages across the nation. We have all suffered. The individual sense of deprivation is immense. It is therefore understandable that our people will have high expectations and will demand aggressive solutions to the socio-economic and societal difficulties that we face."

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf is a sixty-seven-year-old, divorced mother of four, whose ex-husband died several years ago. As she told an interviewer recently, "I got married at seventeen years old. I worked in places like garages. I worked at restaurants in America attending tables to see myself through school *after* four children. So, you know, I've been through it all; I've been through the political struggles, I started early. I've gone to prison for this. I've been exiled for this." The school she put herself through was Harvard and her field of expertise is economics.

In the 1970s, she was a deputy finance minister, but she had to flee the country after the assassination of William Tolbert in 1980. She worked for several years as a senior loan officer with the World Bank and as a vice-president of Citibank. For five years, she was the assistant administrator and director of the regional bureau for Africa of the United Nations Development Program. She is a member of the board of trustees of the Crisis Group, a quasi-governmental group of prestigious scholars and other relevant experts who provide governments with "field-based analysis and high-level advocacy to prevent and resolve deadly conflict." There was a recent story in the Liberian press with the headline "New Leader Fires Entire Finance Ministry." When asked about this, Augustine replied that there were people working out of that office that were "not in official employment of the ministry but who had come as a result of friendship." He did not seem to think she had fired every person working there. He added, "We've heard that already income has increased 21 percent. I think that was because of the restructuring she did at the Finance Ministry."

President Johnson-Sirleaf announced the

increase in a speech she gave to the United States Congress on March 15. "With few resources beyond the will of my people, I want you to know, we have made a strong beginning. During my first few weeks in office, by curbing corruption, we have increased government revenue by 21 percent. We have canceled noncompliant forestry concessions and fraudulent contracts; required senior government appointees to declare financial assets; implemented cash management practices to ensure fiscal discipline and sharpen efficiency... and launched a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate the abuses of war.... I know that my government must go beyond these strong beginnings, must do much more than we have done so far, and we must do it quickly."

Truth and reconciliation

At the conference, long-time FFWPU member Gerald Coleman explained about the importance of creating peace councils on every level. Newspaper accounts referred to him as Ambassador Coleman. Augustine explained that the interim government had made Gerald an ambassador-at-large, allowing him to explore opportunities for the government in Korea and Japan. Augustine added that Gerald has since been commissioned as one of nine members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). "This commission," Augustine said, "is supposed to find out the root causes of the Liberian war. They are supposed to investigate relevant documents and then make a full report and make recommendations at most. That was supposed to last for two years. It was set up two years ago now by the past government. They couldn't get the logistical support that was required, so they really did not do much."

Ambassador Coleman had been the acting chairman of the committee for the past two years, and he survived a screening of seventy-five people to be one of the nine people who were recommissioned with the same mandate and renewed government support to get the job done. At the recommissioning, presided over by the new president, she mentioned massacres at "Carter Camp, Duport Road, Garplay, St. Peter's Lutheran Church—and many more" that are still unexplained. She went on to say, "Ours is a nation that dignifies and honors its dead. Every belief system in our land venerates the dead as our ancestors who preserve the spirit of the land. How they are buried and what ritual grants them passage into ancestor-hood is particularly critical."

Augustine, as a representative of UPF, had been invited to a meeting of the parliamentary group, the House Standing Committee on Peace and National Reconciliation, that is

responsible to oversee and facilitate the work of the TRC. Augustine went into some detail: "The committee in parliament has fifteen members representing the fifteen counties in Liberia. They had invited the TRC because they are responsible for them—to ensure that whatever they need to do their work is made available to them. They are even supposed to lobby the different international communities or other governments [for documents or testimonial evidence]."

The Universal Peace Federation had been officially invited by the Standing Committee, because the fifteen congressmen who make up that committee had all attended the February 9–11 UPF conference, and consequently all became ambassadors for peace.

"The members of the Standing Committee," Augustine elaborated, "used the meeting to inform members of the TRC that the model of peace and reconciliation that was applied by UPF during the February 9–11 conference—bringing together all stakeholders, including traditional elders and parliamentarians from other countries—is something that the TRC needs to make use of."

Since the February event, Augustine went with the Rev. Tokuno, the African continental director, to Côte d'Ivoire, where they had a chance to discuss and plan in the aftermath of the recent developments. Based on those discussions, Augustine is consulting with those that took part in the conference in preparation for the launching of the national peace council. "In the meantime," he said, "we are identifying representatives from the different counties, people that will represent the different opinion groupings in those areas. Yesterday, the UN convened a meeting and called us as a result of the Peace and Reconciliation Conference, so Friday next week we are going to have a conference to discuss this peace council with them."

The Liberian movement will no doubt be kept very busy. They will most likely be holding events in rural counties every other week to identify county representatives. As a result of the conference, a lot of doors have opened up. For example, Augustine had invited the pastor of the Providence Baptist Church, one of the country's oldest, to give the invocation at the UPF conference. He did not come but sent a representative, who was so impressed that at their upcoming national convention, the pastor has set aside a segment of time to discuss the national peace council.

"It was a kind of overwhelming response, though we do have a lot of limitations," Augustine said. It seems those two days in February have galvanized the entire nation. ♦

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Happy Birthday

EUR FOCUS



The EuroFocus production staff, left to right: Len Cotter, Andrew Davies and Ajay Rai

EuroFocus, the official DVD magazine program of FFWPU Europe, had its first birthday at the recent European leaders' meeting in Berlin. I was able to show its fourth edition featuring all of the countries on Father Moon's European speaking tour and also the fifth issue, which focuses on the

ambassador for peace movement.

I first had the idea for EuroFocus about four years ago, but I was not able to raise a budget for it at the time. Instead, I went to the United States and made a film, *The Blessing*, for the American Clergy Leadership Conference and another film about Service for Peace in Miami, which I later developed for broadcast on cable television station GoodLife TV. In 2004, with the help of FFWPU Britain and two great brothers, Len Cotter and Ajay Rai, I started up a new video-editing studio at Lancaster Gate, the British national headquarters. This in turn gave me the platform from which to develop EuroFocus a year later. I received a great deal of support from Rev. Tim Miller and the European Office.

EuroFocus has a relaxed "Breakfast TV" style format, with two presenters introducing various sections and stories. We give these names like "Appeals," "Worldwide," and "The Big Feature." They are a mix of providential events and grassroots activity. I was blessed from the beginning with two excellent TV presenters, Ajay Rai and Parmy Withers-Olsen, a member of the second generation. Ajay has a great voice and a calm demeanor. Parmy

has attended a BBC presenters' course, and I am delighted with the on-screen chemistry they have developed between them. I am also amazed at their ability to learn lines very quickly. Every other presenter you have ever seen has the luxury of an Autocue system to help them, but not so our brave duo. Another second generation member, Nicole German, originally came to do an interview about WAIT, but with Parmy away in the United States, was instantly given the whole presenter job on EF3. She did very well. Her husband Natty has also given the show an excellent and distinctive theme tune. I must thank as well the amazing Len Cotter for all his work in editing and DVD authoring. My wife too has played a major role in supporting and believing in her crazy husband's dream.

The whole point of EuroFocus is to present our movement in an appealing way to the wider community. It also serves to inspire members and further a sense of cohesive identity across this ethnically diverse continent; indeed, the next stage for us is to add foreign language subtitles to EuroFocus.

In its first year, we have been very fortunate to cover some amazing stories. When we started, I had no idea about all the incredible events that were about to unfold. At the time, in fact, it just felt as if I was following my intuition, but my wife thinks there was some divine design behind it all. Certainly, setting up EF meant that we had a structure in place to record all of the European stages of True Parents' global speaking tour. Even before that, we went to Alaska and were able to get on film the very moment when Father first announced his speaking tour. Later we flew to New York to film his opening speech at Lincoln Center.

Like any new birth, EuroFocus has required a lot of round-the-clock attention and investment in its first year. Its parents worry a lot

"Increasingly we need to expand the communication of our vision, methods, and programs for peace to wider audiences, both internally among our IIFWP/UPF community and externally to the world. The development of EuroFocus is a great step in that direction, providing good content, insight and depth in conveying Father's vision and growing significance."

Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, Secretary-general, UPF/IIFWP

about whether it will find its place in the world—will it even survive its infancy? If you want to check it out and find out what is happening in Europe you can order it on-line: just go to www.eurofocus.tv, which is an e-commerce site set up for us by Rev. Tim Read. In the future, you will be able to purchase a whole range of products including other videos, music CDs and books. My hope is that what EuroFocus is pioneering in Europe may serve one day as a model for other continental regions to adopt. ♦

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On-Air Hosts of EuroFocus
Top: Nicole German and Ajay Rai
Bottom: BBC-trained Parmy Withers-Olsen



EuroFocus Winter 2006—Presenters Ajay Rai and Parmy Olsen

- 1 The Big Feature—Father Moon's European Speaking Tour, Autumn 2005. Includes highlights from: Poland, Romania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Albania, Slovakia, Switzerland I, Holland, Slovenia, Ireland, England, Switzerland II and Denmark
- 2 Studio Interview—Tim Read about Father Moon's court case, UK
- 3 It's a Wrap—Two-year-old old Shin-joon Moon dancing to "Little Dancer" by Chris Davies



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- 1 Rome Symposium
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- 3 Israel MEPI—European Media Fact Finding tour
- 4 Universal Peace Federation—Alaskan preparations and NY inauguration
- 5 Father and Mother Moon's European Speaking Tour
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but now it has been bumped up to a "c" ranking.

Father: You would like it if I told you to run for Congress, wouldn't you?

Rev. Kim: People I went to school with have pooled their money and made a fund for me to run for Congress with. I told them from the start that their telling me to run for Congress was basically the same as kicking me out of Samcheok. If the church headquarters heard about it, that would be the end of me. Congressman Choi's career is as good as finished because of a recent scandal he was involved in.

What is most unfortunate for us is that we don't have that many ambassadors for peace who meet the standard for participating in the special workshops in Japan. We've sent only six people so far. Today, those leader-types who qualified for the workshop are coming back from Japan.

Father: How many ambassadors for peace do you have?

Rev. Kim: We have 112 ambassadors for peace. Rev. Yoon Jeong-ro has assigned thirty people per city.

Father: Tell them to reserve thirty seats. I'll let your ambassadors go.

Rev. Kim: Thank you, Father.

Father: This fellow is famous in the Unification Church, but there are many who don't know him. From now on, we have to go to China.

Rev. Kim: The service program in my church doesn't mention anything about prayer or Christian hymns. The hymns have been replaced by holy songs. Since Father inaugurated the Family Federation, our prayers are now reports. Instead of hymns, we sing two holy songs, and in the beginning of service we sing the songs Father enjoys singing such as "Clouds Passing By" or "Hometown." [Rev. Kim sings "Hometown."]

Father: We even have to go to North Korea. ♦



Shin-joon nim, son of Hyung-jin nim, and Shin-rae nim, daughter of Kook-jin nim, enjoy an early spring day

