## Peace Road 2020 Grand Junction, Colorado held with 70 people in attendance

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Peace Road Colorado was held on Friday night, Aug. 14th in Grand Junction, Colorado, with 70 people in attendance.

The religious leaders, the audience, the speakers, the mayor- everyone was completely focused and supportive of the program and of its desire to take sincere steps toward the healing of racism in this country.

The spirit of Peace Road 2020 in Grand Junction, Colorado was "We all want to contribute to the end of racism, we want things to change for the better. And we hear the suffering hearts of our brothers and sisters of color. We need to look inside ourselves to see how we can improve."

God and True Parents, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and all of the historic religious leaders were in the house! We strongly felt the presence of people's ancestors. The white audience was tearful and deeply listening to our repentance.

Our black brothers and sisters in attendance were grateful that we created a space for them to safely share what racism means to them in their daily lives. They heard and acknowledged our repentance. We felt from this group of people of color that it was their ancestors who benefited more from our repentance. It is understandable and right that black people want to focus on and experience substantial improvements in their lives NOW.

One black brother gave us a hug of thanks. Another quietly said, "Thank you for your repentance. But you know, beyond the black and white conflict, it is also a human thing-we all struggle with each other, within our races, between husband and wife, in our families..."



A black woman who can trace her ancestors in Grand Junction back 7 generations said in front of the crowd, 'We thank you for what you did tonight. If we all believe in Jesus and God, we know we all need to change our hearts. As Tremaine Jackson the CMU head football coach said this evening, it is all about the heart."

