

UPF 4th World Peace Tour Begins in America

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

On October 21, 2006 the 4th UPF World Peace Tour, with the theme "GOD'S IDEAL FAMILY AND THE PEACE KINGDOM", began with 120 events held throughout America. The gatherings were held primarily in churches, and featured ministers delivering the message "GOD'S IDEAL FAMILY AND THE KINGDOM OF THE PEACEFUL, IDEAL WORLD". This message was previously presented by UPF Founder Rev. Dr.



Sun Myung Moon. Soon after the U.S. events were completed, 120 religious leaders and prominent Ambassadors for Peace began leaving for Japan where 120 events were held on October 24 followed by 120 events in Korea scheduled for October 26.

After completing the events in Korea, a delegation of US representatives will then travel to Europe for the next segment of the tour. This historic UPF 4th World Peace Tour will continue for the next two months, touching the four

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God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom

This speech was delivered on the 120 Ministers World Tour in major cities worldwide, October 21 - December 20, 2006

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your efforts to realize peace for all humanity, and especially for your support of the Universal Peace Federation. As you probably know, after the coronation ceremonies at which I was acknowledged as the King of Peace both in the United States Senate Office Building and the Korean National Assembly in 2004, I founded the Universal Peace Federation in New York City on September 12, 2005. On the foundation of those victories, on June 13 of this year we held the Entrance Ceremony of the Cheon Jeong Goong and the Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents as the King and Queen of Cosmic Peace. These were each steps towards the establishment of the substantial Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the Cheon Il Guk.

Immediately after the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation I embarked on a world speaking tour that took me to 120 nations. My wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, inherited the victory of that first world tour and went on successfully to complete a 180-nation tour, declaring God's message in the capacity of the True Parents. Through this tour, which took her around the entire world over the past six months, she and our sons worked together seamlessly, fulfilling the providence of "mother-son cooperation." She as a true parent accompanied by true children together declared the Word and officiated over the Blessing Ceremony. Through this, she restored and offered to Heaven the realm of the lineage and the realm of Cain and Abel unity, both of which had been lost by Eve, the mother

of the first human family.

August 20 of this year was the twenty-first anniversary of my release from Danbury Prison in the United States, which was the last of six unjust incarcerations I had to endure during my lifetime. My release on that day signified victory over imprisonment on the worldwide level and the attainment of the realm of liberation and complete freedom. To commemorate that significant day, and to welcome and congratulate my wife on returning from her just-completed world speaking tour, I hosted a global level peace rally in Korea. More than thirty thousand core leaders, representing 1.2 million Ambassadors for Peace and leaders in 120 nations, gathered and strengthened their resolve to realize world peace.

Now, on the foundation of the success of that providential event, I am traveling to every corner of the world with three generations of True Parents' family in the capacity of the King of Cosmic Peace to proclaim this message. It contains the secrets of Heaven, which God has sent down to humankind in this Era after the Coming of Heaven.

Can you sense the intense heart with which I am taking up this world tour? As I approach my eighty-eighth year, I do not know when or where I might collapse along the way. I have already put my life on the line to embark on this world tour, and it may be that it will be my last. I am revealing the secrets of Heaven. These might be the last words that the True Parent, who appeared with Heaven's seal, leaves to humanity. I sincerely ask that you open your hearts and engrave these words of Heaven upon them. May you have the wisdom to uphold these words as the standard of your life and pass them on to your family and clan, your descendants and the people in your community.

My speech for today again has the title "God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World," as it is a summary of the divine teachings that I conveyed to the 6.5 billion people of the world during the past year. It is to remind you once again of your role and mission as seen from the viewpoint of God's providence, and of the importance of the age in which you are living.

The Emergence of the Universal Peace Federation

Throughout history, people have continually worked for peace based upon human effort alone. Consider the confrontation between democracy and communism. Outwardly, the difference between the two was the extent to which they recognized and insured individual rights and freedoms. Yet providentially speaking, communism and democracy were like children who had lost their parents. The two divided into the positions of Cain and Abel respectively and became entrapped in the fetters of fraternal conflict.

In history, peace movements inevitably reached their limit and ended in failure because they were carried out by imperfect human beings. This why the United Nations, although launched with the splendid dream of realizing world peace, today has to admit its innate limitations and confess that it can no longer give hope to humanity. Simply put, the UN was launched during the era prior to the time when God could directly govern the unfolding of His providence in history.

Now, however, it is entirely possible for the Universal Peace Federation to fulfill its mission to unite heaven and earth and form the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. That is because it represents God's victory and the fruit of the True Parents' blood, sweat and tears. Therefore, the Universal Peace Federation is

the world's cherished hope. It will carry out the role of an Abel-type counterpart to the existing "Cain-type" United Nations, to renew the UN and provide the leadership for a new sovereignty of universal peace known as Cheon Il Guk. Therefore, please bear in mind that you, as the world's leaders, are given the heavenly mission to build God's substantial homeland, which is nothing less than the ideal that God intended at the time of creation.

God's Purpose of Creation

Respected world leaders, what do you think is God's ultimate purpose for creating human beings? Simply put, it is to experience joy through relating with ideal families filled with true love. What does an ideal family look like? When God first created human beings, He made Adam representing all men and Eve representing all women, with the intention that they become owners of true love. Then what was the quickest way for them to cultivate a character of true love? In a word, it was to secure a parent-child relationship with God, whereby they could live in attendance to God as their Father and form a model family embodying God's ideal of peace. They were to have followed the path of living as one family with God, experiencing joy eternally.

God created Adam and Eve and established them as the first ancestors of humankind to form the model family and establish the ideal of peace. He committed Himself completely to raising them as His son and daughter, joined with Him through true love, true life and true lineage.

Therefore, if Adam and Eve had achieved individual perfection in accordance with God's will—that is, if they had achieved the perfection of their character and entered into conjugal relations with His Blessing, then they would have attained

NOVEMBER 2006

Ahn Shi Il • 3rd, 11th, 19th, 27th

- 1 In Sup Nim's Birthday (9/11/72)
- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 6 Shin Eh Nim's Birthday (9/16/89)
- 8 Shin Mi Nim's Birthday (9/18/77)
- Shin Ok Nim's Birthday (9/18/89)
- Shin Ah Nim's Birthday (9/18/98)
- 14 Shin Pal Nim's Birthday (9/24/98)
- International Christian Students Association (1981)
- 21 True Children's Day (10/1/60)
- 23 Tiempos Del Mundo Established (1996)
- 24 Shin Sun Nim's Birthday (10/4/90)
- 26 Shin Hoon Nim's Birthday (10/6/94)
- 27 Sun Hwa Academy (2002)
- 29 3.6 Million Couples' & 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

DECEMBER 2006

Ahn Shi Il • 5th, 13th, 21st, 29th

- 1 Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of the Spiritual World (1997)
- 3 Hye Shin Nim's Birthday (10/13/63)
- 4 Shin Chool Nim's Birthday (10/14/99)
- Opening of Columbia Road Church (1977)
- 7 Supra-denominational Christian Association Est. (1966)

CALENDAR

- 8 Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
- 13 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
- 18 Summit Council for World Peace Inaugurated (1981)
- 22 35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 25 Yeon Ah Nim's Birthday (11/6/78)
- 30 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)

JANUARY 2007

Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 1 True God's Day (1968)
- Sekkai Nippo Established (1975)
- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984)
- Heung Jin Nim's Ascension (1984)
- 9 Yun Ah Nim's Birthday (11/21/?)
- 11 Un Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)
- 72 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1989)
- 12 1275 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 13 Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God (2001)
- International Federation Victory Over Communism (1968)
- 20 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
- 21 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)
- 27 WCSF Blessing Ceremony (2001)
- 29 Ye Jin Nim's Birthday (12/11/60)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Yun Ah Nim's and Un Jin Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2006. Contact me if you come across any errors. (c) 1999-2004 Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

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dom of the Peaceful, Ideal World

complete oneness with Him. God would have dwelt within their union. Also, their children would have been linked to this holy order of love, enjoying a direct relationship with God as their Parent. In other words, the marriage of the perfected Adam and Eve would have been God's own marriage. While God is forever God, also Adam and Eve would have become the embodiment of God. Adam and Eve would have become God's body, and God would have settled inside their minds and hearts to become humanity's True Parent in both the spiritual and physical worlds.

The Importance of Lineage

Do you know what has pained God's heart most, causing Him the greatest grief over the long history since the Fall of Adam and Eve? God lost His lineage. And with it, God lost the basis of human brotherhood and even His ownership over the creation. God's lineage is more precious than life itself. Without it, the fruits of true life and true love never matured. They became instead the fruits of Satan, lacking any relationship with Heaven. From them descended the 6.5 billion people now covering the earth.

Lineage is more important than life and more precious than love. Life and love come together to create lineage. Lineage cannot be established if either life or love is missing. Therefore, among the three—love, life and lineage—lineage is the fruit. God's lineage contains the seed of true love. God's lineage provides the context and environment for a true life. Hence, for us to become the ideal people envisioned by God, that is, people of ideal character, and to create ideal families, we first need to be linked to His lineage. To take it a step further, only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to create God's homeland, the ideal nation.

Only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to establish the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world.

Please inscribe the importance of lineage in your hearts. I cannot emphasize this enough. This is because the parent-child relationship is the highest and most important of all relationships, and the lineal relationship between parent and child is the only way through which His lineage can be bequeathed and made to last forever. You must be clear on this point.

Instead, false love, false life and false lineage have infested the earth. God's love, life and lineage fell into the hands of the adulterer Satan, the enemy of love. Heaven and earth were suffocated and transformed into hell. The world became a wretched place, far from God's presence. Yet humanity to this day lives in igno-

rance of this. People are deluded into believing that the lineage of the enemy is the lifeline upon which the world depends. This is the wretched truth about humanity descended from the Fall. That is why we refer to this world as hell on earth. God views humanity's tragic situation with a heart full of pain.

Furthermore, when, due to the Fall, Satan gained control of the realm of lineage, he also usurped the right of the elder son and the right of ownership. God 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. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, as with a filial son who gains his greatest satisfaction in helping his parents.

When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, contin-

Family

What kind of place is heaven? In brief, heaven is a world overflowing with God's true love. True love is its axis. True love is everywhere, in the outward expression as well as in the inward thought. Everyone's life is filled with true love from beginning to end. The people of heaven are born through true love, live in the embrace of true love, and follow the track of true love all the way to the day they pass on into the next world, the spirit world.

Heaven is a natural world where all people live for the sake of one another. Consequently, antagonism and jealousy cannot be found anywhere in that world. It is not a world governed by money, position or power. In heaven, the success of every person represents the success of the whole, the likes of every person represent the likes of the whole, and the joy of every person represents the joy of the whole.

Heaven is a world filled with the air of true love, where all breathe true love. Its life throbs with love, everywhere and all the time. The citizens of heaven are all linked together through their common membership in God's lineage. There, the whole world and all its people are linked together in an inseparable relationship, like the cells in our bodies. True love, the love that is God's essence, is heaven's only governing power. Accordingly, God also exists for true love.

You should now devote yourselves to practicing a life of true love. Can you love God more than Adam or Eve did? Can you love God more than Jesus

did? By thoroughly actualizing true love, you should perfectly unite your mind and body. You should establish relationships of true love with everyone around you. To put it another way, you should perfect a true family, consisting of three generations of grandparents, parents and children living together in true love. Do this on earth, and you will be eligible to enter heaven.

Three Generations in Harmony

When seeking after the lost ideal of the original family, there should be someone in the position of perfected Adam, someone in the position of Jesus, and someone in the position of the Lord at his Second Coming. From that starting-point we can establish the family in which God will

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like a father who worked and sweated his entire life to accumulate assets for his children, only to have a thief steal everything in one night. Who can comprehend the sorrowful, painful heart of God? God lost His lineage, lost His children, and was forced to hand over the ownership of the nations and world to Satan.

There is only one way to recover the realm of lineage, the right of the elder son and the right of ownership. This is the path to win the natural subjugation of Satan, to have Satan surrender voluntarily. What is the secret to accomplish this? It is only by the power of true love, when we love our enemies more than we love our own children.

True Love

Then what is true love? Its essence is

usually rejoicing in each other's company. The attraction of true love brings all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissipate the barriers fallen human beings created, including national boundaries and the barriers of race and even religion.

The main attributes of God's true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so whoever practices true love will live with God, share His happiness, and enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute prerequisite for entering the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Kingdom of Heaven and the

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dwelling. In that family, three generations—grandparents, parents and children—would live in harmony. Parents and children would serve and attend the grandparents, because they represent the family's ancestors, its historical root.

The family sets the pattern for living together in harmony. It is the model for living together as one. There we have love and respect between parents and children, mutual fidelity and love between husband and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings. This means that you need to establish a true family wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love.

Such families contain the living root of history and the roots of the Kingdom of Heaven. In such families, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth takes root. They are the soil in which God's kingship is planted and sends out roots. The roots of the past, present and future are represented by the grandparents, parents, and children. The root of the past represents the spirit world, the root of the present is the palace representing the world today, and the root of the future establishes sons and daughters as princes and princesses. By establishing such families, we are erecting the palace of peace representing the harmony of the two worlds, the spirit world and the physical world.

In this manner, the three generations of grandparents, parents, and children should live together as one family and serve the eternal God. God desires to see such families, and it is your responsibility as tribal messiahs and Ambassadors for Peace to seek after and establish them—families of Cheon Il Guk, the Kingdom of God.

You should form families that God will miss and yearn to return to after He has been away. He should feel comfortable to visit your home like any parent coming to visit his or her children. This is what it means to live in service to God.

Within such a family, God is the vertical Subject of your conscience, and your conscience is the vertical subject of your body. Thus, unity with God brings your mind and body into unity. Family members who have established that vertical axis can perfect the four realms of love and heart: parental love, conjugal love, children's love, and siblings' love. That family links all directions: above and below, front and rear, right and left. They revolve around each other in everlasting spherical motion. This is God's everlasting model ideal family, which expands to ideal model nations and His peace kingdom. If only the entire world were filled with such true families. It would be an orderly world where people governed themselves by the heavenly way and heavenly laws, with no need for lawyers, prosecutors or even judges.

Intercultural Exchange Marriage

Our bondage to the lineage of Satan has caused so much suffering throughout history. Let us now boldly step forth to sever it and be grafted onto the root of the lineage of the True Parents. Why should we foolishly continue to live and die as wild olive trees? A wild olive tree, even if it lives a thousand years, will only continue producing the seeds of more wild olive trees. Where can we find the path to escape this vicious cycle?

It is through the Holy Blessing. The Holy Blessing Ceremony offers the grace of being grafted onto the true olive tree.

It was instituted by the True Parents, who bring God's true lineage to humankind. Once you change your lineage to God's lineage, your offspring will belong to God's lineage naturally. The Holy Blessing is received in three stages: rebirth, resurrection and eternal life. Once you receive the True Parents' Holy Blessing, you can give birth to pure, sinless offspring and build an ideal family.

The best way to receive the Holy Blessing is with someone from another race, nationality or religion. I call this an intercultural exchange marriage blessing. These marriages contribute to the enormous task of transcending the barriers of race, culture, nationality, ethnicity and religion, and to creating one family of humankind. In God's sight, skin color makes no difference. God does not recognize national borders. God does not stand behind the barriers of religion and culture. They are nothing more than the Devil's tricks. The Devil has used them to rule over humanity as a false parent for tens of thousands of years.

You have the mission to teach the members of your families and clans that the inter-cultural exchange marriage blessing is the ultimate means to establish a peaceful, ideal world here on earth. Your families and clans should all join the holy ranks of those blessed through intercultural marriage.

The path is now open wide for you to change your lineage through the Holy Wine Ceremony that the True Parents have instituted. The Blessing is yours, either as newlywed couples or as already married couples, that you may establish true families.

Indeed, I am speaking to the world, advocating that all humanity complete the change of lineage through participating in this intercultural exchange marriage blessing. These marriages also restore the original family order by enabling those who are "Abel," relatively closer to Heaven's side, to take up the leading role and the position of the older brother.

The inter-cultural exchange marriage Blessing is by far the best way to restore humanity to become the children of God. It is the greatest of moral acts, because establishing people in God's lineage raises them to a whole new level. It is the rite that severs all bonds of enmity. It is the most sacred rite, converting our lineage to God's lineage and recreating us through the True Parents, the King and Queen of Peace and the substantial manifestations of God who enable Him to carry out His providence in the present world.

True Parents' Peace Movement

I have dedicated my entire life to teaching the path of living for the sake of others. This is the practice of true love. As a basic principle, it applies not only to individuals but to all levels—from the family to the society and to the nation.

In this light, I would like to reiterate the proposal I have made for a truly providential and revolutionary project. For the sake of peace and human welfare, and also for building God's homeland and original hometown, I propose that we build a passage for transit across the Bering Strait, that remnant of Satan's historical division between east and west, and north and south, and where the North American and Russian land-masses are separated. This passage, which I call the "World Peace King Bridge and Tunnel," will link an international highway system that will

allow people to travel on land from Africa's Cape of Good Hope to Santiago, Chile, and from London to New York, across the Bering Strait, connecting the world as a single community.

The Arrival of the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World

You are now living in the most blessed and exalted time in history. The Age after the Coming of Heaven has arrived! I proclaim the beginning of the new heaven and new earth, long-awaited and yearned for by billions of your ancestors in the spirit world who have come and gone in history. This is the era of the "Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World." The four great religious founders and billions of good ancestors have come down to earth to guide you on the heavenly path. The age when the fallen and corrupt world wreaks havoc on humanity, allowing evil people to live better than others, is passing away.

Our ultimate purpose is to find and establish the nation that seeks after the Will of God and whose citizens all serve God as the center. What would that nation be? It would be the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World. It would be a nation that resembles the form of a true family with three generations living together in harmony, trusting, respecting and supporting one another and becoming one in love. In short, it is the nation that humanity has desired throughout the ages, the Utopia where God is sovereign.

This means we need a movement to realize a society of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. We need to make humanity one great family, by breaking down the walls in our hearts and eliminating even the boundaries between nations. This movement begins from one family. Therefore, each of us should bear in mind that it is our providential calling to form and establish a true family. It is the way we can advance the establishment of the cosmic peace kingdom on earth.

Indeed, all this is coming to pass. In the Middle East, one of the world's tinderboxes, Jews, Christians and Muslims have found the resources in my philosophy of peace to engage in a new dimension of dialogue. In past decades my Unification Thought played a decisive role in ending the Cold War. Now I am successfully leading behind-the-scenes efforts to bring about the reunification of my homeland of Korea.

But I am not yet satisfied, because I began my life's work at the command of Heaven. I have come as the True Parent of humankind with God's anointing and I am determined to keep my promise to Him. I am determined to obliterate all national divisions and barriers that have poisoned this earth and to establish the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world, where all people everywhere can live hand in hand.

The Age after the Coming of Heaven that God and True Parents have opened is a time of dramatic change. You have the mission to make this era blossom and bear fruit in blessing and glory. Therefore, please become Heaven's emissaries, fulfilling the dual missions of the "Peace Kingdom Police Force" and "Peace Kingdom Corps." Serve humanity under the banner of the Universal Peace Federation, which is working to take up the role of an Abel-type United Nations. Worthy citizens

of the world, if not you, then who, will nurture and protect the blessed families and this blessed planet Earth that God has given us?

I have said that in the Age after the Coming of Heaven we must recover the true lineage that was lost when Adam fell, by receiving the marriage Blessing through the True Parents. The providence of the Blessing should be perfected through five stages: the individual, the family, the tribe, the race and the nation. In this way, let us fulfill our divine mission as blessed families in the Age after the Coming of Heaven by restoring and establishing the ideal three-generation family on the world level. This is the same purpose for which Jesus came to the earth, and which he sought to accomplish before passing from this world.

Therefore, I am now leading all tribal and national messiahs to unite and bring to an end the improper relationship between the political sphere, representing the Cain realm, and the religious sphere, representing the Abel realm. With this providential will in mind, I have declared that a second Cheon Jeong Goong for the religious sphere be established in Geneva, Switzerland, a city with a significant history regarding the relationship between the religious and political spheres.

The Mongolian People's Federation, representing 74 percent of the world's population, should bear in mind that the providential age is now upon us in which it should fulfill its duties by restoring the world through the Blessing on the world level. This will bring to a close the conflict between Cain and Abel, which had its beginning within humanity's first family.

The providential time has now come when we have the mission to unite the two sons, Cain and Abel. It is by their mother's love that they can become one. Then, having recovered their original positions, they should dedicate the restored, original, ideal family before the True Parents, the King and Queen of Cosmic Peace. Please take to heart and engrave this in your mind: You are living at a time when God gives you the mission—through restoring the true, ideal family—to offer before Heaven the realm of the sibling love and the right of ownership, what was given over to Satan through the Fall of our human ancestors.

Please become true princes and princesses who live in attendance to God as your True Parent, for He is the Peace King of the multitudes. Let us build the everlasting peace kingdom by attending the True Parents, who have become the King and Queen of Cosmic Peace. Let us build the world of eternal liberation and freedom, where there is no need for a Savior, Messiah or Second Advent of the Lord, and fulfill the dutiful family way of filial sons and daughters, patriots, saints, and divine sons and daughters!

In so doing, let us inherit True Parents' victory, their completion of the restoration through indemnity of the realm of three generations, that we may perfect the original world that existed before the Fall!

Let us establish model ideal families to bring the complete settlement of the cosmic ideal realm of liberation and complete freedom. This will be the kingdom of goodness in which we can enjoy absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal peace and prosperity. It will become the homeland of cosmic peace, exalted in praise for all eternity! May God's blessings be upon your family, your nation and the world for all eternity!♦

Indeed, I am speaking to the world, advocating that all humanity complete the change of lineage through participating in this intercultural exchange marriage blessing.

The Internal Meaning of the Fourth International World Tour

Notes by Dr. Michael Jenkins in discussion with Rev. Jeong Og Yu, the Chairman of the Unification Movement for Japan.

Many important providential decisions were launched from Kodiak. During this three generations speaking tour, Father came to Alaska and gave more devotion than ever. When he was in Cheong Pyeong he sacrificed in an incredible way going fishing from the early morning sometimes never coming back until after midnight.

Father arrived in Kodiak on the 4th of October. True Parent's three generations tour was just about to finish. The three generations represent the Old, New and Completed Testament ages. Also these three tours combined had a special meaning in terms of restoring the Old Testament.

The Old Testament Age was substantially completed through the True Family through the three speaking tours. The meaning is that Adam and Eve originally were to become the True Parents through them God wanted to create the Ideal Family. The True Family Ideal was the model that God had intended. Because of the fall God lost the life, love and lineage completely blocking the way of the Ideal family. Through the first tour Father proclaimed that True Parents had completed Adam and Eve's responsibility fulfilling the ideal that God had for True Parents.

Through the second tour, True Mother led the way setting the condition of uniting Cain and Abel through bringing together Rev. Kwak, Continental Directors and other key elders of our church and the members of the True Family. Also through the blessing that was done for all races and religions in each nation a condition was set for True Parents to enter the Original Palace. At the same time each nation could be conditionally connected as a nation of Cheon Il Guk through the Coronation

Ceremony for the King and Queen of Peace at the Original Peace Palace and Museum. The third tour represented the fulfillment of the OT age ideal that God had longed for in the beginning, the three generational family of Grandparents, Parents and Children. This fulfilled the realm of the Ideal Family and proclaimed it on the World level. Thus True Parents fulfilled three generations and restored God's Ideal Family.

Father now fulfilled everything that

came by the chosen people he could have restored the True Parents position on earth. There were three stages. Because of the cross however that couldn't be accomplished on earth and the Jesus and the Holy Spirit worked as True Parents from the spirit world. This left the believers in Jesus awaiting the return of the Lord standing in the position of the Bride. To this day Christianity is still awaiting the Bridegroom. This is the essence of the New Testament Age.

and receiving the Bride Groom. This will also fulfill a special role for America which represents the second Israel. Through this tour the American Clergy can demonstrate the true greatness of America which is founded on her faith in God and respect for all races and religions.

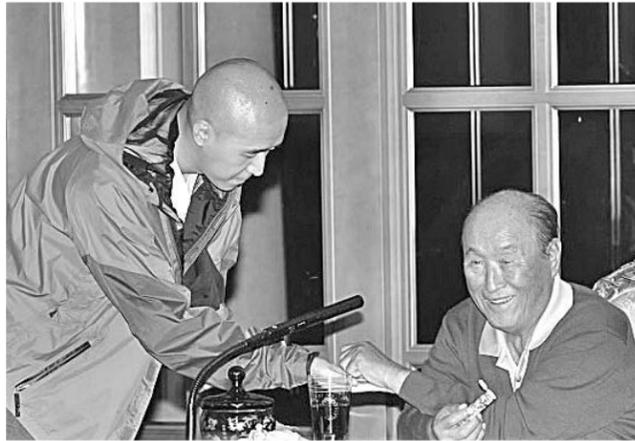
This can set the condition for America to bring a "spirit" of peace to the world. Through love and sacrifice. The Christian clergy completely canceled all their schedules and left America for

the world tour. This sacrifice is an important condition to demonstrate the spirit that God instilled in America to serve and love the world. There is also deep significance that the event had to be fulfilled by clergy in 120 events in America first.

The Elder Son nation has to stand up for victory. The fact that 120 Clergy did this on October 21st uniting with True Parents brought the Elder Son Victory. Now that victory and spirit has to be brought to Japan which stands in the Mother's position. Then through the 120 Clergy fulfilling this in Japan it signifies the Mother - Son cooperation and shared victory and unity. On that basis the Mother nation and Elder son nation will return and offer the victory to the Father Nation by completing the tour in 120 cities in Korea as the Fatherland. Through this the Clergy will play an important role of reducing tensions between North Korea and the United States and strengthen the bonds between South Korea and the U.S. This will bring encouragement for understanding and dialogue demonstrating the "spirit." Through this, the foundation of unity of Father, Mother and Elder Son will be completed and the dispensational victory can be then extended to the whole world. This will completely fulfill all that was to

be completed in the New Testament Era.

The New Testament Age is the age of the church. The Complete Testament age is the National Age. Father has proclaimed that after the 120 Clergy fulfill their mission then additional world tours will be done with Ambassadors for Peace to cover the world. This will also have three stages 1200, 12,000 and 120,000. Through this process the current UN will be in a good position to work cooperatively with the Abel UN. On this basis then peace can be advanced quickly. This is a very hopeful time. ❖



was left undone in the OT. Now Father is going through the New Testament phase, through the Fourth International tour and with representatives of Jesus. The New Testament Age is the church age. Christianity represents the bride of Christ. Christianity is the Bride position to the Messiah, that is why it is the Bride religion. Jesus explained that the relationship of God and Man is that of Father and Son. Also mankind and the church are like the Bride of Christ. Also Jesus brought the love that could reconcile brothers.

That was the foundation for the ideal family. Then if Jesus had been wel-

120 Clergy are representing the 2nd Israel, Christianity, America and the Brides Position. All the American ministers are mobilized representing the 2nd Israel. All True Parents foundation is mobilized to go to the world. Jesus was supposed to go to the world with 120 disciples bringing God's Blessing to 120 countries. Because of the cross this couldn't be done. With that reason 120 ministers are going to the world.

Through the 120 Christian clergy uniting with True Parents by joining this tour and proclaiming True Parent's message in 120 nations they will be fulfilling the role of Bride and be lifting up

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corners of the globe.

To Japan

The 120 Clergy arrived in Japan. Imagine what it is like for them to arrive at Narita or Kansai (Osaka) or Chubu (Nagoya) airports and meet a Japanese host and be whisked off to another city, sometimes 5 more hours away. The clergy have each been assigned a translator and a host. There is no gathering for the most part to give any orientation. It is really unreal. But heaven is helping.

The Clergy are people of faith so that they have a tendency to not panic. When they arrive at the final destination they are given a royal welcome by our Japanese movement of UPF volunteers. They are overwhelmed. They go to a hotel and in many cases stay alone. Today their host picks them up brings them to an event with 400 - 750 people - mostly Ambassadors for Peace and our members who have gathered in 120 cities on this day to hear the message of peace.

Each clergy person will deliver the address entitled, God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World. Yesterday with a few of the early arrivals we had time to gather and practice the delivery of the speech. It went very well. The clergy have such a profound sense of the Truth since their main vocation is to teach and

preach the message of truth. We also could share on the life and mission of Rev. Moon and why we are here.

16 Clergy who are all assigned to the Tokyo area were welcomed by Rev. and Mrs. Yu - Chairman of our movement in Japan. Rev. Otsuka - President and Rev. and Mrs. Oyamada - Chairman of the Japan foundation. Also Mrs. Kuboki was there to greet us. Dr. Yang, my wife and I, Bishop Stallings and all of our delegation were welcomed.

We had a beautiful welcome banquet for this group. The Clergy assigned to Tokyo, many had just arrived, came to the hotel with their hosts not having any idea what they would come to. They were so pleased with the love and support of the Japanese movement. Rev. Benit Hayes gave a testimony of how his life was transformed in the Ocean City ACLC conference when he heard the Divine Principle. He now requires his ministers to bring the Bible and the Divine Principle to church for Sunday Service. His church is a growing beautiful large church that played a key role in Houston helping last year with thousands of Katrina Victims.

Rabbi Waldman testified that it was because of Father Moon that he was able to find his beautiful wife. She had been an outstanding Ambassador for Peace and they met in Los Angeles on the first world tour. They are happily

blessed in marriage. She is joining the tour as an Ambassador for Peace. She will address a different event than her husband today.

The entertainment provided by our Japanese hosts was outstanding. Second generation young people performed classical, modern and had a special choir. It moved the ministers hearts.

At 5 pm on the 23rd we had a Press Conference. We announced the tour and the fundamentals of the vision of UPF. Also that American religious lead-

logical Seminary went to Kyushu in the south. Rev. Harold White of True Light Baptist church gave the message in a Buddhist temple. Pastor Robert and Apostolic Pastor went to a Shinto Shrine. All gave the message of Peace. Dignitaries, Mayors, Congressmen and many other key leaders from Japan attended. The excitement in the Japanese movement was truly sincere and from the heart. Never before in the history of Japan had there been such an occasion in which a 120 Religious went out

we were here to spread the "Message of Peace" and to embrace Korea and pray for the Peaceful Reunification of Korea.

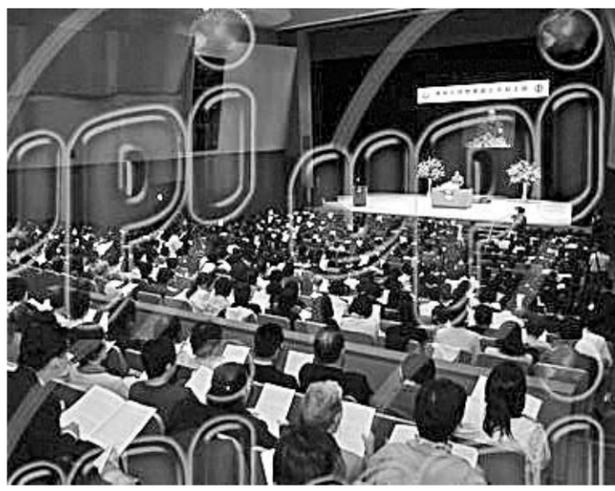
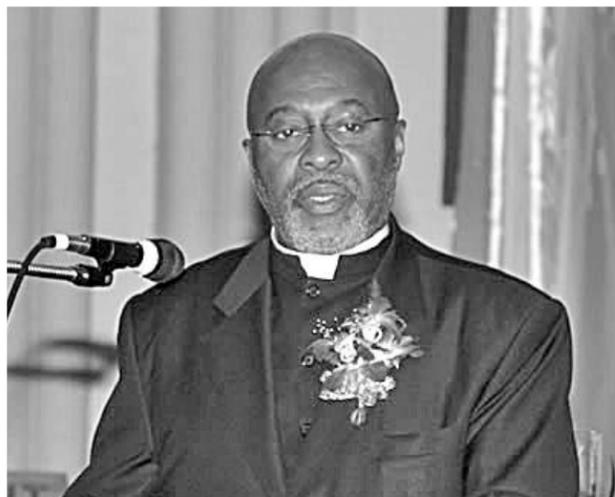
In the morning 120 Christian clergy went out with their Korean brothers and sisters - many with no common language. The clergy went as far south as Yeosu and Cheju and on to Pusan. All in one day !!! Crowds of 100 - 1000 gathered in each location to see the phenomenon of Christian leaders who were totally united with

the spirit, work and message of the True Parents - the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. Many in the audience cried as there had been a history of great persecution from Christianity in Korea toward the Moon movement. However, on this day the Christians who had come were totally on one accord. Urgent to bring prayer and peace to the DMZ. Urgent to bring a message of Love from America. Urgent to bring the spirit of spiritual support. The Holy Spirit has moved in a massive way upon Christians in America and they more and more are coming to accept True Parents as the ones anointed by Jesus to fulfill the work of the second coming.

There were many impossible situations. Yes, there was a delegation that picked up Rev. Debra Lojmadere and drove away only to find she

was the wrong one. She was blond just like her colleague Rev. Kotulek so the host thought she was the same. Oh well, this only proves that ONLY God and the Holy Spirit could make this high speed operation a great success. Not one pastor missed their event.

All were overwhelmed by the love and respect the Korean people showed for our Pastors. Rev. Abernathy was in a large event in Central City at the Marriott. He proclaimed that Father Moon's message is the one that can make enemies come together. It is the message that can turn the Youth to God. Are you with me he said? The crowd said, NEY (meaning Yes). Then he delivered the address that Father Moon gave throughout the world that proclaiming only through a Blessed Family that has the Lineage of heaven can Peace Be Achieved. Only through a True Family can we see our families become the dwelling place of God and the root of the Kingdom of Heaven. Pastor Abernathy, a Pastor of the Apostolic Faith of Christian Life Fellowship was magnificent. He is a rising star in the ACLC movement. Korea is on fire with the spirit of True Parents and with the hope that the religious leaders are understanding that God has anointed, appointed and approved True Parents as the King and Queen of Cosmic Peace. ❖



ers are coming out bringing the spirit of peace and love and praying that tensions will be reduced between North and South Korea. Of course this is high interest to Japan.

The Japanese UPF meticulously organized events in 120 Cities in Japan. As if prophets of the Old Testament went out to each and every mountain, 120 prophetic voices resonated with the hearts of the Japanese people. All want to see peace. It was a beautiful sight to see clergy from every denomination and race going by train, air and even ferry to cities of all sizes throughout Japan. Archbishop Stallings spoke a large event in Tokyo with 1200 delegates. Father and Mother Moon watched his delivery by Web Cast and we heard that they were very pleased. Bishop Stallings pronunciation of Cheon Il Guk and other Korean terms was excellent. Father got so inspired he added more content to the speeches from the Ministers. One minister said to Bishop Stallings, "Well you did so well with your Korea that Father Moon thought we should bring on more terms." - The new text added had a few more new terms, such as Pyong Yang, Sygman Rhee and Cheon Jeong Goong.

Rev. Jenkins went out to a city in the Tokyo area with Mrs. Jenkins a native of Japan. Dr. Hycel B. Taylor, Professor Emeritus of Garrett Theo-

to Japan as representatives of True Parents in 120 cities to say from America - We love you Japan. We want to be strong friends together and build a culture of peace. We also thank you for the thousands of missionaries you sent to America to help us bring the Blessing to our families and Unity to our Churches. We pray that war will be no more!

In Korea the welcome was deep and profound. At the welcoming banquet Dr. Chang Shik Yang Chairman of the US Region of UPF was the Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak gave a message of welcome and the significance of the event. Rev. Sun Jo Hwang offered the opening prayer and welcome. Every major leader of the Korean UPF movement was there including Dr. Lan Young Moon the Chairman of the Women's Federation for World Peace International.

The 120 Clergy were paired with 120 translators and 120 host pastors. We conducted a sisterhood/ brotherhood ceremony in which they signed documents of friendship. Rev. Marion Bennet of the Methodist Church of Las Vegas and Bishop Pugh, Presiding Bishop of Christ Alive Ministries in Atlanta were the representatives of the group to join their Korean counterparts on the stage for the signing.

Archbishop Stallings proclaimed that

True Mother's Faith and Courage

by Dr. Michael Jenkins

On October 14th, 56 years ago, True Father was liberated from Hung Nam Communist Prison in North Korea and 2 years and 8 months in a death camp. On this same day, October 14, 2006 we celebrated the victory of True Family and the completion of the Third World Peace Tour with three generations going to 12 cities every day through 40 countries. Many beautiful testimonies are coming from our UPF Ambassadors for Peace throughout the world and the response is getting stronger and stronger. I wanted to give a short testimony as to what I saw of Mother's determination to fulfill God's will.

Only a few people, such as Father, Dr. Walsh, Won Ju Mcdevitt and a handful of others really know what it's like to go to 120 nations in 120 days. I can testify from having gone 50 days with True Parents throughout America that after 30 or 40 days a certain state of stress occurs in your physical body that is very hard to describe because every moment you're in the public or in travel, except for a couple of hours sleep. Other than that each nation or city has to be embraced and loved with 100% heart and conviction. Otherwise the seeds of love are not planted the way God would like them to be.

Mother gives everything during the tours, and in her moments of preparation before the speeches she's usually reading her speech over and over again, just as Father did in every city. It is an overwhelming and quite taxing journey. We can't imagine what Father and Mother have gone through to hold the course. We can't imagine the kind of reaction Mother felt when, just as she was starting to see the end of the 120-city tour, it was announced that there would be another world tour.

Although internally it is not easy to accept the sacrifices that God requires of us, I can testify after traveling with Mother during seven tours that she has no resistance to God's will as it manifests through True Father. Zero resistance. That doesn't mean that internally there aren't many tearful moments, but she hides her tears, never showing her struggle or difficulty. The only time I saw tears was in the Bahamas, when she expressed her sorrow that she was not able to bring God's children home more quickly and she felt sorry to God and True Father. This was on the 100th day of the 120-city tour. Can you imagine having this heart after

100 days of not having one moment to yourself, having embraced nations and peoples with the mother's mission to resolve enmity between Cain and Abel, in every racial and religious condition of strife, every enmity between brothers? With love she had to embrace and overcome - in Africa, Asia, South America, Oceania, North America, Europe, Eastern Europe. Sometimes there was stiff resistance, sometimes there were

mountaintop experiences meeting presidents and prime ministers.

At first we thought Father would go together with Mother on the third world tour, but then it was decided Father would only do Korea, and Mother would carry the children and grandchildren worldwide, Father would watch every night by web-cast. During this time Father kept the most difficult schedule that anyone has seen. Each morning after Hoon Dok Hae Father would go out fishing and set conditions in prayer. The difficult point was that he would not come back until dark each and every day. Sometimes he would go after 5 am Hoon Dok Hae and stay out until midnight, in the heat, in the storms. Father never missed, either at Cheong Pyeong lake or at Yeosu, Father made a total sacrifice.

When Mother arrived in America on September 1st she looked incredible fresh and beautiful. We could see that Mother is in total command. When Father is not with her, she absolutely manifests Father's spirit and ability because of her oneness in heart. Every

one was quite painful and so uncomfortable that Mother requested a doctor. Unfortunately it was a holiday and clinics were closed; only emergency rooms were open. The country leader

and

gave God's word to that nation right on schedule, with her beautiful smile, and only a few of us knew what she was going through. This is really true love. It was an amazing testimony to Mother's determination and willingness to overcome impossible circumstances where she was on the battlefield in physical pain, yet she went forward. She didn't complain. In fact, she was comforting everybody and smiling, and even once said, don't worry, it's just a small bone.

When she gave her address with great poise and dignity, with incredible love and heart, the audience, composed of all races, were overwhelmed with her love. To our amazement and surprise at the end of her address, when she returned backstage, she said the bone was gone.

Let us take to heart that our True Parents themselves are taking on every possible condition to hasten the day of total liberation and release of all people from the bondage of suffering, to open up the beautiful gateway to God's true love, true life and true lineage. Let us take to heart Mother's courage, and ourselves determine during this 7-year course that there will be no obstacle or difficulty that we will not digest, to bring true love to all humanity so we can liberate God's heart and save the people, from our communities to the world. All of this is done with Mother's warm smile and true love.

We can rest assured that True Parents will absolutely fulfill the third world tour, no matter what, and also they will fulfill their pledge and proclamation that is given on each one of these three world tours, that by 2013 the guns will fall silent and the PeaceKingdom will be fully realized on this earth. They will fulfill. The more we fulfill, the faster the liberation of mankind will occur.

Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-30
Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. . She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. ❖

day they communicate by telephone, wherever she is in the world. The September 3rd events in America were great victories. Mother led the way in New York.

At one event outside the US we were having lunch with Mother and giving reports. During lunch Mother got a fishbone caught in her throat. Many of us have had that experience but this

hospital, meaning it would be five hours minimum to see a doctor. We felt so difficult about what to do. The second hospital was a little better but not much.

When we reported this to True Mother, she decided, I'll just go forward and give my speech. So in discomfort so painful that she could not drink liquid or eat, still Mother went forward and



RYS for the Glory of God and the Good of the People

Through assisting the less fortunate, the Religious Youth Service helps Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Jews see the world, and themselves, anew.

For many people of many faiths, their souls touch the Divine during attendance at church, mosque, synagogue, or temple. Their spirits "soar like eagles" in response to the music, ceremonies, liturgies, prayers, and, in some cases, incense and ecstatic dance.

For several hundred youths every year, however, experience of the Divine comes through prosaic activities like sawing lumber or casually chatting over lunch. They are participants in the Religious Youth Service (RYS), an international, multireligious service program that promotes peace-building efforts through creating models of cooperation and practical service aimed at reaching into communities of need.

So how do the young people who participate in RYS find God? RYS is animated by two principles that are at the core of religious traditions the world over: namely, that faith, to be vital, must be put into practice by helping those in need through

compassionate service and by loving one's neighbor (or even enemy) as oneself. When RYS participants, for example, cut lumber to repair a school in a Mayan community in Guatemala, they are living the first principle. When they chat over lunch at, say, a leprosy sanitarium in Accra, Ghana, they are practicing the second—especially if they are conversing with a member of another culture, country, or religion with which they may have felt at odds.

"Part of the 'spirituality' of RYS is that a powerful sense of being tied together by a universal thread seems to grow stronger as each day on a project passes," says John Gehring, international director of RYS. "As people share the same meals, rooms, work, and environment, and are consistently asked to think of others first, they are stretched to meet the challenge of living up to their highest ideals."

RYS, which was founded in 1985 by the Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon, offers twelve to eighteen projects a year, each including up to perhaps forty or forty-five participants and lasting an average of two weeks. The staff members whose help allows each undertaking to become a success are mostly volunteers from the growing body of "alumni" from previous projects. And many of the endeavors, in an attempt to help calm troubled waters, have been focused on countries that are, or have recently been, locked in the throes of racial, religious, or political conflict.

Since 1986, RYS has conducted almost 140 projects in 43 nations. In 2004, the group carried out 12 international projects and 3 support programs, involving a total of over 400 interreligious volunteers. In 2004, RYS also brought 1,200 athletes from 50 nations and 10 religions to the annual Interreligious Peace Sports Festival, held in South Korea.

RYS had its inception at the 1985 Assembly of World Religions, which was sponsored by the International Religious Foundation, an interreligious

council founded by the Reverend Moon. Religious scholars from many faiths have since taken Reverend Moon's suggestions and developed RYS over the last twenty years.

One of the founding scholars, Dr. Ron Burr, a religious studies professor at the University of Southern Mississippi for more than twenty years, currently serves as a senior adviser with his wife, Dr. Sherry Hartman. "RYS is one of the few endeavors in my life that, upon evaluation, exceeded my expectations," he says. "Working with RYS

has changed the focus for some of my scholarship and much of my free time. Next to marrying Sherry, it is the best thing that I have ever done!"

The group has garnered praise from

high quarters. The late Mother Teresa, in a message to RYS participants in India in 1993, stated, "I will pray for God's blessing on your beautiful work of love. . . . Do it for the glory of God and the good of the people." Former Philippine President Corazon Aquino said, "May RYS continue to work in all nations around the world to ignite everywhere the fire of hope and cooperation for a better future."

Cosponsors of RYS projects have included government ministries in Honduras, Guatemala, Hungary, Haiti, Thailand, Indonesia, Uganda, and Indonesia, as well as nonprofit organizations in numerous countries.

Each project has four elements that, when combined, produce the unique RYS experience of personal spiritual growth:

- A work service component (building sewage and water systems, repairing hospitals, distributing medicines, or addressing the greatest human need in the chosen work area).
- Educational enrichment (talks are provided by politicians, journalists, clergymen, medical personnel, and so forth, to give participants objective insights into the situation faced by the host country and locale).
- A character education ingredient (stressing that true joy comes not through selfish indulgence or arrogant aloofness, but by living a life of compassion).
- Social interaction (the religiously and internationally diverse youths are provided lots of time in which to get to know each other and the people of their chosen locale).

Finding common ground

The experiences that RYS participants come to share are deepened through regular informal and formal discussions, which range from personal talks to topics such as the role and responsibility of youth and how to build a world of peace. It turns out—and it's always a revelation for the participants—that the Sikh, Jewish, Christian, Jain,

Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, and Bah'ai perspectives on issues such as care for the elderly or living responsibly really do not differ much.

The result for participants is almost always a dramatic growth in personal spirituality. For example, Firoz Ahmed, a Muslim participant in an RYS project in Italy, said, "RYS has become my 'religion,' for it has taught me to go out to the world and love, care for, and serve others." He remains a devout Muslim, but his perspective of what it means to be a Muslim living in a global community has expanded.

"If RYS has some great lesson to teach," says Gehring, "it is that 'God is Greater.' As my Muslim friends recognize in reciting the ninety-nine attributes of God, in RYS we see how active God is and how the touch of His hand and Her heart has reached people from all cultures, religions, and backgrounds. God's love is simply greater than we had all thought."

When participants invest themselves in an RYS project, Gehring continues, attitudes change. Working with people whose culture, race, or character they disapprove of can be confronting, but as they spend time sacrificing together for a larger cause, they begin to trust each other. From that trust grows respect, and out of respect grows love. "Without trust, we cannot love," says Gehring, "and RYS teaches us how to trust others, even those we thought were our enemies. There is a rich spirituality that lies within the experience."

One example of such personal growth

ed dozens of service projects in many nations torn by religious, cultural, and political strife. Recent efforts in Northern Ireland, Sri Lanka, India, South Africa, Uganda, the Philippines, and Guatemala have all been in areas where deep divisions exist between different segments of society. The group has also worked in refugee camps in Croatia, in post-civil-war El Salvador, war-ravaged Nepal, and southern Thailand, and is acting to reduce tensions in areas such as Indonesia, Jordan, Nigeria, Ghana, and Bangladesh.

The RYS vision includes "Heritage Projects," in which participants work with various indigenous peoples. The group has completed projects in North and Central America and Paraguay, as well as in Australia and New Zealand and with the hill people of Thailand. In planning is one with the Hopi nation in the United States.

RYS has also undertaken projects in India that included all classes of Hindus working side by side, including Brahmins and untouchables. Not only were caste barriers swept aside, but the emphasis on physical labor challenged many participants' cultural and class prejudices. One wealthy youth admitted that he had never before considered the situation of those laboring on his land.

"For many of those who will step into leadership positions in the world in the next few years," Gehring says, "physical labor is seen as something only the poor do, and not as something for educated professionals. That is, unless one is at RYS. With RYS, all get a chance to get down and get dirty. The organizers of RYS recognize how important it is to help those who go through our program get a taste of what life is like for so many billions around the world who have to groan and sweat to earn their daily bread."

RYS thus provides participants with a golden opportunity to grow in humility and compassion—two aspects of spirituality prized by every religion.

Reconciliation in Sri Lanka

RYS' most effective efforts have come in areas that have a long history of regular, sustained service by the group—for example, in Sri Lanka.

This country suffered through twenty-one years of a civil war that was defined by ethnic and religious divisions. During the conflict, in 1992, RYS began working in violence-free areas and offered projects that pulled together participants from various parts of the country. The group often allied itself with dynamic nongovernmental organization partners like the Sarvodaya movement, which was in part responsible for building four thousand of the nation's schools, and the Women's Federation for World Peace, another of Reverend Moon's interreligious and intercultural peace organizations.

The leadership for the projects in Sri Lanka came from both the Sinhalese Buddhist and Tamil Hindu communities. The endeavors sought to pull together Tamil and Sinhalese participants from all areas of the country and show

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is related by Fazida Razak, a Muslim woman who is the current RYS leader in Asia. On her first RYS project, in Poland, a fellow participant—an Israeli Jewish girl—assiduously avoided speaking to her. Finally, in the closing days of the project, when it hit home that everyone would soon be going his or her separate way, the girl approached Razak and made a confession.

"I have never talked with a Muslim before," she declared. "I was afraid you were a terrorist, for in my mind all Muslims were potential terrorists. That is why I never reached out to you. I am so sorry, because I can see you are such a good person, and I will not be so afraid to reach out to other Muslims in the future."

Calming the waters of conflict

Since its initial undertaking in the Philippines in 1986, RYS has complet-

UPF Conference and Celebration of the First Anniversary of the Founding of the UPF

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) conference, entitled "Peacebuilding and Human Development: The UN and Beyond," convened in Seoul, Korea, from Sept. 10-14. I was attended by over 400 delegates from 140 nations. Worldwide leaders such as Bishop Muzorewa, former prime minister of Zimbabwe and one of the great African leaders, along with U.S. Congressmen, members of the Israeli Knesset, legislators from many nations of the Middle East, as well as religious leaders from all the major world religions convened at this most crucial time of challenges to peace in the world.

There was a sense of great expectation and clarity in this conference like never before. Much of it was due to the escalation of tensions in the Middle East, especially raised by the recent conflict there between Israel and Hezbollah, as well as the tensions with other Middle Eastern nations. Also there was the fact that we were conducting this conference in South Korea in Seoul, just 40 miles south of the 38th parallel, where again the tensions have been raised to the highest point due to the breakdown of the six-nation talks and the specter of nuclear proliferation.

It became very clear in this conference that the participants and Ambassadors for Peace are beginning to take full ownership of the UPF. Many prominent heads of state and leaders from around the world were heard saying "our movement," or "our efforts with the UPF."

The opening session began with Dr. Walsh as the moderator and Secretary General of UPF encouraging us that we stand at such an important moment in history. Through the world tours Dr. Walsh has really become the person who can stand as a great mediator for True Parents to bring all the nations together. This is truly America's role, and he stands as a fine example of America's quality to harmonize all aspects of humanity. Dr. Walsh highlighted the fact that we've come very far since the founding of UPF on September 12th, 2005. True Parents' three world tours have given such a great opportunity for all the Ambassadors for Peace not only to come together but reach out and multiply the foundation in every nation. Because of the world tours, many presidents and prime ministers and speakers of parliaments have now engaged fully as supporters of the Universal Peace Federation and its mission to be an "Abel" UN.

Reverend Kwak, together with Sir James Mancham, chairman of the presiding council of the UPF; the First Lady of the nation of Palau, Mrs. Debbie Remengesau; and Bishop Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa, former PM of Zimbabwe all participated in solidifying our direction for the conference in the opening plenary.

The second plenary was cochaired by Mr. Taj Hamad and Dr. Michael Jenkins, entitled "Innovative Approaches to Peacebuilding and Human Development in the Middle East." Two presentations were given, one by a prominent Lebanese leader named Dr. Khan and another by Dr. Eliezer Glaubach of Jerusalem. There

was a tremendous tension in the air, and it was hard for people to imagine what was going to happen with a Lebanese Muslim and an Israeli Jew as the two speakers. Naturally the conflict was the center of Dr. Khan's presentation. It was an honest and forthright presentation, focusing on the suffering in Lebanon due to the war that just occurred. Dr. Glaubach, who is now a seasoned Ambassador for Peace, was extremely respectful, embracing and parental, pointing out that Ambassadors for Peace do not agree with war as a means of resolving our differences, and although pointing out the suffering on both sides is true, if we focus on that we will never rise to the higher level. Both speakers were extremely respectful of one another. The tone of Dr. Glaubach's presentation was heartfelt, and Dr. Khan displayed great dignity, both of them understanding that the conference was designed to open up avenues of dialogue and understanding. This helped set the tone for what followed.

Mr. Taj Hamad is a central pillar of the work for peace, especially in relationship to the western nations and the Middle East and all Arab countries. He introduced the session and highlighted our principles of peacebuilding in the Middle East. Dr. Glaubach called for peace zones, based on Father's UN address that said that conflicted areas of the world should have international communities dwelling between them in peace zones.

Many distinguished people came from the Middle East – Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, Syria. We had the Middle East well represented there. Instead of the normal format of presenters and respondents, we tried something a little different. After the two presentations we went into a roundtable discussion-type forum, often used on TV news discussions. I was the moderator. On our panel we had a Knesset member, one former U.S. congressman, a Jordanian general (who was the chief of security arrangements between Israel and Jordan after the time of the peace treaty between the two countries, and chief architect of that treaty), Dr. Khanum Gauhar Aijaz, former cabinet minister of Pakistan for social welfare, Archbishop Stallings, and Dr. Glaubach.

The panel demonstrated before the delegates' eyes the power of the Ambassadors for Peace movement. Panelists were coming from the perspectives of America and America's role, the troubles in Lebanon, Jordan and Israel, and the religious viewpoints. All were represented quite well. Dr. Khanum Aijaz is a prominent woman leader, who strongly proposed to the whole delegation that we would follow Father Moon's idea of building an interreligious council for the region. This should be a permanent

interreligious body of religious leaders that would remain in constant dialogue and communication, not just in times of crisis. Then when a crisis arises and governments cannot work out their differences, or when conflict leads to violence and bloodshed, this council must be a functioning body that has real influence with the various groups within the nations, religious and otherwise, as well as the governments themselves.

Her proposal, based on Reverend Moon's concept of the interreligious council, was very well received.

The Israeli Knesset member also shed much light on the inner workings of the Knesset during the war, highlighting the fact that not all were in agreement with the use of military force to address the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers in the north. He demonstrated very clearly that there is great diversity within the Knesset, but a very dangerous tendency toward war is now being created by the reality of war in the region. He also pointed out that once the nation committed to a war effort, any questioner of that approach was seen as unpatriotic. But being a decorated paratrooper and military hero and member of the Knesset since 1984, though he challenged the feasibility of accomplishing the objectives they sought to achieve through war, he could not be labeled as unpatriotic. He stated clearly and unequivocally that Israel should have never gone to war over this matter.

The U.S. congressman also highlighted the fact that America is seeking other ways to resolve this conflict in the Middle East, and many key leaders of all parties are coming to the realization that we have to go beyond the current methods or we will not achieve peace. Archbishop Stallings highlighted the fact that without religious leaders and without a spirit of living for the sake of others that is being brought forth by Father Moon, there will be no peace. Father Moon has taught us this and we are seeing it over and over again – peace will not be achieved without the cooperation of religious and political leaders to find solutions that benefit everyone.

General Mansour of Jordan, when asked the question of what was the reaction of the people in Jordan to the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah, stated clearly, it's a very difficult circumstance, and the war made it extremely difficult for Jordan to stand as America's ally at this time. The general's precise knowledge and understanding, along with the elected officials from America, Israel, Pakistan gave a profound sense of clarity and knowledge to the delegates that went beyond what is commonly experienced through news programs.

Dr. Glaubach highlighted that there

must be trust between the people, but that trust has totally broken down. He said there used to be a sense of trust between the people – Arabs, Jews, Christians, Muslims – and the conflicts were rooted more in the clash of political entities over land or other disputes in defense of their people. However, he said that now the crisis is at a critical point because all trust has broken down between the people. We are finding that all sides, though the majority want peace and want the two-state solution for Palestine and Israel, out of fear and the breakdown of trust, the people from the various nations are electing officials who lean toward war as the first option.

Still, with all these delicate issues, the atmosphere created by Ambassadors for Peace who are delegates from many conflicted areas of the world was one of trust and openness. There is a sense of overwhelming hope that the worst enemies, when given the right kind of atmosphere, can sit down at a table of brotherhood and find ways to solve problems other than through the crucible of war.

The conference continued for two more days, focusing on North and South Korea, with concurrent groups of academics and educators, led by Dr. Thomas Ward; governments and intergovernmental organizations, led by Dr. Antonio Betancourt; service NGO's and multi-faith organizations, led by Mr. David Caprara; religious perspectives, led by Rev. John Gehring with special commentary by Dr. Frank Kaufmann; the media, led by Mrs. Kathy Hwang of UPI; Africa, led by Rev. Kililo; character education, led by Mr. Alan Saunders; island nations, led by Dr. Hideo Oyamada; Northeast Asia, led by Dr. Vladimir Petrovsky; South Asia, led by Dr. Kaarthikeyan of India. There was also a special session on the Bering Strait project, led by Mr. Jim Flynn; and Latin America, led by Mr. John Breyer. Each of these moderators hosted prestigious panels, which we will not list here, of some of the world's renowned scholars in all the fields and topics that were covered.

The high point of the conference was the celebration of the founding of the UPF, in which the keynote address was given by Rev. Sun Myung Moon. We traveled to Cheong Pyeong and attended the ceremony at the Peace Palace, at which the 400 delegates joined several hundred Korean dignitaries in the main chapel for the banquet and celebration. Sir James Mancham proclaimed this day a glorious day of marking the first anniversary of the UPF, noting how much we have marched throughout the world in this last year and that the founding of the UPF will be marked forever as the turning point in which a movement of peace rose up and brought reconciliation and peace to all the world. Sir James' booming voice created such an atmosphere of proclamation that you could sense history rolling on before your eyes.

Archbishop Stallings gave the special invocation to open the ceremony. His knowledge of the dispensation and the current path that we are on to establish the peace kingdom is so precise that there is no doubt that he is the

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The New York ACLC 2-Day Seminar

by Julia Okamoto

On Friday, September 29, we convened a 2 day ACLC conference in New York, Belvedere, the place where Father has spoken and inspired us on many occasions.

The first day there were a number of ministers from around the country, including one minister, Rev. Jackson, who came all the way from San Francisco because of his conviction and commitment to the blessing.

Rev. Ki Hoon Kim spoke about the ACLC work he has been doing for many years in Chicago. He has bought a lot of success, and one of the things he stressed was to be consistent with the prayer breakfasts and to continue having them every month without fail.

Rev. Levy Daugherty talked about the importance of ACLC in terms of the power of such an organization in impacting the society and country.

Rev. Sakamoto gave a very powerful power point presentation of how ACLC has grown in New York, and how the ministers themselves have been empowered to run the prayer



breakfasts themselves with only limited involvement from FFWPU.

Also the connection was made with

minister outreach and HDPC with the Hoon Dok family group helping each other take care of each other's church and including the minister in their group and eventually being able to influence the minister's congregation and bless them, thereby becoming a tribal messiah.

The three legs of ACLC are 1) Divine Principle study, 2) True Family Values education and 3) Social action and faith-based community programs. The determination of the ACLC is "As leaders of America, we will focus our attention to help guide leaders from the church, community, businesses and even our heads of state, and be the voice of the prophet to the



nation and world."

In the evening we had a banquet with the ministers and special guest Archbishop Milingo, who spoke about his organization "Married Priests Now" Rev. Stallings gave a rousing speech, telling people to come and see for themselves instead of believing hype.

The second day was mainly focused on members. Rev. Kim gave his pres-



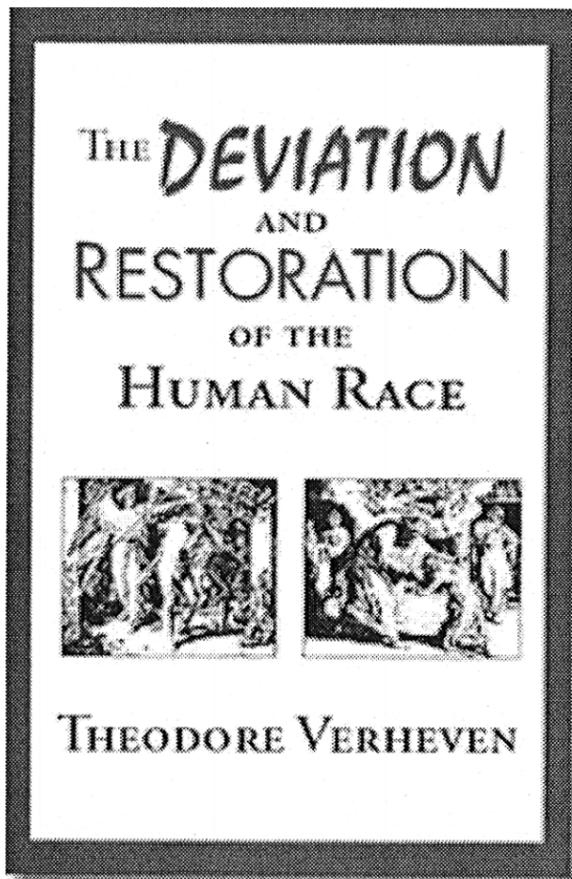
The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race

by Theodore Verheven

Teddy Verheven was sent as a lone missionary in 1965 from Los Angeles to Holland (his country of birth), by the leader of the Unified Family, Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

This writing not only explains the purification and development of the inner personality (moral and intellectual), but also the unfoldment of the innermost spark, by awakening and feeding the growing soul with the Love and Truth of God.

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entation on a step by step guide on how to visit churches. We broke out into groups at the end to discuss how we could make an outreach team helping each other to fulfill or goal of one family, three churches.

I think this meeting was a new start for us in the New York area; members there were energized to begin again to go out and visit churches with a deeper understanding and commitment. ❖

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NY Region Monthly ACLC Prayer Breakfast



by Rev Compton & Rev Corley

The New York Region ACLC held its monthly prayer breakfast on September 16 at the Truth Center for Higher Consciousness (ACLC host church) in Brooklyn, pastored by the Rev. Dr. Kennard Davis. The church sanctuary was filled with around 140 clergy and other participants seated at beautifully decorated tables.

The program was guided by Reverend Davis, who, as our emcee, was an embracing host. Bishop Margie de la Rosa offered the opening prayer and the praise-worship team from the host church kept us in high spirits from the beginning to the end with their music and songs.

The breakfast was a feast served by the members of the congregation, who took good care of everyone. After breakfast we watched a deeply moving video on the ACLC tours to the Middle East. This was followed by the New York Region ACLC Chairman, Bishop Cecil Riley, who presented the goals and objectives of ACLC. He stressed that the ACLC is not like any other clergy association – it has the ability to appeal to people of all religious backgrounds, and not only for fellowship, but to

become a powerful force for the Holy Spirit that can move our communities and nation in God's direction.

In preparation for our keynote speaker two readings were shared. The first, Genesis 3:1-15 concerning the temptation of Adam and Eve, was read by minister Carmel McFarlane of our host church. The second reading was words from the founder of ACLC, Rev. Sun Myung Moon concerning the need to love our enemies more than our own children, read by Reverend Desmond Green. In a final preparation for our keynote address our host pastor, Rev. Kennard Davis led all present in a devotional song "A Closer Walk with God" and introduced Rev. Dr. Lonnie McLeod.

The title of Dr. McLeod's sermon was "Adam, where are you?" He started by saying, I am not a human being; I am a spiritual being having a human experience. He stated that Adam and Eve were immature when they made a wrong choice and committed the fall; the nature of the fall was revealed by their action in covering the sexual part of their bodies. Because of this, sin entered the bloodstream of humankind.

Referring to the sermon title, "Adam where are you?," he said God was not looking for Adam's physical location; rather God wanted to know where was

Adam in his relationship to God. Dr. McLeod said we must ask ourselves that question. He talked about the story of the prodigal son and the necessity of repentance when we are alienated from God. He shared a personal story of how he had experienced alienation from God and could relate to the prodigal son, who came to his senses and repented.

As a result of the fall of the first Adam, God sent the second Adam, Jesus. When we were saved we thought that was it; however, we need to unravel the mistakes so that when God calls us we won't be hiding like Adam but will clearly answer God, here I am.

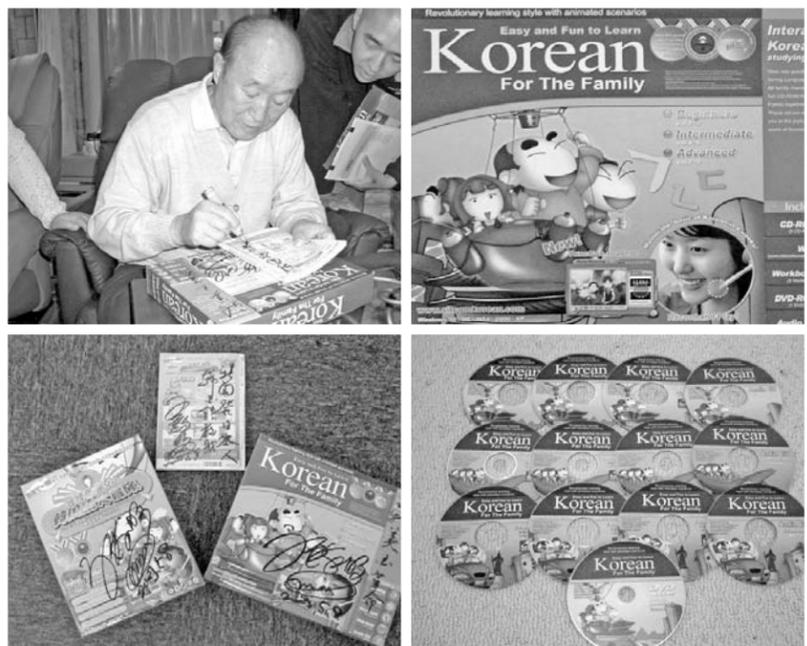
Following our keynote address and in preparation for the holy wine ceremony Rev. Davis led us in the song "To Be a Sanctuary" Rev Compton, the pastor of the WestRock Family Church, guided everyone through the holy wine ceremony. He started by asking everyone if Adam and Eve began their family in the Garden or outside the Garden. All agreed that it was outside. He mentioned that in the fall Eve pulled Adam away from God. As a result in the holy wine ceremony the wife, standing in the position of Eve, takes the holy wine first and then shares it with her husband, symbolically pulling him

back to God. He concluded with four vows of commitment to pure love towards God, spouse, children, and families in our surrounding world.

At the conclusion of the holy wine ceremony an offering was taken for the keynote speaker and the host church. This was followed by a presentation of certificates of membership to newly joined pastors and plaques recognizing churches who have become members of the United Federation of Churches. These were presented by Rev. Dr. H. G. McGhee Jr., Co-Convener of New York's ACLC. Rev McGhee then called representatives from different faiths, denominations, nationalities, and ethnic backgrounds to the stage in order to emphasize ACLC's commitment to taking down walls between different affiliations. He then made an appeal to anyone who was not yet a member of ACLC to sign up today and become a recipient of the many benefits of membership. Dr. McGhee was followed by Bishop Gonzales, who talked about the important role of women and made a strong appeal on behalf of the suffering people of Darfur. Dr. McLeod led us in the benediction followed by a closing prayer from Rev. Davis and a song participated in by all present. ♦

Knowing Korean is the Beginning Point for Establishing the Absolute Culture

"Centering on the absolute love of God, the absolute man and woman must build the absolute culture. In order to establish the absolute culture, above all, we need a unified language and alphabet. That is why I am over and over again emphasizing that you must learn Korean language and its alphabet and that the creation and development of the culture are built by the unified language and alphabet." (True Father, 1985.11.12)



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premier scholar of the teaching of Cheon Il Guk, which stands for two becoming one. When man and woman become one before God, or brothers and sisters become one before God, all families become one before God, all nations and religions become one before God, where two become one, there is Cheon Il Guk, meaning the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Everyone was excited to see Father Moon introduced to give the keynote address. Father is very tan now because every day he's been setting conditions while Mother is on tour, of having strong morning prayer from 5:00 a.m. for two or three hours, then going out in the hot sun for eight hours or more. Father hasn't missed a day, no matter how tired he is or how difficult the conditions are. He goes out to meet God on the water and pray for world peace. Father shared that he would stick to the text, as requested by Mother. This always fills the room with warm laughter because everyone knows this won't

happen. Once Father's heart starts moving with all the world leaders there, he cannot help but embrace, guide and sincerely speak to them directly and personally.

However, his delivery was masterful and rich. He stood up several individuals in the audience, including Reverend Kwak, Reverend Yu, Dr. Chang Shik Yang and key Korean dignitaries and elected officials, asking them sincerely to help bring peace between North and South Korea by working to prevent any kind of war. All Continental Directors, Rev. Otsuka, myself, and all representatives of the providential nations were there.

Many of the things that Father shared in his address are included in the world tour address, but always there is new insight, new understanding as the work of the peace movement is moving so rapidly through so many countries that it's very difficult even for the best Ambassador for Peace to keep up. We are moving in every continent and every country.

Father's address concluded with a tremendous feeling of love and warmth.

Then he was given gifts by the presiding council of the UPF and a special honorary doctorate by the president of the largest university of Venezuela, honoris causa in human rights. This university has 50,000 students and has previously given only three other honorary doctorates in its long history.

It concluded with three cheers of mansei: victory for God, victory for True Parents, and victory for peace on earth through the UPF. A wonderful lunch was served, and Mother gave the address she gives on the world tour.

The contrast of Mother and Father is like night and day, the difference between the sun and the moon. They are one, reflecting true love in the masculine and feminine form. Mother always stays with the text and doesn't add even one word, but her warmth, her smile, her love are so great that they bring a deep sense of calmness and inner peace. Father's address gives profound inspiration to move decisively to bring peace on this earth, sacrificing ourselves and our sacred honor to do so. Mother's inspiration carries the same weight but helps us to focus on the inner quality

of family, peace and becoming a true person of God. We couldn't believe that out of the last 365 days, they have spent 340 giving God's word to the various nations of the world.

As we march on with confidence that the third world tour will set conditions that allow all barriers and walls to dissolve and allow all God's people to come together. True Parents are absolutely confident that peace will come on earth through the UPF.

As Reverend Kwak put it in his speech, "The rise of the UPF is directly linked to a broader transformation on a global level; on the worldwide level a providential and civilizational shift is underway. This shift will affect all social, political and economic institutions. An old order will gradually pass away, not by physical force or violence, but by force of reason and spiritual awakening. We will look back, much as we do today in looking at, say, feudalism, with no desire to return to a time, worldview and way of life that will only seem small in comparison what lies before us." ❖

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them, through serving a community in need, how it is possible to live and work in cooperation to build a better nation. There were international participants as well, who added both "flavor" to the RYS ethnic stew and a sense of broader partnership on the road to healing and reconciliation. As the peace treaty was being negotiated, RYS undertook a project in an area that was literally just across a lagoon from the Tamil-controlled zone. Gunshots were a nightly reminder of the seriousness of the group's work.

In 2004, after a fragile peace treaty was signed, RYS launched its first project in Jaffna, the capital of Sri Lanka's northern, Tamil-majority district. For many participants, it was their first contact with people in this part of the country. "The healing and reconciliation that occur on both a personal level and for the community are very real," says Gehring. "Many of these participants developed friendships with those they had considered bitter enemies." One Buddhist monk, for example, was near tears at the conclusion of the project and shared how happy he was to have met and worked with the Tamil people.

RYS continues to build on these experiences. Many of the Sri Lanka "alumni," for instance, have taken roles as staff members in RYS projects in other nations. In this way, leadership is strengthened among these youths, and they are being instilled with a sense of the oneness and brotherhood of all humanity. Such a sense is vital for anyone who seeks to be a saintly member of any of the world's religions—for when insularity and dogmatism creep in, divi-

sion, discrimination, and hatred of the "other" are usually not far behind.

RYS has a long-term goal of working along with its parent organization, the Universal Peace Federation, in such areas of conflict and tension as the Middle East and Kashmir, a flash point for India-Pakistan relations.

Worked into the daily schedule of each RYS project is a time for morning devotions. Participants from a particular faith tradition take turns preparing such services. Thus, if an RYS project has representatives of five different religions, the members of, say, the Hindu faith will organize and present the morning devotions on one day, the Christians on the next day, and so forth, in all cases respecting the sensitivities of coreligionists. This arrangement not only prepares the participants for each day's activities but also gives everyone a firsthand experience of the scriptures, liturgies, and spirituality of each faith.

At other times, members of all five of the represented faiths might join to put on an interreligious morning devo-

tion on a single theme so that all the participants might recognize how much common ground the different religions share.

RYS also works to promote religious understanding through arranging visits to religious sites, such as churches, mosques, and temples. At these sites, a local religious leader will explain something about the worship site and the religious tradition. Prior to these visits, the participants are informed about customs, special rules, and etiquette that are important for visitors.

During an RYS project, proselytizing is particularly discouraged. Rather, organizers encourage participants to respect the beliefs of all religions and to use the RYS experience of service to return to their homes and be better Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, or Hindus, as the case may be.

To further promote the spirit of religious understanding, the RYS advisory board and education team are selected to represent a cross section of faiths. "RYS provides a place for learning about universal love through living together

with other people of different faiths," says Vini Wardhanie, a young Indonesian woman who is an ethnic Chinese and a Confucian. She is a six-time RYS participant and has been a staff member on several of those trips. "Every time a project is finished, my heart is moved by my own experiences and by the stories of my friends about how RYS changed mind-sets, opened eyes to appreciate diversity, opened ears to listen to others, and touched hearts to accept people as they are."

Tseney Sama Kerim of Ghana, a Muslim who participated in an RYS project in Italy, says of his experience, "I realized that differences in religion do not prevent us from being our brother's keeper in time of need or disaster. If this is the case, what prevents us from being our brother's keeper in time of peace? My participation in RYS has completely changed my life. I have accepted people from other faiths as part of me. I trust them and have confidence in all peace-loving religious people. I believe that just as God created people of different nations and languages, so also He created different religions so that we can live to become a source of hope to one another."

For millennia, religious exclusion has been one of the major forces thrusting the world into the dark night of war and mayhem. Testimonies such as these suggest that interreligious service may cast a welcome ray of light at the dawn of the new millennium.

RYS participants are generally between the ages of 18 and 30. For more information about RYS or to apply for an RYS service-learning project, visit: religiously-outhservice.org. ❖



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Mr. Nishi Visits BAFC

On October 13-14 Mr. Kiyoshi Nishi of the Biblical Study Forum for World Peace came to the Bay Area Family Church and spoke twice to church members. Mr. Nishi is blessed in marriage to Nancy Howe and they have 5 children.



to America in 1972. He spent 21 years in America and graduated from Unification Theological Seminary.

Mr. Nishi recently wrote a book, *Second Coming of Christ and Japan*. He was promoting his book as well as bringing inspiration and guidance as to the special role which Japan has in God's Providence to bring peace on this earth. A gathering of 60 members

Their only son Yoshi is attending the Blessed Teens Academy in Berkeley. Mr. Nishi met the Unification Church in 1966 while still in high school, and he was one of the original 12 Japanese missionaries sent

heard the English speech on Friday night and learned many things about why Christianity has not been very successful in Japan and yet how there was



a small but fervent expectation of the coming messiah. On Saturday night a larger gathering of Japanese members heard a longer talk on Japanese history and Japanese responsibility. Mr.

Nishi was also able to attend an ACLC breakfast on Saturday, October 14th in Richmond, where he was able to interact with the mayor and many clergy. ❖

Cleveland OH Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Joel Lindstrom

Our August Prayer breakfast was hosted by Mrs. Ethel Pye and led by Rev. Joel Lindstrom in the beautiful chapel of the Fairfax Place Nursing Home. Rev. Lindstrom gave a warm welcome and began with a reading from World Scriptures. After announcements the ACLC Statement of Purpose was read. Songs were offered by the young people and the Japanese sisters.

Mrs. Linda Haibara shared her experience from her family's trip to Japan

and Singapore. She was impressed by how clean and peaceful the people of Singapore were even though they practice different religions. Dr. Thelma Johnson spoke of her uplifting experience in the Bahamas ACLC Conference as well as the joy of meeting so many people and sharing Divine Principle during her travels to and from the event.

Rev. Lindstrom gave a True Family Values Power point presentation, "A Vision of God's Plan for Your Life". This served as a fine preparation for our main speaker, Rev. Dorothy Burton. She spoke about "Living as Gods Family", saying it is important to have a

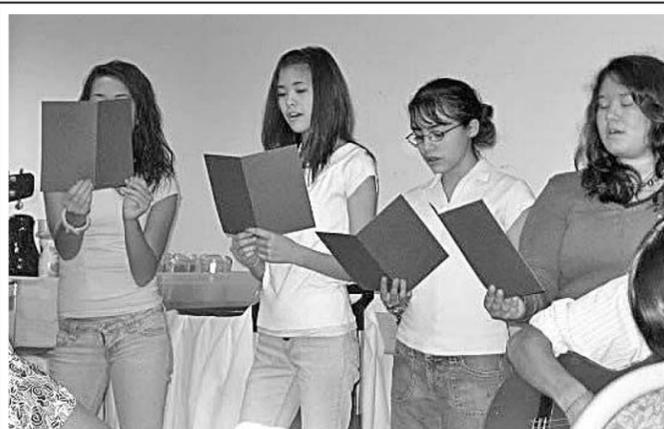
pure lineage and the necessity of always taking a personal inventory of ourselves. Rev. Burton works with many suffering families and her tearful sharing helped all in attendance to be more focused and determined to work toward the ideal.

At the end, Mrs. Pye, a world traveler, spoke again on the topic of the beauty of Singapore, encouraging young people to take more responsibility in keeping our neighborhoods clean. It was a powerful moment, hearing these words from an 89 year elder who did so much for Cleveland. Mrs. Pye was the first black police woman in our city and of course she established the wonderful facility where we were meeting that day.

Deacon Edward Walton introduced us to Pastor Igor, a friend who is part of a church group centered on reaching out for Christ, to Russian members of the Jewish and Muslim faiths in the east side of Cleveland as we have a very large Russian community in our area.

It was a small gathering this time, yet all races and age groups were represented. We continued sharing our hearts together long after the program ended.

Thanks go to all who helped make it a beautiful morning. ❖



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UTS Community Reaches Out

Henry Christopher

Community Relations Director

Grass roots efforts

The Barrytown Nature Club was begun last November and continues to thrive. Membership consists of families from the hamlet of Barrytown, staff, faculty and students from UTS and their children.

In our monthly meetings we have done arts and crafts, such as making birdhouses for our homes and the UTS campus, and given lessons on how to make homemade soap. We also started a community garden at UTS which consists of nine 21 ft. square plots. The response was so good that next year we will have to add more plots. We also planted beautiful wildflowers in our east field bordering on River Rd. which was featured on the front page of the Kingston Daily Freeman.

Last April the Barrytown Nature Club participated in the Hudson River Clean Sweep program sponsored by Scenic Hudson. Seven members of the club walked the length of Barrytown Rd. from River Rd. down to the railroad trestle cleaning up all the trash along the way. Besides the usual soda and beer bottles, we removed car parts, paper, plastic and other assorted debris.

Our neighbor across from the front gate on Barrytown Rd. rides her horses on our campus and she recently came in contact with Lisa from New Hope Farms who brought her daughter, Jim Borer's daughter and one other 2nd generation child to ride at UTS. (pictured in front of the garden)

This summer Barrytown resident and Nature Club member Sandy Lydon held monthly talks on local wild herbs and their uses and taught us how to make homemade ginger ale.

Sandy lives on Barrytown Rd. and is a long-time member of St. John's Episcopal Church on River Rd. During the summers, she gives sermons when Pastor Bruce Chilton of Bard College is on vacation.

Our nature club members often have lunch together at UTS and it certainly is good to see new faces from the community on campus.

Recently, a member who lives on River Rd. asked me to join her new club — Jews & Others for Peace. She's very concerned about the trouble in the Middle East. I'm helping her recruit. She could become an Ambassador for Peace and travel to Israel on one of our pilgrimages.

Bruce Chilton, among his many activities, will be speaking at a sort of "new age" organization named Miriam's Well in nearby Saugerties in

December. We could invite him to our new peace club to talk and through these efforts begin a new interfaith dialogue with local religious leaders of all faiths at UTS.

The Nature Club also hosted the "1st Annual UTS Pumpkin Carving

very grateful to receive from UTS copies of important 19th century photos of the interior and exterior of the Massena House, some of which included Mrs. John Aspinwall. They were also delighted to learn the little know fact that young Theodore Roosevelt stayed

this historic information into their literature.

During a trip to Sagamore Hill on Long Island this summer, I met with the resident historian and showed him copies of the Roosevelt letters and the introduction of Roosevelt's boyhood diaries which states that he started his diary on the day he arrived at the Massena House, and which he kept his whole life. The historian promised to add Barrytown into his new brochure on the "Roosevelt Trail" which he is making for the National Park Service.

Father's Trail Update

We wrote and submitted a grant for \$80,000 to the N.Y. State Department of Environmental Conservation this spring and should find out soon if we secured it. Stephen Yarabek, a well known landscape architect in the Hudson Valley helped with the plan to make half of the trail handicapped accessible from the parking lot to a picnic area overlooking the Hudson.

In the meanwhile, we have been promoting the Greenway trail system in the area. We have made a good relationship with Waddell Stillman, the president of Historic Hudson. He and his staff came over to UTS for talks about how we can work together, since Montgomery Place and UTS border each other.

I gave them a sales pitch on the value of putting the trails on Montgomery Place into the Greenway system, so that we can have a continuous trail from Tivoli to UTS. (Tivoli and Bard are in the system.)

By virtue of UTS opening Father's Trail to the public, we are becoming a respected community leader in Dutchess County. Two weeks ago we called a meeting at the Rhinebeck town hall to talk about how we can prepare locally for the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadcentennial in 2009. We invited the Red Hook town supervisor, the mayor of Tivoli, the president of the Winnakee Land trust who is a well respected community leader, the Red Hook town historian and Livingston family descendant and a representative of the Dutchess Co. Planning Commissioner.

We all recognized that Montgomery Place needs to join the NY Greenway Trails system, in order to connect to UTS and Bard and Tivoli, all which are now part of the system.

Then we could offer the Quadcentennial commission this important section of river trail as a centerpiece of the celebration.

Historic Hudson has been holding back for years, not wanting anyone on Montgomery Place except paying customers. I announced at that meeting that in a phone conversation with Waddell Stillman the week before, he told me he decided to put



UTS Nature Club's first members



The Historical Society members held their October meeting at Massena House



UTS neighbors enjoying a ride on the grounds



Members of the Historical Society pose for a picture



Pumpkin Carving Contestants



Hillary and Noel

Contest" last night for a group of very excited kids. Barrytown residents and club members Sandy Lydon and Noel Phillips joined with UTS staff to help the children carve and prepare their pumpkins for the judging. The categories were funniest, scariest, most artistic, most wild and most silliest. Sandy made delicious homemade pumpkin soup and everyone had a great time.

Historically Important Property

As a member of the Red Hook Historical Society, I invited the Society to hold its October meeting at the Massena House. They are thrilled at the opportunity. Last year they were

at the house for three weeks in the summer of 1868.

Red Hook Historian Wint Aldrich of Rokeby Farm will give the talk on the house and the Aspinwall family and I will present for viewing those photos as well as letters with drawings that Roosevelt wrote during his stay, copies of which I obtained from the Theodore Roosevelt collect at the Harvard University library.

The letters describe his outdoor adventures on this property and a rowboat trip up the Sawkill Creek on Montgomery Place with his mom, brother and their dog Jack. Historic Hudson, which manages Montgomery Place never knew this and they are now very happy to incorporate

Montgomery Place into the Greenway trails.

UTS is widely being credited with this change of heart on the part of Historic Hudson.

Both by the fact that we joined the system, and because over the last year we reached out to Waddell Stillman and showed him how we can work together for the benefit of all. (Like UTS, they had not been sensitive to local opinion over the years, but again, like UTS, they now want to work with local leaders.)

The next week at a NY state grants workshop, representatives of Historic Hudson announced they were seeking a grant to connect their Montgomery Place trail with UTS and Bard. The same day I arranged for Historic Hudson, the Winnakee Land Trust, Bard and UTS to meet with the Dutchess County Planning Commissioner Roger Ackley on Oct. 4 to work out the details of the connection. Trails are of such importance in Dutchess Co. that when the County Executive heard of the meeting, he requested that we hold it in his office.

The location of UTS on the banks of the Hudson River puts us in the middle of what is highly valued in the Hudson Valley region — the natural beauty of the land and river and its rich historic significance to the founding of America. We are connected to two presidents, FDR and Theodore Roosevelt; two signers of the Declaration of Independence in the Livingston family; Henry Hudson; Robert Fulton, etc. etc.

As people come to UTS to enjoy the beauty of our campus and steep themselves in American history, they will also encounter the True Parents of humankind. They will be funneled here from north and south along the Greenway Trail.

We just came back from a great camping trip to the Adirondack Mountains. I took four students and one family. They loved it!

UTS Hosts Red Hook Historical Society Meeting at Massena House

Every second Tuesday of the month for many years, the Red Hook Historical Society has held its meeting at the Elmendorf Inn in Red Hook. That tradition was broken this month when UTS hosted the October meeting at the Massena House, with Winthrop Aldrich, better known as Wint, giving an enthralling talk on the history of the Massena House and its occupants. Wint and his brother and sister own the Rokeby Farm nearby and are the last remaining Livingston descendants who still live on one of the original Livingston estates along the Hudson River.

Wint's story began with John R. Livingston, who built the original Massena House - widely considered the most beautiful house in America in its time - in 1796, and continued with the Aspinwalls, who purchased the

house in 1851 after the death of Mr. Livingston. In 1884 the house was destroyed by fire and rebuilt the next year.

The house and the 250 acre property was bought in 1929 by John D. Rockefeller. He built St. Joseph's Normal School for the Christian Brothers and then gave them the property in exchange for the site of their former school which was situated in Tarrytown adjacent to the Rockefeller estate. Wint said Rockefeller made the deal because he

and he praised the leadership role UTS is taking in working with the town and county to encourage others to participate, such as Montgomery Place to our north. They announced a few weeks ago that they plan to join the Greenway Trails and link up with UTS and with Bard on their northside.

Wint and Nick Annas, president of the Society, thanked UTS for opening the Massena House to the public and for our efforts to preserve this important historical treasure through our desire to finish the

raised many different and delicious varieties of vegetables, herbs as well as beautiful flowers, including giant sunflower, some 8-9 feet tall.

Residents from the hamlet of Barrytown, and staff and students from UTS came together one night during a meeting of our Barrytown Nature Club and enthusiastically decided to make a community garden. Henry Christopher and Howie Callies did the preparation. Howie plowed and disked the field beyond the picnic area; Henry, with the help of some energized

teens, rototilled each plot three times, to loosen the huge clumps of sod and soil.

Next, we erected the deer fence, which, although only 6 feet tall — deer can jump a ten foot fence from a standstill — kept the deer out all summer.

Our gardeners included some with years of experience, such as Barrytown resident Elizabeth Watkins who grew up on a farmer as well as Dr. Michael Mickler and his wife Reiko, who were first time gardeners. But they had one of the most productive and well kept plots of all. Dr. Keisuke Noda and his wife Chiyo also had just a little experience and knowledge of gardening, but seemed to be out there every day, planting, weeding and harvesting well into the autumn. They harvested a ton of vegetables and were giving them away to everyone! You could readily see how much they were enjoying themselves.

The "youth" plot somehow managed to produce a number of very big watermelons, even though we didn't see any teen-agers out there all summer after they planted!

Marirose Blum Bump, our Red Hook town supervisor lives nearby and often takes walks on campus. She was walking by the garden with a friend on day and was pleasantly surprised to see our garden in full bloom.

In the spring, she gave books on gardening to Howie and I and was pleased to learn from both of us that we put some of the tips from the books into practice. Howie grew basil and some other herbs which were free for the picking to the neighbors.

Since we are maintaining an organic garden, free of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, we began a big compost pile this fall, composed of dead plants from the garden, leftovers from the school kitchen and cafeteria, leaves, dirt and horse /sheep /cow /lama / pig/goat manure and straw from the Rhinebeck Fairgrounds. When it is ready in the spring, we will be looking for some mighty big and juicy vegetables!

We are already looking forward to next spring and improving on our first year's success, even as we put the garden to bed this fall. ❖



didn't like seeing the roofs of the Christian Brothers buildings above the tree tops from his mansion.

The talk was given in the former Massena House dining room on the first floor, with refreshments served in the spacious foyer. After the talk, many guests stayed to snack, socialize and view displays on Father's Trail, the Labyrinth, the Barrytown Nature Club and Theodore Roosevelt, who vacationed in the first house for three weeks during the summer of 1868 when he was 9-years-old.

Before the evening started, Wint kindly acknowledged the work UTS has been doing in the community to build relationships and open Father's Trail to the public by joining the N.Y. State Greenway Trail system;

restoration work begun in the 1980s.

Many of the 30-35 Historic Society members who attended the evening expressed sincere thanks for holding the meeting at the Massena House. Representatives from the Rhinebeck Historical Society and the Lifetime Learning Institute at Bard invited the UTS Community Relations Director to give talks on our community work in the near future.

The UTS Community Garden's First Season

The UTS Community Garden, which was begun in May of this year, was a great success in many ways. We created nine 21 ft. square plots, protected from deer by a 6 ft. fence and

Sister's Retreat for 1st Generation Blessed Wives

by Mrs. Lindy Denham

Region 11 (District 5: Alabama, Mississippi & Louisiana) hosted its first "Sister's Retreat for 1st Generation Blessed Wives" on October 6 - 8th at Dauphin Island, Alabama. The theme for this historical event was, "Finding My Peace, Power and Beauty Within". Mrs. Charlotte Blount, Regional Chairwoman, WFWP, and Rev. Terry Yamane, Acting Regional Director, FFWPU, prepared a wonderful program with teaching sessions followed by practical exercises that helped to make the words real for each participant.

The workshop started with the question "Where are you right now?" The spiritual tone was set with the honesty and openness in which each sister answered this question. We realized that each sister's life shared threads of experiences that we all held in common. Every session was a gift that we could take with us, beginning with Mrs. Charlotte Blount's session on "Listening...to Truly Hear." We practiced listening to each



other, and we all found that in our silence we could hear a voice that gave us a personal message for the sister sitting next to us. We practiced seeing from the heart through a guided visualization led by Mrs. Doris Crompton and found that we could perceive each other with God's loving view point.

Mrs. Reiko Jenkins was one of the main presenters and she graciously shared a personal aspect of her life with us, her relationship with her husband. Her testimony was entitled, "The True Relationship between Husband and Wife". Throughout the weekend Mrs. Jenkins gave guidance, inspiration, humor and friendship to every sister there. Mrs. Weon Geun Kim was invited to share the precious experience she had with our True Parents on the First World Tour, when she

was asked to be the caretaker of Shin Jun Nim. Her sincere testimony brought tears to our eyes and all the sisters felt blessed that she could join us for this memorable event.

Mrs. Terry Yamane and Mrs. Keiko Rotondo led us in meditation exercises learned from Hyun Jin Nim's Chun Hwa Dong retreat as well as his guidance for our personal and family life. Mrs. Keiko Wilhelmer shared testimonies of working with the spirit world through the path of devotion, and she suggested ways we could each make an individual offering. Mrs. Angelica Cutts and Mrs. Katarina Zambon shared their hearts and experiences with the participants during question-and-answer sessions and reflection time. Although all the sister's concerns could not be resolved, it served to heal, challenge and strengthen our commitment as women of Cheon Il Guk.

The food was delicious. We danced and pampered each other with facials and foot baths. We walked in white sand and watched dolphins play in the Gulf. We slept with the sound of the surf and the full moon shining in our window. It was a heavenly weekend and a weekend that brought us closer to Heaven. ❖



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While the essence of the Principle remains the same, its contents have been presented in various ways according to the readership to which it is addressed - be it adults or youth, university level or younger students, or the very young. It is recognized that the Principle content needs to be organized in ways that make for easier reading and study. This two volumes, were prepared in particular for people in their mid teens. Younger people - and indeed anyone wishing to systematically study the core precepts of the Principle - will no doubt find this book beneficial too.

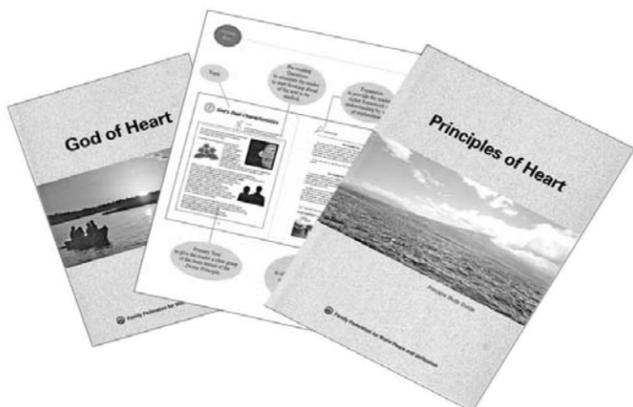
Efforts were made to avoid an over abundance of information, without omitting any core areas of the Principle. The books particularly seek to light the way for those from the younger generation of our Unificationist community, so that they may lead their lives based on True Parents' guidance.

Father's words are therefore juxtaposed to the relevant text from Exposition of Divine Principle as additional materials for greater understanding. Each chapter has a page of exercises that prompt reference to the original texts and also deeper thought. It is hoped that the reader will find much to inspire him or her to live an exemplary life, and, as a young leader of the future, to be well positioned to play a substantial role in shaping a world of hope and peace in the new age now unfolding.

Dear Reader,

To understand the God of heart, and True Parents, who are advancing the providence of restoration on the earth in God's stead, we must inevitably pass through the words of Divine Principle. Published as a manual to help younger people to grasp the inner workings of the Principle, Principle of Heart and God of Heart can be a solid stepping stone for them in the quest to understand God and True Parents.

I am very happy and grateful that these meaningful volumes could be published in English at the time of the commemoration of True Parents' Day, 2002. In conclusion, I would like to offer my deep gratitude and give glory to God and True Parents who have cared for us unceasingly with loving kindness up to the present day.



Back to the Garden: a Church Planters Work-in-Progress

In June of 2005, John Jackson graduated from UTS and went with his wife Fusae and five children to plant a church in his hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas. Here he shares his story of how the work has developed since then. His ministry is an important indicator for UTS to evaluate the possibilities for sending out apostles, church-planters, in America. – Tyler Hendricks

The church leadership challenged me to start a church completely on my own and not to start up with a team of other church members. So the first challenge was that I had to take care of my family, get a job and so forth, and I have five children. So I'm building houses; that's my trade. This prolonged things and set back my starting date a couple of times. I had to work six days a week, at the outset. Now I can work less because my father is taking half of the work I was doing.

I started out doing the worship service in my house. I call my church "The Family Garden Church" or, for short, "the Garden." I had services at home for about a year and the public service started in early September, about six weeks ago, in a rented hotel room. It began with my family members, my clan. It was a family church at first.

Soon thereafter we moved our service to a community center. It starts at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Attendance varies. We've reached 30 in attendance on our biggest Sunday.

I did some door-to-door to find out the community's needs,

why they were or weren't going to church. Here in the Bible belt, most people go to church already. Even if they don't attend, they feel attached to the church in which they were raised. I didn't foresee that. We are trying to increase by having each family invite one guest. So this breaks down the task and makes it not seem so formidable: just bring one. They just invite a friend. And what has happened is that my children are bringing their friends.

The biggest challenge and problem has been that of creating a strong music ministry. I've realized that to build a church you've got to have good praise and worship. If the music were up to par, we'd have 100 people attending. We are weak in this area. I can sing but I am not a good musician. I am searching for that key person who can make the music worship ministry happen.

I would suggest a team of three people to start a church. We could do more if we started with a trinity of families, or even a bigger team. There are three core jobs

to fulfill. One, you need a pastoral figure who can visit homes and preach. Second, you need a person who can do the clerical work, the bookkeeping, the

bulletin making and communications.

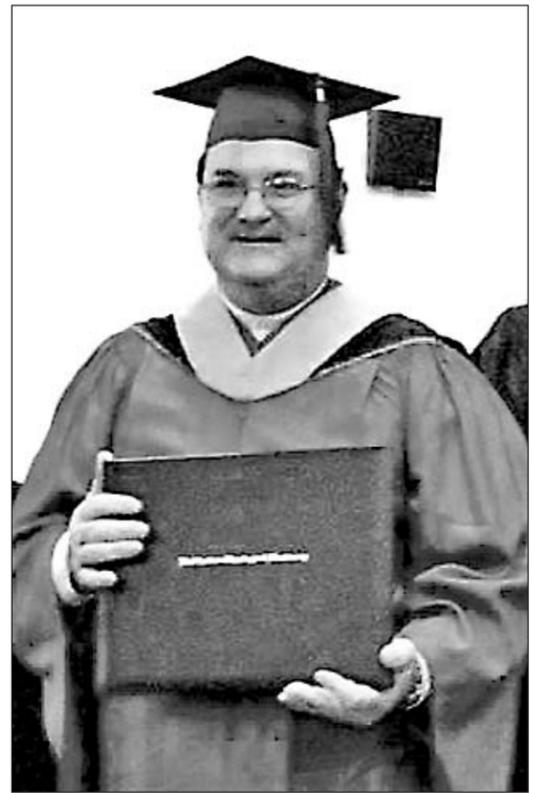
Third, you need the music minister, the praise and worship leader. And to get things started, all of these people have to be able to outreach as well. I have honored the challenge to do it on my own. It will happen, but it just takes a little longer. I'm trying to build a trinity, but they are new members. This is a little harder when you're already along in life, not just starting out as a single person or young family.

One surprise for me is that my hardest working and most serious member in the building process is my father. He's working hard, visiting people. He plays music and sings. He invites the rest of the family members. He sits in the front row. He comes from a traditional Christian background and asked, at the start, what kind of church I'm going to build. I said, well Dad, it's going to be a church where people feel the love of God for them personally. He is a great support.

I'm working on a Christmas play; we're inviting friends and relatives. I incorporate people who work with me in construction, contractors, subcontractors, etc. Some come and come back. Everyone who attends knows who I am and what we believe about True Parents. The message is centered on love, forgiveness, grace and hope.

That is preached every Sunday, not reports on world activities. It's an inspirational message. Sometimes True Parents are in it directly, sometimes indirectly, sometimes not at all. I'm witnessing to unchurched people. So I don't want to bog people down in theology. I'm trying to do what Rick Warren did, ministry 101. It's geared for ministering and witnessing, not theology. When people come to the church, they get inspired and come back. Our goal is to get them committed. Once that happens, then we can provide Divine Principle education.

I want someone who wants to start a rock band. You can bring so many people through the song and praise. If you're young, you can go that way. Put out flyers. You've got to choose your area and market; know the fish you are going after and the bait they want. You've got to be creative. People have seen a lot so they need



something unique that really reaches them; you need a good creative mind. Music and theatre are really popular. Our minds work on images. We're a video culture. If you can create good theatre with a message that is consistent, it will grow. Give the consistent message in every way you can.

My children are an integral part of the ministry. They go out and sell candy door to door. Now we have kids showing up at our front door to buy candy. This profit is what pays the rent for our facility. Sarah and Aaron invite their friends to church. Aaron is into skateboarding, and so we're making a "skateboard Sunday" with a short message, BBQ and skateboarding. Get ministry involving young people and hopefully they will bring their parents sometime. But the parents are interested in what we're doing, even if they don't come. They send the kids because they don't go to church but want their kids too.

We tell them "we're non-denominational, children of God" or "we're the denomination of God; we're His denomination." If they want to go deeper than that, then I get deeper. I tell them why I call it the garden church; our main song is "Song of the Garden." The metaphor of the garden leads to many lessons. A garden has many colors and shapes and sizes. The Garden relates to creation and fall. Gardens have spiders and difficult things too. Through the garden, I talk about the heart of God. ❖

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Bay Area 'Community of Faith' Breakfast

The Bay Area Family Church was a beehive of activity on a beautiful California Saturday, September 23rd. Over 40 volunteers had gathered for a "Labor Of Love" day of cleaning, pruning and beautifying our church property. And at the same time the monthly Community of Faith breakfast was in full swing upstairs with a lively program of food, music, message and fellowship. It was appropriate that the theme of this breakfast was "Healing The World Through Service".

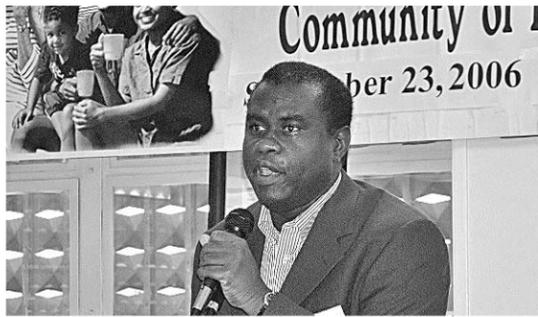
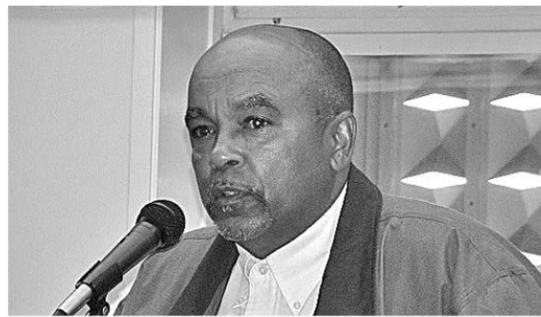
Nancy Hewitt and her group of sac-

rificial cooks really went above and beyond the call of duty and prepared a wonderful spread for breakfast which had the folks coming back again and again for more. Rev Genereaux started us off by offering grace and calling the gathering to order.

Mr. Bryan Lancaster was MC and he welcomed everyone to relax and take in the wonderful event prepared. The Bay Area International Choir brought the spirit of God with two wonderful selections and had the hall in the mood for more. Under the direction of Zita Peruffo, the Internation-



Community of Faith Breakfast
September 23, 2006 Northern California



al Choir as grown in numbers and in stature until today they are indeed a great testimony to the power of united voices.

Next came Mrs. Laura Young, who had such power and presence in her voice as she had us all clapping in time. Laura shared how she had gone through great turmoil when her husband of many years passed away and how God's grace had kept her strong. He songs were indeed soulful.

Mr. Bill Richie of the East Bay Conservation Corps gave us a well thought out message about what he has learned in working with the Service For Peace project in the city of Oakland and the profound effect that the director Markus Von Euw and the SFP volunteers had had in his life. The message was one of hope and a call to get involved.

Pastor Kevin Thompson entertained the audience with a mixture of humor and spirituality in his message which followed. He shared about how we are born to serve and the Jesus and all the great teachers have taught us that service is not an option.

The morning closed out with a circle in fellowship singing "Amazing Grace" and the prayer of Rev. Million Lee of Sacramento sending on our way to serve our fellow man. ❖

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Marion Porter

We express our heartfelt condolences and prayers of support for the family and friends of our dearest sister

Mrs. Marion Porter. We sincerely wish to embrace Dr. Martin Porter, Timothy, Hanida and Lucas and all the family with expressions of love and comfort from God and our True Parents.

This Seung Hwa ceremony is a holy occasion to celebrate Marion's victorious life of faith and to rejoice over her ascension into the heavenly realm. It is a natural and wonderful conclusion to life on earth and it is the beginning of a new life that never ends. Knowing the reality of the spirit world means that Marion will be with us in spirit. Though we can't help but feel a sense of sadness at this time of



transition and melancholy as we look over Marion's beautiful life of faith, we at the same time feel a great sense of inner peace knowing that the most essential conditions for an absolutely peaceful and secure settlement in the heavenly realm were completed. These two conditions are that Marion received the Holy Blessing from True Parents, entering into the lineage of heaven, and that she, together with Martin, have created a faithful four position foundation as a family. Now through Timothy, Hanida and Lucas the lineage and wonderful testimony of the Porter family will go on and prosper.

True Parents are proud of you, Marion, as you faithfully pioneered churches, national missions and providential organizations

for our True Parents. We are deeply moved especially by your attitude of faith even through the many trials you passed through. We were always uplifted and encouraged by you, Marion, as we saw you accepting your destiny and path with such courage and profound trust that God knew the best path for your life. Through your attitude and heart we all are strengthened in our faith and trust in the Lord. This beautiful light of hope and love shines more than ever now from you, Marion. It is multiplied by the devotion and heart displayed by your husband Martin and will expand through your children and their families.

Dr. Porter expressed the gratitude that they have shared for God and True Parents and their blessing. He also said, "We have no regrets; we are so grateful for everything in our lives and



now Marion is free." We know that Jesus, Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim are all welcoming you now in the realm of heaven.

We are so moved that you walked the victorious path of a Blessed Central Family and as beautiful blessed wife and mother and especially a True Daughter of True Parents.

Your love shines forth as a beacon of hope at this moment in the providence. We know that you represent the greatness of American women who believe in True Parents and who pioneered the way for the Elder Son Nation.

We celebrate this day and your new beginning and know that your work and love will greatly expand now. We sincerely congratulate you on your victorious life with True parents. ❖

Embracing a Peaceful Future: 9/11 in Seattle

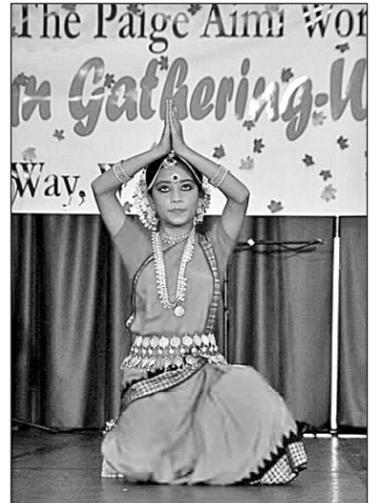
by Mary Anglin

The Paige-Aimi World Peace Foundation joined forces with the American Clergy Leadership Conference in Seattle on September 11, 2006, for a rousing and uplifting prayer breakfast!

On the fifth anniversary of the September 11th tragedy, we chose as our theme "Embracing a Peaceful Future". Hoon Dok words were selected from Father Moon's IIFWP Inaugural address of February 6, 1999.

Mrs. Paulette Wiesinger had done incredible work in reaching out internationally to bring people to the International Autumn Gathering-World Music Festival, which had taken place the previous day. A number of the performers and guests returned for the prayer breakfast the next morning.

Guests from ten nations enjoyed breakfast, listened to our Founder's words on peace, were introduced to ACLC and watched a beautiful Dance of Prayer by Aarhie Kaushik from India.



As if this were not enough, special guest performers from Trinidad and Tobago belted out five beautiful songs, including a stirring rendition of "The Lord's Prayer."

Rev. Larry Krishnek, newly appointed District Director of the Family Federation, gave the final call to action. "Peace workers are not just dreamers. Peace has been the desire and goal since the beginning of time. Our lega-

cy is a legacy of peace. It is the only reasonable goal. Let us continue on this road, bound together in heart."

The thirty participants reluctantly parted but took with them the words of Peace Pilgrim, "We who work for peace must not falter. We must continue to pray for peace and to act for peace in whatever way we can. We must continue to speak for peace and to live the way of peace; to inspire others, we must

continue to think of peace and to know that peace is possible."

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Isaiah 2:4



Arizona ACLC Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Staffan Berg

The ACLC Prayer Breakfast at Mesa, Arizona for Saturday, September 30, 2006, was like a new start for the Arizona ACLC team. Rev. Tim Henning District Director from Los Angeles, and Rev. Torres were a great source of inspiration. Rev. Henning gave a powerful PowerPoint presentation on "The Seven Principles for Fulfilling True Marriage and Family, and Rev. Torres gave his testimony (brief version). New blood is so wonderful.

In addition, they came a day early to reach out to new ministers in the Phoenix area. We appreciate their effort very much. Their down-to-earth advice from the success they already had created in Los Angeles was very encouraging. Rev. Henning was victorious in bringing Mr. Henning Sr. to the first row of the program. He even skipped work so he could attend. His commitment was a great step forward for the Henning family.

Rev. Betty Tatalajski testified deeply and sincerely about the Middle East Peace Initiative and True Parents. She invited people to attend the next Pilgrimage. Rev. Tatalajski has already gone 14 times herself!



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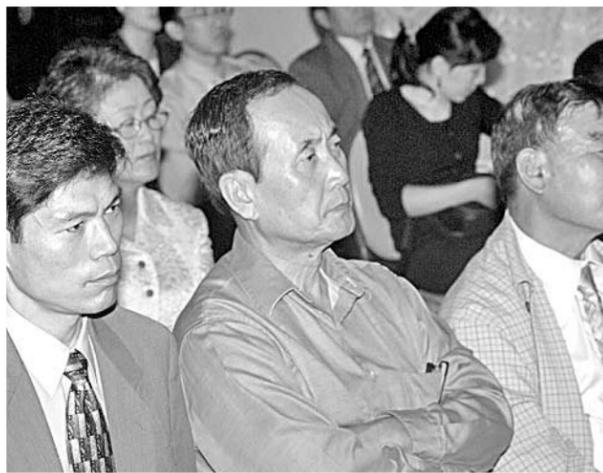
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America" books. For Japan, Nancy Phelan's book "Pillow of Grass" is great reading.

DRAWBACKS

Some retirees travel all the time, like the Canadian 'snowbirds' who gather each winter at Myrtle Beach, and the American RVers who 'tailgate' each year in Quartzite. That may be relaxing, but it's also purposeless and unproductive, on anything but the smallest scale.

There are people who travel in less noticeable ways: poor folks who are not quite homeless. As a truck driver I see many of them, parked in run-down industrial districts, living in shabby old RVs, busses,

and campers. To survive unhassled, they do their best to remain inconspicuous.

For the well-off, travel can become their ruin. People forget that they're subject to the laws of whatever country they're in—and nobody should expect the US Embassy to help.

Easy travel offers the means to head out of sight from any source of judgment or restraint. People can be, as the popular Eagles song said, "Heading for the cheatin' side of town," and chances are, nobody will even notice. As author Daniel Akst puts it, these days, "The scarlet letter would have to be on your license plate." But, of course, there is no mortal agency which could do this. (Question: would we really want such a pervasive enforcement bureau?)

Conventioneers are notorious for their wayward behavior, and less principled truckers have a little known 'seven hundred mile rule.' That's about how far a trucker can legally drive, and thus get back home, in a single work day. So if he's beyond that limit . . . Do we still live in a fallen world? You can bet your life on it. Las Vegas is brazenly running an advertising campaign based upon this devious, far-from-home theme.

IMMIGRATION

Travel on a wide, longer-term scale becomes the hot issue of immigration. As usual, it's a lot more complicated than any one news report or pundit can discuss.

It is often said that Mexico ought to boost up its own economy, in order to keep millions of their most ambitious workers at home. In actuality, countries which increase their wealth also boost the number of emigrants they send out. Their people gain more money to travel, and better job skills to offer. Only a near parity, like between the USA and Canada, will obviate such massive flows.

Oddly enough, those notorious 'remittance money to Mexico' numbers are skewed by another little-reported factor. Right now, tens of thousands of older Americans are

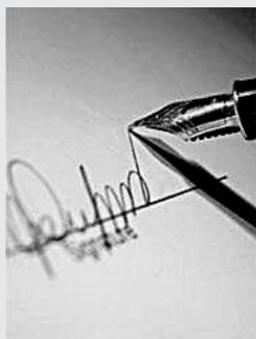
flocking to Mexico to retire, and enjoy the warm climate. With the lower cost of living, their pension and social security checks go a whole lot further.

Extensive travel can have other good effects. Tens of millions of newly wealthy Chinese are traveling overseas. Now, because of direct personal experience, they will no longer believe so much communist government propaganda. If only North Korea would open up to the world, and sooner the better.

To conclude, travel is the best, if not the only, way to find unity with many kinds of people worldwide. That's one big step toward becoming a true global citizen. God is the Parent of all people everywhere, and not enough people know this yet. May that borderless Heavenly future come soon. ♦

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The Encyclopedia Project

The Encyclopedia Project is an exciting new project for developing a compendium of knowledge uniting values and facts. On May 1, 2005, Reverend Kwak approved an online Internet encyclopedia that moves forward the vision which has been a long-time goal of Father Moon, including substantial pioneering work on the project in the early 1990s.

The current editorial team is now working extremely hard to generate a body of knowledge so that the general reader will learn information, not just for its own sake, but for its value to the world as a whole. The underlying goal of the encyclopedia is to promote true knowledge that leads to human happiness, well-being, and world peace.

Every step from the smallest to the grandest, from the most mundane to the innermost purpose is taken with immaculate care and attention. The goal is to produce 10,000 articles by mid-2007. Presently the project seeks writers in all fields. More information can be obtained by contacting Robert Brooks, Managing Editor: robert@encyclopediaproject.net

Our 18-year-old daughter,

Cambria, is special needs, having dealt with epilepsy since the age of three. She has, on average, four seizure episodes a month, which is quite manageable. She is fully functional and capable of taking care of herself in terms of dress, hygiene



and even some cooking (she likes to take unescorted walks to the local grocery store to do her personal shopping).

She is a senior in high school and a recipient of Social Security benefits due to her physical disability which has led to a mild degree of mental retardation.

She asked us recently "Aren't church members supposed to get married?" Yes, they are. We hope to make contact with parents of a similarly challenged son with a view to a possible matching and blessing. We live in Omaha, Nebraska.

If this sounds like a possibility please call Eugene or Lynelle Curtin at (402) 502-0333. Email is:

lynellecurtin@cox.net.

Universal Arts Center Reopens in Seoul

The Universal Arts Center opens its new luxurious performing hall Saturday after eight months of renovations and upgrades.

Formerly known as the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, the venue in Gwangjin-gu, eastern Seoul, is set to stage upscale and quality performances after upgrading lighting and visual effects on the main stage.

A total of 7 billion won (\$7.6 million) was spent on the first renovation in its 25 years of history.

A four-story complex built in a classical European opera house style, the center, owned by the prestigious Universal Ballet Company, has been the preferred venue for a variety of performances since its establishment in 1981. Due to a lack of funds for remodeling, however, its stage facilities were outmoded compared to other concert halls in Seoul.

Now transformed with the latest stage equipment and a luxurious red interior,



the 1,270-seat hall is about to take one big step toward its goal of becoming eastern Seoul's cultural epicenter. "Up to now, cultural activities in this area of Seoul were relatively poor or inaccessible due to a lack of cultural content and events. The reborn UAC will do its best to meet the residents' growing desire to enjoy arts and culture," said Moon Hoon-sook, a former

ballerina who heads the UAC.

Moon said she will take center stage in a new series of performances aimed at bringing audiences closer to the Korean dance world.

The Universal Ballet Company will stage a series of creative productions for local fans starting next year. To celebrate special occasions such as St. Valentine's Day or White Day, the ballet company is rehearsing performances that will bestow unforgettable memories on lovebirds.

The company is also planning to make theater-going more accessible by lowering ticket prices.

"We will try to make it easier and affordable for people to appreciate the arts," Moon said.

The Universal Ballet Company was founded by Rev. Moon in 1984, when Korea still lacked a proper ballet education system. Adrienne Dellas, UBC's first artistic director, used the word "criminal" after

seeing Korean elementary school children working on rigorous ballet steps in toe shoes, which they should not have been wearing for years yet.

Since its inception, the UBC has grown into one of East Asia's leading ballet troupes.

With a repertoire spanning nearly 70 works, the company has performed on many of the world's most prestigious stages, including New York's Lincoln Center and the Kodak Theater in Los Angeles. The UBC has done in 20 years what many other renowned ballet companies have taken 10 times longer to achieve.

To celebrate the opening of the new center, the ballet company is staging performances befitting the upgraded facility. The two free-ticket performances scheduled for this weekend include original UBC works and highlights from popular musicals including "Jekyll and Hyde" and "Grease."

For more information, visit www.ucfkoorea.com ❖

Cleveland OH Prayer Breakfast



by Rev. Biddle

Our September Prayer Luncheon was held on the 16th at New Life Christian Fellowship Church in Oberlin, Ohio, about an hour west of Cleveland. We were warmly welcomed with a wonderful spaghetti lunch cooked by the church sisters. About 30 people gathered, including our young folks.

This month's program was organized and directed by our beautiful ACLC, AFC and Ambassador for Peace representative Dr. Thelma Johnson. She worked with all participants to make this day of fellowship warm and invigorating. After the excellent lunch, we moved to the chapel.

MC Evangelist Carol Sowell from Strong Tower Assembly, led us through the program. Rev. Biddle gave the invocation and Rev. Dorothy Burton provided a cheerful welcoming address, brightening the already warm atmosphere and bringing good spirits to the sanctuary. Wonderful 2nd Generation folk gave us a song complete with electric guitar. Regional ACLC Coordinator Sister Gloria Laurent



explained the Goals and Objectives of ACLC. Sister Ann Grace recited another of her heartfelt poems. Deacon Edward Walton offered the scripture reading. Rev. Vernell Young, a pastor with an ex-offender prison ministry and sister of our host, Dr. Johnson, prayed to prepare for our

main speaker. Brother Ron Harrington of Columbus sang two wonderful songs and Rev. Joel Lindstrom shared a testimony of overcoming a recent difficult health situation.

Dr. Johnson introduced the pastor of our host church, Rev. Pete "Iran" Figueroa, who spoke on the theme "Coming Clean". He passionately urged all to be righteous and speak righteously because "what comes out of the mouth" truly affects our lives. His presentation was full of charm and humor and showed his deep love for Jesus and his faithful service to God. Rev. Andre Reese of Columbus closed the message portion with a joyful "Call to Action." But a surprise was in store... Pastor Pete returned to sing magnificently.

This cozy countryside church is a beautiful place to fellowship, but even more beautiful were the precious people inside. Especially those who worked hard to make it a success and drove a

long way to be with us and to help.

Dr. Johnson did a great job. We thank her sincerely and take off our hats to Rev. Pete for inspiring us on that special day. Thank you to all members and ACLC friends who show us constantly how to

tear down the walls of separation and build up the Kingdom of God. ❖

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by Charles and Eleonore de Watteville

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x76xg8G0SF4>

Service For Peace in Israel

Students from around the world meet with Israeli students and together clean up a playground in a Palestinian town near Jerusalem.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F33W_eqSlwk

Tongans & Other Pacific Islanders in New York

Islanders address island issues at an International and Interreligious Leadership Conference in New York City.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThHjXi0mkHM>

THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

Homeschooling vs. Public Schooling

A couple of years ago, at the Educators Conference, Pam Moffat and I were part of a panel discussion on home schooling. Hugh Spurgin was there and afterwards I asked him why he attended. He said that TF has been pounding Salonen (pres of Bridgeport) to develop more distance learning programs. All TF wants to know is; how many and what classes are they offering over the internet. I think this article may highlight some of the reasons TF wants to promote this.

Home Schooling is not for everyone. My son does better with a schedule and chooses to go to public school and it seems to work for him. My daughter

is highly motivated and would have committed suicide in public school so I am glad I had that option.

The article mentions that homeschool parents tend to be better educated and I feel

that internal confidence is more important than education. Home educators are mostly guides, in my experience.

Billbill scheffler

The following is an article entitled "Homeschooling vs. Public Schooling", written by by Mary Lanphier, that was taken from the American Chronicle Online, posted August 27, 2006.

When we consign our children to public schools, we feel satisfied that they are receiving 'quality education'. But, are we really getting our money's worth? More importantly, are the children gaining anything from this kind of a learning procedure?

Socialization is hailed as one of the greatest advantage of schools. This is the place where the child picks up the rudiments of social skills that help him survive. But in truth, a regular school-going child can interact only with his peers. He may bully younger children or fear older ones. He does not know how to behave with an adult. This is because in the school environment he interacts only with his peers. A homeschooling environment brings in a more natural social environment.

A regular school going child cannot read literature. He cannot keep silent or think in depth about any one thing. The artificial 'busy'ness imposed upon him by the school disallows quiet contemplation. Rowdy and destructive behavior, as seen among peers, is more noticeable in school-goers.

There is little long-standing knowledge among regular school goers because most things are learnt for the exam. There is no correlation of facts with life. The child may know a lot, but understands very little. This is where the homeschoolers beat the regular school goers. Ultimately, homeschoolers emerge more adept at facing the outside world.

Social skills is an area of deep concern when it comes to homeschooling. Many critics point out that since man needs to hone his social skills, a homeschooling environment where social interaction is limited is detrimental to his growth

and development. But studies have proved this wrong.

Children put into the fiercely competitive school environments lack the confidence to hold a conversation. Such children show little genuine interest in the topic of conversation and don't know how to interact with people of various age groups, especially their elders.

Children who learn at home are more aware of the implications and the purpose of their learning. They will ask intelligent questions and make accurate observations. Children begin their life by imitating their parents. Homeschooled children therefore pickup the sterling qualities

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they see in their parents. On the other hand, they are protected from the detrimental influences of their peers.

These children are thus better equipped with the tools necessary to face the world. The positive reinforcement that takes place in the homeschooling environment as opposed to being abandoned, embarrassed or ignored in a normal school environment strengthens their self-esteem. Children turn out to be better balanced and well-rounded as they progress into adulthood.

The most common reason today's parents have for not sending their children to public school is that they feel that public school is no longer a place where children can obtain a quality education. 48.9% of parents in a survey stated that their reason for wanting an alternative to public school was that they could give their child a better education at home. Another 25% gave the reason that public school offered a poor learning environment and another 11% say that public school did not challenge their child (Bielick).

That study just cannot be ignored.

The homeschooling population in the United States has grown from some 10,000 to 15,000 children in the late 1960s to over one million children in 2001

(Bielick).



Homeschooling is currently growing at about 11% a year. This obviously says something about the state of public education and the opinion of parents concerning the education of their children.

Homeschooled children appear to perform better on tests, as well. According to Brian Ray, Ph.D., "Home educated students generally score at the 65th to 80th percentile on achievement tests, 15 to 30 percentile points higher than those in public schools.

Parents who homeschool do have some notable differences from the mainstream population though. In a study by L. M. Rudner homeschool parents had more formal education than parents in the general population; 88% continued their education beyond high school compared to 50% for the nation as a whole. The median income for home school families (\$52,000) was significantly higher than that of all families with children (\$36,000) in the United States. Almost all home school students (98%) were in married couple families. Most home school mothers (77%) did not participate in the labor force; almost all home school fathers (98%) did work (Rudner). This may explain why homeschooled students outperform the public schools students on standardized tests and academic competitions like the National Spelling Bee.

In 1997, the winner of the National Spelling Bee was a homeschooled student. Every year since then, the winner has been a homeschooled student. This year, the first and second runners up were also homeschoolers.

RESEARCH is the best key to learning the why, if, should I and the difference between public education and homeschooling.

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2001033> is an excellent place to start with reading studies that have been done,

<http://epaa.asu.edu/epaa/v7n8> is another. Even TIME magazine did an article regarding homeschooling; <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1000631,00.html>.

Homeschooling can be the best option for a child if the following conditions exist: the home provides a suitable learning atmosphere, the parent is capable, the child is receptive and the option to homeschool exists. These factors include the enabling of parents, the emotional health of the child, interest and curiosity, the socialization of the child and the teachability of the child. ❖

THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



Message from the Editors

The New Voices of Our Generation has now been running successfully for half a year and the editors at UNEWS would like to thank all those who contributed an article to this section. Spread the word, communicate, and link yourself to the rest of America by subscribing to the paper and submitting your voice at newvog@gmail.com for this section. We are looking to fill this section of the paper with the following submissions: **articles written by our first and second generation focusing on second generation – that includes ALL second gen's!**

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New Character Curriculum: A Big Draw at Educators Conference

by Alan Saunders

Director, Office of Character Education, UPF
Barrytown, New York, United States
October 15, 2006

The Center for Education held its fifth annual conference in Barrytown, New York, October 13-15, 2006. The theme of this year's conference was "My Vision and Mission as an Educator." The conference drew over 250 educators, many of whom were very interested in the educational projects of the Universal Peace Federation.

The Office of Character Education of UPF, Ambassadors for Peace and educators from schools in the US convened a one-day pre-conference workshop on October 13. The theme of the workshop was "Utilizing the Character Education Curriculum in the US and Internationally." The workshop was very lively, and more than 30 educators and college aged-youth attended the event.

Mr. Bob Beebe, one of the original pioneers of the character education project in the former Soviet Union, worked with Alan Saunders in developing and implementing the workshop. Mrs. Kristina Seher and Mrs. Poppy Richie also gave presentations at the event. Principals of schools in the US, including Mrs. Nora Spurgin, principal of Bridgeport International Academy, shared their experiences of implementing character education at their schools.

There were two very powerful presentations given by educators who have worked internationally. Ms. Fortuna Anthony Husbands, the former chief executive officer of the Ministry of Education of St. Lucia, gave a very lively presentation highlighting the teacher-training workshops in her native Caribbean island. Ms. Husbands also spoke eloquently about the summer camps in St. Lucia which were supported by volunteers from the US, Korea and Japan. Over 300 youth attended these camps, which were co-sponsored by CARICOM. The theme of the summer workshops was "Fighting HIV/AIDS

through building character."

Mr. Sam Stoia, a very tall college-aged youth from Delaware, gave an inspiring story about his adventures in Vanuatu, a small island in the South Pacific. Faced with different options after graduating high school, Sam decided to blaze new trails by voyaging out to this remote island. He learnt to teach character education and HIV/AIDS prevention in his four months on the island. There are very few 6-foot 7-inch American youth in Vanuatu, and Sam became somewhat of a celebrity as he visited school principals in this remote island. He also spent time learning the culture and became somewhat fluent in the local language. He is now attending college the US and is eager for another experience in 2007 in the Pacific island nations.

The workshop was a mixture of explaining the new character education curriculum, "<http://www.peacefederation.org/publications/curriculums/dtrm.php>" Discovering the Real Me, and the UPF internship program. Dr. Tyler Hendricks, a representative of the steering committee of the Center for Education, welcomed the group. A report of the UPF character education initiative was then given.

Mrs. Poppy Richie then led an interactive exercise based on one of the chapters of the character education curriculum. After a short break, the next session highlighted best practices where character education is being infused in the schools within the US. The morning session concluded with a question-and-answer period.

The afternoon focused more on the UPF character education internship program. Internship opportunities are envisioned in the Caribbean, African and South Pacific regions in the summer of 2007. Mr. Bart Mwarey, principal of the High School of the Pacific in Hawaii, is interested in pairing college-aged youth from the mainland with his students returning to their home islands during the summer school break. Ms. Husbands is also preparing for workshops in St. Lucia and expanding the model to the nearby islands of St. Vincent, Barbados, Dominica, as well



Keynote Speaker James Garbarino inspired everyone profoundly with his research into the task of parenting in today's "socially-toxic environment."

as Trinidad and Tobago.

Discussion is under way about combining a project of the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) with the UPF's Character Education Initiative in Zambia and other countries in Africa.

The conclusion of the workshop was a discussion based on reviewing the Discovering the Real Me curriculum at the elementary, middle and high school levels. The high school group attracted the largest group, with many of the college youth attending this breakout session.

Members of UPF also had a display table at the Educators Conference. Many teachers were extremely interested in the new curriculum and were eager to use these books in their classrooms. Sunday school teachers, parents, and community leaders were also inspired by these books, which have been written at an age-appropriate level. The elementary level of the curriculum focuses on Aesop's fables and the tales of the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen. The middle school section deals with real-life stories and moral dilemmas that can be the foundation for growing one's character. The high school section focuses on character development, conflict resolution, character-based sexuality education, relationship and communication skills, and finally leadership and citizenship in the larger community and world.

The final contribution to the Educators Conference

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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

Educators Conference: Beginning of a New Era

by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

I come from a family of educators. My mother, her two sisters and my cousin were all teachers. I have a Masters degree in education and my first job in the real world was as a 7th grade teacher in the inner city of Chicago. Therefore I was quite excited that I was able to attend the first Educators conference at UTS five years ago. I have two main memories of that conference.

First of all we simultaneously formed the Blessed Family Association during the conference. My second memory is that the conference was run 98% by the first generation. The only second generation participation was an hour long forum during which the second generation were able to share their thoughts and feelings.

All this is to say that the recently completed 2006 Educators Conference was certainly the beginning of a new era. If in fact the first conference was 98%-2% first generation, this one was more like 60% - 40%. For me personally, it was the give and take with the second generation that was the highlight of the conference.

The first day was run by Dr. Kathy Winings, Rev. Brian Sabourin, Rev. Robert Beebe and Alan Saunders. It was primarily dedicated as an in-service workshop for Sunday School teachers and included a curriculum on building character education. The main body of what would prove to be somewhat over 300 participants began to gather for dinner on Friday evening.

The next two days included a wide assortment of breakout sessions usually divided between Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Family Ministry and Pastoral Education. Since I now have 3 high-schoolers and 2 children in college, I choose the older educational forums. My first choice was entitled "Young Adult Culture and Spirituality." It was chaired by Harumi Kawamura, Jin Kwon Kim, David Hunter and Ritz, the former youth pastor from San Francisco. It was a very moving session, which included insights into the hopelessness that affects much of today's youth and is found in both their writings and their music. David Hunter explained why he had left the church and how he had chosen to re-join it on his own accord.

One point that really struck me was how serious the participants were—so much so that I wondered if I even belonged at the conference. So many of the participants that I had a chance to talk with shared their passion for whatever they were involved in. I ran into a number of parents from New Jersey, where several

programs are currently in full force reaching out to second generation high-schoolers.

The other program that really touched me was "Administering a College Ministry." This was hosted by Naokimi Ushiroda, who is one of the

fails, then all else is really of secondary importance. We then discussed how the commitment of the first generation to work to build the Kingdom of God on earth through the exchange marriage blessing has been able to keep many couples together through the most difficult of times. Naokimi then shared that he felt that this same commitment was not present in the second generation matchings and blessings.

Saturday night concluded with an official meeting of the Blesse Family Association. Dr. Tyler Hendricks and Mrs. Betsy Jones were honored for their service as board members and four new members (two of whom are second generation) were voted on the board.

On Sunday morning we were honored to have the Rev. Michael Jenkins present to deliver the Sunday sermon. Rev. Jenkins challenged the congregation to become true children of God, which he said could only happen if we were willing to give up our lives to the will of God and to put our lives in the hands of God. If we were willing to do this, he promised that we would then experience the true love of God. Also present in the congregation was President David S.C. Kim, who at 92 years of age is still looking strong and vibrant! After a wonderful fellowship luncheon, the 300 participants departed for about every corner of America in order to return to their homes and their families.

For me personally, the 40 hours in Barrytown was such a special time. Aside from the incredible content and curriculum being offered, the value of the fellowship among brothers and sisters was worth far more than the price of admission. The simplicity of the conference—living in the dormitories, rooming with old MFT and witnessing buddies, eating simple meals, communing with nature in the beauty of fall colors in the mid-Hudson River Valley and feeling the holiness of True Parents' seminary—was an incredible gift from God. I returned home to Chicago inspired and rejuvenated with new hope and renewed energy.

I want to offer a special thank you to everyone who organized, presented or participated the conference. I am sorry that I have shared but a tid-bit of what actually occurred during the three-day conference. There were so many incredible presentations and speakers that I have not even mentioned I am already looking forward to next year. And

I am especially looking forward to the ever-growing participation of our children—the second generation—the real hope and future of True Parents' vision to build the Kingdom of God on Earth in this age after the coming of Heaven. ❖



leaders of the 3rd year STF Leadership Training in Ossining. He pointed out that at the center of all college ministry is the integral importance of the blessing. He stated that even if all the aspects of university ministry are in place, if one's blessing

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This year's Seattle second-generation Sunday school teachers, both new and experienced, attended a Sunday school education workshop in the lovely home of Mrs. Keating, the Seattle family Sunday school director. Mrs. Keating has years of experience teaching second-generation Sunday school and prepared for us a very informative and insightful afternoon. The workshop began with an excerpt about Father's

early years and we were moved to know that True Father himself was a Sunday school teacher at our age. We were reminded once more how True Father has been concerned about God and all humanity since he was young until today.

True Father is the greatest example as a teacher as well as a true son of God. Then Mrs. Keating poured out her heart and shared with us her wealth of knowledge on the subject of teaching Sunday

school, truly expressing her passion to serve and to give us the necessary tools and ideas to educate and uplift our younger second generation brothers and sisters.

The workshop was divided into three sections. Each section was an hour and half long. The first section was focused on teachers, students and the classroom. Mrs. Keating gave internal guidance and emphasized the role and the attitude the teachers need to have toward Sunday school. Mrs. Keating taught us the importance of each greeting, each smile, and each moment of consideration can change the student's life - and even save someone's life. At the end of the first section our purpose of Sunday school became very clear:

1) To help our students realize God and True Parents' heart, and to help them to become true children who will attend and follow our True Parents,

2) Help our younger brothers and sisters to learn spiritual knowledge in order to become Chun Il Guk Citizens,

3) To share true love among our blessed families and blessed children in our church and become true people so we can build a true world, which is Chun Il Guk.

During the second section we learned about more practical things: the importance of preparation, how to lead a class from the beginning to the end, how to get the student's attention, and also how to connect the lessons to different activities and games. Mrs. Keating gave us different

welcome our students. She emphasized the importance of commitment all teachers have to have for the whole year, to prepare the classroom's environment each time before class starts, and not to forget to write a report of how the class went each Sunday.

Sunday School Teacher's Workshop

by Brendan Williams August 31, 2006



The workshop ended with a prayer, a group picture, and a delicious barbecue prepared for us by Mrs. Keating. It was a precious time spent together in which we could prepare for the coming year, left with so many ideas on how to successfully educate and inspire our younger brothers and sisters. With both a giving heart and careful management, we knew we would have success.❖

ideas of how to unite the class and motivate the students to learn from Sunday school.

The third section was led by our big sister, Towa Lee, who also has experience teaching Sunday school. As we sat and listened, we derived strength and



motivation from her testimony on the incredible challenges that God may give us to "round" our character, and how the opportunity to be Sunday school teachers would be valuable character education even for ourselves. We would need to be in a position where we could humble ourselves and unite with our co-teachers, even with differences of age or ideas, for the sake of our students.

Towa nuna gave us a "to do list" to prepare to

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was a breakout session during the "Saturday Night Specials." The title of this session was "Teaching Character Education Internationally and the UPF Internship Program." Over forty individuals attended this session, which featured a lively set of presentations by Ms. Fortuna Anthony Husbands, Sam Stoia and other educators. There is a strong need and desire to educate youth in the Unification movement to teach character and relationship skills internationally.

The main speaker at the Educators Conference was Dr. James Garbarino. He has been a prolific writer in the area of character education and conflict resolution. His impressive list of books include: See Jan Hit: Why Girls Are More Violent and What We Can Do About It, and Words Can Hurt Forever: How to Protect Adolescents from Bullying, Harassment, and Emotional Violence. He also has done a substantial amount of research in the area of high-profile shootings cases such as occurred at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.❖



PAUL CARLSON

Mr. Carlson is involved with marine aspects of the Providence in the Bay Area

This article is about travel. This author knows people who've never been on an airplane, and heard of some who've never left their village or urban neighborhood. None of them are Unificationists. I'll offer some practical tips, as well.

Many people travel. Some are retired, and others have enough money to take big family vacations. Business people, despite the surge in videoconferencing and similar technologies, have many reasons to show up in person.

When traveling overseas, most vacationers and business people stay in 'bubbles' of familiar comfort, such as hotels which look the same worldwide, and restaurants whose cuisine is styled like the food back home. Younger people will sometimes backpack around, and stay in simple hostels. This way, they can get closer to local customs, but they're still known to all as foreign visitors.

Unificationists tend to 'go native' all the way, by staying with local members, eating their food, and cooperating full time in their activities. Earlier, our first missionaries didn't even have the comfort of local friendship, and worked nearly alone in their assigned countries. For them, those fancy tourist resorts and downtown business hotels might as well have been on Mars.

Going native may sound difficult, but it's far more rewarding, at the

moment and for one's entire lifetime. (There are, of course, practical considerations, like whether your immune system can handle the water.)

WHY TRAVEL?

Most people don't have enough money. There are many demands on our family budgets, and for what little extra we do have, plenty of competing ways to seek enjoyment.

By now, most Unificationists are at a stage where our families are growing. We can and should give our children a variety of experiences. Therefore, get out and see the world! And take your whole family along.

Behold scenic vistas, and take ferries, and ride a roller coaster or two. Visit a zoo and a famous skyscraper, and shop for exotic souvenirs. Take plenty of photos, to show your relatives and to keep for posterity.

Don't feel guilty about it. We're not just single-mindedly sacrificial missionaries any more. Beyond that formative experience, which can still be shared, there is no point in showing our kids a grim and unappealing future.

There are many options, for people in all situations. Have ill health or financial difficulties or competing priorities wiped you out? Then travel somewhere close, like county parks and stage plays and museums, plus a visiting 'big top' circus.

TIPS

Your author has been fortunate enough to get around a little. No world-spanning crusades as yet, but

TRAVEL

I can offer a few tips.

Going a long distance? On a budget? If, unlike most Unificationists, you are not in a tremendous hurry, there are Greyhound busses running. If you need to fly, do your best to obtain a good fare. Online travel sites can help, but also compare them to an airline's own web site fares. For common destinations such as Japan and

Europe, 'ethnic' travel agencies can save you a bundle.

When you go, pack right. My personal rule is to bring only as much as I can carry or wheel along, at a brisk pace, with nothing left behind to lose or get stolen. (I've seen

dear sisters, literally standing in the snow, surrounded by a heap of suitcases, each of which was too heavy for her to lift.)

Remember to carry on any valuables. Checked luggage is handy, but it may be searched—by anonymous, sticky fingered government workers. Be careful that you have not brought along any forbidden items!

Borders are often a hassle. When arriving by plane, this is another reason to pack



light. Double check your paperwork first. I tend to get stage fright, and at stricter entry points (such as London) that can arise baseless suspicions.

At a land border, whenever possible, park on one side and walk across. This can reduce the procedure from many long and fussy minutes to a few cordial seconds. (My family did this at Niagara Falls.)

Travel with small children is a special challenge. For kids under about five years old, they won't even remember the journey, so it'll be for the sake of older friends and relatives. But for kids older than five, don't conclude it's not worthwhile yet. My parents brought their three kids on a variety of trips, and we had many good experiences. Our mother used to say, "Take a memory picture," and we would. The butterfly trees at Pacific Grove, the Grand Tetons at dawn, the California Zephyr passenger train, and more. Decades later, these memories remain vivid.

Still not convinced? There are many reasons to travel, for people in general, and our fundamentalists in particular. Is it frivolous? Hardly! Scientific studies have examined this question.

Dining out and family vacations are the greatest common sources of happiness, and of positive long-term memories. These will reflect in good family unity.

Such benefits hold up far better than any from material acquisitions, such as popular Christmas presents, or fancy computers and cars. Winning a fortune in a lottery, in and of itself, brings people to ruin as often as betterment.

Besides, since you get to plan the itinerary, you can visit old friends along the way, and perhaps make new ones. For some wonderful examples, read "Blue Highways" and the "Walk Across see **TRAVEL** on page 20

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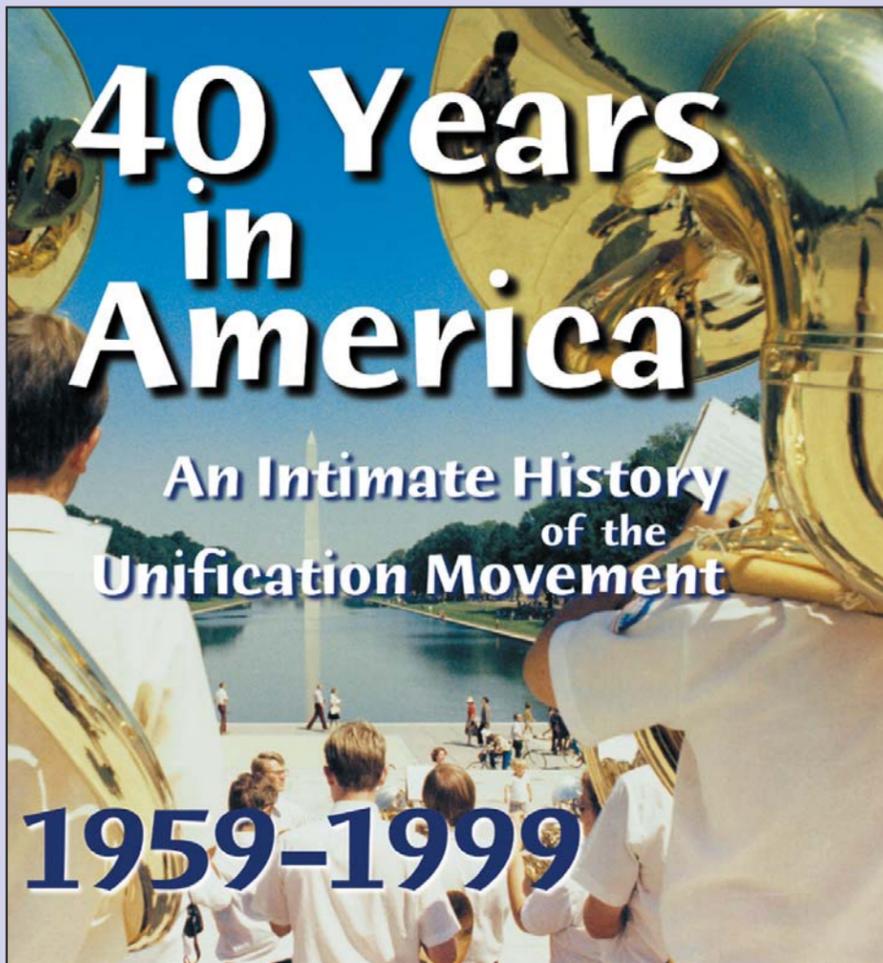
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