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by Dr. Michael Jenkins

The Global Peace Festival concluded in Manila with our final celebration breakfast with Dr. Hyun Jin Moon. The Festival in the Philippines had very broad sponsorship and support from NGOs, key Filipino elected officials, religious leaders and their organizations and government agencies.

A series of conferences were held concurrently throughout the week including the International Leadership Conference, the International Professors and

Educators Conferences, the 2nd Youth Power Assembly and the International Youth Leadership Conference. The preparation for the event was done through service and education and partnerships with many mainstream Filipino leaders for the last year or more.

The events culminated with the main day of the Global Peace Festival in which top performers and sports figures as well as most of the high schools and their marching bands and cheerleaders joined in for a parade, celebration, entertainment and words of peace for a great finale. The event site was visited by

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Hoon Dok Hae with True Parents

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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East Garden, November 8, 2007

In Hawaii I proclaimed the first Adam, second Adam, third Adam and fourth Adam. I proclaimed the realm of the restored first Adam. By January 13, 2013, we must complete the providence; America must complete its responsibility before God. Centering on Hyun Jin Nim, all American leaders must be united as one. The Abel UN was established, and the Cain UN must be united with it as one. All connected with the Abel UN must be standing in the position of Abel.

The vertical realm of heart must be connected to this providence. If I had not held on to America, it could have been let go by God. All of America will come

to realize that True Parents protected America. We have a seven-year course until January 13, 2007; however, if we give everything America can be completely turned around in three years.

This [Pyoeng Hwa Hoon Gyeong] must be offered to God. (Father took the Pyoeng Hwa Hoon Gyeong and gave it to True Mother; she gave it to Hyun Jin Nim and Father asked Won Joo to join in. Then Father put all of their hands together around the Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong. This represents the True Father, True Mother, True Son and True Grandson.) We must bring this to the 194 nations of the world.

Where are the current President, England, and all the key nations? They are all in trouble now. Russia and the Pacific Ocean could be swallowed by evil forces. Until God’s will is done completely, we must continue to have an ILC on the 17th of each month.

All of you should be cleaning up this mess to create a new America. I was totally opposed, and I feel sad in my heart about it. The UN didn’t fulfill its responsibility. We must absolutely observe absolute sex. It doesn’t matter whether you are white or black. Archbishop Stallings; do you understand? You have to save people. Centering on God, you must make sure that you can fulfill your responsibility.

Today is November 8th – the day of new beginning. In every way this is most significant. You don’t understand the significance of this proclamation today.

The age for Blessing is by the time you are 24. This is most significant. The blessing is most critical. There will be no religious boundaries in the future. There will be no national boundaries. We will have God’s realm of Cheon Il Guk. We must have exchange marriage. Every month on the 17th we must have a Peace Message Rally. There will be no law but the law of the family. Everything will be taken care of.

Peace Message Number 4 is very critical. In Hawaii on the 4th of November I made the initial proclamation and on the 8th here in East Garden I made this proclamation again.

You have to be repentful for not doing well enough. You must be able to guide and educate others. Every day you must be attending Hoon Dok Hae and developing. If people do not come to Hoon Dok Hae, then they are not qualified. They will not know what is going on. We must educate people on the 17th of each month. This will be on the 17th, 18th, 19th each month. The next 7 years are very critical. It is time for us to go beyond religion and join with God’s sovereignty.

The threat of a nuclear holocaust is real. We must prevent this catastrophe.

We must do away with all atomic bombs. All the atomic bombs that are in the world can destroy the planet Earth 10 times over. All the bombs must be buried deep in the Pacific Ocean so that no one can use them. I am trying to utilize all the technology that is being developed and equalize that for all people.

Archbishop Stallings may want to be the leader of religion – but eventually God wants to end the need for religions and bring everyone into God’s family. We have to end the division between black and white and end all divisions and discrimination.

The Native Americans represented the mother and were here to support the settlers. They represent the Asian people but the White people committed sin and wiped them out. They did not die from disease or starvation; they were killed.

Messages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 are all based on specific indemnity conditions to restore humanity. Messages 8 and 9 are also setting indemnity conditions allowing the angelic world and the spirit world to guide and support humanity. Message 13 leads us into the Pacific Rim Era of Peace.

After many tens of thousands of years, these messages will be understood as historic and central dispensational, turning-point messages for the history of humankind. Now people reject me and

JANUARY 2008

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 1 True God's Day (1968)
Un Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)
Sekkai Nippo Established (1975)
- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984)
Heung Jin Nim's Ascension (1984)
- 9 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
- 10 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)
- 11 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)
- 18 Ye Jin Nim's Birthday (12/11/60)
- 26 Shin Yul Nim's Birthday (12/19/92)
- 27 WCSF Blessing Ceremony (2001)
- 31 Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)

FEBRUARY 2008

Ahn Shi Il • 2nd, 10th, 18th, 26th

- 1 Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)
Segye Ilbo Established (1989)
- 2 Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)
- 6 Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace
Established (1999)
- 7 Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)
360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 9 Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)
- 11 16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 12 Father's Birthday (1/6/20)
Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)
- 13 Shin Heung Nim's Birthday (1/7/01)

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]

CALENDAR

- Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68)
- First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples (2000)
- Cosmic True Parents' Federation Established (2000)
- Family Center for Universal Peace and Unification (2000)
- 16 4000 Couples' Blessing (2002)
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)
Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
Montevideo Declaration World University Federation (1996)
- 22 Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)
430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- 23 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)
Day of the Victory of Earth (1977)
- 26 Kwon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/20/75)
- 27 Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998)
- 28 One World Crusade Established (1972)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 29 Shin Sook Nim's Birthday (1/23/84)

MARCH 2008

Ahn Shi Il • 5th, 13th, 21st, 29th

- 7 Dong Sook Nim's Birthday (1/30/55)
Middle East Time Founded (1983)
- 17 Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/88)
- 21 WRIST Established (1984)
- 25 Jin Sung Nim's Birthday (2/18/62)
- 26 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)
Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
- 27 New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA) Inauguration (1980)
- 28 International Christian Professors Association (1981)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 29 Cheon Il Guk Established (2/22/2001)
Grand Liberation of 6,000 Years of Providential History (2/22/2002)
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)
The Sao Paulo Declaration (1995)

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the messages because they don't know the reality of God's dispensation. All the speeches represent different indemnity conditions.

East Garden , November 9, 2007

We are all part of the first, second, third, or fourth Israel. The first Israel should serve the second Israel, the second Israel should serve the third Israel, and the third Israel should be connected to the fourth Israel. Just because we shake hands doesn't mean we are connected. All things must be connected to each other. If we eat the same kind of vegetables, that doesn't mean we are the same. We have to be connected through lineage. Unification blessed families should not change. You should be connected to the central root, with one blood lineage. You must pull and push: that way you can make a circular motion, North and South, East and West.

This world is so divided. How will we bring the world together? It will be done by heart and love. You cannot just let any person go; you must go beyond individualism. If you have any concept of fighting, you cannot bring harmony. If you want to lead, you have to be willing to go down to the bottom and serve. This is the law and the principle. Otherwise there will be no fruit.

Although there are so many trees, there must be one central bud or root. How many branches do we have? Relationships with the father, grandfather, husband, wife and children are very important. The relationship of heart cannot be accomplished alone.

God doesn't have any feelings of revenge. If we shed blood, we can never overcome barriers. The Fall happened and turned all relationships upside down. Satan wants to be on top. His method is to kill and eliminate all opposition. We go back to one fundamental principle: There cannot be two centers, only one. There must be one root.

Whether it takes 7, 21, or 40 years [for the fruit to mature], it doesn't matter. It will be the same. The root should be one; after 7 years, it should bear fruit. Now we are in the realm of the fourth Adam's heart. We should be different from the past. We should be able to look in not only 4 directions but actually 8 directions. At True Children's Day, we long for True Parents to come. One thousand years from now, the fruit will be the same, centering on True Parents. When we established the Abel UN on September 23, we had 194 nations. However, there must be one central root and one central point.

You must be connected to the central root. The chosen people are no longer the central root. The central root must be the center. The central root must be linked by lineage to God. You have to really learn the language that True Parents want you to learn. True Parents are the ones who came to give you their inheritance. If you want to be individualistic, it is not good. If there is one pine tree, it



cannot be the center; it is only part of the whole. You have to be connected to the central seed and central root. Everyone is divided from each other. In America there are so many different denominations and religions. They are all divided because of the false love brought by the Fall.

Though there are 6.5 billion people on the earth, there is only one true man and true woman. The reason we came here all together today is because heaven and earth came together here. Centering on the Word, everyone must be engrafted to the central root. We should live for and invest in each other. That is why we must have an international and interreligious blessing. There must be only one root and one seed.

Everything expands from the center. All together, the central root is one. It is not politics or power. It is all connected to one heart; if you have two hearts, your heart is already divided. It is connected to heart. Why did you come here today? Tomorrow is True Children's Day, but you don't come automatically. Because of True Parents' Day, we can have True Children's Day. Hana Nim means one being. There is one being in whom we center and devote ourselves. That is God.

The animal world has variety and can change color for protection. The polar, black and brown bears are from the same root. They are different in appearance because of a different environment. But they are still bears. How about human beings? It's the same. No matter what

the color, we are all from the same original Adam and Eve. Who killed all the Indians? Primarily the British people wiped out the Indians. But they are all from the same seed.

As a good blessed person, you should be investing in others so that they might grow. If there is a new seed, we should be able to grow together because we are coming from one blood lineage. When we are willing to deny ourselves, then there will be understanding and harmony, like inhaling and exhaling. The central root, the central trunk, the central concept: All three must come to exist. Without the root, we cannot exist.

We talk about heart; we have to live for the sake of others. The way I go will

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Christmas at East Garden

December 25, 2007



Bring forth God's Peace We All Long For

by Speaker Jose de Venecia, Jr., House of Representatives

Special remarks delivered at the Global Peace Festival 2007 rally of the Universal Peace Federation, Quirino Grandstand, December 12, 2007.

I wish you joy at this Global Peace Festival 2007 Rally of the Universal Peace Federation and may the peace you sow raise a harvest of righteousness!

The Universal Peace Federation founded by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon is an inter-religious peace movement. It is guided by a vision of the whole of humankind as one global family under God one global family called to live in accordance with universal moral principles.

The Universal Peace Federation is a global alliance of religious, academic, political and civic leaders to found a unified world, in which all peoples can live together in harmony, cooperation, and shared prosperity.

And we have here with us the leaders of this movement: Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, President of the Youth Federation for World Peace; and Dr. Martin Luther King III, who runs the Centre for Non-Violent Social Change founded by his martyred father, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We have gathered here because we, too, share this universal longing for peace, which all of us feel most acutely during this sacred Season.

Peace on Earth is our greatest need but it is also our most elusive collective goal. Goodwill among men remains sadly lacking in the world of our time.

We in East Asia are comparatively lucky, compared to many parts of Africa, Southern Europe, and West Asia. Angola, the Congo, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan Kosovo, Chechnya, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Kashmir and Sri Lanka:

All of these places are the settings of genocidal wars set off by quarrels over ethnicity, religion, language, and raw material resources.

Comparatively lucky though we may be but Muslims and Buddhists are killing each other in Southern Thailand; Christians and Muslims have been fighting in Eastern Indonesia; while soldiers brutalize Theravada monks marching against the military rulers of Burma.

Here in our own country, we have a separatist Muslim movement in portions of Mindanao and Sulu, and the terrorist Abu Sayyaf on Basilan Island.

No peace among the nations without peace among the religions. In this situation, what are we to do?

We must bring to bear on our prob-

lems the moral influence of the great religions. For there can be no peace among the nations without peace among the religions.

Understanding among the great religions and the great civilizations has become the only basis for global peace that will endure.

So that we are called on to stimulate Interfaith Dialogue between the great religions. And to this purpose we must mobilize churches, temples, synagogues, and mosques Buddhists, Confucians, Hindus, and Jews no less than Christians and Muslims to strengthen the forces of moderation in every society and to isolate the extremists who advocate violence and terror.

Understanding among the great civilizations only basis for global peace that will endure. But on what principle is dialogue among the faiths to take place? There can be no dialogue between the great religions without their agreement on moral value one ethical standard that all the faith and belief systems could share above and beyond their surface differences in dogmas, symbols, and rituals.

And the core of this global ethic the



ingly similar forms. For instance:

Buddhists express this Rule thus: "Treat all creatures as you would like to be treated." Confucians teach: "What you do not wish done to yourself, do not do to others." Muslims say: "No one of you is a believer until you desire for your neighbor that which you desire for yourself." While Jews say: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor that is the basic law." And Hindus agree: "This is the essence of morality: Do not do to others which if done to you would cause you pain."

melting of the polar icecaps; from nuclear proliferation to environmental degradation; from income inequality to hunger in the midst of plenty; we are confronted with problems that we must deal with together.

Because the social, ecological and moral problems we face are global in their implications, we must also "globalize" our moral values and ethical standards, if we are to deal adequately with them.

Accepting the Golden Rule as the Global Ethic will ensure that all our nations and all our faiths embrace pluralism in culture and in society.

Accepting the Global Ethic will focus our hearts and minds in our common involvement in Mankind.

Accepting the Global Ethic will impress on us the poetic truth that "No man is an Island, but a part of the Main."

In sum, the Reverend Moon teaches that our present age of materialism may soon yield to an age of spirituality to a new universal culture of unselfish service to others to a new universal culture of God centered families.

The Reverend Moon teaches that global peace begins simply and naturally with peace in the family. And harmony, peace, and happiness within the family begin with a relation to the Creator a relation similar to that of children to the parent.

Hence the solution to world peace is to renew to re-establish and to re-strengthen the relationship between the Creator and each family.

Because we Filipinos regard Christmas as the season for celebrating family ties, we are in harmony with new age of spirituality that the Reverend Moon foresees.

May peace in our homes and in our hearts radiate throughout the world this Christmas and bring forth the thousand years of God's peace we all long for. ❖



Catholic philosopher and theologian Hans Kung suggests humankind can discover in the simple but profound principle: "treat others as you would like to be treated."

All belief systems subscribe to the "Golden Rule." Treat others as you would like to be treated. This "Golden Rule" could indeed become the common ethical denominator for all the belief systems on Earth because all the belief systems subscribe to it, in strik-

As the mother of ethics for the whole of humankind, this Golden Rule could therefore become the core of initial agreement around which interfaith dialogue in our time could build a thousand years of peace.

The urgency of Interfaith Dialogue none of us can deny. Never before in the world's history have people's welfare become so dependent on one another.

Form the treat of HIV/AIDS to the

Philippine Global Peace Festival

by John Doroski

I would like to send you my heartfelt greetings from the Philippines at the Global Peace Festival. We just concluded the opening session of the International Leadership Conference under the theme "The Need for Vision and Leadership at a Time of Global Crisis" in which the participants have been blessed to listen to the passionate speeches by Martin Luther King III and Hyun Jin Moon which moved me indeed to tears.

These distinguished champions of a peaceful world spoke out for the cause of taking responsibility to bring God into the center of everything we do. Without God, we cannot even discuss peace, because without our parent we cannot be brothers and sisters. The participants of the Global Peace Festival are encouraged to take the well known content, which Jesus taught already 2000 years ago, close to their hearts: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons (and daughters) of God."

Martin Luther King III pointed out it was the historic movements of faith and service which really made strides towards peace, with service as the sword and faith as the shield. He mentioned the "beloved community" described by his father must dwell in our hearts and minds and each of us here can be members of that community.

Hyun Jin Nim brought us to understand that the dream of One Family under God, which the parents of these great leaders pursued throughout their lives, was the Original Dream of God at the time of creation, the Biggest Dream. He began by telling a story of the life of Father, describing Father's upbringing in a nation at the center of turmoil, Father's discovery of a suffering God, and his desperation to liberate God by fulfilling his Original Dream.

Hyun Jin Nim urges us to become owners of the dream of One Family under God. He encourages us to receive



the needed Education of Heart and to dedicate ourselves completely to the building of a culture which is centered on heart. Many others discuss peace through an economic means, a political means, even a militaristic means but we are calling for peace to come by people of faith uniting for this dream. B/c that is where the walls have been built, between people of different faith traditions, we need to go beyond those traditions and reach for that higher vision of building One Family under God. Religious leaders tend to focus on the 20% that divides us instead of the 80% that unites us, the universal truth of loving your enemy, building families of peace, living for the sake of others.

What moved me deeply in their speeches and at various points of presentations during the international conference of the Youth Federation for World Peace, in which I was blessed to participate during these two days, is how close the fulfillment of our Heavenly Father's dream is, and I can see it in the light of the eyes of my brothers and sisters present here from all over the world. Many more

people are dedicated to making this dream become a reality.

Hyun Jin Nim sees this Global Peace Festival as the model which may be multiplied throughout the coming year in all nations in order to reach millions of people. We are the ones who are called to write history, to set the standard in this time of crisis, which can be inherited by others.

Our True Parents proclaimed this year a Jubilee Year of special blessing and there are just about 3 weeks left until the end of this year. So it is inevitable



that we ask ourselves, what is the special grace of God, that these past 50 weeks have brought to our lives.

Personally I am convinced that now is indeed the time to receive God's special blessing and grace but for this purpose we have to be prepared in our hearts. I wish that each one of us can

make the experience of having Heavenly Father near to us in our lives. One quote that comes to mind: "There is no peace without humanity making peace with God." This is the core of the given challenge. We need to reconcile first fully with our Father in Heaven and with one another in order to

have a reason to celebrate with God and we must share this fully with one another through loving even our enemies.

By going through this process in our hearts we come closer to being true sons and daughters of God. We become members of His Family and this leads me to associate the initials of the Global Peace Festival - GPF - to be understood as God's Precious Family. Each one of us is called to join God's Family, that is so very dear and precious to

Him, by our being truly His sons and daughters. My conclusion at the GPF 2007 here in Manila is that most of all we have to become true members of God's Precious Family.

This is what I would like to share with you from the bottom of my heart as one of the very few who came from Europe to join this historic event in the Philippines while many of you throughout the world can join the

given event through live web-casting and benefit from it.

This is a time of great hope. Let us go beyond any inability to love, giving our very best to even embrace with our hearts even the ones who are most difficult for us to love. ❖

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never perish. Where is the planet Earth going to go? There can be only one Principle. This is how you can go to the Kingdom of Heaven. That is why I can use the term Hey Bong and Seok Bong. Sometimes I cannot breathe because I am so intense. Some universal force is working. You are coming from all different backgrounds and skin colors; still you have to follow all of my words.

If you don't succeed by the age of 56 you will go on for the rest of your life in the pattern you set. Age 48 and under is still considered young in God's eyes. You must pattern yourself after True Parents, centering on God's word.

Today is a completely new day. Yesterday we made the historic proclama-

tion of the realm of the fourth Adam. Today is a new dispensational day. Today you should look completely different from the way you looked yesterday. You can become the core of all beings. If the heart is not given properly, you can create a lot of problems. That's why it is said in the world that you shouldn't easily give your heart to others or you will get hurt.

"The realm of the heart of the fourth Adam" which began yesterday, is a realm of heart in which nothing is like the past. Don't look back. This is not a realm of power, politics, or otherwise. This is a realm in which we must win over people's hearts. We must save Cain, and we must do this through love.

How about America? How can America restore the fact that it pushed me back into Korea? Even East Garden was not built with American money. It could have been in 9 years, but instead it took

12 years. America didn't help.

The Cheong Seong Gyeong is distilled from 400 volumes of books. (To Dr. Kaufman) are you white or black? (I don't know) Good answer. You are mixed. What if there was a cream that could make white people black and black people white? It would sell! Skin color comes from the environment - it is not absolute.

How do you feel when True Parents are gone - empty or not? (Empty). Why? Because when the children come home and the parents aren't there, it doesn't feel full. When the children come home, they feel totally different if their mother is home. That's how it is with the parents and the heart of the family.

The era after the coming of heaven was established on May 5, 2004. Now we have 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007. So many indemnity conditions have been accomplished in these four years.

I have no secretary and no office. Yet I was able to completely change the world. I was not properly treated in America. White people did not accept me. I endured that indignation. I wanted to react to them and reject them, but I did not.

I already inaugurated the Abel UN, but just because it was founded doesn't make it the Abel UN. But I can do things that will make it work. How can we do this so that it represents the fourth Adam's heart? America did not support me. I will make a final proclamation based on a key family here; if they can't accept it, it won't work.

I need to make a special condition here in America. Should I just go back without giving a special blessing? I was rejected, but I am still trying to bring victory to this nation. ❖

Faith, Service, and the Millennium

by Martin Luther King III

This address was given at UPF's Assembly 2007.

The twentieth century will be remembered as the most violent century throughout all of civilization. One researcher reports that nearly 100 million war-related deaths occurred in the last century, leaving in its wake a constellation of wounded and maimed, fatherless and motherless, homeless and helpless refugees. But the twentieth century will not only be mourned for the magnitude of its violence. It will also be marked by the magnanimous women and men who made the ultimate sacrifice for truth and justice, peace and non-violence, conflict resolution and community reconciliation. They were the peace ambassadors of the people-powered revolution of the Philippines, the velvet revolution in Czechoslovakia, the modern civil rights movement of the United States of America, the freedom movement of South Africa, and the satyagraha of India. They were found in Poland, Serbia, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

And what was the secret of their success? I submit that it was their unwavering commitment to faith and service. During the civil rights movement of the mid-twentieth century in the United States, many people of conscience and good will worked tirelessly toward a dream of equality. The hard-fought battles of the movement then were waged with the sword of service and the shield of faith.

Arguably, as the movement's most ardent and articulate champion, my father believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all and encouraged this nation to live up to the true meaning of its creed. His faith was summed up in this statement: "The moral arc of the universe is long, but bends towards justice." Even more, his dedication to service was exemplified in the ultimate sacrifice he made serving garbage workers in Memphis, Tennessee. Equally important, and too often overlooked, he encouraged all peoples to live up to their purpose and potential by uniting and taking action to make this world a better place in which to live. That action, he believed, would be a living manifestation of their faith.

He further expressed that faith and its magnificence in action as he framed it in the context of service. Now listen just a moment as I paraphrase what he said. He said that everybody can be great because everybody can serve. He said you don't have to have a college degree to serve,

you don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve, you only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love. Their collective faith that the arc of the universe is long but that it bends towards justice energized and gave direction to service. The twentieth century's victories were not so much those of politicians or presidents, kings or queens, but ordinary people energized by faith and galvanized in service, and because of their faith and serv-

ice they are seen today as yesterday's champions of peace through non-violence.

one of faith and service. As in the twentieth century, through faith we can command the moral authority to act in service to our brothers and sisters, whether locally or globally. Just as service and faith-based humanitarian action spawned the victories of the last century's movements, so can they kindle a fire that wins victories in the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals in this century.

With all of our technical know how,

can win victories in the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals. Finally, it has become popular to characterize service as a toggle switch—a day on not a day off—where picking up trash or painting swings in a park or marching in a convenient afternoon rally become convenient demonstrations of caring for others. But the challenges and opportunities of this century demand that we rethink our faith and service.



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But what about us today? Today, according to UNICEF, there are more than a billion children living in poverty in the world. About 150 million children are suffering from malnutrition, and it is estimated that 11 million children will die of preventable illnesses this year. Clearly we must work with increasing dedication to invest our resources in saving our children, because it seems to me that our world will be gauged by how it treats its most precious resource, and certainly our children are our most precious resource. To do this, our world cries out for a new generation, one whose line of vision extends beyond the endless chain of revenge, retribution and retaliation to

the issue is not whether we can eradicate poverty, preserve our environment, or eliminate epidemics and diseases of destruction, but whether we have the faith and the will to act. This is very, very important, because I believe we can do almost anything. We have the ability to do almost anything, but we have to look deep, deep inside to the depths of our souls to find the will. So that when ability and will meet, results are yielded.

It was the service of a few good women and men that challenged and changed the world. It won victories in the United States, such as civil, voting, and fair housing rights legislation. That same faith and service won freedom and democracy in nations around the globe. And it will be the same faith and commitment to service in this century that

My father declared that the ultimate measure of a man or woman is not where they stand in times of comfort and convenience but where they stand in times of challenge and controversy. He went on to say that cowardice asks the question: is a position safe? Expediency asks the question: is a position politic? And vanity asks the question: is a position popular? But something inside called conscience asks the question: is a position right? He went on to say that sometimes we must take positions that are neither safe nor popular nor politic, but we must take those positions because our consciences tell us they are right.

I'd like to paraphrase the portion of that statement. Cowardice asks the question: Is service safe? Expediency asks the question: Is service politic?

Vanity asks the question: Is service popular? But faith asks the question: Is service right? And there comes a time where one must serve not because it is safe, nor politic, nor popular but one must serve because one's conscience, one's faith compels him or her to know that it is right. I challenge all of us to think confidently and creatively about ways our faith and service can be regenerative in spawning a new movement of hope in young people who boldly demonstrate their faith in service to meet the challenges and opportunities found in the Millennium Development Goals. ❖



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GPF Manila Opens with Coastal Cleanup

Manila, Philippines, December 9, 2007

The Manila GPF got underway with a massive community service project involving more than 10,000 volunteers from 39 schools and universities and over 100 community groups. A joint project with the Mayor Alfredo Lim's office and the city of Manila, the cleanup targeted the badly polluted coastline of Manila Bay. Organizers said that the volunteers had already removed several tons of trash and committed to doing much more in the weeks and months ahead.



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the President of the Philippines, the Honorable Gloria Macapagal - Arroyo and a special address was given by Mr. Martin Luther King Jr in which he called on spiritual leaders to be thermostats and not thermometers so they take the lead and "set" the temperature for peace.

Speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives Jose DeVenecia gave a most powerful address that was car-

ried on the editorial page of the Manila Bulletin - Manila's most popular daily newspaper. The event culminated with the "One Family Under God" address by Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, which was received with great enthusiasm.

The main paper ran over-the-fold headlines in the days leading up to the event and gave fine coverage the day after. The nation was touched en masse and at the highest levels. The Global Peace Festival has begun a global series of peace movement activities to lift up the role of the family, the importance

of interfaith dialogue, service and youth leadership, and the strengthening of moral character-based leadership to achieve a culture of peace and reconciliation of all nations, faiths and races based on true love and the heart of "Living for the Sake of Others".

A huge gathering occurred throughout the day. The Philippine military and all schools were in support. Religious leaders from the United States and dignitaries from throughout the Pacific Rim region attended. It was a tremendous beginning for this global

movement for peace, which in 2008 will conduct festivals on every continent.

It was an honor to attend with the Rev. Kwak, Dr. Walsh and the Regional Presidents of UPF. It is the model that will guide our way.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Kim and Rev. Michael Zablan and all the Philippino family as well as Service for Peace, the UPF and the YFWP for a great success. ❖

Promoting Interreligious Understanding

by Dr. Shuki Ben-Ami, Theologian and Author, Israel

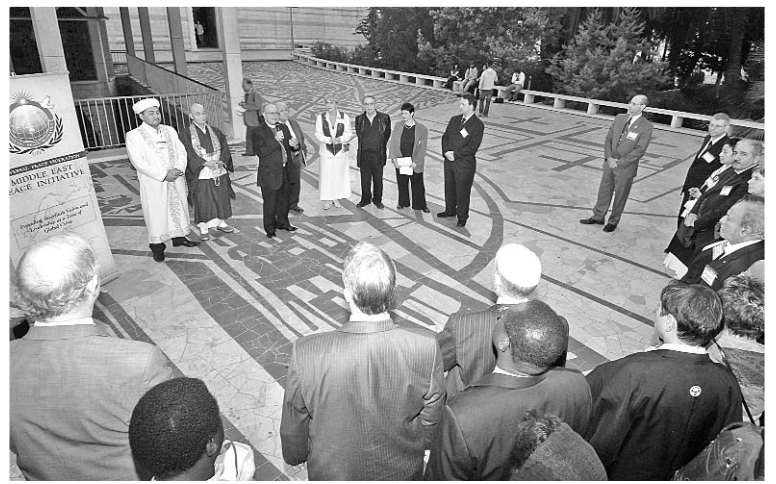
This address was given to MEPI 33 on November 26, 2007

The first question that should be asked in any interreligious dialogue, regardless of the religions it includes is: what is its purpose?

Interreligious dialogues occurred frequently throughout Jewish history, especially since the thirteenth century. Some of the better known dialogues are the Paris Debate, the Barcelona Debate, the Tortosa Debate, the Polemic Writings, and the "OTO-DI-PO." They all began as interreligious dialogues but ended up with pogroms, forced conversion, expulsions, forced exiles, and executions.

Therefore, at the beginning of our dialogue we would like to emphasize that this is not a debate. An interfaith dialogue is not a battle between religions; it has no winners or losers, right side or wrong side. Our dialogue is a gathering of brotherhood, so we may get to know one another with the purpose of learning to appreciate and respect the other's belief.

The key to interreligious understand-



ing and tolerance is found in the way we respect and cherish the belief of the other, having no intention to influence or interfere, and knowing that we are all created in the image of God. We should know that the others are also created in the image of God and that our religious affiliation is a secondary issue.

In regard to Jewish-Christian relationships, throughout the history of both religions, especially since early medieval times, there was never a complete disconnection between the two. We find mutual influences on religious thought: both a Jewish influence on Christian thought and a Christian influence on the Jewish thought. A stronger influence can be found between Judaism and Islam.

Nonetheless, the Jewish-Christian relationship has been compared to the relationship between Jacob and Esau, based on the concept of "my brother: my enemy." Viewing the members of the other religion as brothers and at the same time as enemies is the most important and consistent motif in the way these two religions have been relating to one another.

The fact that we find

the same motifs and concepts in both religions and the fact that they both use them in the same ways emphasizes the mutuality in the relationship of the two religions. This issue can be a good starting point for dialogue.

The idea of two nations, big and small, and of pairs in which one is rejected and one is chosen—such as Cain and Abel, Hagar and Sara, Ishmael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob, Leah and Rachel, Manassah and Ephraim, Saul and David—has led to the awful labeling of good and bad.

The concept of the "chosen one" and the "rejected one" has led to the most terrible things in history, such as anti-Semitism, genocides, the slavery and oppression of African-Americans in America, the holocaust of the Native Americans in America. This concept is also part of the roots of the race theory and the ideas of the Third Reich. It is important for us to remember that these labels are made by man; they are the creation of human beings, not of God. God has created us all in His image, in His likeness.

Looking at history, we discover that more blood has been shed in wars between religions and in the name of religions than in all other wars put together. The worst crimes in history have been committed in the name of religions. Religious institutions have sent their believers on bloodthirsty journeys, trying to force their belief and eliminate and destroy the other.

Religion has always been, and will continue to be, a major factor in the relationships between nations. Therefore, in addition to the diplomatic efforts to mediate between nations in conflict, a central role should be given to interreligious dialogues and to other efforts promoting interreligious understanding.

We must not forget, not even for one minute, that we are all created in the

image of the same God, and that His image is reflected in each one of us. It is reflected in our different colors, in our variety of beliefs, and in the fact that we are like a colorful bouquet in which the flowers are bound together. If you want to see God, you need to look into your brother's eyes.

Only dialogue and conversation can bring together people from different beliefs and lead them to tolerance and interreligious understanding. We can engage in interreligious dialogue only if we respect each other's belief and each other's right to believe in it. Just as there are many ways to reach the top of the mountain, so also there are many ways to worship God. The summit is one, and there dwells the Absolute One, the Father of us all. Each way is right and appropriate in the eyes of its believers.

If we believe that the spirit has the power to destroy, we should believe it has also the power to restore. If religions are able to separate people, no doubt they can also unite and build the bridge between them. We are all children of one father. We have one world and one Father.

We should unite and shed light into all the dark corners, so we can eliminate darkness from our lives. If we do so, peace will no longer be a dream.

This is the only way to fulfill Isaiah's vision:

"... and 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 any more." (2:4) ❖

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Thirty-third Middle East Peace Initiative

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Four years ago on December 22, 2003 an event occurred that has changed the course of history. Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders joined in Jerusalem's Independence Park to hold a ceremony of respect and reconciliation between the leaders and representatives of the Abrahamic faiths. Last night at the New Jersey Ambassadors for Peace 5th Annual Banquet Mr. David Eaton highlighted this historic anniversary and all the delegates remembered this historic event.

In Jerusalem on December 22, 2003, over 20,000 gathered to witness something that could not be imagined - that Jewish leaders, with full understanding and profound appreciation for the role of the "chosen" people in the Scriptures, would step forward to end the long and sad division of the family of Jesus.

On this day four years ago they stepped forward and offered Jesus a Crown, honoring him as the King of Peace of Israel and loving him as their own family member. This historic event was central to the internal conditions necessary to break the "lock" of the historic division that occurred due to Jesus' rejection that led to the division of Judaism into the three Abrahamic faiths. This condition has also been the root cause of the seemingly irreconcilable differences in the Middle East.

At the crowning of Jesus on December 22, 2003, Jewish leaders (who did not convert or become Christian) expressed love and appreciation for Jesus through offering him a crown as the King of Peace in Israel. Christians then proclaimed that Muhammad (PBUH) is God's prophet and God's representative and Muslims gave a menorah to Jewish family.

Though this event came forth quietly, the ramifications are vast in scope. This is the foundation of reconciliation that has removed all "curses" and internal conditions, boundaries and barriers. The door is now open for the family of Abraham to unite in Israel, Palestine and throughout the Middle East. We sincerely pray that upon this foundation the current efforts from America, Palestine and Israel and other members of the quartet and the religious leaders involved will now be able to realize this and finally end the strife and conflict.

Together with True Parents, we, as Ambassadors for Peace, are now completing this Jubilee Year of 2007, the 7th Year of Cheon Il Guk (The Realization of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth). The central message for this year has been the address entitled, "A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will -The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World."

Since March 17th of 2007, the UPF's International Leadership conference and other conferences were conducted on the 17th of each and every month



from March through December and this message was delivered as a guiding light for the delegates from all the nations of the world. It highlights the central mission of the Abel UN as the universal body that will lead the way to peace. It also highlights that America's mission is central to this providence and is called by God to lift up and support the Abel UN and through this process create unity between the U.S., the U.N. and all the nations of the world.

The message also highlights that the future of the world revolves now around the the unity of the Pacific Rim nations, together with China, Russia and India and all nations in the region to be realized through America as the Elder Son Nation centering on the Abel UN. This will create a culture of peace and realize the peaceful reunification of Korea. All of this is based on True Parents resolving all the key divisions of history to bring the world into "One Family Under God." The address also highlights the Coronation of Jesus as central to the providence of the establishment of True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace and the Peace Kingdom. This was one of the key conditions necessary for the establishment of the Abel UN.

The Coronation of Jesus was a pivotal moment in the dispensation lead-

ing up to today which is highlighted by the following message that Father Moon has delivered:

"In Jerusalem, in 2003, on the foundation of the victory attained through such blood, sweat and tears, I had Jesus proclaimed as the king of kings before heaven and earth with the acknowledgment of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Following this, in 2004, I was acknowledged as the king of peace both in a United States Senate Office Building and at the Korean National Assembly. Subsequently, in June 2006, we held the Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and Earth.

Ladies and gentlemen, on September 12, 2005, I proclaimed throughout all of heaven and earth the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), which will enable God's providence to flourish. Now, it is entirely possible for the Universal Peace Federation to serve as an "Abel-type" counterpart to the United Nations in the Era after the Coming of Heaven. It will renew the "Cain-type" United Nations and lead the way for millions of Ambassadors for Peace throughout the world who have taken up my teachings, "the Way of the Heavenly Father"—which consist of the principles of true love and the ideal of a true family—and, with-

out fail, fulfill the heavenly will of creating "one family under God."

Father gave this address once again on December 18th in Washington D.C. as the final public address of 2007 also calling for the unity of North and South America centering on the unity of Protestantism and Catholicism.

Let us give thanks to God and with confidence extend our hearts out in love for all humanity. We are all brothers and sisters before the God of Abraham, Isaac and Ishmael and Jacob, the one God of Judaism, Christianity and Islam and all religions. Now the day of reconciliation of all nations is at hand and will be further realized through the Global Peace Festivals that will be held on every continent in 2008. With this understanding let us give thanks for the fulfillment of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Israel and the unity of the family of Abraham which was further expanded and solidified through the 33rd Middle East Peace Initiative which was completed on December 9, 2007. The 33rd MEPI successfully went over the 33rd year of Jesus and now has created the condition for the rise of God's family as one family. All of the past has been forgiven and cleared away in this Jubilee year. 2008 is the year of "new beginning" for all the world as "One Family Under God." ❖

Letting your Divine Character Shine

by Hyung-jin Nim

This sermon was given at Mapo Family Church, Korea. on October 27th, 2007

I'd like to talk to you today about letting your divine character shine. We can look at the word, "character" and then contrastingly we can look at the word 'reputation'. Many times we may have difficulty distinguishing the difference between character and reputation. When we look at the original etymology or the meaning of the word, we see that in Greek, "character" means something like an engraved mark, something that's engraved. Metaphorically this is extended to mean some defining quality of a person.

Reputation originally meant consideration, more specifically, how other people consider you. What is the real difference between character and reputation? Reputation is the word which refers to what other people think of me, the opinion of others upon me, in respect to integrity and attainment...a reputation for honesty for example. Character is not necessarily what other people may think of me, but who I actually am. That's the difference.

When we look at the principle, there's the story of Noah. Noah had character. God asked him to do something quite large for his age, to build the ark. For his peers, it was kind of insane, for lack of a better word. In Genesis, you recall the scene where Noah is laying there in his birthday suit, and Noah rebukes Ham for making Shem and Japheth shameful. As you recall from the Principle, they focused on reputation, on what other people were thinking of them, instead of what God was intending for that time. So Ham was unable to restore through indemnity that offering and could not fulfill the foundation of substance. So God had to move on.

In the end, we have to live our lives with the imagination that there are no secrets in this world. Eventually, people get through our reputations, what other people think of us, and our character

begins to show. So it's very important, if we want to live a life of blessing that we try our best in what we are doing, and that we assume or imagine that there are really no secrets in our lives. Everyone has made mistakes in the past. Maybe we said something to hurt someone. Maybe there is a situation in our past that we are not so proud of. So how do you get over this? How do I deal with such an issue?

Firstly, we have to ask the question, "Who is it that we hurt, that still pulls at our conscience, that we know in our hearts I have to heal with this person?" I have to come to peace with this person. It's important that we go out of our way to come to peace with that person. Of course, we can't come to peace with every single person. We may have insulted someone without even knowing it, but with those that we KNOW we hurt, because of something we said that we regret, or some situation we regret -- it's important that if we are going to build character that we go to that person and come to peace with that person.

Two, from now focus on not repeating mistakes, and focus on building character. I heard an interesting story about a young Korean celebrity. She had a long series of dramas. She had one soap opera drama that was very famous. And she was portrayed as the perfect daughter in law. So she had a really great reputation. Everyone viewed her as the daughter in law that everyone wants to marry and bring home and show to the family. She's that perfect daughter-in-law. But a couple of years later, even with that reputation in her own life, she was eventually found out to have been committing adultery with another man who had children. That wife sued her, and when the police came to the celebrity, she was found to be taking narcotics. So her career plummeted. Five years later, she tried to build up her career again, but she could not reach the same level of celebrity that she had. Often celebrities focus on reputation, but it's really important that we learn to focus on character building, because that's where we become deeper, where we make life more worthwhile.

In the Confucian tradition, in the analects scroll 5, it says, "The superior man does not even for the space of a single meal act contrary to virtue. In moments of haste, he cleaves to it. In seasons of danger he cleaves to it."

The Master later says, "Virtue is not left to stand alone. He, who practices it, will have neighbors." Notice that people who practice character become easy to live with. They are good husbands and wives and children and dads and moms

to live with. But what if we have not such a good reputation. Maybe that's that case for some of us today. Maybe we are motivated to make a change in our lives. Maybe we want to improve our reputation. Can a negative reputation change? The answer is yes, it can change. It takes effort and focus.



Focus on character building.

If we have a negative reputation, the tendency will be to try to build a better reputation, and not focus on building better character traits. Over time the character behind your reputation will come out. We have to learn how to focus on building that character. How do we do that? There are certain ways we can do that. We can learn to meditate, to cultivate patience, internal peace, reflecting on ourselves and our weaknesses, (not beating ourselves up), growing beyond those.

I saw a little helpful model or formula. Focus + daily improvement + time = genius. Whether you are trying to build character or be a great astronaut, we need to learn how to focus our mind, focus our energies. We need to learn to improve on a daily basis and given those two factors, it is just a matter of time before we become a genius at it, before we become recognizably good at the particular task.

It is important when we are building character, to give yourself credit. Don't forget that. Give yourself credit for things you have done right. Give yourself that credit. You deserve it. And let's continue to do them with sincerity. Even though we may be fixing portions that we need to fix, let's remember the things that we are doing well and continue to do them. If we stay consistent with character building, your reputation will follow. It will take time, it may even take a year or more for your character to have a big impact on your reputation, but it does make a change.

I remember one time in my own life when Young-jin hyung confronted me and he said to me, "You know, the worst thing you can be in life is a hypocrite." And at that point, he was telling me, "You're being a hypocrite." It was at a time when I was very arrogant and entitled and had a huge ego, but I didn't have the character and confidence. I had a strong outside but a weak and fragile inside. And he called me on that. And he told me, "You are being hypocritical." I remember when we were at camp, I would wait for him to start eat-

ing before I would start, to show respect. But when we were alone together, I wasn't waiting for him. I was like, "Give me that food! I want to eat it!" So he was calling me on it and saying I was hypocritical. In front of people I was listening to him, but behind I was arguing with him, "What are you crazy?!"

So he was calling me on it saying, "You're being hypocritical here." Interestingly, when he passed, those words continued to ring in my ears. When I started taking up ascetical practices in my 21 year course, the first stage, the foundation stage—one of my central practices (of course there was meditation and prayer) was identifying places where I am hypocritical, trying to end hypocrisy within myself and trying to improve that. Everybody has some level of hypocrisy in their life. To realize and change and improve that is central to training our character. I am grateful to Young-jin hyung for teaching me that.

One of the things I try to do with my kids is to reinforce certain character traits. I tell my children, when they are down on themselves, beating themselves up, being negative, "You know what? You guys have the four Cs: Character, Confidence, Compassion and a Can-do attitude. You guys have the 3Ps, Perseverance Persistence and Patience. You have the 3 I's Initiative, Imagination, and Immunity to insult." I love that one, "I'm immune to insult!" I repeated this maybe a dozen times or so to my kids when they are feeling negative toward themselves and not believing in themselves.

It is very striking. My kids told me a story. When they were at the playground doing their thing enjoying themselves, some other kids gathered around them and were making fun of them, saying this and that. And my boys said, "Appa! You know what we did? We said to them, 'we have armor! I am immune to insult! Your insults bounce off of me! I will not be conquered by your negativity!'" When I heard that, I said, "My God! This is making some kind of impact on them." They told me that they kept a positive attitude. They didn't fight or do any of that, and they did not let those boys sour their day. They didn't let them steal their fun and enjoyment, the playground and the good times they were having. I told them, "You go boys! You keep it up! You guys are doing it!" I was so very proud of them.

A group of ethicists in 1992 came together and this is a famous declaration called the "Aspen Declaration." I'd like to show you this today. It's really about certain things of character. Here we can see how do we improve our character? These are some examples of what we can do in our lives, on a day to day basis. In the Aspen Declaration, we have things like Trustworthiness: don't deceive or steal, be reliable, be loyal to your family and friends and country.

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3rd National Witnessing Summit in Chicago

Catch the Vision – Passing on a Legacy of Love” was the theme of the 3rd National Witnessing Summit held November 30 – December 2 at the beautiful Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, Illinois. One hundred and twenty first and second-generation participants from across the nation and the Chicago community joined together to build a powerful foundation of heart and spirit for bringing 30,000 core members in America. The summit was organized by Mrs. Sheri Reuter and the National Witnessing Task Force, and continued the positive momentum achieved during the



Mrs. Sheri Reuter, Rev. Dong Woo Kim (FFWPU Vice President) and Rev. David Rendel (Chicago District Director) gave welcoming remarks and messages of encouragement. The evening closed with heartfelt unison prayer around an outdoor campfire led by Rev. Philip Schanker (FFWPU Vice President). The following two days included Hoon Dok Hae and a series of sessions focused on current realities, future targets and assessment of successful outreach models. Each session included presentations and group discussions through a “World Cafe” method which enabled all participants to actively discuss strategic issues through attending specific discussion tables. Everyone had the opportunity to express their views, and the sessions were stimulating and empowering.

The energy throughout the program was high due to the unified intergenerational activities. The music was especially exciting and the second-generation introduced the first-generation to the creative world of “joy dancing” (following the dance moves of alternating leaders to Christian hip-hop music). During the dancing, all inhibitions were dropped and everyone, regardless of age, felt the liberation of youth!

The sessions were held in a temporary structure used for wedding receptions which provided a challenging but memorable environment (especially during the ice storm on the second day!). Each session was very meaningful. Question-and-answer periods with panels of second-generation leaders and then first-generation leaders provided insights into varying perspectives on the value and future of our movement. Presentations on successful development methods of other religious organizations provided constructive comparisons. A creative presentation on the advances in the use of media in our national publications was encouraging. And the poignant testimony of 18 year-old Ares Meyer of southern California on his rebirth in

our movement put all the contents of the summit into its proper perspective, centered on saving God’s children.

Closing remarks on the third day of the program by Rev. Dong Woo Kim and Rev. Michael Jenkins sited the successful steps being achieved through the summits as well as the ongoing challenges to be addressed. Advances are clearly being made and we are grateful to have contributed to this critical and historic effort by sponsoring the 3rd national summit in Chicago!❖



UTS Financial Aid Package Interfaith Scholarship Program

UTS is officially receiving candidate applications for an interfaith scholarship program. The program is designed for applicants from all faith backgrounds. The goals of the program are to create individuals with peace-building skills that can be applied on the local and national levels to bring substantial change. UTS is partnering with the Universal Peace Federation, Family Federation and World CARP to create effective placements. All candidates must have a bachelor’s degree and recommendation of their Family Federation Continental Office, World CARP Headquarters or Universal Peace Federation Regional Secretary General.

UTS is removing financial obstacles for the interfaith peace program. With help of major financial aid contributions from Japan and the United States, the program also expects students to contribute to the costs of their education appropriately.

To be considered, candidates should commit to return to serve in the area that sends them. Each candidate’s plan should be designed in coordination with the sending Organization--The Family Federation, World CARP or Universal Peace Federation, approved by the Continental Director or World CARP HQ before the student is accepted to UTS.

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first summit in Los Angeles during August and the second summit in Maryland during October.

The three-day program began with a dinner banquet on November 30, followed by an introductory session directed by Rev. Joshua Cotter (program emcee). All participants introduced themselves and shared their reasons for attending the summit. The results were inspiring and a deep sense of unity quickly developed.

Rev. Phillip Schanker's Presentations

For anyone interested, the Education Department of FFWPU-USA is making available Rev. Phillip Schanker’s lecture presentations from the “Special Workshop for the New Beginning of Cheon Il Guk Blessed Families.” These presentations will be available in two formats:

1. The Powerpoint Presentation File, which Rev. Schanker used to lecture, will be available on CD-ROM for \$12.00 This file is separated into three segments:

- a. “The Results of the Fall & Separating Blessed Families from Satan”
- b. “God’s Grace & the New Beginning

for CIG Blessed Families
c. “True Parent’s Foundation for Cheon Il Guk and Amnesty for its Citizens”

2. A DVD Recording of Rev. Schanker’s presentations from the Washington, DC workshop will be available on DVD for \$15.00 This Recording will include the following presentations:

- a. “The Results of the Fall & Separating Blessed Families from Satan”
- b. “God’s Grace & the New Beginning for CIG Blessed Families
- c. “True Parent’s Foundation for Cheon Il Guk and Amnesty for its Citizens”

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Young Peacemakers in Malaysia

Thirty four students were named as Collegiate Ambassadors for Peace in the first annual awards ceremony held October 17, 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The event was jointly organized by two universities, the University of Malaya and the University of Utara Malaya. With the active collaboration of both universities, altogether 550 students from nine universities attended.

The CAP National Conference featured several outstanding speakers. The first speaker was Mr. James Poon of World CARP Malaysia, who shared the topic, "Dream Big", motivating students the importance of having dreams and goals in their lives. He also explained that the biggest dream everyone can have is, "one world family". Next Ek Nath Dhakal shared experiences of success in Nepal. Finally Professor Mustapha Kasim spoke on "Making a Difference".

After a day of lectures and group activities, participants had their talent night in the evening. Some universities prepared their beautiful cultural dance for everyone. There were even dances from Yemen, Somalia and China delegates. Everyone was drawn to their awe that for the first time they saw such wonderful cultural performances. Participants also performed skits from topics related to cross-cultural marriage, the role of CAP, and gender equality. These skits not only gave joy but also conveyed very important messages.

At the end of the conference students gave very good response and comments. The presentations were indeed an eye-opening experience for them and they expressed to keep themselves in close coordination in joining



projects and workshops in the future. The presence of 70 international students made the event even more dignified as many Muslim students from the Middle East participated. This could lead in con-

tributing to the promotion of the Middle East peace initiatives by raising young people as CAPs to work for peace in their respective regions in the near future. ♦



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Under Re-spect we have: treat others with respect, don't use bad language, deal peacefully with anger, insults or disagreements. Another character trait would be Responsibility: persevere, keep trying, think before you act, be accountable for your choices. Fairness: play by the rules, don't take advantage of others, and don't blame others carelessly. Caring: be compassionate and show your care, forgive others and help people in need. Citizenship: do your share to make your school or community better, cooperate, get involved in community affairs, respect the authorities, and protect the environment. Those would be examples of what we can do on a daily basis.

I also came across this very interesting piece that contrasted reputation and character: Reputation is what you are supposed to be. Character is what

you are. Reputation is the photograph. Character is the face. Reputation comes over one from without. Character grows up from within. Reputation is what you have when you come into a new community. Character is what you have when you go away. Reputation is made in a moment. Character is built in a lifetime. Your reputation is learned in one hour. Your character does not come to light for over a year. Reputation grows like a mushroom. Character grows like the oak. A single newspaper report gives you your reputation. A life of toil gives you your character. Reputation makes you rich or makes you poor. Character makes you happy or makes you miserable. Reputation is what people say about you on your tombstone. Character is what angels say about you before the throne of God.

I thought that was quite telling for this day. What can we learn today? Wherever we focus, that is what we will build up. So it's very important that as we're practicing and walking together,

and this goes mostly for myself, it is important that we focus on developing the character strengths that will give us longevity, strength, and a life worth living. And if we've had mistakes then it's important for us to apologize to those people. And it's important not to beat ourselves up or live in fear for the rest of our lives, but to really try our best. We want to focus on building character and not only reputation. But if we have a negative reputation, let's not lose hope; we can change it. But we have to focus on character, not on building the reputation. So let's not give up. The really important part about walking, practicing, about living a life of blessing, is that it's every day. We want to be a blessing to people every day. So let's not give up. Nobody's totally perfect, no-body is without flaw. Everybody has someone who is not supportive of them. But if we do our part, if we practice building character vs. only building reputation, not only will a good reputation follow, but we can live with

peace in our minds. We can live with more knowledge and wisdom, and we can live the blessed life that True Parents have blessed us to live.

Till next week I hope to encourage you, when you see yourself, to see yourself with the eyes of God. When God and True Parents see you, they see you as a VIP. He doesn't see you as a negative person, as somebody who is not able to succeed, without talents, unattractive. No. You have the opposite of those things. You have attractiveness, capability, and you have what it takes to succeed. You are victorious. You will be victorious in the things that you do. It's important that we see ourselves like that and envision our life in such a manner. So let's do that. VIP, as I try to remind brothers and sisters every week, stands for Victory, Illumination, and Peace. Let's have a little more of each in our lives. Brothers and sisters, can you receive this today? Thank you so much. ♦

Ambassadors For Peace Initiative In Nigeria

I am particularly impressed with the Universal Peace Federation for its focus on the family as the textbook of peace," Justice Minister and Attorney General of Nigeria, Hon. Michael Aondoakaa, stated upon his return to Nigeria after participating in UPF's International Leadership Conference in New York in September.

One month after the September International Leadership Conference that was part of UPF's Assembly 2007, UPF-Nigeria held a welcome home reception and dinner on December 4 for the Nigerian delegation sent by H.E Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The delegation was led in New York by the Attorney General.

This high-level gathering provided a forum for the Attorney General to report about the international conference to Nigerians. "When I addressed the Assembly 2007," he said, "I emphasized that Africa

and the whole world will launch into an era of sustained peace if we commit ourselves to strict adherence to the rule of law. The rule of law guarantees peace and order, safety, and security. The rule of law guarantees a process and a procedure which completely eliminates tension. The rule of law guarantees due process and assures every other citizen of remedy when rights are trampled upon."

The Nigerian delegation to UPF's Assembly 2007 included the former President Chief Ernest Shonekan, the Secretary Gen-



eral and National Coordinator, Olaleye Alao, and other dignitaries.

"Peace is such a precious gem that must be sought for by all peoples the world over," the Attorney General continued. "There is, therefore, no sacrifice too great for the sake of realizing a unified peaceful world, country, or community. In fact, peace comes with freedom, but there is no freedom without responsibility."

In addition to providing an opportunity to report on Assembly 2007, the gathering on October 25 at the Transcorp Hilton highlighted the interest of government officials in UPF peace efforts in Nigeria.

It also afforded an opportunity for the appointment of new Ambassadors for Peace: Mallam Abubakar Jijiwa,

Director General of the Voice of Nigeria Radio; Dr. Babatunde Adebawale Brown (MFM), Deputy Comptroller General of Nigeria Immigration; David Akosa Okongwu, Director General of the National Office for Technology Acquisition Promotion (Notap); Chief (Mrs.) Rhoda Mhunde Ako, Assistant Comptroller General/Secretary to the Board of the Nigeria Customs Service; Hon. Johnson Aigbudu Abolagba Esq., Member of the Federal House of Representative; Abuja Commissioner of Police Haruna John; Patrick Chima Ikeji, Director of the National Sports Development Commission; Dr. Ibn Chambers, President of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS); Miss Duru Uchen-na Antoinette Ngozi, ECOWAS Parliament, Abuja; Dr. Godwin Timothy N Ajakpo (Oon), the Galadima of Lokoja; Dennis Ude Ekumankama, Director/Secretary of the Nigeria Corporate Affairs Commission; Dr. Mabel Ozumba (Ph.D. Edu.), Director of the Federal Ministry of Education; Alhaji Ahmed Mohammed Gusau, Mfr. Honourable Minister of State; Hajiya A'ishatu Jibril Dukku (Mrs.), Honourable Minister of State; Mthembisi Mjikeliso, Minister/Counselor of the Embassy of South Africa in Nigeria. ♦



Japan UPF: UN Reform A Must

We need to reform the Security Council of the United Nations to reflect the reality of the world today," said Dr. Sukehiro Hasegawa, former Special Representative of the U.N. Secretary General in Timor-Leste at the UPF forum Nov. 30, 2007 to diplomats, politicians and peace activists in Tokyo.

The forum was organized by the Japanese chapter of the Universal Peace Federation, a New York-based non-governmental organization that encourages dialogue and reconciliation among conflicting parties in various parts of the world. One item on the group's agenda is U.N. reform, particularly in rallying support for more active involvement of religious or moral leadership in solving international disputes, including the Middle East crisis.

Hasegawa served in the U.N. system for 37 years, including engagements in the violent and confusing fields of Somalia, Rwanda and Timor-Leste. Thus, he is one of few Japanese well qualified to talk about the merits and weaknesses of the international body from his own personal experience.

On a number of occasions he found himself in the middle of a conflict, with tragedy unfolding in front of his own eyes. Among the events that still torment him were the killings in Rwanda in 1995, in which the United Nations estimates more than 2,000 civil-

ians lost their lives, including many women and children. A Rwandan diplomat at the forum called it "a complete failure of the U.N. operation."

Hasegawa recalled the reality in the field, explaining that the Security Council is very much in charge of field operations in times of crisis. "You just cannot get necessary authorization from the Security Council in a timely manner" to deal with changing situations, he said.

This is because, as he put it, "The Security Council reflects the views of very divergent groups of this planet." Thus, in order to make U.N. peace operations more effective, he urged the dozens of diplomats present at the forum, including several ambassadors to Japan, to press ahead with reform of the United Nations in general and the Security Council in particular.

The United Nations is now engaged



in 17 peacekeeping operations around the world, mostly in Africa and the Middle East, including the recently sanctioned mission in Darfur, Sudan. Some 67,000 personnel from 103 countries are mobilized under the U.N. mandate.

According to Hasegawa, who now teaches at a couple of colleges including the U.N. University based in Tokyo,

the United Nations' role in the peacemaking process has evolved significantly, especially since the end of the Cold War.

From a mere disengagement force as in the Korean peninsula, U.N. peacekeepers are now called upon to perform military, humanitarian, emergency and nation-building activities, sometimes virtually taking over the sovereign rights of the countries in which they operate.

Reflecting upon the bitter experience of clashes and turmoil last year in Timor-Leste after the Security Council decided to reduce the peacekeeping force stationed there, Hasegawa cautioned against the "premature withdrawal of security forces" from areas emerging from conflicts. In fact, he explained, "Police force training is now one of the main keys of U.N. peace-building activities."

Since Japan was admitted to the United Nations in 1956, its diplomacy has been faithfully U.N.-centered and it has been the second largest contributor of funds to the international body. Despite this, the Japanese government has failed to muster international support for its initiatives on U.N. reform, including its own permanent seat on the Security Council. ♦





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ACLC International Buffet in Winston Salem

by Carolyn Sampson

From the Pre-Program Christmas Music to the flow of the evening's program, led by Rev. Fermin Bocanegra and Evangelist Alexis Allen, it was an evening to remember.

Rev. Burgi Hutcherson, North Carolina ACLC - Co-Chairman, warmly welcomed all in attendance. Minister Willie Muhammad gave the invocation and Rev. Levy Daugherty, ACLC National Advisor, led the Holy Wine Ceremony.

Bob Huneycutt, who lives in Durham and is a member of FFWPU Raleigh, performed original songs written by himself. It is always a pleasure to listen to the music message and have his music by guitar take you places that speak to your spirit.

Vonda Gabriel of the Now Faith Holy Church performed a Worship Dance that took us to the gates of the most high, and the instrumental music provided by the Davis family from the CRT Apostolic Church had all attending stomping their feet and clapping their hands. It got better as Evangelist Cynthia Hill of St. John Baptist Church shared her soul and invited us to sing along.

Just when we thought it was a good evening it became even better when Rev. Levy Daugherty took the stage as Keynote Speaker for the occasion. After a rousing round of spirited songs, he spoke on the historical Jesus, God is love and God is inside each and every one of us and more...

Ambassador for Peace Presentations were made by John Pace from Apex, North Carolina. There is an ongoing campaign to extend an invitation to people in our world to become Ambassadors for Peace. It is hoped that the numbers will be greatly increased.

Other presentations awarded were the Family Flag, and a very special plaque was given to Bruce and Burgi Hutcherson for the gift of self in service to the work of building God's Kingdom in this world. Burgi, with the support of Bruce, does a tremendous ministry with passion and a heart as BIG as the World. Nobody does it better!

For those of us who don't get out much or who maybe don't know what's going on, announcements of upcoming events were shared.

A wrap-up of the evening was more

fun than you can imagine as Caroline Uyama led the Raffle of Gifts that were won by people whose name was pulled from the basket. Lots of gifts were passed out and many, many, people went home happy.

The evening closed with all singing Silent Night, Holy Night. Rev. Ardeal Roseboro of Liberty Grove Baptist Church in Taylorsville, North Carolina, gave the benediction.

ease and free to express their feelings to each other. It was wonderful how the participants responded spontaneously in love and unity to the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

John Pace, Ambassador for Peace & Special Assistant to Sharon Pace - AFC/UPF-USA Field Leader felt that it was a great evening and he was most glad to have been present and accounted for at the annual ACLC Christmas Dinner. He looks forward to next year

key religious leaders to come forward and surround us to pray for our mission and work. It was like all Heaven wanted to lift us up and bless us on our path as tribal messiah. I was honored to find such a heart and unity. Glory to God and True Parents for our lives! The Gift of Heavenly Gratitude goes to them!

Khalilah Sabra-Muslim American Society (MAS) Freedom, North Carolina



The Joy of Joining together!

Every intelligent man, if he believes in anything, believes in the brotherhood of all men, or at least he has a feeling of humanity. There is no humanity in unnecessary isolation, and there is nothing intelligent about the obsession to remain passé. The only practical solution for a sane society, aspiring for the acceptance of true diversity, is to take a leadership role in efforts to find ways to bridge the divide that has fostered the climate for the intolerable acts of religious intolerance we now are witnessing in the world today. May we all learn that none of us own the factory of complete knowledge and human perfection and much wisdom is still to be learned from each other.

TheFamily Federation continues to advocate the principles of humanitarian cohesiveness and encourages the family of humankind to gather and share ethical values from which we can all benefit from.

On Tuesday, December 11th, people from different faiths gathered in Winston-Salem to celebrate our differences and our mutual respect for

each other's differences. We acknowledged that we can exist with both, at the same time, if kindness and human love is the foundation of our relationship.

It was joyful and inspiring. The smiles, the words of inspiration, the melodies of joy- all bore witness to the fact that we live in a multicultural society where there is enough room for all of us and that we need only to venture toward each other to achieve mutual respect and communal harmony.

There is a future in this kind of bridge building and connecting of the human spirit. What starts with a meal, ends with a friendship and the wonderful possibilities that we can achieve the kind of brotherhood God has intended for us to create.❖

What do the people have to say about their evening experience?

Mary Shelton, a new Ambassador for Peace attending her first function wrote..."I thoroughly enjoyed it. I sure got some spiritual uplifting. I needed the renewal and revival of my spirit! Thanks for having me!"

Carolyn Sampson, Ambassador for Peace & Special Assistant to Sharon Pace - AFC/UPF-USA Field Leader reports that it was an awesome evening!!!!!! She expressed that the fellowship among the people in attendance was up close and personal and generally the best of the best. She was very glad to have attended and have the opportunity to mix and mingle.

Pastor Fermin: "The whole event had a family atmosphere with simplicity and personal touch. The people felt at

with greater anticipation!! He was also most happy and honored to present the plaque of appreciation to Bruce & Burgi.

Bruce Hutcherson - It was significant because of the support we received from local ministers, Ambassadors for Peace and Family Federation members. It was the committed people of heart who came. The place was nice, because the Spanish atmosphere took me into a foreign land without the airfare and the food was great and the cost was reasonable.

Burgi Hutcherson - It caught me by total surprise when Pastor Fermin called my husband and me on the stage to receive a plaque for "Heavenly Gratitude" recognizing our couple for many years of service and sacrifice for FFWPU and ACLC. Then Pastor Fermin called

ACLC Breakfast Meeting, Harlem

by Rev. Tom Corley

On a brisk Saturday morning, November 17, 2007, ACLC pastors and congregation members gathered at Ebenezer AME church, located at 170 East 123rd Street in East Harlem for the second-to-last prayer breakfast of 2007. We were given a warm welcome by Bishop William Robinson, Pastor. After a spirited hymn (How Great Thou Art) sung by Bishop Brown of the Bronx, who accompanied himself on the keyboard, our host Bishop Robinson offered a prayer for the breakfast and guided us to the serving counter, where a sumptuous meal had been prepared. After breakfast we watched a short video concerning efforts to bring peace to the Middle East. The video contained interviews with leaders of different faiths whose desire is to achieve a lasting peace.

As preparation, Rev. Edner Pierre Louis, Pastor of the Manhattan Family Church and our emcee for the prayer breakfast meeting, called on Mother Johnson from Brooklyn to grace us with a song. Her song was "Tell Me Where Love Comes From?" Her rendition of the song was beautiful as she endeavored to penetrate the depth of our souls. She took us on a journey to the heart of God, her whole being immersed in the words she sang. At the conclusion of her song, there could be no doubt where love comes from. She was accompanied on the keyboard by Bishop Brown. Brother Cesar Jr. of Ebenezer AME followed, singing "Joy" and accompanying himself on the keyboard. He encouraged all present to sing, clap and dance. The ACLC statement of purpose was read by Rev. Harvey Kendricks of Grace Baptist Church, Harlem. The founder's words were read by Rev. Raymond Dyer of Illumination Church of Harlem and the scriptural reading, Acts 17 verses 25 & 26, was given by Bishop McEwen from Brooklyn.

Rev. Pierre Louis introduced our Keynote Speaker, Rev. Alfred Miller, saying he was ordained into the Church of God in Christ 50 years ago and currently serves as Pastor of the Church for the Art of Living, which he founded some 20 years ago. Rev. Miller began with an Amen, which he said means, we agree with God, His word and purpose. "I greet you in love today," he

began, "and I am very happy to be here. Just a month ago we met in our church in Long Island and I am sure you are here today in order to receive more. God always has more."

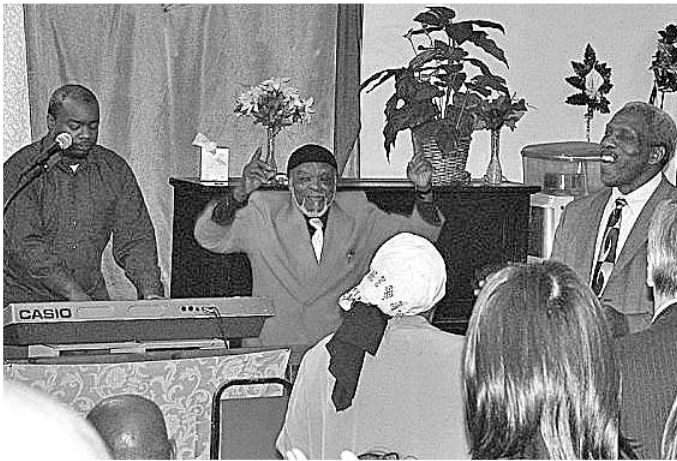
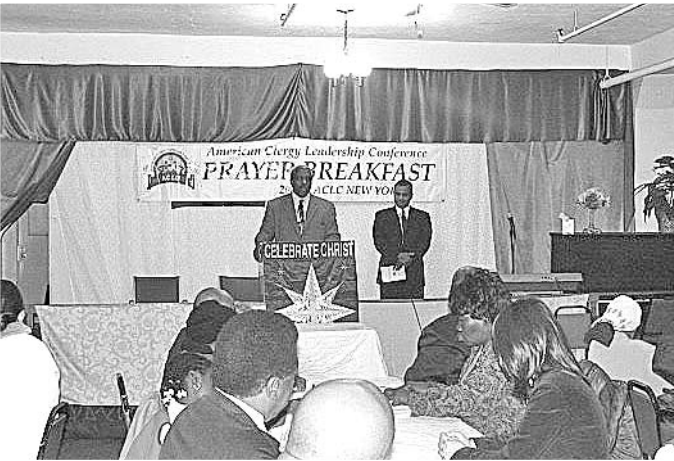
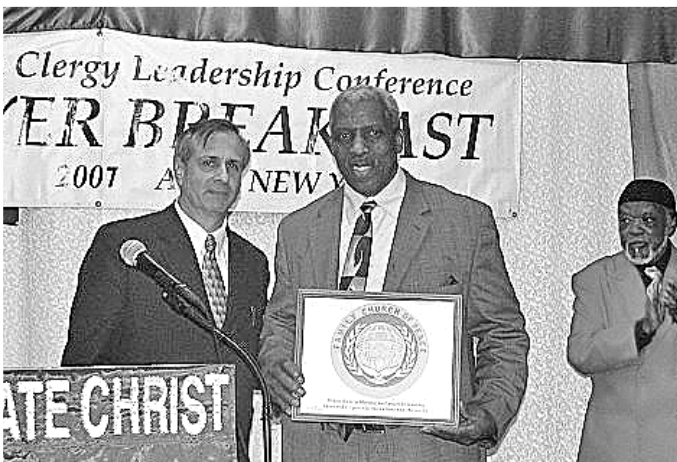
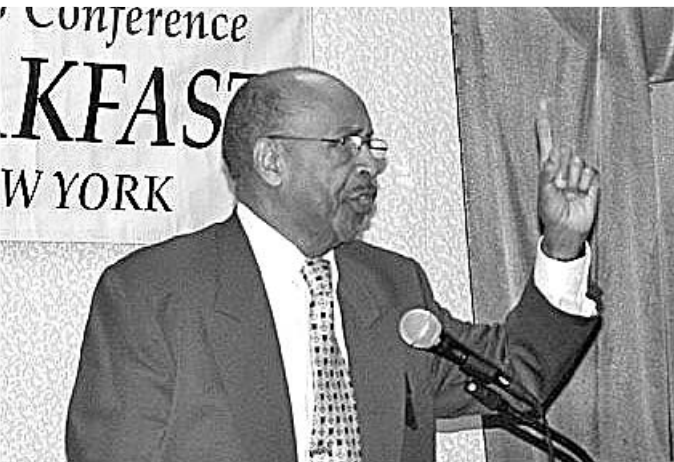
Rev. Miller then proceeded into his sermon. "I want to look into the scripture today and give you an idea how it all ties into what we are talking about. I have a favorite sermon that I like to preach. I am not going to preach it today, but I am going to touch on some excerpts from it. It is called the Triple-A Formula, and you know what Triple-A is. You can go almost anywhere in the country with your car and if you get in trouble you just have to make one call and you can get help on the spot...."

"Today with our subject we will be focusing on three parts of our lives and consciousness. The first 'A' is Awareness, the second 'A' is Acceptance, the third 'A' is Appreciation. You need all three of them to please God. We can't please God without going through the channels and requirements that the Holy Spirit wants to use. It is wonderful to know that God made no mistakes when he created us. We need to affirm that we are wonderfully and lovingly made, for God is love, and all of the love that God has is embedded in us. We look for love, but I want you to know

that you are looking for what you already have; it dwells in you. You will discover that you have love, that you have peace and all the wonderful virtues of God. We are wonderfully and lovingly made...."

"I want you to know that we will have no boundaries in the Kingdom of Heaven. There will be no denominations. There is not going to be anything but the children of God, and I'm planning to be in that number. So when we seek this connection and we find it, we can rejoice because the world is now coming back together. I can see in the ACLC conference that God is bringing it all together. Even though there are a lot of things happening in the world, there is peace. Every day we are walking, talking, trusting and living with God. Every day in every way I am getting stronger and stronger, more loving and more loving. That's an acceptance of God's word. That's the second 'A,' acceptance...."

"The third 'A' is to appreciate. Appreciation generates understanding of each other. My wife and I have been to many parts of the world and we have learned a lot. We have learned where we didn't know love existed. We have learned to touch and be one with people who needed it at that moment and didn't even know it...."



"The door to God is always open and you don't need a combination. You just need to believe that you are one with God and that the Father is one with you. Isn't that what Rev. Moon is doing? Rev. Moon is talking that talk and walking that walk, demonstrating these three principles, awareness, acceptance, and appreciation, moving all over the world telling people we are one in the spirit. The door is not locked. Believe that God has opened the door and, if God has opened the door, walk in. Accept it, believe it and appreciate it and then it will come forth. Appreciation generates understanding, and when one learns to love all people one will find plenty of people who will return that love. If you're looking for love today, put out love."

"One thing I have learned in my travels is that some people don't have very much, yet when they have each other they are satisfied. So we have each other today in this organization. In fact, when I look at you, I don't see you - I see God! I see God's life, apparent and brilliant."

An offering was taken while Mother Johnson from Brooklyn sang "I Don't Believe You Brought Me This Far To Leave Me." Bishop Robinson offered a prayer to bless the offering. Rev. Pierre Louis gave a brief introduction of the blessing and guided all present in participating. In closing remarks Rev. Grodner mentioned that before there was religion, there was family, and that is where we need to return. He also shared about an Imam from Mali who lives in New York and who recently had to deal with a tragic fire that killed several members of a family. He shared how this Imam was so touched by the love he received from Islamic, Christian, and Jewish neighbors. The flag of the Unified Family of Churches was presented to Bishop Robinson. Announcements were made concerning the upcoming speech by Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon on November 21 and the upcoming thirty-third peace trip to the Middle East. Offerings were presented to Bishop Robinson and Rev. Miller. New visitors were encouraged to join ACLC. Rev. Miller was invited up once again to give the benediction. ♦

True Family Awards Banquet in Vienna

The afternoon of Sunday, 2nd of December, more than 220 guests gathered at the Hotel Marriott in Vienna in order to participate in the second "True Family Award Banquet", organized by the peace organisations of the Unification Movement of Austria, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), the Family Federation for World Peace and the Women's Federation for World Peace.

Christmas carols and spirituals, presented by the "Vienna Peace Choir" prepared the atmosphere for the first speaker, Mrs. Marie-Therese Kiriaky. Her topic: "Oriental Christmas". As the President of the Arabic Women of Vienna and the Vice President of the Oriental Christians of Vienna she was most authentic to give insight in the life of the Christians of the Middle East.

The presentation of the second speaker, Dr. Wolfgang Czerny, picked up the topic on purity before marriage as preparation for a stable family life. Dr. Czerny's initiative "Pure Love Alliance" offers a chance for young people to join this idea.

In her speech, Mag. Caroline Klade, owner of the "Communications' Academy" and professor at the University in Krems, made us all reflect on our way of communicating with our spouse or children.

The next speaker, Mag. Herbert Wolf, explained about "Family ethics in the Far East", pointing out the importance of the parent-child relationship, filial piety and respect for the elder in Confucian ethics. He pointed out that these are values which need to be revitalized in today's western society.

Rev. Peter Zöhrer introduced the guest speaker of the evening, the Rev.



Dr. Joong Hyun Pak, president of UPF-Central Europe. As the initiator of the "True Family Award Banquet" - project

in Austria, Switzerland and Italy, he explained and summarized the idea behind, stating that "Tonight, we are promoting a marriage culture, where marriage is encouraged, supported and expected, where marriage means strength and perpetuity. Marriage and family are in crises today, and we want to guarantee that it is not the institution of marriage that is blamed and finally sacrificed, but the failed application that needs adjustment."

After his speech "The four realms of love" Rev. Pak and his wife, as well as Rev. Zöhrer and his wife presented the "True Family Award" - plaque to 10 exemplary families. The MC introduced each one of them, explaining why they had been chosen for the award. The highlight of the

evening was when these families gathered on the stage, some with their beautiful children. Their lively example of practising true family values was a great inspiration for everybody in the room.

Among the awardies were families from various cultural and religious backgrounds, ie. from the Coptic Church, the Allevians, the Syrian- Orthodox Church, the Islamic Community as well as Catholic families. Some of them have 8 and 10 chil-

dren on their own and still find time and energy to invest themselves for people outside their family. One lady, mother of 10 children, said: "One important lesson our children have learned is: not everything you do for others can be paid for with money!"

After the Award-Ceremony dinner

was served and there was time for sharing among the guests. The program ended with Christmas-songs by the "Vienna Peace Choir", which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

As we left, we could see the purpose of the evening fulfilled:

"Tonight we are strengthening our network of marriage and family culture and we feel great joy in being able to honor those who have worked so hard for it. "Family" is the cornerstone of an ethical and moral society and is the most natural way for each family member to fulfill their greatest potential and joy in life." ♦



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North Dakota ACLC: Peace for Sudan

by John & Keiko Foss

Eighteen loving souls gathered October 27, 2007 at the Chapel of the Edgewood Vista Senior Citizen Community Center. The Center was newly opened last month and they were happy to let us use of their chapel for our event.

The Topic was “Peace in Sudan & the Role of the United Nations”. Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Sirisio Louis Oromo drove to Fargo from South Dakota. He is an ordained Lutheran Minister and native of Southern Sudan. He has been working tirelessly to bring peace and stability to his homeland. His coming attracted an interested group. Fargo has been the new home of many who fled the war in Sudan. We are proud of our Sudanese friends, who despite their abuse in their homeland, are now standing up strongly and taking responsibility to rebuild Sudan. Our consciences are moved by them to understand and to do what we can to relieve their suffering.

Rev. Oromo's message began with a call to look closely inside ourselves. Don't condemn others. Religions that do so cause wars. Human beings cause war, not God. Religion means “good faith”, but we made it something different. First be honest with your self, and change yourself. Self-

ishness creates injustice toward others. Don't seek to destroy the enemy, destroy the hate and enmity between you. God does not get rid of an enemy because he sees all of us as a parent sees.

The British who colonized Sudan gave the most attention to the Arab North, while Southern Sudan was influenced mainly by the missionaries. The more developed North began to unjustly plunder the resource- rich South when independence came in the early 1950's. Fighting has continued since that time, at first between Muslims & Christians, but as of late, mainly over natural resources.

There is a window of opportunity with the present peace agreement, in which the South is to share in about 25% of the government positions, and the oil is to be shared 50/50. Rev. Oromo has been offered a government position and is considering taking it, although he is somewhat wary because he knows the difficulty and corruption that he will need to endure. There are already violations of the peace agreement taking place.

Rev. Oromo shared the real situation of today's Sudan, its government system and life in refugee camps. For Americans who have lived a blessed life, the Sudanese situation is difficult to understand and bear. Our hearts were left heavy with the

reality of life in Sudan.??God inspired the words of Mike McGregor after the Keynote address. Mike is a leader of faith at First Assembly of God in Fargo. He is also a physician's assistant and a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserves (now retired). He was deployed to Iraq as “Medical Officer in Charge” in 2003. He spoke of how his strong faith was his greatest instrument of protection and strength during his 1 1/2 year deployment in Iraq. Even as shells exploded in his compound, he felt no fear because he felt the love of Christ constantly with him. He personally encouraged each of us, as we go into the dangerous arenas of conflict, to have no fear and believe that God will protect and use each of us to fulfill his will.

We were blessed with the attendance of Fargo writer and humanitarian Deb Dawson. She is coordinating a project with “Lost Boy of Sudan” Joseph Markeer. Joseph and Deb have begun their “mission” by promoting Joseph's book called “African Soul and American Heart”. They are raising funds to send Joseph and a film crew to create a documentary film about life in Sudan. They are planning a trip to Southern Sudan in December. As a mother who has adopted and raised international children from Siberia and Korea, Deb feels a deep parental love for

Joseph and the other lost boys of Sudan. She is determined to aid him in fulfilling his goal to build an orphanage in Sudan.

Cindy Pfeiffer shared with us at breakfast, the importance of the Universal Peace Federation. She recently attended its convocation in New York City, where Ambassadors of Peace from 197 nations met. Cindy is helping Kenneth Masunga organize his efforts to make substantial improvements in Sudan.

Mr. Kenneth Adams Masungu from Sudan spoke about his “ Young Shepherd Project “. It is an effort to build a school and hospital in his home village near Juba, Sudan. Kenneth's daughter Roza came along to support Rev. Oromo and her father. Jean Albert, a strong mother in theSudanese community, spoke compassionately and offered her beautiful smile. She is always working hard to love her Sudanese family, even as she is battling cancer. Both Jean and Roza gave heartfelt testimonies of their concern for Sudan.

At the end of the program, we stood hand in hand while Rev. Oromo gave the Benediction Prayer. We are all hopeful that our Prayer Breakfast will be a building block towards the future peaceful Sudan and world. ♦

IN MEMORIAM

John Edwin Sapp

Our beloved brother John Sapp, the son of Rev. Richard and Barbara Sapp, passed away due to a long-standing heart condition. He was a very special brother who truly loved God and True Parents. He touched the lives of so many in our church and in the community and the University of North Florida, where he worked.

Reverend Sapp and Barbara are the Co State Directors of our Florida Church. They are an outstanding blessed central family, and their family has shined in so many responsibilities. John was an outstanding and committed member of the STF and gave two years of victorious service.

John entered into the spirit world on October 10, 2007. He died of heart failure. John had a congenital heart defect and his doctors had told him that he might not live beyond the age of 28. John was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, in

1979 and lived in Bayou La Batre, Alabama, and Norfolk, Virginia, before his family settled in his parents' hometown of Jacksonville, Florida. John attended the Little Angels School in Korea for a short time before attending James Weldon Johnson Middle School and graduating from Stanton High School with honors.

John spent his summers counseling at church youth camps and dedicated one summer helping at a special needs camp.

When the Pure Love Alliance toured Japan and Korea, John was there with his whole heart. But it was on the STF that he saw firsthand the transforming power of the Divine Principle and the impact it could have on the world. After

fulfilling his one-year commitment, John was among the first STF members to surprise his friends and family by volunteering for a second year of service.

Though John faced many trials, he remained firm in his advocacy that young people commit to public service after graduating from high school and before continuing their education. He even encouraged young people who were not raised in the church to join STF.

John's keen intellect and passion for truth led him naturally to a career in university administration. Until the day of his sudden departure from this world he served as chief accountant of student services at the University of North Florida, where he was also soon to graduate

with a degree in accounting.

John was never one to back down on a point of principle, and he often challenged those who loved him to reflect on what their behavior as he did his own. He was a loyal friend especially to those of the second generation who endured the similar sufferings of growing up in our movement.

For now, John, we miss you. We look forward to great things from you in the future as you continue to inspire us.

John Sapp is survived by his parents, Richard and Barbara Sapp of Jacksonville FL, his older brother Craig Stuart Sapp of London UK, his older sister Christina Tadin (married to Dionisije Tadin) of Stony Creek, ON, his younger brother Andrew Martin Sapp (married to Taeko Masuyama) of Los Angeles, CA, his younger sister Virginia "Ginny" Sapp of Jacksonville FL, nephews Tristan, Ethan, Kaden Tadin and niece Tatyana Tadin..♦

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Parks

Our dear brother Richard Parks of Kodiak has passed into the spirit world. We send our sincere love and condolences for Sun Ye his wife and his son, Jesse and his daughter, Annie.

Richard has been a very faithful blessed husband and Father and a special son to True Parents. When he was a state representative of our church in Indiana he witnessed to McDevitt brothers (Michael and Tom). in Kodiak. Mrs. Parks has taken care of True Parents when ever they come to Kodiak.

The Seung Hwa ceremony was held on Saturday September 22nd at 10:00 am at our local FFWPU center (Angel Garden).

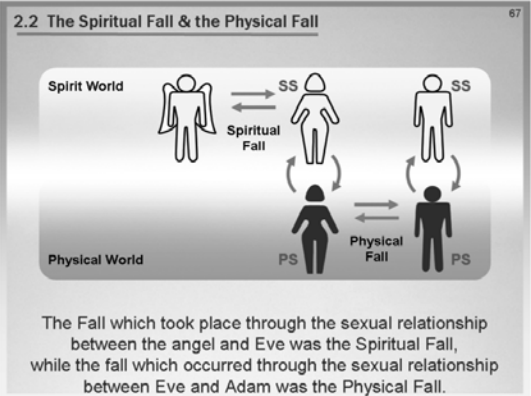
Richard has always been a dedicated true child of True Parents and our local community love him and his family very much. This is the time on which we offer to God all our grateful moments with Richard and resolve any grief if there is any in preparations for his smooth transition.

Let us also pray for his wife Sun Ye, His son Jesse, and his daughter Annie and all his loved ones that he left behind to receive love and comfort from Heavenly Father.♦

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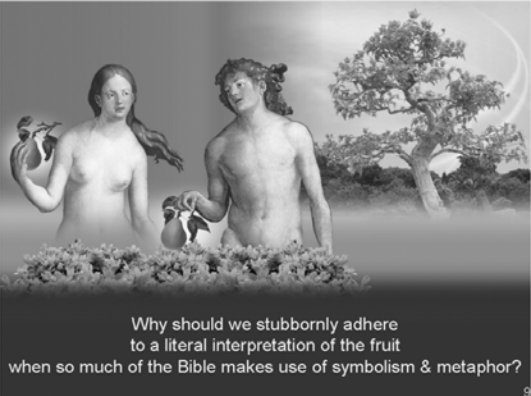
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Providence of Hoon Dok Family Church Based on the Completed Testament

Reverend Sudo's Special UTS Lecture

Over 90 first and second generation Hoon Dok Family Church leaders gathered at UTS November 23-25, 2007, to gain insight on the meaning and direction of Hoon Dok Family Church from Reverend Sudo. For two nights and three days Reverend Sudo poured out content that normally takes seven days to give. He outlined God's Ideal in the Four Great Realms of Heart, His pain at the time of the Fall due to the loss of lineage, the course of restoration that True Father mastered by walking the way of True Love, loving even the greatest enemy, and how he opened the way for inheritance of his foundation for Blessed Central Families through Home Church, Tribal Messiahship and now to Hoon Dok Family Church. Tyler Hendricks commented that normally the discussion on

Hoon Dok Family Church is about how to run a small group, and what are good ice breakers, but that discussion runs out. This time Rev. Sudo gave the inside first, for the members to move from the inside out. Reverend Sudo's content was a summary of over 1,500 hours of guidance that Father directly invested into 16,000 Japanese sisters in Che Ju Island for 2 years. Rev. Dong Woo Kim noted the significance of this content coming from the mother nation to stimulate the elder son nation. From this content, one participant realized, "The destiny of our life is to build HDFC and to become true parents. In order to become true parents we have to achieve Three Great Blessings; then we need to gain Three Great Rights." Reverend Sudo was the teacher for many of our American leadership. He returned to America, graciously accepting the invita-

tion to return to assist in advancing the central providence of Hoon Dok Family Church. It was a treasure to have one of the great internal guidance givers till the soil for the Blessed Central Families to understand the profundity of the destiny of Hoon Dok Family Church. Reverend Sudo's content reached out to both first and second generation. "It is my belief that maybe 90% of Second Generation have never heard content like this," commented one second generation. "I would suggest that his content become mandatory for all members to have the necessary understanding of the providence," commented another. On Monday, Reverend Sudo shared similar content with 150 Japanese members. Many of them felt spiritually uplifted and made a determination to breakthrough with Hoon Dok Family Church. We should all master this content like

Reverend Sudo did in order to give this guidance to our Hoon Dok Family Church, as well as to our surrounding communities. "We have the answers to the most important questions of life," Reverend Sudo confidently assured the participants. In the Age After the Coming of Heaven, let us become the representatives of True Parents that can be the vehicles that will bring heavenly fortune to our communities! There is a manuscript and DVD of the English content available for purchase through Reverend Stewart of the Hoon Dok Family Church Office in Washington, D.C. (202)345-6794 E-Mail ; truescot@earthlink.com and the Japanese content through the Kodan office. (212)768-1929; E-Mail address ; usjphq@tiac.net ❖

EMDR: An Approach to Body-mind Unity

by Sandra Lowen

‘You’ve got cancer. We don’t know what the outcome will be.” Around the world, those words daily lead people spiraling into depression and despair. One woman, however, discovered a very different path. Then-graduate psychology student, Francine Shapiro stumbled out of her doctor’s office in 1987, head reeling. She sat on a nearby park bench to gather her thoughts and consider the impact of what she had just heard. She was young, bright, and just getting ready to take on the world. Now a few words from a doctor had revealed that her future might hold only pain and

death. She sat, her mind blank, watching the wind blow the uncut grass back and forth – back and forth – About half an hour later she stood up to go. It was then that it occurred to her. Yes, she still had cancer, but – but that fact wasn’t obsessing over her mind as it had been just minutes before. There might be solutions, alternatives to dying. What had changed? She could think only that she had been watching the grass blow for the past half hour. And so a gardener’s negligence led to the birth of a new and innovating psychological and physical therapy. Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (‘EMDR’) has been heralded around the world as the premier modal-

ity for treatment of chronic pain, as well as physical, emotional, and sexual trauma. It has been used successfully in the treatment of survivors, families, and caregivers of events such as 9/11, the 2006 Tsunami, Katrina and Rita hurricanes and the Iraq and Afghan Wars. The young cancer victim’s discovery provides relief for amputees experiencing phantom pain, speakers approaching the podium for the first time, writers and musicians facing performance anxiety or writer’s block, and students approaching quizzes. Individuals who have been in therapy for many years find themselves able to overcome their issues after a handful of sessions.

What Is EMDR?

At night when we sleep our bodies clean and repair themselves, which is why we may wake up with ‘eye goo’ and need of a shower. Our minds also review the issues of the day and deal with any leftover

material, which is why we sometimes wake up with solutions to problems we grappled with unsuccessfully the day before. Scientists have associated the rapid eye movement (REM) of deep sleep with this cleansing process. When problems overwhelm us, however, or when we find ourselves in emergency situations, sleep usually eludes us. As night after night brings only marginal rest, REM sleep may be insufficient to help us process our thoughts adequately, our resistance may break down, leading to physical illness as well as mental exhaustion. Their ability to deal with the problem declines, and other problems may well build up around the original issue When something disagreeable happens, the human tendency is to avoid anything that reminds them of the problem, to bury the memory of the thing in some dark closet of the mind. However, most memories are not one-dimensional. Because people have five senses, each sense records what is happening at any moment of our lives. For instance, as you sit reading this article, there may be music playing in another room, or the smell of oranges from a fruit you just opened. Perhaps you are wearing a textured sweater or the room you are reading in is a little chilly. You may be getting a cold and sipping a cup of lemon tea. Now let us say that something really bad happens, or you hear that a disaster such as 9/11 has just occurred. You may know intellectually that the event took place. You also will probably remember precisely where you were, what you were doing, how you found out, and who you called first to talk about it with. The reason is that when deep emotions come, the mind ‘photographs’ the moment and embeds the memory as visual, auditory, tactile, olfactory and gustatory senses. It may also catalogue the event with other events similar to it that you have experienced but not yet processed. Therefore, one may undergo verbal therapy, but not get over the trauma, because the other senses still ‘remember’ the event and it remains stored in the memory along with other unprocessed memories that may seem at first glance, only marginally related to it.

EMDR AND DIVINE PRINCIPLE

EMDR, which has appeared at the

point in time at which the collective sludge of history blocks so much of humanity, manifesting as anxiety, pain, trauma, fear, inadequacy, and conflict, seems to be proof that God hears the cry of an overwhelmed humanity. During this period of Cheon Il Guk, God is working in many ways both in and outside of the religious community to assist all people in creating a foundation to receive the Messiah. While most of us can fulfill the Foundation of Faith on the individual level, Foundation of Substance is difficult for many to achieve, particularly on the family and tribal levels. For instance, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart created some of the world’s most beautiful music – and suffered a tragic life, riddled with frustrations, poor interaction with others, alcoholic and sexual excesses. His life ended when he was only 35 years old. Like Mozart, concerns from our childhoods, our sense of deprivation and entitlement, and other issues may well interfere with our quest for fulfillment, purification, and happiness. EMDR notes the principle of give and take. Most movements within the body reflect polarity; that is, walking alternates left and right feet. Muscle movement requires a shift between expansion and contraction. Body systems turn on or off. Utilizing these, the EMDR practitioner guides the client in bringing issues to the surface, reviewing them dispassionately, finding a solution for them, and discarding them. Far from being a parlor trick, a pop-psychology fad, or some form of hypnosis, EMDR is currently hailed as the psychological modality of choice by the American Psychology Association. The typical session takes sixty to ninety minutes and requires minimal effort on the part of the client. It may have a positive effect even on issues the client consciously to masks.

Sandra Lowen, Ph.D., LCSW, (1800 couple) is certified as an EMDR practitioner. With her husband, John Lowen, MS, LCSW, also a clinical therapist, she maintains a practice in Clifton Park, NY, treating individuals, couples, and families. For further information about individual, couples, or family therapy, contact the Lowens at 518/437-0790. For further information on EMDR, consult emdria.org. ❖

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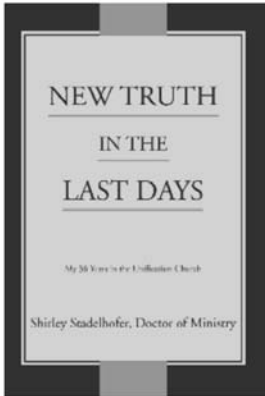
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New Truth in the Last Days

My 36 Years in the Unification Church

Shirley Stadelhofer, Doctor of Ministry



“A ‘couldn’t put it down’ kind of a book. So simple and beautiful, like Shirley herself.” According to Rev. Kevin Thompson. “Dr Shirley as she was affectionately known by most people, poured the last days of her life into this book which is part testimonial of her 36 years as a follower of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, and part explanation of the teachings of Rev Moon.”

As one of the foremost presenters of the Divine Principle to Christian ministers, Shirley Stadelhofer’s presentation style is uniquely simple, concise, straight forward, and passionate. This book would be a great gift or loan to anyone interested in what Rev. Moon teaches. An e-book version is available.

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you.”
What about starting a business, or making capital investments? Unless you have extraordinary talent, that’s just about the only way to make a lot of money.

Investments are risky, and demand a huge amount of your time and attention. Many Unificationists rent out homes, and run successful restaurants or franchise shops. Most have partners and employees reliable enough to allow time for vacations and Providential activity.

There are many secular and Christian financial advisors, who can offer sound guidance. In the future, we Unificationists will build our own financial networks and consumer power. Concerning the far end of life, we’ve established a national cemetery.

As children enter the picture, and even though it’s distasteful, we must record our wills and medical ‘preference’ documents. When there’s more property involved, a living trust is a good idea.

Why? Many states have passed horrible ‘pull the plug’ laws, and few people even know about them. The awful Terry Schiavo case was a timely lesson. States like California have greedy, also little known, ‘escheat’ laws, which allow bureaucrats to grab inactive bank accounts. (Worse yet, errors are common.)

CONCLUSION

At our Bay Area Family Church we’ve held several Old and New Couple dinners. Frank and wide-ranging discussions were the order of the day. It’s amazing how many practical ideas, and words of wisdom, our elder couples have gleaned over the years.

Unselfish sacrifice is good. As an added bonus, it’ll help prevent your kids from getting spoiled. Keep in mind that, in a material sense, you cannot offer what you never had in the first place.

Therefore, go right ahead and become prosperous. ❖

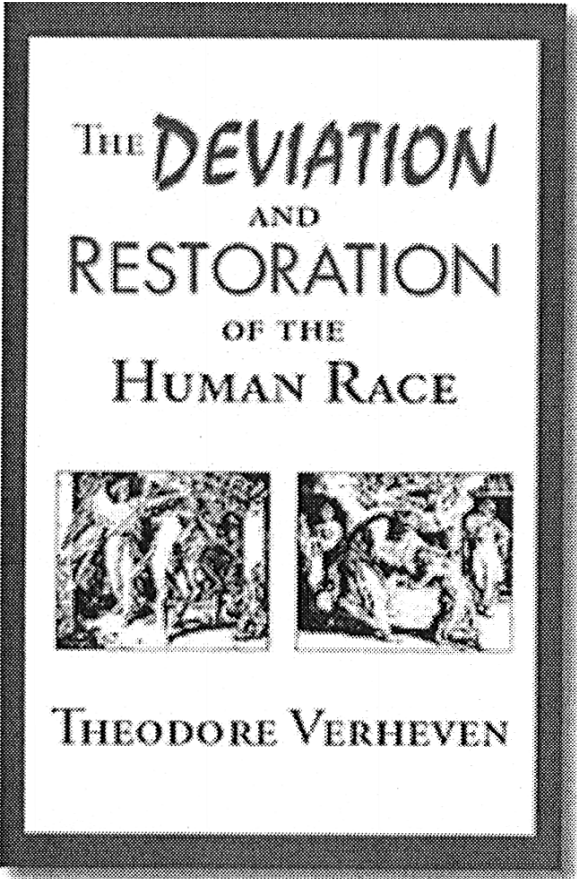
The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race

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.

For more detail, go to: “The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race” on AtlasBooks.com - “Category” Biblical Studies or Body, Mind, Spirit. See Summary and Testimony and click on “excerpt” for Foreward and 10 pages of Table of Contents.



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Peace-building in the Ivory Coast

The September 2007 Ivory Coast RYS project is the first held in a French speaking African country. The project included three main activities: Experiential peace-building education for the participants, the service project which impacted the local community, and the conferences between the UN offices and the RYS, creating partnership through its developing activities in the Ivory Coast.

Through the educational component of the project, the participants developed greater skill in working together as a community and understanding the necessity of living for the sake of others. The education activities made participants aware of how they can become artisans of peace by taking responsibility to proactively fulfill service to others. They could understand that, by engaging in such service, they became more and more as brothers and sisters forming one family.

The second part of the project was



an exciting success. Through the RYS project, the local community could feel renewed hope in life. After 5 years of conflict, villagers were rejuvenated upon seeing people from far away come to their small home in the bush. There, without lights, RYS built a school for the children. Participants were bothered by mosquitoes and ate simple local food but would not give up. The entire community was involved in the project - children, women, men even elderly people.

Participants played with the children, giving them joy. Almost all of the children (ages 1 to 6) had never attended school and had never saw white people before. The village women demonstrated their beautiful hearts by bringing food in the night, and fire wood to prepare the food, as well as fetching water each day for participants' needs. The local youth also joined the volunteer activities.

One day, in response to the community's kindness, all the participants visited each family in the three villages. In joy and gratitude the local community gave them three goats, yams, and harvest from their farms. It is remarkable how a simple action can change peoples' lives.

The third part of the project involved



conferences with the local UN office in Bouake. The officers were very interested in the RYS project, especially in the ways RYS works to breakdown barriers and build bridges of understanding with the local people to facilitate a more lasting peace. This UN partnership will be greatly strengthened with the next Ivory Coast RYS projects. Email: info@religiousyouthservice.org ❖

Service Project in Sri Lanka

This year's project in Sri Lanka was planned for August 18-24, 2007 in Ratnapura, the world-famous city for gems. It is also famous for rubber and low country tea plantations. Ratnapura is a multifaith city of Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and Christians. Geographically Ratnapura is situated in an area of regular rainfall. Therefore it is abundant with natural beauty in the surrounding vicinity including a virgin tropical rain forest.

On the first morning, participants gathered up near the Fort railway station and the son of the president of Sri Lanka, Mr. Namal Rajapakse, paid a surprise visit to greet all and to offer his good wishes on our project.



After all the formalities, the enthusiastic participants arrived at the field to do their part. Some worked hard at digging up the earth for the foundation and pillars, while a few other participants did

landscaping. They worked mixing the cement and applying the concrete to the study room we were building for the children.

The work project was to build a study hall and to repair and upgrade the existing play area of the local orphanage which houses 22 boys, all less than 12 years old. Five of them are Tamils and the others are Sinhalese. The children have all been sent to the Ratnapura orphanage by the government because either they have been abandoned or their parents are in jail. The orphanage is managed by the Buddhist Society of Ratnapura which depends heavily on the donations of well wishers. However, the donations the orphanage receives are barely enough for the day-to-day maintenance of the children.

The participants enjoyed visits to a Buddhist Temple and also took part in a Hindu ritual.



They visited a gem mine and finished their stay in Sri Lanka in the rain forest.

"Although I've participated in several Youth Projects, this is the first time I was able to really be 'Interreligious'- this was unique," said the head girl of the Lyceam International School, Colombo (and IPSF 2007 participant in Basketball) Ishara Guruge.

Daniel, a school teacher from Jaffna, north of Sri Lanka, thanked RYS for the wonderful experience he had because it for changed his idea about the Southern Sinhalese, who are thought to be discriminating to the Tamils in Sri Lanka.❖



RYS Peace Vacation

RYS Training was given to 20 young teachers this December in preparation for them to receive 200 children registered to attend a Vacation for Peace, a six-week sports program designed by the Ministry of Peace.

Trainer, Carol Pobanz, supported by the translation of Sung Hwa Bessell, who was also one of the project organizers, adapted the RYS service-learning orientation to accommodate the needs and vision of the Peace Vacation program. The young teachers enjoyed the program as they were taken through exercises which both helped them understand peace building, as well as illustrated the methodology used to facilitate experiential learning.

The training program lasted through the morning for 5 consecutive days. Other speakers for the program included Romulo Rojas - Asst. Director of the Dept. of Culture of Peace at the Guatemala Ministry of Peace, Nathan Hardeman -



Assoc. Director of MIGLOFUT (Global Soccer Ministries) and Luis Navarro - General Coordinator of the Peace Vacation Program.❖

THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



E d u c a t i o n a l B o o k R e v i e w

Carla A. Woolf Connecting the Dots

The Cognitively Correct Way to Speak With Preschoolers

By Shin Young Chang

Ever find yourself regretting your choice of words when it comes to your children? Have a hard time figuring out what kinds of activities to do with young children to keep them busy and help them learn while having fun?

Life is crazy busy for the majority of parents in North America. Some parents are going at it alone, while married mother's often feel alone in their parenting due to the overall stresses of life. It gets hard and often times, there isn't anyone around to help plan the day out.

Carla A. Woolf's *Connecting the Dots: The Cognitively Correct™ Way to Speak With Preschoolers* is so incredibly wonderful as a solution to this dilemma! It's great for parents, teachers, childcare givers, baby-sisters, older siblings, aunts and uncles, and the list goes on. There hasn't quite been a book of this caliber on the bookstore shelves within the last 10 years. I say this because Woolf managed to not only provide applicable solutions in her book, she managed to also provide a comprehensible structure to her book, so busy people like parents won't feel as if reading her book is taking up too much of their precious time.

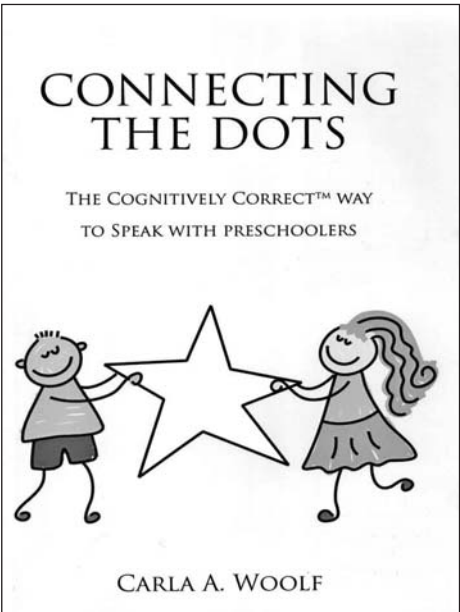
Woolf's book is split into three comprehensible parts that are clean cut and to the point. Part one provides her theory and reasoning behind what she calls the "Dialect of Positivity." Woolf is on a "quest for a language that reflects potential positivity and possibility." Woolf also

namely the great world wars.

Part two has creatively been constructed as a learning process for adults by use of a hypothetical conversation between two adult educators, one male, one female, and a four year old girl carefully named "Eve". The "interview" covers what in

Woolf's estimation would be considered comprehensible language a preschooler requires from adults. It's a quick read covering a variety of points that we overlook or were never taught about a preschoolers ability and capability to understand at such a young age and what is required of us to nourish their ability to grasp the correct meaning in our choice of words.

Part three is my favorite part of Woolf's book. It's jam packed full of a p p l i c a b l e information! This section charts out the cognitively correct dialect, or "Dialect of Positivity" against the incorrect dialect we hear on a regular basis as it would come up in specific situations, such as when teaching about health and safety, or when teaching about environment. This section is sub-sectioned into situational dialect, with each section finished off with a summary, the reasoning behind the correctness and incorrectness of the dialect reiterated in point-form, and a short list of helpful materials to have



handy for teaching that particular situation.

There is a short list of additional suggested reading on the topic of cognitively correct dialect as well as a glossary of terms Woolf has used throughout the book within her perspective on the topic.

Woolf provides a valuable resource of practical guidance as well as theory on cognitively correct dialect. She provides for the everyday educator a language that reflects "potential positivity and possibility" though admits that her theories are still debatable and still need further work. Regardless, two-thirds of this book is applicable in a practical, everyday manner and that is more than I can say about most books that claim to be useful. I highly recommend this book to EVERYONE as a guide on how to communicate verbally to anyone in a manner that says, "I am here for you."

To learn more about Carla A. Woolf and Connecting the Dots: The Cognitively Correct™ Way to Speak With Preschoolers visit www.ccthedots.com

CONNECTING THE DOTS

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XIV COGNITIVE

Cognitively-Correct™:

I told you that you could stay up for '10' more minutes if you put your pajamas on first. The next time you disregard our agreement, it'll be a couple of days before you have another chance for extra time, get ready for bed right now.

Please sit down and do some drawing and scribbling. You have to spend a little time doing a sitting down game or activity.

Bring your tricycle in, put it in the garage, and put your muddy shoes in the laundry room.(2) Could you please repeat what I just asked you to do? – After you're done with that you can have a treat.

What do you think will happen if you do that again?

What do you think will change if you pour water in your rice-playing tray, what will happen to the dry rice? You can mix water with pebbles or mud outside.

Did you notice any changes in the window plants since a few days ago?

Cognitively-incorrect:

I get so mad when you don't listen to me. Bad boys don't get special treatment. (2) That's it, no more staying up late. You really hurt my feelings when you take advantage of my kindness like that.

You better sit down and do some practicing with your numbers and letters, and I'm going to be checking it, so do it "right".

I didn't say that it was okay for you to leave your tricycle outside, don't put words in my mouth. I told you to put it in the garage, and don't you dare bring those muddy shoes inside the house. Why should I bother giving you a snack now?

You're just going to create a disaster if you do that.

You're going to ruin it if you put water in there. I'm not cleaning it out and putting more rice in there every time you decide to put water in it.

Look, there's a flower growing in this plant.

delves into the damaging affects of what she dubs the "dialect of fear" and how is has been prevalent in interactions between adult and child, as well as between adult and adult since the great world tragedies,

Curriculum Mini-Grant Program

The **Center for Education** at UTS is announcing the Curriculum Mini-Grant Program . The mini-grants program offers grants between \$500 - \$1,000 for the creation of professional curricula and teaching tools for the diverse age groups within the Unification movement. The Center for Education at UTS wishes to encourage the development and publication of effective and creative curricula or teaching tools that can be used throughout the country.

There is a tremendous need for effective curricula in each of the target age groups. Currently, some centers are using the national curriculum while others have simply done their best to teach Divine Principle or the Bible or a combination of the two. Then there are other church centers that are not doing any kind of educational program because they don't have any type of curriculum or outline from which to work. Therefore, we wish to encourage those with the desire, experience or means to develop curricula that can be used in: K-6 Sunday Schools , Youth Ministries, Young Adult Ministries and even Adult Ministries.

In addition, there is a need to create effective teaching tools such as games, activities, specialized felt board teaching tools, dramas and similar creative tools for use in each of these ministries. Have you designed a game or teaching tool that you have found to be effective? Why not professionalize it or expand it so that others can use it?

Those who wish to apply need to review the grant requirements and submit an application. go to

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Last summer seventeen young people were trained to be peer educators and then went abroad to islands in the Caribbean or Micronesia or to the continent of Africa to help the developing world reject the selfish messages being exported by Western media. Diana Santelli, Maria Lee, and Michelle Brunkhorst went to Belize in Central America. Surrounded by Spanish-speaking countries, they were able to teach in English which is the language of this small nation. Abby Sayre and Julia McKenna, however, practiced their Spanish and improved their skills as they translated stories and taught games in

the Dominican Republic. Then, following three weeks of work in three day-camps, Julia and Abby went on to Trinidad and Tobago where the language was more

Gambia where they introduced the character education books to teachers and community leaders.

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happy and successful in life by being people of good character. Children learn how important it is to have a healthy and happy family and what they can do today



familiar, but the challenges came in sometimes teaching fifty to sixty students with ages ranging from seven to seventeen. Igraine Convery and, later, Kuna Hamad joined them in T&T so there was additional help and support. Gina Standard, Hithia Shibuya, and Kuna Hamad taught adolescents in the Caribbean islands of St. Lucia and St. Vincent. Eika Davis and Morrow Willis were in the islands too—in Micronesia. Another group of young people accompanied Mrs. Beverly Berndt to the

Education Initiative has developed a curriculum entitled Discovering the Real Me that includes teacher manuals and student textbooks for beginning primary grades through high school. The lessons are based on stories and scenarios that the students find familiar and fun. In the process of enjoying a story, perhaps including acting it out, children learn that they have eternal value and deserve to be treated with love and respect. They learn how they can grow up to be

to accomplish that goal in the future. And, finally, a child can learn how to find his or her true value in service to others.

If you think you would be interested in having an adventure overseas while giving of yourself in a way that has lasting value to a child and his community, you may contact me, Mrs. Sally Sayre at interns@upf.org or by phone at (610) 298-2439

What if we could teach the key concepts of Divine Principle without being concerned about religious intolerance?

A Message from the Assistant Editor

The New Voices of Our Generation has now been running successfully for over a year and the editors at UNEWS would like to thank all those who have 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

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GETTING STARTED

This article is about growing up. Moving out, finding a job and a spouse, and forming a new household. An earlier version appeared in 2004, and with so many young couples beginning their lives together, I thought it was time for an update.

Life in the United States is complicated, and many of our growing Second Generation, and newly Blessed converts also, are facing life on their own. Each couple has a different situation: some want to start a family right away, while others intend to wait many years. Should they get a college degree and a solid career first? Or begin sooner, without enough money to support a household on one income? There is no one best answer.

In general, modern kids are usually out on their own by the age of twenty. Trouble is, these young folks often make the same mistakes, and land in the same difficulties, as millions did before them.

Popular culture has a lot to do with it. Practical advice remains unspoken, and unrealistic expectations are fostered. Not everyone can become a dot-com founder, or a sports-playing millionaire, fresh out of school.

The credit card companies know this. They'll set up tables in Student Unions, and hand out their plastic to college students by the thousands. All too often, after a spending spree, parents end up bailing out their indebted offspring. Hopefully the right lessons are learned.

GETTING ESTABLISHED

Most new couples start from scratch. It may look daunting, but it's a well-trodden path. White collar or blue, any sane employer will appreciate a polite

and reliable worker. I wouldn't turn down a parent's largesse, but that's not always in the cards.

In my case, at first we Carlsons lived at a church center, then rented a single room from another family. Next we split a bigger apartment, and later, rented a place of our own. Finally we bought a townhouse condo. We live in an expensive region, and were fortunate to get help with the hefty down payment from my parents.



"This next one is about a man, a woman, a really, really, big-screen TV, and a mountain of credit card debt."

These days you can't do anything civilized without credit. To begin, get a 'secured' credit card. You send that bank \$1000 or so, and that's also your credit limit. You'll get the money back later, plus interest.

After about 18 months, if you don't mess up, your personal credit is established and you'll get a flood of applications. Pick only one or two cards; those without annual fees, and maybe that offer some type of bonus. (We have his and hers cards, and a third for online transactions only.)

Open your check account at a 'no fee' bank or credit union, rather than embracing a huge, greedy bank. Pay as you go, and settle your credit card bill every month. Buying a car, and later a home, are the only practical exceptions. Borrowing to pay for daily expenses, or to make donations, is always a bad idea.

Lately, a lot of American families have been paying their mortgage bills with a credit card, which is a horrendous practice. It overruns a tax deductible interest payment with interest rate charges that would've gotten an old-fashioned loan shark thrown in prison.

BEING CAUTIOUS

There are only so many ways to divide up your monetary pie, and the pie itself grows all too slowly. It's important for a couple to agree on finances, and to know exactly what they're spending and why. It's amazing how many adults don't balance their own checkbook, or read their credit card bills.

Start small. Don't be afraid to shop at a Goodwill store, or to buy used cars and appliances. Get a written guaran-

tee if possible. If you can deal with fellow church members, so much the better. Just don't give them any cause for hard feelings.

Please don't get ripped off. Knowing an honest auto mechanic is crucial. Be very careful with Internet transactions, but don't shy away from a good online deal. Check out Clark Howard's radio show and web site, Consumer Reports magazine, and other available resources.

Wives, especially, place good common sense over emotional loyalty to your friends. Unificationists are famous for trying all kinds of wonder gadgets and miracle cures, on advice from friends. Stuff like water treatment contraptions, plus miracle pills, and fancy engine treatments. No member has ever found success with those flaky outfits, especially in the long term.

In the past, a few con artists have collected 'sympathy' money from various churches, by pretending to be escaped UC members. Opposite this, Mormon Utah is a long-time haven for 'insider' swindles. After all, who would doubt a fellow Saint?

Our members have been more naïve than sneaky, so let's fix the former before anyone gets skunked by the latter.

GETTING ALONG

Men and women have different needs and priorities, and communicate in what amounts to two different languages. Programs such as John Gray's and Mark Gungor's are informative, and several of our members are now professional guidance counselors. Dr. Laura gives out wonderful advice daily.

Many churches require counseling for engaged couples. Topics include relatives, sex, and money. Also, spelling out their plans.

Potential disagreements can be handled long before they spark trouble. For Unificationists, our matching tradition can be informed by this process.

What do your relatives expect? Which, if either, grandparents will you live near? Unlike our "wild west" early years, the number of forceful deprogrammings (outside Japan) has dropped to near zero. One big reason? Grandchildren.

Men want more sex. It's normal! Wives should understand this, and not give him

any excuse to look for it elsewhere. Also, the husband must know she's not always ready. Especially after squalling babies enter their lives.

What about hobbies? Pets? Travel? The daily schedule? People grow accustomed to some very different lifestyles.

Disagreements about money are nearly universal. Who will do the family bookkeeping? Men are often more pragmatic, and that's a bad word for some Unificationists. He might want to buy more stuff, or save up for retirement, while she may insist they "put their money in the Bank of Heaven" instead.

Tithing is a vital tradition, and it's not to be put off. (If you hesitate, there will never be "enough" money.) No wise leader makes unrealistic demands, and giving even a widow's mite is important. There is anecdotal evidence that families who tithe have better fortune regarding employment.

HOUSES

We are now in the Age of Settlement, and UC members are buying property. Is that a good idea? Nobody objects to your owning a toothbrush, or perhaps a car.

What about a house? Depending on where you live, and your credit score, mortgage payments vary widely. Because of the sub-prime mortgage and foreclosure crisis (which hit people who didn't read articles such as this one), it's become much easier for a financially stable couple to buy their first house.

Why not rent? It's said, "Either you're paying the landlord's mortgage or your own." Our church elders have cautioned, "Just don't let the house own

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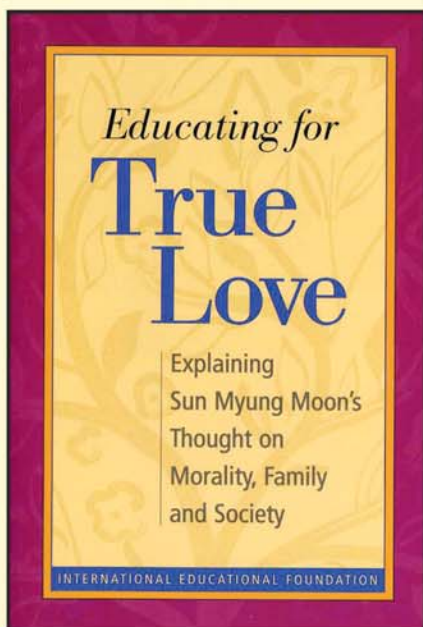
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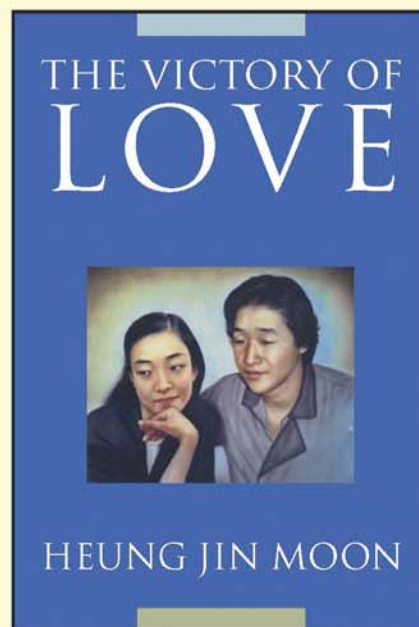
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