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The Inauguration Ceremony for the International President of the Family Federation for World Peace (FFWPU) and President of FFWPU Korea began at 10:30 a.m. on April 18, 2008, at the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum in Gapyeong-gun Gyeonggi-do, Korea.

Rev. Hyung Jin Moon was appointed by True Parents to take up the positions of FFWPU international president and president of FFWPU Korea previously held by Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak and Dr. Sun Jo Hwang respectively. More than 25,000 participants including heads of providential organizations, local church leaders, representative of national messiahs, church elders and core members gathered in the main hall of the Museum.

The emcee for this day ceremony was Rev. Young Seok Song, secretary-general of the Foundation for the Support of HSA-UWC. The opening prayer was



Dr. Sun Jo Hwang spoke about the significance of this day, saying, "The inauguration ceremony of Rev. Hyung Jin Moon holds a different meaning: He is being inaugurated as something of the founding president and as one who will take overall responsibility for both the first and second generation members. .

. We must understand that [Hyung-jin nim] is being inaugurated and also inheriting the tradition providentially laid and prepared by True Parents, and the course of the True Parents, and that he is taking this position where he will be responsible for the Family Federation on the foundation of the internal and external training he has accumulated to this day."

Dr. Hwang went on to explain about Rev. Hyung Jin Moon's inauguration, saying that it "lays the root for the construction of the peace kingdom," and asked the members to "bear in mind that this is a day for a new beginning of fortifying and strengthening the root for the purpose of having the peace kingdom cover the world on this earth and also the cosmos."

Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, who was given the responsibility for both the FFWPU worldwide and in Korea, first thanked True Parents for laying the foundation and tradition of a pastor and for their continuous care and guidance. He talked about how True Parents had again advised him to offer a lot of devotion and that they emphasized two things before the inauguration ceremony: that is, to not worry too much and to offer

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given by Rev. Dow Soon Yim, chairman of the Unification Movement in Japan.

There were a number of speakers this day, most importantly the outgoing presidents and the incoming president. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak reminded the participants that "this day is truly a historical day and a day of celebration, marking the start of a new chapter in providence led by the second generation [of our movement]." He emphasized that "it is an honor to be able to pass on the mantle of the international president to Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, though I deeply regret the fact that I am not able to pass on a more propitious environment to the incoming president." He concluded his address saying:

"I hope and anticipate the future days of the new international president will be filled with greater glory and development. I hope that he becomes a thoughtful and understanding leader who may remember the situations surrounding the long indemnity and pioneering years [of our movement] rather than simply evaluating the inadequate reality based on just what he might see today."



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True Parents Day

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is from a speech given April 6, 2008, notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins, translation by Dan Elder, edited by L. Strait and J. Flynn. These notes are taken from a simultaneous translation. Simultaneous translation is done in summary form and depends greatly on the translator's ability to communicate the essence of the message. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future as an "official" publication on Rev. Moon's words. However they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message.

The history of God's providence was a bloody path of restoration from Adam's family all the way through Jesus' family as the second Adam and up to the present to the third Adam. This suffering course of God was to create a true owner, true teacher, and true parent. To accomplish this in our own families, we have to absolutely risk our lives. You have just met True Parents. Today is the 49th True Parents Day. The key to establishing your family as a true owner of Cheon Il Guk is to start with the unity of the mind and body. Mother and I overcame in this area and now the temptations of the world – money, power, or misuse

of love—have all been overcome. We are impregnable to them. You must do the same and establish your family as a True Parent family.

Sung Jin nim's mother [Father's first wife] opposed me directly. Sung Jin nim, however, continued to follow me, even though it was impossible and he was lonely and in a position in which God could not support him directly. He got a Ph.D. and he and his wife became a wonderful blessed couple in our movement. However, his mother should have educated him and overcome all obstacles in fulfilling mother-son cooperation and unity. Because of that failure, so much indemnity came to True Mother and the sons of True Parents. The mother's role is the key.

Although the root of Christianity began in the Middle East, it developed through Europe and finally flourished in America. We need to realize that the substantialized embodiment of history is now centering on the Pacific Rim era on the basis of America and all the Pacific Rim nations. Mother and I came here to Hawaii because of this. If all clans and families can overcome and unite, all can be forgiven. The Pacific Rim era centering on America is particularly connected to the West Coast cities of Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Some indem-

nity condition was set up through the Seattle district because one of our brothers died who has a Korean wife. Actually, because of the course of indemnity, several Korean wives who were married to Americans also passed away.

In San Francisco the wrong lifestyle has been promoted that is not consistent with the Principle of Creation. The homosexual lifestyle has no lineage, no future. Los Angeles is an important city, but it also can be understood to be a city that needs to change and become united with God. Actresses and actors are influencing the world from Los Angeles. They need to be educated and blessed and establish a true standard that can influence the world toward the true family ideal.

All can be forgiven if we can unite. When we look at the history of America, we can truly say that there was a history of many good things but also many things that were not part of God's plan. The mass destruction of the Native Americans was not God's plan. They actually were cooperating together with the Pilgrims in the beginning, but the European settlers killed the Indians, took their land, and stole many

things that had been established through the first people here.

In European history we can see that Spain was in the position of the first son. Spain, Portugal, and England settled much of the Americas, but in the process they killed many of the indigenous peoples. It is interesting from this perspective that Brazil is now the leading nation of South America and has a population that is mixed in race. The fact that black people are prospering so much in Brazil and are rising up in America is due to the law of indemnity. Because things were taken from them in the beginning, then the universe will lift them up if they unite with God.

With the coming of True Parents, we can understand the providential history of God. In a way, America became a nation where people could go to escape the oppressive environments of Europe and other nations. In a sense, America became a nation of runaways. Yet the nation of runaways became the one most blessed by God and chosen by God to lead the providence to develop the world. The same is true of Hawaii. Many run-

M A Y 2 0 0 8

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
- 43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- Ceremony for the Total Dissolution of Resentment (1975)
- Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 3 Shin Nae Nim's Birthday (3/28/05)
- 5 Day of Ssang-hap Ship-seung (2004)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 7 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
- 8 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 14 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
- Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
- National (American) Won Jeon Shrine Dedicated (2002)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
- Citizen's Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (1987)
- 16 Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 17 Shin Su Nim's Birthday (4/13/06)
- Washington Times Established (1982)
- 21 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 27 Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' East and West (Global) Victory (1999)

J U N E 2 0 0 8

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 3 Inauguration of the Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification South American Headquarters (2001)
- 4 Day of All True Things (5/1/63)
- 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
- 13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim's Blessing (1998)
- 39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
- 1st Stage of the 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)

C A L E N D A R

- 14 Jeung Jin Nim's Birthday (1982)
- Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 17 Declaration of the Return of the Sea to Heavenly Dominion (2000)
- 19 Shin Goon Nim's Birthday (5/16/02)
- 20 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
- 21 Rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth (2002)
- 23 Il-Sung Construction (1978)
- Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Declaration of the Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

J U L Y 2 0 0 8

Ahn Shi Il • 3rd, 11th, 19th, 27th

- 1 Shin Kwang Nim's Birthday (5/28/01)
- Chil Il Jeol: Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (1991)
- Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)
- 2075 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 3 Interreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony (2002)
- 13 Shin Ha Nim's Birthday (6/11/98)
- International Blessing of 400 Million Couples, Fourth Phase (2003)
- Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)
- 16 Kook Jin Nim's Birthday (6/14/70)
- 17 Sun Jin Nim's Birthday (6/15/76)
- Bering Strait Resolution for Peace (2005)
- 18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim's Blessing (1973)
- 21 Hye Jin Nim's Birthday (6/19/1964)
- 24 124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
- 26 5th Phase of the 400 Million Couple Blessing (2004)
- Youth Federation for World Peace Inauguration (1994)
- 27 National Parents' Day (1994)

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Address in Hawaii

always came to Hawaii to escape the oppressive environments of the world. Yet God has blessed this land to be a central point of the Pacific Rim era. This is the center of the ocean culture, which centers on True Mother, the era of women. That's why love and healing can emanate from this place. Through the ocean culture, all can be healed and cured. Hawaii is unique in all the world. All the climates of the world exist in Hawaii. We can say that the fourth realm of heart is settled in this island of runaways.

In the ocean there are deep undercurrents of extremely cold water from the polar ice caps, currents that flow all the way to Hawaii, creating currents that cause circulation throughout the world. Those deep undercurrents are as cold as 13 degrees Centigrade, and very special fish grow in that area. Some of our members are creating fish farms in Hawaii that actually pump in cold water from the ocean floor, more than 10,000 feet deep. The oceans of America and Asia are connected together, and therefore through this central point the East and the West can be unified.

The president of Koryo University came to me and confirmed what I had been teaching, that the people from this district of Dong-hee-cho came to develop a real cultural root of Korea that was universal. No matter how many times this area was conquered by other nations, they eventually emerged again, free of the oppressor or barbarian nations. From this universal culture of the homeland the world can be unified.

We have to understand that the way of sacrifice is the way of the second Adam's and third Adam's family. If you study Jesus' family, you will discover that seven generations were eliminated through death and destruction as indemnity so that Jesus could emerge. That's why many times those who persecute the Lord can then be called upon to give the most to God's providence. This is the case with Japan, which is being asked to be the mother nation of the whole world and sacrifice everything to give life to all nations.

We have to educate and bless even the members of criminal organizations in order to neutralize evil and bring them into harmony with God's blessing. All have to be blessed. In the next three years they should come to our conferences and be educated and blessed

and liberated from the past. They can become great leaders for God if they turn their lives over to goodness. That's why Hawaii also becomes the center of reconciliation between the East and the West.

how amazing this technology is that God gave us, that we could harness the powers of creation to create a modern world. That's why Las Vegas has become a center of conferences and technological conventions, in which all the world's technology can be displayed. However, it is also a place of sin and degradation. I also am com-

Also it's a beautiful center of all creation. For the same reason, because the creation is so beautiful there, I have made a foundation in Kodiak.

My course for 34 years has been to set the condition to win the second Israel. The problem of individualism is still strong in America, causing people to take things from others instead of giving everything for the sake of others. Also the family problem in Amer-



Hoover Dam was constructed using the most excellent technology available 70 years ago. It dams the Colorado River, which has flowed for millions of years, and provides water to millions of acres of land. In its time, Hoover Dam was a modern miracle and combined technologies from Europe and America. The deserts could become green land because of this. Seven states of the West have a major water problem, and the Hoover Dam could address this problem.

When I saw the great turbines operating at Hoover Dam, I could feel the whirl of the giant spindles. I still felt

mitted to transforming Las Vegas into what it should be—a special vacation spot for families, a special technological conference center for all the world. The richest people of the world's races and nations come to Las Vegas.

I am setting conditions that will allow the cultures of the fallen world to emerge into cultures of Cheon Il Guk. The center of this transition point is in the ocean culture. The Pacific Rim era centers on the culture of women, the culture of the mother. That's why the culture of Hawaii in many ways is very gentle. I pioneered and developed a foundation in Hawaii so that this could be a center of harmonizing the world.

ica is severe. The problems of incest and misuse of love are destroying the family. Free sex and adultery destroy the family, and the only way to cure this is to change the lineage and educate the people about faithfulness in marriage and fidelity to one spouse.

Who is responsible to set up this tradition and culture of God? This is the work of the messiah. That's why we have created an interreligious and international movement; it has to embrace all people, with the family as the core. We must create one family under God. In the Old Testament era and New Testament there was a lot of killing and

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destruction. Because the kingdom could not be built during Jesus' lifetime, much indemnity was paid through bloodshed and sacrifice. This was also true in Korea, which paid an enormous sacrifice to be the land that welcomed the Second Coming.

On March 17th one year ago, True Mother and I launched the Pacific Rim era. Centering on America, the Pacific Rim era was initiated, and from here Ambassadors for Peace went throughout the world with True Mother and the True Family, proclaiming the 13th Peace Message of the Pacific Rim era. I have set the foundation for the world to be united and to have heavenly dominion over creation. We must master the environment and completely eliminate pollution and the misuse of nature. When I go fishing, I'm praying and setting conditions to love all of creation. The ocean is the source of food that can solve the problem of hunger. I didn't just direct other people to do this; I myself have mastered the ocean.

Standing as a world power over the ocean, America can protect God's providence and secure peace for the world. We have to understand that America is in grave danger because the lineage is being defiled through the misuse of love. Our crucial mission at this time is to bless families and engraft them into the tree of life, establishing their lineage. There are religious leaders now supporting me in America who can lead this blessing movement. But we should also understand that there are other religious leaders who are taking my teachings and claiming them as their own and trying to prosper for themselves. All this will be made clear over time.

The leader of the ocean culture and realm is True Mother. Our grandson Shin Joon Nim now calls us King Father and King Mother. (He calls Rev. Peter Kim "Nemo" because Peter Kim always plays with him with the Nemo stuffed animal.) Shin Joon Nim has a totally pure heart and speaks the truth. Sometimes his purity and clarity even make me tremble because I know what he says is true. Recently some people gave a wonderful greeting to us, and Shin Joon Nim said to them, why didn't you

greet me? He is courageous and says exactly what he thinks, even to True Parents.

Through the providence and victorious course of the True Parents, we are setting the foundation in America for all parties to end the era of squabbling and struggle and to be united for the sake of the nation and world. Therefore, Republicans and Democrats should harmonize and cooperate for the benefit of the nation. If not, then the nation becomes divided, which leads to death and destruction.

How can we stand with our heads held high when actually the early history of America was one in which the indigenous people were killed, robbed, and destroyed? Indemnity conditions must be set to reverse this bad condition in history. If Americans can unite among all races and faiths, they can rise up to indemnify past mistakes and lead the world to resolve fallen history.

Many projects are underway here in Hawaii to develop the creation, with members now farming fish and also cultivating special seaweed. Also we are developing the Kona coffee. It's a tremendous blessed culture.

Now is the time for people of conscience and faith to exercise their civic duty and lead this nation, not only as ethical and moral people but also by taking responsibility as civic leaders of the community, state, and nation. One minister from Hawaii who's an ACLC member may run for office. This is a good idea. Moral and ethical leaders among the blessed families should take responsibility in business, religion, the arts, sports, in law and in civic office.

Hawaii is a special place in which over 24 percent of the population is of Japanese descent. Truly it's a bridge between the mother country and the elder son nation. God made this foundation and planted this seed. However, America's history in Hawaii is not all rosy. Things were done in Hawaii that were not correct, especially toward



the native peoples. That's why this whole history has to be transformed through this era of cooperating together, establishing blessed families, and helping to inspire America to fulfill its responsibility as the elder son nation.

All nations should raise money for those in poverty. All the people of the world should become one family, but because of the fall of Adam and Eve, the lineage was broken and therefore all families became disconnected from God. Only through becoming one lineage through the blessing is it possible to become one family.

We have to establish this lineage for three generations within our own tribe for our family to be stable. This is the era when we should cast no shadow, and the only way to do this is by establishing three generations of the blessed family. This era centers on the Pacific Rim era, which is the era of women. Women will take the leadership role in all the parliaments of the world and will lead the way to peace, centering on True Mother.

Centering on the unity of Muslims, Christians, Jews, and all faith traditions, the power of America should be used totally for peace. America should lead the way as a nation blessed by

God to support the way to peace through interfaith activity. Modern civilization emanated from the island nations like the United Kingdom, passed through America as a continental nation, and now has come to Japan. That's why the Pacific Rim era will be greatly enhanced by Japan as the mother nation. The center of Japan and America's unity is in Hawaii. Sixty percent of the population of Hawaii is of Japanese descent. That's why a new dispensational era began on March 17, 2007, with the coming of the Pacific Rim era.

America is moving from the West to the East, toward Asia. From April 30th we must emphasize more development in Hawaii as a central area of the world, centering on America, to bring peace through the unity of East and West. The key leaders in this will be Rev. Peter Kim, Rev. Yu, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, and Mr. Joe Tully. They should form a committee for the development of Hawaii for the Pacific Rim era.

This is the era when all should be forgiven and Cain and Abel should unite. We should all go before God to ask for forgiveness and turn everything over from Satan's side to God's side. Happiness should be settled substantially in this world in the family and in the unity of all faiths and religions. That's why we all have to come to love the ocean. The ocean is the central area through which all nations can flow and exchange. The ocean culture is the culture of women, and it is the culture of which all cultures can converge. All the relationships of every nation, race and religion should become one in heart. Brothers should not fight. They should understand that when they fight, they actually are hurting their own father.

We created the palace of peace for bringing about the unity of all families and religions. We must establish palaces of peace in three locations—Korea, Geneva, and in the Hawaiian Islands. ❖

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a lot of devotion.

In conclusion, Rev. Hyung Jin Moon expressed his determination and resolve to connect many more people to True Parents and to create a church that would instill pride in the members. He expressed his hopes that all this would further allow True Parents' accomplishments and achievements to shine out, and for the True Family to become as one in investing their all into this endeavor.

Kook Jin Nim, chairman of the Foundation for the Support of HSA-UWC, came to the podium to give the congratulatory address. In tears he showed

his joy in his brother's inauguration and expressed his love and respect for his younger brother and resolve to attend him as the international president.

Kook Jin Nim also emphasized how we should live for the sake of others and become as one. He emphasized that we should invest everything for God and True Parents and return the glory to them.

In the final part of this day's ceremony True Parents came to the podium and asked that everybody help Hyung-jin nim in fulfilling his new responsibility. True Father emphasized that all blessed families should lead an exemplary life so that they may belong to True Parents.

Before offering the benediction, True Parents had Hyung Jin Nim and his



wife stand before the podium and conferred a box representing the "Word." Father asked that they invest themselves for liberating the heart of the fourth Adam and offered a benedic-

tion, blessing Hyung Jin Nim as the international president. The ceremony ended with three cheers of eogmansei by Rev. Jong Gwan Yu. Right after the ceremony, Hyung Jin Nim and his wife presided over a blessing ceremony for one couple. After the inauguration ceremony, there was a congratulatory luncheon at the banquet hall on the second floor of the museum. ❖

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Inaugural Speech by Hyung Jin Nim

This address was given April 18, 2008, at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace

I am not someone who deserves compliments like the ones I've received, so I feel sorry; and in particular, I don't know if I deserve this glorious position given me today, so all I can say is I'm truly grateful to True Parents and all our members around the world. The entire True Family is also grateful. Thank you.

After I began my ministerial duties, I had an occasion to go to Tokyo, where I visited the home of a Japanese blessed family. The father, whose leg is somewhat disabled, is nevertheless an excellent man and the head of a real estate office. He has only one daughter, who had received an international blessing. His son-in-law is a Korean. I talked a little with the son-in-law, and he was very proud of the fact that his father is a minister. When my wife heard that, she was delighted to say that she too is a minister's daughter. At that point, I felt left out so I also said to everyone in the house, "Hey, wait a minute—I'm a minister's son too!" [Applause]

With the entrance ceremony into the Cheon-JeongPeacePalace, True Parents became the King and Queen of Peace and achieved all sorts of victories. To tell the truth, I've often heard that people who attend and serve True Parents feel that they do so from a little bit far away; people think of True Parents as a little bit distant to be ministers. I firmly believe that our True Father and True Mother are always working as ministers. They are always guiding us as our ministers, and though they have become True Parents and the King and Queen of Peace, True Father was and is a minister. When he was preaching to each and every person in North Korea from the age of sixteen, he was a minister. When he was imprisoned in Hungnam and in Danbury, he was a minister. When he was blessed in holy matrimony to True Mother at the former headquarters church, and when he taught there, he was a minister. When he went to America, he was a minister. When he fought communism, when he carried out the victory over communism movement and when he met Kim Il-sung, he was a minister. In short, we can keenly feel the truth of the fact that when True Father achieved all his victories, he did so as a minister, that is, it was as a minister that True Father laid such a victorious foundation. Even now, True Father wakes up at 2:00 am every day and offers devotions, attends hoon dok hwa and guides our members every day. When I see True Parents guiding us even now as ministers, nurturing us and leading us as our ministers and of course as our par-

ents, I have personally come to feel deep in my heart how precious the ministerial tradition is to True Father.

When I was given the honor of being able to begin a ministry, I asked, "Father, what should I do?" and he answered succinctly, "Offer much jeongseong,

God's will. Father has said that the core of ministry is very simple.

Briefly, a minister is a person who conveys God's love and True Parents' love. It's simple. I strongly believe that if a minister cannot give True Parents' love and God's love to others, he will

moved me. As their minister, I am visiting the homes of the members of my congregation and meeting each family. I cannot even find words to describe how moved and touched I have felt on many occasions.

Nevertheless, I know that ministry



"Yesterday, I spent all day with True Father, and he taught me two great things. First, he said, "Don't worry too much." He said I shouldn't worry, because there would be many to help me. Second, he told me to give jeongseong all the time, because when we give jeongseong, we are humbled. Especially because there is a great possibility we can become arrogant when in high positions, we need to give jeongseong, because only then can we clearly know who we are in front of God and True Parents. We can keep in our minds that we are the hands and feet of True Parents and help them in their work. I firmly believe this. From the time I started in the ministry, and of course began holding Sunday Services, I have continued to give jeongseong every morning because True Father has always said that jeongseong should be the center of a ministry. Though it has only been a short while, I am truly grateful to True Parents for giving me an opportunity to be a minister. From my personal point of view, I've come to feel that my calling is the ministry.

Meeting with many ministers has moved and touched me deeply. I've come to know that our church leaders have been working so hard and that they are truly amazing people. Notably, for many events, we generate huge mobilizations the like of which no one can imitate. Furthermore, even though becoming a minister in our church could be seen as a way to gain greater power, many leaders have been living very sacrificial lives for the sake of

find himself in great difficulty. I have come to believe that real ministry is caring and having compassion for others, believing in the good of others, practicing patience, empathy and forgiveness even if others hurt me; it is having faith in God and True Parents' presence, help and guidance even when the path before us seems dark and gloomy.

What I believe is this: If we are to succeed as a church, our ministers should love our members, and our ministry should be member-centered. It is my strong conviction that if the ministers love and serve the members of the congregation, the members in turn will serve True Parents tens, hundreds or thousands of times better than the members have been served. I've come to think that it is not the members that must serve the ministers, but that it is the ministers' mission to stoop to a lower position and serve their members, thus making them into even more devoted sons and daughters of True Parents. I believe True Parents' secret for our ministers is very simple: work in a loving manner, give jeongseong, and don't become arrogant in front of True Parents or our members; also—as True Father told me—don't worry too much about the future but march forward in the certainty that God and True Parents are guiding us. These are the secrets of a successful ministry.

I think being a minister agrees with me. I like leading a religious and prayerful life and meeting people. Visiting our members' homes has also frequently

is not enough in itself. If I am to serve the world as international president and hold the presidency of the Korean church, the largest vision and clearest objectives are needed. Even so, doing the actual work of a minister is essential to this. It is a great joy for me to conduct services, write sermons, study True Parents' teachings deeply and work with the members. True Parents, also, know well that this is what suits me best. [Applause]

Knowing this, True Parents have specifically asked other True Family members to help me a lot. In particular, True Father has asked my older brother Kook Jin Nim to help his younger brother. [Applause] Kook Jin Nim is a genius, as anyone would freely admit, and he is especially a genius at organizing things, so True Father has given me a great mission, the great task of working with my older brother Kook Jin Nim and our vice-president Lee Dong-hwan to strengthen our church organization and propel it forward as an outstanding organization.

Kook Jin Nim is always working for our family, and he is so affectionate. Because he is so affectionate, he cries easily and loves his younger brothers and sisters. [Applause] He is excellent. As his younger brother, I am really, truly proud of him. Every decision we make will be for the benefit of the whole—the whole church and its members—not for any particular individual. Most especially, we will report every decision we make to True Father for approval,

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The 49th True Parents' Day Celebration

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Dear Family, I am writing this on April 6, 2008 at Hawaii King Garden in Kona at the morning Pledge Service for True Parents Day. A most beautiful atmosphere of love and hope is lifted by the gentle, cool Hawaiian breeze as we prepare to give our love and devotion to God and True Parents. We are here with representatives of Korea, Japan and America as well as the Regional Presidents of every continent of the world.

In honor of Hyo Jin Nim all men are wearing dark suits and white ties and all women are in white dresses. All should continue 40 days of prayer from March 20th in memory of the sacrificial course of God, True Parents, True Family and all the saints of history.

True Parents entered and lit the seven Holy Candles before the offering table. Father is in a dark suite and white tie and True Mother in a beautiful white dress with jacket. True Family offered Kyung Beh, then all the congregation, with representatives of the three primary nations and the continents and the representatives of the world

Father explained the profound meaning of the providence at this time, especially how everything is centering on the Pacific Rim Era, especially Hawaii and America. This leads to the unifi-

cation of the Homeland. Father emphasized unity and that all brothers must unite now centering on True Mother and that Abel and Cain UN should cooperate and come together centering on America. Heung Jin Nim went to the spirit world and could bring heaven and earth together and liberate and bring together the Communist world and the Free World; also he brought grace to all humanity. Hyo Jin Nim's going to the spirit world will allow the unity of all brothers and bring Cain and Abel together. He is the first to go from True Family after having created a Blessed Family on earth. He will be the center of heaven. His sacrifice will allow the Abel and Cain UN to become one centering on America.

True Mother was asked by Father to MC the program. This has never been done before. True Mother called on Won Joo to read the 13th



Peace Message. Then True Parents had the cake cutting and True Mother called for the flower presentation. In a very special ceremony of unity, flowers were presented by Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim to True Parents. Then True Mother, Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim came together in unity and offered Kyung Beh to True Father.

It was such a unique and moving True Parents Day. We have now made a new start in the dispensation, and True Father has now set enormous conditions to speed the providence through the offering of Hyo Jin Nim. Let us comfort God and True Parents through our beautiful lifestyle of building blessed families of True Love and extending that love to every religion, race and culture. ❖

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and only when he approves it will we carry it out. I believe Father is truly proud to see his sons working in unity and supporting each other.

A few years back, many people believed True Family members could not work together because we are all very passionate and we would fight among ourselves, but we have shown them otherwise. We are working together, and we will continue working together to uphold the legacy of the True Family and True Parents. [Applause] I strong-

ly believe we are different from members of the second generation in famous Korean business conglomerates who are always fighting among themselves. Our church is different. Ladies and gentlemen, our bloodline is different. We will leave an example in history of the True Family uniting and working together on the front line.

Whenever I visit places or meet people, I hear some people say why we need the church, while others say we are no longer a church because True Father founded the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and that he himself has said we are not a church, and not a religion.

As you may know, I studied religion for seven years, and I learned there are several distinguishing features of a religion. All religions exist in a religious context, don't they? These are rituals, theology, central texts, transcendental teachings of the master, and so on. To speak plainly, we too have the same context. We also have religious texts, rituals, theology and our center, True Parents. No matter how much we say we are not a religion, in the eyes of religious scholars and society, we are most definitely a religion.

In this regard, if we were to eliminate the religious aspect of our movement, would we be any different from a social movement? Without the religious context, we could not explain True Parents, the Divine Principle, True Parents or the Messiah. If this were the case, how would we be any different from a large corporation or a social movement? Am I not right about this? We manifestly have a theology, our Divine Principle and True Father's teachings, and we have True Father himself. Therefore, without a doubt we should strengthen our church. I strongly believe that we need to develop our church further, so that more people can really serve and support True Parents.

When I visited the Japanese family I mentioned before, the family in Tokyo, and met the father, though his leg is disabled and he has other physical difficulties, I saw he is a very positive person, and his daughter and son-in-law respect him very much. I asked him, "How can you be so positive and happy, and make a lovely environment to live in, when you have so many physical

difficulties and a paralyzed leg?" He answered me simply, "I can live like this because of True Parents." That family was truly grateful to True Parents. When I parted from that family, I felt something pulling at my heartstrings and also got the feeling of having been born again. No matter what we do, we are not doing it for ourselves, and all victories we win are thanks to True Parents. Since True Parents are with us, we will continue to achieve more victories in the future and build a glorious future together. [Applause]

I have a dream to make a church that those in our second and third generations can proudly proclaim they are members of. When members of our second or third generations are with other people, I want them to be able to say, I am a UnificationChurch member, and I'm proud of it. I want them to display this to society. When they register in a school and are asked what their religion is, I want them to be able to write that they are UnificationChurch members rather than "nondenominational Christians". Such a time will certainly come. [Applause] Let's make a church that can praise our True Father and True Mother for millions of generations to come! I'm positive that my older brothers Hyo Jin Nim, Heung Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, and other members of the True Family in the spirit world will work with us, and great and amazing miracles will occur.

Everyone, let's all give great glory to True Parents, and in so doing, offer our True Parents our resounding applause! ❖

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Final Declaration Rally for the Liberation of God's Homeland

The Final Declaration Rally for the Liberation of God's Homeland, organized by the Universal Peace Federation and FFWPU in Korea, was held on April 11, 2008. The event took place at the Fencing Stadium within the Seoul Olympic Park and began at 2:00 p.m. Over 10,000 participants gathered for the rally including national messiahs, church leaders in Korea, executives from providential organizations, Ambassadors for Peace in Korea, members of the Sansowon, and core members of the movement. All the participants welcomed True Parents' arrival from their trip back from America.

The purpose of the rally was to reposition the core activities for creating God's homeland.

The emcee for this day was Rev. No Hi Park. In the pre-events, there was a special performance by members from Africa and a video presentation introducing the providential developments for the new civilization in the Pacific Rim era. Before Father's speech Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak gave an address. In his address he reminded the participants that we are able to discover the path leading toward the liberation of God's homeland, the ideal world that was meant to be and that goes beyond conflict and strife, through the teachings of Rev. Dr. Sun



Myung Moon, the true parent, true teacher, true owner and king of peace. He emphasized that the ideal world of harmony, cooperation, unity, and peace that people have yearned for can be realized only by connecting with God's true love, true life, and true lineage.

Dr. Kwak introduced the global foundations

that Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon established. Dr. Kwak explained that the purpose of the rally, saying "All the people of this nation including leaders in all walks of life should build a new

set of ethics and morals through the pure love and true family movement, and raise this nation to become a model nation in bringing about the liberation of God's homeland."

After Dr. Kwak's address Mr. Hyun Jin Park and his wife presented flowers to True Parents. True Parents, who had returned after presided over the providential projects in the Pacific Rim area, were warmly welcomed by the crowd. True Father delivered the keynote speech, titled "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." Through his speech he gave an overview of the development of human history and stressed that the Pacific Rim era and the cultural realm symbolizing women had come. True Father explained in earnest God's will and ideal, emphasizing the urgency and importance of the current times in light of God's providence and in the history relevant to both the physical and spiritual worlds. ❖



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by Jin Sung Nim

This address was given at the Seung Hwa, Rye, New York on March 30, 2008

We're here to celebrate our elder brother's life, a memory, an energy, an ongoing spirit and I thought I would try to do my best as I've been reflecting the past couple of weeks. And what I would like to share with you is that when I think about Hyung (Hyo Jin Nim) and when I think about the true children, I need to distinguish, I think, Father and Mothers sons and daughters from people like me, us the spouses. I'm actually more of a representative of you than I am a representative of True Family.

I can't really stand up here and talk to you as if really deeply knew Hyo Jin Nim. Maybe I spent more time with him than anyone else on this planet but I'm still at a loss because he was such an amazing person. So I thought I would share with you some of my experiences as a member of this congregation in particular here in New York. This is particularly, Father and Mother really love America so much by physically coming here, there are lots of countries on this planet and he chose this one. There are some countries and many people would differ and would say are more important than America. The Chinese think so and the Russians think so but for providential reasons we are the luck ones. And by Father and Mother coming here to this land, Parents gave us something really incredible. They gave us their children, their offspring and they grew up learning our language. They don't speak Russian, they don't speak Korean, many of them don't speak Korean very well, they all speak English. And that's a huge blessing, a huge opportunity.

The amount of love True Children, particularly Hyo Jin Nim, gave to New York members and to the American members is enormous, and Father often said that those who love something the most is the owner. And I think those of us in this room, anywhere on this world love Hyo Jin Nim the MOST, don't we. (yes, applause) He loved us the most and we loved him back the MOST as much as we could and in a way we are the owners of Hyo Jin Nim's love. We particularly, particularly in this room, there are lots of evens memorializing Hyo Jin Nim's Seung Hwa, we went to Korea to participate in those and there are events around the world. In Jin Nim wanted to express here welcome to you, her apology for not being able to be here today, what she said to me. But we talked about what it is that I might share with you and I thought that it was important perhaps, when I think about my relationship with Hyo Jin Nim, I think about what I received from him, tried to receive from him and continue to try to receive from him and what I might be able to do with that in turning to my brothers and sisters in this room and sharing that with you.

There are times when the True Family comes in, the True Family goes out. For 24 years I get one of these bouquets and many of you don't. (laughter) But I need to tell you that I'm more humbly and feel apart of you, looking at True Parents and living side by side with True Family I can only share with you the continued growing awe that I have for them. And Yeon Ah Nim and I were

speaking in the room before coming down her and I shared a few stories and we both laughed and we both laughed because we know that she and I are more alike than let's say; Hyo Jin Nim, In Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim or Kook Jin Nim. And a funny remark came out saying Hyo Jin Nim loved his brothers and sisters more than his spouse, she said to me. And I said yes Hyo Jin Nim often said to me, "You're not good enough for In Jin." (laughter) And I have to say that that's the God honest truth. (laughter) And if I can just make it somehow day by day, I'm doing it as an offspring of you. I'm your son and daughter. I'm your children's brother. And I have to tell you that I am more like you than I am like them. So I thought that I would spend a few moments telling you about them.

At times when we say "them", like "the others", they're almost like aliens, they really are. (laughter) Father, if this were a science fiction movie and we belonged in let's say a cult (laughter) we were captivated by this being that came from the cosmos with perfect DNA, that's Father. Father is not human. (laughter) He's super human. He's not even Father and we're not even sons and daughters because we have to qualify for that. He's super human really. I mean I know that more now more than ever. There's a time when I even doubted it, I was confused, I lost, It's really a great thing to be lost, it's like a fight with your spouse. the best part is making up. When you get lost and you find your way all by yourself and you say, "Oh, I made it, where am I? Oh, I'm back at home. I'm back with True Parents, I'm back with True Family, and my journey out in the wilderness has given me a greater appreciation for who they are and what they are."

So Father, this super human being, comes to this planet and transforms a woman, it takes, not a ceremony, it takes decades, and this woman is transformed into a super human being. How many people do you know that can give birth to 7 sons and 7 daughters? It's not just the number 14, but it's 7 sons and 7 daughters. It's just, it's truly amazing. And it's kind of one of those providential numbers, isn't it.

And then I want to share with you what it's like to grow up with super human being children. (laughter) It's unbelievably impossible, it's just impossible, because we, as Levi mentioned, come from thousands of years of what Cain world thinks is normal. The word that comes to mind when I think about Hyo Jin Nim's passing was, tormented. But don't misunderstand me. So I wanted to put that in context.

True Children are like a pure drop of water dropped into a bucket of mud and asked to grow up without Father and Mother looking over them, just dropped them into the bucket of mud, that's us. You take a bucket of water with black ink in it and what happens to any pure drop of water that you drop into that? It becomes tainted, it becomes corrupted, and it becomes part of the bucket. But I tell you the good news at the end because before you know it and you might not even be looking some-

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times because you look in there and you check it out and you say, "oh, the water is still muddy" or inky, dark, polluted, tainted, that's what we are.

And True Children are dropped into this environment and I've watched them grow up and I didn't understand what I was seeing because I'm a tainted drop of water and I did my best to be a good boy as a son of one of you. And the concepts that we carry around with us in our mind that they just don't have, they just don't have.

You know, you've heard the expression "Rebel Without A Cause", Hyo Jin Hyung and his brothers and sisters are like rebels to us. They're rebels with a cause, with a purpose. But we have to understand that what I wanted to do

today is try to share something with you that has become deeper for me than ever before and with Hyo Jin Hyung leading the way to spirit world, I was thinking what he would want me to come and do and say. He would say, "Tell them about us, Jin. Tell them about me and my brothers

and sisters. Help them take care of us. Help them take care of us so that they can prosper to take care of the world."

Because the good news is that what looks like a normal drop of water, so we've mistaken the True Children to be like us, drops in to this world of Cain, polluted, I mean we're talking about concepts in our minds about what we think is right and wrong or battles that we have in terms of many of us not knowing who we are. I found out recently a few years ago, at the ripe old age of forty something, I didn't know who I was. I had to figure that out all over again. And when I figured that out, it was pretty amazing, because nothing left was standing besides Father, Mother, and True Family.

They are the source of something and the good news is, is that these drops of water that we're confused about and we're even asked to tutor or take care of, or my dad used to say, "be a good example to Hyo Jin Nim." Can you believe that? Can you believe the dilemma that I was confronted with when I was a young teenager? "Tell him to make sure he understands that his studies are important." I remember once when I was to catch him up on a calculus exam. Oh my God, that was tough, when you are I a position to convey something to Hyung, and in the big picture, he's like, "none of this really matters Jin, you should flunk an exam once in a while Jin, for the first time in your life, it would probably be the best thing in your life." And I didn't flunk any exams, I got straight A's, but I actually flunked and made some mistakes in my life later on and now I know that this chip on my shoulder that makes me think that I know something is gone and I found out that I don't know anything, except one thing, I have to stay close to True Children, True Family.

That's what I discovered, and this drop of water, that struggles with the pollution around it and gets pulled apart in all these different directions, before you know it, what's happening now. look

at them now, look at Ye Jin Nim, and Hyung Jin Nim, In Jin Nim, all the way down to the youngest one, they're solidifying into the purest crystal or diamond. (audience agrees) And then this shineyness is cleansing the environment around them. And us drops of water around them, I have to tell you, it's painful. You have to be willing and able to receive their penetration.

So let me tell you a few stories because when I sit at one of these things, I ask myself, "Do they really know Hyung?" And how can I tell them who Hyung was in ten minutes. I met Hyung in the late seventies and I was his second generation friend for 12 years before I became his brother in law for 24 years. So I've know Hyung for 36 years, you know he got kicked out of Hackly, I have to tell you about that. This pure drop of water goes to school and what kind of kids do you meet in school? Ideal school, ideal children? No! I mean it's the most horrible environment. The first thing that happens to True Children when they're subjected to school is that they look around and say, "What is this planet? Why is everybody so messed up?"

And I have to tell you, when I came close to True Children, I found out something that I tried to forget many times actually. they can read your heart. Those of you around Hyo Jin Nim and Hyun Jin Nim and In Jin Nim KNOW they can read your mind, they know what you're talking about. And that little bit of "hgg" (sound of clearing throat), when Hyung does that, he's just forgiving you! Again and again and again! That's the torment part.

They're in this planet and we think that they're the aliens. They came from an ideal heaven and onto this planet and God asked them to live here and teach us that we're the sick aliens: "What is wrong with these people?"

I met Hyung when he was young and this might be helpful to share with your children, you know what his favorite line was in school? It's not uncommon, that's why we see it in the movies or James Dean or something, and do you know what he would say? "Hey, what are you lookin' at?" (laughter) "What are you lookin' at?" Do you know how many times that got him into a fight at school? He was a rebel with a cause. But we're the aliens and these outside people that we're dealing with, they would just look at them and because Hyung could see their heart, and read their mind and he could hear them say "chink", "Moonie", ya know "Who do you think you are, I'm better than you, I'm captain of the football team, I get straight A's." And not only from the outside kids, True Children get it from blessed children. Hyung got it from me so many times! And he tried to teach me, "Jin don't look at me like that, don't look at me like you know something. Jin you don't know me, but I know you" (Laughter) I'm like, "Yes you do Hyung. Can you tell me who I am?"

It was hard. So, often in school, can you imagine, he got in trouble. I'm going to tell you that. Because he was a rebel with a cause. He got kicked out of Hackley, and so you know what the great idea was? Let's go have him live in Dr. Pak's house so Jin can be a good example to him! Holy Cow. (laughter) So my

They will lead us and teach us but they forgive. And again, and again they forgive us as they struggle to find themselves.

to Hyo Jin Nim

dad said, "Hyo Jin Nim is coming here to live with us and go to high school with you, public high school, and, uh, try to be a good influence on him." Oh my goodness. That's like a recipe for disaster!

And my dad on the second floor of the bedrooms in the house put a big speaker in the towel closet and every morning at 7a.m. in the summer time, he'd open it up, and start blaring these vocabulary tapes for the SAT preparation. (laughter) And then my dad would say, "Hyo Jin Nim, it's time for SATs and Math and English." We'd sit at these folding tables in the family room, I wanna share with you, I'll never forget, so you know we're listening to the vocab tape and Hyung is like "Oh my God." And the word is Palpitate; Noun or Verb- it means to beat. As we know, our heart palpitates when we're in love. But my dad was saying, "You know Hyo Jin Nim, it's really easier to memorize these words if you put a sentence to it." So he said "Ok, Hey Jin, after this class, I'm going to palpitate your face." (much laughter) as in "to beat." And I'll never forget that word. Martinet- Strict disciplinarian. "Hey Jin, your dad is a martinet." (laughter)

So my dad, like all of you, was saying, we're trying to raise these super-human children, and conform them to our standard? That's the mistake that we make subconsciously with the True Family all the time. I do it all the time. Because all that we have is our heads. Sometimes that's why Father says "Don't use your head anymore." We don't have any standards, or whatever standards we think we have, like straight As, Get along with the kids, don't get in fights in school. Actually the ideal standard is, the kind of kids that Hyo Jin Nim had to go to school with, it'd probably be totally justified for him to fight them. And in fact he'd never pick fights. But he never backed down from them. And because he walked around like an alien being, you know, these other kids were really filled with insecurities would look at him and then Hyung would just say, "What are you looking at?" I remember when I first met him; he said that to me a lot! And he would say that, actually he should say that often, but he stopped saying that because as they grew up, they, they didn't conform, they don't, they won't conform. They will lead us and teach us but they forgive. And again, and again they forgive us as they struggle to find themselves.

So they have super-human mom and dads who said, "Children, because you are super-human offspring, you're going to have to raise yourself. And for nannies and role models we're going to give you the Cain-world. That's the context in which Hyo Jin Nim had to grow up in. My dad was saying, "Hyo Jin Nim, you have to be more like this, more like that." What does my dad know? What do any of us know? There was a very painful moment once where he was quote "misbehaving" and not going according to the program. Can you imagine? You know Hyo Jin Nim when he was older, but he was younger, when he was younger we made the mistake, when the True Children were younger, not understanding that, yes they're young, by definition but they're

still super-human offspring. And they're going to march to a different

drummer. And we should just love them and support them. That's the message.

There was a moment where my dad was coming to heads with Hyo Jin Nim. He says, "Well Hyo Jin Nim, I can't spank you, so I'm going to spank my son if you don't obey me." (Laughter) It might've been one of those moments in my life that's buried in my subconscious that I'm suppressing. But my dad said, "Jin, Jin Sun get in push up position!" and took out his belt. "Hyo Jin Nim, sit down and study your vocabulary!" "No Dr. Pak." WHAP! And Hyo Jin Nim just sat there watching me. He says, "Did that hurt?" And I got up after about twenty lashings and uh, he hugged me and said "Your dad's really messed up, isn't he?" (Much laughter) That's Hyo Jin Nim!

Countless days and countless hours, but the message is, that's the message. I can give you some more examples but that's the message. They're different from us. They're different from me and the spouses. In fact part of the difficult journey. Imagine this, God sends an ideal family to this planet and part of the condition to this family is, "Oh, by the way, to save that planet that I love, True Family, you have to actually merge with them." And so, some of us were picked out amongst this crowd. I come from you! And I was picked into this crowd. And I tell you to this day, I am re-amazed all over again. Particularly, after many of them have grown up. Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim. They're amazing! And the doubts and misunderstandings that we all had about them when they were young, when they dropped into our bucket and the corruption was swirling all around them and we, honestly speaking, we all made the mistake of loving to talk about negative things about True Children, and it hurts them. And they can read your mind.

That's why when they were younger maybe Hyo Jin Nim would want to reach out and strangle you. Because in a way the True Children feel like you're strangling them! With your Cain-concepts. With your self-centered thinking with your consciousness that you don't even know who you are, you don't even know what kind of judgment you're casting upon them. Even the loving concept of, "If you could only be more like this Hyo Jin Nim." As the eldest son of our True Family, that was his curse! Was that for every one of us in this room? He had a formula for what he was supposed to be from every one of us. And on a daily basis he had to reconfirm "No it's God's way and my way! Not your way. I will not sell out. I will not sell my soul. I will not give in. I'm not going to go to school and get straight A's and go to Harvard! Not in this environment! I would love to, actually! And Father would be pretty proud, but maybe even Father doesn't know that I don't stand a chance

of doing that in 1975, in public high school, getting kicked out left and right and beat up!" Because he was his father's son.

And so instead of you know, giving up his ideals and saying "Ok, yeah your right Jin. Straight A's, I should follow you." Can you imagine what a disappointment that would be? If Hyo Jin Hyung said "Oh Jin Sun, you're right I'll follow your lead." No, he never said that. He always said and they all say, "Follow our lead." And they don't often say that to you maybe so overtly. So I wanna be their John the Baptist. And share something that is nothing other than what I have learned. And that is, we, in this room, loved Hyo Jin Nim so much, and we need to be his John the



Baptist and his brothers and sister's John the Baptists. To do that you gotta understand their importance and their depth and their being.

You know Hyo Jin Nim took to music. Rock and Roll. I remember in Washington D.C. we had a little cassette tape, and he loved rock and roll. And he and I would spend hours and hours and hours on an \$89 cassette tape and an LP record player lining up "your personal mix." Back in the 1970's. And he turned that into. And what is he feeling? It's like a first cause a first mover. Like his father and mother, the True Children when they feel something they digest it. Despite the corruption and the pollution around them, and they come to real simple conclusions or profound conclusions and then they hold on to it with a passion. This rock and roll stuff is pretty powerful.

After True Parents Birthday in February, this year, and Hyung was not in good health, that morning we celebrated True Parents birthday, and Hyo Jin Hyung asked all his brothers and sisters to come to dinner. It was really an amazing dinner. As busy as each of them are, as busy as they express their love for True Parents their love for the members.

It's not often that we got together anymore. You should have seen the True Children when they were young. Oh my God, it was like a little mini mafia. They loved each other so much and they knew it was us against the world. Then as they grew up, you know what happened? They had to get married. And I said had to because there were no qualified candidates for them! If Father and Mother came and were received on this world and the most brilliant and the most artistic and the most successful and the most wonderful human beings on this planet, followed our True Parents at the highest

level, as Father and Mother should have been received, and their offspring, royalty or accomplishments, geniuses, high level standing of society, with all of society applauding True Parents then maybe that might have been coming upon somewhat of a worthy candidate for True Children.

And look what they got! They got rouges! Children of societal drop-outs. And it was tough because I got tricked a couple of times like we all have here in New York. Especially when you watch them grow up. Cause when I entered true family, I called Hyo Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Hyung and then I called all the True Children, Nim. And Father once said to me early on, "Well, you're married to their older sister now so you can't call them Nim, just call them by their first name." It still makes me cringe when I say Hyun Jin and Kook Jin. And in front you I want to say today Hyun Jin Nim Kook Jin Nim Ye Jin Nim Hyung Jin Nim. Because I want to delineate for you that, you know, there's a lot of people on the stage when True Family gathers, but there is precious few of the True Children left.

We started with fourteen; we've got ten now to lead this planet after Father and Mother finishes their mission, to lead us into the future. And every one of them are so important. And they loved each other and they bonded with each other. And you know what caused this. You know, we have something in the Divine Principle called Origin, Separation, Union. That's exactly what's going on, and it's that's growth process. It's a creative process. That's what's going on in True Family. So don't worry about them! And don't criticize them or judge them. And yes, they're going to make some mistakes but they're not actually making mistakes the way we make mistakes. They make mistakes generally once or twice and they learn something from it very deep. But they make mistakes. And we should give them the room to make mistakes.

But worse than that is the fact that they had to marry second generation. And quite unworthy ones at that. And that was very tough for them and part of the Cain type thinking of, mine, mine, mine, me, me, me. Isn't that what's really going on in our hearts in our mind, honest to God? Think about it. It was for me. As loving and unselfish as I wanted to be and I wanted to sound, it was all about how I looked, and my grades and me, me, me. And now it's, no, it's you, you, you and it's us. Us, us. But, I think of them on this special day and you have to, you have to understand that as the children became adolescents and young adults, they had to graft themselves into our community. That's the saving grace for this planet. And that was tough.

Because we were products of the elders of our movement and as imperfect as they were, as in their love and following our True Parents and as great their efforts are, they're still Cain-type world children. And so we became representatives of our physical parents.

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And we ripped the True Family apart. Honest. That's what happened in the last 15 years. The family got ripped apart. By the forces of outside the family. And I need to take responsibility for that. And I did that, I helped that process, without even knowing I was doing that! I thought I was being a good son in law. We ripped them apart. And I sometimes talked with Hyung. I'd say "Hyung, the family is ripping apart." He said "Jin, my brothers and sisters are just like me. Don't worry. We love True Parents more than you know. And more than you could fathom. And it just will come back together. And in fact it will come back greater." One of the video clips of Hyo Jin Nim was talking about how going in all the different directions. He talked about "Each of my brothers and sisters are just like me, and absolutely different."

You know Hyo Jin Nim. There's something very special about these alien super-children too, because what happens is, because they find it very difficult to actually communicate their heart via us, cause we're handicapped, what's the next think they turn to? Art. That's what happens. That's what we've seen. At first we didn't know if it was a pattern or not, but Ye Jin Nim's poems, Hyo Jin Nim's poems written to rock and roll. Paintings. Heung Jin's paintings. Just amazing.

I remember once when I went to visit Hyo Jin Nim at East Garden, we were talking, he's strumming his guitar. I finished my PhD, started a business in finance on Wall street, and suddenly he said, "Hey Jin, I really pity you." (Laughter) I said, "Hyung? Really? Why?" He said "Life is about Art. Life is about creating something beautiful out of nothing. All you do every day is go to work and worry about money and finance. That's not art." It was one of those things that he just kin of blurted out to me and I kinda walked away like. Actually I said something like "Well Hyung, you know." I mean check this out, this is where I come from, "Well Hyung, at the highest levels of finance you'd be surprised how creative it can be!" (Laughter) That's me, to a t. That says it all right there. And instead of walking away really profoundly thinking about that instead of just saying, well I just don't know how to sketch and draw, and I don't write songs and I can't sing, so, I'll do finance.

But he was trying to teach me some-

thing there and you know, he didn't pound it in to me. At one point I was destined to be his base guitarist. And I did play the piano, and he said, "You should keep that up Jin." That's important. Creating something beautiful out of nothing. And there was this element of, might not be around for long. All the True Children, and this is something that we need to work as a group to alleviate from their hearts, is part of them knows they might have to go early. Hueng Jin Nim definitely knew. I'm sure Hyo Jin Nim knew. And part of them actually wants them to go. If they're on this alien planet surrounded by people who don't know how to love, and all they want to do is love; they actually long to go home. And so it's the music. It's the art. I think about that deeply.

You know when we gathered for that dinner in February of this year, we looked around the room, and Hyun Jin Nim was there, and Kook Jin Nim was there, In Jin Nim was there, Sun Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim of course was the host, and the husbands and wives were there, and we looked around and say "You know, this particular group of True Family members haven't been together in fifteen years! And Hyung is the one who brought us together." And we sat, and we talked, and we joked and I watched them. I've also learned recently that I should just keep my mouth shut. I didn't when I was younger, cause when I was younger, they were very young, and so I kinda was promoted to kinda like be an influence on them. And I realized, you know what? I should just back off. Because despite whatever I do, good or bad, they're growing up to be incredible heroes. With our help and despite our help. And I just become more humble as each of them grow older and older, and I just have nothing to say. I have nothing to say.

And so I just watched them talk, you know? And some of them hadn't seen each other in years. But that group, that particular group haven't seen each other as one group. And it was a very moving dinner because the beginning of this Origin and Division, Hyo Jin Nim was implementing this Union, this Re-Union. And, you know, each one of them are so passionate, and each one of them is engrafted into Cain's world and Cain's children. And when they come together, you know, sometimes

there are some difficulties when they are expressing to one another. And sometimes they get, you know, pretty riled up. First of all it's none of our concern because, trust them. And it did get heated at times, and at times, you know, different members of the elder family, particularly Hyo Jin Hyung was saying, "Let's not fight today. It's True Parents Birthday. Let's just enjoy each others company."

At one point we were reminiscing a bit, and my wife In Jin said, "You know Oppa, before you came along Rock and Roll was a sin." That says a lot, because Hyung, being our eldest brother, opened doors in many peculiar ways. In ways that we didn't understand, but doors that will accommodate us, you know. Thank God he actually didn't conform into some universal cosmic principle that we all could agree on, and then try to live up to that standard. That would almost be impossible.

It's really God's grace to us that they come down and they kinda, we get to watch them fumble around and figure it out, and if they can do it, I'm not so sure we can do it, because they're different, but, they're showing

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us the way and if we commit ourselves to just love them and try their hardest and understand; I guess the message is, they can read our minds. And our hearts. As you pass them in the hallway, as you look at them at Belvedere, at the leaders meetings; the leaders are clueless they don't know actually, because the True Children just,

you know Hyung goes like this, he's like (inhale sound) "Don't kill 'em, don't kill 'em. Hold it in, hold it in, pretend, play stupid, I don't feel it." And it's getting them to the bone. Each and every one of them are that sensitive, that sensitive, think about it.

When I first met In Jin, I kept saying, "In Jin, why are you so sensitive?" And even my dad once said that to her, he and I kinda ganged up. Think about what we're doing to her, and then she said "What's wrong with being sensitive? Why are you so insensitive?" True Children are like a five hundred year old Stradivarius violin, delicate and sensitive. They pick up these vibrations and make music and noise in ways that we couldn't possibly examine. You and I are we're a \$ 2 . 9 9 u k u l e .

(Laughter) And we wanna play with them! That's really what it's like. They're so sensitive. And I gotta tell you, it drives me nuts sometimes! It drives you guys' nuts sometimes, because they're so sensitive. But I came to realize. And continue to realize that that's a gift that's part of their gift to us.

They're not dull, which is the opposite of sensitive, they're not insensitive, they're actually what we, the Cain-world would call, this planet would call, hyper-sensitive. So understand that Hyo Jin Nim was hyper-sensitive, so for him to exist amongst us was hard for him. But because he reached deep down inside and loved God, and loved True Parents in a profound way. He never read the Divine Principle book, where do you think all that knowledge came from, when you call him an expert on creationism? He never read the Divine Principle book, well I'm sure he did, but, he, they get it. It drops to them and they get it through they're suffering. They get it through figuring it out the hard way. It's like not having a calculus professor but you just have to do math the hard way and make all the mistakes and figure it out. And not everybody can do that. I certainly couldn't do that. I'm a good student, but these people are creators, they're geniuses actually. Young geniuses. But they're so sensitive.

And, so I urge you, and I think if I know what Hyung would ask me, because when we talked about the family he said "Don't worry Jin, we all love. They're all like me, and we love True Parents, more than you, more than you know. And we're going to come together even as we look like we're apart. Even as we look like we're debating and arguing, you can't fathom what we're debating and arguing about, because your heart is so limited. So don't worry." And then, what I would then add to that, to my brothers and sisters here, is so we can try to be sensitive around them, each and every one of them.

You know when Young Jin Nim passed away, all the True Children, you have no idea how it pained each of them. And the pain that they're going through now, I mean part of the reason In Jin's not here is she's immobilized. She went through the motions and the ceremonies, most of which left out True Children, in Korea, and then she comes home quietly and just suffers. And she wrote a song. Her first song she ever

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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:

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wrote was, following Hyo Jin Nim's footsteps, was a song for Young Jin Nim when he passed away. And then she just started writing, she couldn't stop. And she says to me, and I'm sure Hyung would say the same, "Without music, I would be dead, already. It gives me something to live for in this world of pain, because nobody knows my heart."

Imagine for example, when some of us pushed In Jin to put some of those songs in a CD and following Hyo Hyung's leadership, offered the CD. And I want to share something with you, without naming names, but the comment when one brother gave it to another brother, who's in the music department said "Oh, just what we need, more True Family angst." That killed In Jin. And in one fell swoop, that comment that could have come from any one of us, including me, it disrespected Hyo Jin Hyung and all his musical work. That's what he's talking about, "That's all we need more True Family angst.", so that's a reference to Hyo Jin Hyung's work and now In Jin's work.

And it's like she was crushed, it hurts her deeply and it's something, I tell you right now, I can't possibly fathom Hyo Jin Hyung's music and I grew up with it all my life. And he desperately wanted to create, create and create in the event that he was no longer here with us physically that we could still have a piece of his heart. And when we had him we had the chance to understand his heart, we tried our best and we had those hours with him and now that he's gone all we have is his music, that's not very easy. And yet we have it, and expression of his heart forever. And I think he would say to you, before you loose any of my other brothers and sisters try to get to know them, really, and love them and support them, and try to be sensitive about what they're trying to accomplish and give them a little space and breathing room."

And that little drop of water that they were born with and drops into this bucket turns into this beautiful diamond, rock hard, harder than anything else on this earth, and cleanses us, and that's the mission of True Children. So our mission is to receive that blessing into our hearts, into our minds. I found out that part of my difficulty was that my heart was good but my mind was messed up. And it wasn't until I was stuck out in the wilderness and I was trying to take care of my family financially and work hard and for events beyond me, the whole thing just collapsed. And on top of that my dad was in jail and I said to In Jin one day at four in the morning, "Ya know, I've been running so hard, thinking I was doing a good job, but In Jin I don't know who I am."

I need to strengthen my relationship with (True Family), I didn't know it at the time, but I discovered that when I was actually trying to find myself, I found True Parents again. And all I wanted to do was be a kid and run back to them. And

when I went back to True Family as the older brother in law that was tutoring them in algebra and vocabulary, it's different and I'm amazed to see how magnificently they've grown up with our help and despite our help and I bow my head and I say this is my family. That's who I am.

And it's great and I went back to see Hyo Jin Hyung after one of Mother's speeches in December and I didn't know how important it was at the time, I thought I had done some good work really meditating and praying more deeply than ever before, discarding my external shrouds of position and PhD and all that was meaningless and I was floundering and I realized that my tether with True Family was getting a little thin. And I thought, "Hey, I'm floating around in space and I don't need a tether and I can cut it and fly around myself." And I realized, bumping into things, that "Holy cow I need my anchor." I didn't know it at the time, but it was really amazing because when I tried to look in the area "Does God exist?" and I looked into the area of, "What are Father and Mother, really?" That's the direction I was going in honestly speaking and as I dug and dug and dug and suffered more all of a sudden something became really clear to me, "There is a God and there is True Parents." And it isn't something I was taught anymore, it was something that I found.

That's something that all the second generation have to go through. And those of you who are second generation, In Jin would say, "Don't be afraid to ask the question, "Does God really exist? Is Reverend Moon really special?" Go ahead, all the True Children did it and they came to the same conclusion. And I started to do it and I was afraid and then I completed that

journey and I said, "Oh my God, it's so clear, it's so simple" Just love them all without differentiating without thinking that you know something about them. Try to clear your mind when they even just walk past you, they don't have to look at you they can feel your eyeballs on them, they really can.

In Jin Nim was at Colombia University and she was sitting in the back of a class room and she was pregnant. Can you imagine she said, "Can you imagine, how embarrassing it is to go to school, undergraduate, while you're pregnant." And she said when she graduated, "It took me six years to get my degree." And I said yes four years of college with three kids, that's not bad. And she came back and this was early in our marriage and she says, "These two girls, they're always talking about me, making fun of me." And I said, "Where do they sit?" And she said, "They sit about twenty rows ahead of me." And I said, "In Jin, how do you know that they're talking about you?" Come on, this is how I'm alleviating her heart, by not believing her! We debated this and I said, "In Jin, there's no way you know." This is me early on. She says, "Just come with me to class." I said, "Okay." So I sit with her and the two girls up front are snickering to each other the whole time, and I turned to her (In Jin) and I said, "There's no possible way that you know they are talking about YOU!" And I still doubted her. And then there was a break and I got up and I walked over and the notepad between the two girls talking about Moonies. And I was like, "Holy cow."

Hyung would do that to me all the time, "Straighten out you thinking Jin. You're going in the wrong direction." In November when I came to see him, somewhat exhausted externally, but reenergized spiritually and just a little humbler and we talked for a long time and he said, "Ya know Jin, I've known you for over thirty years and I gotta say this is the first time I've ever seen you humble." (laughter) And I said, "You're right Hyung, you're right, because I figured out something, that I actually don't know it all, in fact I know nothing except my love for you and my love for True Parents. That's all I

got."

So I hope that was an opportunity for you, that was my heart, and I know that when I sat here and thought about Hyung, I sometimes think I want to share something with the brothers and sisters that makes it a little easier for True Children to do what they know they have to do. And whatever way they choose to do it. Have faith in them, support them as a group. And I'll tell you something else, when Hyung passed away, in February he brought us together, but it wasn't the entire family, the entire family hasn't been in one place, all the brothers and sisters, in twenty years, and it happened when Hyo Jin Hyung passed on March 19th. So he did it in February on True Parents birthday, he was already beginning to say, "Guys we're all grown up now, now let's start reeling it back in and reunify." Hyung never had a doubt, no matter how difficult things perceived to be, he said "Jin, don't worry about it, they're all my brothers and sisters, we're all going to come together."

And so when he passed and he just brought us together in February and we were just talking about how amazing that was, and then his sudden passing brings us together again. And they prepared a bus for us to follow Hyung to the Won Jun and everyone from Ye Jin Nim down to Chung Jin Nim was on that bus. And we laughed and we talked, debated and argued a bit too, but elder members of the family said, "We're not going to fight today." And that was the spirit of Hyung. That was Hyung's spirit.

And the significance of Hyung now leading the way for his father and mother, by going before them. I have to tell you one thing, that as rejoiceful as my heart is today together with you, Hyung passing away two weeks ago was not meant to be, it was not meant to be. But it was, in this sense, and it's the same a Heung Jin and Young Jin and Hey Jin. I hate to put this on you, but it's coming from me because I'm one of you, it's because of us. We couldn't love them enough. Even his physical health, the burdens on his heart, it was because of us! We were chosen to love them and given the privilege to love them, and I let him down, many times, I let him down. And it wasn't meant to be. It's like Jesus and the magnificent sacrifice and miracle of dying on the cross, was not meant to

be, but great and magnificent and glorious in its own right, because that's who they are.

So I give you a double burden. One is to rejoice in the absence of our elder brother taking a long that we will not see him again until we catch up with him. And number two the other burden which is not about rejoicing either is about walking away from this morning with a little bit of responsibility. What could we have done as a community to be more true around True Family to ease their burdens so that they could still be with us, and let us clearly, clearly focus on the ones who remain and not let this happen again. Thank you very much. ♦

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ACLCLC 8th Anniversary Celebration



by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

On Saturday, March 29th, the Washington, D.C., community came together for the ACLCLC Eighth Anniversary Banquet Celebration. The banquet had been put together under the leadership of District Director Randy Francis and under the guidance of Bishop Ki Hoon Kim, the National Chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference.

The event had been planned for several months. Bishop Joseph Showell, Senior Pastor of Gospel Ark Temple, and Rev. Ronald Brown, of the Christian Love Baptist Church, served as cochairmen of the event. Meetings were held for several Tuesdays at either Bishop Showell's Church or ACLCLC National Headquarters in preparation for this historic and important event.

The program opened with a series of prayers from the Women In Ministry, including Dr. Addie Robb, Rev. Angelika Selle, and Minister Reiko Jenkins. The beautiful banquet hall quickly filled to capacity, with nearly 300 guests in attendance.

Official greetings were offered by Rev. Randy Francis and Dr. Arnold Howard, the District One Co-Chairman for the ACLCLC. The audience was then given a delightful treat by the melodic offerings of Washington's Japanese Community Choir accompanied by Mrs. Taeko Rothstein on piano.

Next Rev. Michael Jenkins, standing in for North American Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, delivered national greetings to the assembly. The gathering was then entertained by an eloquent and beautiful liturgical

dance performed by Ms. Jamiya Carter.

After a wonderful buffet lunch, ACLCLC Executive Board Committee Member Apostle Floyd Nelson, Vice-Presiding Bishop of the International Bible Way World Church, who had flown in specifically for the event from overseas, addressed the audience. We were then treated to a special presentation about the Youth Federation for World Peace.

As one of the highlights of the afternoon, ACLCLC National Chairman Bishop Ki Hoon Kim addressed the audience by presenting a wonderful and powerful brand new ACLCLC PowerPoint describing the history and the activities of the ACLCLC.

Next Rev. Levy Daugherty, former ACLCLC National Chairman, presented a thorough history of the ACLCLC. This was followed by a beautiful and creative video presentation entitled "Love in Action," presented by Rev. Kevin McCarthy, the

lead lecturer for the ACLCLC.

After another special musical presentation, this one performed by event Co-Chairman Bishop Joseph Showell's Young People of Gospel Ark Temple, the entire assemblage gathered to pay tribute to the day's special honorees.

Rev. Debbie Taylor, Director of Outreach for the ACLCLC for many years, made her first public appearance since suffering a debilitating stroke nearly three years ago.

Rev. Taylor was greeted to a loud standing ovation from the entire audience. She joyfully returned the loving greetings of so many who came forward to kiss and hug her. Her husband, Rev. Joseph Taylor, declared her healthy appearance at the event as nothing short of a miracle. The audience then gathered together to sing "Happy Birthday" to Rev. Taylor as a beautiful birthday cake was wheeled out for the celebration.

Immediately afterward, the afternoon's other honoree, the Rev. Cleveland Sparrow, was introduced and honored for his many years of service and support to the ACLCLC.

As the program rolled along under the diligent guidance of the copresiders, Archbishop C. Phillip Johnson and Pastor Adrien Bayo, Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr. and Bishop Jesse Edwards, national cochairmen of the ACLCLC, offered special guest remarks.



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Bishop Joseph Showell, then spoke about "A Time of Healing."

Then Rev. Michael Jenkins introduced Rev. Paul A. Murray, Pastor of the Apostolic Lighthouse, as the Executive Director of the Global Peace Festival. Rev. Murray delivered an impassioned presentation concerning the upcoming Global Peace Festival on the Capitol Mall this coming August. Imam Muhammad Khan was also present to speak about the importance of unity between all leaders of faith in making the Global Peace Festival an absolute success. Rev. Francis introduced Rev. Ronald

Brown, pastor of the Christian Love Baptist Church, as the new President of the Greater Washington, D.C., ACLC chapter.

As Mrs. Nanae Goto offered a beautiful closing hymn, the program ended with great fanfare and joy as the members of the Greater Washington, D.C., chapter of ACLC celebrated this historic and wonderful reunion banquet.

FOLLOW-UP

The following Tuesday night Bishop Kim, Rev. Francis, and Rev. Joseph



Taylor organized a coming-together meeting for the members of the greater Washington, D.C., community. This was a meeting to express gratitude and appreciation for all those members who had worked so hard to make the March 29th event a success. Over 70 members and several pastors attended the event. The group dined on a sumptuous Chinese dinner during which time several members gave inspired testimonies about their experiences at the March 29th banquet. Once again tribute was paid to Rev. Debbie Taylor and her tireless efforts in helping to establish and grow the

ACLC in the greater Washington metro area.

In conclusion, the assembled members gave both inspired and often tearful testimonies as they remembered the work that has been done through the past eight years in developing the ACLC in Washington, D.C. The meeting ended with prayer, and a new commitment and determination by the members to develop the Greater Washington, D.C. Metro ACLC into the most exciting, energetic, and successful chapter in America. ❖



UPF Germany: On the Way to a Peaceful Society

by Fritz Piepenburg

Over 70 Ambassadors for Peace, guests, and members of the UPF Peace Council gathered March 14-16, 2008, in the Naturfreundehaus in Berlin-Lichterfelde. This was the third gathering of the German National Peace Council, with the topic "On the way to a peaceful society."

Renowned representatives of the Abrahamic religions gathered for inspiring speeches, activity reports, and work group discussions. Prof. Dr. Elizer Glaubach and his wife Rachel attended as guests of honor. Prof. Glaubach served four terms on the Jerusalem City Council and attended the Camp David Talks as a specialist on the situation of Jerusalem. Other noted speakers were Imam Abdullah Haselhof, former president of the Muslim Council of the Netherlands; Dr. Hedwig Raskob, psychologist and peace researcher; and Amir Mohammad Herzog, president of the Islamic Society of German-Speaking Muslims e.V.

Various broad topics were handled in the conference, such as the renewal of the United Nations, further developments in interreligious dialogue, peace through the availability of renewable energy, the meaning of marriage and family for peace, and the practical

implementation of peace projects.

Karl Meier, president of the German chapter of the UPF, challenged the participants to establish "a culture of awareness and taking responsibility." He said, "Many things happening in the world today are completely perverse. One is afraid to look into detail, lest one not be able to sleep peacefully afterwards.

to social relationships and the spiritual or moral lives of people?"

Fritz Piepenburg gave an overview of the recent international activities of the UPF, while Dr. Dieter Schmidt reported about the Global Peace Festival. Both are vice-presidents of the German UPF. Heiner Handschin, president of the Swiss UPF, gave an overview of the UPF

ity. The majority should not allow this minority to be dominant." As he continued, Glaubach admitted that the situation was not that simple: "Israelies and Palestinians could solve the problem themselves, if they were left to do so. Other nations, indeed the whole world, appear to act in their own selfish interests in the Middle East and

make it difficult to carry out agreements. Fifty-one Muslim states, including 22 Arab states, have a considerable influence on Palestinian politics, while the USA is mainly concerned about serving its own interests in Israeli politics. The UPF, with its Middle East Peace Initiative, made a significant contribution, allowing Israeli and Palestine neighbors, citizens of a country with limited resources, to once again speak to each other in friendship." Over 12,000 people from all over the world travelled to Israel and the West Bank as part of MEPI peace trips. They have met important officials, and had the opportunity to share with humble citizens.

Imam Abdullah Haselhof emphasized in his contribution that during the past centuries it was not so much religions but ideologies such as National Socialism and Communism that were the cause of unspeakable suffering. He made an interesting comparison between recipe books and holy scriptures that offered perfect recipes. The problem lay in the competence of the cook: "Many of our religious leaders behave like amateurs and make more trouble than good with their cooking." Haselhof himself is descendent from different cultures and religions. "My mother's ancestors are Indian Muslims, whereas my Dutch father's ancestors are Jews from Lithuania." He had relatives who died in the concentration camp in Auschwitz. "That was the reason why I didn't want anything to do with Germans ... until I met my wife, who is German," he reported with a wink.

Another highlight was the visit to the Bundestag, the German Parliament, on Saturday afternoon, made possible by Ambassador for Peace Abdellah Lassal, one of the leading members of the Bündnis 90, The Green Party. For many participants, it was their first visit inside the Bundestag building.

Finally, Dr. Yong Cheol Song, chairman of UPF-Europe, reported about the opening of the Peace Embassy in Pyongyang, North Korea. He conveyed greetings from the international chairman of the UPF, Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, and encouraged everyone to "live for the sake of others" in their daily life, as the founding motto of the UPF suggests.

As in every previous conference, several people were honored with certificates as Ambassadors for Peace. ❖



However, something must be done, and something is being done."

Amir Mohammed Herzog greeted all the participants and most especially the guest speakers from other countries, as a representative of the Ambassadors for Peace from the host city of Berlin. "A prerequisite of interreligious dialogue," said Herzog, "is the complete acceptance of the other as a person and as God's creation. We must first practice the virtues of a good listener, before being able to tell the others something."

Dr. Hedwig Raskob, who described herself as an "incorrigible do-gooder" (unverbesserlicher Weltverbesserer), gave a report about her activities and connections reaching from Berlin to Prince Hassan bin Tallal of Jordan. "During the past few weeks," she explained, "I had so many amazing encounters, that they allow me to presume a certain spiritual guidance."

Karl-Christian Hausmann, president of the Family Federation e.V., gave an overview of the goals and activities of the UPF: "The world has become smaller, but has also become a global world with global problems. Therefore, the solutions have to be global. We need principles that are not only valid for a special group. The laws of nature are equally valid for all nations and people. Shouldn't we therefore have universally legitimate basic laws that apply

activities with the UN in Geneva and Vienna. The doors of the UN have been open to us, he said, enabling intensive cooperation on various levels, because of our advisory status with UNESCO.

Hildegard Piepenburg captured everybody's attention with her lecture entitled: "The Meaning of Marriage and Family." She spoke about the changing understanding of the marriage partnership during the 20th century: "We can witness an increasing number of singles living in non-marital partnerships and the resulting illegitimate children. We can also see a generalization of the understanding of marriage as encompassing homosexual partnerships. Amazingly, however, there is a widespread, unchanging desire among the youth of today for a conventional and permanent mother-father-child relationship." Piepenburg regretted the fact that the education within the family had not been appreciated or valued by the political and business worlds.

The highlight of the conference was, without a doubt, the presentation of our two guest speakers: Prof. Dr. Glaubach from Israel and Imam Abdullah Haselhof from the Netherlands. "I am very happy to be with you, my German family," proclaimed Glaubach, as he began his presentation about the various peace projects of UPF in Israel and Palestine. "One thing that I would like to make clear from the beginning is that peace is possible in the Middle East.

The majority of the population on both sides long for peace. There are also extremists on both sides that do not want peace, but they are the minor-

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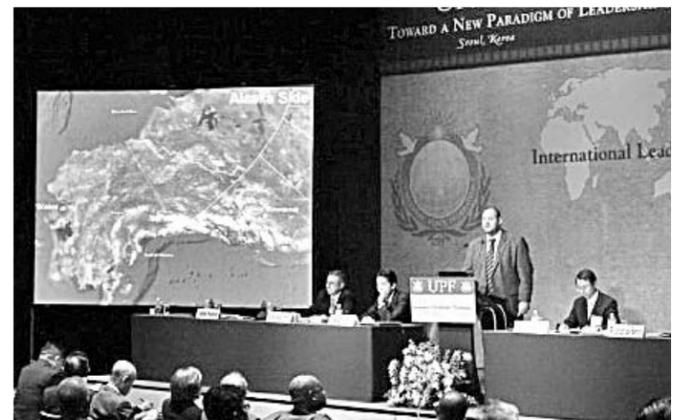
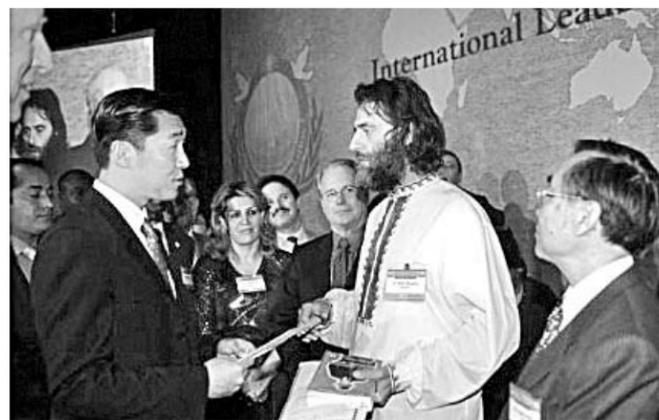
The 320 Ambassadors for Peace from 91 countries participating in the latest International Leadership Conference (ILC) in Seoul experienced a dramatic lesson in the history of the Korean peninsula April 3-8, 2008.

As a part of the overall program, the delegation visited the Peace Palace in the mountains outside Seoul near the North Korean border for a briefing from UPF Chairman Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak. They then made their way to the Korean War Museum in the capital to see for themselves the sorrowful history of the Korean war and witness the country's amazing recovery from devastation.

"Visiting this museum made me feel again the big loss of human life during war," said Wu Cheng Yu, an Ambassador for Peace making his first visit to Korea. "How to prevent war and make peace? That is the challenge facing all Ambassadors for Peace."

Keynote speakers at the ILC included the Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., former Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Philippines, and Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, co-chair of the UPF. "We need a global ethic for global peace," said de Venecia, "and we have a model in the Golden Rule that we should treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves. It seems so simple, but it is in a sense a summary of the minimum moral attitudes and binding standards that make for peace."

The main focus of the ILC is to consider the way to a new paradigm of leadership and good governance in the Pacific era. Along these lines, the delegates repeatedly emphasized the need to explore opportunities for interfaith dialogue as a tool for peacebuilding and diplomacy.



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"The world is already one family," said Rabbi Michael Weisser of Lincoln, Nebraska, "but the problem is that we are a very dysfunctional family. We need to learn how to heal each other."

In other sessions the delegates studied the Peace Education curriculum of the UPF, including presentations on the importance of spiritual values in peacemaking, the origin of conflict, and the principles of restoration and reconciliation. One participant was so moved by the lat-

ter session that he immediately telephoned a friend in the United States from whom he had been estranged for many years, and effected a reconciliation right over the phone!

Perhaps this was not an earth-shaking step toward world peace. Yet, if everyone could start by reconciling with even one other person in various spheres of human endeavor, could we not soon transform this world? ❖

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ACLCL Chicago and 'Imagine Englewood If'

by Rev. Sutchar

On March 16, 2007, Bishop Kim and the ACLC hosted a delegation of 50 Chicago inner-city high schoolers. The organization named "Imagine Englewood If" had been awarded a grant to come to Washington, D.C., and explore the nation's capital. The group's community activist Executive Director is Mrs. Jean Carter-Hill. After testimonies from Mrs. Carter-Hill and the sponsors of the trip, the entire group was treated to a sumptuous dinner by Bishop Kim and the ACLC.

"IMAGINE ENGLEWOOD IF" can be most easily explained by its Mission Statement:

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Goals

- To create a community where organ-



Englewood is one of the poorest and most difficult communities in Chicago. For 16 years our dear friend Rev. Dr. Shirley Coleman served as the alderwoman of the community, and we worked with her on many projects, including Service for Peace. So this was a wonderful opportunity to host and serve these 50 beautiful inner-city kids. After dinner our WAIT team entertained the group to shouts and applause from all. The evening closed with prayer and a beautiful group picture.

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izations and institutions form effective partnerships.

- To establish a community where individuals and organizations, have access to information they need to

improve the quality of life and strengthen families.

- To live in a community where residents actively seek a social change.

Englewood IF website: www.imagineenglewoodif.org/home.html

RYS Nepal: Overcoming Doubts About Each Other's Beliefs

The Religious Youth Service Project was held successfully October 9-17, 2007 in the ancient village of Bungamati, Lalitpur. A total of 40 local and international participants from Sri Lanka, Pakistan, England, Nepal and Jordan, representing different faiths, culture, and ethnic backgrounds, attended the project.

"This was an amazing experience," marveled Tej Maya Maharjan, one young participant from Nepal, "working together with other young people from different backgrounds, faiths and cultures, clearing



children and youth. The RYS 2007 Nepal volunteers worked at building and painting the community hall for underprivileged children. Now the children have enough space to attend classes regularly and the monastery can conduct various vocational training programs for them in years to come. The volunteers' activities also included the painting of and cleaning a Hindu temple.

the differences among us by living together and making friendships during and after the RYS service project".

Participants developed strong communication and friendship through their experiences, thus overcoming doubts about each other's religious beliefs and cultural traditions.

The many facets of the Nepal RYS experience, including yoga and meditation, the service work and education, interreligious site visits to a church, mosque, temple and monastery, plus the cultural sightseeing, all reinforced the message of interreligious harmony by "Bridging over Barriers."

RYS supported building a multipurpose Community Hall at the Buddhist monastery, Amarapur Vihar, where Buddhist nuns have lived for the past decades serving the people, and maintaining harmony and peace within the local community. This monastery had limited space to serve the



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RYS Australia 2008

On 8th February 2008, Fazida Razak, a member of the RYS Global Management Team (GMT) was invited to give a talk to 900 students between the age of 12 to 17 at St John 23rd, Western Australia, about her work at Religious Youth Service and Interreligious Peace Sports Festival. About 100 teachers were also present for the talk.

In her half hour talk, Fazida acknowledged that more and more schools in

Australia are inviting her to give talks about her work simply because schools want to take a more proactive approach in peace building and want to look for newer methodology that might appeal to their students. Students are also ready to contribute to this initiative and go beyond 'raising funds'.

In sharing her experience with RYS and IPSF, Fazida said that her work is

sometime deemed important only in conflict areas. She said that peace work is also urgent in time of peace in countries such as Australia because peace cannot be taken for granted. She said that maintaining peace is a shared responsibility. With more than 200 nationalities, cultures and races, Australia's diversity is a blessing and a challenge.

At the end of her talk, the school Director, Mr. Mark Antulov arranged for her to meet a small group of student captains, teachers and administrators to explore possibilities of what their school can do for 2008. They are now considering preparing a world religion exhibition at the Sports For Peace Carnival co-organised by IPSF in March 2008 in Perth and also an interfaith program that uses arts to promote understanding. ❖



IRFF Afghanistan Village Loan Program

In 2007 IRFF Afghanistan in cooperation with Afghanistan Women's Council started a Village Organization of 25 women to give them small loans for one year period to improve their financial situation. The program is based on the BRAC Bank Micro Finance Program. We are now in the eight month of the first year loan.

In May the coordinator surveyed the area and found needy families. For one month the families were assessed to see if they would support their women (female family members) in this project and to see if she had a good plan for her investment. Support and training was given by the cooperating organization Afghanistan Women's Council (AWC) when needed. After the women were selected they were asked to make a condition of trust by contributing 25 Afghani (fifty cents) to the organizers for six weeks. This money was deposited into their account and will be returned to them at the end of the first year, (\$3) with their other compulsory savings.

After the selection process the VO Coordinator began to give out the loans in August. The loans were distributed to five of the qualified women each week adding five women each week. After the loans were delivered the VO women met with their VO Coordinator and returned 100 afghani (\$2) towards their loan and 25 afghani as savings.

At this meeting they broke up into smaller groups and discuss their progress and problems. The group tried to work together to learn from each other's progress and solving any problems. They also received basic education on the vision and work of IRFF and their achievements for world peace. At the

end of the year, as a result of paying 125 afghani each week for 46 weeks, they will pay back the loan of 4,000 afghani plus make at least 1500 afghani (\$30) in savings for them to keep.

Advantages of program:

- The VO coordinator has been trained by BRAC Bank and is very experienced in this field.
- Each week she has a chance to meet the women to deepen relationships and to check their progress. This is a chance to give guidance and education.
- This program encourages saving which is a needed, a lesson to learn in post war countries. The women are taught to systematically save their money by giving extra money each week which is returned at the end of the loan period.
- Before the program begins there is an aspect which tests the recipient's trustworthiness to ensure the reliability of the women.
- Also the women are all from the same village so they know each other and can support each other.
- The selection process is good therefore we find that the women are very faithful in their payments and help and support each other when needed.

Disadvantages of programs:

- Working in a Muslim country puts limitations on our work. Our beneficiaries are women and therefore we are limited in our relationship, since the director is a man he is not able to visit

the VO freely and must work solely through the women coordinator.

- Because the program phases are one year each, it takes time to complete one phase and move on.



- Sometimes the women need training and education before they can start their own business endeavor and an investment is risky unless they have family support. A survey of the family situation is necessary which takes at least one month for each family before we award them a loan to guarantee they will be successful.

Future Plans

• Peace Education: As was mentioned, because Afghanistan is a Muslim country our VO consists of women and the Director of the project is a man, there are limitations. Now we are making the plans and foundation necessary to give Peace Education, by the Director, to our VO. After the

Peace Education Seminar is completed each member of the VO will receive an Ambassador for Peace Award.

• Other Education: As is needed we would like to give more formal education to the VO

• Phase II: When the first year loan is repaid then the qualified beneficiaries will be able to apply for Phase II which is a loan of 6,000 afghani (\$120). In order to offer this we will need an additional \$800 investment.

• When this Phase II is complete we can proceed to Phase III. At the end of the three phases the 25 women beneficiaries will be self-sufficient and able to cope with the expenses of their businesses independently.

• At the end of the Phase III 25 women will be self-sufficient business women and with the return of loans plus interest IRFF Afghanistan will be able to begin two new VOs at the beginning stage, without any additional investment. ❖

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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



Give and Take: U. of B & 2nd Gen.

by Arielle Caron

The University of Bridgeport is currently home to over 50 second generation. Some come from abroad, from across the states, and some have lived in Bridgeport for many years. Father has been investing in the University of Bridgeport for a long time and with numerous aiding factors, UB has been rapidly progressing and growing as a university that has one of the most diverse student bodies and academic programs.

Beginning in the fall of 2007, PWPA (Professor's World Peace Academy) began to offer scholarships to second generation, on the basis that they fulfilled certain academic and supplemental requirements. In the past semester PWPA supported 8 second generation students attending UB. I was included in this group, as were two others that had graduated from STF together with me in the summer of 2007. This was the first time in many years that such scholarships were being made available. The premise of the scholarship is connected with Father's vision for UB and for second generation's role in future leadership. This is one of the reasons Father has been very serious about starting a "UN" school: a school that can offer the kind of education that will help the world. The current major that corresponds to this vision is International Political Economy and Development (IPEDE). Other majors included within the PWPA scholarship are World Religions, Martial Arts, Social Science, and Mass Communication. In general, it is good to see second generation not only finding a major that feels meant for them, but also see them work at it for the sake of a greater good.

It seems that it has become a tendency, in our society, to more and more, place a greater emphasis on college. The emphasis is not only on going to college, but also where one goes. Apparently, one's college experience may possibly decide the entirety of one's future. With second generation, that encompasses both career success and also the extent to which one may become involved in the movement. Although this high school-instilled mantra does not pretend to address such issues as motivation and goals, it is nonetheless widely accepted and its impact on second generation is quite evident.

As if going through training, reaching perfection, creating an ideal

family, and contributing to world peace were not enough, second generation also have to consider earning the world's respect and making True Parents proud by getting into the best universities and becoming world leaders. A plateful, some might say. Given these demanding objectives, many second generation have naturally come to identify more closely with a few or even one of these goals, rather than feel capable to tackle the whole enchilada. As a result, we see some second generation really focusing on



training and mission, while others focus on self-cultivation through daily life and some focus a lot of their energies and efforts towards creating an ideal family. Then there are those that feel that graduating from college, a prestigious college, is indispensable in the way that it makes God proud. Not to say that any of these aspirations are necessarily disparate: we merely see that the relative concentration on them tends to vary with each individual.

Personally, high academic achievement was something that I clearly understood was an expectation for second generation. But beyond that sense of duty, it never penetrated into my own ambition. For this reason, after living through high school, it seemed I had a choice whether to regard college as yet another duty, or as something I wanted to do. Just graduating from two years of STF, the decision of where to attend college or if to attend college was clearly a decision that warranted prayer.

I write all this in prelude to my experience at UB because I myself perhaps could not make sense of everything unless I recalled what drew me here in the first place. I remember quite clearly, it was prayer. In high school I had never considered going to

UB, for it, in fact, had never even come under my radar of cognizance. It was only a simple, intuitive hunch that compelled me to make an unstudied call to one church member that was working at UB, asking about tuition and the feasibility of attending in the Fall. It so happened that they had just proposed a second generation scholarship and although it was not yet completely secured, it was very clear that it was going to happen: definitely a good time to call. That was during my one-week winter break from STF. Through a sequence of events I realized that UB seemed to be where I was meant to go.

Others, I am sure had different journeys that helped them arrive at UB. I have no doubt that the PWPA scholarship was an aiding factor in their decisions, yet even beyond that, I have come to see that every member of this community is here for a reason and that, wherever we go in life, God places us there to learn and to contribute. I see UB as no exception. Grethel Burch, a student at UB comments: "Everything seemed to come together, to fit, all the way from where I could live and work, to gaining a diverse experience that taught independence." She also began teaching Spanish at BIA, the church high school, and has learned so much from that experience. It seems that there is a niche, a unique way in which everyone is gaining and contributing from being here in Bridgeport. Grethel sees the opportunity to be involved so closely with the church community while still focusing on academics, as a blessing. As do many of us: a way to contribute is invaluable and when it is matched with Fate's Will for the individual, powerful.

This aspect of Fate has helped me understand my own experience a lot more deeply. There is a certain role that a community, or college community, plays in the life of an individual and there also is a key role that an individual plays the life of the community. It is this relationship that I wish to further describe: how second generation here have been affected, helped and changed by the community, how the community has been affected, helped and changed by the second generation and how both processes seem to be part of a bigger plan.

Immediately upon arriving at UB I found the community to be unique. Growing up as one of the oldest second generation in the area, it was impacting to see in Bridgeport, so many second generation couples, some even with

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.

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children. For college age BCs to have that reminder of what lies ahead, examples of elder brothers and sisters that are still involved in the community, is precious. I found that especially in college, when, one tends to question the purpose of it all (despite previous spiritual training), seeing older second generation that have not fallen away from the movement but instead are seen frequently, can aid as a catalyst towards one's aspirations and vision for life.

Community, I have come to realize, is incredible in the way that God can use it to guide you and mold you. Responsibility and obligations to others becomes the tool by which you learn. Having to study for finals and simultaneously worry about one's younger brothers and sisters not only expands one's heart and character, it expands one's view of life and of what is important. In college, the issue of personal and societal happiness is constantly dealt with and the enigma of one's own path can be dizzying. Although seemingly paradoxical, having added responsibility and affinities can pull one through one's own struggles and emotions. Youth ministry can play an especially affective role in that sense.

Whether it is high school, Sunday school or college-age ministry, the involvement and commitment to a greater good can enrich and guide one's life. This, of course, is all done within the context of academic commitment. The combination of public, social and school life can really mold second generation and provide a unique way for us to bounce occurrences in each of the areas against the other one; we become well rounded, individuals that can learn not only from school but also from life. Nonetheless, it is always relationships that teach us the most.

Perhaps the most fundamental role of community in Bridgeport is the powerful way in which we as second generation affect each other personally. We contribute to each other. The support gained from having brothers and sisters always around, in classes and in all that we do, is invaluable. Whether it is gathering to play volleyball every week,

Beyond the church community, there is of course the University. Talking with other second generation about the affect that we have on the student body, it was hard to come up with a strong conclusion. We could not profess to have revolutionized the culture nor have perfected any process within the school. Many of us feel that,

what the needs of the campus are; we are simultaneously growing and understanding our own role and path here.

When Father began investing in the University it was on the brink of bankruptcy and everything from infrastructure to faculty and academic programs had to be built up from the ground up. Many students can easily cite points in the University that still need a finishing touch. However, there is a bigger providence here at UB. Father has a vision for it and when we as second generation see the reality falling short of it, it is a unique opportunity for us to take responsibility. The issue becomes whether we will see it falling short and become disillusioned, or whether we will realize that there is some responsibility to be taken, to be fulfilled and decide to not become passive.

The issue of second generation taking responsibility is movement wide, and improvement, even for the movement, asks of us a certain level of initiative, of responsibility. For second generation at UB, it is slightly harder to have a passive attitude. It's harder to be invisible, because Father has so much hope for it. Even developing the attitude to actively contribute to the heightening of the academic and spiritual standard is a great achievement for second generation. Just as now there is a consensus that for different second generation, different training programs will be better fit, I feel that, for some, UB is our path, our way to grow our hearts and our minds. The unique experience that comes with attending Father's university is now able to be offered to second generation, whereas before it was very difficult for blessed families to afford it. Although it is Father's university, it is in many ways still growing, and seeing the need for so much improvement is also a valuable lesson for second generation.



watching movies together, or organizing the weekly internal guidance for college students, we are learning to do things as a team, as a family.

This experience is so transformational for me because I have often viewed the many objectives or expectations given to second generation as something that I must tackle on my own. Being a part of a diverse community I have begun to understand how we are meant to do things together. We cannot have a healthy spiritual life without others; we cannot be happy college students without each other.

And all of this not only affects the greater whole, but also constitutes part of it. The community, without the college-age second generation, would be missing a link. The second generation in high school would be missing the kind of love that comes from elder brothers and sisters and the older members would be missing the kind of experiences that come from teaching and helping college age second generation.

academically speaking, second generation usually strive to raise the bar and always give their best in academic studies. However, there is always more that we can do and perhaps the best way of effectively contributing to the student body is learning humility. Learning that in order to be able claim the University for God, we must serve and we must love, is a step ahead of believing we can inherently change it by merely existing, merely attending. In that area, there is always room for improvement. Spiritually speaking, some also say that just by being here we affect the spirit of the University, the spirit of the student body. Others strongly believe we need to reach out more, create more campus activities and that too is an area in which growth is always welcomed. But more and more college students have begun to realize that campuses are different.

What one campus would need might be different from what another campus would need and as UB second generation come to understand more

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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?

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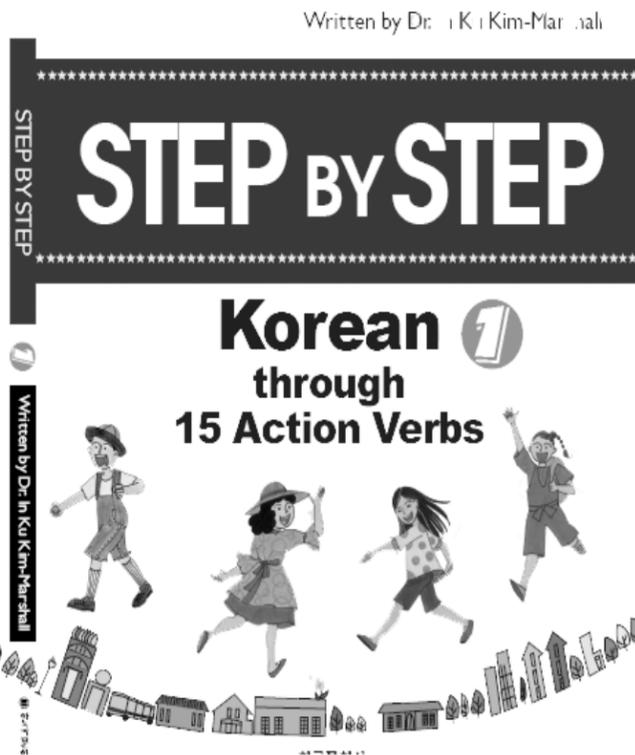
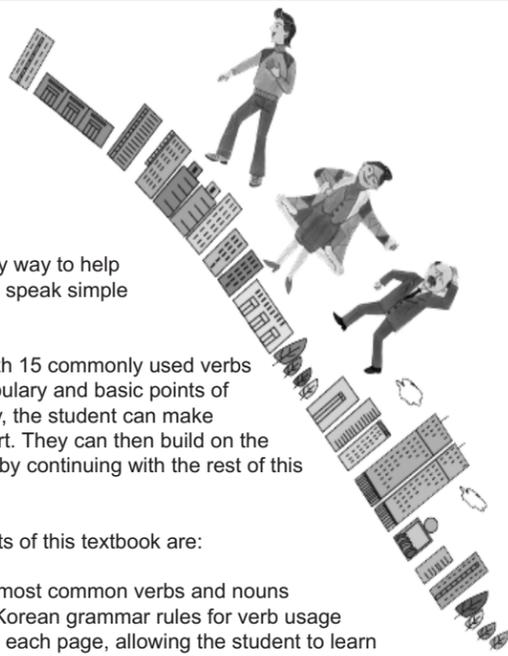
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by Kenritsu Yamamoto

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Being the Right Person

popular culture, with powerful lyrics that showed the current state of many of our youth. He also had some

2nd Generation to know their identity and continue the tradition of True Parents in the blessing. He also shared

guidance on the ideal spouse from the viewpoint of God, the proper attitude toward matching, God's reasons for international marriages, and the tradition of the Blessed Central Family. Rev. Schanker's lectures touched on all of these points as well.

Participants arrived on the opening day of the Blessing workshop to the crisp, clear air of Ben Lomond, in the hills above the Santa Cruz beach line. The location was in a beautiful setting thronged by mighty redwoods, which towered over the workshop like wooden pillars of God's temple. They gathered here this weekend from as far away as Ohio, Massachusetts, Florida, even Cambodia. The opening day found much enthusiasm in the camp kitchen and dining room as people got themselves situated and adjusted to the idea of a professional camp staff (not the parents of participants) preparing their meals. It was a great pleasure to all who were there that over thirty First Generation parents attended as well. Their presence was an inspiration, giving the workshop a new and welcoming feel. Many of the participants were not thinking of going to Blessing or matching this year, but perhaps in one or two years. However, whatever the reason for coming was, there were over 70 Second Gen in attendance.

Rev. Schanker's lectures were very emotional and engaging. One participant appreciated how "real" he was, and was grateful for his honesty in sharing about his own experience in the Blessing and the church. The beautiful PowerPoint presentation upon which he gave his lectures was a pleasure to watch and made the entire lecture series much easier to understand.

He serenaded the workshop with heartfelt songs taken from



examples of songs that reflected the false impressions of what is normal that is spread and perpetuated by the media. The use of music and imagery was refreshing and moving. Rev. Schanker shared, many times with tears, how much, how important the blessing is, and how crucial it is for

deeply from his heart about his marriage with the participants and offered a beautiful song by Cat Stevens in honor of Mrs. Schanker.

For Hoon Dok Hae, participants read Father's words and guidance on marriage and the blessing. The topics we read included

He passionately taught about God's ideal for the Blessing as is shown to us in the Principles of Creation and how the Fall was the origin of family breakdown. Lectures on restoration and Jesus' life and meaning showed us how precious are the lives and blessing of 2nd Generation. In addition, Rev. Schanker personally invested in the 2nd Generation who had deeper questions and even confessions to share with him, as well as Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda of the U.S. Sung Hwa Department and Rev. Inguk Seo, the BC Blessing director of the Sung Hwa department. All of the participants partook in a written repentance and confession.

To conclude the workshop, Rev. Seo gave a presentation to the gathering as well and shared about the Sung Hwa and meaning of Blessing Children.

Also, many 2nd Gen who attended came from very difficult situations and experiences. I am sure that God is proud of them, and they are much stronger and better people because of their experiences. Every person at this workshop helped to make it the success that it was. I am happy to say that the workshop went very smoothly, and many had an enjoyable experience. I am sure Father would be proud and joyful to see so many bright souls sharing in faith together and preparing for the future by being the right person.

THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



The 3rd STF Families Workshop

by Mrs. Beverly Berndt

April 4-6, 2008

The excitement of the parents to see their sons or daughters was so pervasive as we rode to the Estes Park YMCA center for the 3rd Annual Families' STF Workshop. It seemed that the van was literally pulsating with anticipation and love. From April 4th-6th, 150 parents and siblings joined the 120 STF-ers for a weekend of Cheon Il Guk experiences.

Tears of joy and warm embraces marked the families' reunions. The STF members had already been in the beautiful conference center high above Denver hearing lectures and reflecting on their experiences; I remember thinking, "Oh, this is what Heaven must be like. Oh, this IS Cheon Il Guk."

The theme was "Let's Experience One Family Under God, Aju!" Although the schedule was challenging and full, there was only a feeling of true brothers and sisters. The enthusiasm of the participants was deep-rooted and infectious. As we arrived everyone was listening so deeply to Rev. Schanker's lecture - after dinner, opening remarks by Mr. David Rogers (chairman of the STF Parents' Board) and some welcoming entertainment, the STF-ers were delighted to introduce their parents and siblings to everyone.

Then we were able to really hear the testimonies and experiences of the young people. They shared about connecting to God's dream and experiencing God's heart as they tried to invest and love the people they met while fundraising. They spoke of understanding their parents' course and realizing their parent's incredible love for

them because of their experiences witnessing.

The next morning we rushed over to the hall to hear Hoon Dok Hae and do exercises. Roland Platt, the director of STF USA, welcomed everyone and explained the ever-developing STF program is in a constant state of improvement. He himself is sincerely moved to see the

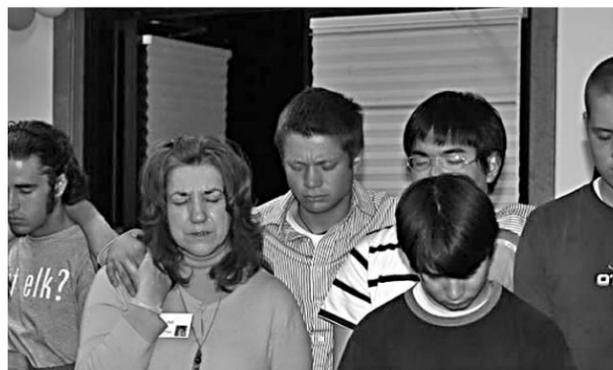
development of the second generation as they take more and more leadership in the STF program. That was followed by presentations about the program by STF members themselves, conveying the goals, educational contents, and activities of the first year and the second year.

Mr. Aoki especially spoke about the heart of Hyun Jin Nim

behind STF to embrace all second generation and transform the culture to a culture of heart. He spoke of his first-hand experience of Hyun Jin Nim's filial heart toward True Parents. Mr. Aoki shared honestly and openly about heart-wrenching difficulties, as well as victories, that have been the foundation of STF.

As you can see, so much happened during this workshop. I was very moved by the parents' meeting in the afternoon. About 80 parents met to exchange ideas, concerns, hopes, and suggestions in a World Café format. My experience with STF has always been that the leadership is so receptive to suggestions of parents, based on a sincere goal to have the most effective program possible. Issues of safety and health have been taken extremely seriously. More testimonies and moving family entertainment lasted into the night.

Fittingly, the last day was True Parent's Day. A wonderful offering table and festive spirit began the day. After Mr. Ken Bates' morning service based on experiences of working closely to Hyun Jin Nim, Naokimi Ushiroda and Kenshu Aoki shared about Jr. STF and CARP respectively. I believe everyone in our movement would be inspired about the content of their talks, but my sharing is getting really too long. The final inspiration was to hear the parents sharing their hearts. They were so proud of their kids and grateful to Hyun Jin nim and the very dedicated staff of STF. Cheon Il Guk was, in fact, all around us, and we all have brought a piece of it home.





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It's an election year. The 2008 primaries are almost over, and all eyes are turning toward the party conventions, and beyond them to November. To your author's great surprise, this is the fifth article in the Presidential Election Year series.

This is a nonprofit religious publication, and we're not endorsing any particular candidate, party, or policy. Even were this otherwise, your author is not terribly enthusiastic about any of the current candidates. (Haven't been, almost from the beginning of the race, way last year.)

By the time you read this column, anything might have happened. Even so, the general principles will apply, year after year.

CANDIDATES

The Republicans selected the moderate John McCain, while two liberal Democrat candidates continue to vie for that nomination. Whoever wins, that candidate will set several Presidential history records.

In defiance of many political pundits, and in an unusual turn of events, three US Senators are still in the running, instead of the usual Governors and Generals. On both sides, 'crossover' votes had plenty of influence.

For a variety of reasons, each candidate's choice of Vice Presidential running mate is especially important, this time around.

Overall, the office has become more influential in recent years.

On the Democrat side, the bookies are going to make a fortune, because informed predictions are all over the place. A formidable Clinton-Obama ticket remains a possibility.

For the Republican side, because of the groundbreaking nature of the Democrat contenders, many pundits think McCain will pick a woman and/or minority. Others talk about ideological balance, and "shoring up the base."

CAMPAIGNS

Most election campaigns are run by wealthy professional consultants. Some will travel nationwide, and to foreign countries, to work their media magic. Most are ordinary folks, while others are downright weird.

Here in California, often the candidate (or cause) that shovels the most money loses the worst. Eccentric millionaires have lived up many of our previous elections.

Tens of millions of dollars are pouring into campaign and 'interest group' advertisements, most of which follow set patterns. On a Congressional level, most ads do not mention the candidate's party affiliation, or whether they're the incumbent. (Depending on the nature of the story, neither does the mainstream news.)

Election Year Quintessence

A reform law was supposed to remove a lot of campaign money, and its allegedly corrupting influence. In fact, more money than ever is getting spent, largely by activist "527" organizations. Anyone who believes these purpose-built 527s do not 'coordinate with the candidate' is dreaming. The actual rules (plus court rulings) are insanely complicated.

The Internet is gathering campaign funds, and hosting up-to-the-minute YouTube ads, statements, and rebuttals. Other web sites provide quick verification of each major candidate's stated claims. It's amazing the whoppers they'll try to unload. See the nonpartisan sites www.vote-smart.org and www.factcheck.org. (Blogs are fast and thorough, but often biased and inaccurate.)

As for how the government really works, book readers can learn much from Brad Meltzer's well-researched novels "The Zero Game" and "The First Council." These provide a civics lesson the politicians would rather you didn't have!

It's a shame that thousands of wise and capable people are turned off by the hostile media frenzy that would inevitably accompany their candidacy.

POSITIONS

Political worldviews can roughly be divided into three realms: foreign policy, social/religious, and fiscal. These beliefs, in turn, will influence policies and votes. In real life, a person can be conservative or liberal (or otherwise) in any of these realms, regardless of party affiliation. For example, California and the northeast have Republicans who are more liberal than most southern Democrats. Also, sincerely or not, a politician's beliefs and positions can change, over the years.

You can check your own political worldview at www.theadvocates.org/quiz.html and similar sites.

We should be thankful for what we have, even if we do keep messing it up. It's been said that we get the leadership we deserve. I think there's plenty of room for improvement, don't you?

Pundits like to claim that every Presidential election is crucial to the fate of the United States. Supreme Court seats are often at stake, the economy is a perennial concern, and the war on terrorism is far from over. Overall, the political parties offer very different ideologies and positions.

This time around, all of the major contenders are liberal on most issues. From a conservative viewpoint, this makes the balance in Congress especially important, and as much by ideology as by party affiliation.

Some pundits claim that Washington is controlled by "insiders" who not-so-secretly pull everyone's strings. If they haven't given up on politics entirely, they tell us "we need a third party." However, for everyone to find a third party that suited their individual views,

there would have to be thousands of 'em!

Meanwhile, from John Birchers on the far right to Ralph Naderites on the far left, any candidate with a serious chance of winning also has too many insider connections to be acceptable. Hence, thousands will continue to vote for tiny third parties.

To have any real chance, a third party needs a strong and compelling leader. In 1992, and in spite of many shortcomings, Ross Perot got 19% the popular vote. In the future, a large terrorist strike (which, by definition, a sitting Administration would have failed to prevent) might boost the chances of a similar candidate.

American elections often feature low turnouts. This is commonly called a bad thing, but ignorant voters may be worse than nothing.

Things are going fairly well in this country, so most people see no need to vote. It takes real, widespread trouble to energize the masses.

Barack Obama has energized many young voters. Some of his rallies have featured revival-style fainting in the aisles! Meanwhile, John McCain has told potential supporters to "calm down." You need not be a pundit to appreciate the contrast. Which style will prevail? The voters will decide!

TAX MONEY

Politicians are expert demagogues. That is, they try to appeal more to your emotions than to your mind. In many cases, the slickest candidate wins. In an age of television, Abraham Lincoln would never have been elected.

Remember that a President's main job is to defend everyone's liberty, and perhaps to inspire people. Not to push through big changes, much less to micromanage our lives. The only money they have to spend is your own tax money; paid directly by you, or through the cost of doing business. Also, in real

life, a President can only act through huge bureaucracies.

Have we gotten our money's worth? Nearly all government departments and projects run a deficit, and very few solve real problems. As shown by the recent aircraft and beef inspection (and home mortgage, etc.) scandals, bureaucracies are terrible at their lawful job: public oversight.

It's common to hear 'bankruptcy dates' announced for Medicare, Social Security, and other programs. The government is speeding toward a cliff, and politicians lack the guts to even let up on the gas pedal. Quite the contrary, two of the three Presidential candidates are promising to greatly expand the government.

FACTS

Check out the issues, and run the numbers. Please don't rely on the nightly TV news for information. They are selective, biased, and dumbed down—and it's only getting worse. The mainstream media remains silent on many vital stories.

What's the alternative?

Magazines carry a huge variety of news and opinion. "Mother Jones" has populist/leftist views, and excellent investigative reporting. "National Review" offers conservative views, and some insightful essays.

On the air, Pacifica radio features an earnest progressive/leftist viewpoint. Rush Limbaugh offers humorous, conservative ideas. Informative talk stations such as KSFO can be heard over the Internet. WorldNetDaily and other news sources flourish online.

Go and pester some friends. Pick a variety of people. You may be surprised at how well-informed many people are, and how well they can back up their different viewpoints.

I want to know each candidate's record, philosophy, and position on the issues. I would hope to understand their personal character. When I lived in Idaho, I met some of the bigwigs. Here in California, I've met dedicated activists of many stripes.

CONCLUSION

Rev. Moon says that God has blessed America with its prominence and prosperity because we believed in Him. Also because she sacrificed her blood and treasure for the freedom of many nations. Long ago, Alexis de Tocqueville observed that America thrives because its people are moral and forward-looking. What a far cry from the selfish, 'nanny state' political platforms of today.

Winston Churchill once said, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others." We should be thankful for what we have, even if we do keep messing it up. It's been said that we get the leadership we deserve. I think there's plenty of room for improvement, don't you? For now, I say: get informed, and get involved. See you down at the polling booth. ❖

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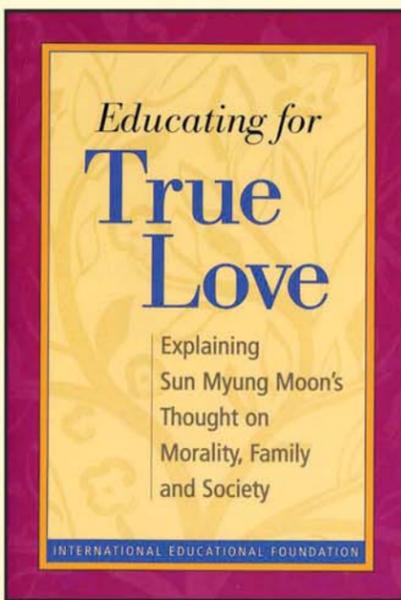
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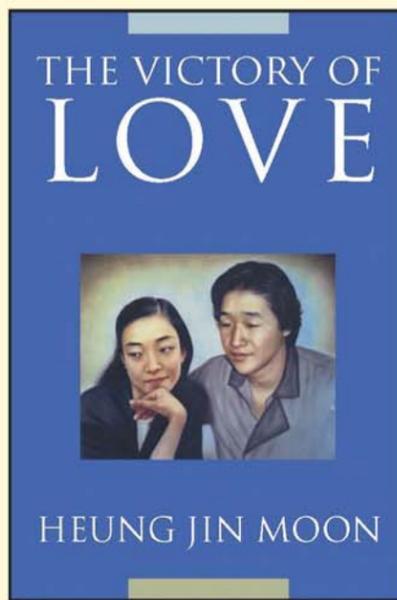
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