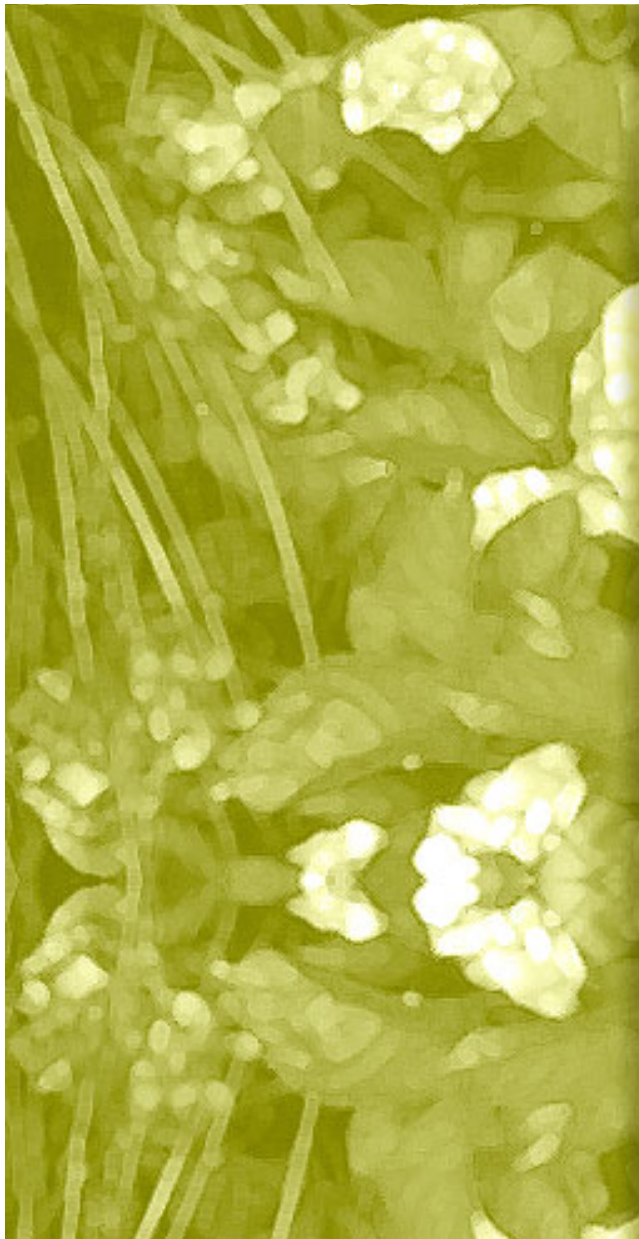


Subject: A few years ago ...



A few years ago, I had spent the day at an annual adoption conference that our agency, New Beginnings, holds. The conference was wonderful - we were able to sit in with social workers, various adoption experts, and adoptive parents, etc. But at the end of the day, I had signed up to sit in on an adoptive panel. It consisted of quite a few teenagers who had been adopted from Korea. And of all the seminars that day, I found the adoptee panel to be the most powerful. These kids were so honest about their experiences - they truly helped us as parents to get an understanding of what issues our own children might face - what it was like to be the only Asian kid in their community, or their families for that matter, what thoughts they had about their birth parents, how they felt when they were angry at their parents and yelled "You aren't my real mom!" For us as parents, we know the joys of adoption. But for our children, there are losses in adoption as well - loss of birth parents, of language and culture. The more open we are, and the more we listen to other adoptees, the better job we can do as parents. There is no doubt that we will all learn something and have a better understanding of what it is like to grow up transracially adopted.

Please join us as FCC-LI hosts an adoptee panel with Also-Known-As - a group of young-adult Korean adoptees - on Sunday, November 11, 2007 from 2:30-4:30 at the First United Methodist Church, 25 Broadway, Amityville, NY 11701.

There is no fee to attend.

Why not take advantage of this very special opportunity.

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