

Los Angeles Family Church ends Movie Theater Services - Moves to church

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The soon-to-be new Los Angeles Family Church is just what the Los Angeles Unificationist community has been looking for, for quite some time. After five years of meeting at the local movie theatre to hold Sunday Service, they finally have their very own church building.

“This will radically but positively transform our Southern California community,” said Don Makowski of the Los Angeles Family Church Council.

After finding the prospective new church building, the Los Angeles Church Council decided to take a

vote from the congregation, asking everyone if they favored pursuing the purchase of this church. Their goal was to get 65% of the congregation in favor, and if they reached that minimum they would begin the purchase process. Out of 120 Unificationists who came to service the Sunday of the vote, 95% responded favorably—almost a unanimous vote!



The newly-carpeted sanctuary has two levels and holds up to 460 people in semicircular rows of beautiful wooden pews. This is the ideal capacity for the Los Angeles Family Church, which has an average weekly attendance of 375. There is a sizeable parking area, and the church site is located in a good neighborhood with easy access to two major freeways.

“Our Heavenly Parent prepared for us to be able to grow our Congregation in this wonderful new building,” said Mr. Makowski. “We will be able to Prayer Breakfasts, as there is easily enough space for 200 people to be seated and fed under a giant tent, and our lively Kodan after-service fundraisers. Most importantly, the new church will be instrumental in helping young Unificationists, who for the last five years have had no place they could call their own, to meet, start clubs and small groups, hold band and choir practice, have movie nights, and more.”



The building also has a small kitchen and dining room for 60, and several offices and classrooms. The owner generously included four large speakers and several microphones in the main sanctuary, with intact wiring for audio systems. The Los Angeles Family Church also plans to broadcast sermons, given weekly by District 12 Pastor, Rev. Young Tak Yang, and Los Angeles Family Church Pastor, George Kazakos, to a large TV monitor for parents, located in the beautifully painted children’s nursery.

On Sunday, May 22, FFWPU USA President, Dr. Michael Balcomb, spoke at one of the last movie theatre Sunday Services of the Los Angeles Family Church. His message was about faith and courage, and afterward he invited everyone inspired to make a sizable donation toward the new church to come up to the stage and commit to walk together in faith for their new building. Over 100 people walked to the front of the theatre.

“This new building will serve as a great focal point for our community to unite in myriad ways that were never before possible,” said Mr. Makowski. “Like the Israelites leaving Egypt, we’ve been waiting for this order to move for a very long time. What we do when we at long last ‘settle into Canaan’ remains yet to be seen, but with the incredible energy and inspiration I’ve seen over the past few weeks, it wouldn’t be surprising if we start a revival that spreads ‘all across the fruited plain!’”



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