

FFWPU USA: Demian Dunkley's *Rebirth Workshops* Ignite Revival of Faith

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How has the "Rebirth" workshop inspired you?

Many Unificationists across the country are sharing how the regional workshops led by Rev. Demian Dunkley, FFWPU-North America chair and national president, have deeply moved them in countless ways. Connecting our faith community with True Mother's heart and essence has been a primary goal for Rev. Dunkley, who first [initiated the workshop series](#) in June at the Cheon Shim Won USA headquarters in Las Vegas.

Below are some testimonies of how our community members have experienced a powerful rebirth in their own lives of faith.

I was struggling a little bit before coming to the workshop, just with faith, and understanding, and finding my purpose ... True Mother's love is so great, and she has suffered so much. I didn't realize [how much] until I got to the workshop ... It was probably a compilation of things that I heard ... but I [emerged] with that feeling, that push and that drive, that I wanted to give back and support True Parents ... That was my rebirth moment. - California

[After] each lecture, I went to the Cheon Shim Won prayer hall and prayed. And one day [when] I prayed, my tears wouldn't stop, and I couldn't pray anymore. I had no idea what was going on with [me]. I've never had something happen like this. I tried to pray one more time, and I really felt that we need to liberate True Father and share the truth [about True Parents]. Otherwise, we cannot really become one with True Mother ... [She] really wants to liberate True Father and she really loves [him]. I really felt True Mother's 60 years of sacrifice, tears, and difficulty ... I feel hope and God's dream, and True Mother's love. I was really happy I attended this Rebirth workshop. - Minnesota

I was surprised - in a good way - and intrigued by some things I heard ... I don't feel lost or confused. I feel more excited, like a pioneer for what's new to come and what's expected, and what else we have in store. - West Coast

It was an incredible workshop - probably the best I've been to in a very long time ... I don't remember the last time we got to hear so directly from True Mother and the personal experiences with her [from Rev. Dunkley]. I felt so close to the providence and so close to Heavenly Parent ... I'm so grateful because I got multiple answers during the workshop. I heard God answering some of my prayers ... God told me, 'You don't need to worry.' Whenever He talks, it's always very simple, very kind, and very loving. I'm so glad that I could be reminded that God's with me, and that He's always been guiding my life. - Ohio

The Rebirth experience profoundly impacted who I am. The experience ... was truly an unforgettable one ... During a unison prayer ... I prayed with my heart and tears came to my eyes. I reflected on the fact that nobody on Earth knew the truth about True Mother's heart and God's feminine heart. At the same time, I felt a surge of great hope well up inside of me. My eyes were crying, but my mouth was smiling. I felt that this was a taste of God's heart. - West Coast

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Bridging True Mother's Heart with America



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"I came here with a hope to be able to bridge True Mother's heart to America and America to True Mother's heart," said FFWPU Regional Chairman and National President Rev. Demian Dunkley, who launched a series of Cheon Shim Won 'Rebirth' workshops this summer after being appointed in May to his [new role](#) and mission.

"I'm talking about the deeper realms of True Mother's heart," said Rev. Dunkley in a special video message from the Las Vegas headquarters of Cheon Shim Won USA. The eleventh Rebirth workshop recently concluded in Las Vegas with YAYAM leaders from around the nation. Rev. Dunkley is now bringing the Rebirth workshop to local communities, starting in Los Angeles and another one currently underway in the DMV (DC-Maryland-Virginia) community.

"[This program is] just me giving my testimony about my experience with True Mother and what [she] really wants to say," Rev. Dunkley explained. "It's something we have to come together at the Cheon Shim Won and hear and pray about. What I have felt personally is that this is sincerely a rebirth experience. It's something that we as members should first experience, and then we become the witness; we become reborn." Rev. Dunkley emphasized the importance of leaving behind old concepts as the Unification movement embarks on a "new era and new history," he said.

Pastor Joshua Holmes of the Los Angeles Family Church shared how he was personally touched by the workshop experience, stating, "I was so moved and humbled by the response [to the workshop]." He noted some 120 community members participated in the three-day program.





“People showed up to have this encounter and this experience of renewed discovery of who True Parents are to them,” said Pastor Joshua. “I think the overarching testimony that people shared is that they had no idea how much True Mother has gone through over these last 63 years. [We felt] repentful and filial-hearted.”

“There was this sense of ‘I want to protect my mom,’” he said. “I want to fight for my mom; I want to stand up together for our True Parents ... I think that is the foundation for rebirth.”

Participants shared a new determination to serve, Pastor Joshua said, and build a culture of Cheon Il Guk together going forward. “I’m most excited for [Rev. Demian’s] rebirth tour ... and the revival that will take place across America.”

The current Southeast Cheon Shim Won Rebirth Workshop runs from August 28 to 30 at the Capital Family Church in Washington, DC. Continue to check the Rebirth workshop schedule to see when one is being held in your region.

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