

## Rev. Chris Hempowicz longtime pastor of Bridgeport Family Church retires

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On Sunday, March 16, 2015, the Bridgeport Family Church celebrated their longtime pastor, Rev. Chris Hempowicz, on his last day as pastor. After 20 years of dedication and service, Rev. Chris and Dr. Christine Hempowicz were given a warm farewell as they retire from their leading role. The community gathered for Sunday service at the University of Bridgeport, where Dr. Michael Balcomb, President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) USA, gave a Sunday sermon and a message of gratitude to the Hempowiczes. Members of the community shared their memories of Rev. and Dr. Hempowicz's leadership, celebrated their great contribution and presented them with a plaque of appreciation. Below is a video with words of thanks from the Bridgeport Family Church.



Dr. Balcomb shared a springtime message in which he compared our spiritual growth to that of trees developing from a strong foundation, and he encouraged the community to work together to build upon the foundation that was laid before them.



“Today we’re going to wish farewell and a next step to Chris and Christine Hempowicz, and we thank them for their service,” he said. “The most important thing is not who will be the new pastor, but will each of us take the task and the mission seriously? If all of us take it on, then that will bring the success that God and True Parents want.”

Warm wishes and many thanks to a dedicated, serving and gracious couple!