



FAMILY CHURCH OF CONNECTICUT

Jan – June, 2023 Report

July 16, 2023



Senior Pastor Naokimi Ushiroda

State of the Church Town Hall Meeting



The members of the Family Church of Connecticut will:

**1. Build community
and have fun
together**

**2. Grow spiritually
through inspiring
church services and
education programs.**

**3. Instill in each
person a deep sense
of purpose,
belonging, and pride
in who we are.**



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2023 PHOTO REPORT



New Year's Day 2023

West Rock State Park Holy Ground

Walk to the Holy Ground at West Rock State Park in New Haven. 45
People joined in the dawn prayer service.

New Year's Day





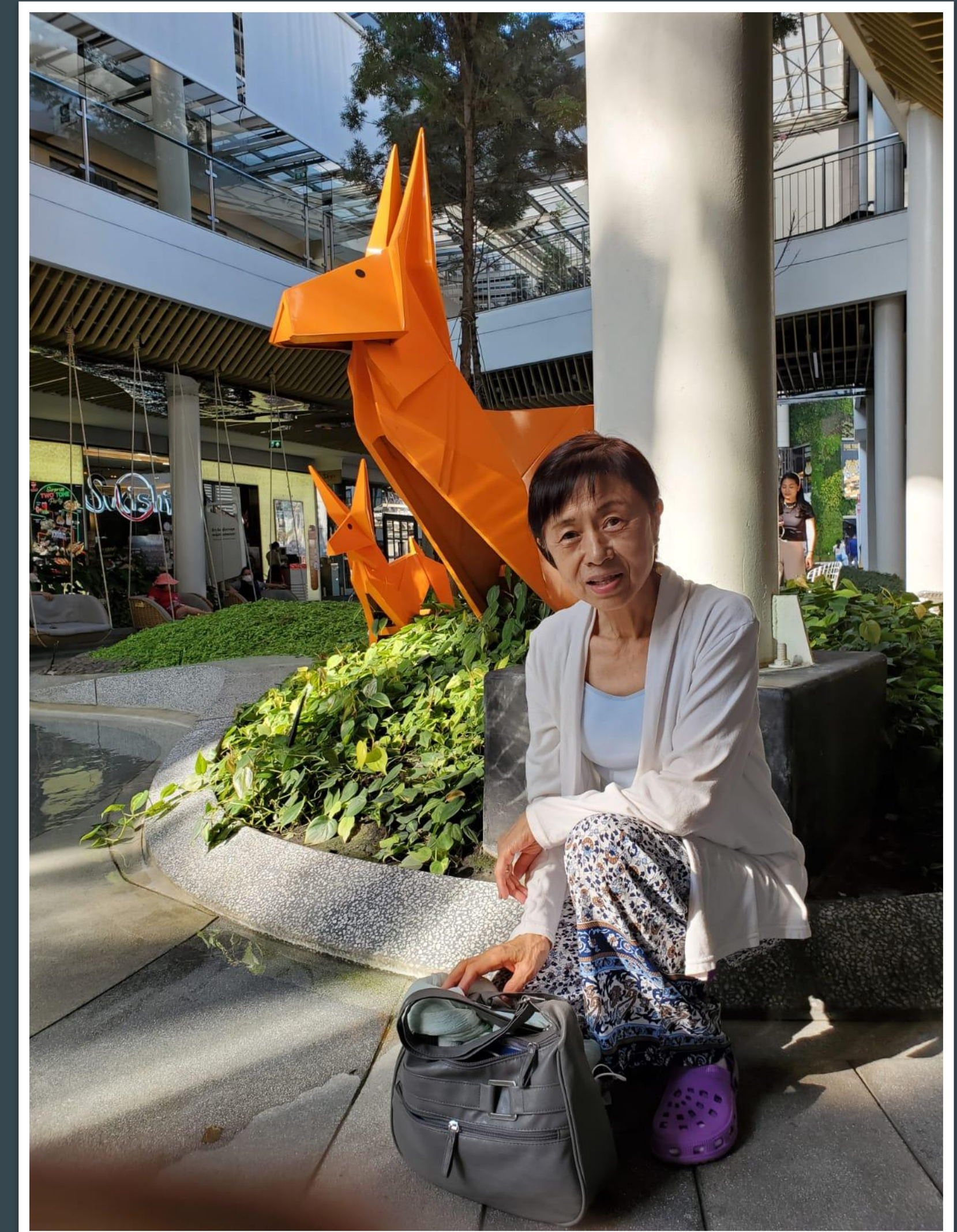




Church Breakfast at Westville Diner

New Year's Day after the service, we all met for breakfast.

MICHIY GORDON IN THAILAND AND CAMBODIA ON MEDICAL MISSION WITH HJ MAGNOLIA HOSPITAL





Eva Mackin In Thailand visiting Spiritual Children



Sermon from Pat Jimenez
Live Streaming Test



34th Anniversary Dinner for 1275 Couples

Jan 12, 2023

Fayerweather Yacht Club





Martin Luther King Day Program



Career Development Workshop

Finding the Job that's Right for You!

Jan 21, 10:00AM - 12:30PM

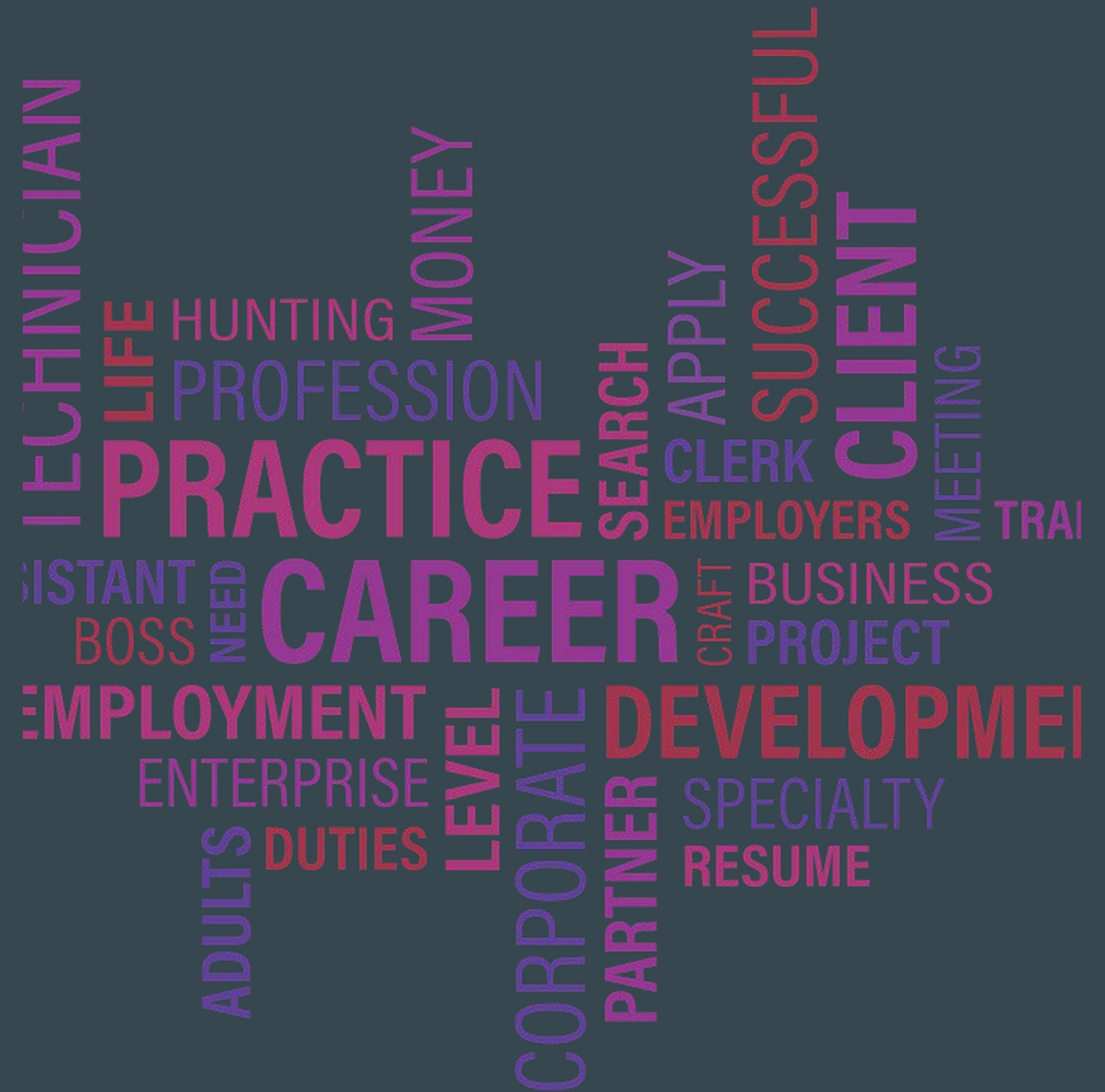
Location: Pepins Bistro - Stratford Room

Steve Boyd and Roger Wetherall help you work through the next step in your career goals

Setting your specific intention

Building a great resume

Developing your LinkedIn Profile



Career Development Workshop

Stratford Room at Pepins Bistro



ACLC Prayer Luncheon

Jan 21st, 10 AM - Noon



Prayer Luncheon

American Clergy Leadership Conference



Keynote Speaker

Rev. A. Iona Smith-Nze

Bethel AME Church
Bridgeport, CT

“Draw Near”

SATURDAY January 21, 2023 from 10am to Noon
Bpt Intl Academy
283 Lafayette St, Bridgeport 06604
Use Rear Entrance off Atlantic St. then Warren Court

For info contact:
Rev. Greg Breland, 203-260-1830
\$10 Love Offering

ACLC Prayer Luncheon

Jan 21, 2023



Pastor Daniela Wetherall gave a rousing reading of True Father's speech from 1973, "Christianity in Crisis." Everyone in the audience remained deeply engaged in the reading and really soaked it up.



Rev. William McCullough gave a response to the reading of the speech, "Christianity in Crisis." He stated this speech is as relevant today as it was in 1973! Our only hope for this country is to bring God back home.

Heavenly Parents Day

True Parents Birthday Celebration

Sun, Jan 22 10:00 AM

Pledge Service and Offering table

Sunday Service

Lunch

Yute Games and other fun activities





Heavenly Parent's Day
Pledge and Offering
table



About 110 People attended
the Pledge and Sunday
Service



Held a Yute game after the service with about 30 participants and \$500 in prizes



Son of TJ and Yuki Sallah
Linden Shinji Sallah.

Born Jan 30, 2023



Steven Boyd - The Four Great Realms of Heart Feb 5

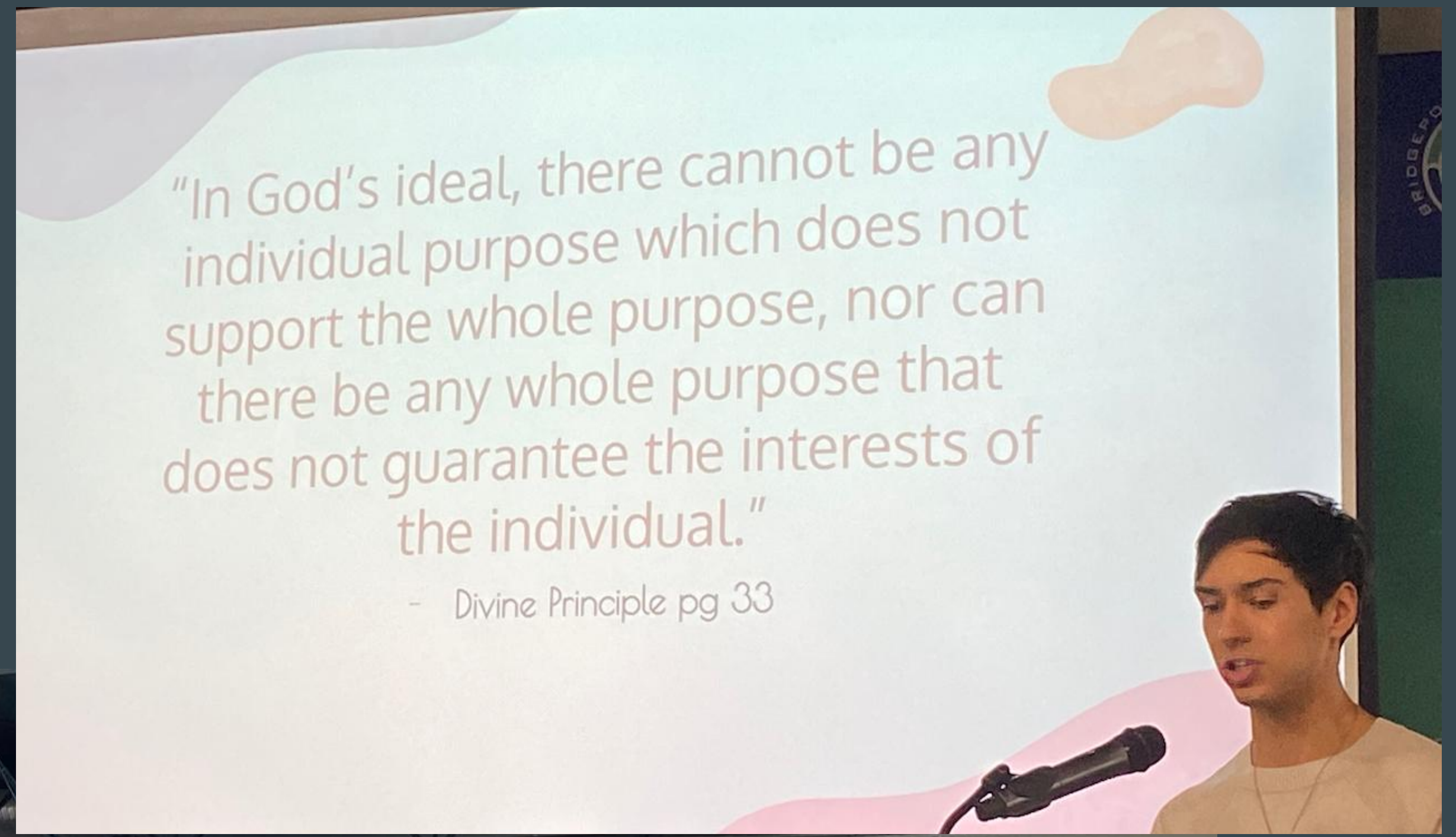




Feb 11, 2023
Sister's Tea



Sisters Tea



Feb 12, 2023
Youth Service
Micas Wetherall



ACLC Prayer Luncheon - Report

Saturday Feb 18



Prayer Luncheon American Clergy Leadership Conference

Keynote Speaker



Rev. Glen Pettway

Friendship Baptist Church
Stratford, CT

**“Sacrifice, Service and
Love”**

SATURDAY February 18, 2023 at 11am

Family Church of CT

9 Warren Court, Bridgeport 06604

Access Parking Lot on Warren Court off Atlantic St.

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Steven Boyd

Sun Feb 5 - "The Four Great Realms of Heart."



Sun, Feb 19, 10:30 AM – Pastor Iona Smith
“Love Is” - Valentine’s Day Sunday Service





Sat, Feb 25, 9:00 AM Bridgeport Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance





Home Groups
Feb 25

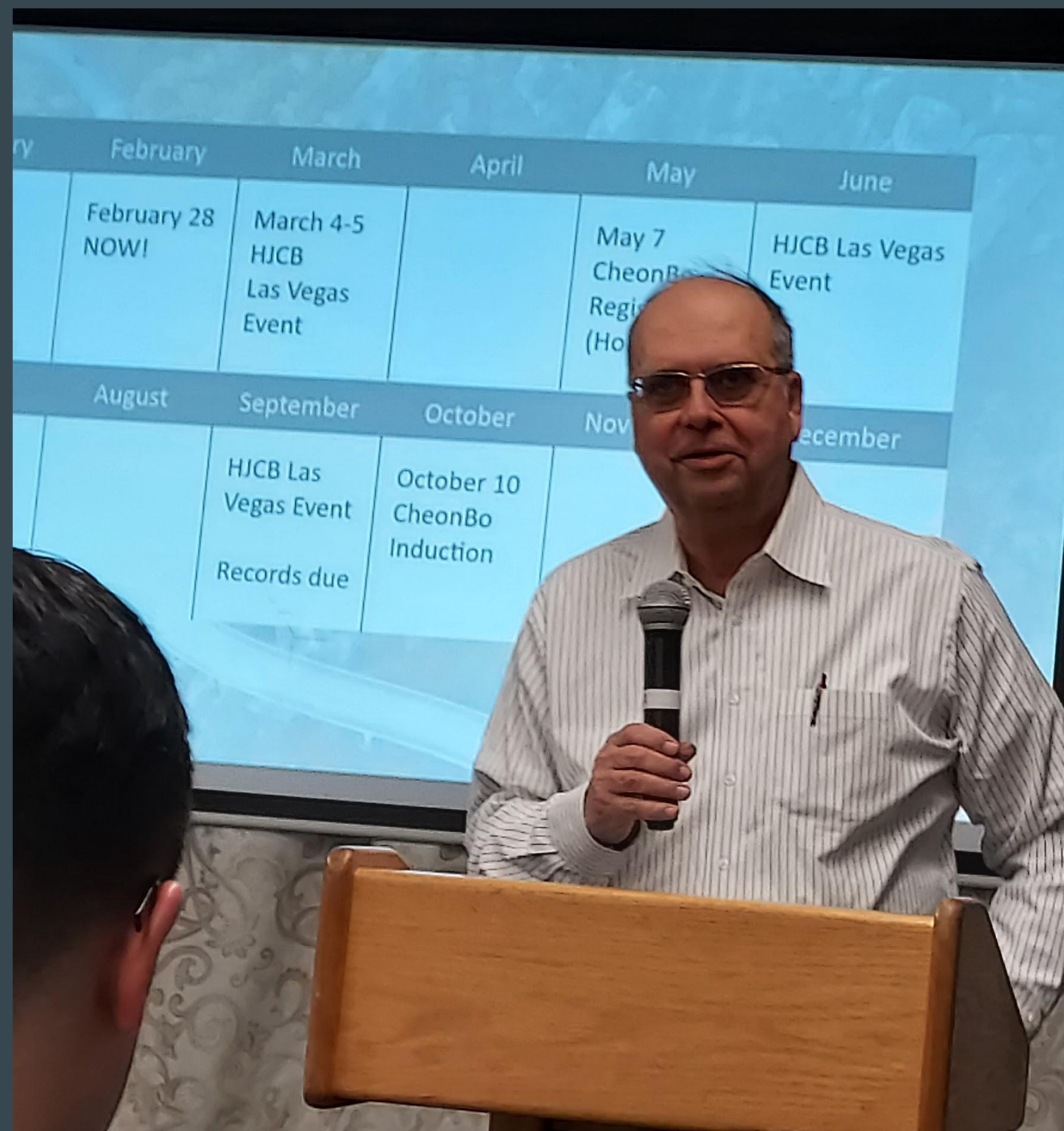


Fri Mar 3 - Sat 4:
Sub-regional Ministers
retreat at UTS





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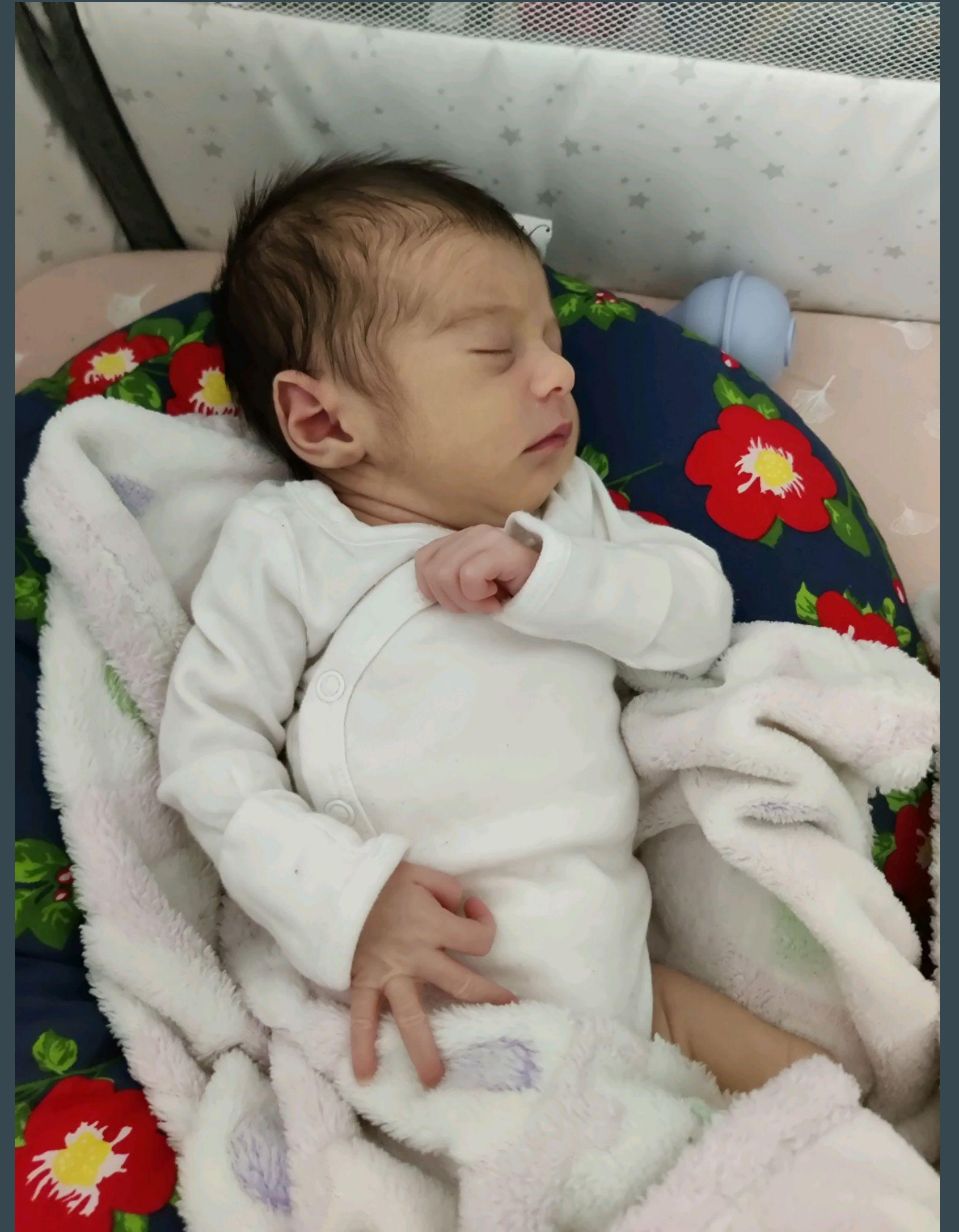
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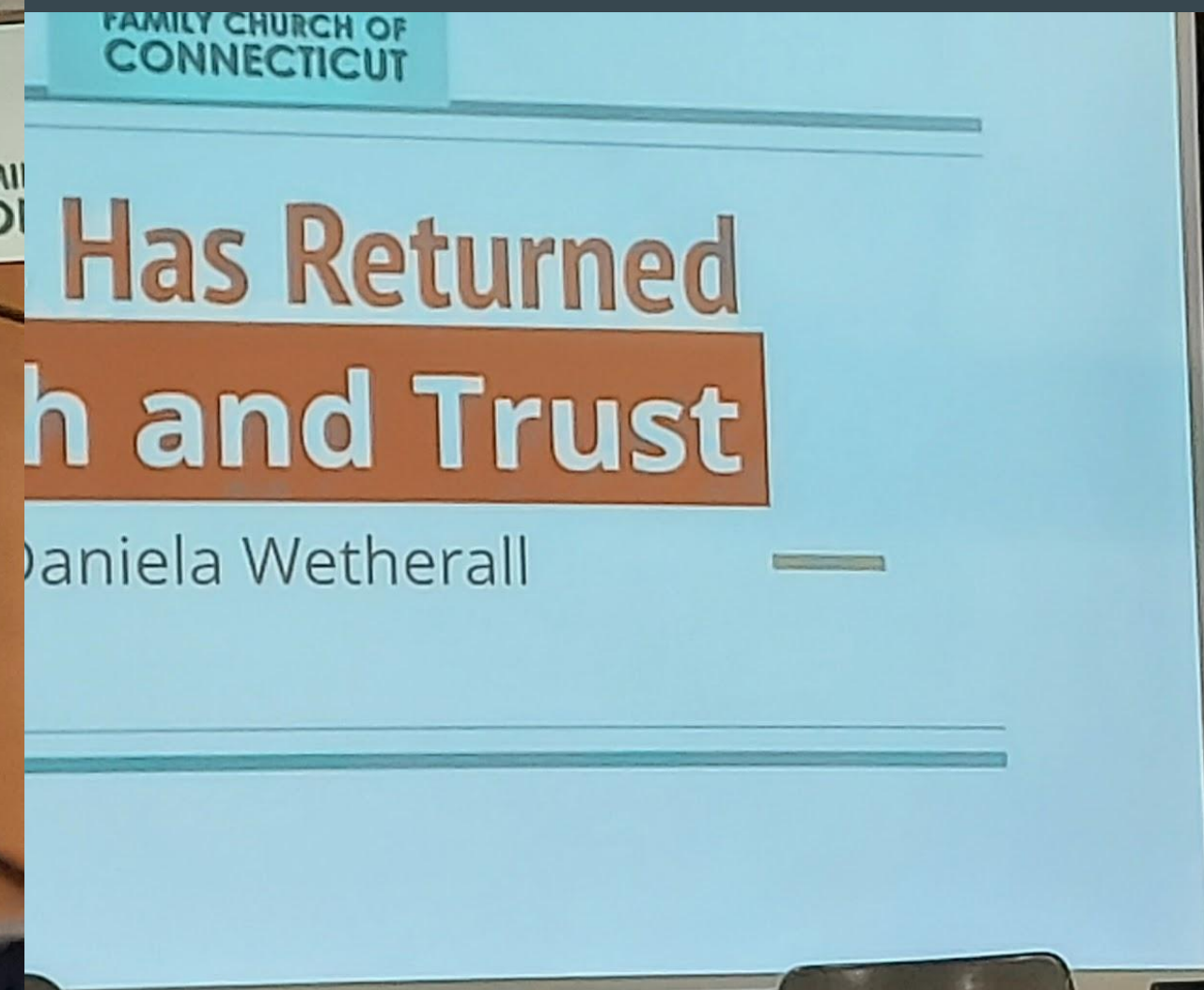
Congratulations to Yasutake Family



Alethea Grace Yasutake, Born March 4, 2023
Daughter of Toby and Anna Yasutake



dim, Brazil
gust 1999



Interview Style Sunday Sermon
Daniela Wetherall

North East Ski Trip

Hit the slopes!

Location: Victor Constant Ski Area
at West Point, NY

Time: 9am-7pm

Date: March 18



Price: \$50
(Pass & All Rentals)
\$60
(Including Food)

Contact your Local CARP Leader for questions & concerns

North East Ski Trip

Hit the slopes!

Instructions:

- 1. Fill out the form**
- 2. Under group write "CARP"**
- 3. All forms must be submitted and prepaid by March 11th, 2023**





CARP and Youth Ski Trip - March 18



Praise and Worship Music Service March 19





CARP Visit from Ryota Naito - March 31



James Edgerly - A Providential History of America

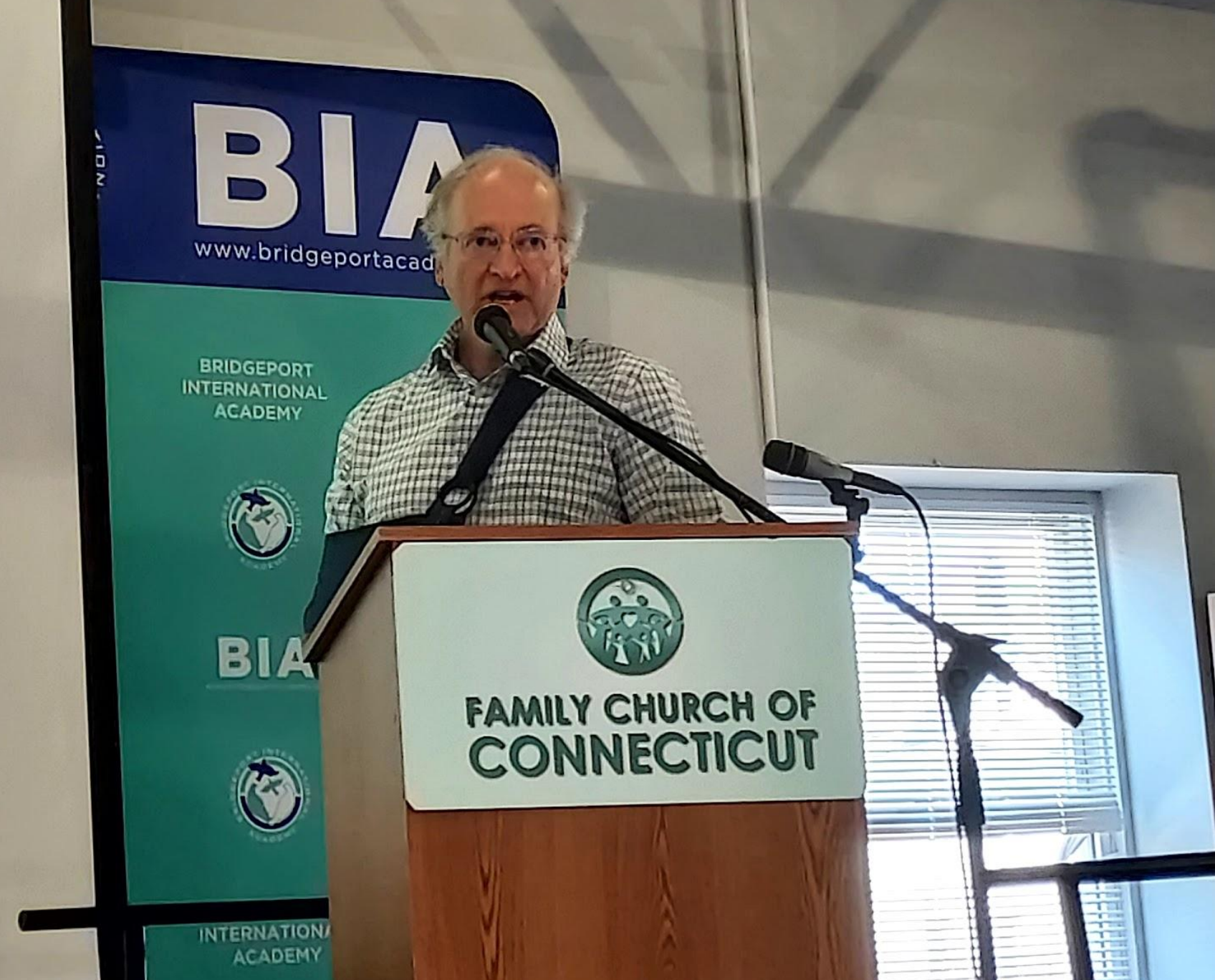
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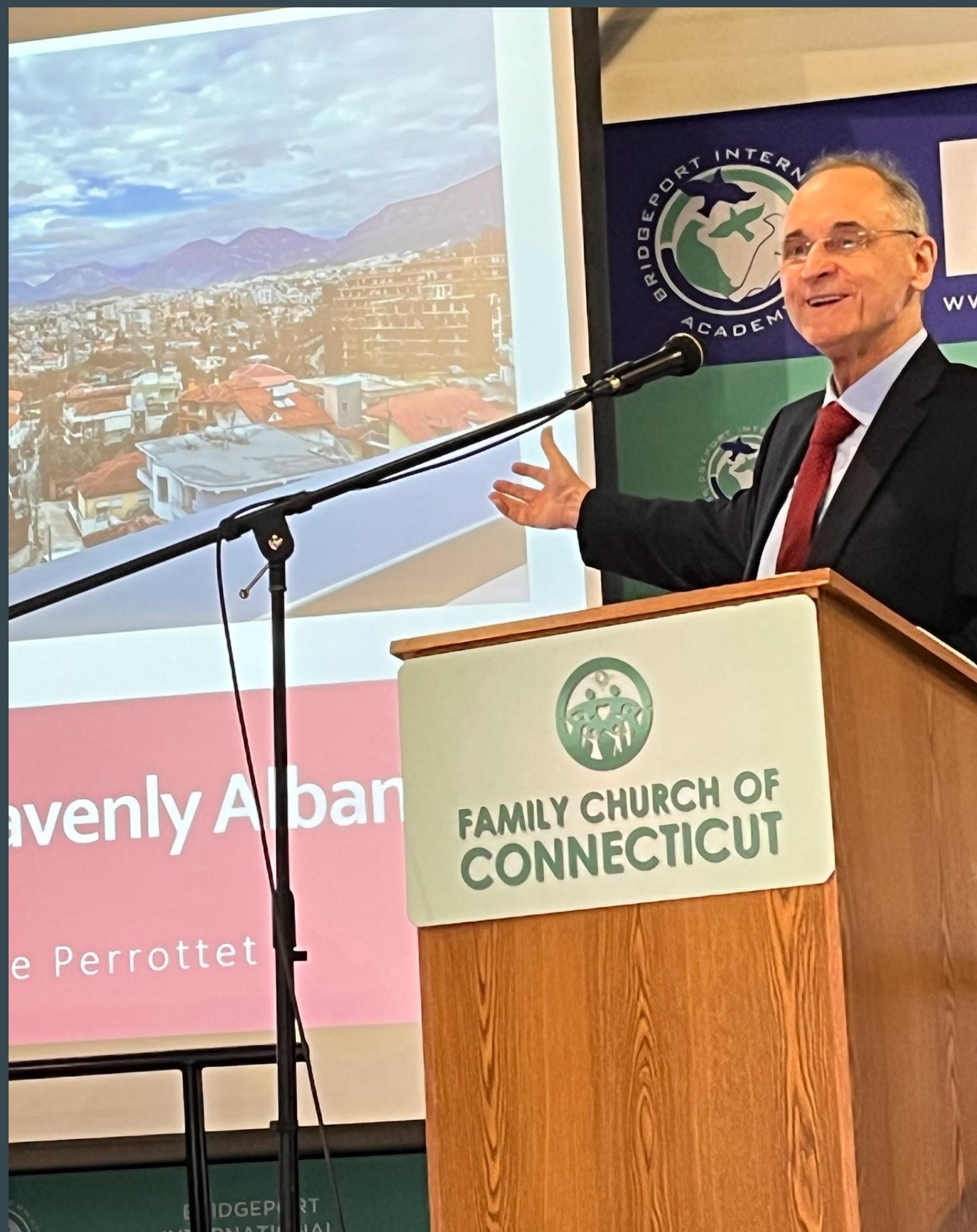
America: Holdup?

"I family and
dom, peace, unity
ring on true love."

James B. Edgerly
Higher Purpose Forum

with
Rev. Zagery J. Oliver
President, Universal Peace Federation
Moral Black Leadership Foundation





Claude Perrottet
Testimony from Trip to
Kosovo
April 9





ACLC Prayer Lunch with
Heavenly USA Praise Team
April 15



April 23
Simone Miyazaki
Prospective Pastor





Old Bathroom

Bathroom Renovation
Thanks to Gustavo Jimenez



Renovated
Bathroom with
new vanity and
re-painted



State of the Church Town Hall Meeting





Special Grace Ceremonies
Apr 16 and 23

About 120 people participated

2023 Prospective CheonBo Inductees from Bridgeport at Their Registration Blessing Ceremony

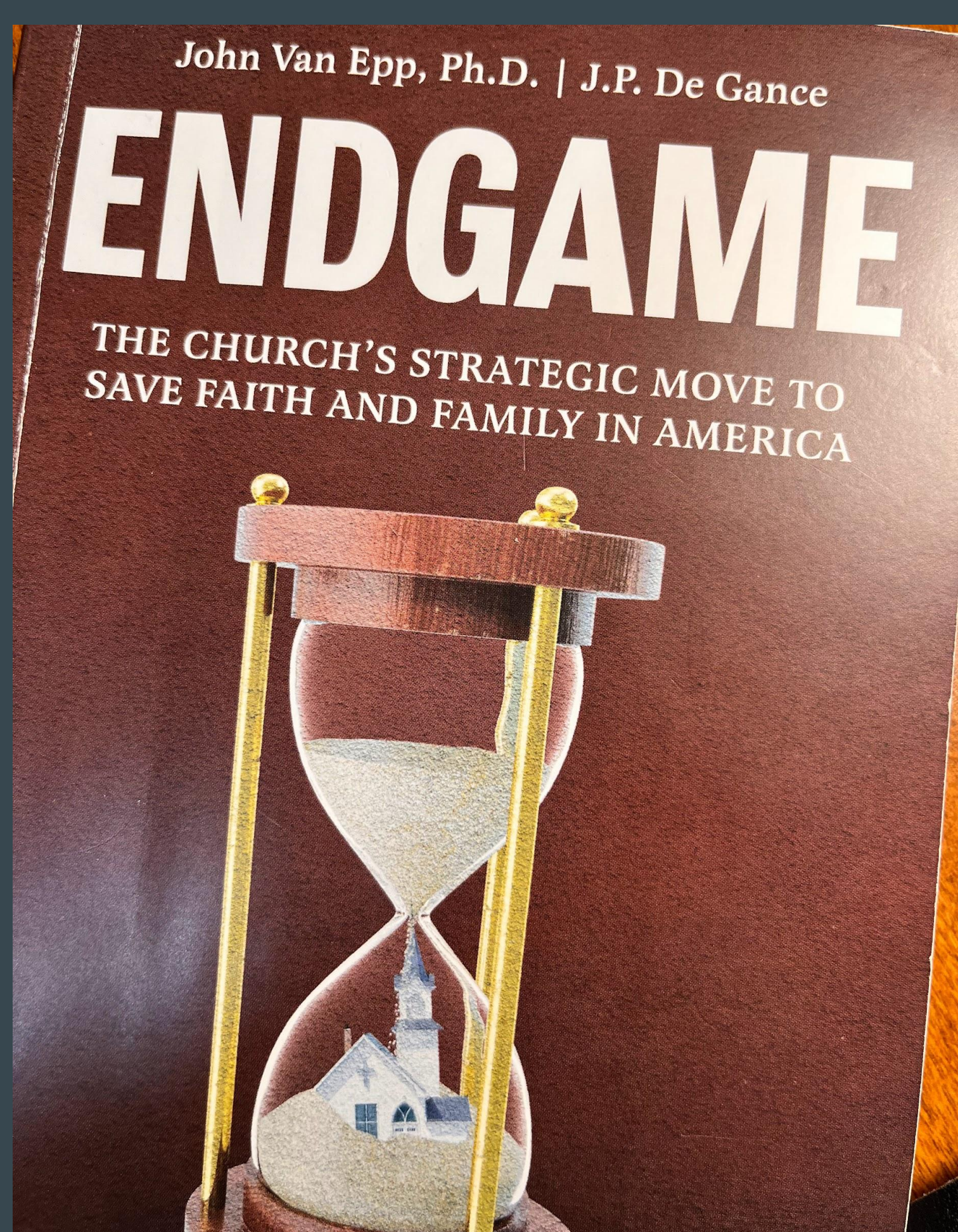
1. Steven & Colleen Boyd
2. Tony & Anthony Colombrito
3. Claude & Hitoko Perrottet
4. Karl & Katharina Zambon



Mother's Day service- Colleen Boyd

May 14, 2023





Sermon by Roger Wetherall
Endgame: Grace and Blessing
May 21
Followed by Birthday Celebration



Lucas Wetherall and Abbigail Blanchard

Shoji Torikai and JiHyun Ahn





Elizabeth LaGrotteria
and Hector Barrantes Pineda



Daniel Kingsley and Mi Hwa Oliveira



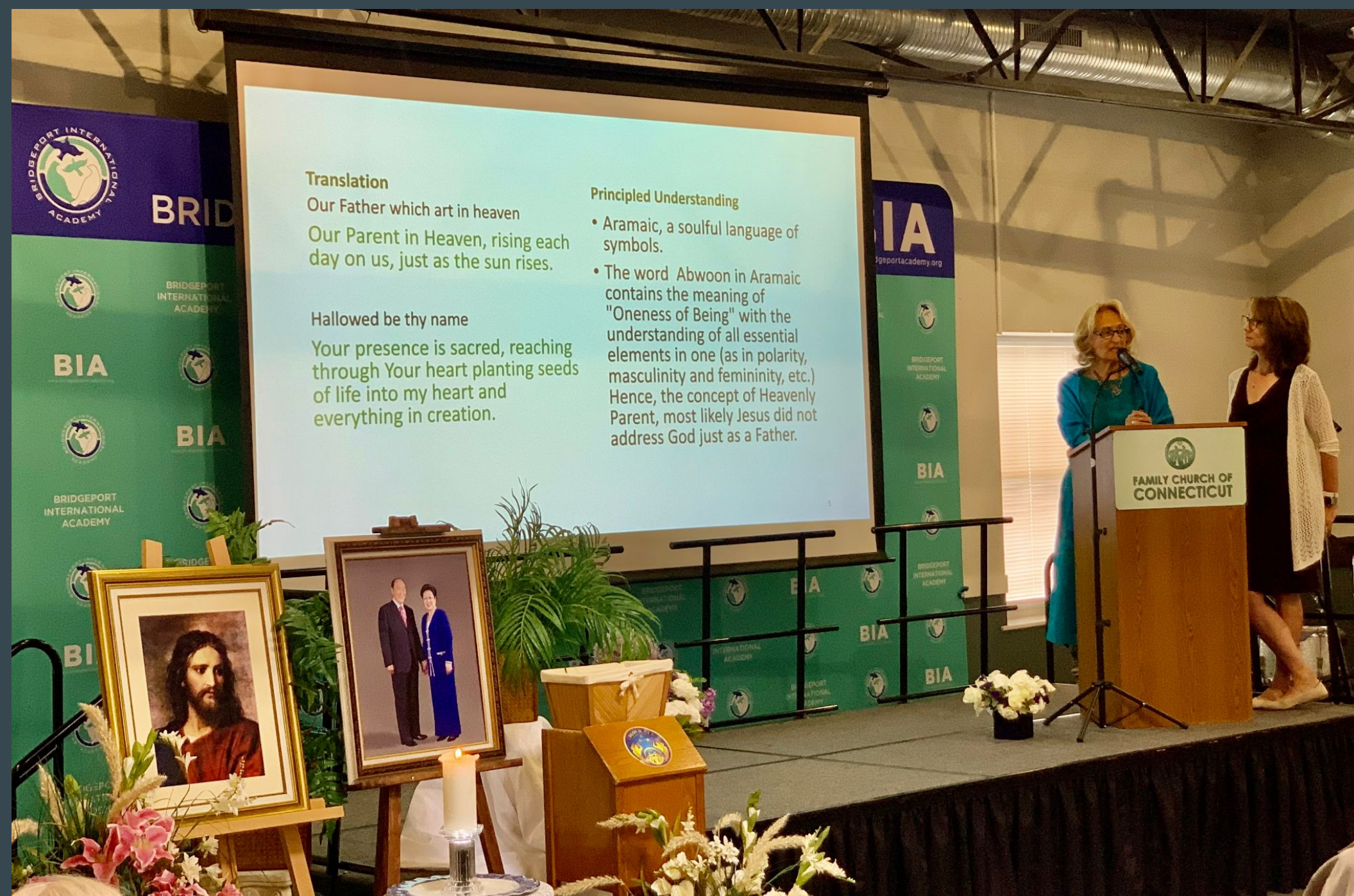
David Briganti Jr. and Emily Giampaoli



A Principled Understanding of the Lord's Prayer from the Aramaic

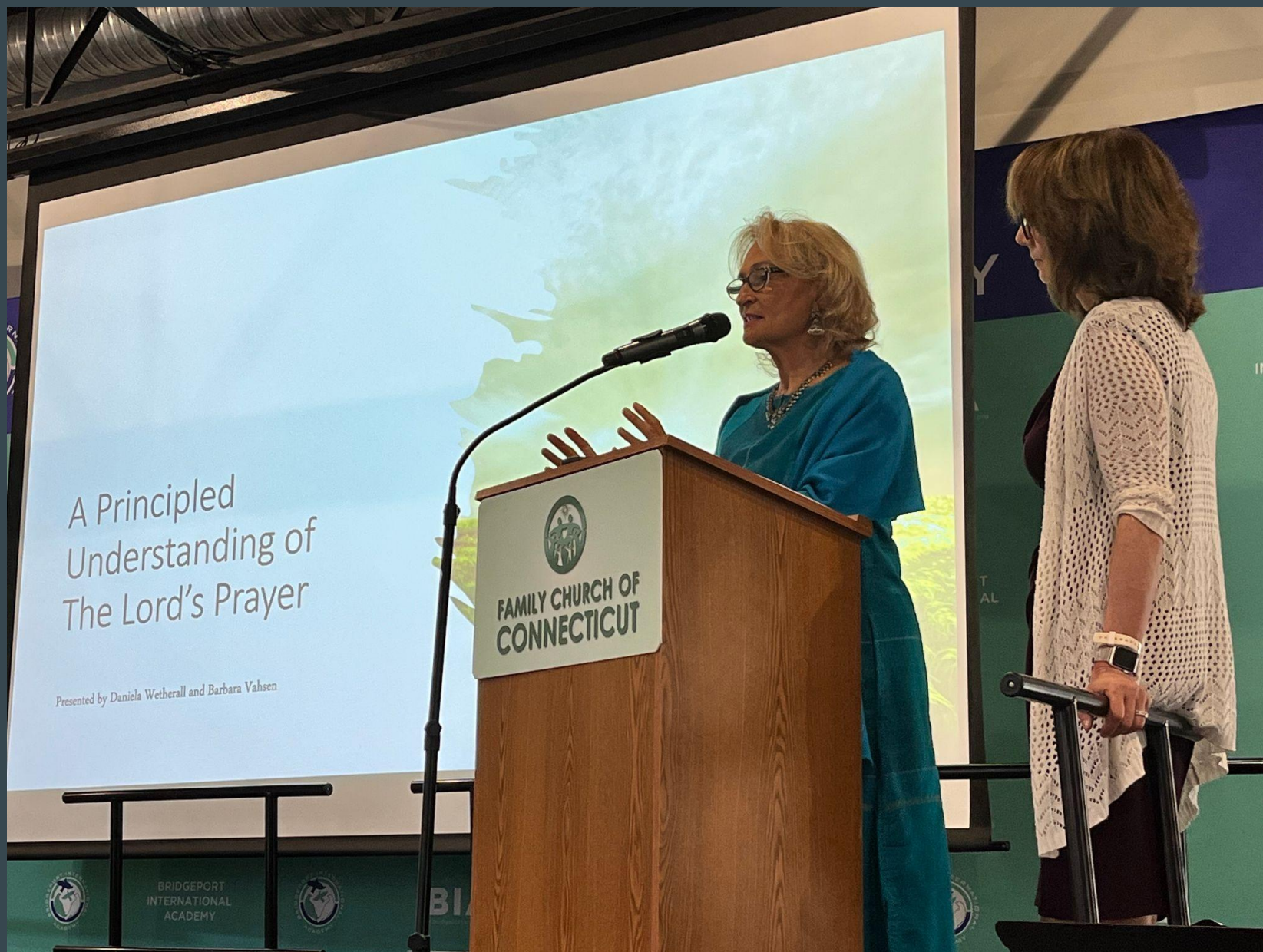
Jun 4 and 11

Daniela Wetherall and Barbara Vahsen



Daniela Wetherall and Barbara Vahsen. “A Principled Understanding of The Lord’s Prayer in Aramaic” Part 1

Sun June 4 and 11– Sunday Service



Day of All True Things and Father's Day Barbecue Indian Well State Park, Shelton, CT



June 28 - 30

CIG Rebirth Workshop



Early Bird Perks!



From 9:45 AM till 10:20 AM free coffee and refreshments will be served in Spurgin Hall. Please come early to enjoy the brew and some good conversation with other early birds.





Family Church of Connecticut Website Revision

familychurchofct.org

FamilyChurchofCT.org

Purpose of our Website:

Inform and give people an understanding of who we are and what we believe

Inspire curiosity to know more

Counter the negative information from the media

Link to more resources on other sites such as the Family Fed National, dplife and Blessing education Websites

Let people know what is happening in the coming weeks

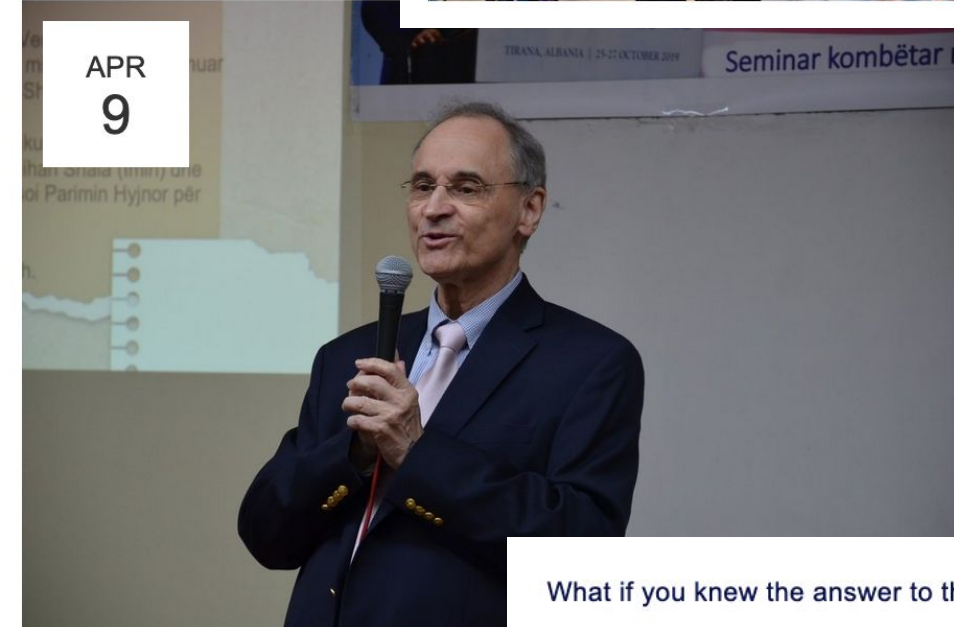
Allow them to make donations and sign up for membership

Our Leadership

The Family Church of CT is currently being led by a team of 3 couples who are serving as the Interim Pastors, while a search is being conducted for a new permanent pastoral couple. Here is a brief description of the responsibilities of each couple



Up Coming



Sunday Fellowship
Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9, 2023

What if you knew the answer to these questions?



What is the purpose of my Life?

What if you knew the purpose of why you are here on Earth?

[READ MORE](#)



What if Jesus didn't come to die?

Most people believe that Jesus came to die. Could there have been a different way?

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How do I discover the secrets of the bible?

The Bible is full of secrets waiting for us to unravel them.

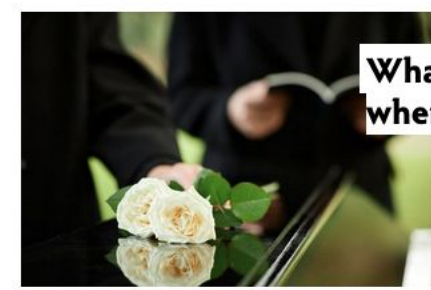
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Can religion and science be united?

Science and Religion have both been working toward the same goal, but through different perspectives

[READ MORE](#)



What really happens when we die?

How can we really know what happens to us when we die?

[READ MORE](#)



What is an ideal family?

What is an ideal family, and more importantly, how do I create one?

[READ MORE](#)

Ministry Leadership



Music Ministry - Kent Hoffman

Kent leads the band performs every Sunday for the service and at other events when invited. If you want to be part of his band, let him know!



Accomplishments since Sept 2022

- Increased Email Subscribers by 37, to 197 people
- 3 New Members joined
- 4 babies born
- Five young Couples received the Cosmic Blessing
- Four new Cheonbo Candidates
- Children's Ministry running regular program during school year
- SLAM holding regular workshops
- Updated website and integrated with Facebook
- Sermons are recorded and posted weekly to the website, Facebook and YouTube
- Compassion Fund established and collected \$2700. Gave out \$700
- We have continued to give 10% to Sub-region and 10% to National as a Church Tithe

The Family Church of Connecticut will:

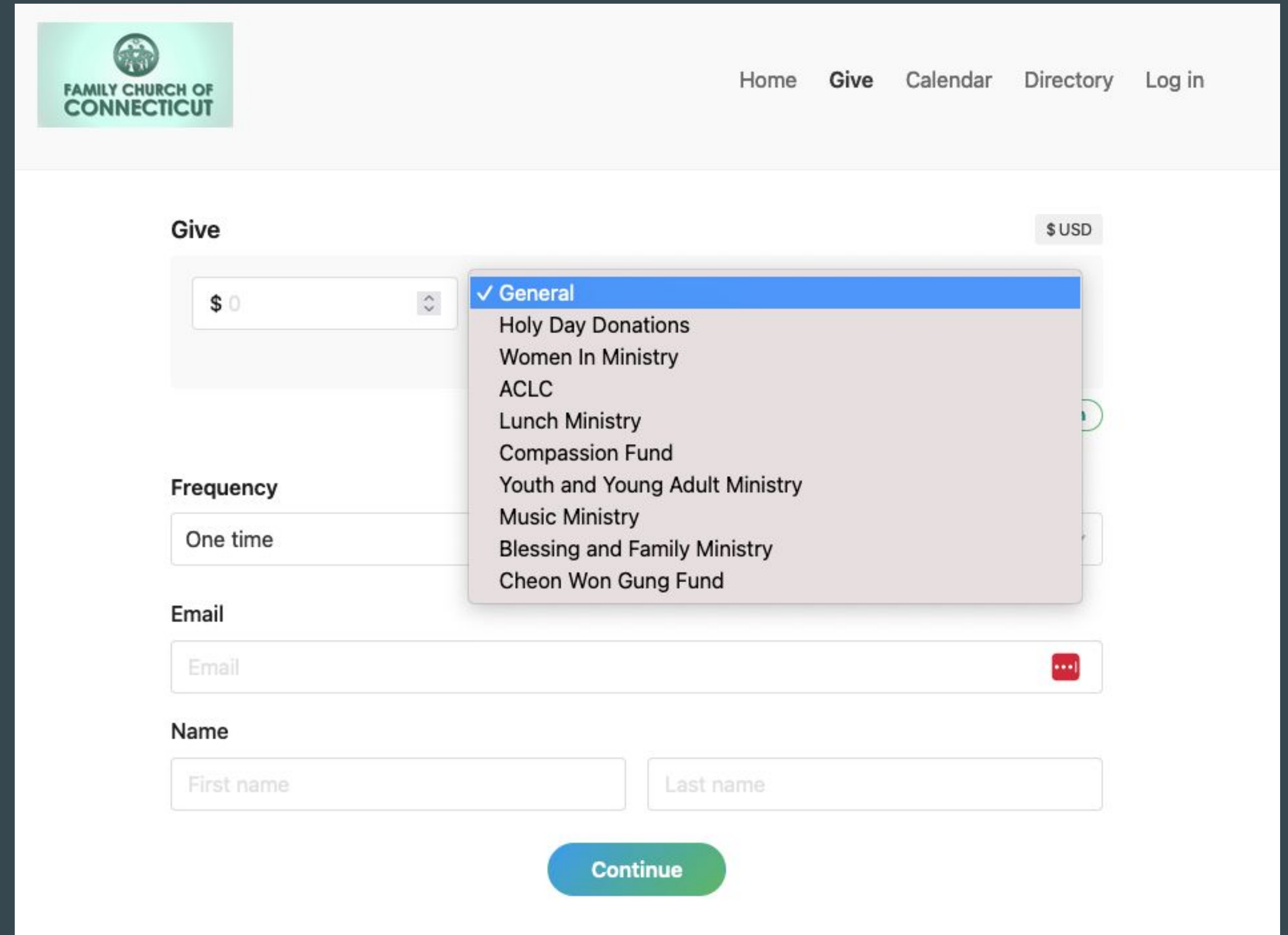
**1. Witness
to existing or
resting members
through various
activities**

**2. Witness to new
people; friends, family
co-workers etc,**

**3. Witness
to ourselves so that
we feel a sense of
pride and hope for
the future**

Financial Management

- TITHING and General Donations
 - Used for paying salaries of the pastors and ministry leaders
 - Administrative Activities of the church
- FUNDS - Contributions to a specific fund go into that 'bucket'
 - Compassion Fund -
 - ACLC, Women in Ministry etc.
 - Youth Ministry
- Starter Budget is allocated to each Fund and then any balance will roll-over to subsequent years



The screenshot shows the 'Give' page of the Family Church of Connecticut website. The page has a header with the church logo and navigation links: Home, Give, Calendar, Directory, and Log in. The main form is titled 'Give' and includes a currency selector set to '\$ USD'. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of funds: General (selected), Holy Day Donations, Women In Ministry, ACLC, Lunch Ministry, Compassion Fund, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Music Ministry, Blessing and Family Ministry, and Cheon Won Gung Fund. Below the dropdown, there are fields for 'Frequency' (set to 'One time'), 'Email', and 'Name' (split into 'First name' and 'Last name' fields). A green 'Continue' button is at the bottom.

Family Church of Connecticut

Home Give Calendar Directory Log in

Give \$ USD

\$ 0

Frequency One time

Email

Name First name Last name

Continue

General

Holy Day Donations

Women In Ministry

ACLC

Lunch Ministry

Compassion Fund

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Music Ministry

Blessing and Family Ministry

Cheon Won Gung Fund

INCOME 6-months

INCOME	2023 Budget	Total to Date
General Donations (Tithing)	\$80,000	\$ 36,144
Fundraising		\$ -
Collection	\$5,000	\$ 2,307
SLAM Youth Collection		\$ -
YAM Collection		\$ 200
Holy Day Donations (for FCCT)	\$2,500	\$ 641
Music Ministry		\$ 50
Books, etc.	\$300	\$ 305
Blessing and Family Ministry	\$1,000	\$ -
Women in Ministry	\$500	\$ -
ACLC	\$500	\$ 586
Food Donations	\$1,000	\$ 578
Special Donations (for HQ)		\$ 19,502
Compassion Fund	\$6,000	\$ 2,750
Other		\$ 145
Total Income	\$96,800	\$ 40,811
Cumulative Surplus-deficit/ budget	\$8,067	-\$7,589.00

Expenses 6-months (Sunday Service and Outreach)

EXPENSE CATEGORY	Budgeted	Actual	Funds Available	Notes
Facilities Fee to BIA/BHS	\$3,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 900	\$250/m to BIA, \$100/m to BHS
Insurance	\$1,952	\$ 976	\$ 976	\$488/quarter through National HQ
Holy Day Expenses (Food, rentals)	\$1,500	\$ 437	\$ 1,063	
Supplies (cups, plates, etc)	\$500	\$ 313	\$ 187	
Repairs, Maintenance		\$ 118	\$ (118)	Bathroom and Sink
Food	\$7,200	\$ 2,151	\$ 5,627	\$200 x 36 weeks (3 Sundays/month)
Guest Speaker Honorariums	\$500	\$ 100	\$ 400	For Guest Speakers from other churches
Music Ministry Expenses	\$800	\$ -	\$ 800	Equipment, Food for band, etc
Online Services	\$1,000	\$ 453	\$ 547	Squarepace, Faithlife, Stripe Planning Center, Google Drive
Witnessing	\$1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	Brochures and workshops
Women in Ministry	\$1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	
ACLC (net expenses)	\$1,000	\$ 1,250	\$ 336	
Books and Publications	\$300	\$ 300	\$ 305	Calendars

Expenses 6-months (Youth and Blessing)

EXPENSE CATEGORY	Budgeted	Actual	Funds Available	Notes
Young Adult & Youth Ministries				
Young Adult Ministry	\$0	\$ -		This is included in YAM
YAM / Slam Minister	\$3,120	\$ 1,536		Hiro Okazaki Yearly Salary
YAM / SLAM Activity	\$1,500	\$ 475	\$ 1,225	Youth Workshops and Activities
Children's Ministry	\$500	\$ 74		for books and materials
Sunday School Coordinator	\$2,000	\$ -		No minister currently
Scholarships	\$0	\$ -		See Compassion Fund
Community Events	\$500	\$ 550		Social activities
Pastoral Activity	\$1,000	\$ 55		Expenses for Pastors to provide counseling and meetings etc.
BFM Programs	\$1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	Couples and Family programs
Young Couple's Ministry	\$0	\$ -		Included in BFM Programs
Blessing	\$0	\$ 32		

Expenses 6-months (Administration)

EXPENSE CATEGORY	Budgeted	Actual	Funds Available	Notes
Payroll (Pastors)	\$27,000	\$ 13,332	\$ 13,668	for Jimenez and Boyds -includes fees
Payroll (Asst. Pastor) (Youth Pastor)	\$15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	Person to be hired - includes fees
Payroll (Bookkeeper)	\$0	\$ 25	\$ (25)	Bookkeeper does not currently take pay as is also a Pastor
Office Supplies	\$400	\$ 106	\$ 294	Does not include Online service costs
Credit Card Fee	\$400	\$ 187	\$ 213	for donations through Square
Administrative	\$2,200	\$ 1,020	\$ 1,180	audit fee \$170/mo
Tithe to District (SR1)	\$8,000	\$ 3,502	\$ 4,498	10% of tithing
National Tithe	\$8,000	\$ 3,502	\$ 4,498	10% of Tithing donations
Professional Development	\$2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	Coaching and Education for Church Leaders
Bank Fees	\$100	\$ 201	\$ (101)	
Sub Total Administrative	\$63,100	\$ 21,875	\$ 41,225	

SUMMARY

Starting Bank Balance: \$137,700

EXPENSE CATEGORY	Budgeted	Actual	Funds Available	Notes
Total Income	\$96,800	\$ 40,811		
Sub-total Sunday Service	\$16,452	\$ 6,648	\$ 9,804	
Sub-total Witnessing	\$3,300	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,750	
Sub-total Youth Programs	\$7,120	\$ 2,085	\$ 5,035	
Sub-total BFM	\$2,500	\$ 637	\$ 1,863	
Sub-total Administrative	\$63,100	\$ 21,875	\$ 41,225	Includes Payroll
Total Expense (w/o Special Donations)	\$92,472	\$ 32,795		
Net Income (Loss)	\$4,328	\$ 8,016		

Ending Bank Balance: \$141,000

Tithing Analysis

- If 10 families donate 1 tenth of whatever they make, then we will have enough to support a pastoral family full-time.
- If 20 Families give 5%...
- The Average family in CT earns about \$70,000/year = \$400/month in tithing.

However...

- Only 32 individuals or couples in our congregation donate on a regular basis.
- Only 15 individuals or couples give more than \$40/month
- Only 6 families donate more than \$400/month (They are not the ones you think)
- 40 families giving an average \$200/month is needed for a medium-size church

We need to give our new pastors a living wage!

Focus on Church Growth

Small Church

- 10 – 40 active members
- Less than \$8K/m in contributions
 - No Pastor

Medium Church

- 40 - 100 members
- More than \$8K/m in contributions
 - Part-time Pastor

Large Church

- > 100 members
- More than \$20K/m in contributions
 - Full-time Pastor and Pastoral Team

Active = participation weekly in Sunday Worship
and tithing (>\$40/person every month)

Other Stuff

- CARP is now part of FFWPU - The college ministry of the church
- Unification Theological Seminary has changed it's name to *HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership*
- Grow the Church in Spirit and Truth and Numbers
- We are looking into the possibility of establishing a CheonShimWon in Bridgeport
- New Pastor, Simone Miyazaki, to be inaugurated on Sunday, Aug 20