

FFWPU USA Newsletter for October 23, 2020 - Dr. Yong's First Service

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Hello family. Dr. Yong to give first service as Regional President this Sunday. Il Shim registration ends Sunday. A tribute to UTS alum George F. Glass. And the role faith has in bringing healing.

Join Us for Dr. Yong's First National Sunday Service!



Our new Regional President **Dr. Chung Sik Yong** will be giving a special message this upcoming National Family Service.

Join us this Sunday, Oct. 25, at 11:00 a.m. EDT at nationfamilyservice.org or on the [Family Fed USA Facebook page](#).

Let's welcome him!

Join Il Shim Online Today!

8-week series for Unificationist youth in 8th grade. Check out the promo video! And register here.



We would like to invite you and your child to join us for our [Il Shim 2020 online program](#), starting November 1! We are working closely with our subregional leaders and youth leaders to create an empowering and impactful program for our 8th grade Unificationist youth (and those who have not completed the program).

Il Shim offers tools for family level inheritance of the traditions and teachings of our True Parents within the context of the parent-child relationship. This online program is an 8-week series culminating in the Il Shim pledge and receiving of the "True Love Waits" ring.

Registration ends this Sunday, October 25. [Register here.](#)

We'll see you there!

-Your subregional leaders & the YAYAM Team

UTS to Honor Alum George F. Glass


George F. Glass, leader, missionary, 1800 Couple, and UTS Alum, will be honored by UTS on **October 27 at 5:00 p.m. EDT.**

[Register here](#) or by clicking on the image below.

Tribute to
George F. Glass
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5pm EDT

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Bridge of Peace event, WASHINGTON, D.C., September 17, 2016, FFWPU-USA

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Dr. Peacock, also a professor at the University of Free State in South Africa and moderator of the webinar’s panel discussion, said processes and programs to facilitate healing should seek to represent victims’ interests as a priority. Additionally, they should include faith-based values of dignity, compassion, respect, universal interconnectedness, and reconciliation.

Healing wrongs are necessary on a personal and public scale, according to Dr. Peacock, where in turn, healed individuals can have a healing influence on their families, communities, and society at large.

Four panelists weighed in on restorative justice—particularly involving children and youth—and the role of faith-based organizations in such an undertaking.

“About 66 percent of young victims within the Catholic Church have reported abuse and trusted the institution to handle the issue,” said panelist Dr. Daniela Bolivar Fernandez, assistant professor at Catholic University of Chile’s School of Social Work. “Many have been let down and this should be rectified. But before this can occur, there needs to be investigation, response, and reform that centers on the victims of abuse.”

Panelist Dr. Tali Gal, senior lecturer and head of the School of Criminology at the University of Haifa in Israel, addressed the risks and challenges of using a restorative justice approach with children.

“Re-encountering the perpetrator can be traumatic for a young person,” said Dr. Gal. “They can feel pressured, manipulated, and intimidated by involving more adults to address the problem.”

However, Dr. Gal gave a brief outline of the framework for restorative justice and the complex relations between the rights and needs of victims and offenders, identifying a key point of giving the victim space to be an active partner in the process. She also pointed out that victims who come forward rarely regret doing so.

Still, in many cases the very concept of victimhood is problematic.

Dr. Fernanda Fonseca Rosenblatt, another panelist and professor at the International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP) in

Bethlehem, Penn., shared about restorative justice and the concept of victimhood in places like South America.

“The victim–offender binary is problematic in many cases, especially in situations in economically–challenged countries,” said Dr. Rosenblatt. “Restorative justice can fail to account for context and complexity. We need a framework that accounts for complexity and can approach situations where the victim and offender are not clearly defined. Restorative justice can only move forward when the offender makes a positive commitment to the process and admits culpability.”

Further complicating the matter of restorative justice, faith-based institutions have also been involved in wrongdoing, despite espousing human rights values.

“I think faith-based organizations can start small by applying restorative justice within their own institutions and advocating for the application of restorative justice in their communities,” said panelist Dr. Michael O’Connell, secretary general of the World Society of Victimology.

“Faith-based organizations are also in a unique position to offer support to victims,” he said. “So now, and into the future, faith-based organizations have much at stake—and much to contribute to restorative justice.”

As co-founder of the Unification movement, Dr. Moon has largely focused on repairing and restoring humanity’s relationships through avenues of worldwide reconciliation like global [Peace Starts With Me](#) rallies and the international [Peace Road](#) movement.

In similar measure, CFBO is exploring how to bring the healing efforts of faith-based organizations into the justice sphere.

The CFBO webinar is part of an ongoing series. You can watch the full recording [here](#).

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ANGELIKA SELLE

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Btw this photo is from a wfwf Bridge of Peace eventbin WDC!

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