

WestRock Family News

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2020 Motto:

“Let us become true owners of Cheon il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!”

Family Federation News

AMERICA

- On Monday, July 20, we started a national **40-Day Condition of Prayer and Reading of the Word** to prepare our hearts and minds to victoriously celebrate the 3rd and last International Seonghwa Anniversary. The condition period will end on August 28.
- 7-Day Workshop at IPEC in Las Vegas, July 25-31. Fee: \$500. Go to www.familyfed.org for more details.
- Peace Road 2015 Bike Tour is in full swing (details at www.familyfed.org). The New York event will be held on Aug 4th, starting from the UN and cycling to Ground Zero. To participate contact Tal Zorer at: tzorer@unification.org
- Blessed Family Ministry: (for more details check the BFM Website) <http://bfm.familyfed.org/>
 - Back on Track workshop in the NY area, July 30 – Aug 2
 - Level 2 Blessing Workshop: Aug 9-11 at UTS
 - 24+ Connect Retreat, September 3-6, 2015, Sonoma County, CA. Details can be found at www.24plusconnect.com
- Visit www.familyfed.org for the latest messages from Dr Kim and Dr Balcomb. (WEEKLY UPDATE), and the latest E-WEEKLY update from I Peace TV update

NY DISTRICT

- Witnessing Each Wednesday at 43rd Street. For more information contact Masako Aull (JAull55200@aol.com)

Sermons

This week Assistant Pastor Justin Okamoto gave the sermon at Belvedere. To watch the sermon go to:

<https://vimeo.com/133912155>

We're still having a bit of trouble with the new video camera, so the audio is a bit noisy. Hopefully things will be better next week.

Future Sermons:

July 26 – Daryl Clarke
August 2 – Jin Hyung Park

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Weekly Greeting from the desk of the former and future Pastor

Greetings Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Last Sunday we had a spirit filled service thanks to an impassioned sermon by Justin, and also thanks to the

many guests who came to liven things up from the witnessing conference at East Garden.

The new Council is now in session. The officers are:

Chairman, Kester Wilkening
Co-Vice Chairs, Peter Reiner and Lynn Walsh
Secretary, Justin Okamoto
Treasurer, Jessica Sattinger

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday August 4, 2015, 7:30pm, white house

The search for a new pastor for the WestRock community was initiated in mid-June by Rev. Compton once he received his new assignment in Las Vegas. Those who volunteered to be part of the Pastor Search Committee are:

Steve Honey, David Okamoto, Lynn Walsh, Kester Wilkening, Jessica Sattinger and Chair of the Committee, Susan Bouachri. Additional support is provided by Dominic Barber.

The role of the committee is simple:

- a. Develop a job description- We made slight updates to a job description previously used by Rev. Compton
- b. Advertise and promote the position, including recruitment of attractive candidates -The ad was e-mailed to our community members, and to District Pastors around the country for distribution to their local pastors and congregations. In addition, the notice was shared on multiple Facebook pages frequented by young Unificationists, and a UC jobs page. We also distributed the ad to the UTS alumnae network. Members of the PSC also collaborated on a recruiting effort to reach out and encourage applications from those we thought well qualified. This included outreach to qualified individuals suggested by members of the congregation.
- c. Field applications, and conduct interviews with viable candidates- This step is currently taking place.
- d. Invite candidates to offer sermon at Sunday Service- We've heard from one candidate already, and another will speak this week. More may be scheduled.
- e. Request and receive input from Congregation- This is your chance to offer feedback.
- f. Confirm available salary range with Council.
- g. Present proposal for hiring best candidate to Council.
- h. After approval from Council, selection must be approved by HSA President (in accordance with National Charter)

The Pastor Search Committee requests your feedback on guest speakers or other related issues by phone or e-mail. This Sunday, 7/26, we will hear from Rev. Daryl Clarke, and following that we will hear from Jin Hyung Park, another candidate for pastor. You can reach all of us at westrockpsc@googlegroups.com or you can email us individually.

God Bless You,
Dominic Barber

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Level 2 Blessing Workshop • NY • Aug. 9–11

Want to learn more about the Matching process and how to prepare for marriage? A **Preparing for Marriage: Level 2 Blessing Workshop** is coming up at UTS on August 9-11, 2015, right after the Blessed Culture & Sports Festival (BCSF)! This program is intended for all Unification-born young adults 18+ and Unificationists of at least one year who are thinking about the Matching process. The workshop is required in order to become a Matching candidate and attend the Marriage Blessing Ceremony.

The program will begin at UTS on Sunday, August 9. Registration will begin at 4:30 PM, dinner will be at 6:00 PM, and the official program will begin at 7:00 PM. The program will conclude at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, August 11.

Getting Back on Track Retreat – NY Area - July 31, 2015 – August 2

The Getting Back on Track retreat is about forgiveness and renewal, and is specifically designed for BC's who have had a sexual relationship outside of the Blessing but want to consider a path toward the Blessing. This retreat is a wonderful opportunity for those who are looking for a way to reconnect and find healing. Participants will be able to connect and share with others who have had similar experiences, challenges, and insights. Parents are welcome to attend with their young adult child, or on their own to see for themselves.



Contact Debby Gullery at debbygullery@yahoo.com for more information or go to bfm.familyfed.org.

NEWSFLASH!

Debby Gullery has recently completed a book on marriage entitled “**Small Steps to Bigger Love: Practical Guidelines to Marriage as a Spiritual Practice**”. The book is written for married couples of all ages who want to invest in and improve their marriages! It included practical exercises throughout and a step-by-step Study Guide for use with small groups. It is available on Amazon for \$12.95 and makes a great gift for anyone you love who is married or plans to be!

Sunday Bulletin Announcements

Community

- **Sunday School during the summer** has been cancelled due to low enrollment
- **Cheongpyeong 40 Day workshop:** is Cancelled, please check your emails for further updates

Outreach

- **DP Monday Night Study:** at the White House, 7:30 -8:30 pm with Kathy Ross and others

Other

- **Join in the joy of Dancing:** after church. For more info see Rose Cho

Prayer

- **Prayer Condition: all members are asked to offer prayers in preparation for the 3rd Anniversary of True Father's Seong Hwa (August 30th).**
- **Jiau-Lan Weinstein** – continues to fight Lung Cancer. She is now in Taiwan
- **Gregorio and Haruyo Villafana** (former WestRock members) are in need of support to help with medical expenses for their son, **Ilhui**. They left WestRock in 2002 to help work in Gregorio's hometown in Mexico and are now living in Texas. You can read more about their situation and offer some support at the GoFundMe site that was set up to help them.

<http://www.gofundme.com/wzmuuk>

Make it a Great Week!

Ahn Shi Il is Thursday July 23rd