

FFWPU USA: Clergy Blessing Ceremonies in the Bay Area and New Jersey

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On August 3, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) in Heavenly America held clergy blessing ceremonies in two locations: The Bay Area and New Jersey. The clergy blessing ceremonies were conducted to emphasize the value of marriage, promote mutual respect and love between couples, and provide teachings necessary for maintaining a happy family.

Chinese Festival Bay Area

On August 3, the Chinese People's Federation for World Peace-USA (CPFWPUSA) California director Hsiao Mei Lin hosted a Chinese Festival themed "The Value of Marriage" at the Bay Area Family Church with the help of local volunteers. The purpose was to emphasize the importance of marriage and to help married couples renew their relationships. 130 people attended, more than 40 of them guests including members of the city council. Rev. Kevin Thompson, Director of Subregion 5, presided over the Rededication Blessing Ceremony. The Chinese Fellowship Club had 21 elders over the age of 80 perform a song. People enjoyed other performances and the fun games. This event received much attention from the Chinese-American community, and participants had the opportunity to reflect on the value of marriage and the importance of family through the blessing ceremony.

Blessing Beyond Borders at United Baptist Church

On August 3, The New Jersey Chapter of American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) held a Rededication Blessing Ceremony at the United Missionary Baptist Church. A raising ceremony for the Family Federation flag at the Baptist church opened the day. 5 married Christian clergy couples were rededicated and 55 people attended in support. Christian pastor couple Rev. Michael and Zena Sykes officiated the ceremony. The couples are dedicated to being the model clergy couple in their own churches and will become blessing officiators and give the Blessing to their congregants.

The flag-raising ceremony for the Family Federation by ACLC symbolically represents the values and ideals of the Family Federation, while the clergy blessing ceremony demonstrates the clergy's willingness to accept and live by the teachings and values of the Family Federation.