

**FFWPU USA: Get to Know New Indianapolis Pastor**

Demian Dunkley  
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The Newsletter

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Hello family. Indianapolis Pastor testimony. Tip for sharing on social media. Matching Network meeting. HJ International graduates.

News

"I want to support True Mother"

Get to know Robert Abendroth, new pastor of Indianapolis Family Church. Watch Robert's heartfelt testimony of how he and his wife, Tomomi, decided to pastor this pioneering community.



[listen to testimony](#)

# How can you help the movement? Share on social media!

Wondering what you can do practically to support the movement? Share Family Fed USA's posts on your social media. For every negative impression online, it takes 80 positive impressions to counter it! So every voice, every post counts.

## 2. Follow the “PEACE” Rule

When adding your own words or choosing what to share, remember:

**P.E.A.C.E.**

**P – Public-Friendly**  
Use language anyone can understand. Avoid insider terms like “CIG” or “indemnity.” Say “a woman of faith” instead of “True Mother” if needed.

**E – Emotional**  
Share what touched your heart. “This gave me chills.” “I felt so proud.” “It gave me hope.” That’s what moves people.

**A – Affirmative**  
Don’t explain, debate, or apologize. Just uplift. Reposting is not the time to get into details—let the article, video, photo, post do the talking.

**C – Concise**  
One or two sentences max. Short and sweet is strong. Let the content shine.

**E – Engaging**  
Ask a question or invite a response. Example: “Did you know there’s a new peace center in Korea where all faiths are welcome?”



Stay tuned for more tips!

# Blessing Webinar TOMORROW: Matching Network Meeting

All candidate profiles must be submitted ahead of time to be presented during Matching Network Meeting.

BLESSING WEEKLY WEBINAR



# MATCHING NETWORK MEETING

NATIONAL BFM TEAM



DATE  
JUNE 19 2025



TIME (EST)  
8:30 PM



**SUBMIT**

**PROFILE**

**TO PARTICIPATE!**



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# Blessing Webinar: Matching Network Profile Registration

Candidate's email address: \*



Candidate Name: \*

Age: \*

Gender: \*

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Generation: \*


Country of Residence: \*

Nationality: \*

Height in centimeters: \*

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Please upload a Picture of the Candidate: \*



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Occupation: \*

Education: \*

Blessing Status: \*

Open to Relocate: \*

☐ Yes☐ No☐ It depends

Open to an intercultural Match: \*

☐ Yes☐ No☐ It depends

Deal Breakers: \*

Candidate's Strongest Qualities: \*

Qualities in a partner that are best suited for the Candidate \*

Presenter's Name : \*


If you are the candidate presenting yourself, please note that you MUST be over 30 years of age to present yourself.

Presenter's relationship to the candidate: \*

☐ Parent☐ Pastor☐ Matching Supporter☐ Sibling☐ Friend☐ Self

Presenter's email address: \*

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I have permission to share this candidate's information on the Matching Networking Call: \*

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Yes

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Rev. Demian Dunkley

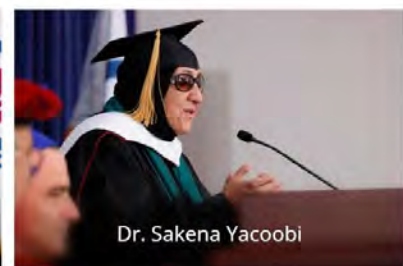
Special remarks were offered by Rev. Demian Dunkley, FFWPU Continental Director, North America, and Member of the HJI Board of Trustees. "I believe we came here, to this great school, to go deeper and dive deeper into our own sense of purpose and to show up boldly, courageously, and surrender to a higher will."



Dr. Franco Famulao, Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, Rev. Demian Dunkley



Dr. Thomas Walsh, Dr. Sakena Yacoobi



Dr. Sakena Yacoobi

In recognition for her exemplary leadership and advocacy for peace, the Doctor of Humane Letters was awarded to Dr. Saken Yacoobi, Educator and Founder of the Afghan Institute of Learning, and former recipient of the Sunhak Peace Prize. Afterwards, Dr. Yacoobi delivered the commencement address.

Dr. Yacoobi shared words of encouragement and inspiration:

"It is you that is going to make this world a beautiful place. It is you that is going to transform lives. It is you that is going to bring peace...Let me tell you, peace is something that we can all bring together collectively. As an individual, no one can bring peace. We can bring peace in a nation, and in the world, just if we all work together side by side."

She continued "Your religion is a pillar that you can hold on to and it will make you continuously



grow and learn. God is the only one that can help you to achieve your success. And for that purpose, again, Mother Moon and Father Moon gave us a great concept. They said that ‘we are all one family.’”



Dr. Yacoobi also touched on the challenges her organizations have faced and their victories. “They counted on us to hold their hand because we promised we were going to help. So we said yes. We developed a curriculum and we set up University Meraj. Meraj means getting to the highest point, reaching to God with knowledge, being humble, and being wise.”

Dr. Yacoobi concluded, “I am sure with your education, that was very thoughtfully developed, you can do many, many things in this world...I wish you all the best and I will constantly congratulate you from the bottom of my heart.”



Dr. Thomas Walsh, and Prabhu (Graduate)



Dr. Thomas Walsh



Dr. Thomas Walsh, Megumi Tona (Graduate), Dr. Sakena Yacoobi

The class of 2025 was represented by 21 graduates. In his congratulatory remarks, Dr. Thomas Walsh, President, stated “Our HJI mission is reflected in our name, one that highlights our commitment to peace and public leadership. Peace, as our graduates know, is understood very comprehensively or holistically. At its core, peace is an ideal that describes a set of relationships; our relationship with God, our relationship with humanity, and relationship with the natural world, our environment.”

After sharing upcoming developments for HJI, Dr. Walsh stated “As our Founders understood so well, religion, spirituality and faith are absolutely essential for peace. This principle underlies so much of what we do at HJI...Keep the fire burning for your alma mater. Be confident that all of us here at HJI stand ready to continue to support you. Please maintain your commitment to serving the wider world, creating peace through principled public leadership.”



Ms. Sancha Samara Ogden Christian



Dr. Katarina Connery



Dr. Mika Deshotel

The class of 2025 graduate responses were delivered by Ms. Sancha Samara Ogden Christian, representing students in the master degree programs, as well as Dr. Katarina Connery and Dr. Mika Deshotel on behalf of the Doctor of Ministry recipients.



Ten students were inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for the field of religious studies, by Dr. Thomas Ward, Director of the Peace Studies Program.



Dr. Shota Iwasaki, Distinguished Service Award Recipient



Rev. Barbara Robertson, Public Leadership Award Recipient

Dr. Shota Iwasaki was presented with the Distinguished Service Award. The Public Leadership Award was presented to Rev. Barbara Robertson.

Congratulations to the class of 2025!

Watch the recording [here](#). Additional photos can be viewed [here](#).



#### DMin Graduate Dissertations:

Ken Alexander – *The Reintegration of Ex-Offenders in Society: The Collaboration of Community and Faith-Based Organizations Focusing on Transitioning from Prison to Work to Society*

Katarina Connery – *In Her Image: Effect of a Personal Relationship with Heavenly Mother on Self-Worth in Motherhood*

Mika Deshotel – *Unified Voices: Exploring Intergenerational Collaboration in a Unificationist Worship Model*

Alice Fleisher – *Spiritual Life Formation and Growth Education for Young Adults within FFWPU-USA Opportunities and Limitations*

Shota Iwasaki – *Building a Community-Oriented Church through Beautification Projects: A Case Study of the Application and Practice of Service Learning as a Catalyst for Community Development*

Alhassan Kamagtey – *Muslim Marital Counseling: Views, Perceptions and Experience of Yankasa Muslim Community in The Bronx, NY, USA*

Magnus Larsson – *The 90-Degree Leader: Bridging Faith and Reason for Meaningful Relations and Personal Growth*

Ron Pappalardo – *The God Effect: Exploring the Long-Term Influences of Elicited Mystical Experiences*

#### MA Theses:

Mitch Dixon – *The Suffering God: Exploring Divine Suffering in Contemporary Theology*

Mary Marshall-Moriarty – *A New Paradigm for the Relationship between Human Beings and the Natural Environment: From Divergent Influences to Integration and Harmony, and the Contribution of Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon*

Wassa Traore – *Women's Participation in Peace Processes: Case Study: Liberia*



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