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Greetings BFC Families!

This past week, our young Blessed Children participated in the annual Blessed Cultural Sports Festival at UTS. The participants were blessed with beautiful weather throughout the program and many enjoyed a time engaging in sports, culture, and simply fellowship with those from other communities. Congratulations to our young NY teams who brought home the winning trophies for soccer, volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, and other intramural sports! Also, a very special shout out to the parents who have volunteered their time to cook and provide for the NY teams! Thank you parents!

Please click [here](#) to read the highlights from the event.

As you know, we are in the midst of a National 40-Day Condition to prepare for the 5th Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, which will take place on September 7. It's not too late to join the national condition that started on July 29. All families and individuals are encouraged to join us in this special condition. You can learn more about it online at: [National 40-Day Prayer Condition](#).

We would also like to encourage everyone to continue the precious tradition and make an offering of love and gratitude in memory of our dear True Father. The suggested donation is \$300, and of course, all donations are appreciated and will be gratefully received. To make your offering, you can visit: [5th Seonghwa Anniversary Special Donation](#), or bring it to Sunday Service.

Missed last week's Weekly National Update? Click [here](#) to watch.

BFC Council Newsletter

Please click below to read this month's BFC Council Newsletter.

[Read August Council Newsletter](#)



Belvedere Family Community Council Newsletter

August 2017

Council Vision Statement ~Our vision is for the Belvedere Family Church Council to be an effective and authentic team that represents the Belvedere community, and for the Council members to feel energized, joyful, and honored to be on the Council.

From Chairperson, Chris Perkins

It is said that the best way to learn something is "to do it and teach it." On the Council we are doing both: our second-year members are teaching the new members - and the new members learn quickly as they get engaged with their new responsibilities. As a result, our sense of gratitude for the efforts of the four Council members who just retired became more profound.

So, to Kester Wilkening, Lynn Walsh, Jessica Sattinger and Peter Reiner, "Thank you" to each of

you for investing so much this past year! Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Of course no two councils will be the same and we are now busy in our new roles finding out how best to support our own Minister, Dr. Kone in his leadership of our Belvedere Family. Often a byproduct of "change" is that new ideas surface. So if you - the reader - have any constructive input about anything, please contact one of the Council and share your thoughts. We are in this journey together!

June Up and Coming Report by Toyo Hagiwara

We spent our time focusing on community building and strengthening our ties as a family. We had our end of the year celebration where we honored our volunteers that contributed to our program and congratulated our graduating seniors. We also held a youth pastor transition ceremony for Yuki Jones as our new youth pastor. There was a senior graduation ceremony in Maryland for all the graduating seniors in our community, bringing seniors from NY and NJ down to join. Our official Up and Coming program for the 2016-2017 school year ended on June 17th.

July Sunday Service Committee Report by Sun-Ae Patterson

During the month of July we've had two guest speakers, Mari Curry and Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, and an extra exciting Sunday on the 16th, the day after the Madison Square Garden event, where over 1000 people came to Belvedere!

Besides the 16th, on average we'd had about 130 people attend each Sunday this July. Thank you Diana Perkins for making a record of attendance. We want to keep track of what interests our community, so with an eye on attendance we can see when the most people come.

June Sunday School Report by Yi-ru Sugihara

Sunday school ended this year with a mini Children's Olympic event at the Agora house followed by 8th grade graduation. Due to some of the teachers transitioning to college and work, we are short on teachers this coming year. Therefore Sunday school is preparing for recruiting and training of new teachers which will be led by Matthew Strater.

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Chris Perkins
Chairperson



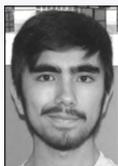
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The Belvedere Family Community Council welcomes your input!

Please email your comments, questions or suggestions to bfc-council@googlegroups.com

Outreach Report by Djamel Bouachri

Dr. and Mrs. Shimmyo took the lead in organizing outreach and inspiring our community in preparation for True Mother's speech at Madison Square Garden mid July. Groups and individuals alike made great effort in calling and inviting people, such as Kodan lead by Kanae Holt, Julia Okamoto with ACLC, and others. Together our community brought over 200 people to the event! Thank you for your support!

Communication & Community Enrichment by Kimiyo Matthews

Community Enrichment: I plan to help organizing events and meeting for those who are called to do so. I'd like to work with small groups, people who are gifted with teaching, and people who want to share their talents. We are currently planning to organizing a marriage enrichment program with Matthew Learey.

Communication: I'd like to get involved with the Belvedere Community website to improve and maintain activity online. Please email me if you want to let the community know about your small group, events and etc. Email: kimiymatthews@gmail.com

Financial Report

If you're interested in viewing the Belvedere Community Financial report, our quarterly report is always available online at: <http://www.belvederefamily.com/financial-report>

Other News

- **Seong Hwa Committee Creation**

Mr. Kenshin Furuta is initiating the task to create a Seong Hwa Committee to support the family of the deceased. We're looking for more volunteers to help with this committee. Please speak with Kenshin for more information.

- **Our White House**

The White House is in need of some work and we hope to have repairs done for proper accommodation for residents and various activities.

- **Words from Dr. Kone**

I'd like to thank the Belvedere Community and hope we continue working on our tribal messiahship through teaching the Principle and the Blessing. If you feel you need any assistance, please let us know.

Upcoming Council Meetings

August: Friday the 18th, 7pm to 9pm, at the White House

September: Saturday the 23rd, 9am to 11am, at the White House

NOTE FOR VISITORS: If you have questions, feedback, or interest in attending in one of the council meetings, please contact us at:

bfc-council@googlegroups.com

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