

Belvedere Family Church Council Election Time - Vote Now

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It's time to vote in the BFC Council Election!

Four new members of the council needs to be elected.

On the link below please review the bios of this year's candidates and place your vote for four new Belvedere Family Council members..

Voting closes Sunday May 12 at midnight.

[Vote here! -Election and Candidate info-](#)

Thank you for your support of our community!

-the 2019 BFC election committee.

Please email us if you have any questions.

election@belvederfamily.com



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2019 Election of the BFC Council

The BFC Council consists of 8 elected representatives from our community along with the current pastor.

Every year, 4 new members of the council are elected. They will serve for 2 years from the time of election, and 4 members who have finished serving the previous two years will leave the council, but they are then eligible to run again if they desire.

Joining the BFC council is a wonderful way to serve and truly become a valuable and vibrant part of your community.

Time to Vote!

Nominations have been received.

The following members are up for election to the council:

- Dominic Barber
- Raoul Joseph
- Mr. Masahisa Kobayashi
- Kody Morris
- Marilyn Onoda
- Cynthia Shibuya

A link for the online voting ballot, along with a little about each candidate is provided below.

You are able to vote for four (4) candidates from those listed who you think will be able to serve our community well on the BFC council.

The four new candidates will serve for the coming two years, alongside those council members who are continuing for one more year: *Jennifer Perkins – Benjamin Hack – Don Cupp – Akitoshi Takanashi.*

Sample Ballot

Provide your first and last name and your email address.

Click on arrow to make selection for each of up to 4 entries.



The image shows a screenshot of a web-based voting ballot for the BFC 2019 Council. The title is "BFC 2019 Council Voting Ballot". Below the title, it says "Please select up to four persons to serve on the Belvedere Family Church Council for the 2019-2021 term." and "Candidates are listed IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, Remember you may only vote once!". The form includes fields for "First and Last Name" and "Email Address". There are four dropdown menus for voting, labeled "- Vote 1 -", "- Vote 2 (op)", "- Vote 3 (op)", and "- Vote 4 (optional) -". The first dropdown menu is open, showing a list of candidates: Dominic Barber, Raoul Joseph, Masahisa Kobayashi, Kody Morris, Marilyn Onoda, and Cynthia Shibuya. A blue button labeled "submit my vote!" is at the bottom of the form.

[CLICK HERE FOR ON-LINE VOTING](#)

Candidate Information

Read below to learn a little about each of the candidates.





Dominic Barber

I joined the church in California in 1979 at the age of 19. A few months later I became a CARP member, traveling over much of the mid-west and west coast. In the mid 80's I was a 7 day DP lecturer until 1988, when I came to New York and joined the security staff at Belvedere/East Garden. I have been working there ever since, and am now the Facilities Manager for these two properties. I was Blessed in 1989 to my wife, Kazuko, and we have 5 children.

I served on the council once before for a single two year term, ending about 3 years ago. Since that time I have become quite interested in Dynamic Governance and would like to see DG principles implemented in the running of our community.



Raoul Joseph

I was born in British Guyana in 1963. My mother joined the church with her 3 children, in 1974.

I love singing, listening to Classical music and Opera. My favorite part of the teachings is the life of Jesus and True Parents. I am blessed to a Japanese lady and have 5 lovely girls. Love tennis, soccer and cricket.



Masahisa Kobayshi

If I am elected, as a council member, I believe I can contribute my opinions and advice that may be valuable for this community based on my experiences of working under the direct guidance of True Parents, as a front-line missionary, church and business leader.

1964~ 1976, join the Church (Tokyo, Japan), pioneering, center leader, regional leader

1976 (came to USA) VP of News World in NY

1979 ~ 1982 CARP Columbia University Center leader, etc.

1982 ~ 1983, Asian Church leader at San Francisco

1983 ~ 2005, Working for Ocean Providence, VP of True World Group

2005 ~ present, Witnessing and Tribal Messiah activity as a BFC member

Blessing: 777 couples blessed in Seoul 1970.

Family: 4 children. 3 are blessed.





Kody Morris

My name is Kody Morris. I am 20 years old and am finishing my first year at Westchester Community College. I am enthusiastic and eager to learn how I can potentially benefit the Belvedere Family Council. Thank you



Marilyn Onoda

I joined the Unification Church in 1976 in Seattle Washington and have worked in various missions including New Hope Singers Int'l, working with Dr. Bergman in his holistic medical foundation, and I also worked as a Labor and Delivery nurse in Cornell NY Hospital.

My husband, Takao (Thomas) and I were matched in 1979 and blessed in the 1982 Madison Square Garden Blessing and have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

From 1992-2006 we lived in the Tarrytown/Irvington area. In 2006, we moved to West Haverstraw in Rockland County. I worked as a School Nurse in the Irvington Schools from 1995-2017, in three of their four schools. During summers from 1991-2015 I was the camp nurse at Camp Sunrise.

I am currently retired but continue as a part-time substitute nurse for the district. I belong to a writer's club and am presently editing a book I published in 2003. My hobby is gardening.

I am presently a member of the BFC Song Team and the Seonghwa Committee.



Cynthia Shibuya

I joined the Church in 1975 and almost immediately went to MFT for seven years. I was matched in 1979 and Blessed in 1982 at Madison Square garden.

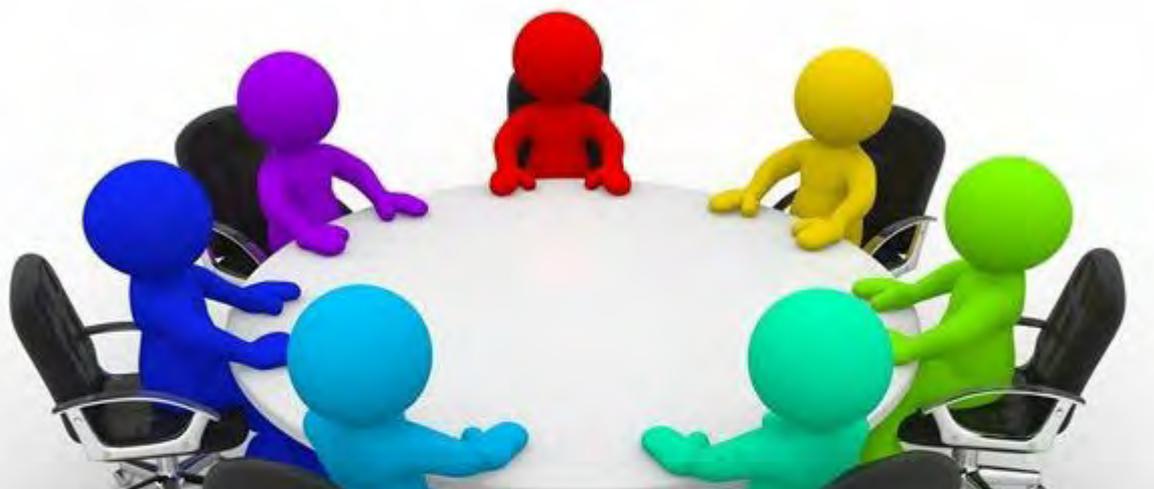
I had a witnessing mission until 1985 when I joined my husband as Belvedere/East Garden staff. I served on the Belvedere and EG staff until August, 2013.

I have also worked with minister witnessing, and began working with the local WFWP in 1992. In recent years I have worked as with UPF International, and as a UN representative with WFWP International, and I am currently working again with UPF International.

Election process:

1. First- **nominations** are received by the council election committee. Anyone in our membership can be nominated to be a candidate for the council. The candidates must meet specific criteria outlined below in order to run in the election. You may nominate yourself or anyone in our community whom you feel could do a good job serving on the council.
2. Nominees will be asked if they are willing to run and to be sure they meet the qualifications.
3. Once the nominees have accepted to become candidates, then the voting period will begin.
4. **Voting** will take place through on-line ballots as well as paper ballots that can be submitted at Sunday Service at Belvedere during the voting period.

For questions, please contact the election committee at election@belvederfamily.com or the council at council@belvederfamily.com.





Qualifications and expectations of Council members:

To qualify to serve on the BFC Council, candidates must be at least 18 years old and have been a member of the Belvedere Family Community for at least one year. The following is what is expected of elected Council members:

- a. Serve faithfully on the council for two years**
- b. On average this is about a 6 hour/ month time commitment**
- c. Attend council meetings at least once a month**
- d. Attend the Council retreat to be scheduled in late August or September (usually 2 days)**
- e. Serve as the Council representative on one of the 7 major Circles: Sunday Service, Outreach, Youth Ministry, Blessing and Family Ministry, Ministries (Small Groups, etc.), Finance, Admin**
- f. Be prepared to serve as an officer on the Council. Officers are Chair, Vice-Chair(s), Treasurer, Scribe, Communications, and Administrator (Role descriptions are available upon request)**



Thank you for your participation!

BFC 2019 Council Voting Ballot

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