

11th Annual Tong Il Moo Do (TIMD) Tournament held in Clifton, NJ

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On June 26, 2016, the 11th Annual Tong Il Moo Do (TIMD) Tournament was held in Clifton, NJ. The tournament was organized by Nathaniel Nitro and Shota Iwasaki and co-sponsored by Universal Peace Federation (UPF), represented by EJ Rapada; the Filipino International Community, represented by Ruben Olgado; and Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), represented by Cynthia Nakai.

The purpose of the annual TIMD tournament is to enhance the self-confidence, faith and character development, as well as physical health of the all the youth who participate.



There were eight schools competing with a total of 46 participants ranging in age from 6-25, including Unificationists and non-Unificationists alike.

Mrs. Nakai managed the tournament registration and entertainment, supporting the general success of all aspects of the program. Mr. Nitro commented, “Having a woman’s presence among the tournament leadership always creates a balanced atmosphere. We are so lucky to have the support of WFWP.”



Mr. Nitro continued, “We’ve been able to build a lot of trust within the community. Participants are looking forward to this tournament every year. This was the first year we didn’t publicize the event, but still people came.

“It’s easy to organize a competitive event,” concluded Mr. Nitro, “The next step is sharing Unification teachings with everyone we work with to put on the tournament.



“What has really helped me share about the Divine Principle is the work I’ve been doing in my family’s Tribal Messiah trinity because we can support each other. We invited Bob Mansur to open the tournament in prayer and help judge the participants. Also, this April, our trinity hosted a family festival at the local Boys and Girls Club, where we had an opportunity to share our faith in a very natural way. Altogether, we met 16 new people at the festival, most of whom were connected to the Tong Il Moo Do school, and so the atmosphere was very familial.”



When considering the future of Tong Il Moo Do in Clifton, Mr. Nitro is interested in strengthening the core of Unification principles at the school: “It’s clear that we can make a good impact in the local community and a good environment for outreach through Tong Il Moo Do, but my focus for next year is to develop our school and to increase participation among Unificationists.”

For people in the Clifton area who want to find out more, or are interested in joining the TIMD school, please contact Mr. Nitro at ntnitro@hotmail.com.