

## Foundation Day in Atlanta

Cliff and Tiff Gaines  
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*Unificationists and guests from all around the Southeast region attended the Foundation Day event in Atlanta.*

With more than 250 members and guests in attendance, the Foundation Day Celebration at the Atlanta Family Church (3060 Bouldercrest Road, Ellenwood, GA) on February 21, 2013 was “glorious and momentous,” according to local Unificationist Pastors Cliff and Tiff Gaines. Among the attendants were members of the Korean Evangelical Association (KEA) of Atlanta, members of Generation Peace Academy (GPA), as well as Unification Church members and guests from not only Georgia but also the entire Southeast region.

After initial registration was completed, the congregation kicked off the evening program with the song, “Grace of the Holy Garden,” singing together with the local choir led by Unificationists Mrs. Sumiko Tranberg and Mrs. Kayo Pederson of KODAN.



*Unificationists preside over a cake-cutting ceremony.*

All turned and faced Korea at the start of the official Foundation Day program led by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and broadcast live from the Cheong Shim Peace World Center in Gapyeong, Korea. According to the Gaines, the video and audio of the satellite feed was flawless for the duration of both the Holy Wedding Ceremony and the Foundation Day Registration Blessing Ceremony.

“Many members expressed how inspired they were by the beautiful performances and especially by the strength, determination and perseverance shown by True Mother as she officiated the Foundation Day Celebration on Earth at the Cheong Shim Peace World Center, while True Father officiated from Spiritual World,” wrote the Gaines’ to Unificationnews.com. They continued: “It was as if the gates of Heaven were finally opening up with a bridge being drawn at the axis of Heaven and Earth to unite both worlds dawning a new era in the history of the Providence of our Heavenly Parents.”

In an effort to synchronize with the events taking place in Korea, the event attendees in Atlanta participated in their own Holy Water Ceremony, during which several representative couples received Holy Water from the Gaines couple and then distributed it to the congregation.

A cake-cutting ceremony followed the conclusion of the broadcast and was facilitated by the eldest local Korean member present, Rev. David Hwan; two of the 74 Blessed Couples, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Alice Boutte and Mr. Don Harbour and the late Mrs. Judy Harbour, who were celebrating their 36th anniversary on that day; a newly-Blessed couple, Mrs. Bessie Moore and the late Mr. Myron Moore; and Mr. Atombo Cutts, a second-generation Unificationist who was recently Blessed to Ms. Margaret Repke.



*Pastors Cliff and Tiff Gaines (seated in the aisle) said the Foundation Day event was a "momentous and joyous celebration that is sure to become a source of inspiration to spark a local renaissance and revival for new and long-time members."*

The local program concluded with singing, closing remarks and a prayer from Pastors Cliff and Tiff Gaines, who told Unificationnews.com the following: "We reminded the congregation about True Mother's determination that Foundation Day is a new beginning and that True Father said, 'Foundation Day would be the Origin of Cheon Il Guk,' a point when, 'we must invest ourselves with a life-or-death commitment' to fulfill our horizontal portion of responsibilities as Blessed Central Families and to become Tribal Messiahs by educating our community."

After a group picture, attendees proceeded to the dining hall for fellowship and refreshments.

"The congregation had such a wonderful time that many stayed well past midnight talking and enjoying each other's company, sharing testimonies about our True Parents and Foundation Day, as well as eating cake and taking family pictures," wrote the Gaines. "Overall, it was truly a momentous and joyous celebration that is sure to become a source of inspiration to spark a local renaissance and revival for new and long-time members both young and old. Aju!