



## Announcement of New Appointments of District Pastors

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we continue forward with a renewed determination to bring victory for Vision 2020 in America, to bring 2015 to a victorious close, and to welcome a glorious 2016, we wanted to announce several new appointments to a district leadership position in the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, USA.

**Rev. Young Tack Yang**, until recently the regional president for the Middle East, has been appointed to the position of District Pastor in District 12, covering the communities in Southern California and Arizona. We are delighted with this addition to the leadership team in District 12, and we are confident that Rev. George Kazakos, who remains the Senior Pastor of the Los Angeles Family Church, and Rev. Yang will successfully work together to lead the district to great development and growth.

**Rev. Kazuo Takami**, until recently the District Pastor of District 7 based in Chicago, has been appointed to the position of District Pastor and State Director for Hawaii, and will be based in Honolulu. He is looking forward to accomplishing the vision True Mother has for Hawaii, to develop an outstanding presence of the Family Federation with outreach to families of all backgrounds.

**Rev. Edner Pierre-Louis**, has been appointed as District Pastor for District 2, stepping in to the position left vacant with the outgoing District Pastor, Rev. Andy Compton's assignment as IPEC Education Director in Las Vegas. Rev. Edner, along with his wife Rev. Juanita, have been active in the leadership of the Harlem Family Church. He comes to this position with many years of experience in the New York ministry.

We wish all of them success in their new missions and pledge our support. Following are short introductions for each of these new leaders.

Let us continue our efforts during these final months of the year with a renewed commitment to Heavenly Parent and True Parents, for sake of America and the World.

God bless you and your families,

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim  
Continental Chairman

Dr. Michael Balcomb  
President

## Rev. Young Tack Yang



Rev. Young Tack Yang graduated from Yonsei University in 1992 with a degree in philosophy. During this period he served as the Church Leader of Chungju Southern Church and was the CARP Leader of Seowon University. After graduation, he was assigned as CARP leader of Shinchon CARP Center (Yonsei and Ewha Women's University) until September, 1995.

Rev. Yang continued his education, graduating from the Unification Theological Seminary with a Master of Religious Education in 2000. Upon graduation, he was assigned as Regional Director of Connecticut and served from September, 2000 to September, 2003. Following that, he worked as Regional Director in Atlanta, taking responsibility for the area of Georgia and South Carolina until 2006.

At the time True Parents asked Korean Regional Directors to return to Korea, Rev. Yang began his work with the Central Committee in UPF Korea, IIFWP Korea and the Family Party of Korea. In 2008, Rev. Yang returned to America where he served as the Atlanta KEA Assistant Pastor. In June, 2012, Rev. Yang was assigned by True Parents as the Continental Director of the Middle East, where he served until March of this year.

Since his return to the US, Rev. Yang has been offering support at HSA HQ, and just recently completed the 21 day Global Top Gun workshop in Korea. He and his wife Jungju were blessed in 1989 as part of the Second Generation 72 Couples Blessing. They have five children, 3 of whom are in college, and two in middle and elementary school.

## Rev. Kazuo Takami



Rev. Kazuo Takami joined the Unification Movement in 1989 through the collegiate youth branch of the Osaka Family Church.

Rev. Takami graduated cum laude with a Master of Religious Education degree from the Unification Theological Seminary in New York in 2000. He became the Assistant State Director of Illinois and later State Pastor and worked to build upon Chicago's ministers' outreach foundation. In 2010, he attended the 120-day workshop "Special Education Session for World Leaders Organized by True Parents" held in Korea.

Later that year he was appointed as District Pastor for District 7, which is composed of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. He also served as the Senior Pastor of the Chicago Family Church.

Rev. Takami received the Marriage Blessing with Hiromi Umino from Toyama, Japan, in the 30,000 Couples Blessing on August 25, 1992. He and his wife have been blessed with five beautiful children.

## Rev. Edner Pierre-Louis



Rev. Edner, as he is lovingly known in New York, is originally from Port au Prince, Haiti. He joined the Unification Church in 1977.

He was involved in a variety of missions including witnessing, fundraising, News World/ Noticias del Mundo paper distribution. "I remember with great fondness my experiences at the Bronx Center where I was under the Pastorship of Terry Walton. He created a very loving family environment there. On Sundays we would travel to Belvedere to hear True Father's messages." After the Blessing he joined National MFT and spent the next 2 ½ years fundraising, mostly in the South and South West.

On July 1, 1982 Rev. Edner was blessed to Juanita Jackson at Madison Square Garden. They have one son, Jude, who is 17 years old.

Over the years both Rev. Edner and Rev. Juanita remained attached to the Manhattan Church and

later the Harlem Church, where they pastored during the late 1990's and early 2000's. During this time, they invested themselves deeply in the Blessing campaigns of 97' and 98' leading members in campaigns to visit homes and give Holy Wine. They visited thousands of homes in the Harlem area. Rev. Edner's outreach work included considerable efforts with ACLC ministry activities as well.

During the early 1990's he attended college in the evening and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1994. He received a Master in Religious Education in 2004 from the Unification Theological Seminary.