## Seattle HPHC: New Life Challenge Witnessing Kickoff from last week's meeting

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Dear Seattle Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, Blessed Families, Brothers and Sisters,

Happy 55th Heavenly Parent's Day, 63rd True Parents' Day, and 62nd True Parents' Holy Wedding Anniversary! I hope you were able to join via Peacelink.tv the pledge service for the said Holy Days in Korea with our True Mother. And of course, the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony. Both were very joyous event, It was beautiful to see the young couples receiving the Blessing from our True Parents.

It was good to celebrate with our international community virtually, but it is always good to celebrate in person as a community too. So we will have our Pledge Service for the three Holy Days and celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at 10:30 am. So please do come. We will have offering table and lunch will be served after the service. Easter eggs will be prepared for young children.

For those doing ACLC outreach, I understand that Easter is a good time to visit other Christian church. For those others who are not attending other church, I hope that you will consider coming to our service. Let us attend our Heavenly Parent and True Parents together. I will not be giving the talk on Sunday, instead we will watch together a recording from Rev. Ken Doo and spend some time reflecting on it.

I would like to thank all those who joined us in our community meeting last Sunday. Attached in this letter is the copy of notes taken by Mr. Ray McCready. As a result of the meeting, we are organizing a New Life Challenge Witnessing Kickoff workshop on April 30, 2022. To set a condition, I would like to invite you all to join me on offering a 12 day prayer condition from April 18 to April 29 focusing on the success of the workshop and to usher us to a victorious witnessing.

Also, we have to think about our Buildings, we can also include it in our prayer.

There are some other planned activities for May

CARP DP Workshop on May 21.

Divine Principle Lecture Contest on May 28, 2022.

Summer workshops are also being scheduled already and information will be available from their organizers.

Thank you very much for your continuous support. May Heavenly Parent and True Parents blessing be with each and everyone.

Special prayer for Dr. Sandra Lowen who will have her second surgery this Monday, April 18, 2022.

With love,

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(Letter attachment)

## AGENDA POINTS for the April 10, 2022 COMMUNITY MEETING following SFC Sunday Service:

1. Review of the meeting result in February

Volunteer Coordinator: looking for. Let Pastor Rosie know.

- 2. New Life Challenge Campaign: Scott Dolfay says tries to witness all of the time. Rosie asks who signed up for the New Life campaign. Miyuki: giving people what they need, not to push too hard, but focus on what they need, give a tidbit, ask what they think, build the relationship. A commitment: to find at least 3 spiritual children. RE CARP mentor: a national CARP person: Cheonbom Katayama. Question: how to create trinity? Miyuki's idea: have a mini-workshop on witnessing. Then go to campuses. Mike Lancey: go to transit station or somewhere else like a Post Office. Nelson recalls initiating a book club on University of Washington campus for 2 years; re Mrs Kawamura and other Kodan moms to do with the survey and followup. Pastor Rosie: first hold a witnessing workshop. Determine locations where to witness. Miyuki: a 2 hour workshop, (once Miyuki returns from Korea on April 25<sup>th</sup>) followed by actionizing to witness, followed by reconvening for sharing reports. Shinghi offers "The Principle Project". They have initiated. Site: biggerpictureoflife.org Shinghi says they are finding prepared people, may need help to raise up. Nelson re locations: for a library will need to reserve the room. RM: UW campus has the "Red Square" free speech area;
- 3. Seattle Properties Survey: working to optimize the value of our properties, utilization. RM and Scott: example of Boston Church. RM: both Bay Area Family Church and the Los Angeles Family Church bought properties which became central points for their communities. Shinghi's comments: not letting HQ decide without our input. Mike Lancey's comments: the Seattle community needs to discuss the end goal for the Seattle Ballard property. Pastor Rosie: deciding on the properties first need the true heart of ownership. Re Dr. Yong: the building represents the True Parents. They talked to P Rosie: "You have to visualize what you want the community to be." Need to have the vision. "Seattle Family Church does not have the money; to speed up the process would need to hire people, and that is expensive. If we sell the place, we cannot afford another place

locally. Nelson: feels guilty as a former pastor who over 7 years ago began talking about what to do with the property. Pastor Rosie: we need to make a decision. Charles: maybe many people complain about the Ballard Church, we can fix for a short term, but for the long term. Re in Minnesota, had to ask for money from National HQ, but now Nat'l HQ now does not have money now. Remembers that Rev. Thompson said to have a place that can support itself, through income, through kindergarden, child care, etc. The tax situation. Shinghi: in the Building Committee we made the decision to restore the church building. Scott Dolfay, Miyuki: we need to picture, and artist's rendering of what we want to create

Shinghi: re the 2<sup>nd</sup> gen, the Georgia church, etc, care for your community.

Mike Lancey re usage of the funds in the bank, use or lose. Ricardo Reyes regarding the spiritual atmosphere on the property.

Ending thoughts and emotions by Shinghi, Mike Lancey and Nelson Mira: our Building committee, supported by our Council, already agreed to repair the building, so we should proceed with that.

Ray McCready's final comments: I joined the SFC Council in January of 2016, the same time as Mike Lancey, and I spent a lot of time also with building issues, including getting quotes to repair the north foundation, talking with Gerry Keating, who subsequently used his own crew to repair that (SFC paid only for the materials used, not labor) and also his crew did the roof valley, which took care of the leaks after others talked about it, and over 2 years time we used certain fixes suggested by some, which did not work. Mr. Keating has pretty much retired due to physical issues. I also found the company to do the valuation to sell in 2018 or so. I finally got to the point to mainly find what the young people want to do and to support that. I was so glad when Shinghi D. and Greg & Miwa Couweleers became active. Since Greg & Miwa left, it has fallen on Shinghi, who I certainly hope remains in the Seattle area (Redmond?), as he seems to be thinking of moving to Bellingham.

The sanctuary has "good bones", but the exterior and the roof will require investment in time, especially the south side siding below the roof valley, due to rot after some years of roof leaks.

One key thought I have: do whatever will engage our Community members with our community.