

Higher Purpose Forum: Implications of God as Heavenly Parent - March 2, 5 PM EST on Zoom

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important  
questions  
together

## Presentation & Discussion Series

**Saturday, March 2 @ 5:00 PM EST via ZOOM**

*(Registration Required)*

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## Implications of God as “Heavenly Parent”

### Presenters

**Barbara Robertson**

**Pastor, Mid-Hudson Valley Family Church**

**Justin Okamoto**

**Pastor, Belvedere Family Community**

### Respondent

**Kaeleigh Moffitt**

**President, Womens’ Federation for World Peace**

ZOOM Registration - Upcoming

Dear,

We welcome you to join our Higher Purpose Forum meeting on Saturday afternoon, March 2nd. We will be discussing a topic of central religious importance: understanding the feminine/maternal aspect of God.

Established Christian tradition is to refer to God as “our Father” or “our Heavenly Father”. This masculine characterization of God seems to be confirmed in our understanding of the translated opening words of the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

Mother Hak Ja Han Moon, who presides over the worldwide Unification faith, teaches that the term “Heavenly Parent” reflects more fully God’s ontological role as both our father and our mother. This revised terminology is in fact a profound and challenging recharacterization of who God is and how we relate to Him/Her. Our speakers will address the implications of this semantic, conceptual, and relational progression.



## Presenter

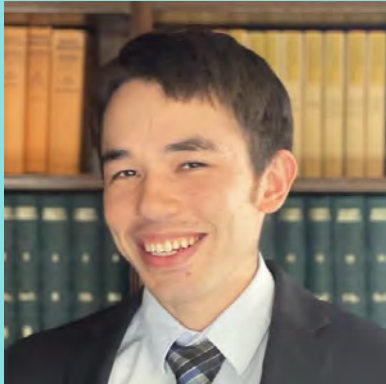
### Barbara Robertson

Barbara Robertson is **Associate Chaplain at Vassar Brothers Medical Center** in Poughkeepsie, NY, and **Co-Pastor of the Mid-Hudson Valley Family Church** in Barrytown, NY. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Fine and Studio Arts at the University of California, Los Angeles, and completed her Master of Divinity degree from HJ International Graduate School in 2022.

## Presenter

### Justin Okamoto

Justin serves as a pastor, life coach, and community leader. He holds a degree in Anthropology from Purchase College, SUNY, highlighting his interest in cultural dynamics and human relationships. Currently residing in Valley Cottage, NY, with his wife and son, Justin serves as the **Head Pastor of the Belvedere Family Community** since August 2021, where he has been pivotal in fostering an inclusive and nurturing environment that emphasizes family, faith, and service.



## Respondent

### Kaeleigh Moffitt

Kaeleigh is the **President of the Women's Federation for World Peace USA**. In 2019, she became the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Family Federation and became the Founding Director of the Young Christian Leadership Conference. In April 2021, Kaeleigh joined Universal Peace Federation - USA in the position of Congressional Liaison. Kaeleigh has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Operations Management and Family Science from University of Maryland and a Master's Degree in Peace Studies at HJ International Graduate School.



**NEW Registration Link - Upcoming**

## Five Upcoming HPF Meetings

**Tues. March 12**

**The Unity Between Science & Religion: Past, Present and Future**

Henry Christopher, HJI Staff

**Tues. March 26**

**Science and Religion from the Viewpoint of the Principle**

Dr. Andrew Wilson, HJI Professor of Scriptural Studies

**Tues. April 2**

**God's Dream: Building a Racially Integrated Culture, Part I**

Jeffrey Kingsley & Christine Edwards

**Thurs. April 11 – Sat. April 13**

**1st HJI Conference on Peace and Public Leadership**

“Addressing Challenges of Our Times”

Session IV: Friday, April 12 8:00 – 9:30 PM EST

HPF Session on Economic Democracy

Alan Jessen, IADP; Professor Robert Ashford, Syracuse University; Dawn Brohawn, Center of Economic and Social Justice

**Tues. April 23**

**The Principle's Perspective on Science according to Wolli Wonbon**

Dr. Andrew Wilson, HJI Professor of Scriptural Studies

Sincerely,  
James Edgerly  
Director, [Higher Purpose Forum](#)



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