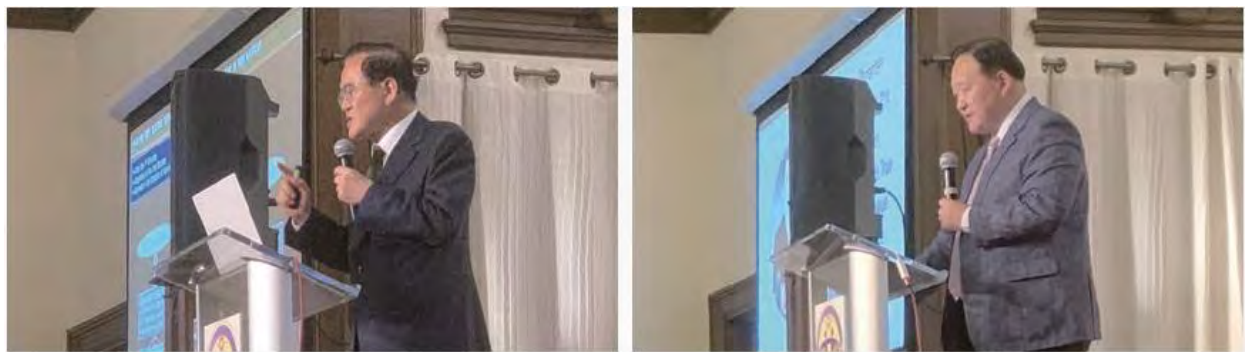


## Era of Cheon Won Gung and Our Faith Centering on True Parents Tour, USA

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September 22 launched a very special "Era of Cheon Won Gung and Our Faith Centering on True Parents Tour, USA" in 8 cities. America has prepared for this important tour by hosting a total of 21 workshops which included 17 3-day Cheon Shim Won Rebirth Workshops and 4 1-day presentations. The resulting enthusiasm expressed by Unificationists during this tour is clearly due to the unity created between Rev. Demian Dunkley, Regional Chair and National President for the American Movement, and the US membership during the Cheon Shim Won Rebirth workshops. The tour began at the Belvedere Training Center in Tarrytown, New York, with 180 Unificationists in attendance. Belvedere Family Church Pastor Justin Okamoto emceed and the event began with the song "Grace of the Holy Garden" and a prayer from Rev. Miilhan Stephens, pastor of the Manhattan Family Church.



On September 23, over 300 members from New Jersey and across the Northeast region attended the tour at Clifton Family Church including members from New York, Rhode Island, Maine, Philadelphia, Massachusetts, Connecticut, as well as members from the Midwest region and Canada. Rev. Mark Abernathy, Lead Pastor of Connect Point Inc, Bishop Jesse Edwards, ACLC Evangelist, and Dr. Tanya Edwards, World Christian Leadership Conference Liaison, was also in attendance. On September 24, at the Arbor Ballroom in the Washington Times Building, 300 members from around the southeast region gathered. Members experienced a very rich and fulfilling evening and appreciated both speakers giving clear, insightful and inspirational lectures.



In Dallas Fort Worth in Texas, 120 members gathered on September 26 at the Dallas Fort Worth Family Church. Dr. Kim and Rev. Shin were given standing ovations at the end of their lectures, which members happily received and through which members were able to feel closer to True Parents.

The tour continued on to Chicago on September 29. 140 excited and enthusiastic Unificationists from all over the Midwest gathered in Chicago for the tour, some groups traveling over 6 hours to attend the 4 hour meeting and almost half of the participants coming from outside of Illinois state.



The Chicago Family Church held a welcome dinner with the Chicago Ministerial Team on September 27, several days before the event. On the following day, True Mother's delegation visited with Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr. at his church, the Life Center Church of God in Christ, which was the first Christian church to officially receive True Parents as a speaker. Pastor Barret shared his testimony about True Parents.

On September 30 in Los Angeles, 176 members attended. There was a surprisingly positive response to the content and experience from the younger generation who attended. Participants testified to making a new effort to go deeper in their support for True Mother. The members in L.A. were certainly already carrying the heart for Mother through the Rebirth experience and now the tour experience has given them a sure-footing to say, "yes, we are ready to take action!"

On October 1, in the Bay Area in San Francisco, 150 people attended the presentation. Members came to really understand the incredible and significant time we are living in. Members reflected on how they were living their lives and were asked to think about their portion of responsibility. True Mother's representatives made their final stop at the International Peace Education Center in Las Vegas On October 3 with 120 members in attendance.

At each location, Rev. Demian Dunkley, Regional Chair and National President for the American Movement, gave an energetic introduction to Dr. Jin Choon Kim, Chairman of Cheon Beob Department, and Rev. Dong Mo Shin, the Deputy Chief-of-Staff of True Mother's Secretariat, and also introduced the content. Rev. Dunkley's enthusiasm had everyone cheering filled with energy and excitement. Members then listened to an insightful and informative presentation about the completion of God's Providence.



Dr. Kim gave very clear lectures on the value of True Parents and understanding True Mother's role in the providence. He also took some time to answer some questions that members posed. Members felt that Dr. Kim is a true teacher and professor that loves to engage with and discuss deep issues related to Heavenly Parent, True Parents, and the providence. Dr. Kim did such an incredible job sharing about the truth of the current time and the truth of the Only Begotten Daughter.

Afterwards, Rev. Shin shared about the UCI (Unification Church International) court case. Members were very happy to see such a display of honesty and transparency and now feel they can stand up together with Mother concerning these issues. There were many emotions that came up from the presentation. In the end, everyone felt a sense of unity and a desire to forward together, especially in the areas of witnessing. Rev. Shin impressed the American members with his deep love and heart for True Parents expressing his compassion and love towards True Parents in how he presented his message.



Rev. and Mrs. Dunkley played a very significant role in preparing members to receive True Mother's message through her representatives, Dr. Kim and Rev. Shin, at this precious time in our providence with True Mother. Members are really grateful to Rev. and Mrs. Dunkley for providing them with the opportunity to hear and receive the truth.

The special program was a resounding success. The lectures helped members feel True Mother's urgency, feel more hopeful as a community, and unite in support for our beloved True Mother. Everyone was able to accept the content with a grateful heart and they thank True Mother for sending these speakers to America and trusting the American membership with her heart. American members are grateful to True Mother for the last 120 days and excitedly made their way to Las Vegas and received True Mother on October 8 at the RESURGENCE youth workshop.