

## Kansas City FFWPU boldly speaks out at Kansas City Interfaith Organization's Tables of Faith

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An interfaith program called “Tables of Faith” was recently attended by Unificationist Pastor Peeter Saarna and his wife Mieko of Kansas City, Kansas. The couple set up an informational booth on April 21, 2015 representing the Unification perspective. “We made a goal to meet somebody who wants to study the Divine Principle,” said Mieko, a longtime member of the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council.

The event was coordinated by the Kansas City Interfaith Organization and this year’s theme was “One Family – One World – One Future.” Each religion shared their perspective on this theme, and, drafted by Mieko, the Unificationist statement was:

*Family is a core teaching of our church. Our founder talks about salvation, but not just individual salvation; we need family salvation. When we leave the earthly world we enter the spiritual realm as an individual, but eventually we want to live together in Heaven as a family. In order to do that we should perfect love in the family. In a way, life on earth is a preparation for the next world.*

“We had several people interested in our church and we got some contact information,” said Mieko. This year the organizers also created a “Faith Quest” booklet that included symbols of all the religions. Participants had to write down the religion’s name beside each symbol as they went to each booth, according to Mieko. “We were happy to see our Unification symbol in the booklet,” she said.

While at their booth, Mieko and Peeter came across participants who were already open and familiar with the Unification movement. “One lady said she received an Ambassador for Peace certificate when she used to live in Arizona,” said Mieko. “She really wants to work with us and connect with us.” A gentleman also approached them to ask about ACLC meetings. “He requested to have them again,” she said.

Overall, the event was a successful effort to inform more people about the Unification teachings and connect with those who had an interest. “Even though we didn’t have enough time to prepare we had a great turnout at our booth,” said Mieko. She and her husband plan to continue their involvement in interfaith activities and spreading the word about True Parents.