

## Richmond International Family Church, Virginia's Special Grace Ceremony

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On the first Monday of every month, members of the Richmond International Family Church, as well as prospective members, friends, associates and Ambassadors for Peace, come together for a Divine Principle study dinner and fellowship.

“The scheduling of our Special Grace Ceremony on the first Monday of August was an added grace and benefit for all who attended,” said Mrs. Ayano Ishii.



Five families of the Richmond Blessed Family Community came together to offer their new resolve and determination to share Heavenly Parent’s grace through inheriting True Parents’ heart, love, vision and mission to restore the original ideal of love.

“What an opportunity to repent and to burn off our old ways with the candlelight of new hope,” remarked sister Roslyn R.

“This ceremony represents hope,” said a young, second-generation Unificationist.

“It was a special privilege, grace and blessing to participate with my wife and family before leaving for Korea again,” said Carlton Johnson, who teaches at the Cheongshim International Academy in Korea and

returned home to Richmond, Virginia for summer vacation. He expressed gratitude that he could share as a family in resolving together to fulfill their portion of responsibility in True Parents' vision.

“We are totally indebted to Heavenly Parent's love through True Parents, allowing us opportunities to encourage one another, lift up one another as we press on meekly with renewed resolve, to live a victorious Blessed Family lifestyle for the sake of 7.3 billion sisters and brothers,” said Father Bayo Adrien, local community pastor.

“We give thanks for all members for fulfilling their portion of responsibility to receive this special grace. We also thank True Mother for her continued love and devotion that continues to inspire our hearts to reconcile and align our ways and attitude with Heaven's way and attitude toward all people, places and things.”

