

Our Ginseng Tea House Re-Opens On Dupont Circle in Washington DC

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"I'll have a San Joaquin sandwich (avocado, mushrooms and tomato between two layers of soft cream cheese), a lemon cloud (our lemon soufflé is the most remarkable dessert around. Topped with generous portions of fresh whipped cream and blueberries), and a cup of ginseng tea, too."

Patrons of the Ginseng Tea House, a fixture of the Dupont Circle scene in Washington, D.C., were delighted when the Tea House reopened in October after a four-month period during which it was used as an office for the Washington Monument campaign. Newly refurbished with fresh paint and an Oriental-style wallpaper mural, the Tea House is open for longer hours (7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.), and has added a breakfast menu and carryout service. While the Tea House had formerly been managed by the International Family Association on a volunteer, part-time basis, it is now staffed by nine full-time Church members.

One feature to be continued is the display of paintings and crafts on consignment by artists. On some evenings you may drop in and find a country music singer playing. Small vases of fresh flowers adorn each table. "The people who used to come by regularly are very glad that we're open again," says Pudtisan Nilpradab, manager. "Sales of ginseng tea are encouraging," he adds, and future plans include adding more health food items. Dried fruits and nuts, natural teas, and organic cookies are already available.