



FFWPU-USA
Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

Appointments of New FFWPU Vice Presidents Miilhan Stephens and Mari Curry and WFWP Vice President Katrina Connery

Ki Hoon Kim and Michael Balcomb
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year to you and your families. Thank you for your sincere investment and efforts in support of Heavenly Parent's Providence in America.

As we begin the New Year, it is our pleasure to announce that True Mother has made new appointments to leadership positions in our Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in America and in the Women's Federation for World Peace, USA.

Rev. Miilhan Stephens, Pastor of the New Hope Family Church in MD, and Rev. Mari Curry, Pastor of the Family Church of South Florida, have been appointed to the positions of Vice President of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification USA.

Both Miilhan and Mari have been active and successful pastors in their respective communities, and we are excited to welcome them as they assume this new responsibility given to them by Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Mrs. Katarina Connery from Richmond, VA has been recommended to the position of Vice President of the Women's Federation for World Peace USA. She has been working in the field of non-governmental organizations with social and educational responsibilities, and is excited to bring this experience in the service of God's providence.

We wish them success in their new positions and pledge our support. We are grateful to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents for their love and wisdom in recommending such qualified leaders. Following are short introductions to each of these new leaders.

Let us celebrate the coming of a new year with a renewed commitment to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for sake of America and the World.

God bless you and your families,

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim
Continental Chairman

Dr. Michael Balcomb
President

Rev. Miilhan Stephens

Miilhan Stephens is 27 years old. He graduated cum laude from the University of Maryland in College Park with a bachelor's degree in Food Science.

He was blessed with Sayaka from Osaka, Japan on January 31, 2009. He and his lovely wife are like best friends and are both easy to talk to. They recently welcomed their baby daughter Ayumi to the family and couldn't be happier.

Miilhan is a bright spirited visionary who discovered the heart of God at an early age. He is known for being an idealist, but always works things from a practical perspective. Cheerfully sharing his faith and listening to others throughout his life, he decided to step up his service to God by pastoring the community he so loves, thus he has been the pastor of the New Hope Family Church for the past two years, after teaching Sunday School to middle school aged kids for many years. He remains committed to serving God and True Parents.



Personal Statement

Dear Blessed Families,

It is an honor and absolute joy for me to serve God and True Parents in this new role appointed to me. I can't wait to start working more closely with the people I love and for something I truly believe in.

I have to first thank the blessed families in District 1. If it weren't for their trust and support for me, I would not have found my deep inner calling to be a pastor and go all out for God. I also want to thank Jesus who I felt has always been with me throughout my life, guiding me and training me to reach my dreams.

In reflection of this past year, it certainly has been one never to be forgotten. Some significant events that come to mind are the God's Hope for America Tour, the Blessed Culture Sports Festival, True Father's Second Seong Hwa Anniversary and the Christmas celebration with True Mother to name a few. I feel that our enthusiastic support for each of these were a valuable offering to God and unquestionably brought great joy to His heart.

Thinking ahead, I'm excited to jump start this new year with our True Mother. I'm reminded how blessed we are to have her leadership at this pinnacle time. I'm learning that she not only has vision but she's sharp and doesn't hesitate to challenge us to carry out our responsibility. As we know America has been rapidly declining, and I believe our true recovery and success starts with the love and guidance from God and True Parents. Let's make a new resolve to stay tuned into the heart of True Mother this year as we pray and carry out our individual callings.

I sincerely thank you all for your undying faith and support for God and True Parents.

God bless you and your family,

Pastor Miilhan Stephens

Rev. Mari Curry

Mari Curry is 28 years old. She graduated from Willamette University with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and holds a Master of Theology from Cheongshim Theological Seminary in Korea. Mari is currently pursuing her Doctorate of Ministry from the Unification Theological Seminary.

After a 2 year engagement, Mari was blessed with Richard Curry on December 29, 2005 in Cheong Pyeong. 9 years and 2 wonderful children later, William (3) and Lianna (2), they are devoted teammates and partners in life, love, mission, and work.



From a young age Mari was highly involved in local church activities in Miami, Florida. After her matching and Blessing to Richard, they found a love and a passion of serving the church together as a couple. In the past, they were camp counselors, youth pastors in Oregon and GOP staff leaders in Korea. Today, they continue to pursue God's calling together as a team as matching advisers, as members of the Energize Couples marriage retreat development team, and finally and most importantly as co-pastors. Mari and Richard have been serving the community that Mari was raised in, as the co-pastors of the Family Church of South Florida (Miami) since 2012. They are truly inspired with the mission that True Mother has given to the 2nd Generation and they seek to fulfill it the best they can.

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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

It is with gratitude to our Heavenly Parent, True Parents and to the strong foundation that all of you have built, that I humbly commit to serve our Heavenly Parent in this new role appointed by our True Parents.

I am at a loss of words to say. I never expected this type of mission, but my whole life's focus has been to answer God's call, so I am so grateful and excited for this opportunity to serve our American community and to be a part of the growth of True Parent's legacy. Though I have much to learn, please know that I will do my best to serve, love and let God work.

My heart is overflowing with hope, joy, inspiration and love. I am so inspired to fulfill my new responsibility well. Part of it has been because of the wonderful hearts and the incredible sacrifice of our members past and present. Another part is the amazing growth I have seen in our communities both locally and nationally, and through initiatives like DP Life, God's Hope for America Holy Ground pilgrimage, True Father's Seonghwa Anniversary celebration, and the recent founding of the Cranes Club that brought together young Unificationist professionals from all over the world.

But more than all that, because of the amazing heart of our True Mother, I am driven and committed to do more and to be more, not to be stagnant water but to be life giving water, as True Mother has called us to do. During the Cranes Club and Christmas with True Parents I was so humbled by True Mother's heart and love for us that I was moved to tears more than once. Being there at the conference, I could see first-hand the amount of love and effort True Mother put into each of her speeches and meetings. Three days in a row she put her heart into educating us and leading us by example. And still with that heart only a mother can have, she gave still more by singing to us to close the Christmas celebration. Our True Mother's heart is so beautiful and so encompassing. Her leadership so forgiving, strong and yet empowering. True Mother's hope for us, her encouragement of us and her desire for us to go beyond

being comfortable to serve others is an inspiration for us all to work together and become life giving water as we build God's Kingdom.

It is our responsibility to love and bring back all of God's children. Together I know we can make this happen. I look forward to what this year will bring and what we will accomplish together as one family under God.

Thank you for all of your investment, sacrifice and love for our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

God Bless you and much love always,

Pastor Mari Curry

Mrs. Katarina Connery

Katarina Connery is 29 years old. She holds a bachelor's degree in International Political Economy and Diplomacy from the University of Bridgeport, and a master's degree in International Relations from the University of Pittsburgh.

She is blessed with Michael Connery, who is a medical student with PhD in physiology, and is soon starting his hospital residency.

Katarina is a committed Unificationist, and committed to supporting True Mother's vision and leadership. She has been a Sunday School teacher in her community church in Bridgeport, CT, and later joined STF and served as a field educator. Katarina also attended Sun Moon University for one year, and Kyung Gi University for one semester on a US State Department Critical Language Scholarship.



She has been working for the World Affairs Council in Richmond, Virginia, in the area of membership and program development. This organization is part of a network of eighty five councils in the US that focus on international affairs, as well as provide educational resources to teachers and students.

Personal Statement

I would like to express my gratitude to True Parents and our Heavenly Parent for entrusting me with this tremendous responsibility. While attending the Cranes Club Conference in Las Vegas with my husband, we had the opportunity meet personally with True Mother. Standing there in front of her, I felt an incredible sense that I was unworthy and wondered what I could offer. Simultaneously—remembering the tears she shed during her Christmas address—I wanted to offer everything and I felt determined to use my skills, in whatever capacity, for the sake of God and the world. A line in one of our holy songs reads: "The Lord had called and I will go." I feel with this appointment, that God has called me and I will strive to the best of my abilities to go.

I believe my life experiences and education have all been for the sake of a higher purpose and I am grateful to be inheriting such a wonderful foundation laid by WFWP's leaders and members. I hope I can give my 100% investment to this amazing organization which our Heavenly Parent, True Parents and so many brothers and sisters have been investing in for many years.