

National Council Member Survey: Help Us Help You

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The following is a letter from the Chair of the National Council inviting all American Unificationists to offer feedback about their experiences with and hopes for the Unification movement in the United States. Please click the survey link below to share your valuable input and your heart as a Unificationist.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Below is a link to the National Council Member Survey, and your participation is needed. By filling out this anonymous survey, you are providing valuable input from the field on questions about our movement here in the United States and your own heart as a Unificationist. Questions were compiled based on feedback from a sampling of both first- and second-generation Unificationists across the country, regarding important areas that are doing well, not so well, or could “use improvement.”

We encourage you to be honest and candid in your responses. There are some short, multiple choice questions, and also room for your own narratives to provide input on anything regarding church matters as they are, or how you hope they would/could be going forward. You will be heard. The National Council was established to be a liaison between our members in the field and our National Ministry Team, to build relationships and foster good communication. Your input and the results of this national survey will give us solid feedback for discussion, review, and a foundation to propose new recommendations going forward.

As an incentive, and also as a THANK YOU!, all responders to the survey will have a chance to win one of 25, \$20 Amazon Gift Cards, which will be awarded at the conclusion of the bi-annual meeting of the National Council on October 2 in Dallas. So stay posted! Time is short, so we encourage you to fill out the survey today and share it with others. Help us help you!

Sincerely,

2016 FFWPU National Council

Terry Yamane, Chair
Mari Curry, President

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Help Us Help You: National Council Member Survey

Please help us better understand you and your heart as a Unificationist.

As a thank you for filling out this survey, you will also be entered into a raffle to be one of 25 lucky winners of a \$20 AMAZON GIFT CARD!

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. All responses to this survey are completely anonymous. All of the answers will be reviewed and discussed by the National Council at their Bi-annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, September 30 - October 2. So do not delay! Help us help you!

Due no later than September 26

DEMOGRAPHIC AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In which district do you live? *

1

Gender

Male

Female

Are you a first-, second-, or third-generation Unificationist?

1st

Age

Marital Status

Single, never married or Blessed

Employment Status

Employed full- or part-time

On average, how often have you attended Sunday Service in the past year?

3-4 times a month

1-2 times a month

Every few months



On Holy Days and special occasions

I have not attended Sunday Service in the past year

Which of the following aspects plays the biggest role in keeping you active in your church community? You may select more than one.

- Belief in True Parents
- My family and/or descendants
- The community
- The teachings
- The traditions
- Hope for the future
- Friends
- Other

Other:

Which of the following aspects plays the biggest role in keeping you inspired? You may select more than one.

- Belief in True Parents
- My family and/or descendants
- The community
- The teachings
- The traditions
- Hope for the future
- Friends
- Other

Other:

On a scale of 1-10, how important is faith and/or spiritual growth in your daily life?

On a scale of 1-10, how involved are you in activities and/or the development of your local church community?

On a scale of 1-10, how important do you think the Blessing is in your life, now or in the future?

COMMUNICATIONS

How do you usually receive communications from National FFWPU Headquarters?

- Email newsletters
- Familyfed.org website
- Facebook
- Word of mouth
- Email memos
- Other

Other:



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NEWSLETTER

Email Address:

First Name:

Last Name:



How would you prefer to receive communications from national headquarters?

To what extent do you Agree or Disagree with the following statements? ("Don't Know" is provided, but please use only when necessary).

Regular communications between National FFWPU Headquarters and our local churches is working effectively.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't Know

Regular communications between local churches and members is working effectively.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't Know

I feel that if I want to know where our movement stands on a particular issue, I know who to ask or where to look to find out.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't Know

Can you offer a suggestion on how we can better develop a means of communication as a church?

How is communication between the 1st and 2nd generation Unificationists in your community? What could be done to improve that communication, from your experience or perspective?

COUNCILS

The establishment of a Local Council has been a positive step in promoting communication and/or participation of both first- and second-generation Unificationists in our community affairs.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't Know

Our Local Councils would benefit from a relevant Policies and Procedures Manual, to understand how to run the council more effectively.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Don't Know

Do you know who is on your local council?

Yes

No

Do you feel that the makeup of your local council is an accurate representation of the overall voice of your community?

Yes

No

RESOURCES

How familiar are you with the resources that National FFWPU Headquarters provides in the following areas:

Tribal Messiahship (Familyfed.org/Tribe)

Yes, I check updates regularly

Somewhat, I check it occasionally

No, I never heard of it

Not Interested

Divine Principle Education (DP Dojo at DPlife.info)

Yes, I check updates regularly

Somewhat, I check it occasionally

No, I never heard of it

Not Interested

Blessing Education (BFM.familyfed.org)

Yes, I check updates regularly

Somewhat, I check it occasionally

No, I never heard of it

Not Interested

Familyfed.org website

Yes, I check updates regularly

Somewhat, I check it occasionally

No, I never heard of it

Not Interested

HSA Books (HSAbooks.com)

Yes, I check updates regularly

Somewhat, I check it occasionally

No, I never heard of it

Not Interested

Youth Ministry (YM.familyfed.org)

- Yes, I check updates regularly
- Somewhat, I check it occasionally
- No, I never heard of it
- Not Interested

Event Photos (photos.unification.org)

- Yes, I check updates regularly
- Somewhat, I check it occasionally
- No, I never heard of it
- Not Interested

What level of emphasis do you believe our movement is giving to the following tasks:

District

Providing DP Education (for adults) on a District level

- Needs More Emphasis
- Very Satisfied
- Generally Satisfied
- Too Much Emphasis

Briefly explain.

Providing DP Education (for children/youth) on a District level

- Needs More Emphasis
- Very Satisfied
- Generally Satisfied
- Too Much Emphasis

Briefly explain.

Developing programs to build inter-generational unity and cooperation

- Needs More Emphasis
- Very Satisfied
- Generally Satisfied
- Too Much Emphasis

Briefly explain.

Local

Helping members deepen their personal relationship with God and True Parents.

Needs More Emphasis

Very Satisfied

Generally Satisfied

Too Much Emphasis

Briefly explain.

Providing counseling opportunities for members to deal with personal or marital problems.

Needs More Emphasis

Very Satisfied

Generally Satisfied

Too Much Emphasis

Briefly explain.

Helping members understand how to contribute their unique gifts as expressions of their faith.

Needs More Emphasis

Very Satisfied

Generally Satisfied

Too Much Emphasis

For example: through Music Ministry, innovative DP Presentations, small business development, financial advice, etc.

Briefly explain.

National

Public relations and positive social media presence

Needs More Emphasis

Very Satisfied

Generally Satisfied

Too Much Emphasis

Briefly explain.

What services provided by the National FFWPU Headquarters do you find most helpful? What is ONE more service you believe would be most helpful?

How could the National FFWPU Headquarters better serve you or help you feel more connected?

How could the National Council be more effective as a liason between your community or district and National Headquarters?

Optional: Share a story about a personal victory or best practice in outreach that inspired you and could inspire others and True Mother.

Examples: Project Phoenix, Eagle Scout graduates, home church programs, etc...

Optional: Please take a few final minutes to share your hopes, desires, and vision for our movement's future in 2020 and beyond. Any further comments are welcome.

TITHING AND FINANCE

What percentage of your annual donations is to the Unification movement, your local Unification family church, and/or its affiliated organizations?

Where else do you send your contributions?

Do you have concerns or hesitations about donating to support your local church activities?

Yes

No

Are there factors that are preventing you from tithing or donating to the extent that you would like?

Please share your recommendations for changes on the local level that would make you more likely and willing to offer financial support, now and for the future stability of our church.

Please share your recommendations for changes on the district or national level that would help you feel more inclined to tithe.

Are you satisfied by national-level efforts to provide increased financial accountability and transparency, such as the Financial Report in the annual Year in Review to all members?

Yes

No

COMMENTS

Any additional comments or something on your heart you wish to share?

