

Biographies of “At Large” Female National Council Members

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District 1: Libby Henkin

Libby joined the church in 1972, and her church roles have included National Mobile Fundraising Team (MFT) member; pioneer and center leader for the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP); State Leader of Arizona; staff member at *The World & I* magazine and the *Washington Times*. She is currently an Executive Assistant at a non-profit organization.

Libby has participated in workshops for Russian students in Lithuania, workshops in Cheongpyeong, South Korea, and Original Substance of the Divine Principle (OSDP) seminars. She also spent several months in Korea and London under True Father’s direction and attends church and tithes regularly.

Libby is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University (1972) and the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS), class of 1979. Having attended the 1982 Madison Square Garden Blessing with Stephen Henkin, she now has five children, of whom two are Blessed and three of whom have graduated from college.



District 2: Kathy Winnings

A member of the Unification Church since 1972, Kathy has helped develop the Unification Campus Ministry Association on Columbia University’s campus; she was the co-creator of the Il Shim rite of passage program and conducted hundreds of workshops, seminars and trainings for Sunday School teachers, youth ministers, campus ministers and parents; she developed the first national curriculum for Children’s Ministry and Youth Ministry for the Unification Church; and she has served on the committee that developed the initial WestRock Charter. Kathy served as the first president on the subsequent WestRock Council. She is currently a member of the Mid-Hudson Valley Unification Church.

Kathy is vice president for Academic Affairs for the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS), director of the Doctor of Ministry degree program, and Professor of Religious Education and Ministry. As also the president and founder of Educare, an educational consulting firm, she conducts training programs and seminars dealing with a wide range of educational issues from effective teaching strategies to curriculum design to service learning.

Kathy’s other titles include the vice president of the Board of Directors for the International Relief Friendship Foundation, Inc.; a member of the International Executive Committee of the Board for the World Association of NGOs (WANGO); a Board member of the Religious Education Association; as well as the author of the book *Building Character through Service Learning*.

Kathy received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and Media Studies from Fordham University, her Masters of Divinity from UTS, and her EdD from Teachers College, Columbia University in the field of Religion and Education. She was voted into Kappa Delta Pi, the National Honor Society for Education, and received a special award for Women Educators from Teachers College. In 2007, she was a recipient of the Harriet Tubman Humanitarian Achievement Award. Kathy is also listed in *Who’s Who in American Education*, *Who’s Who in International Education*, and *Who’s Who of Women Professionals*.



District 4: Lena Yasutake

Lena was Blessed in Marriage to Christoph Yasutake in 2002 and is the mother of three children from ages 9-5. Her parents are Rev. Levy and Claire Daugherty, who were married in the 2,075 Blessing on July 1, 1982. For the last 15 years, Lena's roles in the Unification Church have included serving as group leader at the Shehaqua Family Camp in Pennsylvania; Young Adult Minister, Children's Minister, Founder and Director of the Nursery Program, Founder and Director of Young Couples Ministry and Sunday School Teacher at the Connecticut Unification Church; speaker for Free Teens; speaker for the American Family Coalition; Service Team Leader and Project Coordinator for Service for Peace in Washington, D.C.; speaker for Pure Love Alliance; a graduate of Special Task Force (STF); Founder and Director of Performing Arts Outreach and Youth Minister at the Norfolk Virginia Unification Church; abstinence educator at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Life Institute; and small-group leader for youth, women and mothers. Her nonprofit and volunteer activities include working with CARP, the American Cancer Society and the Women's Federation for World Peace's (WFWP) School of Africa Benefit.

Lena is a graduate of Idewater Community College in Norfolk and Portsmouth, VA, where she studied Fine Arts and served on the student government. She is a certified personal trainer and matching advisor, as well as an instructor for yoga, pilates, belly dance, child birth and breastfeeding education, whole brain learning, musical theater and art. She has taught courses at Bridgeport Hope School in Bridgeport, CT in character education, art, social studies and physical education.



District 8: Cindy Pfeiffer

Cindy joined the Unification Church in 1975 at the age of 20. She now has three children, two of whom are Blessed in Marriage, with her husband, Juergen Pfeiffer from Germany.

Her church activities included seven years of MFT; serving at the East Garden residence and attending True Father's speeches in Belvedere and at the Hotel New Yorker; four years as State Leader in North Dakota, during which she worked with WFWP, American Leadership Conference (ALC), American Clergy Leadership Conference (ALCLC) and American Family Coalition (AFC); and 17 years as HSA-UWC bookkeeper.

She graduated from the University of Mary with a B.A. in Management and now works 20+ hours weekly in office management/bookkeeping. She has also tutored in public schools for seven years.



District 10: Sarah Nishioka

In 1973, at age 19, Sarah joined the Unification Church in Oakland, CA. During her first ten years, she was a missionary and a pioneer in South Carolina and Pennsylvania; a member of the International One World Crusade (IOWC) Team; and a staff member of HSA HQ Staff at 43rd Street in New York City.

Sarah was Blessed to Kenji Nishioka from Ehime, Shikoku, Japan at the Madison Square Garden Blessing in 1982, and

they have three children, two of whom are Blessed. Because of her husband's work as a manager in True Father's fish businesses, Sarah lived in five different states Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Washington. She and her family have been living in Seattle for the last thirteen years, where Sarah's roles have included small groups coordinator, supporter for *IL Shim* events, counselor at Camp Tong IL, and matching advisor. In Seattle, she received a B.A. in Education plus a certification in Montessori Education. Her outreach to the greater Seattle community includes working as a music and dance educator; teaching and working with the Seattle home-school community; visiting messianic Christian churches and messianic dance gatherings; and working on outreach and education with women as the co-chairwoman of WFWP Seattle.



District 11: Gina Sato

Gina Sato, 24, is very committed to her church community. Her credentials include a Bachelor's degree from Brown University and years of service in her local youth ministry. She is currently preparing for law school and working as a child-advocate in the court system. As a young adult, Gina often speaks about her commitment to developing the church and has offered representation for young Unificationists. She has strong relationships with first-generation-, second-generation-, Japanese- and Korean members in her church community and has a strong commitment to develop a church of which all members can be proud.