

## Family Federation for a Heavenly USA's Famicon 2018 Third Day Events

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The third day of Famicon 2018 was full of tears and of hope, as Unificationists—young and old—gained a deeper understanding of the incredible foundations of their movement.

Following a passionate Hoon Dok Hae (daily scripture reading) session early in the morning, the leaders and representatives from all over the nation were ready to listen to Rev. Masayuki Kachi's lectures centered on True Parents' life course. In January, when the first Japanese workshop with English translation at the International Peace Education Center (IPEC) was held, the American leaders in attendance were so moved by the True Parents' course that they wanted to share it with the rest of the movement during Famicon. Throughout the day, Rev. Kachi delved into topics including True Mother's course, True Father at Danbury Prison, and more. The responses from Famicon participants have exceeded expectations, with many participants shedding tears throughout the lectures. Check out a few reflections below!

### Reflections

*I see it in my head: this history that was passed down from God. God went through this path of tears and True Parents went through this path of tears and first-generation Unificationists went through this path of tears. Second-generation Unificationists stand on this foundation of tears and suffering. But because of that foundation, I feel so much hope. Hopefully, our path can be a*

*path of joy for God, True Parents, and first-generation Unificationists, who can hopefully see us inherit their foundation and the foundation True Parents have laid for us.—Izak Hernandez*

*One thing I gained today was just how much our True Parents have been misunderstood. As a young Unificationist, I feel like I have seen True Parents' victories, but I really haven't understood their heart, and their desire for us to come to experience this heart of God in our own families. But everything True Parents have endeavored in their lives have been for us. -- Mika Deshotel*



*There were so many tremendous and amazing stories here that really moved my heart. Everything that we have to do starts with unity with True Parents. We have to be able to love True Parents in a sacrificial way, in the way that True Parents love God. I realized that this is what True Mother wants for all of us, to understand that being a filial child means uniting with your parents. – Dr. Drissa Kone*

*I feel this sense of hope that I haven't felt in a long time, learning deeply about True Parents' course. I'm so blessed to be here with my son, Izak. This is huge for him—he's agreed to be Secretary General for the Southwest Subregion and he'll be Blessed [in marriage] later this year. To see this content and to see him picking it up and understanding True Parents' course is an incredible blessing. – Mark Hernandez*

*What really moved me was that although True Father loved his family so much, he had to love the rest of the world first. When we were learning about Danbury and Hungnam, I could feel that even though I wasn't born yet, True Father was still doing everything for future generations, including myself. I was really excited to come to Famicon 2018 because I knew I'd get to meet the leaders from all across the U.S. who are even more excited and dedicated to True Parents than I am. I am so lucky to be here to be able to learn from their commitment to True Parents, which is really what I wish to grow while I'm here at Famicon. -- Yasutaka Ozawa*