

FFWPU USA: New Youth Center Brings Together Las Vegas Community

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Las Vegas community members add finishing touches to new youth center. Photo courtesy of Rev. Doo.

"We had a garage full of items and not enough space for all the youth in our community to come together," says FFWPU National Vice President, Rev. Ken Doo, who is senior pastor of the Las Vegas Family Church. "Now we see more of our young people getting involved in activities together at our new youth center, and we feel an inspiring atmosphere."

The Las Vegas community unveiled a new youth center in April - transforming a four-car garage of True Parents' former residency, the Cheon Hwa Gung, into a primary hangout for everyone. True Mother recently [repurposed](#) the house into a Cheonbo Training Center branch in the US, as she emphasized the importance of fostering a spiritual revival among young people and across the nation.

"The garage, which was used for storage, was renovated for our young people to feel the community cares about them," says Rev. Doo. "True Mother's main purpose is to develop greater spirituality among the younger generation, and this new center is a place for building those connections and bonds with one another."

Community members worked together to renovate, holding a yard sale to empty out the garage, installing new flooring, and decorating the space. "Now our young people come and play games and socialize," says Rev. Doo. "We've had people playing board games, both youth and elders competing against each other, and it's so wonderful to see."

Rev. Doo says the center is also a way to attract more young people who pulled away from the community and to personally connect with Pastor Jonathan Jesper.

"Our youth can learn from Jonathan and create new opportunities to grow together," says Rev. Doo. "He

is well respected among the young people of our community, and I really appreciate his love and commitment toward our youth."

For Pastor Jonathan, a young Unificationist who runs his own business, the new center is an integral component of a much bigger goal.

"Our top priority is to help our community feel loved unconditionally," he says. "We don't put expectations on them. We want our holy community to feel God's love." He believes this, in turn, will create a thriving community.

"We have poured tons of money into outreach events, but we rarely make that same investment into our youth," says Pastor Jonathan. "If our own young people aren't supporting activities, that is an issue and not a sustainable model. So we're investing in many areas of our community. If you have 'crops' of love, and people feel loved, they will naturally be witnessing and outreach won't be an issue."

Pastor Jonathan says the Las Vegas community consistently averages well over a hundred attendees every Sunday service - and most people are under age 35. In just a short amount of time, he has also seen the effects of the new youth center take hold.

"We have seen Sunday service increasing, more tithing and engagement, as well as young people who previously weren't involved in anything but are now participating in different things," says Pastor Jonathan.

Both pastors agree that the greatest step for them in reviving spiritually is establishing a community abounding with love. "We have developed many initiatives to do that," says Pastor Jonathan, "and the youth center is an important part of it."



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True Mother Visits Las Vegas



True Mother arrived in Las Vegas on April 30 after hosting anniversary celebrations of the Unification movement and the 2022 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival over Easter weekend.

“True Mother was received at IPEC and greeted with flowers,” said Dr. Chung Sik Yong, FFWPU regional president of North America. “She then visited the Cheon Hwa Gung, True Parents’ former residency. She blessed the house as the Cheonbo branch of the USA, and also met with our youth who are doing witnessing activities.”

Dr. Yong said young Unificationists were excited by True Mother’s visit. “I think all of them were really shocked and happy to see her,” he said. True Mother later held a meeting with national leaders to share some new developments involving two properties, and the spiritual revival of our youth and America.

Below is an excerpt from True Mother’s message:

Education is necessary in order to save America and raise up second and third generations. We need the work of the spirits. So, I will first designate Cheon Hwa Gung as the Cheonbo Training Center branch, and then East Garden as the next branch. Because America is big, we start in the West and start the fire, and go to the East. So we need to make first, second, and third generations stand here in endless lines to come in and receive grace and even participate in the Blessing.

I have decided to hand over Cheon Hwa Gung. In reaping the fruits of the Completed Testament Age, this place must become the place to reap those fruits. The church and Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) must go out as one centering on Cheonshimwon, the internal training center. As brothers and sisters, we must go out as one. Therefore, a spiritual phenomenon will also occur, and America will be revived and rebuilt.

You should not just manage the Cheon Hwa Gung, you must reap the harvest. There must be a revival. Like the Cheonshimwon in Korea, you should also hang pictures of Hyo Jin Nim, Heung Jin Nim, and Dae Mo Nim. This must be a sacred place...

Dr. Yong must create a lot of members, whether they are first or second generation. Dr. Yong must select one church in the area he's in and show all the leaders and members how to bring about revival of the members. We need to grow the church by focusing on creating members in places where many people live near the church.

So with confidence, we need to show that we have the power so that people can follow heaven's providence. One way or another, America must help the world providence by becoming a self-reliant America by increasing membership. It is our responsibility to educate and nurture the second generation so that they can contribute to the providence. Therefore, we must hold on to the second generation tightly. So, we need to re-educate the second generation and in this Golden Age, the first and second generation must become one and leave a mark in history that they can offer up to Heaven.

In that respect, Heaven has given our second generation so many blessings. He gave them such blessings that they could not lose even if they faced the world, but their parents and the church were not able to raise them well. That is one of the reasons why I came to America in such a hurry...

Now we have to call out all the second generation out in the world. Second generation children blessed by Heaven must stand well in front of heaven. We have to let them take responsibility for that ... Our goal is to allow our culture to naturally sweep away not only our children's children, but also the children of the world.

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