

Maryland Church Council Election Ballot

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April 18, 2013

Dear Maryland Family,

On behalf of the Election Committee I am pleased to announce that voting for our Maryland Church Council members is now open! Please see the attached Word document for instructions on how to submit your ballot and information on voting eligibility. Paper copies of the ballots will be made available at church this Sunday.

Needless to say, but I would encourage everyone to have a prayerful heart and carefully read through what every candidate has to say before voting.

Thank you for your participation and enjoy!

Cheers,

Pastor Miilhan



OFFICIAL BALLOT

For three seats on the Maryland Church Council (2-year term)

April 18 - 30, 2013

Name of voter _____

Instructions

- (1) Each member of the Maryland church congregation who is at least 18 years of age is eligible to vote.
- (2) All votes are confidential (seen only by the Election Committee). We ask voters to provide his/her name on the ballot to prevent multiple votes from individuals.
- (3) This ballot contains the names of all eligible candidates. To vote, put a check in the box to the left of your choice(s). Vote for a maximum of three candidates.
- (4) Information provided by the candidates is given below the list.
- (5) If you fill out the digital ballot (sent by email), please return it by email. If you fill out the printed ballot, please hand it to a member of the Election Committee (William Selig or Larry Moffitt).
- (6) Please send/deliver your completed ballot before midnight on April 30, 2013.

List of all Candidates (CHOOSE 3 NAMES)

- Debra Gertz
- Miken Jenkins
- Joanne Parrish
- Shio Roschuni
- Will Stein
- James Stewart

About the Candidates

Debra Gertz

I joined the church in 1975 in Arizona and two months later I went to Barrytown for 21 days, 40 days, 120 days workshops, then Father sent us out on God's Day 1976 to pioneer witness. I was sent to Madison, Wisconsin. Our mission was to witness and bring people (spiritual children) to the Yankee Stadium campaign before June 1, 1976, to work and attend the event. After Yankee Stadium I went to Wisconsin and Chicago to fundraise for the Washington Monument campaign and three weeks before that event I went to Philadelphia to campaign and invite people to the event and to manage and fill up a bus to go to Washington DC.

After Washington Monument I went to Madison, Wisconsin, and witnessed on campus there. A few months later I started working with one brother that had the mission to start an Il Hwa Ginseng business. From Milwaukee I went to Chicago to work with Il Hwa. Bishop Kim was our CF (he was learning English and had just come from Korea). I did Il Hwa Ginseng demos in health food stores in Chicago, then was chosen to help build, open and manage a health food store and juice bar of our own in Chicago. Our store was successful so I was sent to New York to help open the store and restaurant there on Fifth Avenue in the Tiffany building. During that mission I also did some home church work and was fortunate to be able to live in the New Yorker and to see Father every Sunday at Belvedere or at the New Yorker.

Soon after the matching in 1979, I was sent to manage the health food store in downtown Houston, Texas. I helped build up that store and won a contest (True Mother's signed picture) for having the most successful store in Il Hwa. After that I won another challenge so I got to wholesale to all the GNC stores in the Houston area and travel a bit in Texas and New Orleans to wholesale to other stores. Also at the same time I was able to train with a midwife birthing babies.

I left Houston after the Blessing in January 1983 and came to Washington, DC to get together with my husband and have been in the DC, Virginia, Maryland area since that time. We have three children, one blessed, one in the spirit world and one that was blessed but her blessing broke. We have lived in Maryland since 1988. I have had an antiques business, jewelry repair business, for about 20 years. I have been a mother, wife, and in a support position for my husband and his career.

My vision is that I hope we can understand and implement True Mother's direction and vision. I agree with her that we need to go back to teaching Divine Principle and focusing on outreach. I think I can serve the council well. I feel like we need a few more feminine voices on the council right now, and I would like to contribute and serve.

Miken Jenkins

I graduated with honors from the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business with degrees in Accounting and Finance. I currently work as a Financial Management Consultant for the accounting firm, KPMG and am studying for exams to become a CPA (Certified Public Accountant). Before attending university, I completed three years of STF training in Europe where I took on roles ranging from team member to commander. I was blessed in 2007 to my wife Irion. We have a three-year old son, Liam.

My desire to serve on the council stems mainly from my concern for second generation. We are at a crucial point where second generation must inherit from the first generation. First generation walked with True Parents in total faith and devotion. However, if that trust and belief is not passed down and experienced on a personal level by second generation, then God's providence may be significantly slowed.

Although the Maryland community has its challenges, I have always believed this congregation has the greatest potential to blossom to a whole new level. We need to further develop a culture of faith, love, and principle that will attract new members and bring back those who are distant. I hope to work for the community and facilitate unity with the pastor so Maryland can truly move full steam ahead.

Joanne Parrish

I am Joanne Parrish and I am running for the MD Church Council. I currently live in College Park, MD with my husband, Jim, and our sons, Kyle and Ryan. I joined our movement 40 years ago in Boise, Idaho. Most of my life in the church has been spent on practical missions – mostly working in our businesses. I like to organize things and create clear smooth processes with checks and balances built in. I don't enjoy public speaking or being the center of attention, so I am really leaving my comfort zone to run for the Council.

I was motivated to run for the MD Council several months ago, after attending the town hall meetings about renting the building in Bowie. It was plain to me that we have a serious lack of communication in our Maryland church. The structure of our church in MD is not clear to me (and maybe not to others also), but I could envision a different church structure that would better enable and embrace all the members. I see a structure where the activities of our leadership are communicated to the members and the members' concerns, questions and inspirations are part of the leadership's decision making process. I feel we need to have a broad horizontal structure that supports all the activities that our members are involved in. I feel top-down leadership, where headquarters passes on the directions to our local leadership and then the members are told what we need to focus on, is not the best way to expand and strengthen our church. Instead, I feel we should be like an adult child who needs to create their own life, still connected to the parent, but at the same time responsible for their own actions and accomplishments. I feel our church could do more to support and involve the many talented people of our community and the activities they are inspired to do.

Shio Roschuni

My name is Shio Huang, a Taiwanese BC blessed to Eric Roschuni. (If you can't recognize my name, you can see me behind the coffee table!) I have been in this community for 3 years after 2 years of STF in US. Love travel, music and anything related to design or art. Major in business and accounting. Last year, I had the honor to be part of MD finance team which showed me the great potential of this community and inspired me to serve and contribute more with professionalism and creativity.

Personally I believe a team with the following qualities will be beneficial for MD community: (1) Clear goals and strategy. (2) Accountability and efficiency. (3) Decision with a balance between being thoughtful & bold, which can bring both internal growth & external excellence to the community.

Most importantly, doing these things centered on Principle and with the heart of True Parents. Regardless, we all have the passion to love, to serve and carry on TF/God's will. A council, that can support and help ministries to do the right thing and to do the thing right, is what I am looking forward to.

Will Stein

I have been blessed for five years to Clair Stein and we have one child, with another on the way. I am a career firefighter for the Prince George's county fire department and operate a real estate brokerage, Belair Realty, as well as a web design company www.WebDesign.tm.

I'm honored to be nominated for the Maryland council. Those who know me, know that I believe strongly in empowering the 2nd generation. I also strongly value fiscal responsibility through frugal spending and transparent accounting. If elected I would be honored to act on the MD council.

James Stewart

For the past few years, I have stepped back from the church and my responsibilities. Partly because of what was happening in the movement, partly through illness and partly through my own resentment and distress at what we have become. This has changed recently.

I had an extraordinarily powerful experience while I was at Foundation Day in Washington, DC. I believe Heavenly Parent spoke directly to me and asked me to step back on to the front line again as a Home Church Tribal Messiah. I understand that there are many, many people and families prepared and waiting here in this area. I was able to see the faces of the people and the timeline for when they will come and how many. I was able to see how to make this happen and received a promise of spiritual, physical, financial help from God and the spirit world. In the immediacy of the moment, I said yes to God.

The next day I dismissed the experience as imagination. I really did not want to do this. I remembered all the pain and suffering, all the resentment of 36 years. I imagine the difficulties that will come by walking down this path and I do not want them. I cursed out God and the spirit world. I railed against Heavenly Parent and the movement I came to despair of and loath. I even ended up in hospital a couple of times over the past few weeks. I have had dreams and nightmares; I have been dancing and fighting with God and the Devil. All this has been going on until two days ago.

Two days ago, I let it all go and have surrendered. I have made the real commitment in my heart to step back on the front line and let Heavenly Parent work. The next few days, weeks and months will probably be a roller coaster of vicissitudes, but I know God has a plan, I know my Heavenly Parent will bring to pass. I will work to rebuild and fight for the Baltimore area families. To care for and give the members in north Maryland and Baltimore a voice, to bring new life to the many who are waiting here in this area and all of Maryland.

This is why I want to stand for the Maryland Church Council. I hope you will consider voting for me.