

## FFWPU USA: True Mother in Hawaii after returning from Las Vegas in early May

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True Mother, now back in Korea, visited Hawaii in early May after returning from a short [trip](#) to Las Vegas where she announced a new CheonBo training center at True Parents' former residence, among other changes. National FFWPU leaders were recently [inaugurated](#) as senior pastors in major cities across the country as well.

"We can see from photos that True Mother had a beautiful time in Hawaii with Sun Jin nim," shared Dr. Chung Sik Yong, Regional President, FFWPU North America, who became the new senior pastor of the Clifton Family Church in New Jersey. "I didn't go to Hawaii because True Mother asked me to return to New York quickly to focus on witnessing ... but True Mother visited our coffee farm and met with key leaders there."

True Mother went to the coffee plantation in Kona, on Hawaii's Big Island, that True Parents established in the 1980s. "Harvesting coffee beans is strenuous work and cultivating the plants requires great skill," she recalled in her memoir, *Mother of Peace* (2020).

True Parents long spoke of Hawaii's great significance as the central point in God's ocean providence, where Eastern and Western civilizations can meet. True Father also talked about reconciling the people of Hawaii, whose cultural background is a melting pot.

"When this Western civilization comes to Asia, it must do so based on a mixed and harmonious civilization located midway in the Pacific Ocean," he notably said. "The era of the Pacific civilization is drawing near. Western civilization will be merged into one, with the Pacific civilization as its center ... Hawaii has become a domain where there is exchange between Western civilization and Eastern civilization."

True Mother met with Hawaii leaders who shared updates about their local activities and Unificationist youth. Students on the island of Oahu have been actively involved in [outreach](#) this spring through the [CARP](#) chapter established at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

"We do readings of words from CARP's founders, True Parents, and discussions in small groups," said Rika Otsubo, the chapter's founder and president. "So far, the talks have been successful, attracting new members and helping a number of young people work through different things on their mind."

"True Parents taught that we are all one family under God," she said. "This message and understanding of family is something that can touch the young people of Hawaii."

Outreach and reconciling the diverse people of Hawaii continues to be a focal point in our movement's broader efforts toward global restoration.

You can receive daily updates from Dr. Yong by joining Morning Devotion [here](#).



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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.*

*You can receive more updates about True Mother's visit by joining Morning Devotion [here](#).*

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## New Pastors Inaugurated in New Jersey and Across the Nation



“The vision of the Clifton Family Church is more than a church,” says Dr. Chung Sik Yong. “We want to show the world a model church based on True Mother’s direction.”

On May 8, two new pastors were inaugurated at the [Clifton Family Church](#) in New Jersey. Dr. Yong, Regional President, FFWPU North America, and Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda, President, FFWPU USA, have filled the roles of senior pastor and pastor, respectively. Inaugural celebrations were also held simultaneously across the nation in Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C.

“So many people attended our inauguration as new pastors, even from different churches,” marveled Dr. Yong. “The church was overflowing with people. We celebrated with an inauguration ceremony, and I had a really beautiful time there.”

Hundreds of people came to the Sunday service, where a special cake was presented as the new pastors were welcomed by the community. Pastor Crescentia DeGoede, who was appointed as Clifton Pastor in October 2019 after serving as the national director of BFM, is stepping down to focus on caring for her growing family.

“Crescentia really laid an incredible foundation in Clifton already,” says Dr. Yong. “She’s about to have her fourth child and has been working very hard, so I really appreciate her great effort and devotion.”

Clifton has long been home to the largest number of Unificationists in the U.S., with some 400 families in the

area. “We’re determined to revive our movement in America and the world,” says Dr. Yong, who began a national tour in March to revive the faith of young Unificationists. “Clifton is really an important part of this [revival] goal.”

“I am very honored to pastor our Clifton community,” added President Naokimi, who is also part of the revival tour. The twosome delivered messages of hope and inspiration to the congregation, as well as prayers, as they began their new roles.

In a letter to the community, Pastor Crescentia, who is relocating to Pennsylvania, shared her gratitude for the enriching experience and opportunity to serve so many families in New Jersey.

“Though I will be moving on from the pastor position, I deeply appreciate our faith community and will continue to be of service in other ways,” she said. “I will maintain my involvement in the Blessed Marriage Project and Shehaqua Family Camp, and will continue to offer matching support to those who need it. I remain committed to bringing joy and comfort to God and True Parents in the ways I am able.”

“This is an amazing community full of wonderful brothers and sisters,” she continued. “Thank you for the resilience and dedication of our community despite the obstacles presented by Covid-19. It has been my honor and privilege to serve this community as pastor for these last two years.”

Dr. Yong and President Naokimi have personally connected with a number of community members while on the national tour, including New Jersey youth from CARP and GO ministry.

Across the nation, the other subregional directors were inaugurated as senior pastors, following True Mother’s recent guidance for American regional, national, and subregional leaders to focus on local church growth. Rev. Ernest Patton and Rev. Kazuo Takami were inaugurated as senior pastors of Capital Family Church and Chicago Family Church, respectively. Rev. John Jackson remains the Senior Pastor of the DFW Family Church, and the community held a special inaugural prayer for a new determination. Rev. Kevin Thompson remains the Pastor of the Bay Area Family Church and was inaugurated as the senior pastor of Los Angeles Family Church.



You can get more updates from Dr. Yong by joining Morning Devotion [here](#).



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Before I hope to master the universe, I must first master myself.

— Sun Myung Moon



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## Mia Taguchi

College of Southern Nevada, NV

"As my time in CARP progressed, I started to understand more and more that if I truly want to make a difference in the world, it starts with not just the individual, but the impact an individual has on the family. The impact our actions have encompasses a whole circle of people.

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## Samuel Tamura

University of Davis, California, CA

" I want everyone to see the Principle and the CARP culture and feel moved and inspired by it. I want to create a chapter that truly aims to bring a new perspective for all members and they can come out of CARP thinking that it made a positive change in their life. "

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## Josue Kisile

Grand Rapids Community College, MI

" Transferring your vision and passion to others is probably the hardest part of leadership, but it takes you on a very needed journey of patience and perseverance. I have grown so much as a leader through this journey."

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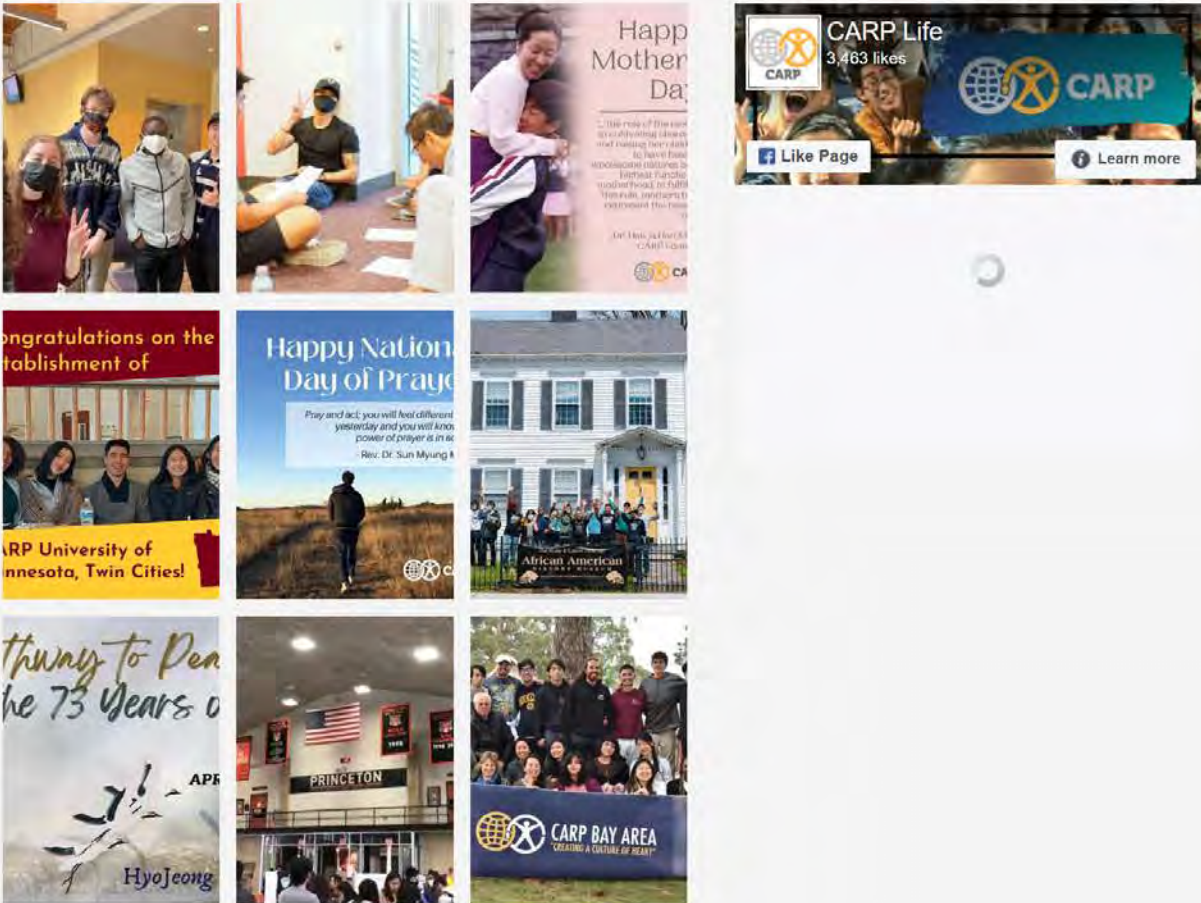
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# Creating the Spirit of Family on Hawaii Campus



*Photo courtesy of CARP Hawaii*

‘Ohana’ means family in Hawaiian. And for Unificationist students of the island’s CARP chapter, this year is all about spreading the spirit of ohana on campus.

“To quote Disney’s *Lilo and Stitch*, family means that no one gets left behind,” says Rika Otsubo, the president and founder of the [CARP](#) chapter at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. Her campus, nestled in a residential neighborhood southeast of downtown Honolulu, has about 18,000 students enrolled across the island. Since launching CARP on campus last year, Otsubo has organized various events including recurring campus talks.

“We chose the word ‘ohana’ for our CARP event, Ohana Talk, because our vision and motto for our chapter is to

create a family-like environment where the participants are able to feel a lot of love and a place where they would want to come back," she says. "Just like the great state of Hawaii, CARP Hawaii greatly treasures family."

The tight-knit group meets weekly on Friday afternoons for Ohana Talk at UH Manoa's Campus Center. This boost of "family time" among friends and other students enables members to decompress from the school week, share, and reflect all while studying words of inspiration from True Parents.

"We do readings of words from CARP's founders, True Parents, and discussions in small groups," says Otsubo. So far the talks have been successful, attracting new members and helping a number of young people work through different things on their mind.

"The people that come have been vulnerable, sharing their thoughts on our topics, and connecting it with the questions that we asked them when we first met them," says Otsubo.

In Hawaii, the concept of ohana is generationally ingrained and expansive – within each town lies an intimate community that grows up together, knows each other's families, and supports and roots for each other. Otsubo says fostering ohana on campus through CARP means connecting with people on a much deeper level.

"True Parents taught that we are all one family under God," she says. "This message and understanding of family is something that can touch the young people of Hawaii."

Since its inception in 1966, CARP has developed chapters on university and college campuses across the U.S. and around the world.

"CARP is created for students by students," says CARP's National President Jinil Fleischman. "We create programs, events, and activities promoting principles and raising leaders. Student leaders engage others in thoughtful and meaningful discussion as well as deep and long-lasting relationships for peace and growth."

"After study, we practice," Fleischman says. "Change doesn't happen overnight but rather incrementally through daily, consistent effort. That's what we practice. CARP offers a loving environment for students to encourage growth."

In CARP Hawaii, Otsubo sees this growth through their Ohana Talks. "The experience has been amazing so far," she says. "We have already seen some positive changes in the people who have joined us."

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