



# Belvedere Family Church Council Newsletter September 2016

**Council Mission Statement (2015-2017)** ~ Our mission is to be a driving force for the community, and to support the Head Pastor, by establishing a clear organizational structure and thriving financial base, resulting in a vibrant, God-centered culture within our families and community.

## Annual Council Retreat: Renewal and Re-connection



Because the Council's monthly meetings are business-like, tightly packed with issues and decisions, it is important we take time to renew our spiritual unity and personal connection and build new unity with our new council members. The Council members and our pastor took this time the weekend of August 20 to hold our retreat at beautiful Camp Sunrise. We had some great fun kayaking, swimming and trying out some hilarious games. In our meetings as there was plenty time for each member to share in depth about themselves,

there was a new recognition of the preciousness of each person there. Central to the success of our retreat was hearing from our spiritual leader, Dr. Kone. He shared honest reflections on his role, expectations and relationship with the Council. The prayerful quality and openness shared from



everyone at this time was powerful and healing. We all felt God was surely in our midst. We are grateful for Chris Perkins and Jessica Satinger for planning a retreat that facilitated a genuine reconnection with God, True Parents and each other.

## Seeking an Assistant Pastor

As Justin Okamoto will be leaving his position as Assistant Pastor at the end of September, we need to find a new person to serve this important supportive role for Dr. Kone. A job advertisement will be emailed to the community.

Dr. Kone is looking for someone that is young, eager to be mentored and feels a passion for becoming a pastor in the future. Please contact the Dr. Kone if you are interested or can recommend someone.

## Camp Sunrise Update

We want to express our appreciation to Hank Chin for recently volunteering to serve on the Camp Sunrise board for a year and Kenshin Furuta who will be serving for a second year. Both Hank and Kenshin attended the council meeting to report on Camp Sunrise. Unfortunately, once again the camp did not make as much money as was needed. There are a few plans for programs and activities within the district for bringing in some revenue. Dr. Kone and the Council will be addressing the financial situation.



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The Belvedere Family Church Council  
welcomes your input!

Please email your comments,  
questions or suggestions to

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## Committee Reports

Sunday Service- Sunae Patterson reported that there was good response from the discussion circle Sunday. Another one is being planned for December with some improvements. They are working toward upgrading the music team's equipment. We look forward to "hearing" more!

Financial -The Financial Committee led by Yuki Jones and assisted by Jessica Satinger is preparing to present a Financial report to the community this month. They are hoping that a community member, not on the council, would volunteer to join this committee. Akiko Sheilds, our bookkeeper, suggested that an additional non-council member would create more stability for the committee, as council members change every year. Please consider volunteering for this critical committee.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our chair, Kester Wilkening and his wife, Jana, for the birth of their new daughter, Annalise Mannela on September 6th! A big welcome to baby Annalise from all her aunts and uncles on the council.



## Community Enrichment

The Council recently re-organized the committees and created this new committee concerned with educational and enrichment activities. Lynn Walsh chairs this committee. Within this committee there is a sub-circle that serves as the Small Group Committee.

In October the SG committee will be offering a small group for training anyone interested in successful small group functioning.

On Sunday September 25th, the importance of small groups will be incorporated in Dr. Kone's sermon and a small group sign-up sheet will be available for all.

## Upcoming Council Meeting

Our next Council business meeting is scheduled for Sunday September 25th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, at the White House.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR VISITORS:** *Visitors are very welcome - but please be aware that our agenda is usually very full. If visitors would like to suggest an issue to be discussed or to be given time to express an opinion, they should contact the council (any council member) at least one week before the meeting.*