

## Regional Famicon 2020 Conferences Fully Organized and Run By Youth Leaders

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Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) held five regional Famicon conferences across the U.S. from March 6 to 8. The conferences brought together hundreds of Unificationists at the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) in Barrytown, New York; the New Hope Family Church in Bowie, Maryland; the Chicago Family Church in Schaumburg, Illinois; the Dallas Fort Worth Family Church in Texas; and the Bay Area Family Church in San Leandro, California.

The Famicon 2020 program centered on four objectives: to claim victory for America to unite world Christianity; to commit to leading America in that direction; to take ownership of the Offering Table; and to lead the nation with a culture of love. The Offering Table is a system to track the next seven years of each community's offerings to FFWPU co-founders Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, affectionately known as True Parents.

This year, multiple Famicon conferences were fully organized and run by youth leaders, creating a fresh, energetic and dynamic atmosphere. They connected with all participants, sharing inspiring testimonies

about their journeys as well as their challenges and other experiences. "I am so proud of the youth and how they are leading," said FFWPU National Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) Kaeleigh Moffitt. "I no longer have to coach them; I just make sure that they feel loved and motivated to push harder and take leadership."



Several lectures and discussion sessions highlighted the new and improved Offering Table, an initiative modeled to fulfill True Mother's four areas of investment: attendance, Blessing and education, social impact, and leadership development. For this segment, representatives within each subregion guided participants through a goal-setting process constructed by Clifton Family Church assistant pastor Naokimi Ushiroda. Each person was encouraged to find an area they feel called to present an offering, and formulate a plan to achieve measurable goals. "The point of setting goals is not success or failure," said Pastor Ushiroda. "It's about growing yourself and finding out what it takes for you to achieve a goal."



The Southeast subregion made a goal to support Christian ministers and further their understanding of True Parents by sending them to the upcoming American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) Chosen workshops in Las Vegas. "Throughout 2019, we visited many churches to promote our community events and really developed new and lasting relationships," said FFWPU Southeast Subregional Director Rev. Ernest Patton. "We want to deepen those relationships by sharing the teachings of True Parents."

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, regional chairman of FFWPU North America, joined the Southwest Famicon conference in Dallas, where he spoke about America's many achievements in 2019 through the work of True Mother. He said that the tears of joy she shed at the Clergy Rally in December 2019 were because

she saw Christianity finally heeding True Parents' call after more than 50 years of investment in America and Christendom.



Dr. Luonne Rouse, ACLC national co-chairman and co-pastor of the Family Church of New York City (FCNYC), introduced True Parents as "the embodiment of God on Earth today" while speaking at Famicon in Barrytown. "When you feel a great blessed assurance inside of you, and when you discover the truth of God living among you, you can't help but answer God's call," he said.

Participants of various ages shared testimonies about what they are grateful for and what inspires them, exhibiting camaraderie between generations and among communities. Many people further deepened their relationships through meals, worship and praise music, small group discussions, and enjoying a Family Fun Night together.

Individual donors were honored at the closing celebration of each Famicon conference with silver and gold medals and special gifts from True Parents, which were prepared for each country. Many participants said they were grateful for such a wonderful experience and felt energized to make a fresh start for the new year. "We are living proof of Cheon Il Guk," said FFWPU-USA President Rev. Demian Dunkley. "We are Heaven's walls, tools, and building materials. We are everything God needs to build a Heavenly Unified World."

