

Chil Il Jeol and Chil Pal Jeol celebrated across the USA

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California



The Bay Area Family Church celebrated Chil Il Jeol and Chil Pal Jeol on August 1. Pastor Kevin and Masako Thompson led the Pledge Service with 150 people who gathered to hear about the significance of these precious days and the time at which they were declared in God's Providence.

A celebration song and dance were offered by three young Korean missionaries, which was followed by a breakfast fellowship.

The Sacramento Family Church held a wonderful Holy Day celebration as well. Pastor Charles de Watteville shared True Parents' words about the Holy Days and gave inspiration learned from studying about Chil Il Jeol and Chil Pal Jeol.

Connecticut



The Family Church of Connecticut held their Pledge Service at 7:00 a.m. on August 1 in Spurgin Hall at the Bridgeport International Academy. The gathering drew 10 families together, and took part in a Hoon Dok-style message and discussion led by Pastor Mika Deshotel. Pastor Mika read about the two Holy

Days from the updated Traditions Book, recently put out by the Blessing and Family Ministry. She then read from the transcript of [True Mother's recent speech in the Busan Church](#). Brothers and sisters discussed points that struck them the most. One unique addition to their celebration was that the offering table was made as a collaboration between several second- and third-generation Unificationists.

Nevada



The Las Vegas Family Church celebrated at 7:00 a.m. on August 1, and gathered around a beautiful offering table. The celebration began with an opening prayer and three cheers of Eog Mansei. Four community members, Rachael McDaniel, Kinesha McDaniel, Sera Hirano and James Oberg, offered congratulatory songs to Heavenly Parent and True Parents, which echoed God's never-ending love and His longing for His children to return to Him. An inspirational reading by Mrs. Mary Hida followed, then Rev. Ken Doo, District Pastor of Las Vegas, explained the origin and significance of the two Holy Days.

Families and friends then shared treats from the offering table.

New York



On the morning of August 1, around 40 Unificationists gathered at the Belvedere Chapel to celebrate two Holy Days. Brothers and sisters gathered prayerfully in the Chapel, which was beautifully decorated with an offering table. A few New York City Family Church Pastors, elders, and a number of Blessed families attended. Rev. Edner Pierre-Louis, District 2 Pastor, opened the ceremony with declaration of the holidays. President of Family Federation for a Heavenly USA, Rev. Demian Dunkley, and his wife led the congregants in singing the Cheon Il Guk National Anthem, the Kyung Bae Ceremony and recitation of the pledge. The local church pastor, Dr. Drissa Kone, offered the representative prayer followed by the cake cutting ceremony. After Harlem Family Church Pastor, Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis, read from the Cheon Seong Gyeong on the significance of the holidays, Demian took the podium and shared a profound message on the significance of attendance, especially as it relates to our present relationship with True Mother. Brothers and sisters listened attentively, at times voicing their agreement out loud during the sermon.

The ceremony ended with a rousing three cheers of Eog Mansei led by Dasse Diarra of Harlem.

Washington



Seattle Family Church celebrated on August 1 at 7:00 a.m. at the Windermere House.