

Westrock Family Church

Westrock Family News

November 28, 2015 - Drissa Kone



2020 Motto

Let us become owners of Cheon Il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our creator the Heavenly Parent!.

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Family Federation News

World

- Peace TV weekly update can be found at: <https://vimeo.com/ipeacetv>
- The Cham Bumo Gyeong is available for pre-order. Check hsabooks.com

America

- Family Fed USA now has a mission statement! Here it is: *To guide America back to God through the teachings and Marriage Blessing of True Parents.*
- The Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation has begun recruiting for Sun Moon University Global Scholarship program in Korea for the Spring 2016 semester.
- Visit www.familyfed.org for the latest messages from Dr Kim and Dr Balcomb. (WEEKLY UPDATE), and the latest E-WEEKLY update from I Peace TV update.
- **Start Smart: Level 3 Blessing Workshop:** Dec. 18-20 ~ UTS, NY Register on bfm.familyfed.org

NY District

- Witnessing Each Wednesday at 43rd Street. For more information contact Masako Aull (JAull55200@aol.com)
- ALOHA LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP - Monday, December 28, 2015 - Thursday, December 31, 2015 at East Garden for 16-20 year old Unificationists who are interested in serving their church community

Westrock Community

Sermon

- Last week we had Rev. Kone give a sermon you can find it at:
<https://vimeo.com/discoveringtheprinciples>

Greeting from the desk of the Pastor

Greetings Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am grateful for my friends and family and the community and especially for food and good cooking. I was really grateful for Rev. Kone's last sermon where he talked about living for the sake of others. It is such a blessing that we can live for the sake of others. We have the keys to success, we have the keys to happiness. All it takes is faith in the path and then walking forward. Also thank you to all of the volunteers who stepped up for the volunteer open house which was a great success! This coming Sunday we will have a special ceremony to honor all the 40+ members of our congregation. See you there!

Here is a report from the outreach committee:

November 24 we participated in the annual Rivertowns Clergy Association Thanksgiving service.

We join in this event every year. In the past the choir sang but this time was significant because our pastor, Rev. Kone was the guest speaker. He volunteered to do it before any of the ministers of the association had even met him.

The service was very good, the music beautiful and it was a service with ministers from all the different churches playing a role including the Cantor from the temple who led the singing. A lady from the Church of Christ Scientist was

the soloist and she and a Buddhist priest led the singing of America the Beautiful.

Rev. Kone's sermon was very fitting for an interfaith service. He basically introduced himself and gave a short testimony of how he went from being a Muslim to converting to Unificationism. He spoke about all of the major religions and asked everyone to greet each other with namaste and later shalom. He also mentioned True Father and read from the Peace Messages where True Father says the core of the universe is the relationship between a parent and child.

The members of the congregation were really moved by his message of peace and made many positive comments. The clergy were also inspired and shared with each other that the message was inspiring and timely. One clergywoman remarked that she was a little nervous at first but that it turned out to be a wonderful message.

Thank you Rev. Kone, for using your natural ability to move people's hearts to help make this a successful event. After the service we mingled a little and everyone was charmed by Mrs. Kone and their beautiful children.

With love and gratitude.

God Bless

-Justin Okamoto, Assistant Pastor

Humor for the week

Two Pastors wives were visiting and sewing their husbands pants. One wife said: My husband is just beside himself, he does not know what to do anymore and he is so tired and depressed he said he is ready to just give up and resign.

The other wife said: I am sorry to hear that because my husband has never been happier. Our membership is growing and we are out of our financial burden, we have such a large and loving congregation. Life could not be any better than it is right now.

One woman was mending the seat of her husband's pants, the other was mending the knees.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements

Community

- **Small group** on enriching your marriage beginning in January. Not too late to sign up. In six weeks you can learn new skills and attitudes to improve your marriage. Come with or without your spouse. Contact Debby Gullery if interested at coachgullery@gmail.com.

Outreach

- DP Monday Night Study: at the White House, 7:30 -8:30 pm with Gideon Raucci and others.

Other

- Join in the joy of Dancing: after church. For more info see Rose Cho

Prayer

- Laura Nabetani is still in the hospital, but may soon be moved to a different facility where it may be easier to visit her. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
- Please pray for Songja Ono who is in the hospital with a brain tumor.

Make it a Great Week!

Ahn Shi Il is Saturday November 28th, 2015

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