

## Belvedere Family Church Newsletter 9.15.17

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### Greetings BFC Families!

Thank you to everyone who came to Service last Sunday to hear our guest speaker, Imam Shamsi Ali. He gave a great presentation with valuable insights that was worth listening to. If you missed it, please click [here](#) and listen to his talk.

**Parents of Sunday School Participants** - Remember, Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 24th!! This coming Sunday we will have a table set up after Service so you can register your children for Sunday School. Please print and fill out this form:

**[SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM](#)**

Last Saturday, Up&Coming New York Youth Ministry had its first day of the program and the day was filled with reunions, fun, and fellowship. A great start to a very exciting year ahead! If you haven't registered for the program yet, it's not too late - please read the letter below and fill out the online registration!

**Prayer Request** - Rose Cho's younger brother, Henry Gabon passed into the Spirit World on Thursday, September 14. He had a heart attack a few weeks ago and has been in the hospital. Please pray for Rose and her beloved brother Henry so he can transition smoothly to the Spirit World.

Missed last week's National Update? Click [here](#) to watch.



## **Call to Donate: Support Texas**

Tropical Storm Harvey has flooded large swaths of southeastern Texas, destroyed thousands of homes and businesses, and left over 300,000 people—including members of the Unificationist community—without power and with a lack of resources. Even after the hurricane has been downgraded to a tropical storm, heavy rainfall is expected to persist, furthering the damages that have been inflicted.

In this devastating time, we encourage everyone to donate to our family churches in Texas to help those in need. Your donation will go towards the recovery process and to aiding those who have been affected by the catastrophic tropical storm.

Please click [here](#) to make a donation and find out more.



Dear Belvedere Family Community,

The Up&Coming NY Youth Ministry would like to inform you about the start of this year's youth group. Tentatively, the first day will be on Saturday, September 9th at 4:00pm in Belvedere. This is subject to change, but we will let you know if there is a change in time or date.

We are opening registration for your children and greatly urge you to sign them up as soon as possible. Your children are placed in teams and we can better place them if they are registered earlier. Our program is for middle school and high school students.

The online registration form can be found copying this link to your web browser:

[goo.gl/forms/ZpxSjFPI3JJA99j33](https://goo.gl/forms/ZpxSjFPI3JJA99j33)

For more information about costs, schedules, mission statements, and more, please follow this link: [docs.google.com/document/d/1nNiSXvu6mje\\_S3Yg2MR3EtUQBjsMHO0gSG2e9iOozCU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nNiSXvu6mje_S3Yg2MR3EtUQBjsMHO0gSG2e9iOozCU/edit?usp=sharing)

We hope to see your children there!

Sincerely,

Yuki Jones

BFC Youth Pastor

## **4th Japanese 7-Day Workshop In IPEC**

It is our pleasure to announce you the 4th Japanese 7-Day Divine Principle workshop at IPEC in Las Vegas that will take place on October 24-31.

### **(1) Significance**

The Japanese 7-Day workshop in IPEC this time will be conducted with much expectation of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. It is also a great revival workshop for victory of the 3 year course until 2020. This is a workshop for Japanese members in America to return to the starting point of restoration of the United States and make a determination to start again. Our hope is that Japanese members in the US, who represent the mother nation, make a new start to fulfill Vision 2020, and establish a substantial victory as blessed central families and Heavenly Tribal Messiahs.

Another significant point is the venue - IPEC in Las Vegas. The providence of Las Vegas that began in 2008 is the present day Heung-nam providence, and Las Vegas is where True Parents offered much devotion and hard work to totally indemnify the entire providence. One fruit of such devotion is IPEC. IPEC is the Cheon Jeong Gun of the United States, and the place where Heavenly Parent and True Parents reside. Many brothers and sisters who participated in these workshops gave testimonies about their deep encounters with Heavenly Parent and True Parents while at IPEC. Externally too, it is the best place prepared for our workshops.

## (2) Lecturers

Divine Principle presentations are given by Rev. Soichiro Nakamura, former director of Central Training Center in Japan (777 couple).

Presentations on providential history are given by Rev. Masayuki Kachi, Special CIG IW in Japan (777 couple).

## (3) Schedule

Dates: October 24-31, 2017

Start time: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 24

End time: 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 31

October 24: 8:00 p.m. - orientation

October 25-27: Divine Principle presentations by Rev. Soichiro Nakamura

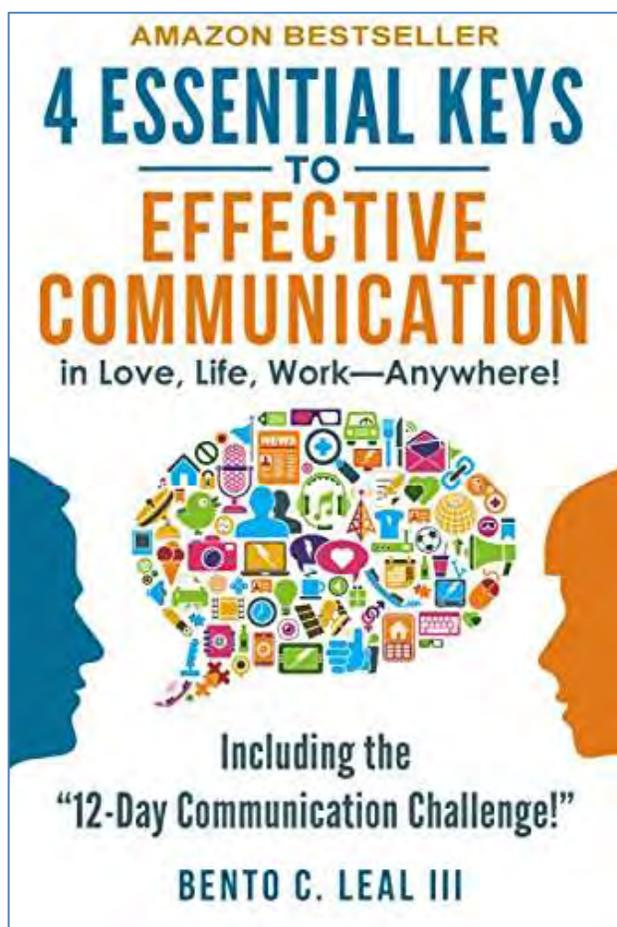
October 28: Sightseeing (Grand Canyon, Cheon Hwa Gung)

October 29-31: Presentations on providential history by Rev. Masayuki Kachi

October 31: Closing ceremony.

## (4) Participation fees: \$500

(5) Online registration is now available on the Family Federation website ([www.familyfed.org](http://www.familyfed.org)): [familyfed.org/events/dpworkshop/fourth-japanese-revival-7-day-workshop-17057/](http://familyfed.org/events/dpworkshop/fourth-japanese-revival-7-day-workshop-17057/)



### Bento Leal's New Release:

## "4 Essential Keys to Effective Communication in Love, Life, Work—Anywhere!"

Bento Leal, a UTS graduate and a member of the Bay Area released a new relationship skills book titled, "4 Essential Keys to Effective Communication in Love, Life, Work—Anywhere!" The book became a Best Seller on Amazon in several categories and has many 5-star reviews. It is available as an ebook (Kindle format you can read on your laptop, tablet, or smartphone) and paperback. To order, click on this link:

[www.amazon.com/dp/B071DFFYYD](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B071DFFYYD). The

audiobook version will be available soon.

**Benefits of the book - True Love in Action**

In the book, you will learn the key relationship skills of empathic listening, speaking, and dialogue to create healthy relationships—vital skills for putting “true love” in action in your couple, family, and all your relationships.

### **Bento Leal's Background**

"I have been trained as an instructor in several evidence-based relationship skills programs.

For the past 12 years, I have been working for a statewide non-sectarian, non-profit organization here in California with the task of teaching relationship skills to couples and singles in class-type settings in churches, family resource centers, jails and federal prison. We've had federal grants to do our work. My 112-page book captures the essence of what I've learned in the process. I've seen people transform their lives and relationships for the better using these skills."

### **Relationship Skills and "Living for the Sake of Others"**

"Our Founder often spoke of 'living for the sake of others' as a way to express true love and build a pathway to world peace. Learning and practicing relationship skills is a very real and practical way to 'live for the sake of others' in our couples, families, work—anywhere. In fact, healthy communication and healthy relationships are essential for fulfilling the Three Blessings in our lives.

I hope you read the book and find personal value in it. Also, it can be used in a book club or as a resource in your church's marriage ministry."

### **Conduct your own Relationship Skills Workshop**

"I have also created a 4-hour relationship skills workshop based on the book that I've titled 'Enrich Your Relationships' with an Instructor Guide and participant worksheets. This is an excellent 'how-to' workshop for couples and singles. You can teach it at your local church and in other churches and community organizations. Please contact me for more details and how to get the materials."

Here's a nice write-up of the book at FamilyFed.org: [bfm.familyfed.org/book-4-essential-keys-to-effective-communication-bento-leal-29333/](http://bfm.familyfed.org/book-4-essential-keys-to-effective-communication-bento-leal-29333/)