

Chicago's Dedication Ceremony for the new Chicago Family Church Center

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Following the exciting events in Chicago, including the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ALCLC) Summit and the True Family Values Awards Banquet, the Chicago community held a Dedication Ceremony for the new Chicago Family Church Center on February 3 as part of the Sunday Service. From the beginning, the Chicago community dedicated their time and their prayers to prepare for the new facility as well as the Dedication Ceremony, investing a tremendous amount of love into the building.

The Chicago community welcomed over 250 guests to their new church facility. The ceremony began with music played by the Chicago Family Church band, after which four moving messages were delivered by Youth Pastor Soshun Honda, Youth Ministry Advisor Celine Garrison, former Chicago Family Church Pastor Rev. Kazuo Takami and Director of Women's Federation for World Peace Schools of Africa Minister Fannie Smith about the importance of the new facility for the local community.



President of Family Federation for a Heavenly USA Rev. [Demian Dunkley](#) gave the Sunday sermon and delivered a very dynamic and powerful message about the identity and responsibility of Unificationists as Heavenly Tribal Messiahs. Demian issued a clear call to action: 2019 is the year of Heavenly Tribal

Messiahship in America. The mission and hope of the Unification Movement is to achieve national restoration.

After the ribbon cutting at the entrance of the new facility, Dr. Luonne Rouse, National Co-chairman of ACLC, lead the group in a prayer circle and prayed for blessings to be brought unto the Chicago Family Church community and new facility.

Many of the guests expressed their admiration of the size, space and condition of the new facility. Many were also inspired by the spirit of unity and heart. Midwest Subregional Director Rev. David Rendel said, "This new facility is a launching of a new era for the Chicago Family Church. We want to use this building to lead our community into the future, to care for and restore the local community and contribute to the restoration of the nation through our successful work with ACLC and our successful fulfillment of Heavenly Tribal Messiahship."



Reflections

"Brothers and sisters from the Chicago community came together as volunteers to clean and prepare for the Dedication Ceremony of the new Chicago Family Church Center. It was very significant for the Dedication Ceremony to be held before the Lunar New Year. The new President, Rev. Dunkley's sermon was very powerful and filled with confidence through uniting with True Mother and convinced us to fulfill national restoration for America this year through doing our responsibility as Heavenly Tribal Messiahs." –Kumiko Sutker

"The Dedication ceremony of the Chicago Family Church Center was so beautiful and so moving. I could see the vision for this building where so many people poured their hearts. 'Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets;' these words came to me when I attended the ceremony." –Chizuru Quigley

