

The 2015 National Ministry Kickoff

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The National Ministry kicked off 2015 with its first monthly meeting of the year in New York City. It was an opportunity to reflect on 2014, thank and acknowledge everyone's great work and make preparations for 2015. Various departments presented reports on their past year.

Dr. Bishop Kim, Continental Director for the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU North America), spoke about True Mother's purpose for holding recent outreach and networking events in Las Vegas. He described True Mother's heartfelt wish to bring young Unificationists together as the "miracle makers" they were born to be. True Mother hopes to see the next generation blossom with inspiration to make change in the world and spread the good news about True Parents. The following are exciting reports on the Peace Education Center, the Cranes Club, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and the upcoming Holy Marriage Blessing:

Dr. Michael Jenkins, Chief Financial Officer for FFWPU USA, shared photo updates of the International Peace Education Center. The development of the building has made significant progress, and our American family has contributed generously to support the project.

Naokimi Ushiroda, President of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP USA), spoke about the recent Cranes Club conference. This conference—an opportunity to connect with True Mother and make career connections—also yielded clear action steps for addressing challenges in the community. A survey conducted at the conference identified three top challenges and three top strengths that Unificationist working professionals found in our community. More on this survey's results will be made available soon.

Ricardo De Sena, Secretary General of UPF, updated the team on a current project to launch a youth UPF. In 2014, he encouraged members of UPF to take on more responsibility, and enthusiastically they responded and worked very hard in 2014. Mr. De Sena also gave a report on the American Leadership Conference, attended by many religious leaders and youth.



Marjorie Buessing, interim director for the Blessed Family Ministry (BFM), shared about the preparations for the upcoming Holy Marriage Blessing. Over 260 couples are ready to receive the Holy Marriage Blessing this year, and BFM hopes to see at least 100 couples attend in Korea.

We look forward to another year of prosperity, growth, and miracles in 2015! Thank you for all your love and support and best wishes for the New Year!