

New York's True Heavenly Parent's Day 2016

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The Family Church of New York City hosted 142 people for the Holy Day celebration. An intergenerational band played, as the group honored both True Parents' Birthday and Heavenly Parent's Day. Unificationist Robert Hall gave a testimony about Heavenly Parent's Day and how it affected him. He was inspired and touched by God while he was giving his testimony. The sermon from Pastor Tanya Edwards was entitled, "God's Will" and was based on True Father's God's Day messages from 1986 and 1991. The Holy Spirit was felt by everyone and some were crying when Pastor Tanya prayed after her sermon.

At Belvedere, over 100 Unificationists gathered and heard a message from Pastor Drissa Kone.

In Long Island, 20 Unificationists gathered to usher in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk. They began their gathering by reciting the Family Pledge followed with a prayer by the pastor. They sang the holy songs, "Light in the East" and "Heart of the Father", and watched the weekly update video from Korea followed by the reading of True Father's God's Day Speech from 1988 entitled "Let God Stand right in Front". The Reading was done with everyone participating reading a paragraph in turn. The service was concluded with singing the song "Light of Grace" and a closing prayer by an elder brother, Rev. Fong. A beautiful lunch was shared with everyone together after the service.

"By singing the holy songs and watching the weekly report, we could feel a close connection with things taking place in Korea," said Pastor Tom Corley.