

Brunch at the Garden

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After the National Memorial Service on September 20, young Unificationists took the opportunity of this national gathering in New York to meet and talk about their interests, goals and concerns for the Unificationist community in the areas of blessed family life, college life, youth ministry and outreach. This meeting was so productive and inspiring that many of the participants requested more time and opportunities to continue these kinds of discussions.

In response to this we are hosting a brunch on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at East Garden, a historically significant building for Unificationists because it is a place where True Parents began their ministry in America. Over 80 young adult Unificationists are expected to attend.

It will be a time to gather and discuss:

Concerns and challenges in the community

Hopes and dreams for the future

What we personally want to do to contribute to the culture that we want to see

The Blessing & Family Ministry (BFM), the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) and youth ministry will also participate in this day-long event, presenting their group sessions in the afternoon in order for participants to hone in on the areas in which they are most interested in getting involved.

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Sometimes creating a life we love means gathering together as a community to talk about our ideas and combine our efforts so we can create something amazing.

On November 1, 80 young adult Unificationists will gather for brunch at East Garden, a historically significant building for us because it is a place where Father and Mother Moon, founders of the Unification faith, began their ministry in America.

The scenic setting East Garden is the perfect spot for young Unificationists to convene and discuss practical ways to get more involved in creating the culture that we want to see — a culture inspired by the Divine Principle and the vision Father and Mother Moon have for a better world.

What's the Plan?

Youth ministers, young community leaders, and anyone inspired to create a life they love will have a chance to reconnect with old friends, make new ones and collaborate on constructive ways to work together in the future.

We call it a brunch, but it's an all-day affair! Here's the schedule:

Morning

Over brunch, we'll gather in small groups and discuss three main topics:

1. Our concerns and challenges in the community
2. Our hopes and dreams for the future
3. What do we personally want to do to contribute to the culture that we want to see?

While we meet, a small team will assimilate our discussions into a brief overview so we have a chance to hear the top things on people's minds as a whole group.



Afternoon

Four short presentations are planned in the areas of: blessed family life, sharing our faith, college life and youth ministry, after which we'll gather again in small groups to give everyone a chance to engage in the specific ministries that pique their interests.

There is plenty of time allotted for networking as well as a tour of East Garden. We will end the afternoon with a short prayer at the Holy Rock, where Father Moon himself would so often pray.

But That's Not All!

We will end the day at Belvedere for a fantastic Halloween dinner party, so feel free to bring your costumes. On the other hand, if you can't make it for the whole day, just come for the morning portion. We'd love to see you there.

This is a chance to be inspired by each other and bring greater hope to our communities. Children are welcome, but be sure to register them now!