

## Clifton, NJ Family Church: Letter from Our Pastor on Her Return

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Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

I'm excited to return to pastoring after taking leave for the birth of my daughter. I'm very grateful for Pastor Naokimi's great leadership in my absence. Although I miss seeing you in person, I've enjoyed spending time together at our community gatherings on Sundays. Look forward to seeing you again this Sunday at 12:15. I hope you are doing well, feeling healthy and enjoying this bright summer season with your family.

In this time of great challenge and unrest, I pray daily for all the members of our community to receive and feel God and True Parent's love, protection and healing. I want to extend a heartfelt statement of love and solidarity with our black brothers and sisters. You matter to me and you matter to God and True Parents! Brothers and sisters let's take the opportunity to really care for and listen to one another, so that we can come to more powerfully reflect the unconditional love of our Heavenly Parent towards one another. For more on this, please read the beautiful message below from our president, Rev. Dunkley.

We are truly blessed at this time in history to have our True Mother leading us forward towards the substantiation of the Heavenly Kingdom. Now, we have the incredible opportunity to get to know her more deeply through her memoir, Mother of Peace. If you would like to be part of the initiative to share True Mother's story and give others the opportunity to build their relationship with, feel God's love through, and be inspired to live like her, please take the pledge by clicking the link below. Let's join together to share True Mother's story with all those we care about.

As you know, sadly the Chosen docu-series is coming to an end this Sunday. Over these last three weeks, we've heard from so many wonderful brothers and sisters from all over the world telling the amazing story of our True Parents. To catch be sure to purchase the treasure box, so you can access the series any time you like. Also, please contact me at [cdegoede@unification.org](mailto:cdegoede@unification.org) if you would like to share a reflection about the series.

I would also like to extend a big congratulations to all the high school, college and GPA graduates! All your hard work and investment has paid off, and now you can enjoy the memories and lessons you've gained. Wishing you the very best as you take the next steps of your journey! I would like to extend a special welcome back to all our GPA graduates that are returning to our community. See the details below for how to join me in welcoming them home.

As always, please take good care and let God and True Parents' love fill you up and strengthen you.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Crescentia