

Seattle Church Council Election

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Dear Seattle Church Members,

It has been almost two years since our Seattle Family Church seated its first Church Council, and the time has come again to vote for a new Council, whose members will serve for the next two years. We would like to urge every member to prayerfully consider who they believe would best represent the community and serve God and True Parents in this very important role, and vote accordingly. Members of the Seattle Family Church community 18 years or older may each cast votes for four people.

Several members who have affirmed their willingness to serve if elected are mentioned on the ballot. They are:

Ka-yeon Wise (Currently serving as an interim member of the council)
Raymond McCready
Alena Avramenko (Currently serving as an interim member of the council)
David Roberts
Michael Lancey

However, you may write in the name of any person on the list of eligible members. Please do not vote for Pastor Nelson Mira. He will automatically participate on the Council in an advisory role.

Votes must be cast between Dec. 20, 2015 and Jan. 3, 2016, including those days. Results will be announced and the new Council will be inaugurated at Sunday Service on Jan. 10, 2016.

Voting by paper ballot will be held after Sunday Service on Dec. 20, Dec. 27, and Jan. 3. For the convenience of those not able to attend church on those dates, it will also be possible to vote online, however, it will be necessary to ask each online voter to give his or her name to ensure that each online vote is from an eligible voter and to identify duplicate votes. To vote online, please visit this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S2S1LTZXH>

In accordance with the National Charter for FFWPU USA, the council will consist of four members directly elected by the church community, and two members appointed by the Pastor Nelson Mira from the next six candidates with the most votes. They will have these duties:

1. Approval of the Local Church plans and budgets.
2. Give quarterly financial reports and an annual report to the community.
3. Approve paid Local Church staff and key personnel.
4. Appoint or remove department leaders with Pastor's approval.
5. Appoint standing or ad hoc committees as needed.
6. Hear concerns of church members.
7. When there is a need for a new Pastor, the Church Council will search for and recommend a candidate to the President or his authorized representative for approval.

Thank you very much for being part of this process! We pray for God's blessings on you and your family.

The Election Committee for the 2015 Seattle Family Church Council Election

Gerhard Wiesinger (Chairman)
Sarah Nishioka
David Roberts
Ka-yeon Wise

PS: For expediency sake, this email is sent to the seattlefamily list which includes brothers and sisters not eligible for this election (e.g., because you live in a different community or you are not yet 18 or you have not actively participated in church life in recent years). If you notice that someone is missing from the list who should be on it, please inform us immediately so that we can rectify the mistake.