



Unification Church of America
District 3: Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania
District Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM EST

LOCATION: Clifton Church

PRESENT: Mr. John Hessel (Interim Chair) Mr. Atsushi Takino
Mrs. Carol Pobanz Mr. Robert Beebe
Mrs. Meadow Tallakson Mr. Takashi Yashiro
Mr. Hiroshi Inose Mr. Hero Hernández

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Dr. Ann Mr. Pablo (entered after preliminary Council discussions)

I. CALL TO ORDER & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Hessel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and confirmed a quorum of the Council was present.

II. OPENING PRAYER

Mrs. Pobanz offered the opening prayer.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned by Mr. Hessel
Seconded by Mrs. Pobanz

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- A. Discuss personal statements of purpose
- B. Announce Council Chairperson, Secretary, and National Representative vote results from anonymous ballot (collected by Mrs. Pobanz)
- C. Build a consensus on discussion points with Dr. Ann
- D. Discussion with Dr. Ann and her progress report on ministry development hitherto

IV. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A. Discuss personal statements of purpose in the role of Council Member

Summary: *(Brief statements from each Council Member)*

Mr. Yashiro:

- Create financial transparency and accountability
- Create a system where church ministers are well compensated and cared for, but also keep a standard of zero tolerance of a leader's misuse of public money

Mr. Beebe:

- Some members don't feel as confident or proud to witness to other about our movement because of the recent scandals and conflicts
- The hope that this Council can truly have democratic decision powers and not be a "rubber stamp" committee



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- Hyung Jin Nim has confidence in the American movement, so much so that he gave the membership responsibility and authority
- Ensure that all groups in District 3 are represented by this Council

Mrs. Tallakson:

- The cooperation between 1st and 2nd Generation is extremely important, especially the inheritance of tradition from the 1st Generation
- Ensure that each Council person is easily accessible to the members and open to hearing their concerns
- There is no support system in place for 2nd Generation beyond the high school age and elder 2nd Generation do not feel they lack anything that this faith community can offer them

Mr. Inose:

- The American movement is in the settlement age and can be an example to Japan in their eventually transition out of the burdensome Old Testament ways and perspectives
- The Council's responsibility is to guide the Pastor and thus improve members' confidence in the work of their Pastor

Mr. Takino

- This Council can bring balance back to the proper relationship between leaders and members, specifically that leaders are accountable to members and not above the law or allowed special treatment
- How can we reconnect the families in this large district so that they feel connected to this faith community?

Mrs. Pobanz

- Every member is so unique and precious, yet, over the years, the preciousness of members, both 1st and 2nd Generation, has been squashed
- The hope is to rekindle and reawaken the Principle within each person

Mr. Hernández

- Assist the community in understanding the lessons from recent events and to provide a place where members can safely voice honest concerns
- The hope to help Hyung Jin Nim create a movement that 2nd Generation can be proud of and to inform the leadership of the valid concerns of 2nd Generation

- B. Announce Council Chairperson, Secretary, and National Representative vote results from anonymous ballot (collected by Mrs. Pobanz)

Summary:

Council Chairperson – Mr. Hessell

Secretary – Mr. Hernández

National Representative – Mr. Hernández



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C. Build a consensus on discussion points with Dr. Ann

Summary:

Sunday service development
Sunday school
Concerns from the community related to Dr. Ann's past leadership style

Motioned by Mr. Hessell
Seconded by Mr. Beebe

That the following points be discussed with Dr. Ann.

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D. Discussion with Dr. Ann and her progress report on ministry development hitherto

Summary:

Dr. Ann and Mr. Iparraguirre invited into meeting

Mr. Hessell welcomes Dr. Ann and shares that the Council has confidence in her leadership abilities and pure heart in serving District 3. He shares some of the concerns from her past leadership style, and invites her to share some of her thoughts on her previous work and future plans.

Dr. Ann thanks the Council and shares her thoughts:

- Made big efforts to be very transparent in terms of finances and managerial decisions
- Under InJin Nim, Dr. Ann's decision to be at the Manhattan Center service every Sunday reflected her desire to support the development of a national ministry
- Yet now, with support of the Council, Dr. Ann's main hope is to develop and empower local churches in an effort to make smaller, close-knit communities that meet the needs of a wide array of members
- An equally important goal is to enroll the older 2nd Generation, beyond the high school age, into the faith community; the decision to hire a new ministry team from among the young generation was an action step directly related to this concern
- Dr. Ann is very serious about each paid position being held accountable to benchmark goals, since funding is from the members' tithes, and if something is not working, naturally, from a professional perspective, performance reviews are made
- Goals and responsibilities of the ministry team and their progress is described

Questions from the Council to Dr. Ann

Mr. Hessell: *How do you see the Council's role in relation to you?*

"The Council serves as a place where ideas and concerns from the members are heard and gathered. Also, it is an oversight body that analyzes the performance of the ministry team."

Mr. Hernández: *To what standards or goals can we as a Council hold you, as the Pastor, accountable to?*



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"I would love to set personal goals together with the Council that we mutually agree on."

Mr. Takino: *Are you open to the Council's review of the ministry staff structure and our suggestions?*

"Yes, of course."

Mr. Beebe: *Has there been any input from HQ about the structure of Sunday service?*

"Not specifically, but there are plans for a national service once a month with sermon given by Hyung Jin Nim."

Mr. Hernández: *Do you have any other obligations or responsibilities besides the District Pastor role?*

"Yes, I am currently the Dean of Student Affairs at Barrytown College, and I see it continuing for at least another year."

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motioned by Mr. Hernández

Seconded by Mr. Inose

That the Council officially approve the minutes for the October 30, 2012 meeting.

CARRIED 8:0 UNANIMOUSLY

VI. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Clifton Church.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Mr. Hessell

Seconded by Mr. Takino

That the Council adjourns the meeting at 10:00 PM.

CARRIED 8:0 UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes Approved by the Council on December 4, 2012

Respectfully submitted.

Mr. John Hessell
Chairperson

Mr. Hero Hernández
Secretary & National Representative