

## Changes in Church Organization

John Hessel - September 27, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have entered a new era in our church history. True Mother has asked us to remodel the US church organization into smaller parts in order to better meet the needs of both current and new members. It is hoped that by forming smaller units, we will each be more aware of and involved in our community.

The district system is being replaced by smaller local communities in many parts of the country, but here in New Jersey our 'community' is around the Clifton center is still about 400 families. The 'district' council and pastor will be now 'state' council and pastor. Delaware and Pennsylvania will have their own local leadership teams. Dr. Balcomb has announced that the district pastors' role will end on October 31<sup>st</sup>, but we will hold a nomination and election of a new state council before we address state pastor position. Dr. Ann will continue as our senior pastor, and will be a candidate for the new state pastor role. The new state council and state pastor positions will be decided by you- the congregation. This is truly a new chapter in our movement, and requires your active involvement and participation.

We of the current council hope that you can give the enclosed ballots your careful consideration. You can nominate candidates for the council and the state pastor once we have finalized the election process. We are presenting you with options on how the nomination and election of our New Jersey leadership should work.

In 1981, upon completing his 21 year course from 1960, Father said, in his Historical Children's Day speech, *"Today I am declaring a new beginning: the leader-centered movement is over, and the member-centered movement is going to begin....During the exodus it is a virtue to focus on following the leader, but when you enter Canaan you live by the give and take with brothers and sisters. From today on our membership around the world shall perfect that way of life. Even if I am not here, it should not matter. You already know the secret of going to heaven-loving each other."*

(details about the ballot, due dates, how to turn it in, etc)

Council, please reply with any suggestions...

John Hessel, Chair

District 3 Council