

Family Church of Connecticut: Bridgeport Hope School Closing

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July 23, 2026



Dear,

Happy Thursday,

Hello everyone, we start off this newsletter with some news on Bridgeport Hope School.

BHS Non Continuation Letter

July 16, 2026

With deep regret, I must inform you that the Board of Trustees has decided Bridgeport Hope School will not continue for the 2026-2027 academic year.

This decision was not made lightly. The process has been deeply difficult because we believe the school has been a meaningful asset to its students, families, and the wider community. It has been our honor to serve Bridgeport and the surrounding area for the past 30 years. Several challenges contributed to this difficult decision:

Recruitment has not reached the enrollment numbers we have had in previous years;

We lost a significant number of students through graduation and other circumstances, creating a larger-than-usual enrollment gap; and

A substantial tuition debt has accumulated over several years.

We understand that receiving this announcement at this late date places you in a difficult position. We had hoped recruitment would improve and that outstanding balances would be paid. Unfortunately, that did not happen at the level needed, and we are facing a projected \$75,000 deficit for the school year. The Board determined that this path was not sustainable.

We have contacted the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport, Stratford Catholic Schools, and Fairfield Catholic Schools to understand their availability and advocate for our students. As soon as we receive more information, we will share any options they may be able to offer. In the meantime, we encourage you to contact them as well as the public schools in your area.

Again, we deeply regret this unfortunate outcome, but the school's financial situation was no longer sustainable.

Families who paid a deposit and/or registration fee will be reimbursed. We ask for a few weeks to process those checks.

Sincerely,

Greg Breland, Chair

Bridgeport Hope School

It is sad to hear, and I encourage all of you to support those who have given their time and effort to fulfill this dream in creating this school for the last many years. After so much investment it is good to be filled up with love and care so please reach out and offer support.

A couple of other things, first off, There will be open seats on the local council in September. We are starting the search for local candidates that wish to service on the church council by discussing and deciding important issues with Pastor Denthew on a monthly basis. If you are interested please reach out to Bruce, GukYoung, and or Hector for more information.

As we talk about starting fresh and creating a community we can be proud of maybe this is a opportunity to help be the change and join the Church council, and on a bonus you get to attend monthly meetings with me!

In light of stepping up we have been struggling to find people to support the Fork and Spoon Club, in helping the environment and create a homey environment of washing the utensils from our meals for the last Sunday of the month due to the decision of holding a 4th Sunday service of the month. If you are interested please reach out to Bruce Clarke. It is a great blessing to have this food ministry and I want to encourage everyone to pitch in a support where we can.

Pastor Denthew

Join a Small Group

Small Groups are starting up, don't miss out to dive deeper into oneself in these groups!

The purpose of these small groups is to give everyone a chance to go deeper in their life of faith and to share openly and honestly about what is happening in your life and in your relationship with God and True Parents. We hope these groups can become spaces where we can be real with one another and begin overcoming the shadows and struggles we may have been carrying for a long time. So that we can open ourselves up and listen clearly to our conscience and the direction its trying to guide us.

Our small group facilitators will be:

- Stephan and Constance Gabb
- Bruce and Setsue Clarke
- Steven and Colleen Boyd
- Richard and Koonam Park

Small Group sign up!

What's Coming Up?

- July 26th - Sermon by Denthew (11 AM) - Potluck Sunday
- August 2nd - Sermon by Steve Boyd (11 AM) - Japanese Food Team
- August 9th - Intergenerational service (11AM) - International Food Team
- August 16th - Sermon by Denthew (11 AM) - Potluck



Join the 40-day Special Devotion for True Mother here : familyfed.lpages.co/40-day-devotion-for-true-mother/



Watch to see what is happening around the world.



Join On-site

**HJ CHEONBO
GREAT WORKS**

You're invited to the Northeast Region Cheonbo Great Works on August 1. Register now to participate.

AUGUST 1, 2026 8AM TO 6PM

**NJ Family Church, 78 DeMott
Ave, Clifton, NJ 07011**

Satellite Venues: Belvedere & Connecticut

REGISTER NOW



Upcoming CheonBo Event

 Saturday, August 1 |  8 AM - 6 PM

 Spurgin Hall, we are a satellite event.

Pat and Gustavo Jimenez will be the point people for this event, but they do need some help! We need some members to help with the Holy Water and to serve the Holy Wine. Please let them know if you are open to volunteering!

Participation will be In-person only.

All applications for Ancestor Liberation and Blessing must be submitted online. We will not be having registration for ancestors liberation and blessing in person, If you need help to do it online please state so in the registration form and some qualified staff will assist you.

[Registration link](#)



Northeast Assembly - July Meeting

Join us for the July Northeast Assembly as we come together as one family for fellowship, updates, and celebration!



Wednesday, July 29



8:30 PM (ET)



Online via Zoom

Hear updates from around the region!

All Northeast members and families are welcome!

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)



Time to become the Temple of God

Join Gabriel Sanfrancesco this saturday at 9 AM to become the ideal human through becoming super fit! this is open to anyone who has a desire to be active with your brothers and sisters. the meeting place is the Sanfrancesco's house at 165 Chapel St, Stratford, CT 06614. Let him know if you plan to come by sending his number 203224 8093 a text.



What is Next Gen Mission?

Next Gen Mission is a missionary program for young adults to deepen their identity and faith through contributing to God's providence, serving local communities, and growing in a public-minded heart. Missionaries participate in spiritual education, local church support, youth outreach, fundraising, teamwork, and skills development, while gaining meaningful experiences that help them take ownership of their relationship with God, True Parents, and the mission of our movement.

Main Activities

Community Missions

Team Activities

Korea Pilgrimage

Service

Spiritual Education

Outreach

Fundraising

Overseas Missions (2nd years)

Who is this for?

- Young adults 17+
 - Must turn 18 before Dec 31st of the Mission year

Website

- www.nextgenmission.us/
- FAQ: www.nextgenmission.us/faqs
- How to apply: www.nextgenmission.us/how-to-apply

Costs

- Tuition \$2000

Application Deadlines

- \$0 Early Bird – March 31 11:59PM EST

- \$70 Regular Application Fee – April 1 to June 30 11:59PM EST
- \$120 Late Application Fee – July 1 to August 10 11:59PM EST

Program Dates

- September 1st, 2026 - July 2027

Contact Information

- mission@unification.org
- nextgenmission.us

Register



Registration is Now Open!

BCSF is super cool, I also heard the director is even cooler.

August 5-9th, Spiceland National Youth Campus

Register now!

BCSF Registration

Zoom Link for Service!



Please use this link on Sunday at 11:00 to participate in our live stream Sunday Service:

us06web.zoom.us/j/82629866496?pwd=rcmHvmFbGcGn09Dvh83pE1glGC72Rb.1

Previous Sermons are [Available on our Website](#)

We are now posting recordings of Sunday Sermons on our Family Church of CT Website

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