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Greetings BFC Families!

What a wonderful and beautiful ceremony we were able to witness at Korea as we celebrated True Father's 5th Seonghwa Anniversary and the Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Ceremony. This was truly a remarkable event and we would especially like to congratulate our young BFC couples who participated in this event to celebrate their Holy Matrimony. Please click [here](#) to read HQ's report on the event.

We are encouraging everyone to send in reflections after the Broadcast. Please send your testimonies to Inguk Seo at iseo@unification.org and he will have them translated so Dr. Kim can share them directly with True Mother.

This coming Saturday is the first day of our **Up&Coming New York Youth Ministry!** If you have children who are in 6th grade and above and still haven't signed up yet, don't miss out on this chance!

This coming Sunday we are having a very special guest speaker for Sunday Service. **Imam Shamsi Ali** from NYC will give a talk on "*Post 9/11 and the Muslim community in the US*". Please don't miss this important opportunity! Please click [here](#) to read his bio. We are also doing a **Bubble Tea Fundraiser** this Sunday to help raise funds for the Texas Church due to the Hurricane. Please offer your support and buy some Boba!

Missed last week's National Update? Click [here](#) to watch.



Call to Donate: Support Texas

Tropical Storm Harvey has flooded large swaths of southeastern Texas, destroyed thousands of homes and businesses, and left over 300,000 people—including members of the Unificationist community—without power and with a lack of resources. Even after the hurricane has been downgraded to a tropical storm, heavy rainfall is expected to persist, furthering the damages that have been inflicted.

In this devastating time, we encourage everyone to donate to our family churches in Texas to help those in need. Your donation will go towards the recovery process and to aiding those who have been affected by the catastrophic tropical storm.

Please click [here](#) to make a donation and find out more.



Dear Belvedere Family Community,

The Up&Coming NY Youth Ministry would like to inform you about the start of this year's youth group. Tentatively, the first day will be on Saturday, September 9th at 4:00pm in Belvedere. This is subject to change, but we will let you know if there is a change in time or date.

We are opening registration for your children and greatly urge you to sign them up as soon as possible. Your children are placed in teams and we can better place them if they are registered earlier. Our program is for middle school and high school students.

The online registration form can be found copying this link to your web browser:

goo.gl/forms/ZpxSjFPI3JJA99j33

For more information about costs, schedules, mission statements, and more, please follow this link: docs.google.com/document/d/1nNiSXvu6mje_S3Yg2MR3EtUQBjsMHO0gSG2e9iOozCU/edit?usp=sharing

We hope to see your children there!

Sincerely,

Yuki Jones

BFC Youth Pastor

4th Japanese 7-Day Workshop In IPEC

It is our pleasure to announce you the 4th Japanese 7-Day Divine Principle workshop at IPEC in Las Vegas that will take place on October 24-31.

(1) Significance

The Japanese 7-Day workshop in IPEC this time will be conducted with much expectation of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. It is also a great revival workshop for victory of the 3 year course until 2020. This is a workshop for Japanese members in America to return to the starting point of restoration of the United States and make a determination to start again. Our hope is that Japanese members in the US, who represent the mother nation, make a new start to fulfill Vision 2020, and establish a substantial victory as blessed central families and Heavenly Tribal Messiahs.

Another significant point is the venue - IPEC in Las Vegas. The providence of Las Vegas that began in 2008 is the present day Heung-nam providence, and Las Vegas is where True Parents offered much devotion and hard work to totally indemnify the entire providence. One fruit of such devotion is IPEC. IPEC is the Cheon Jeong Gun of the United States, and the place where Heavenly Parent and True Parents reside. Many brothers and sisters who participated in these workshops gave testimonies about their deep encounters with Heavenly Parent and True

Parents while at IPEC. Externally too, it is the best place prepared for our workshops.

(2) Lecturers

Divine Principle presentations are given by Rev. Soichiro Nakamura, former director of Central Training Center in Japan (777 couple).

Presentations on providential history are given by Rev. Masayuki Kachi, Special CIG IW in Japan (777 couple).

(3) Schedule

Dates: October 24-31, 2017

Start time: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 24

End time: 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 31

October 24: 8:00 p.m. - orientation

October 25-27: Divine Principle presentations by Rev. Soichiro Nakamura

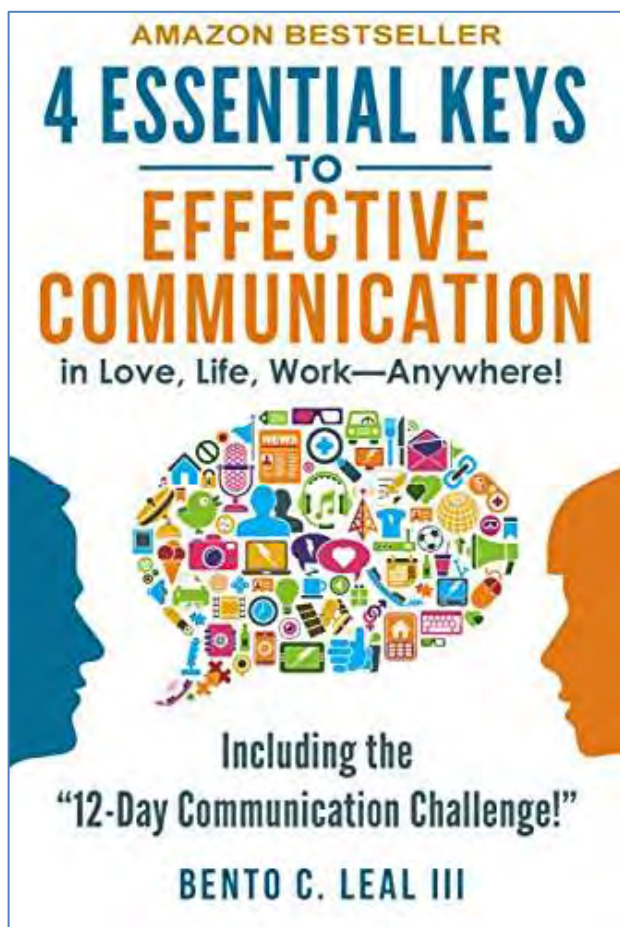
October 28: Sightseeing (Grand Canyon, Cheon Hwa Gung)

October 29-31: Presentations on providential history by Rev. Masayuki Kachi

October 31: Closing ceremony.

(4) Participation fees: \$500

(5) Online registration is now available on the Family Federation website (www.familyfed.org):
familyfed.org/events/dpworkshop/fourth-japanese-revival-7-day-workshop-17057/



Bento Leal's New Release:

"4 Essential Keys to Effective Communication in Love, Life, Work—Anywhere!"

Bento Leal, a UTS graduate and a member of the Bay Area released a new relationship skills book titled, "4 Essential Keys to Effective Communication in Love, Life, Work—Anywhere!" The book became a Best Seller on Amazon in several categories and has many 5-star reviews. It is available as an ebook (Kindle format you can read on your laptop, tablet, or smartphone) and paperback. To order, click on this link:

www.amazon.com/dp/B071DFFYYD. The

audiobook version will be available soon.

Benefits of the book - True Love in Action

In the book, you will learn the key relationship skills of empathic listening, speaking, and dialogue to create healthy relationships—vital skills for putting “true love” in action in your couple, family, and all your relationships.

Bento Leal's Background

"I have been trained as an instructor in several evidence-based relationship skills programs.

For the past 12 years, I have been working for a statewide non-sectarian, non-profit organization here in California with the task of teaching relationship skills to couples and singles in class-type settings in churches, family resource centers, jails and federal prison. We've had federal grants to do our work. My 112-page book captures the essence of what I've learned in the process. I've seen people transform their lives and relationships for the better using these skills."

Relationship Skills and "Living for the Sake of Others"

"Our Founder often spoke of 'living for the sake of others' as a way to express true love and build a pathway to world peace. Learning and practicing relationship skills is a very real and practical way to 'live for the sake of others' in our couples, families, work—anywhere. In fact, healthy communication and healthy relationships are essential for fulfilling the Three Blessings in our lives.

I hope you read the book and find personal value in it. Also, it can be used in a book club or as a resource in your church's marriage ministry."

Conduct your own Relationship Skills Workshop

"I have also created a 4-hour relationship skills workshop based on the book that I've titled 'Enrich Your Relationships' with an Instructor Guide and participant worksheets. This is an excellent 'how-to' workshop for couples and singles. You can teach it at your local church and in other churches and community organizations. Please contact me for more details and how to get the materials."

Here's a nice write-up of the book at FamilyFed.org: bfm.familyfed.org/book-4-essential-keys-to-effective-communication-bento-leal-29333/



Special Speaker for September 10th, 2017:

Imam Shamsi Ali

Topic: Post 9/11 and the Muslim community in the US.

Imam Shamsi Ali is a renowned Muslim Scholar and a well-known Imam in New York City, USA. He was an Imam of the city's largest mosque located in 96th street and 3rd AV Manhattan. He is Chairman of the Al-Hikmah Mosque in Astoria and the Director of Jamaica

Muslim Center in Queens.

Imam Ali serves as an Advisory Board member to numerous interfaith organizations, including the Tanenbaum Center and Federation for Middle East Peace. He is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Asean Muslim Federation of North America. Imam Ali also is a Board member for the Partnership of Faith in NY, and co-founder of the UNCC (Universal Clergy Coalition-International). Furthermore, he is also Assistant Director and a Board member of the Muslim Foundation of America, Inc., and Chairman of the annual Muslim Day Parade in NYC. He also serves as the Vice President of the Asian-American Coalition USA (AAC-USA) and its UN Representative.

Within the Indonesian Muslim community in North America, Imam Ali is a well-known figure. He serves as an Advisory Board to major national Muslim organizations such as IMSA (Indonesian Muslim Society in America) and ICMI (Indonesian Muslim Intellectual Society in America). Well known in the interfaith community, Imam Ali is a visible face of Islam. He has lectured in churches, synagogues and other institutions both nationally and worldwide.

Imam Ali was appointed "Ambassador for Peace" by the International Religious Federation in 2002, and a recipient of the 2008 ICLI Interfaith Award. In 2006, he was named one of seven most influential religious leaders in New York City by New York Magazine. Last year, Imam Ali was awarded one of 100 recipients of the 2009 Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award. This prestigious nonmilitary gold medal is the highest recognition given to immigrants with tremendous contributions to the American society and the world and for him, it was due to his endless dedication in building bridges between religious communities. Furthermore, in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, Imam Ali was chosen as one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the world by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center in Jordan and Georgetown University.

Imam Shamsi Ali is a native Indonesian, born and raised in Bulukumba, South Sulawesi, an area well known for its traditional wooden schooner called pinisi. He is 43 years old and currently resides in Jamaica, Queens, with wife Mutiah and five children.

Don't miss this special opportunity!



2017-2018 UP&Coming Registration Form

Thank you for your interest in registering for UP&Coming!!! We have many amazing experiences in store this year and we are excited to start. As you may already know the tentative first day will be on Saturday, September 9th at 4:00pm at Belvedere.

If you are a participant, please make sure that one of the parents of the participant is filling out the parent's information.

Registration Fee:

If you live in the Westrock area, the registration fee is \$80.00 for each participant that will be collected in the beginning of the program. The total cost of registration for families in the Westrock area with more than one child will be \$140.00.

For those that live farther away such as NYC or Red Hook, the registration fee will be \$50.00 for each participant (for families who live farther away with more than one child it will be \$100.00 total).

The registration fee should be paid in either cash or a check payable to "HSA-UWC" and brought in person to hand in on the first day of UP&Coming.

If money is an issue or if you have any questions, please email me at yujonez74@gmail.com and we can work something out.

Yuki Jones
Belvedere Family Community Youth Pastor

* Required

Participant's Information

Participant's Last Name *

Your answer

Participant's First Name *

Your answer

Participant's Grade in 2017-18 School Year *

Choose ▼

Participant's Gender *

Choose ▼

Participant's Birthday *

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___ / ___ / ____

Participant's Cellphone Number

Your answer

How often can the participant make it to Up&Coming?

- All the time
- Most of the time
- Sometimes
- Once in a while
- Not sure
- Other: _____

Is there anything that should be known about the participant (allergies, needs, conditions, etc)?

Your answer

Parent's Information

Parent's First Name *

Your answer

Parent's Last Name *

Your answer

Home Phone Number *

Your answer

Parent's Cellphone Number (please specify which parent it is) *

Your answer

Parent's Email (very important) *

Your answer

Home Address *

Your answer

City *

Your answer

State *

Your answer

Zip *

Your answer

Parent's Volunteer Information (Optional)

Would you be willing to assist in giving rides to participants for small group outings or other activities?

Choose 

Are there any other ways you are willing to volunteer?

Your answer

SUBMIT

The Up & Coming NY Youth Ministry program will take place every Saturday until the end of the school year. We are open to middle and high school participants (6-12th grade). Please take the time to read through the whole page if you would like your child to attend Up and Coming and if you want to know about the registration fee for the year.

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to be a home for young unificationists to love their real selves and own their spiritual growth through practice of the five themes of youth ministry.

General Schedule (does not apply to special days, Christmas, or the first and last day):

4:00 Activity/Icebreaker

4:50 Songs

5:00 Sermon/Interactive message

5:30 Small group discussion

6:00 Gathering at holy rock to sing and pray

6:20 Dinner (The participants are free to leave any time after dinner, but they often like to spend fellowship time together)

Fellowship time- volleyball, games, movie, etc.

8:30 Closed

Exciting events / programs / workshops planned for the year:

Halloween Party

Grade Outings

Christmas Party

High School Workshop

Middle School Workshop

Service Projects

IL Shim program

IL Shim workshop

Brother/Sister's nights

Friday Programs

Spring Festival

And more!

Content:

The goal is for Up and Coming to be a time that the participants can discover God and our faith for themselves. The intention is for Up and Coming to be a training ground where they can work on being a person of outstanding character who can make a difference in the lives of others. In addition, we want them to:

1. Understand and grow their relationships with God.
2. Recognize the value and learn from the Divine Principle and True Father's words.

3. Realize the importance and build our essential relationships with our parents and our family.
4. Be a strong, supportive community with life-changing and life-long relationships.

Video:

We have a short video from the participants and staff about what Up and Coming means to them. The link is here. <https://vimeo.com/106068482>

Registration fee:

The registration fee is for the whole year and the amount will depend on where you live.

If you live in the WestRock area, the registration fee is \$80.00 for each participant that will be collected in the beginning of the program. The total cost of registration for families in the WestRock area with more than one child will be \$140.00.

For those that live farther away such as NYC or Red Hook, the registration fee will be \$50.00 for each participant (for families who live farther away with more than one child it will be \$100.00 total).

-The registration fee does not cover dinner at Up and Coming, or workshops and special events. 100% of the fees will go towards maintaining the facilities of each program.

-If money is an issue, please email Yuki Jones at yujonez74@gmail.com and we can work something out.

Thanks for taking the time to read through this. We hope to see your children there!

Sincerely,
Yuki Jones
BFC Youth Pastor