

## Clifton Family Church Open Council Meeting

9/24/2017

Began around 12:30pm

### AGENDA

#### A. Questions and answers about the online UTS classes -- Dr. Spurgin and Mr. George Glass

- Everyone with a university degree is highly recommended to get a masters in religious studies.
- Mother wants 144,000 ministers and clergy to unite together in America to save America and the world
- Mr. Saunders was able to travel to teach in 84 countries because of his UTS degree. It doesn't mean you have to become a minister, but gives you the ability to think. In order to be really successful in life you need an important foundation in your life: a relationship with God and spiritual enlightenment.

#### B. 2nd Generation sharing about their summer experiences

- M. Nelson -- Attended the Top Gun workshop in Korea and attended the 21 day Cheonpyeong work shop before that. She attended it last year and expected this year to be the same. However, instead of separating the English speaking and Japanese and Koreans everyone was mixed together. This year she was a staff member and was asked to be the song leader. It was difficult because she didn't know how to speak Japanese or Korean so it was hard to communicate with others. She didn't think she did a very good job, but the other leaders thanked her because the songs set the atmosphere before the lecture was given. This was her first leadership position she was given. She saw that we have so many talented musicians and singers all over the world, but sees nothing being done to recognize and utilize all these brothers and sisters' abilities. She is happy to see True Mother creating the Hyojeong culture and really investing in the youth.
- H. Olgado -- Attended the GTG workshop as a participant. First workshop in Korea. She was really excited to attend and prepared 2 months in advance doing her own conditions. She really wanted to connect to everyone from everywhere. Her family/team was difficult to work with since everyone was from many different countries, but she enjoyed every moment of it as well as the pilgrimage. The pilgrimage was the most memorable because she was able to understand more of True Father's suffering and sacrifice to create the foundation we have and True Mother's love during the workshop, such as giving the kids ice cream on the days that were really hot. She encourages everyone who is old enough to go to the GTG to create that spiritual foundation before going to college because we get wishy washy during that time.
- K. Kim -- Attended GTG. This was her 2nd year and also thought it would be the same as last year with separated groups based on languages. Normally we are very comfortable with our own language, but with the mixed family/team it was difficult to communicate, but we were still able to become close and bond through communicating with hand gestures and body language. Going on the pilgrimage she was able to walk the place True Father walked and her birthday was also during that time and her team/family made a choco pie cake for her.

- R. Takino -- This was the first time for her to do a 21 day CP workshop and GTG. This was very difficult for her spiritually and physically because it was also her first year of college and a lot of preparation needed to be done so she was trying to communicate with her family while in another country with a 13 hour time difference. With the mixed families there were so many different languages, and it was difficult if others didn't speak English or any other language for that matter. We had to learn to respect and love each other, but through that we learned a lot and it was a great experience.
- A. Ueda -- Attended the Blessing workshop, level 2 at UTS after the Sports Festival. There were a lot of young people from around the States. This workshop was mostly about what the process is, what you have to bring to the table, and learning if you're actually ready because many marriages end in divorce so it educated us on if we are ready for the Blessing or not.
- K. Nakamura -- Attended Momentum, a leadership retreat for CARP after the HyoJeong workshop. At first he didn't plan to attend because he didn't see himself as a leader. He saw many CARP leaders who were confident and understood God and True Parents much better than him, but he learned so much during the workshop. The people he met were super passionate about changing the culture of America, especially those of students. He decided to step up to become the Vice President for his chapter. CARP NJIT wasn't so active before, but now it's really getting active. The workshop really gave him inspiration and knowledge to take leadership in his own life. It was a 3 day workshop at Belvedere and the participants heard from the National CARP President Teresa Rischl that True Mother was driving around the property, in a way watching over them.
- K. Takino -- Attended the EPIC workshop in Gloucester at Morning Garden: Embodying Principle In Culture. It was challenging because they talked about principle for the entire day and it was too much information, but he still enjoyed it because of the loving brothers and sisters. He didn't think that much about God before, but after the EPIC workshop he is constantly thinking about God and wants to really love God and his life just looks so beautiful now.
- Y. Ozawa -- Attended the CARP Japan Trip, staffed the EPIC workshop and attended the GTGY. Felt God's calling. This is his 3rd year attending GTG and was planning to attend as a participant and was asked to be a staff. He had to make a quick decision if he should be a staff and heard God telling him He wanted him to help with this. There were about 1300 people participating in the workshop from around the world. With that many people and Cheon Pyeong being notorious for people getting sick, participants were getting sick left and right. Also, trying to manage that many youth was challenging, but he was able to learn what it means to try to take care of that many people and True Parents' heart and how they want to take care of everyone in the world. As a staff member he couldn't really focus on the lectures and content, and mobilizing 1300 people for the pilgrimage was not an easy thing, but getting to see his brothers and sisters getting enlightened and hearing their testimonies and what they learned was inspiring for him and helped him connect to God and True Parents. He is very grateful for True Mother to put together this GTG workshop.
- Naria Gaarder -- Co-directed the National Ocean Challenge Program. This was her and her husband's first time co-directing the program. The challenging part of being a leader is having many people telling you their personal opinions and having to know what the best thing to do is. HQ had invited the group to NYC for True Mother's talk in Madison Square Garden and helped to support everyone to fly from Kodiak, AK to NY. During the 2nd half of the program after attending the NYC event a lot of king salmon was caught and it was a big Blessing that everyone

could share and also bring back to the staff at HQ in NYC.

- T. Mashiro -- Attended the CARP Japan Trip. Their group met with the Japanese CARP members. They have very high standards, but very loving hearts. Meeting 1st gen who were witnessed to on the campuses was an interesting experience and gave a new perspective. They also got to see True Mother and sing her a song. There will be a Japan CARP trip next year around mid June to July. Our goal is to bring 360 ppl to Japan. It will be 2 weeks long.

#### C. Council Topics

- The council is looking for ppl to form a committee to compile and edit stories and reports about the activities in our community.
- The council is considering dedicating one of the rooms in the building to be a prayer room and wanted the congregation's opinion on which room and if there's a need for one. At the moment we are thinking to use the room next to Pastor Manoj's office (Orchid room?). When asked, no one objected to making a dedicated prayer room and about 1/3 of those present were supportive of the move.

Closed in Prayer by Mr. Alex Beebe at 1:40pm

--Secretary, Naria Gaarder