

Chicago Family Church, ACLC and WFWP Chicago's first Holy Marriage Blessing

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The Chicago Family Church, American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC), and Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) held their first joint Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony on June 24, 2017 as four couples rededicated their marriage.

Rev. Kunihiro Sagisaka, pastor of the Chicago Family Church, was the officiator of the Blessing, providing an introduction to the meaning of the Blessing, Blessing re-dedications, and the history of marriage rededications in the Unificationist movement. He notified those in attendance that there is a Blessing campaign to Bless one million Americans.

After Rev. Sagisaka's speech, the couples were led to the Blessing area by their hosts where they proceeded to complete the Holy Wine Ceremony.

Thus began the journey for the four couples to complete the Blessing. Together, through marriage, these couples now have a symbolic manifestation of their dedication to God and to improving the love in their marriage, family, nation, and the world. It was then announced that another event will be held in July to continue their education on the Blessing.

The couples celebrated the beginning of this era in their lives with one another, as they amassed for a wonderful group photo. To commemorate their marriages through the Blessing, the couples received certificates from Rev. Sagisaka. They were also given frames to go along with their certificates, so that the certificate, as well as their marriage, will be treasured. Everyone in the crowd gathered for one last applause to honor the new lives and commitment of each couple and individual. Smiles were abound in the Chicago Church center after the ceremony, with the couples reveling in their newly rejuvenated marriages while enjoying delicious baby back ribs.

REFLECTIONS:

"It is amazing. I had been thinking to myself and mentioning to Wilbur (her husband) that we should do a re-dedication of our marriage. This is right on time and from the Lord. My hubby and I really enjoyed ourselves today! Everything truly Blessed us."

– Mrs. Mary Brown

"This is a very meaningful way to appreciate each other. My wife and I have been together a long time and are now raising grandchildren. So we will be ready and waiting to learn more about the Blessing and Blessing movement of Rev. and Mrs. Moon."

-Mr. Larry O'Connor: