

## Northern Virginia Family Church held its first Special Grace Ceremony today

Werner Seubert  
August 7, 2016



Northern Virginia Family Church held its first Special Grace Ceremony today, August 7, 2016. It took place immediately after Sunday Service. Every seat was taken as Dr. Michael Balcomb, President of FFWPU USA, addressed the congregation. Visiting the Washington, D.C. area for the National Parents' Day celebration, his sermon was titled 'Grace Eternal.' He encouraged the congregation to take a realistic look at new beginnings, citing True Father's own path of struggles and breakthroughs.

After concluding Sunday Service, the pastoral couple of NVFC, Werner and Debbie Seubert, led the Special Grace Ceremony. In total, 40 people participated representing 21 different families and individuals. Holy Songs raised the atmosphere. Each family presented their new resolutions with sincere hearts and placed them into a receptacle in the front of the church. Then the Holy Wine cups were passed to each family. Wives took a first sip, and husbands received the cup and finished its contents. Children shared cups with siblings or took remaining sips from their parents'. Our Blessed Central Families tearfully listened to True Mother's benediction. The ceremony ended with three shouts of Eog Mansei. A deep sense of seriousness in appreciating Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' love for our brothers and sisters, who are representing 7.3 billion people still awaiting to be connected to their love as well, filled the hall. All wish to convey their gratitude to True Parents who once again gave their all to show their love for their children.

An elder Unificationist sister Olga Kennedy commented, "I feel a deep sense of gratitude to True Parents, and feel closer to them. Their hearts are to give us everything to fulfill God's Will and want to equip us for the battle we are in. I felt a sense of wanting to reflect Mother's heart in reaching out to love others, to encourage and support one another, and to spread God's word to bring the blessing to all. This was truly a holy event, representing the precious and sacred love of God."



Another participant, elder sister Silvia Eberly shared, "When I got home, I felt like a weight had lifted off, like a heavy stone, had fallen from my spirit. It really is a new beginning. Thank you True Parents."