

UPF Missouri Honors Three Exemplary Parents

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Maryland Heights, MO – On July 24, 2016 the Missouri Chapter of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in partnership with Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) celebrated Parents Day at the Missouri Peace Family Church at 2280 McKelvey Road. Rev. Meldon Quarells, a new friend of UPF and one of the award recipients, offered a sermon which focused upon the Family Pledge. He testified to how Rev. Moon offer a higher standard of Christianity that we should all strive for. At one point Rev. Quarells even lamented that most Christians desire to leave this evil world and meet Jesus on “the other side” when they should really be directing their energy toward serving God directly by attending His son and daughter, the True Parents, here on earth.

At the conclusion of the worship service a short celebration was held in which Rev. and Mrs. Quarells and two couples from the FFWPU received awards and recognition which honored their purity in marriage and devotion to God’s ideal of families of true love. Rev. Quarells’ sister introduced him as being the person that held their family together through many challenges as they were growing up. She gave a very heart-felt testimony that he and his wife were always there for her as she was raising her own children. There wasn’t a dry eye in the house!



Allen and Beth Shimotani were introduced by one of their three sons, Benroy, who is himself blessed in marriage and a graduate student. Benroy testified how much of a positive influence that his parents had on his decision to service the public as a city manager by studying for the profession of Public Administration.

Kim and Mary Bratti, another couple and former Missouri State Leader, were introduced by Rev. Earlice Wrice, who is one of the first members to join FFWPU in St Louis in 1969. Kim was unable to attend but his wife, Mary, accepted the award for their family that has two daughters. Adonia Hentrich, the current state co-pastor of Denver CO, is one of their daughters who has four of her own children.

The event was attended by thirty-seven people. A lot of hearts were touched and much love was shared as we continued the tradition of recognizing God centered families on Parents Day.