

New Pastors in Minneapolis, Chicago, and Washington DC

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Several Unificationist communities started the month of May with pastoral transitions, and held a Pastoral Inauguration Ceremony during their Sunday Service program on May 1.

In Minneapolis, the community welcomed Rev. Hyungtae Ha and his wife as the new District 8 Pastor. The Chicago Family Church welcomed Rev. David Rendel as their new pastor. In Washington, D.C., a new pastor trinity consisting of Achille Acolatse, Ndassi Yorkzarh, and Jean Pierre Sonna was installed and a celebration service was held for Rev. Zagery Oliver as he transitions from his role of eight years as pastor at the DC Family Church.

Pastor inauguration at the Minneapolis Family Church



Each of these communities held a beautiful ceremony for the occasion. In Minneapolis, Mrs. Amadea DeGroot was offered an award of appreciation for her service as the District 8 Representative for three years. Miilhan Stephens, Vice President of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) USA, led the community in a congregational prayer to welcome Rev. Ha.

Pastor inauguration at the Chicago Family Church



In Chicago, Pastor Johnny Porter and his family were also offered an award of appreciation. The community was very grateful for Pastor Porter for serving as an interim pastor for nine months. The ceremony concluded with a congregational prayer and a group photo.

Pastor inauguration in Washington, D.C. Family Church

In Washington, D.C., the community gathered to celebrate Rev. Oliver's significant contribution and impact, and welcome Achille Acolatse, Ndassi Yorkzarh, and Jean Pierre Sonna. Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, FFWPU North America Continental Chairman, shared a message thanking Rev. Oliver for his service as pastor for eight years.



From left, Achille Acolatse, Ndassi Yorkzarh, and Jean Pierre Sonna, new pastors of the DC Family Church

Our National Ministry Team extends a warm welcome to these new ministry leaders and wishes all the best to those who are moving on.