

ACLCL's Women in Ministry Seminar at the Dallas-Fort Worth Family Church

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Over 120 clergy, youth and Unificationists gathered at the Dallas-Fort Worth Family Church on Saturday, July 7, for the fourth seminar conducted by Women in Ministry (WIM), an initiative of American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLCL).

Archbishop George Augustus Stallings Jr., Co-Chairman of the ACLCL, delivered the theme for this year's seminar tour: "Women—God's Heralds of Good News for the Family, the Community, the Nation and the World." WIM has presented True Family Values lectures to more than 400 guests at three previous seminars in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and New York thanks to Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, the Regional Chairman of Family Federation North America, who guided the development of the True Family Values teaching material in 2014.



Rev. Marilyn Kotulek emceed the program which opened with a prayer from Pastor Robin McMiller of Austin, Texas followed by the reading of the ACLC WIM mission statement by Rev. Thelma Smith of Oklahoma and an uplifting message about the role of women in current times by Archbishop Stallings. Co-Chairman of the ACLC Dr. Michael Jenkins and Southwest Subregional Director Rev. John Jackson welcomed the guests who were ready to hear the message of the day.



The seminar presented “God’s Original Ideal” from the Principle of Creation and “What Went Wrong” from the Human Fall, as well as the Blessing of Marriage. “God’s Original Ideal” was presented by Rev. Sue Nickel from Oklahoma, founder of International Victory on the Third Day Ministries. She delivered a special message based on her life of faith and ministry and her appreciation of the words of True Father and True Mother. Her presentation brought a much deeper understanding of the Three Great Blessings and deeply touched many hearts and spirits. Dr. Glovinia Williams from Virginia, the founder of the Collegiate Training Institute, spoke on “What Went Wrong.” She conveyed the content with humility but with very firm conviction.

After a wonderful fellowship at lunch, everyone returned to the chapel where Rev. Marilyn Kotulek prepared the spiritual atmosphere. Beautiful songs were sung by Evangelists Patricia Washington, Aquilla Butler, Rita Pritchett and three of their associates. Mrs. Fusae Jackson introduced the women’s ministry, in which Japanese sisters exhibited 1,000 beautiful origami paper cranes to offer with sincere devotion to the families of the six police officers who ascended last year.

Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins explained the significance of the Marriage Blessing of True Parents and then asked all of the couples in the audience to come to the front for the Holy Wine Ceremony where Bishop Jimmy Clark and Dr. Glenda Clark delivered the Blessing Prayer.

The highlight of the event was the keynote address by Apostle Dr. Linda Holliday, the senior pastor of I’ve Been Chosen Ministries International who is still recovering from 19 major back surgeries over the past year, however, the crowd could feel she gave all she could to be able to speak in front of everyone. Her message on the theme “Women—God’s Heralds of Good News” was so spiritually anointed that the participants felt her preparation in prayer for the women who have given their lives to do God’s will. Dr. Holliday went on to testify about the amazing efforts of True Father and True Mother to bring Unificationists together and work for God’s providence.

The seminar concluded with a prayer by Archbishop Sulanch Lewis-Rose, who deeply appreciated the efforts of all the speakers, representatives and participants for coming together creating a new determination to fulfill Vision 2020 with True Parents.