

Requested Action for Universal Peace Academy

Michael Balcomb November 30, 2013

Dear Pastors and Community Leaders,

True Mother has been on the phone over the last two days asking Bishop Kim and myself to make more effort to support the Universal Peace Academy. It is one of her top priorities and I am very keen that America should respond well.

Please study the attached memo. I am asking the following:

- 1. Please announce this in church tomorrow, Sunday December 1st
- 2. Please send the memo to EACH FAMILY in your district that has young people in the target group (that is under 30, college graduates)
- 3. Please make a plan to VISIT or PHONE call to each family to make sure that they got it.

I know in some larger districts this is a considerable communication burden. However, other nations have found that this kind of personal investment and follow up is essential to generate the desired response.

Later next week we will have a conference call for UPA candidates and their families. Also, there is an opportunity for candidates to visit Korea in mid-December to make a site visit.

Dr. Michael Balcomb

President

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity



MEMORANDUM

To: USA College Graduates and their families

Fm: Michael Balcomb, President

Re: Universal Peace Academy Entering Class of 2014

Date: Saturday, November 30, 2013

I am writing to ask for your serious consideration and support for the Universal Peace Academy (UPA) which is now in the final stages of recruiting student leaders for the next class, beginning **March**, **2014**. This program is such an important priority for True Mother that she has just appointed Dr. Dong Woo Kim, previously the Continental Director of Oceania, as the new Director of UPA.

The launch of UPA in 2012 was one of True Mother's first initiatives following True Father's Seonghwa. She quickly determined that one of the top priorities for the movement going forward to 2020 is the education and training of a new generation of leadership for the church, and for all the other providential organizations and programs that True Parents created in their lifetimes.

Our movement here in United States is requested and required to support this program by nominating between **three** (3) and **ten** (10) qualified candidates each year, starting this coming March. So far, we have not submitted the name of even one candidate. In contrast, our much smaller Canadian family has already submitted the name of two candidates. Brazil has ten. We really need to act, and act now!

A special opportunity has just arisen for **up to three USA** UPA candidates to join a US Delegation travelling to Korea for a year-end program with True Mother at Chung Pyung on December 15th. This will also provide time for a "site visit" to the Cheongshim Seminary. **A travel scholarship is available.**

The UPA program is a demanding but rewarding opportunity for training for our future leaders. Candidates must have completed an undergraduate degree (any major) and must be under 30 years old at the time of application. A **full scholarship** (of tuition, room, board and all expenses except travel) is provided.

The program currently consists of three distinct stages:

- 1. A one-year immersion study in the Korean language (waived for Korean speakers)
- 2. A two year Masters level education in Korea (with national and international field work)
- 3. A two year placement in public ministry or service following graduation.

A short **3 minute video** introducing UPA can be found here. Further details about the program are available on the UPA website and from HSA-UWC HQ. I am asking as a <u>matter of urgency</u> that all pastors and community leaders in the United States make sure that news of this great opportunity and important mission call is made known to all our young adult members, and their families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Balcomb,

President