

Unification Church Parents Association Being Established

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Many of the parents who attended the National Parents Conference asked about the formation of a National Parents Association and such a group is now on the drawing boards. To be organized by states or regions, their purpose, said Mrs. Hillie Edwards, would be "increased communication and understanding, leading to a closer relationship."

Parents could join whether or not they were Church members, and could choose the extent of their involvement: They could be used as resource people on whom the Church could call for advice in specific matters; they may wish to be available to the media or to contact the media; they may write letters as parents but non-members. The associations could be coordinated by a volunteer parent or with help from the local churches, and parents may wish to meet for fellowship and discussion. Publishing a newsletter is another possible project.

There are also plans afoot for an International Parents Conference to be held in conjunction with the Washington Monument "God Bless America Festival" in September. Letters have been sent to overseas churches to determine how many parents might be interested in attending.

Those parents who wish to communicate with other parents or with Church members can also do so by writing letters to the editor of *The Way of the World* to express their views. We welcome such letters.