

## Salt Lake City FFWPU Children's Choir Performs at Mormon Tabernacle

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The Salt Lake Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) Children's Choir performed during the annual Interfaith Musical Tribute at the Mormon Tabernacle on Sunday, March 22, 2015.

The Tribute originated the Sunday before the 2002 Winter Olympic Games as a time of prayerful reflection for religious leaders and others preparing to welcome the world to Salt Lake City. It returns every year on the anniversary of the Games and is the signature event of Interfaith Month in Utah.

The FFWPU Children's Choir sang "Urie So Wonun Tongil," (Song of Unity), followed by "Principle Youth March." This was their first performance before such a large crowd, and they sang beautifully with youthful enthusiasm and zest.

The choir members are from six of the families in Salt Lake, and range in age from eight to eighteen. Erin O'Connor was the choir conductor during the performance at the Tabernacle. The choir director and piano accompanist is Eiko Takeda-Hwang, mother of three of the singers.

The children have been singing as a choir and playing musical instruments for local church holiday celebrations and special events since 2013. They performed on February 5, 2014 during an interfaith event at the Salt Lake City Family Church celebrating True Parent's birthday; and also on July 31, 2014, when the God's Hope for America pilgrimage came to Salt Lake City. The choir and string quartet performed on December 28, 2014, for their annual Christmas and New Year celebration. They are excited to expand to the interfaith sphere and share the traditional songs of Unification culture with the world.