



# **FAMILY CHURCH OF CONNECTICUT**

## **Jan – June, 2023 Report**

July 16, 2023



**Senior Pastor Naokimi Ushiroda**

# State of the Church Town Hall Meeting



# The members of the Family Church of Connecticut will:

**1. Build community  
and have fun  
together**

**2. Grow spiritually  
through inspiring  
church services and  
education programs.**

**3. Instill in each  
person a deep sense  
of purpose,  
belonging, and pride  
in who we are.**



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## **2023 PHOTO REPORT**



# New Year's Day 2023

West Rock State Park Holy Ground

Walk to the Holy Ground at West Rock State Park in New Haven. 45  
People joined in the dawn prayer service.

# New Year's Day





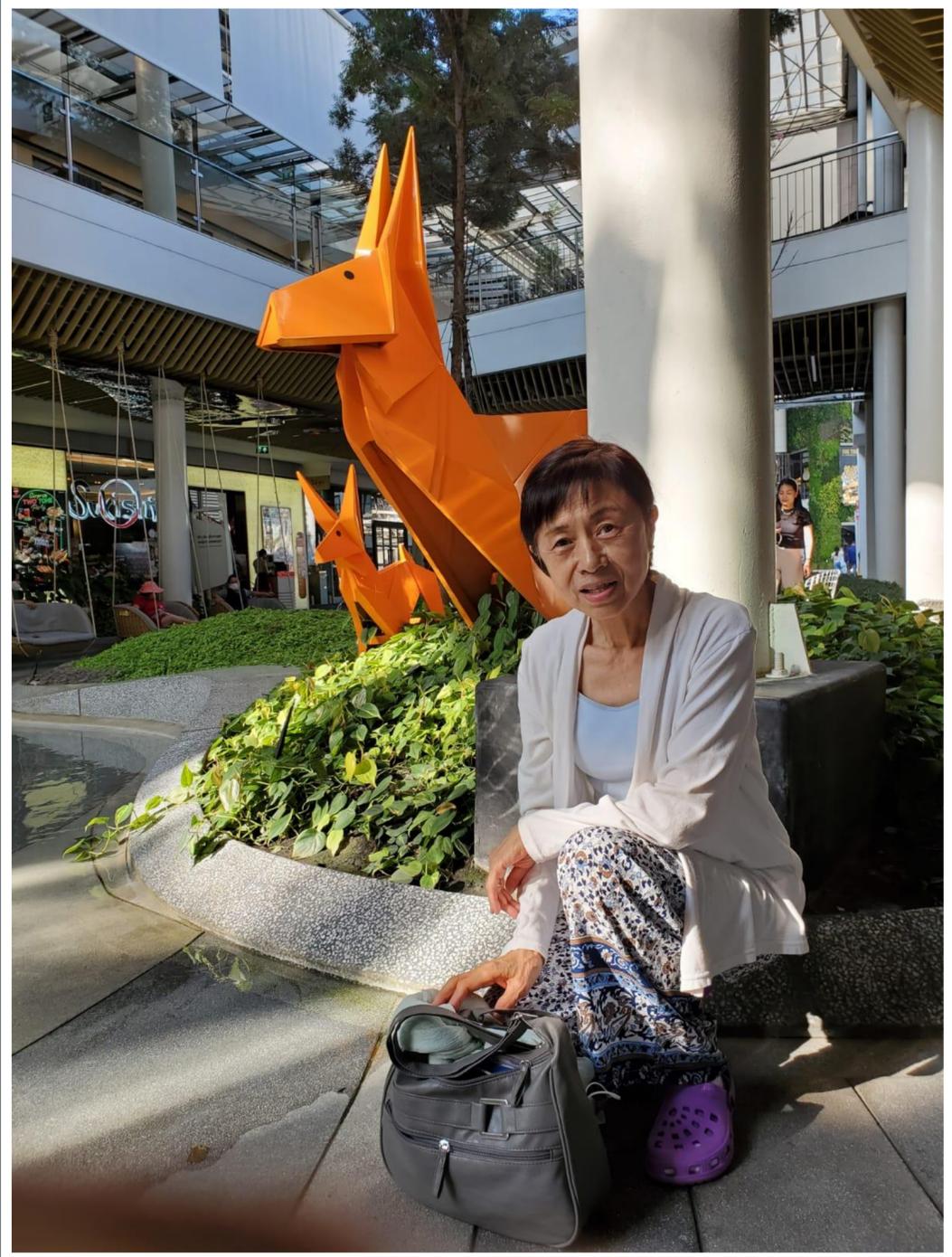




# Church Breakfast at Westville Diner

New Year's Day after the service, we all met for breakfast.

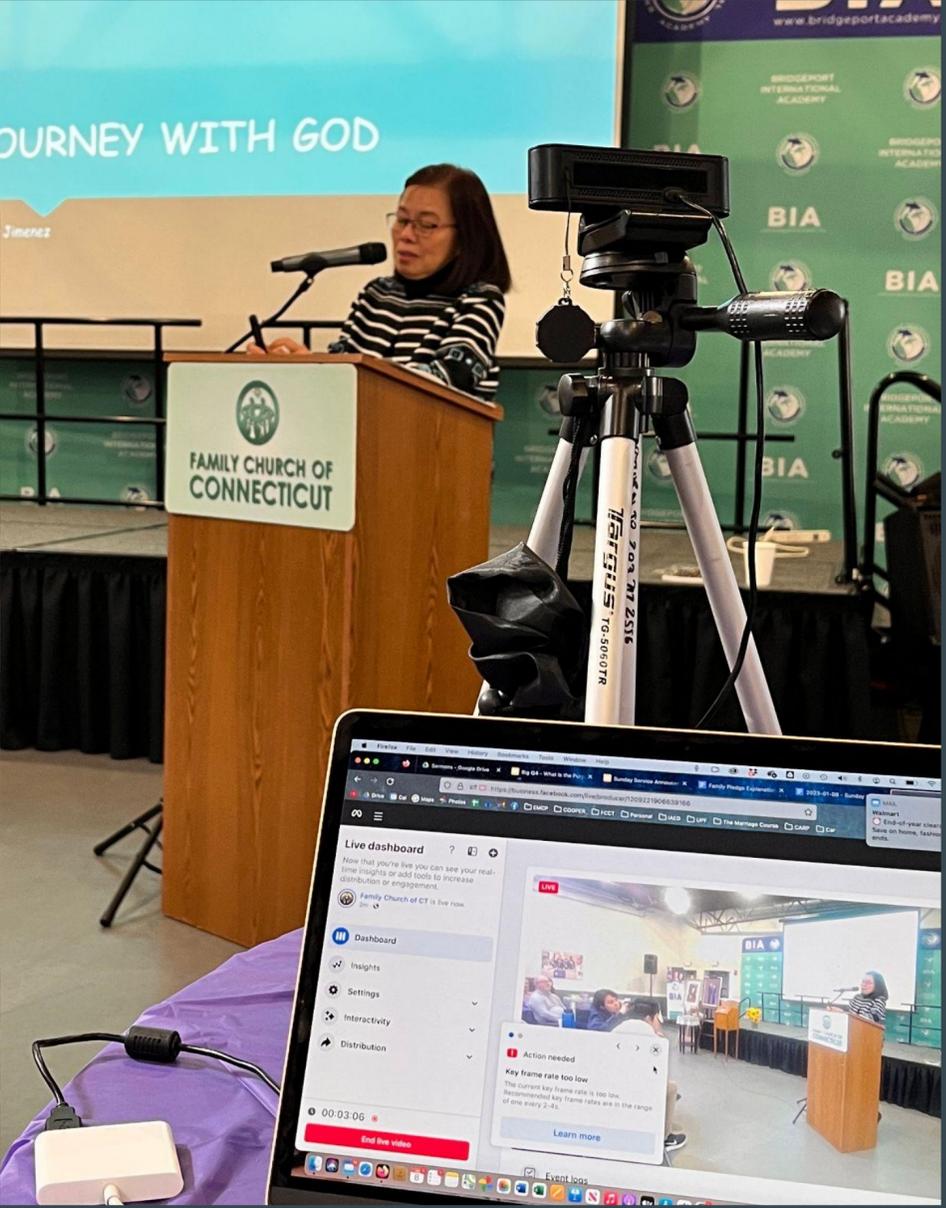
# MICHIY GORDON IN THAILAND AND CAMBODIA ON MEDICAL MISSION WITH HJ MAGNOLIA HOSPITAL



# Eva Mackin In Thailand visiting Spiritual Children



# Sermon from Pat Jimenez Live Streaming Test



# 34th Anniversary Dinner for 1275 Couples

Jan 12, 2023

Fayerweather Yacht Club





# Martin Luther King Day Program

# Career Development Workshop

Finding the Job that's Right for You!

Jan 21, 10:00AM - 12:30PM

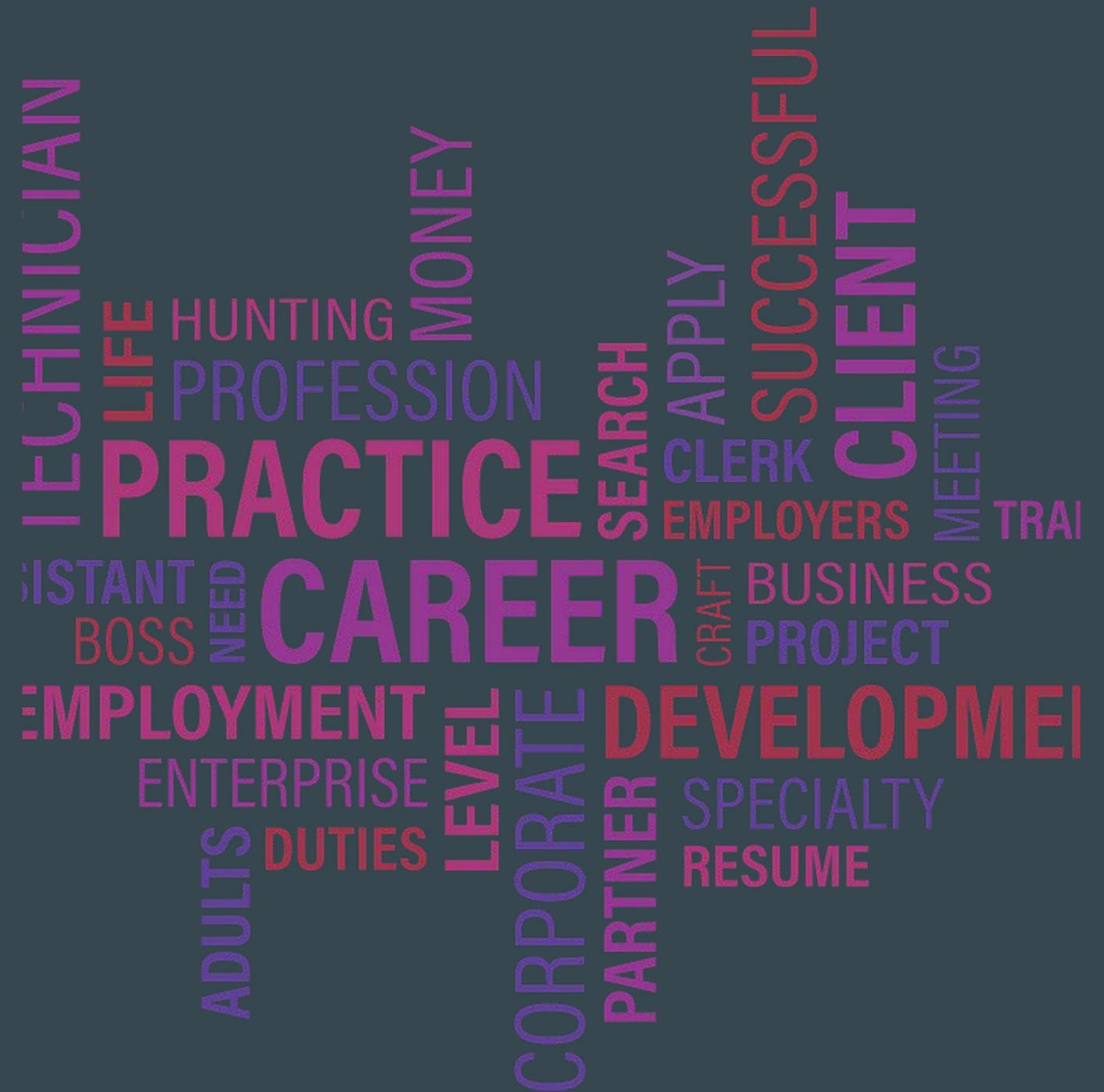
Location: Pepins Bistro - Stratford Room

Steve Boyd and Roger Wetherall help you work through the next step in your career goals

Setting your specific intention

Building a great resume

Developing your LinkedIn Profile



# Career Development Workshop

Stratford Room at Pepins Bistro



# ACLIC Prayer Luncheon

Jan 21st, 10 AM - Noon



## Prayer Luncheon

### American Clergy Leadership Conference



Keynote Speaker

## Rev. A. Iona Smith-Nze

Bethel AME Church  
Bridgeport, CT

## “Draw Near”

**SATURDAY January 21, 2023 from 10am to Noon**  
**Bpt Intl Academy**  
**283 Lafayette St, Bridgeport 06604**  
**Use Rear Entrance off Atlantic St. then Warren Court**

**For info contact:**  
**Rev. Greg Breland, 203-260-1830**  
**\$10 Love Offering**

# ACLC Prayer Luncheon

Jan 21, 2023



Pastor Daniela Wetherall gave a rousing reading of True Father's speech from 1973, "Christianity in Crisis." Everyone in the audience remained deeply engaged in the reading and really soaked it up.



Rev. William McCullough gave a response to the reading of the speech, "Christianity in Crisis." He stated this speech is as relevant today as it was in 1973! Our only hope for this country is to bring God back home.

Heavenly Parents Day

True Parents Birthday Celebration

Sun, Jan 22 10:00 AM

Pledge Service and Offering table

Sunday Service

Lunch

Yute Games and other fun activities





# Heavenly Parent's Day Pledge and Offering table

7. Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges, through Il for the sake of others, to perfect the world based on the cult heart, which is rooted in the original lineage, by centering on love.



About 110 People attended the Pledge and Sunday Service



Held a Yute game after the service with about 30 participants and \$500 in prizes



**Son of TJ and Yuki Sallah  
Linden Shinji Sallah.**

Born Jan 30, 2023



Steven Boyd - The Four Great Realms  
of Heart  
Feb 5

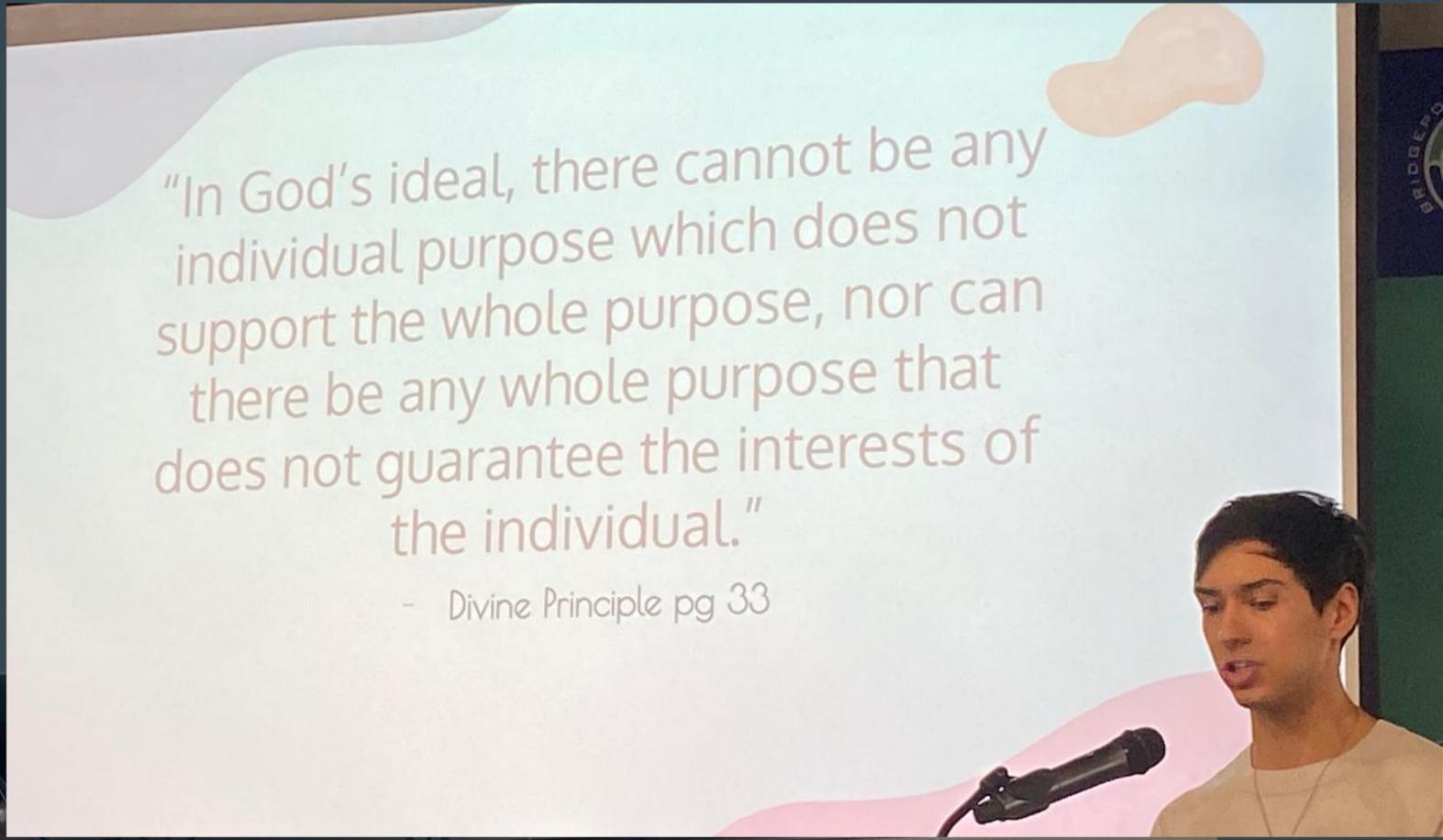




Feb 11, 2023  
Sister's Tea



Sisters Tea



Feb 12, 2023  
Youth Service  
Micas Wetherall



## Prayer Luncheon

### American Clergy Leadership Conference

Keynote Speaker

## Rev. Glen Pettway

Friendship Baptist Church  
Stratford, CT

**“Sacrifice, Service and  
Love”**



**SATURDAY February 18, 2023 at 11am**

**Family Church of CT**

**9 Warren Court, Bridgeport 06604**

**Access Parking Lot on Warren Court off Atlantic St.**

**For info contact:**

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## ACLC Prayer Luncheon - Report

Saturday Feb 18



Steven Boyd

Sun Feb 5 - "The Four Great Realms of Heart."



Sun, Feb 19, 10:30 AM – Pastor Iona Smith  
“Love Is” - Valentine’s Day Sunday Service





Sat, Feb 25, 9:00 AM Bridgeport Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance





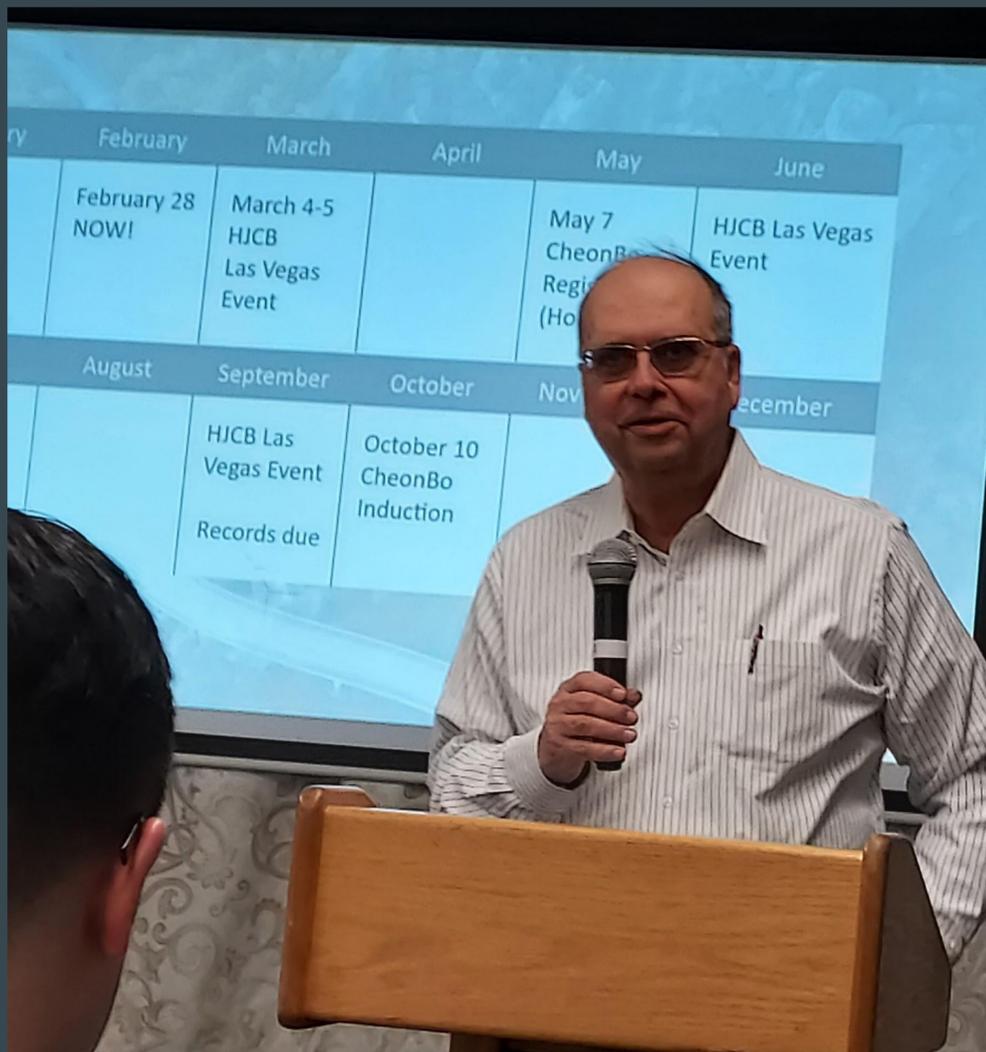
Home Groups  
Feb 25



Fri Mar 3 - Sat 4:  
Sub-regional Ministers  
retreat at UTS



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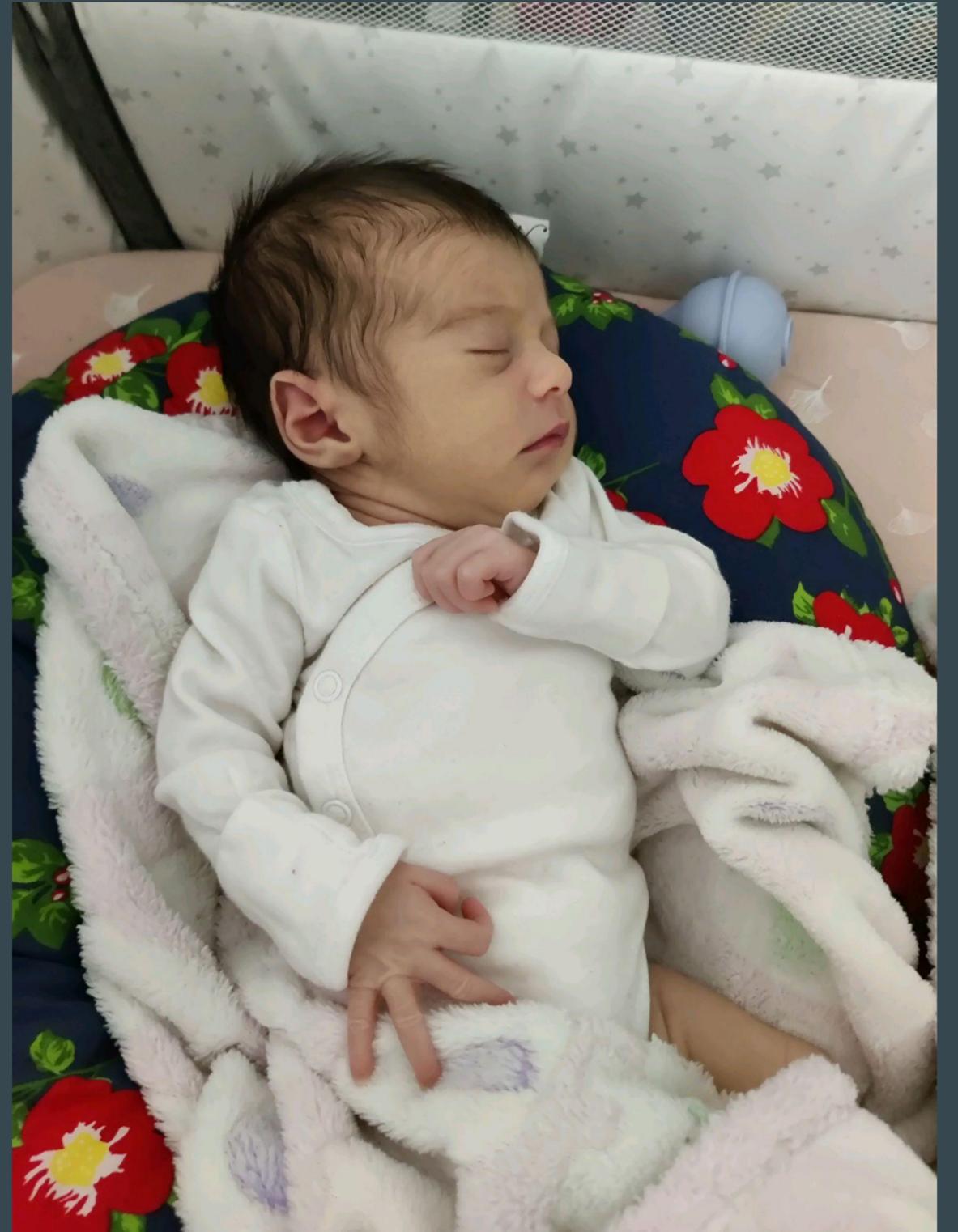
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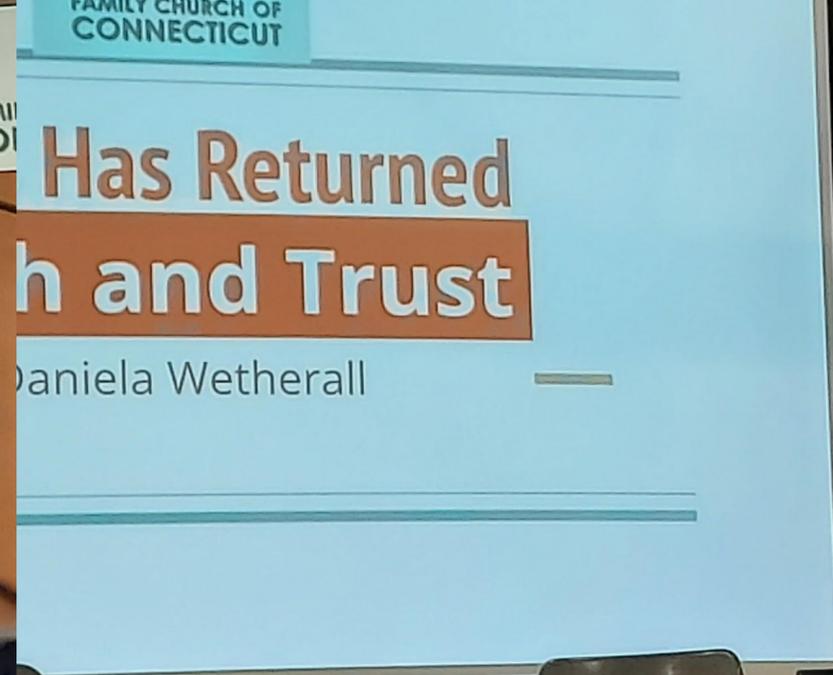
# Congratulations to Yasutake Family



Alethea Grace Yasutake, Born March 4, 2023  
Daughter of Toby and Anna Yasutake



dim, Brazil  
gust 1999



Interview Style Sunday Sermon  
Daniela Wetherall



# ***North East Ski Trip***

## ***Hit the slopes!***

Location: Victor Constant Ski Area  
at West Point, NY  
Time: 9am-7pm  
Date: March 18



SCAN ME



Price: \$50  
(Pass & All Rentals)  
\$60  
(Including Food)

Contact your Local CARP Leader for questions & concerns

# ***North East Ski Trip***

## ***Hit the slopes!***

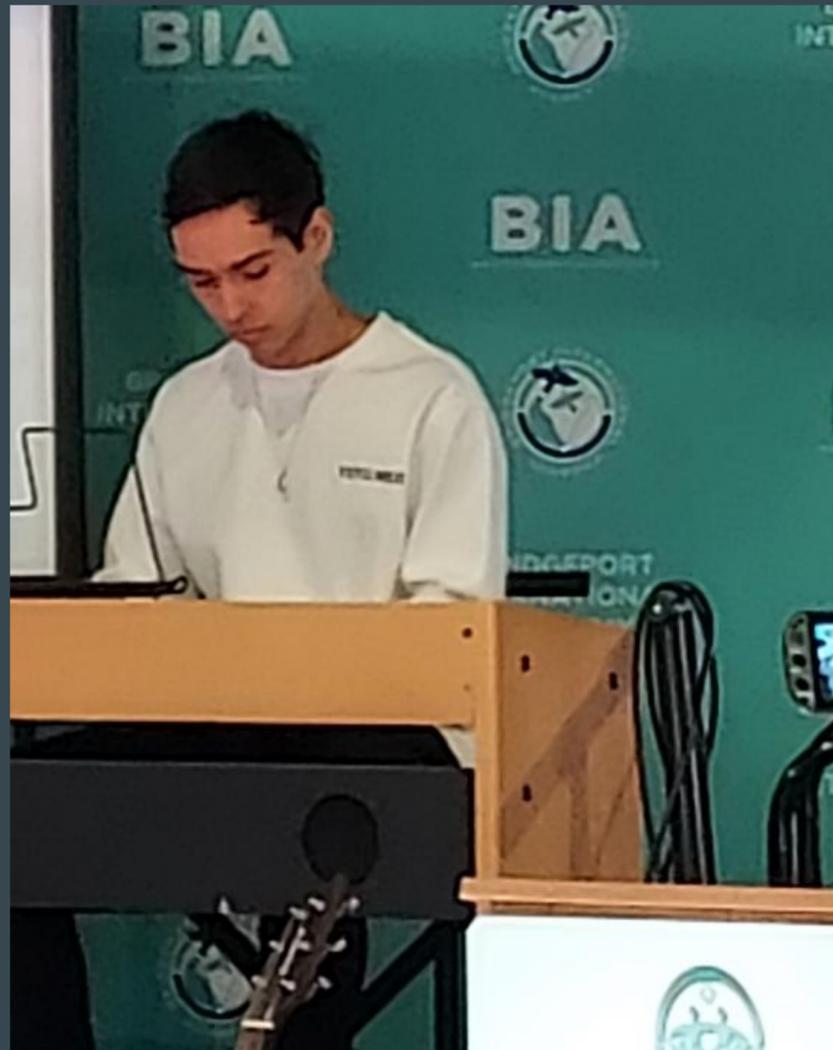
### **Instructions:**

- 1. Fill out the form**
- 2. Under group write "CARP"**
- 3. All forms must be submitted and prepaid by March 11th, 2023**

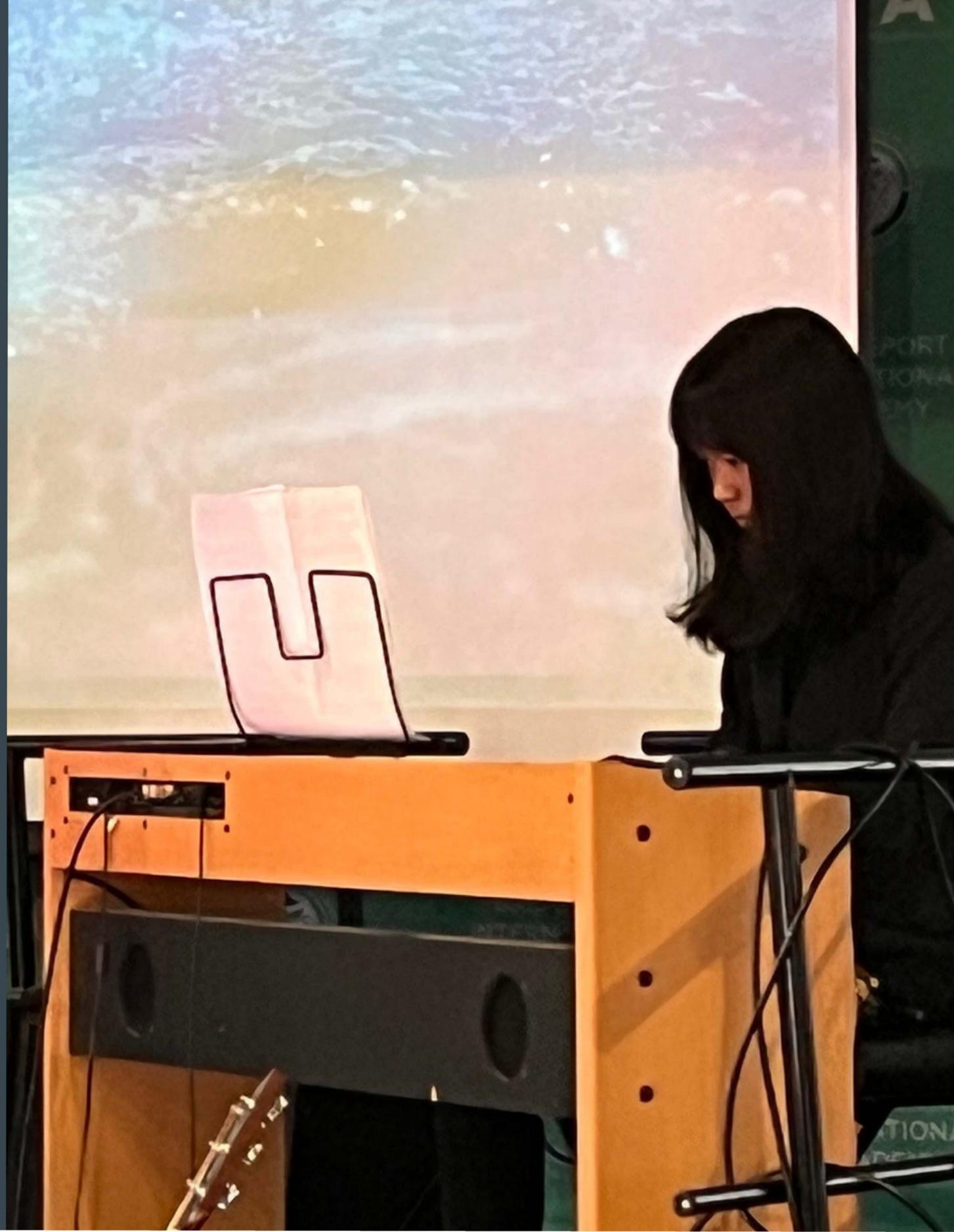




CARP and Youth Ski Trip - March 18



Praise and Worship  
Music Service  
March 19





CARP Visit from Ryota Naito - March 31



James Edgerly - A Providential  
History of America

April 2



## America: Holdup?

... family and  
... dom, peace, unity  
... rring on true love."

James B. Edgerly  
Higher Purpose Forum

with  
Rev. Zagery J. Oliver  
President, Universal Peace Federation  
Moral Black Leadership Foundation





Claude Perrottet  
Testimony from Trip to  
Kosovo  
April 9



**ACLC Prayer Lunch with  
Heavenly USA Praise Team  
April 15**



April 23  
Simone Miyazaki  
Prospective Pastor



Old Bathroom



Renovated Bathroom with new vanity and re-painted



Bathroom Renovation  
Thanks to Gustavo Jimenez

# State of the Church Town Hall Meeting





Special Grace Ceremonies  
Apr 16 and 23

About 120 people participated

# 2023 Prospective CheonBo Inductees from Bridgeport at Their Registration Blessing Ceremony

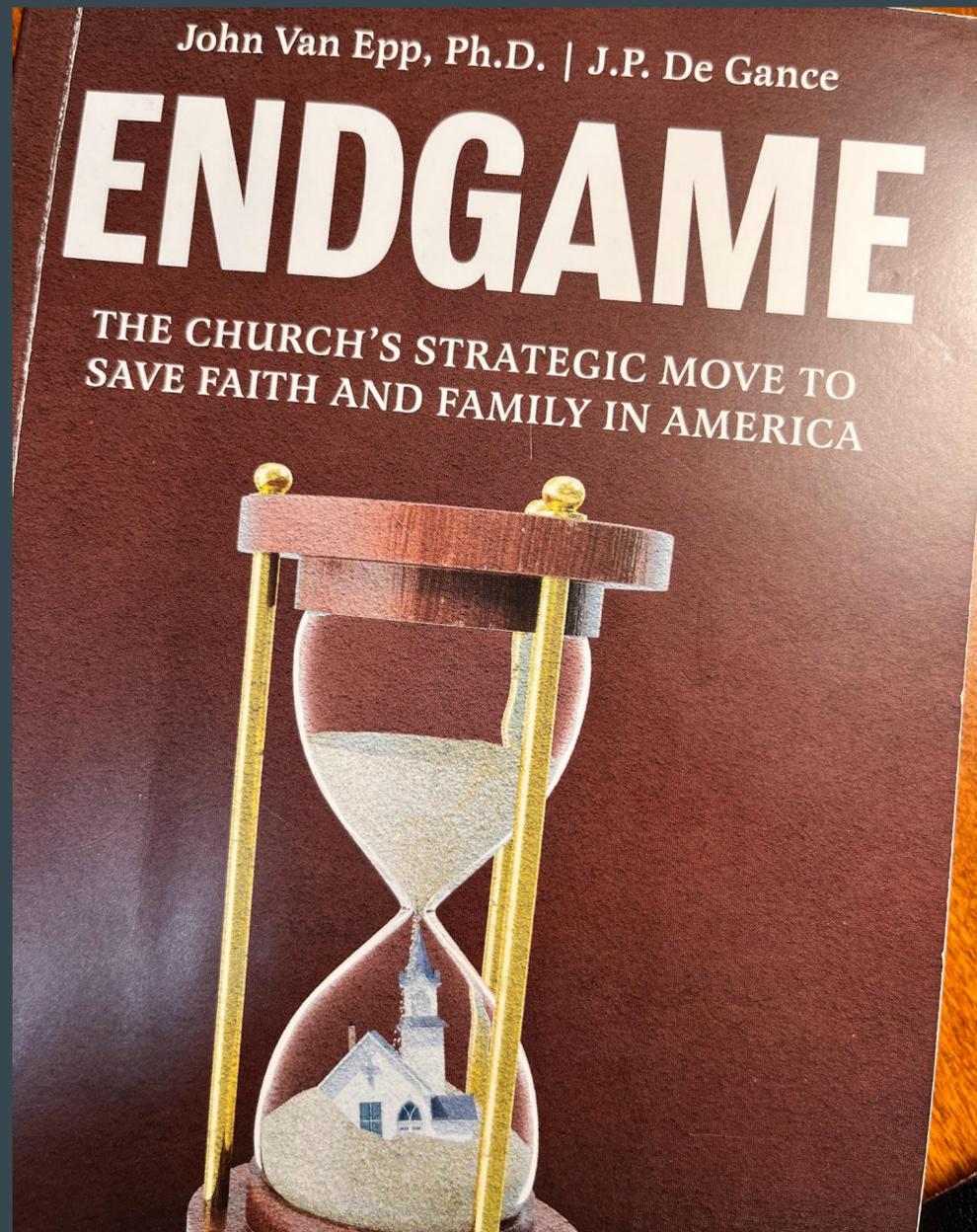
1. Steven & Colleen Boyd
2. Tony & Anthony Colombrito
3. Claude & Hitoko Perrottet
4. Karl & Katharina Zambon



# Mother's Day service- Colleen Boyd

May 14, 2023





Sermon by Roger Wetherall  
Endgame: Grace and Blessing  
May 21  
Followed by Birthday Celebration



Lucas Wetherall and Abbigail Blanchard



Shoji Torikai and JiHyun Ahn



Elizabeth LaGrotteria  
and Hector Barrantes Pineda



Daniel Kingsley and Mi Hwa Oliveira



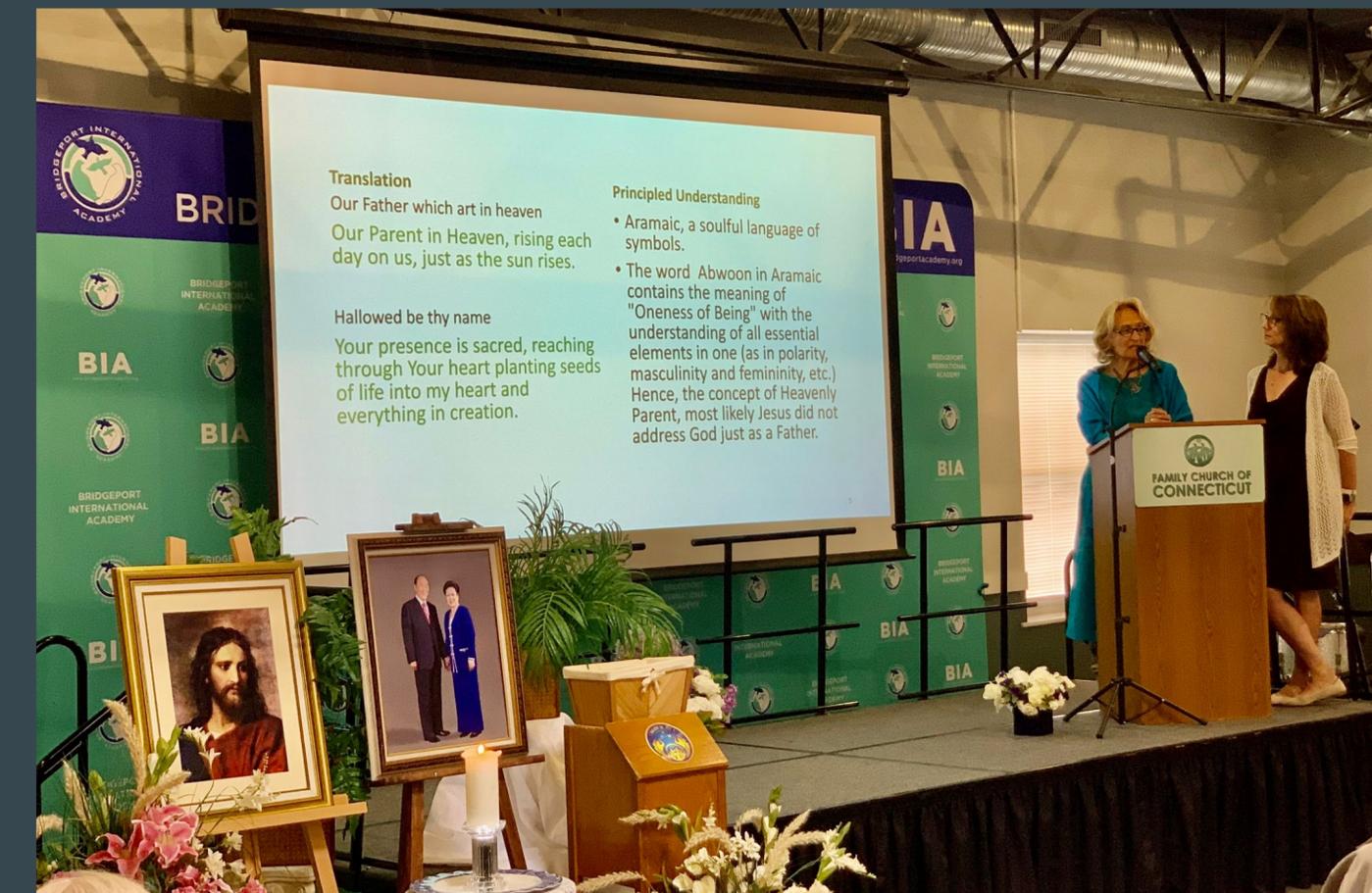
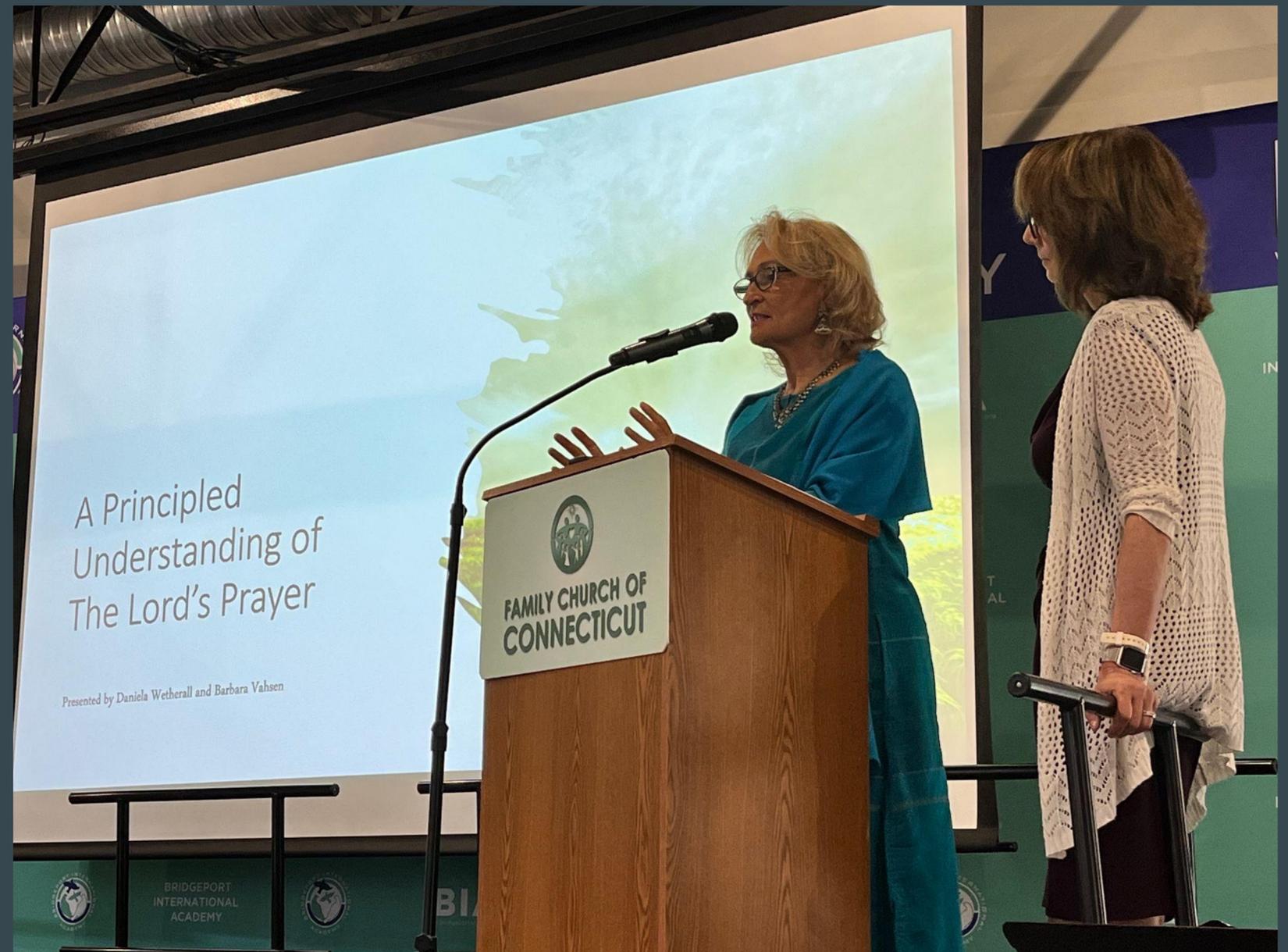
David Briganti Jr. and Emily Giampaoli



# A Principled Understanding of the Lord's Prayer from the Aramaic

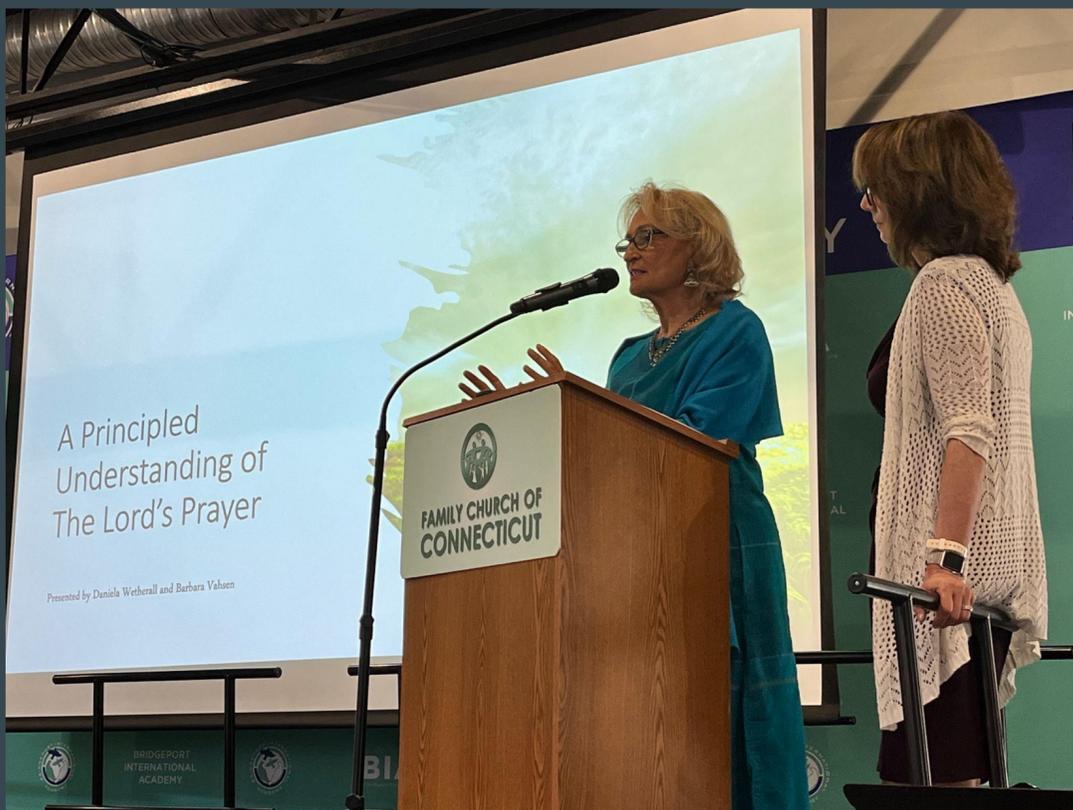
Jun 4 and 11

Daniela Wetherall and Barbara Vahsen



# Daniela Wetherall and Barbara Vahsen. "A Principled Understanding of The Lord's Prayer in Aramaic" Part 1

Sun June 4 and 11– Sunday Service



# Day of All True Things and Father's Day Barbecue Indian Well State Park, Shelton, CT



June 28 - 30

# CIG Rebirth Workshop



# *Early Bird Perks!*



From 9:45 AM till 10:20 AM free coffee and refreshments will be served in Spurgin Hall. Please come early to enjoy the brew and some good conversation with other early birds.



LATEST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MESSAGE IS AVAILABLE HERE

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# Family Church of Connecticut Website Revision

[familychurchofct.org](http://familychurchofct.org)

# FamilyChurchofCT.org

## Purpose of our Website:

Inform and give people an understanding of who we are and what we believe

Inspire curiosity to know more

Counter the negative information from the media

Link to more resources on other sites such as the Family Fed National, dplife and Blessing education Websites

Let people know what is happening in the coming weeks

Allow them to make donations and sign up for membership

### Our Leadership

The Family Church of CT is currently being led by a team of 3 couples who are serving as the Interim Pastors, while a search is being conducted for a new permanent pastoral couple. Here is a brief description of the responsibilities of each couple



### Up Coming



Sunday Fellowship  
**Easter Sunday**  
Sunday, April 9, 2023

What if you knew the answer to these questions?

**What is the purpose of my Life?**  
What if you knew the purpose of why you are here on Earth?  
[READ MORE](#)

**How do I discover the secrets of the bible?**  
The Bible is full of secrets waiting for us to unravel them.  
[READ MORE](#)

**What really happens when we die?**  
How can we really know what happens to us when we die?  
[READ MORE](#)

**What if Jesus didn't come to die?**  
Most people believe that Jesus came to die. Could there have been a different way?  
[READ MORE](#)

**Can religion and science be united?**  
Science and Religion have both been working toward the same goal, but through different perspectives  
[READ MORE](#)

**What is an ideal family?**  
What is an ideal family, and more importantly, how do I create one?  
[READ MORE](#)

### Ministry Leadership



### Music Ministry - Kent Hoffman

Kent leads the band performs every Sunday for the service and at other events when invited. If you want to be part of his band, let him know!

# Accomplishments since Sept 2022

- Increased Email Subscribers by 37, to 197 people
- 3 New Members joined
- 4 babies born
- Five young Couples received the Cosmic Blessing
- Four new Cheonbo Candidates
- Children's Ministry running regular program during school year
- SLAM holding regular workshops
- Updated website and integrated with Facebook
- Sermons are recorded and posted weekly to the website, Facebook and YouTube
- Compassion Fund established and collected \$2700. Gave out \$700
- We have continued to give 10% to Sub-region and 10% to National as a Church Tithe

# The Family Church of Connecticut will:

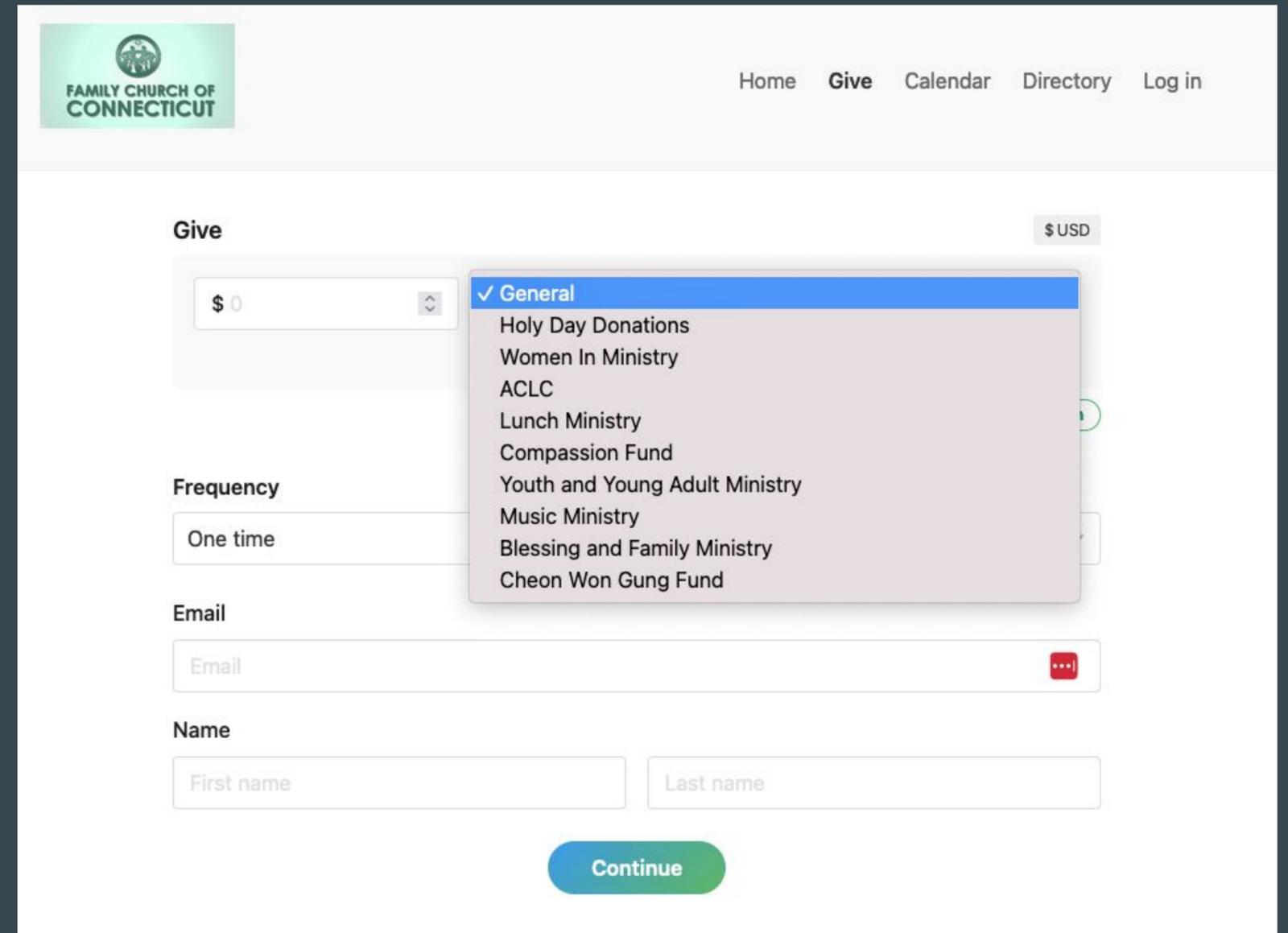
**1. Witness  
to existing or  
resting members  
through various  
activities**

**2. Witness to new  
people; friends, family  
co-workers etc,**

**3. Witness  
to ourselves so that  
we feel a sense of  
pride and hope for  
the future**

# Financial Management

- TITHING and General Donations
  - Used for paying salaries of the pastors and ministry leaders
  - Administrative Activities of the church
- FUNDS - Contributions to a specific fund go into that 'bucket'
  - Compassion Fund -
  - ACLC, Women in Ministry etc.
  - Youth Ministry
- Starter Budget is allocated to each Fund and then any balance will roll-over to subsequent years



The screenshot shows the 'Give' page of the Family Church of Connecticut website. The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, Give, Calendar, Directory, and Log in. The main content area is titled 'Give' and includes a currency selector set to '\$ USD'. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of funds: General (selected), Holy Day Donations, Women In Ministry, ACLC, Lunch Ministry, Compassion Fund, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Music Ministry, Blessing and Family Ministry, and Cheon Won Gung Fund. Below the dropdown, there are input fields for 'Frequency' (set to 'One time'), 'Email', and 'Name' (split into 'First name' and 'Last name'). A green 'Continue' button is located at the bottom of the form.

# INCOME 6-months

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
General Donations (Tithing)	\$80,000	<b>\$ 36,144</b>
Fundraising		<b>\$ -</b>
Collection	\$5,000	<b>\$ 2,307</b>
SLAM Youth Collection		<b>\$ -</b>
YAM Collection		<b>\$ 200</b>
Holy Day Donations (for FCCT)	\$2,500	<b>\$ 641</b>
Music Ministry		<b>\$ 50</b>
Books, etc.	\$300	<b>\$ 305</b>
Blessing and Family Ministry	\$1,000	<b>\$ -</b>
Women in Ministry	\$500	<b>\$ -</b>
ACLC	\$500	<b>\$ 586</b>
Food Donations	\$1,000	<b>\$ 578</b>
Special Donations (for HQ)		<b>\$ 19,502</b>
Compassion Fund	\$6,000	<b>\$ 2,750</b>
<b>Other</b>		<b>\$ 145</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$96,800</b>	<b>\$ 40,811</b>
<b>Cumulative Surplus-deficit/ budget</b>	<b>\$8,067</b>	<b>-\$7,589.00</b>

# Expenses 6-months (Sunday Service and Outreach)

EXPENSE CATEGORY	Budgeted	Actual	Funds Available	Notes
Facilities Fee to BIA/BHS	\$3,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 900	\$250/m to BIA, \$100/m to BHS
Insurance	\$1,952	\$ 976	\$ 976	\$488/quarter through National HQ
Holy Day Expenses (Food, rentals)	\$1,500	\$ 437	\$ 1,063	
Supplies (cups, plates, etc)	\$500	\$ 313	\$ 187	
Repairs, Maintenance		\$ 118	\$ (118)	Bathroom and Sink
Food	\$7,200	\$ 2,151	\$ 5,627	\$200 x 36 weeks (3 Sundays/month)
Guest Speaker Honorariums	\$500	\$ 100	\$ 400	For Guest Speakers from other churches
Music Ministry Expenses	\$800	\$ -	\$ 800	Equipment, Food for band, etc
Online Services	\$1,000	\$ 453	\$ 547	Squarepace, Faithlife, Stripe Planning Center, Google Drive
Witnessing	\$1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	Brochures and workshops
Women in Ministry	\$1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	
ACLC (net expenses)	\$1,000	\$ 1,250	\$ 336	
Books and Publications	\$300	\$ 300	\$ 305	Calendars

# Expenses 6-months (Youth and Blessing)

EXPENSE CATEGORY	Budgeted	Actual	Funds Available	Notes
<b>Young Adult &amp; Youth Ministries</b>				
Young Adult Ministry	\$0	\$ -		This is included in YAM
YAM / Slam Minister	\$3,120	\$ 1,536		Hiro Okazaki Yearly Salary
YAM / SLAM Activity	\$1,500	\$ 475	\$ 1,225	Youth Workshops and Activities
Children's Ministry	\$500	\$ 74		for books and materials
Sunday School Coordinator	\$2,000	\$ -		No minister currently
Scholarships	\$0	\$ -		See Compassion Fund
Community Events	\$500	\$ 550		Social activities
Pastoral Activity	\$1,000	\$ 55		Expenses for Pastors to provide counseling and meetings etc.
BFM Programs	\$1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	Couples and Family programs
Young Couple's Ministry	\$0	\$ -		Included in BFM Programs
Blessing	\$0	\$ 32		

# Expenses 6-months (Administration)

<b>EXPENSE CATEGORY</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Funds Available</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Payroll (Pastors)	\$27,000	<b>\$ 13,332</b>	<b>\$ 13,668</b>	for Jimenez and Boyds -includes fees
Payroll (Asst. Pastor) (Youth Pastor)	\$15,000	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	Person to be hired - includes fees
Payroll (Bookkeeper)	\$0	<b>\$ 25</b>	<b>\$ (25)</b>	Bookkeeper does not currently take pay as is also a Pastor
Office Supplies	\$400	<b>\$ 106</b>	<b>\$ 294</b>	Does not include Online service costs
Credit Card Fee	\$400	<b>\$ 187</b>	<b>\$ 213</b>	for donations through Square
Administrative	\$2,200	<b>\$ 1,020</b>	<b>\$ 1,180</b>	audit fee \$170/mo
Tithe to District (SR1)	\$8,000	<b>\$ 3,502</b>	<b>\$ 4,498</b>	10% of tithing
National Tithe	\$8,000	<b>\$ 3,502</b>	<b>\$ 4,498</b>	10% of Tithing donations
Professional Development	\$2,000	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	Coaching and Education for Church Leaders
Bank Fees	\$100	<b>\$ 201</b>	<b>\$ (101)</b>	
<b>Sub Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$63,100</b>	<b>\$ 21,875</b>	<b>\$ 41,225</b>	

# SUMMARY

Starting Bank Balance: \$137,700

<b>EXPENSE CATEGORY</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Funds Available</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$96,800</b>	<b>\$ 40,811</b>		
<b>Sub-total Sunday Service</b>	<b>\$16,452</b>	<b>\$ 6,648</b>	<b>\$ 9,804</b>	
<b>Sub-total Witnessing</b>	<b>\$3,300</b>	<b>\$ 1,550</b>	<b>\$ 1,750</b>	
<b>Sub-total Youth Programs</b>	<b>\$7,120</b>	<b>\$ 2,085</b>	<b>\$ 5,035</b>	
<b>Sub-total BFM</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$ 637</b>	<b>\$ 1,863</b>	
<b>Sub-total Administrative</b>	<b>\$63,100</b>	<b>\$ 21,875</b>	<b>\$ 41,225</b>	Includes Payroll
<b>Total Expense (w/o Special Donations)</b>	<b>\$92,472</b>	<b>\$ 32,795</b>		
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$4,328</b>	<b>\$ 8,016</b>		

Ending Bank Balance: \$141,000

# Tithing Analysis

- If 10 families donate 1 tenth of whatever they make, then we will have enough to support a pastoral family full-time.
- If 20 Families give 5%...
- The Average family in CT earns about \$70,000/year = \$400/month in tithing.

However...

- Only 32 individuals or couples in our congregation donate on a regular basis.
- Only 15 individuals or couples give more than \$40/month
- Only 6 families donate more than \$400/month (They are not the ones you think)
- 40 families giving an average \$200/month is needed for a medium-size church

We need to give our new pastors a living wage!

# Focus on Church Growth

## Small Church

- 10 – 40 active members
- Less than \$8K/m in contributions
  - No Pastor

## Medium Church

- 40 - 100 members
- More than \$8K/m in contributions
  - Part-time Pastor

## Large Church

- > 100 members
- More than \$20K/m in contributions
  - Full-time Pastor and Pastoral Team

Active = participation weekly in Sunday Worship and tithing (>\$40/person every month)

# Other Stuff

- CARP is now part of FFWPU - The college ministry of the church
- Unification Theological Seminary has changed it's name to *HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership*
- Grow the Church in Spirit and Truth and Numbers
- We are looking into the possibility of establishing a CheonShimWon in Bridgeport
- New Pastor, Simone Miyazaki, to be inaugurated on Sunday, Aug 20