

## **Special Grace Ceremony at the Unification Family Life Center in Kansas City, KS**

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On August 7, 2016 after Sunday Service we held a Holy Wine Ceremony at the Unification Family Life Center in Kansas City, Kansas. Rev Claudio Melgarejo opened the ceremony with three Holy Songs and Mr. John O'Connor gave an invocation. Then Rev. Saarna gave a talk on the significance of the Holy Wine and Holy Items. After that each participant submitted resolution forms and we proceeded with the Holy Wine Ceremony. Then we watched True Mother's moving benediction and ended with Mr. Don Marsolek's three cheers of Eog Mansei. We burned our resolution forms in our BBQ grill since it is difficult to get a burning permit here in Kansas.

A new first-generation Unificationist asked Rev. Saarna why we burn the resolution forms and Rev. Saarna answered that when we burn them we burn our sins away, too. One brother shared that his motivation to attend the ceremony was in response to True Mother's desire for us all to unite. Another brother said he wrote that he determined to forgive people who judged him on his resolution form. A total of 17 people participated including six second-generation Unificationists. It was a beautiful ceremony.