

Ministry Work and Fellowship in Virginia

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Unificationists in Maryland and Virginia have been busy with numerous events this summer. The Northern Virginia (NOVA) Family Church Learning Center in Fairfax, VA was the site of the quarterly district council meeting for District One Pastors on Saturday, August 1, 2015. Local pastors from Baltimore to Norfolk as well as national representatives Rev. Hiroshi Inose and Rev. Michael Jenkins, made up the 26 participants.

For those gathered, it was an important time to talk about challenges, brainstorm solutions and reaffirm their commitment to ministry. Those at the meeting reinforced True Mother's desire for educated leadership, authentic dialogue and empowerment on the local level. Those present all expressed a desire to organize outreach and to evangelize the Divine Principle and the power of the Holy Marriage Blessing. It was a chance to make new goals as well as reaffirm their roots in True Parents' teachings.

Then, on Sunday, August 2, the Richmond, VA community welcomed young Unificationist couple Brian and Clareen Eberly who gave a talk at the Sunday gathering of "Family Centered Devotional Study." Also gathered were the NOVA and Richmond congregations, Richmond IFC co-pastor Ayano Ishii-Adrien and Father Bayo Adrien. The young couple's presence brought a bright spirit as they were able to share fellowship with other young adults, and share their experiences.



The community had two more events on the weekend as well, a Divine Principle Education at the NOVA Family Church on Saturday, August 8, and a potluck lunch including a presentation on the topic “Repentance, Reconciliation, Revival and Restorative Relationship-Remembering Together”, on August 9, 2015.