

Holy Wine and Special Grace Ceremony in Omaha Family Church, Nebraska

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On July 31, 26 first- and second-generation Unificationists participated in the Holy Wine and Special Grace Ceremony at the Omaha Family Church. The ceremony was led by Rev. Mark and Yoko Lincoln.

Together they sang holy songs, including the Cheon Il Guk National Anthem in Korean. One participant mentioned that he was moved by the anthem because he lived in Korea for several years, and has recently felt a longing for the original language of True Parents. After the songs, young Unificationist Yuki Asanuma played beautiful background music during the submission of resolution forms and the Holy Wine ceremony, which helped to create a serene and holy atmosphere.



The most common item mentioned in participants' reflections was the video of True Mother's benediction: her beautiful face and her sorrowful prayer because of the wrong direction in the life of faith that so many have taken. One brother wrote that he felt a deeper embrace of love from Heavenly Parent and True Parents than he had ever felt before, and one sister said she felt the same feeling while reading the Cheong Seong Gyeong the day before the ceremony.

Another sister wrote that the 40-day prayer condition prior to the ceremony was the most deep and uplifting experience for her. She felt her inner mind begin to awaken. Another sister wrote that the ceremony was very holy and that she was honored to be a part of it.

The Canarskys were the host family. They brought a nice and plentiful lunch to share with everyone once the ceremony was completed. Rev. Mark and Yoko Lincoln are planning to hold a shorter version of the ceremony on August 14 before Sunday Service for those who couldn't make it for the first ceremony.

