

The Inauguration of Southeast Subregional Director Ernest Patton

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An overflowing crowd of more than 350 people gathered at the New Hope Family Church to attend the inauguration ceremony for the new Southeast Subregional Director, Rev. Ernest Patton.

The President of Family Federation for a Heavenly USA, Rev. Richard Buessing led the inauguration ceremony and delivered a heartfelt Sunday sermon. In his sermon, Rev. Buessing encouraged everyone to believe in the miraculous power of unity with True Mother and the progress of the Unification movement.

The inauguration ceremony was conducted with a spirit of honor and embrace. Co-Chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) Dr. Michael Jenkins offered congratulatory remarks, providing context for the recent structural changes in the American Unification movement while lauding the Pattons as loving and faithful to True Parents. Rev. Buessing noted that True Mother was directly involved in the selection of the five new subregional directors and that the new positions convey a heightened national responsibility to fulfill Vision 2020 for True Parents.

Rev. Patton and his wife Keiko shared about their repeated prayers at the White House Holy Ground prior to being appointed as Southeast Subregional Director. Although Keiko was initially surprised that other pastors with more powerful leadership styles had not been chosen, she expressed great faith that as she, her husband, and the rest of the Unification movement unite with True Mother, we can create miracles and build a heavenly culture.

Following the Pattons' moving messages, Rev. Buessing asked everyone to create a circle of prayer to conclude the inauguration. Many important Unificationist representatives offered a powerful unison prayer with the greater determination to bring joy to True Parents as they welcome the new changes in the Unification movement.

