



UNIFICATION CHURCH USA  
HOLY SPIRIT ASSOCIATION FOR THE UNIFICATION OF WORLD CHRISTIANITY

## **Important Information on the Interim National Council from headquarters**

Hyung Jin Moon  
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Dear Members and Blessed Central Families,

Thank you for your support of the newly-elected District Councils and their role in selecting new Interim District Pastors. These leaders will be officially inaugurated tomorrow and begin serving their Districts immediately.

The following statement defines the role and responsibilities of the Interim National Council which serves on a national level in our new system of governance.

### **ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INTERIM NATIONAL COUNCIL**

The Interim National Council is an advisory and advocacy body that works with the National President to revitalize and grow the Unification Church in America.

#### Composition

1. The National Council is comprised of one representative from each of the twelve Districts, and key National Department Leaders.
  - 1a. District representatives are to be nominated by the District Councils by December 10, 2012 from among their members or others from the District. Nominations require confirmation by the National President.
  - 1b. District representatives who are not members of a District Council are to join their District Council as a non-voting observer to gain knowledge of District issues and concerns.
2. The National Council has a Chairperson and Secretary as officers. The Chairperson is the National Executive Vice President and the Secretary is elected by the Council. Optionally, a Vice Chairperson may be elected.
3. For there to be a quorum, no more than two Council members may be absent from a National Council meeting.
4. National Council recommendations are approved by simple majority vote, for confirmation by the National President.
5. National Council representatives are volunteers and receive no compensation other than for travel expenses and any other out-of-pocket expenses related to attending National Council meetings.
6. National Council representatives serve a one-year term.

#### Responsibilities

1. National Council representatives work with their District Councils to prepare reports and recommendations on the types of support needed from National Headquarters.
2. National Council representatives also serve on working subcommittees, including at least the following:
  - Evangelism: church growth, education, marketing, etc.
  - Blessed Family: Blessing preparation, youth ministry, traditions, etc.
  - Polity: developing a national charter for local church governance
- 2a. Each representative is to submit a list of preferences for his/her subcommittee service, in order of first, second or third preference. Based on the preferences, the Executive Vice President assigns each subcommittee with four District members (not necessarily the representatives' first preference). Related National Department Leaders also serve on the subcommittees.
3. The first meeting of the National Council will be held by teleconference in January, 2013. Afterward, subcommittees are to work remotely in preparing their recommendations. The entire Council is to speak monthly to review progress.
4. An in-person convocation of the National Council will be scheduled during the second quarter of 2013, as a two to three-day meeting in New York. Recommendations from the Districts and subcommittees will be discussed by the entire Council and presented to the President.
5. Confirmed recommendations of the National Council are to be taken back to the Districts for review, discussion and eventual ratification.
6. The National Council is to conduct ongoing conference calls and/or web meetings to address national issues.
7. Minutes of all National Council meetings are to be recorded and submitted to National Headquarters.

Of utmost importance to the effectiveness of the National Council is that District Councils select representatives who are qualified for this important and influential role. We expect the National Council to be comprised of representatives who have 1) demonstrated a longstanding commitment to their local church, and 2) have credentials and experience directly related to church health, growth and governance. We urge the District Councils to be mindful of these expectations when selecting their representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hyung Jin Moon', written over a large, loopy scribble.

Hyung Jin Moon  
President, Unification Church. America