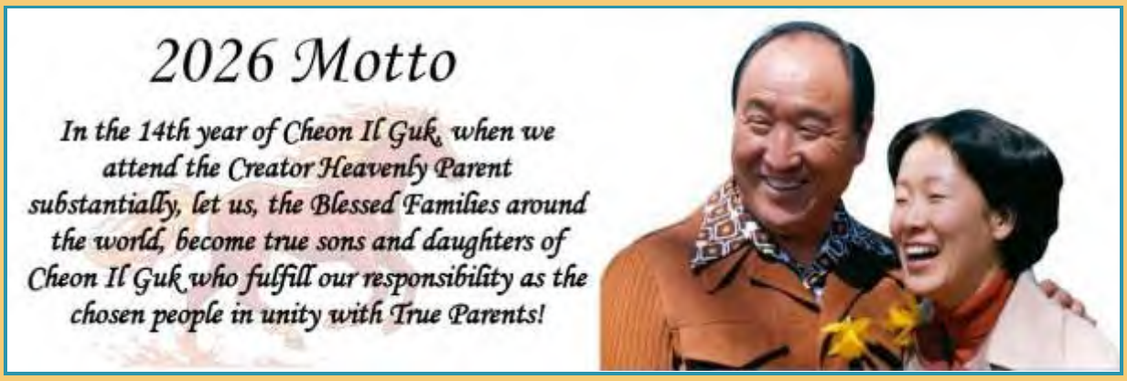
New Jersey Family Church Clifton ENEWS: In Loving Memory of Manuel Liba

Barbara Robertson
October 20, 2026



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In Loving Memory of Manuel Liba
February 24, 1956 – October 16, 2026

Manuel Liba, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, a man of deep faith, and an accomplished mariner, passed away on October 16, 2026, in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Manuel was born in West Berlin, Germany, on February 24, 1956. He was five years old when the Berlin Wall went up in 1961, separating his mother from her sister until the wall fell in 1989. Growing up in a divided city and navigating the complexities of family life, Manuel found a spiritual home in the Unification Church in 1976, beginning a lifelong commitment to his faith and community.

After completing a one-year fishing mission in England, he came to America in 1979. On July 1, 1982, he took part in the 2,075 Couples Blessing at Madison Square Garden and was later chosen as one of twelve people to join the Ocean Church providence. His early years at sea included tuna fishing in Gloucester, Massachusetts, crab dredging aboard the *Sea Hope*, and work aboard the *Golden Sea* in Norfolk, Virginia.

In December 1989, True Father assigned him to captain the *First Hope II*, a role that would define much of his life and service. From 1990 to 1996, he longlined for tuna and swordfish out of Jersey City, New Jersey. From 1997 to 2004, he worked in boatbuilding and repair at Master Marine in Jersey City and Little Ferry, New Jersey. During this time, he also closely served True Parents around the boats and whenever they went out fishing. He also made multiple trips delivering boats to places such as Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, and Alaska.

In 2006, he joined NY Waterway, where he served as a ferry captain until 2022, carrying many passengers across the New York and New Jersey waterways. During this time, his colleagues came to know him as Captain Manny. A defining moment came on January 15, 2009, when he witnessed US Airways Flight 1549 make its emergency landing in the Hudson River. He immediately headed toward the scene, and his ferry was the second to arrive to help rescue passengers in what became known around the world as the Miracle on the Hudson. He later took part in the filming of *Sully*, the 2016 film about the event, operating a ferry as he had on that historic day.

Throughout his career, Manuel volunteered with NJ Ocean Church and became a cornerstone of its fishing and boating programs. He led young people and community members on trips, tournaments, and youth programs from Montauk, New York, to coastal Maine. He was especially devoted to *Ocean Glory*, a 28-foot Good Go boat designed by True Father. Formerly known as the Wider boat, it was named by Manuel and lovingly maintained by him. Through these programs, he gave countless people the chance to experience the excitement of going out to sea.

When he wasn't on the water, he enjoyed hiking, watching Studio Ghibli films, listening to music and singing, especially Korean songs. He kept a curious mind and always tried new things, including rollerblading and archery. His warm, outgoing personality made ordinary moments more fun, and he was happiest sharing laughter with friends and colleagues. Family was also at the heart of his life. He was recently promoted to "Opi" (grandpa in German) and was an enthusiastic playmate to his granddaughter, Mika, who recently celebrated her first birthday.

Manuel will be remembered for his faith, dedication to his community and family, his years on the water, and the laughter he shared with all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Chiyoe; his daughters, Mina and Mimiko; his granddaughter, Mika; his son-in-law, Kevin; and his sisters, Heidi and Marion.



Viewing

Saturday, October 24th, at 11am

SeongHwa Ceremony

Saturday, October 24th, at 1pm

Location: NJ Family Church of Clifton

78 DeMott Ave, Clifton, NJ 07011

Dress Code:

- Men: Suit with White Tie
- Women: White/Beige Dress/Suit
- Or Sunday Best

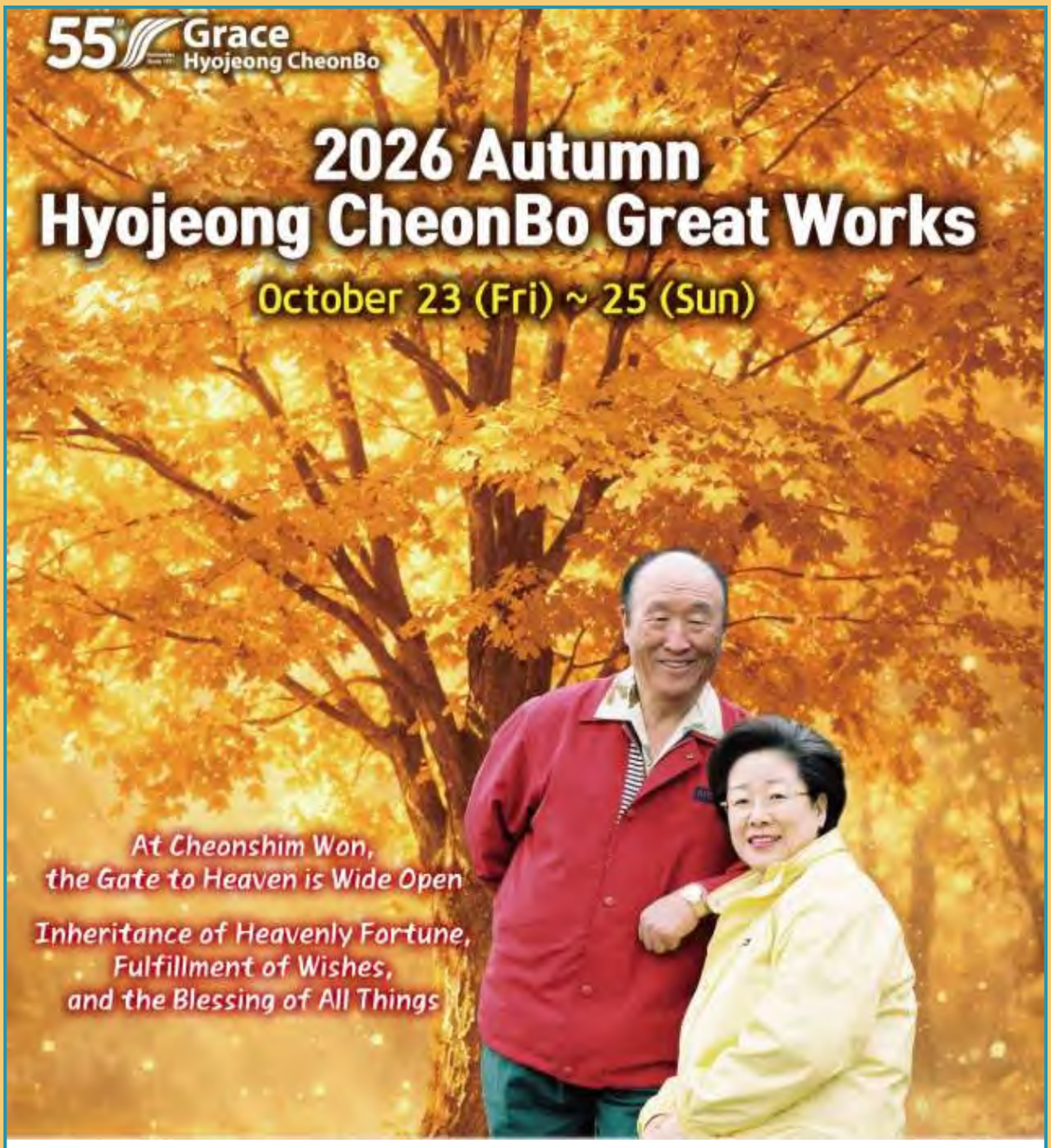
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Register for "Peace Queen Cup"



The final Great Works in Korea for this year, the "**2026 Autumn HJ CheonBo Great Works,"** will be held from October 23 to 25, 2026 (Korea Standard Time). The members in the US will be able to participate in the chanyang sessions through the CheonBo Korea website.

In addition, at the Autumn Great Works every year, CheonBo holds the "Prayer at the Tree of All Things," where we inherit the holy candles. In order to inherit the holy candle, we need to register for the Great Works and participate in the "Prayer at the Tree of All Things".

Register for "2026 Autumn HJ CheonBo Great Works"


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Pastor's Forum



Dr. Tanya Edwards
World Christian Leadership Conference

Rev. Bruce Grodner
Executive Director, WCLC

Saturday, October 24, 2026 @ 9:30 AM

78 DeMott Ave. Clifton NJ 07011

- *Join us and bring your Bible with you*

DONATION
$10.00

RSVP to:
Pastor Atsushi Takino (201) 355-9905
Misayo Bien (973) 432-5742



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

ATTENTION: Golden Age Members
And those nearing the age to receive Medicare

DATE: Sunday, October 25th
TIME: 12:30pm – 2:30pm
LOCATION: Magnolia Room
Suggested donation: $5 (to cover the cost of snacks)

Speakers:
Jennifer Yoshiro - MC
Sandra Stott - Medicare and financial preparations
Eriko Endo – Cemetery

Sandra will be available to answer questions you may have about qualification for Medicare, Medicare services, Enrollment, Choosing a plan, Coverage limitations, out of pocket costs and so much more.



Register for "God's Dream One Family Seminar"

Ambassador for Peace Assembly



Building a More Peaceful World Together

Saturday, October 31, 2026

10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Clifton City Hall
900 Clifton Ave.
Clifton, NJ


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Family Church
Raking
Volunteer Service
We are happy to serve you!
As the fall season brings falling leaves,
we are offering our time and effort
to help keep our community clean and beautiful.
November 1, 2026
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Contact:
Thank you
for being a part of
our community!



CheonShimWon Prayer Vigil



In-person NJ CheonShimWon Midnight Prayer Vigil

NJ Family Church
from 10:50pm to 1am
Monday through Friday

Connect directly to Las Vegas CheonShimWon Night Vigil

from 11pm to 1am
Monday through Friday

Click Here for the Zoom Link

Ongoing Reminders



Explore the Living a Blessed Life educational series, a journey through key teachings on God, faith, True Parents, the Marriage Blessing, blessed families, true love, and building God's dream.

Each session explores foundational ideas about developing a relationship with God, understanding His purpose for humanity, strengthening our families and communities, and living a life centered on faith, love, and service.

Follow the series to learn, reflect, and discover how these teachings can be applied to our daily lives.

Click Here to Watch the Video Series



HyoJeong Offering Paper

HyoJeong Offering Papers are papers you can write your prayer requests and offer it to Heavenly Parent in the Cheon Shim Won prayer hall. You can receive one at the NJ Family Church! There are 3 different levels with differing offering amounts listed below:

- **Gold - $100**
- **Silver - $50**

- **Bronze - $30**

You can offer your donation and receive them in the foyer on Sunday or contact Mrs. Eriko Endo at erikoendo@hotmail.com



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The Northeast Subregional staff has created a website where you can access all the resources you need to share about Peace Starts with Me. This includes presentation slides of the 3 lecture series (Spanish version too!), survey, online membership form, video lectures, and more!

Click on the link below to open your Peace Starts with Me package now!

Click Here to Open the PSWM Package

Community Prayers



View the Prayer List

Make a Prayer Request

Donate to NJ Family Church







Request a Meeting with Lead Pastor Barbara Robertson

Request a Meeting with Associate Pastor Atsushi Takino

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