

THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (NLTP)



VISION:

The National Leadership Training Program (NLTP) will raise young leaders who will be the forerunners in transforming America and supporting the establishment of one God-centered human family

MISSION:

NLTP is a half-year to one-year program specializing in the education of college students and college graduates to become exemplary leaders who can serve and transform communities through the college campuses. We believe the foundation of leadership is a lifestyle of living for the greater good and the establishment of one's own God-centered ideal family. Therefore, NLTP will provide cognitive and experiential education to challenge one's limitations, practice a principled life style, and develop a God-centered viewpoint.

PROGRAM DESIGN:

INTERNAL COMPETENCIES:

NLTP provides fundraising and witnessing trainings to build up internal leadership capabilities such as "alignment to the vertical axial line", "living for sake of others", "ownership", "teamwork" and "dream big",

EXTERNAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS:

NLTP develops external leadership skill sets through hands-on training in designing programs and organizing projects.

GUIDANCE TO ESTABLISH IDEAL FAMILIES:

NLTP provides guidance to each participant to support in establishing one's God-centered ideal Blessed Central Family, which is a necessary competency for any future leader.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS:

1. Current college students
2. Recent college graduates
3. 2nd Gen members, young 1st Gen core members
4. Graduating high school seniors are acceptable case by case

TIME PERIOD:

6 – 12 months. Participants may join from the beginning of June or the beginning of January

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Testimonies of NLTP graduates

Yoko Matsushita

I went back home to Japan for the summer. I felt the spirit of the environment was heavy, so I practiced thinking of God all the time, which was the lesson I learned from NLTP.

It is very similar to the FR experience. When we completely align ourselves with God and True Parents, the door to God will open automatically, and He starts to work on this earth.

God started to reveal himself in my surroundings, too. I started to see Him clearly working in my family and at my work place. God guided people around me towards the right direction. He also showed me his love through my family and taught me that this love is my identity.

Without this training, I would never be able to experience these miracles and blessings.



Ten-Seng Guh



NLTP strives at bringing God into one's life on a personal, regular, daily basis. One of the core principles we learn is that it is not enough to just physically do actions out of duty or a sense of mission, but to dedicate even our very thoughts to God. We are guided to focus on the internal, spiritual lessons and aspects of fundraising rather than to become fixated on fulfilling external goals of money raised. Many members, including my-

self had spiritual experiences on a daily basis on the frontline. The pattern is the same—you recognize something you have to work on, you challenge yourself to work on that, and God gives you appropriate situations. Affirmations of these experiences come in the form of phenomena unexplainable to the rational and humanist thought....These experiences reinforced the laws and love of God and spirit world, how if we are to walk in unison with them, we can accomplish so much for God's providence. But if we are to neglect God and try to do things our own way, with only our own power, not only do we get burnt out but we can begin to deviate from God's will as well.

After graduation from NLTP, I have started working as a young professional as a software engineer and have become one of the district representative for CARP. I find the lessons I learned on NLTP coming to life every day in my life here now. Were it not for that training, I would have burnt out a long time ago and would have sought recluse in a secular life of just making money and having a career. But with the acuity and sensitivity to perceive God and to have a substantial relationship with Him as His son, I have remained active and have even further developed my faith. With NLTP training, I became equipped to conquer real life challenges.

Blake Poland

My life of faith started years before I joined NLTP, but was augmented and significantly strengthened through my time in the program. I find that while my relationship with God did grow deeper, significant for me was how the education I received allowed me to understand and digest my previous experiences in my life of faith on a deeper level and continue to create more miracles around me. The biggest miracles I've seen in my life before,



during, and after NLTP come in the transformation of others when I transform some part of myself. . . . Amazingly, as I challenged myself very intensely internally and overcame a plethora of spiritual battles I noticed two other people changing at around the same pace with similar breakthroughs—my mom and spiritual child. Even without physical communication, they received a lot of benefit from what I was doing. On a micro scale I saw the same behavior happening while fundraising and witnessing, where the type of people I met changed based on my change. As I have returned to campus, I continue to see positive spiritual changes in those I love, including my family, but more importantly am reminded consistently that I am the most precious person to God, and that without me continuing to grow and overcome internally He is pained and can't as easily use me to help others and fulfill His dream. Coming away with a stronger sense of my identity as a second-generation and a child of God, I am better able to see from God's point of view in challenging situations and committed to always first look at what I should change in myself.

Sergio Alcubilla

Throughout my experience on NLTP the idea of God as my Parent, one whom I can trust completely, and continuously guides me in His genuine concern were themes that I often felt. Fundraising is not always an easy experience yet, it is in the difficulties and challenges that I have truly felt more of God's presence since it is there that I humbly seek help. Now, it becomes easier to feel God in the less challenging times or in simply recognizing His presence in the nature all around me or in the people I meet with everyday. God has become a very personal God to me, a True Parent who asks us to understand His love for us through our trust and faith in Him and through our relationship with others. . . . Through this, I have come to



greater understand the value and meaning of True Parents. For these I am grateful for my experience on NLTP ... I have not always been perfect in mind and body unity but the training on NLTP particularly through fundraising has at least given me the spiritual tools to try. As a leadership training program, we first seek to lead ourselves before God and next, to be able to lead others in the right direction towards the Kingdom of Heaven. Through fundraising and meeting others that are so different from me in character or belief, it has actually opened and expanded my heart to be able to relate with so many people. It has allowed me to genuinely understand, to be concerned, and to care for others that I meet everyday which has resulted in greater trust and respect in my interpersonal relationships.

Mitsy Kuramoto

All the education focused first on the ultimate vision, the establishment of our ideal Blessed Central Families, because these families are what's going to change the world. Next, I began to see, what do I need to be able to establish an ideal family, what kind of person do I need to become? What am I lacking now?

Then the key point which I had always missed became clear—my relationship with God is meant to be parent and child. Everyday, our education went back to this point—God loves us as a parent, as a parent, what does He want for us? I realized if I didn't have a heartistic relationship with God and True Parents/True Family, I wasn't going to survive spiritually. Each day fundraising became a personal time with God, but it didn't stop there, I began to see God working through people in the center, and in many other situations. I saw all my fallen natures revealed, but the environment was so loving that I couldn't feel sorry for myself for long, I was humbled and I just wanted to change, and I got so much help from people.



That was the beginning. I still have a long way to go, but I know for certain that God is real and He's working in my life and I can't live without Him. The biggest thing I learned on NLTP is this: I am not doing this by myself, God is doing so much and behind everything, every challenge, God's heart is unchanging, it is always a heart of love. Whenever I connect to that, I am humbled, I am grateful and I want to keep going.

Rowena Bernardo

I had high expectations towards people and different situations so I get disappointed and frustrated easily when things don't go the way I expected. However, I realized that I have to really think of God and His viewpoint and what His will really is. This helped me overcome having selfish expectations from others including my spouse. Another important point that I gained from NLTP is consistency which will be a big key factor in becoming an ideal spouse and parent.... This training also helped stir a



lot of fallen natures in me that I realized was good so I can overcome them as early as now and not while I've already started a family... if we overcome this with that somebody then the level of closeness and intimacy becomes stronger and thus the greater joy one feels in this relationship. That's why I really think it's so important to have the basic tools of overcoming difficulties by thinking of God and feeling His love consistently in good times and bad. In conclusion, I think what NLTP did for me is really to prepare me for the future not only for a short-term but more in connection with the long-term vision which is to establish an ideal family with my spouse in the future.

Keiko Sometani



NLTP gave me a vision for my life of faith. To me, nothing seems more important or precious in life than establishing an ideal family. Yet, I realized that if God is not a part of my everyday life, then of course, it's very difficult to grasp this amazing vision and truly believe in it.

So, I tried to practice thinking of God from morning to night. Then I realized how often I forget about God throughout the course of a day, and how easy it is to have negative thoughts. When I felt an

empty feeling at the end of the day, or stressed out, or anxious about something, it usually was because I wasn't thinking of God, or didn't include God enough throughout the day. As I began to see others from God's perspective, I could appreciate them more. As I began to see myself from God's perspective, I could be more forgiving of my faults and believe in myself.

Seeing from God's viewpoint eventually translated into seeing from God's parental heart. Before NLTP, I didn't understand why so many challenges were coming to me through people that were struggling. Now I realized the challenges were actually an opportunity to look within myself to find what I should change. I can't change others. Only God can. But I can change myself, and when I do, I see change in others. Seeing this from God's parental heart, I felt the challenges were love from God because He believes in me so much and wants me to reach individual perfection.

I realized when I really feel like God's daughter and True Parent's daughter, then my motivation to grow myself, and strive for this dream is purely out of love for my parents and to bring joy to my parents. As I began to really feel God and True Parents love for me, I couldn't but believe this dream of ideal families. Challenges seemed smaller when I began to really own this dream in my heart. I realized that my victory with my future family begins now with my personal growth.