

Generation Peace Academy: Supporting Communities, Coast to Coast

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Pictured above: Send off for 1st years and Captains before they go into 2nd condition

First Years & Captains: Shift in Internal Value System

In safe arrival to Michigan, the GPA participants had quite the packed and exciting workshop this past week.

The first day was focused on reflecting upon the 1st condition, members sharing amongst each other and finished the day with a testimony night to offer the 1st condition to a close.

Not only that, but an exciting treat of a paintball outing was included in between!



Staff gave education the following days about the importance of different life of faith habits— prayer, God’s words & reporting— for members to integrate in their own lives of faith. The education concluded with a Four Great Realms of Heart and a Purpose of Fundraising and Witnessing guidance to prepare for this upcoming condition.

In addition to the guidance, GPA had the pleasure of being visited by the pastors and leaders from different communities across the nation! The leaders introduced themselves and presented what they will be doing to support at the local level in front of the participants.



The captains-in-training are also no longer—for they gave their pledge to Heavenly Parent in front of fellow peers and staff, now becoming full fledged Captains. We thank them for their hard work so far in taking care of our first-year participants and look forward to an exciting journey for the rest of the year.

On the final evening, a fun entertainment night was held for the participants to showcase their varying talents! And with an even greater cherry on top, we were

blessed with seeing the Aurora Borealis over the camp.

The GPA members have now departed and traveled to their respective communities to embark for the second condition. Say hi to them if they happen to be staying and participating in your local community!

Cheon Il Guk Missionaries - Center Life!

Indiana

This week, the Indiana Team shifted their focus from last week's neighborhood witnessing to witnessing on the IU Indianapolis campus Monday through Friday.

They pushed to share the heart of Peace Starts with Me, as well as inviting others to participate in the community events hosted during the week, like the community dinners and the youth nights, which were hosted by the missionary team. Other events, like the Volleyball Community Gathering and our important church services were hosted by the Indianapolis community themselves.

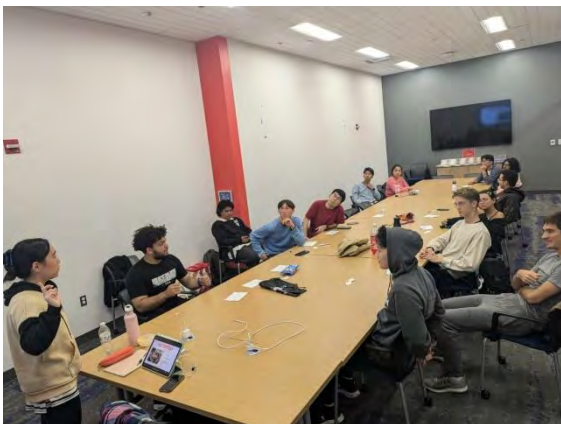


With the 3rd 21-Day Activation Period coming around the corner, the missionaries printed hundreds of flyers to promote the community's different events, and helped distribute them to the families to push forward in success for the condition.

New Jersey

On Monday the New Jersey team started off by joining the Montclair CARP talk where they played an icebreaker and listened to a lecture on Peace Starts With Me by Dr. Naokimi. Continuing to witness throughout the week, they joined NJIT's CARP talk on Wednesday. They enjoyed a fruitful activity where they displayed their highs and lows in life on a graph and then shared with the brothers and sisters beside them.

On Friday the team enjoyed a splendid dinner at a Turkish restaurant as missionaries. Having the time to grow closer together is very precious.



To conclude the week the missionaries attended the Saturday evening prayer vigil.

Ten GPA participants arrived that day and joined for the vigil and the Cheon Shim Won was very packed.

Georgia

The CIG Atlanta team has invested and focused on bringing guests to the big event on October 11th and 12th called the "Atlanta Peace Weekend". This was an event the community has been planning for over a month with many guests including Pastor Achille Acolatse, Minister Michael Whyte, Pastor Mark Abernathy, Mayor Shameeka Reynolds, Atlanta family church's pastors Diane & Ilya Hack, and many more.



With the goal to reach the hearts of over 100 participants, they were able to hit the goal with the help of all members and missionaries.

The first part of the event was a Peace Panel, featuring many pastors who answered questions on peace, and how peace starts with the individual. The 2nd day was a music festival, with singers, bands, and choir sharing the motivation to move the hearts of the participants, and warmly welcome God into the event.

Bay Area



For the Bay Area team, this past weekend was the start of the 2nd CARP 3-Day workshop, where the CIG team helped staff.

Two guests and two members participated and had a wonderful experience. In fact, one participant shared that he learned a lot from this workshop and it was his first time praying out loud.

They received many lectures from Kazuya-san and Uncle Markus on topics like Priority Shift and Essence of God.

Los Angeles

Hello everybody, and this is the update on what LA team has been up to! For most of this last week, they spent time witnessing on campus, going to the CARP meeting and helping out with the North and South Korea symposium promotion.

They set up a table on campus, and encouraged students to write messages of peace and tie them to a wire fence similar to the prayer ribbons at the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) at the 38th parallel. Many students came, and a couple of guests even helped out by passing flyers and setting up the booth.



Overall, it was a great way to promote the actual symposium happening next week. The CIG team spent time with the CARP members and guests. This past week was also the first week they went out fundraising, and was a great way to keep up the spirit and momentum.

Again, this was a very packed week and we're excited to see what will happen as we go into another 21-Day Activation Period!

Heavenly USA - Understanding American History

Peace Starts with Me Praise & Worship (10/06/24)

After weeks of preparation and reaching out about the Peace Starts with Me event, we successfully held the event at Faith Temple Full Gospel Deliverance Center, a church we joyfully partnered with. We were welcomed by Reverend Jackson, the chairman of ACLC (American Clergy Leadership Conference), and he gave an introduction and moving sermon about Peace Starts with Me. He welcomed our special guest pastor Wess Morgan— who helped bring the Holy Spirit with his beautiful voice and choir. We were so grateful to have him at our event. We had such an exciting night that we decided to host another event the following week.



Game Night (10/07/24)

This was our second game night and we were excited to welcome new guests to our center and get to know them better after reaching out at the college campus or from the Peace Starts with Me event. We welcomed twelve guests and started off the night with ice breakers, board games and Just Dance. We created a space in which our guests felt a sense of belonging to their community and sincere care.



Witnessing on Campus & Bible Study (10/09/24)

We witness on campus about once a week, with intentions to build small relations with students by inviting them to our events, like our board game night, PSWM Workshop and Sunday praise & worship night. We met very kind and genuine people with hopes of seeing them again. Later in the day we visited Faith Temple Full Gospel Deliverance Center Church to attend a bible study for a second time this month.

Service Project (10/10/24)

We make bagged lunches for the homeless once a week to give our love and resources to those in need. HUSA director Uncle Francis encouraged us to ask the homeless to

help us pass out food. The act of giving is powerful and it would empower the homeless to realize that they're more valuable than they may think. Later that day, we visited another church, New Life Church, and attended their evening bible study.

PSWM Seminar (10/12/24)

We planned the whole week for his well anticipated event. We had 10 guests who showed up and we informed them about what exactly Peace Starts with Me is, as well as principles of how to create peace. Reverend Jackson gave a powerful message about our relationship with God. All of HUSA and the Arkansas church community worked together to give the guests an enjoyable and deep experience.

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