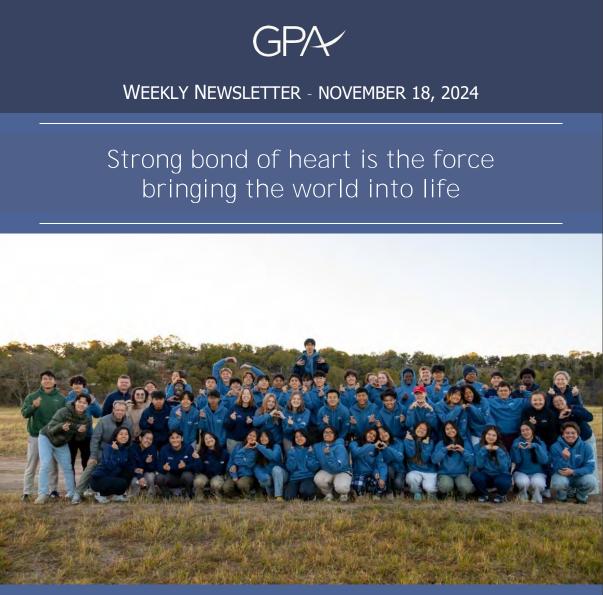
Generation Peace Academy GPA Overseas: Strong bond of heart is the force

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Pictured above: First years and Captains in their new GPA apparel at Morgan's Ranch

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Note: This is the penultimate week of the CIG missionaries serving in these 5 communities, before they move on with their program. If you have some of these lovely missionaries in your community, feel free to say hello, before it's time to say goodbye.

New Jersey



This week, they continued to focus on CARP talks in both Montclair and NJIT. This week they discussed about the importance of family.

On Saturday, the CIGs served the community with two service projects by cleaning up trash in specific areas in Clifton. Some helped in a food pantry with a local church.

At the end of the week, the CARP house got together and went for ice cream at a wonderful cafe to have fun together.



Indiana



A message from team Indiana, continuing their witnessing efforts as they prepare for the next 21 Day community activation.

This week, a different strategy was applied in their witnessing efforts, with change in contents for education. Placing more focus on who True Mother is and the importance of the only Begotten daughter.

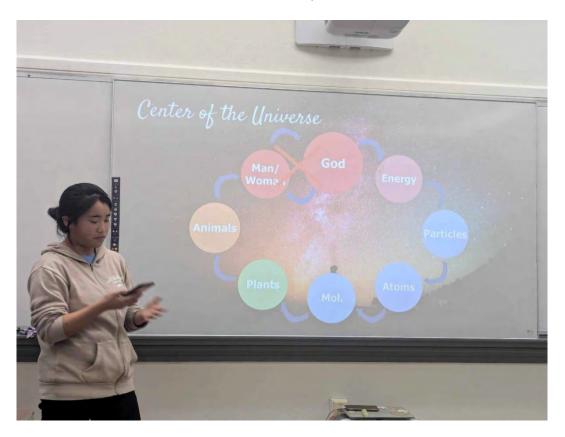
On Thursday evening, we were invited to dinner by one of the young 2nd Gen couples of the community. Much delicious food, stories, and gratitude was shared.

On Saturday, the community gathering to play volleyball at Holliday Park. After such, youth night was held once again, being a big highlight for the community as they enjoyed time together playing board games and table tennis.

Los Angeles

This week marks the second to last week of being in the LA community. Even still, what is the LA community if not for a hub of activity? Despite it being their second to last week, the CIGs still found many different events that they could plug into to support their mission community.

Mina Mastsumoto was tasked to give the weekly CARP talk for this week, and the topic was how responsibility is love. She talked about how responsibility was given to human beings out of love, so that we can become co-creators with the same authority as God.



The highlight of this week happened on Sunday, when the community was invited to sing at Heavenly Vision, a Christian Church, to commemorate their opening of a new church building. The Unified Choir, led by music minister Blinky Williams, as well as the CIG missionaries poured out their hearts and expressed their joy through song and dance.

They also stayed for the service for Heavenly Vision Church, and they got to experience something they had never experienced before. The pastor, overcome by the Holy Spirit, would speak in tongues and speak in rapid fire English while preaching the word. Here is a testimony from Nana Horii, second year CIG.

"The spirit that filled the room was indescribable. When we were singing and doing praise and worship, the whole energy filled the room was just so amazing. It was so vibrant, so full of life, and I just felt that it's something that we don't have in our movement. It's so important that we inherit the spirit of the Christian churches, because they know how to channel the Holy Spirit. I just feel so full of emotion right now, because I really felt God speaking through the pastor."

These are simply a few events that the CIG missionaries participated in this week, but there will be more in the week to come. Tune in next week to see what they are up to in their last week of mission!

Georgia

This past week for the Atlanta CIG missionaries has been very packed with many events, workshops, and experiences.

They started off the week strong with an event called the "Ladies Tea". A gathering of women speaking of how they can create peace in their lives, and spread that to the world.

Witnessing this week has been packed with individual meetings with guests to get to know them better as individuals and bond with them to bring them closer to God. They began holding lunch meetings where the missionaries alongside their guests could talk, play games, and just bond as a new forming community with the same idea of creating peace.





To end off the week was a long stream of events. Winner Dinner, a dinner gathering to speak of peace and worship God, that led into the next event the very next morning called Experience Night. Experience Night was an event holding various activities to deeply connect to God and His heart.

They had an outing in nature, bonded with many icebreakers, and offered up their hearts to allow God to join them during that time, and in their lives.

Heavenly USA

This past week, we had the opportunity to visit the 1st years at their pre-Winter Breakthrough Condition workshop at Camp Lonestar in Texas! This was the first time we'd seen them since Kickoff Workshop, so there were a lot of warm embraces and testimonies to be shared.

Many of us were moved by the 1st years' testimonies. But this wasn't only a workshop for GPA, we also had the honor of seeing many national leaders, too!





In a joint GPA-HUSA choir performance, we brought down the Holy Spirit! The leaders looked like they were feeling it, too! Afterward, we drove straight back to Little Rock (Thank you drivers!) and continued preparations to leave Little Rock in good hands—we'll share more about that next week.

Have a Blessed week, everyone! Let's make Mother proud!

First Years & Captains

This past week GPA had a workshop at the Morgan's Ranch in Blanco, Texas with the theme, "Transform Myself, Impact the Whole." As one continues to transform their heart, they gradually impact their surroundings.

The GPA members had a day of reflection to digest their experiences from the past condition. They had the opportunity to meet our leaders across the nation and receive support from them. Everyone heard testimonies from the communities and words from our subregional leaders.



Throughout the workshop, staff gave educational guidance. The content revolved around how to own one's life of faith and set jeongseong conditions to strengthen their relationship with God and True Parents. The members learned what they are doing now is beneficial to them and the spirit world around them.

On the last day, they participated in an internal activity called "Going Back to God." It was a chance to face the challenges that were blocking them from diving deeper in their relationship with God. Each one of them fought past these barriers and reached their central figure who represented God's embrace. Afterwards, they wrote a letter to God and offered it up by burning it.

It was a fresh start and a great way to send off the members into this winter breakthrough condition. Please pray for each individual to breakthrough, experience transformation, and grow in their capacity to love and impact the whole.

This newsletter is for you, if you have a suggestion or something you'd like to see, respond to this email and we'll see what we can do.

Thank you for reading! We'll see you again in next week's newsletter In the meantime...



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