

Generation Peace Academy: Nobuaki Iwamoto is the new director of GPA

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Today is a gift. That is why it is called the present.

First Years, Captains, & CIG Missionaries

Winter Breakthrough Condition has concluded. And so does GPA. For the year of 2024!

Now, all members are going back home for winter break, and will reconvene back in Texas on January 10, 2025.

First years and captains invested four weeks into this condition, and throughout it they broke through, and continued to breakthrough when the CIG missionaries joined them halfway through the condition.

This workshop, ample reflection was done, not just to digest this condition, but the GPA year so far, and what they want to work on moving forward into the next year.

It's difficult to generalize the growth of the members since September. The realizations they made about themselves, the personal connections they made with each other and with God, broadening their overall worldview, is something only they can express through their own personal testimony.

Transform Myself, Impact the Whole

This was the theme for this condition. And while the members were working on it within themselves and their teams, Generation Peace Academy as a program will be undergoing some transformation themselves.

Director Roland Platt and Group Leader Anatoli Kazak have been asked to move on from their respective roles, and Nobuaki Iwamoto has been appointed the new director of Generation Peace Academy.

“As we’re transforming ourselves, trying to transform the program and transform the movement, it’s really off the foundation of especially people like Uncle Roland and Uncle Tolik and all the care that they poured into people, into myself... I’m excited to see where we can continue to grow as a program. And I want to appreciate them for what they have done and what they have built...”

- Denthew Learey, Director of the Next Generation Department of FFWPU

Going into the year 2025, Nobuaki will be mentored and guided as he steps into this new role and grows from the foundation that was set by Roland and Anatoli in their 23 years of unwavering service to the program and to the future generation.

“Actually, I cannot think of anyone else who could do this, who could do a better job

than Nobu...He's the only one who did seven years, as far as I know, of STF or GPA... I always knew this program should be led by young people, and ideally led by a couple. Nobu was someone that I had quite often in mind to become the director... Somehow God brought him back, and God prepared him for this day, for this hour, for this particular mission. No one really understands the process of fundraising, the milestones, everything that GPA does better than him. So he will do an awesome job, he will do a better job than me, in time. Maybe not in his first week, but give him a few months and he'll do a better job than me."

- *Roland Platt, former director of Generation Peace Academy*

"I think this is such a big responsibility that we (Nobu and his wife, Reimi) are stepping into. But one thing that I feel is that I am not alone in this process. I am very grateful for my wife, and we're doing this together. And I'm very grateful for all the other GPA staff, that we're all working together to continue to create such a beautiful environment based off of the beautiful foundation that has been created where young people like you, ten, twenty, fifty years down the line, can come to experience beautiful love and transformation in their hearts, in their life and find so much joy in this life with God and become young people that can support God's providence and create Cheon Il Guk."

- *Nobuaki Iwamoto, newly appointed director of Generation Peace Academy*

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