### **Generation Peace Academy: New Year's Eve**

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## New Year's Eve Eve

Everyone from the GPA, CIG, and HUSA programs are currently on winter break. Most members are back in their communities, ready to share their testimonies of their experience thus far, and spend time with their friends and family.

But let's read on to see what the Heavenly USA missionaries did right before they went off on Winter Break.

## Heavenly USA



Hello y'all! This week, we continued our time in our communities and met up in New Jersey to conclude the first half of our year!

Before we gathered, the Indiana team had a goal to invite people to 2 key events: a Christmas party and a Japanese Culture Night!

During the Christmas party hosted by Indianapolis Family Church, our HUSA choir, directed by second-year Reina Yamada, offered 2 songs at the party: "Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" and "Joy to the World." Pastor Hebangja then gave a short message on Jesus Christ—the true reason why we celebrate Christmas. Afterwards, we did many different activities such as gingerbread making, a relay race, and white elephant. It was a festive way to bond with the community and the guests that came!

Then there was the Japanese Culture Night! The Japanese members taught us how to make toshikoshi soba and mochi. Many guests came, including two people HUSA invited.

Both of these events were great examples of how much the Indianapolis community continually invested into their witnessing efforts.

Moving to New York, the Harlem team reconnected with the foundation former HUSA members had laid, performing at the United Nations Interfaith Summit, Bishop Barkers church, and doing service work at Pastor Mootoo's church. It was a beautiful time in Harlem!

To wrap up the year 2024, both teams gathered at a seaside AirBnB in New Jersey for a conclusion workshop. We took these final few days to reflect, claim our victories, and make our offering of the first part of our year—to prepare for Winter Break and the rest of the year waiting ahead!

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!







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