

Generation Peace Academy: Mission Sunflower, in America, in Korea

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“In the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk, when we attend the creator Heavenly Parent substantially, let us, the Blessed families around the world, become true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk who fulfill our responsibility as the chosen people in unity with True Parents!”

True Mother's Motto for the New Year



All members, from all programs, attended the Rise Up! Weekend workshop and the Are You Ready for the EPIC? Event in Las Vegas last weekend. Read on to see what the different programs did moving on from this momentous weekend.



Heavenly USA

The HUSA missionaries have split into 5 fundraising teams: two in Oklahoma, two in Texas, and one in Rhode Island. With the group's

internal goal of "We are True Sons and Daughters who Fulfill our Responsibilities," the members are striving to incorporate this new year's motto into all their activities and live up to Mother's words. Most of the week was spent traveling from Las Vegas but until Wednesday, January 27, the teams will be fundraising to prepare themselves to come back to support the community in Little Rock, Arkansas.

During this time, the Rhode Island team consisting of Ian Braganza, Kyungwhi Sakuwa, and Desiree Contreras, have used this week to prepare themselves to embark on a special mission to Korea for a second international choir competition. On top of that, two of the program's young staff, Jean Prieto and Sun Mi Muyongo, are going to be attending the second CSW 40-Day Spiritual Workshop. It's amazing to see the many different places HUSA is being called to. It certainly reveals to the missionaries how much God is wanting to bring their spirit and hearts everywhere!



First Years & Captains

GPA is heading back into communities! First years, captains, and staff have regrouped in Potosi Pines Camp after the Las Vegas events for a one-day workshop. Here, the next condition was introduced: Mission Sunflower.

The name comes from "hyobaragi," which if you read the newsletter from two weeks ago, you'd know what it means. But if you haven't, no worries here you go— it combines the Korean words for sunflower, "haebaragi," and filial piety, "hyojeong." As sunflowers follow the sun throughout the day, through practicing filial piety, the members become more united with True Parents and True Mother.



For the next six weeks, GPA will be sent to five communities– Atlanta, Dallas, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and New Jersey. The members will invest into their respective communities, participating in various events, whether it's Sunday service, youth ministry, or young adult events.

Some teams have just arrived in their communities and are just settling in. So stay tuned for next week, to see how the teams are plugging in.





Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

The Cheon Il Guk (CIG) youth missionaries also gathered at the Potosi Pines Camp for a one-day workshop to prepare for their Mission in America! What was exciting was that the Heavenly Top Gun (HTG) missionaries joined in during the day to hear the orientation from CIGYM director Adelina Lazar and a presentation on "Confusion in the American Value System and Why We Need True Parents" by Next Generation Department Education director Christine Froehlich. It was very life-giving to join together as two groups of missionaries before they meet again in their respective communities.

They spent the rest of the day setting goals, offering jeongseong conditions, and having a beautiful oath ceremony to declare their commitments before our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. The next day, they departed with a heartfelt farewell from their GPA brothers and sisters.



In the past few days, they travelled thousands of miles in four teams to the Bay Area, Chicago, Indiana, and DMV communities. They are just settling in and gearing up to make an impact for the next two and a half months leading up to the Entrance Ceremony of the Cheon Won Gung in April!





With every new year, comes new year's resolutions. And the GPA newsletter aims to grow and become better for you, our dear reader and supporter.

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