

Pick Up an Instrument, Instead of a Gun HJ Benefit Concert supporting the City of Refuge in Los Angeles

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Wow. Amazing. True Mother totally knocked it out the park on April 6th. Thank you for all your support to bring that victory. I just got back from LA and the church members at City of Refuge are still buzzing like crazy!

Guess what? That's right, True Mother is coming back! This time to [Las Vegas on June 22](#).

Sometimes we beat ourselves up for being poor at follow-up. However, we are approaching it a little differently this time. Not only are we keeping relations warm with our new friends in LA, but we are including them in our next event:

"Pick Up an Instrument, Instead of a Gun" HJ Benefit Concert. That's right, we are going to raise money through an awesome Hyojeong concert to support the great work they are doing in LA at City of Refuge to reduce inner city gang violence. We will raise over \$120k to donate to their [efforts](#).

It is so timely. Many of you may be aware, that the week before the True Mother's Peace Starts with Me rally, a famous rapper, Nipsey Hussle, was shot dead in the streets of that community in South Los Angeles. That brought home the reality of the community, where Peace Starts With Me was not just another slogan, but a genuine call for everyone to truly come together. Bishop Jones' community project "Pick Up an Instrument Instead of a Gun" became real and timely.

We had already been planning this year's Hyojeong Concert for Memorial Day weekend, and we thought to make it a benefit concert to help the City of Refuge realize their vision to build a community center where kids, youth, and adults can find their art and pick up an instrument instead of a gun. This is a cause to get behind, it's a way to put Peace Starts With Me into practice.

We would like to ask everyone to join this cause – visit hjconcert.com today, get your ticket and support the event by donating towards the goal of \$120,000. If you're inspired to join the efforts, you can share this link with your friends, follow us on Facebook and share the message. You can also download the flyer and visit business owners you know to inspire them to support this project as well.

This HJ Benefit Concert is a pivotal moment in preparing for the next Peace Starts With Me rally in Las Vegas and substantiating the Hyojeong culture. Let's come together again and offer our heart of love and loyalty to True Parents.

God Bless you all,

Rev. Demian Dunkley
President