

Our Mission Statement :

Up&Coming is an extension of God's love to nurture his children to realize their full potential.



UP&COMING

UP&Coming Youth Ministry's Monthly Newsletter

November - December 2015

Every last Saturday of the month is called

"Kick-As Saturday."

On this day, we recognize the participants and staff who have been nominated to receive the PARTE Award.

PARTE – an acronym for the kind of culture we would like to create among our brothers and sisters, members and staff.

P articipation

A cknowledgement

R espect

T rust

E nthusiasm!!



These Awards were given

to : SunMee T. (HS)

Eritin L. (MS)

Resfred A. (HS)

Brandon V. (MS)

"I'd like to thank my mom for always driving me to Youth Group. "

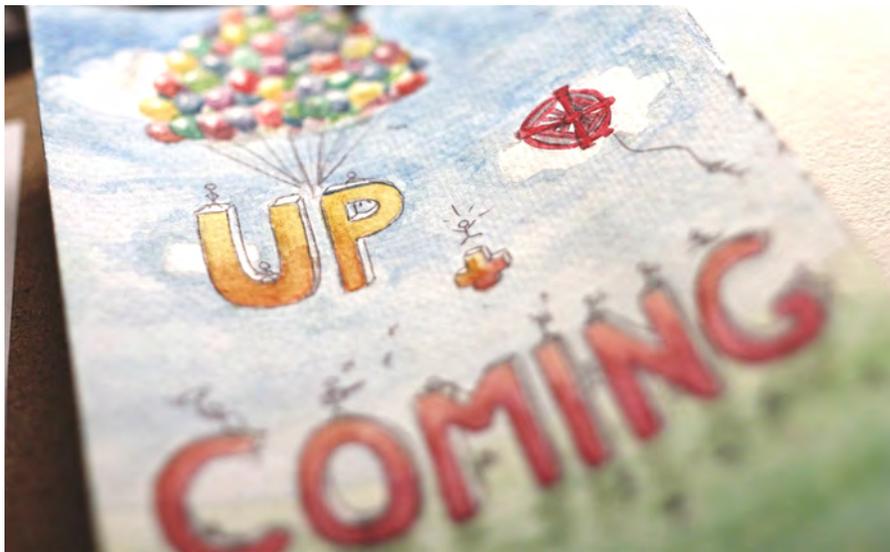
-Eritin L.



Toyomichi H. and Yasu Y. present the PARTE Awards to participants.

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Art by Naomi Shibuya titled "Where Children of the Heavenly Parent Rise Up"

"Take on Your Life" Seminar

On the 14th of November, youth group was canceled to allow this seminar to happen and for UP&Coming Staff Members to participate.

David Young, the associate pastor at Columbus Family Church in Ohio as well as a certified life coach, came and guided first generation and second generation members to take purposeful action in their lives .



Jerry Servito concluding his Divine Principle talk on "Being in the Zone" with Mind&Body Unity.

So Far at UP&Coming....

For the months of November and December, the content of our youth group has been based on the National Youth Ministry's second theme,

Inspire : Know God's Presence.

Our guest speakers included Jerry Servito, Justin Okamoto, and Benjy Uyama,

The high school groups did a prayer walk one chilly evening, ending in a closing at the Holy Rock.

Our middle school members have been doing "application activities" to help them take in the content in an interactive and game-oriented way.



Inspire : Know God's Presence

Staff Members gave testimonies on some of the ways they experience God.

KayJoon Q.: "Doing conditions give you special energy and that energy is the God within you coming to life."

Brian S.: "I mainly have two groups of friends in my life - UP&Coming and School/Work friends. It's very easy to feel God at UC, but I struggled with other non-Unificationist friends. I realized that it's up to me to bring out the God in everyone. With a more invested approach and rough patches, I experienced God through developing honest friendships and camaraderie with my peers at school and work."

Massimo C.: Hospitalized last year, Massimo had to undergo surgery. Although he is fine now, he looks back on this time as emotionally and spiritually dark. In the midst of his stay, he was surprised by a lone nurse who talked to him everyday. He discovered sincere kindness from a stranger. "Always remember that God is with you and his presence can be so simple in your time of need."

inspire : **KNOW**
god'S PRESENCE

Happy Birthday to our November & December Members!!

Meta L. 11/4

Michael B. 11/5

Toshio B. 11/7

Henry M. 11/8

Matthew R. 11/25

Yuki J. 11/27

Kimisei M. 11/27

Special Thanks and Happy Birthday to

Unhee Fontaine

For making the Birthday Cupcakes !!

Collleen G. 12/3

Mika U. 12/7

Toshiaki M. 12/10

Rei P. 12/11

Reimi M. 12/11

Kody M. 12/13

Kahae N. 12/21

Brandon K. 12/22

Sun Il T. 12/23

Masaya F. 12/30



UP&Coming's Annual Christmas Party is a heartwarming time for us to have fun and see people that have been away at college.

Winter Workshop: Be Awesome

December 27th - 29th

This winter's joint NY-NJ workshop was held at YMCA Camp Bernie in New Jersey.

Eighty young Unificationists came together to "Be Awesome" for the new year.

"The workshop gave the high schoolers a chance to reflect on and explore what they truly love about themselves and of those around them. We wanted them to be inspired to show that awesome part of themselves to the world. If you feel comfortable showing people how awesome you are, you unconsciously allow your peers to do the same. This then creates a more awesome world to live in."

-Isaac J., Core Staff of UP&Coming and of Joint Winter Workshop

"Although we had a tight schedule, I had a really fun experience and I want to thank the participants and the staff for helping to create an awesome workshop."

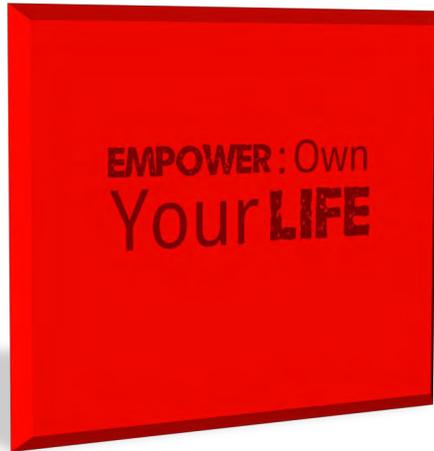
-Rei P., Core Staff of UP&Coming and of Joint Winter Workshop



The Month of January

The theme will be Empower.

NO UP&Coming on January 23rd!!



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