

# Generation Peace Academy: Like The Eagles, We're Soaring to Claim Victories

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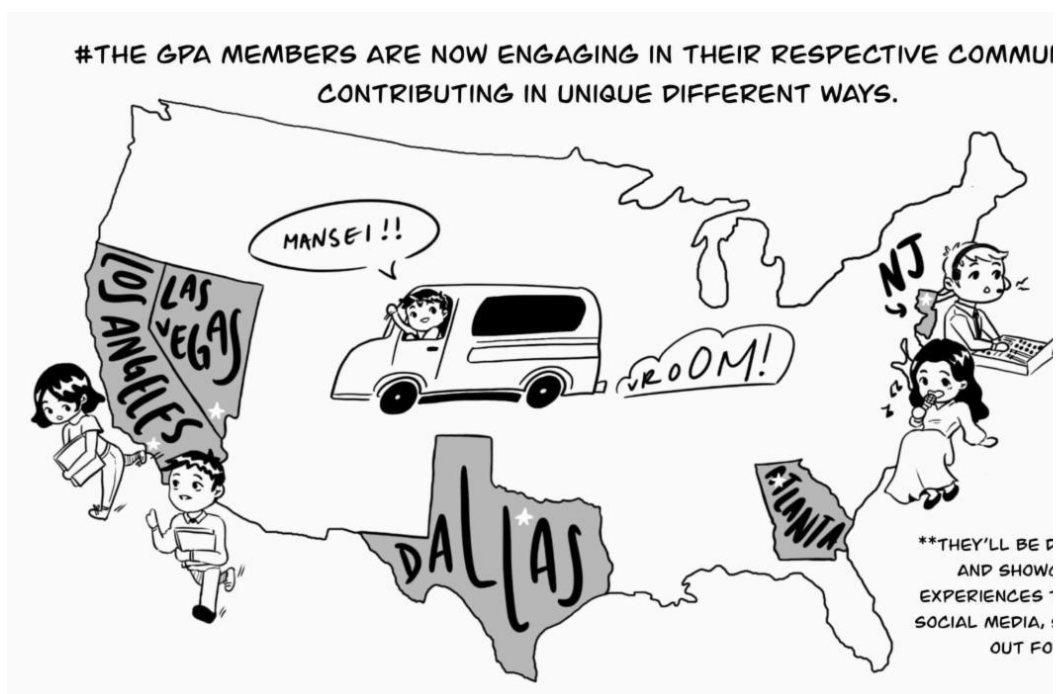
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 10, 2025

### Like The Eagles, We're Soaring to Claim Victories



Pictured above: Something bigger than the Lombardi trophy. The trophy won by the Il Hwa soccer team in 2001 when they won in the national soccer league in Korea.

### First Years & Captains



Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

## D.C., Maryland, Virginia (DMV)

On Sunday, the Capital Family Church celebrated True Parents' birthday, with the CIG team contributing in the choir.

Throughout the week, the CIG DMV team continued their witnessing efforts, attending three different schools– Prince George's Community College (PGCC), Montgomery College (MC), and the University of Maryland (UMD).

Every Tuesday, the DMV CARP holds a theology discussion on the Cham Bumo Ron content, welcome to all young adults in the community. Together, they watched a lecture by Rev. Demian Dunkley, followed by a discussion.

On Saturday, the team hosted a one-day "Peace Starts With Me" seminar, inviting their guests to attend, listen, and discuss. Josh Buergi, Kyon Gicole, and Robert Abendroth gave lectures and led discussions with the participants.



## Chicago

Welcome back to this week's newsletter! Let's check in on what the Chicago Missionaries have been up to.

In this week, the CIG members sought to pioneer many different things within the Chicago community.

With their efforts to start new things, one aspect they invested into was a new way to witness. Seeing that church visitations could be a unique way to reach out, they visited a church that the assistant pastor, Rosia Schmidt, attends for a bible study. It is said that the presence of the living God could be felt here, and Yuki A' Beckett, third year CIG, testified that she felt the Holy Spirit flow upon her. Overall, it was a unique experience and a lovely way to reach out to the community.

This week they also helped plan out the Peace Starts With Me Introductory dinner program, where they talk about principles of peace. They helped out with the planning, conducting icebreakers, emceeing, and much more. It is their vision to help improve all aspects of the Chicago Family Church, so this was a great way to help out the community. They were able to create a very successful program, where the friends invited felt very welcomed and loved by the environment they created.

They also started the planning of a Saturday evening program, which is scheduled to be held next week. This event, called Empower, seeks to teach practical life of faith habits that are applicable to both new members and second generation members. It is also designed to be a consistent event that guests can look forward to every week. There are many things that the CIG members of Chicago wish to start up in this community, so check in next week to see how it goes!



## Indiana

This week the CIG's invested a lot into witnessing efforts and spent a lot of time meeting with guests. They attended many study sessions with guests teaching a little bit about the introduction to True Mother, or the Divine Principle.

On Saturday, they spent time with the youth in the community for Youth Night and invited their guests there too. One guest came and bonded with the missionaries through board games and their love for music. On Sunday was another great sermon from Pastor Hebangja, and the 2nd day of a weekly study course where new and current members could better learn the principles of our faith, and prepare us for our integrity in our lives of faith.

## Bay Area

This week, we had club rush on Chabot on Wednesday and Thursday. All of us had shifts witnessing and taking care of the table. On both days, we were able to have 7-8 new people sign up. Because of the club rush, we did not have the CARP meeting this week.

On Friday, we had a simple guidance from Uncle Markus about the meaning of service and how it connects to peace. Saturday was the day of the service project, which was a Lake Merritt. We helped with weeding and mulching the gardens. After the service project, we went back to the Bay Area Family Church for lunch, games, and seminars for new guests. Both of the new guests signed membership as well.



## Heavenly USA

Hello everyone! This is Heavenly USA reporting once again.

Recently HUSA welcomed back our special-mission team who went to Korea for an international choir competition. HUSA is very proud of Desiree Contreras, Ian Braganza, and Kyungwhi Sakuwa for representing America well! Shout out to BreAchs as well, a new member from Little Rock, Arkansas who joined Team USA to sing on the world stage.

This week was quite eventful. One of HUSA's main focuses was witnessing (inviting people to events) and studying the Cham Bumo Ron. Before we witness to others, we must witness to ourselves by engaging

with the truth, and the spirit.

What did they invite their guests to? Let's look at a breakdown of the week's events. Little Rock Family Church hosts a board game night every Monday for young adults to play games together, ranging from boardgames, to digital, to improv!

On Thursday, HUSA went out into town, sharing lunch bags they made with those in need. Friday they had an art program! Hosted by the Heavenly Top Gun missionaries, this was a great opportunity to relax and let loose through painting, and a total of 11 guests came!

Saturday was the weekly Peace Seminar, given in lecture form by Reverend John Jackson, senior pastor to Subregion 4. Later that same day, they had their first choir practice session! One of the HUSA missionary goals is to establish a choir here in Little Rock. We're looking for 10 new community members to join, and 6 community members showed up for their first practice, so things are looking up!

The Heavenly USA missionaries feel so blessed to be able to spend this time in Little Rock, as they spent nearly 2 months the previous year investing into the community.

Thank you for reading, and have a Heavenly week! 🙏

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If you or someone you know is interested in participating in next year's program, applications are currently open! Early bird rate is \$0, apply before it goes up.

Send them the application link, or have them go to [generationpeaceacademy.org/apply](https://generationpeaceacademy.org/apply).



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We're past making new year's resolutions, but the GPA newsletter aims to grow and become better for you, our dear reader and supporter.

So if could spare a minute or two to fill out this feedback form, that would be greatly appreciated.

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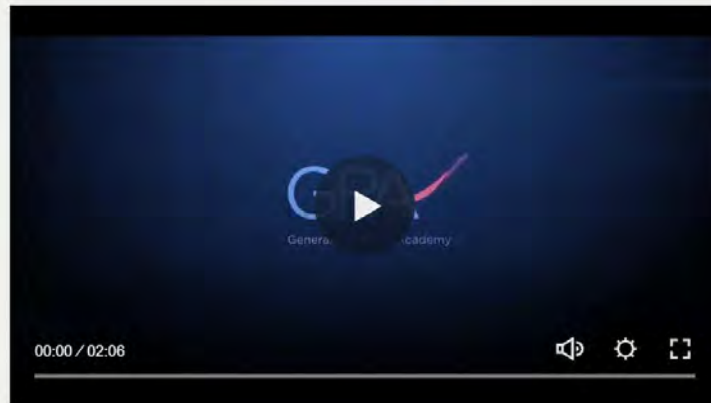


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