

National Service welcoming our leaders:

2nd July



Victoria held a National Service on Sunday welcoming our Sub Regional Director Couple Rev Yutaka & Renalyn Yamada and their family and National Leader Couple Rev John and Shiziyo Adamedes. Due to client hire we held the Service in a local Scout Hall. We were also joined by WFWP Queensland President Dr Yejung Degeer. Our leaders had come down to support the Il Shim and Youth workshops as they are very dedicated to the development and education of our youth. While staying in Victoria Mr Arai took them out to meet Mr Kimbo, a Korean businessman living in Australia who is in charge of many Korean imports. He is a very good friend of Mr Arai and was able to ask Rev Yutaka to clarify about our church's situation in Japan.

Il Shim Workshop:

2nd July



An Il Shim workshop was held in the 3 days prior to the Youth Workshop. The theme of 'Our Purity and Traditions'. During this time, the participants learned what it means to be Heavenly Parent's child, the reasons behind the traditions practised in our faith community and how to live a purity lifestyle in preparation for building a future Blessed family. A purity ceremony was held on the last day for everyone to commit to keeping their purity before the blessing.





23 Youth and 15 Young staff members gathered for the Winter Youth Workshop themed “True Parents & I”. This was unlike previous workshops, whose focused has been learning and understanding Divine Principle. This workshop focused on the life course of the True Parents and the understanding of their heart and relationship to us. As such there was an incredible Holy Spirit present in the workshop and many young members saw development in their life of faith.

Visiting The Holy Tree:

14th July



Soonae, a second gen from Samoa who attended the workshops, remained in Australia for a week after the workshop with the Moreau family, who are National Messiah to Samoa. She visited the holy tree in the city and went to Moonlit Sanctuary to experience native Australian animals.

Lantern Making:

16th July



Sarah Boyd has organised for the Sunday School to make their own lanterns in preparation for the Winter Sonata Lantern Walk. The children very enthusiastically produced beautiful artworks.

Cheonshimwon Vigil Prayer:

21st July



Victoria has been holding Cheonshimwon prayer vigils every Friday at the Vic Cheonshimwon. Many members attend online and those that live locally will often attend in person. We pray to make good conditions for our True Parents and the world wide movement.

Young Adult Retreat:

22nd July



ASGI organised a young adult retreat in Phillip Island. Members, especially young 2nd Gen families, gathered together from 4 states to share the roots of their faith and discuss how they would like to see their communities develop. It was a very wonderful catch up with many brothers and sisters meeting again after a very long time.

Belgrave Sewerage System planned:

23rd July



Two of the main septic tanks are leaking at the Belgrave property. It has been decided that we ought to change from septic tanks to the town sewerage. This is proving to be a much more costly affair than anticipated, however it is within our means and it is an obstacle that we need to overcome if we are to expand our facilities at Belgrave. The bottom of the property at the edge of the oval is where South East Water will install the new tank. This will require a driveway and gate installed at the bottom of the property.

Fixing the Pastors House Prelim:

23rd July



A surveyor, Engineer and various others Tradesmen have been engaged to complete the repair of the Pastors house. We are currently working on having a Building Permit granted so the work can begin.

Youth Gathering:

29th July



Over this weekend Youth leaders Hiromi Kobayashi and Melanie Moreau gathered the youth for internal content, activities and to celebrate birthdays. They also helped prepare for the Winter Sonata.



Our 2nd Winter Sonata was a roaring success! 58 members and guests attended, including many young 2nd gen families, Pastor Steve's couple and some members from the All Saints Anglican church. Soup, bread, marinated chicken wings and a great banquet of food brought by members was served for dinner. A traditional lantern walk was held during the dark, lead by candle light and song. We set up several fire pits which members sat around to talk with friends or sing songs and play music.