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PROVIDENTIAL SPOTLIGHT



True Mother in Albania

At the end of October, True Mother participated in national programs in Tirana, Albania and proclaimed the nation a "Heavenly Albania." True Mother was warmly welcomed by Former President of Albania, Alfred Spiro Moisiu and Father Edmon Brahimaj, the world leader of an Islamic Sufi order. Former President Moisiu brought many important political and religious leaders to participate in Peace Festival & Blessing. We are so moved to see our True Parents being welcomed in the way that they deserve. Heaven is truly working at this time!

OCTOBER SUB REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



Sub Region 1: Northeast

On October 11th through 13th the MA community had a Principle of Creation retreat in the Boston Family Church. On Friday night we kicked off our event with games and a birthday celebration. On Saturday, we studied Divine Principle through reading, listening to lectures and discussing in our groups. We also incorporated service in the form of a clean up of the Boston Commons and the Boston Public Gardens. Many participants explained that they were happy to clean up the public areas and expressed that they received much gratitude from park patrons witnessing their work. We finished off our retreat by attending Sunday Service.

Sub Region 2: Southeast

The young adult ministry in Maryland organized a two-day retreat that gave the 21 participants a chance to reconnect and spend time in nature. Activities included beautiful autumn hikes and relevant morning services offered by Dr. Frank Kaufmann. The young adults rented a large house for the weekend getaway, which took place on October 12 and 13.



Sub Region 3: Midwest

The Midwest hosted a Peace Starts With Me Chica[go]! Youth and Young Adult Weekend October 18th-20th to compliment October 19th's Chicago True Family Values Gala and Chicago JAM. There were about 250 participants who joined from Subregion 3 and around the nation, bringing some incredible energy and heart to the weekend's activities. Some highlights include synergistic interaction with the Soul Children of Chicago, a warm and intimate Sunday Service with our older sister Sun Jin Nim, and the Chicago JAM itself, where we opened with the Mujogeon Dance and hands down amplified the most spirit into the rest of concert. Overall, many shared how meaningful it was to plug into such a powerful interfaith experience with our fellow Christian brothers and sisters.

Read more about the event [here!](#)

Sub Region 4: Southwest

This month, Subregion 4 created a special team called the Hyo Jeong Peace Corps. They are on a special mission to support activities in the different communities in SR4 as well as fundraise for the National Victory fund, all to prepare for True Mother's rally on December 28th. Communities that they had visited have been inspired to make their own fundraising teams and continue these activities. The Hyo Jeong Peace Corps will keep visiting other communities throughout the end of the year.



Sub Region 5: West

October 12th, the LA YAYAM team invited Gerry Servito to give spiritual guidance and training for our leaders. The program was opened by our SubRegional Director, Rev. Larry Krishnek, with an inspiring message. Representatives from Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, CARP, and even the CIG Missionaries joined for the one day seminar. We also had a fun time making t-shirts and doing Halloween-themed mini games at the end.



NATIONAL YAYAM CORNER

YAYAM Team

This month we appointed our new YAYAM Director, Kaeleigh Moffitt. We are extremely grateful for the incredible foundation Naokimi Ushiroda made for our YAYAM team. Without him, YAYAM would not even exist. Each of us have been profoundly impacted by his vision and leadership these last few years. We love you Naokimi!

We also welcomed our first social media intern: Yuji Torikai. Yuji has been doing great work helping our brothers and sisters connect through social media. Follow us on Instagram @we.are.yayam!

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Children's Ministry

In October, after the Unity Rally in Atlanta, Leena was able to visit Pastor Mark & Edna Abernathy's church, get a tour of "Kids World" and meet & learn from Brother Martin the Youth & Children's Pastor. From the happy greeter, to the connect cards, free drink coupons for first time visitors, teaching tips and hands on learning in Sunday School... the Kids World experience was amazing! Find the tour video on the CM Facebook page! National Children's Ministry also developed a new holy day resource for celebrating True Children's Day. It was used by churches, Sunday Schools and families around the Nation!

[Learn about True Children's Day](#)

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Youth Ministry

Week 2's Empower Hour was called "Heart of Your Ministry" where we focused on the different ministries. We broke up into our specific ministries and focused on attendance. For YM's breakout, there were 3 communities represented (Bay Area, Chicago, and Virginia). We all shared our best practices of how to get people to come to events they're hosting, prepared, or just their general YM program. Few ideas that were shared were utilizing social media well, clear communication with the participant's parents, and an app called "Remind" that lets you mass text the participants. Some communities offer a 3-day prayer condition in preparation for anything to receive help from the spirit world.

[Learn More About Youth Ministry](#)



Campus Ministry

CARP Las Vegas hosted a successful 5th Campus Talk, "Challenging Our Hyper-Sexualized Culture," with notable guest speakers: professors, to former detective & film maker, UN representative, non-profit leaders, etc. CARP leaders from around the country came to support and hear about sexual integrity. Thank you to CARP Las Vegas and all of our CARP leaders for making a stand for sexual integrity and family values on campuses!

[Learn More About CARP](#)

Generation Peace Academy

GPA transitioned from 1st condition to 2nd condition with a rejuvenating Indiana workshop. Everyone was able to reflect on the previous condition, receive spiritual guidance, and enjoy activities, including zip lining, wall climbing, and canoeing. The theme of the workshop was to "Build My Faith" with lectures around the Foundation of Faith and Foundation of Substance, guiding members to substantiate and practice their faith on the next condition.



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- WEEK 1 PULSE OF THE PROVIDENCE
- WEEK 2 HEART OF YOUR MINISTRY
- WEEK 3 CONTRIBUTING TO THE OFFERING TABLE
- WEEK 4 SUBREGIONAL HEART OF UNITY

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Young Adult Ministry

Young Tribe has just completed our first full month of Empower Hour! We are so grateful to everyone who has made this a reality, including all our speakers, facilitators, core team, YAYAM leaders, and all the young adults who joined the calls so far. We consistently had between 70-100 people on each call this October. It is wonderful to connect with our brothers and sisters all across the nation. Don't forget to sign up for email updates [here](#)! See you on the next call for November Week 2: Heart of Your Ministry on 11/11!

[Learn More About YAM](#)

HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Events

December is packed with events for ALL ages! Youth and young adults, don't miss out on some [amazing opportunities](#):

- Young Tribe 3-Day Weekend
- Young Tribe 7- Day Week: Inheriting True Parents' Heart for Christianity
- Evolve - Northeastern Youth Winter Workshop for SR1 & SR3
- I Know My Roots - Youth Winter Workshop for SR2
- Young Clergy Leadership Conference (YCLC)
- Watch Parties around the country on Dec. 28th

Check out the YAYAM Events website for more details!

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참사랑을 실천하는 천일국의 참주인이 되자!”

Let us become true owners of Cheon Il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!

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ChicaGO! Youth and Young Adult Weekend



From October 18 to 20, the Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) hosted a Peace Starts With Me ChicaGO! Youth and Young Adult Weekend surrounding the [True Family Values \(TFV\) Awards Banquet](#) events hosted by Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) USA.

The youth weekend imbued YAYAM participants with confidence, Unificationist pride and excitement, empowering them to share the Peace Starts With Me message with the wider community. The program welcomed 250 participants, including Generation Peace Academy (GPA) students. The Midwest was overwhelmed by the support they received, which was the key element in creating a familial atmosphere for the weekend.

The weekend kicked off with a Friday evening program under the theme “Who We Are & Where We’re Going.” A sense of appreciation and hope in the future of the Unification movement was built through Testimonies from Alan Becker, Daniel Drost, and Sancha Ogden. On Saturday morning, Rev. Demian Dunkley, president of FFWPU USA, shared a powerful message to YAYAM participants about the value of getting involved and working through God’s providence rather than being “swept away in the rapids of history.”

Then, during the TFV Banquet, the Soul Children of Chicago moved many with their passionate and sincere musical performances for God. Many YAYAM participants mentioned how touched they were by the Unification movement’s heartfelt investment in interfaith relationships. Senior Vice President of Women’s

Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) Dr. Sun Jin Moon's featured message rang deeply with the youth. "I directly felt how amazing our True Mother is through Sun Jin Nim's speech, because the heart and wisdom that she delivered through her words was of warmth and embrace, like a mother," one participant stated. True Mother is an affectionate term used by Unificationists to refer to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of FFWPU.

During Saturday evening's JAM, a highlight of the weekend, YAYAM participants displayed incredible energy through the "Mujogeon (Unconditionally)" performance. The Soul Children once again passionately sang along with several other inspirational performers and speakers, including Rev. Dunkley who shared about the significance of forgiveness within creating peace.

A [morning service](#) on Sunday culminated the Peace Starts With Me weekend efforts with resounding success, displaying the beautiful unity among the congregation. Dr. Sun Jin Moon focused her sermon on addressing questions and concerns from the youth with clarity and sincerity.

The ChicaGO! Youth and Young Adult Weekend concluded with Next Step Forum breakout sessions, which included Kaeleigh Moffit sharing about the various synergistic young adult programs, Chu-in Bonkougou talking about the Northeast Winter Workshop collaboration with the Midwest Region, and Naokimi Ushiroda discussing Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) interfaith activities. Several exciting ideas were shared, building momentum for the upcoming December 28 rally.

REFLECTIONS

"Today, I had an incredible opportunity to experience the Peace Starts With Me weekend in Chicago, my hometown. Hundreds of people filled the banquet hall; all from different religious, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. Yet, the atmosphere was like a family. I directly felt how amazing our True Mother is through Sun Jin Nim's speech, because the heart that she delivered through her words was of warmth and embrace, like a mother. Peace is something every one of God's children can resonate with because deep down it is what we all want. My biggest highlight of the day was the JAM. I definitely felt our collaboration; dancing, and singing with all kinds of people and groups was a testament. Our interactions are a testament to our True Parents, because, as the fruit of their love, we brought a culture that was embracing and filled with love for all of our brothers and sisters." –Anonymous

"I personally had such an incredible experience. I was able to understand the important role second-generation Unificationists have. I could really see how we create the culture, and the culture we create is so beautiful. I was so excited to meet my Christian brothers and sisters, and was truly honored and humbled to be in their presence. I could feel their sincere and good hearts. During this short amount of time, I really experienced what unity is, how God, our Heavenly Parent, really wants a LOVING FAMILY! Recognizing that everyone is your brother or sister is something truly special. I hope everyone can have that feeling one day and that we can make one joyful family for God." –Anonymous

"My highlight of this Peace Starts With Me Gala was being able to interact with other Christian youth and the Soul Children of Chicago. I'm glad we got the opportunity to sit with them during the gala. At some point, one of the Soul Children and I were singing and dancing together, and I could feel so much genuine love being shared between us. Before, I only really got to interact with older Christians when we would visit churches on GPA. I look forward to more moments like this." –Sunhwa Schlaepfer

"I'm always astonished by the depth of heart of our community. This international community is such an embracing, sincere family. No matter where we come from, what we've been through, what we've done or what we do, we always have a family that loves us unconditionally. This is how I imagine the Kingdom of Heaven to be like. Through this event, I not only understand that peace in any shape or form starts with me, but also that change starts with me. It makes me extremely happy to see that hundreds of people are supporting this decision to bring about change by changing themselves first." –Chloe W.

"It was very inspiring to see both Unificationists and other Christians really uniting together as fellow brothers and sisters. Even the smallest things we do can act as a condition to help the providence, especially if we're all gathered together. I was really able to feel that the key to success is really to unite with God and True Parents and being able to fully trust God no matter what. I hope we can keep up the great unity and energy from this event and continue building it not just for the December event, but for supporting the Heavenly USA as a whole. I hope I can spread more love to others." –Tomiko Shibata

Read more about the Chicago weekend [here](#) and [here](#).