

## YAYAM March 2020 Newsletter

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**This is your place to stay up to date on YAYAM happenings around the nation!**

## PROVIDENTIAL SPOTLIGHT



### True Mother in Korea

True Mother led the much anticipated events in Korea this month which featured the World Summit, True Parents Birthday, and HJ Cosmic Blessing. Current and former heads of state stood with and supported our True Parents without hesitation during the World Summit. An incredible Broadway-level musical was presented for the biggest birthday bash for our True Parents we've ever seen. True Mother blessed so many beautiful young couples during the Blessing including her grandsons. During the victory celebration she told us she was proud of us and that she was happy. We are in a new era of the providence thanks to the unity of True Father in spiritual world and True Mother on the earth. It was especially moving to see True Mother raising up her grandsons and for them to respond with such filial and humble hearts. We live in an amazing time brothers and sisters!

## LAST MONTH'S SUB REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



## Sub Region 1: Northeast

Youth Groups have started strong by making sure their staff are taken cared off and loved. Both Massachusetts's Anchored Staff and New York's Up and Coming Staff have taken the opportunity to hold Staff Retreats, with Bridgeport's Slam and New Jersey's Go staff soon to follow. In these retreats the staff were able to connect and bond, renew their purpose of being that older brother/sister in for their youth groups, and strategize new and exciting activities, content, and outings for their participants. It was a well-needed and deserved time and we cannot wait to see what each youth group has in store for this upcoming year of 2020!

## Sub Region 2: Southeast

More than 20 youth from Virginia and North Carolina bonded over a fun-filled weekend retreat hosted by the wonderful Triangle Family Church in Durham, NC, from February 14-16. We experienced the thrill of adult-sized go-karts, combined HDH with a nature hike along the American Tobacco Trail, discussed about the value of community, and most importantly, deepened connections with the youth (& the youthful in heart) of the North Carolinian community. Thank you to all the wonderful youth leaders of NOVA and Triangle FC communities, as well as the volunteers that helped with cooking, driving, and other things that made this event possible!



## Sub Region 3: Midwest

Chicago's Young Adult Ministry gathered together on Sundays this past month with each week's gathering led by a different young adult within their community. Within the same theme of creating a gathering of expressing how you feel or experience God, topics and activities ranged from a talk about how having a yearly goal has brought one closer to God, a fun bowling night, and volunteering at Christian organization called Feed My Starving Children!

## Sub Region 4: Southwest

On February 29th the Las Vegas community held a Youth Group Night, called "Saturday Night Dynamite". They had dinner together and played games and activities that helped create bonds, relationships, and irreplaceable memories. One Youth Group Leader talked about the "Value of 2nd Gen" in hopes of creating a spark that would interest the youth to learn more about their lineage and role in our wonderful movement, and concluded with a small group discussion. All of the youth group leaders felt closer and more inspired to continue Youth Ministry after hearing the kids share within the small discussion groups.



## Sub Region 5: West

ACLC and YCLC co-hosted a Prayer Dinner, titled "Rise of the Next Generation," at Hill City Church in Los Angeles. Many pastors and congregants came to support including the City of Refuge's Elder Edwin Perry. Pastor Deitrick Haddon of Hill City Church, an American gospel singer, songwriter, music producer, and actor, encouraged all young people to understand their anointing from God as a chance to return the gift of life back to God. The Holy Wine Blessing Ceremony was also conducted, with singles being led through the HyoJeong Promise and couples through the Blessing. Everyone made a commitment to a lifestyle that honored God and a love that honored their marriages.

# NATIONAL YAYAM CORNER

## YAYAM Team

The YAYAM team was in full swing at this year's national leadership training in Las Vegas "Famicon." This involvement was a strategic shift from previously separate young leaders-only trainings to be fully engaged with the wider leadership of our movement. The risk was well worth it. There was real and genuine inter-generational unity from the core program team to the music team to state level representatives. We concluded the program as one family no longer separated by generations. Many kudos to the young leaders who participated with their fullness of spirit and openness of heart. This Famicon represents a significant and historical shift for our movement and were playing a massive role in shaping our future. Go team!



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## Children's Ministry

In February, Leena visited the Seattle & Bellingham Children's Ministry communities in Washington. Meeting together with the pastors, young families and Sunday school teachers - it was an inspirational visit! The classrooms received amazing makeovers. As a result of the visit, a new initiative was started to have a "Young Family Sunday" once a month in Seattle. They held their first one with their first ever preschool Sunday school lesson! Thank you to Alena Avramenko and her team for making it possible. Leena looks forward to visiting more local communities in 2020.

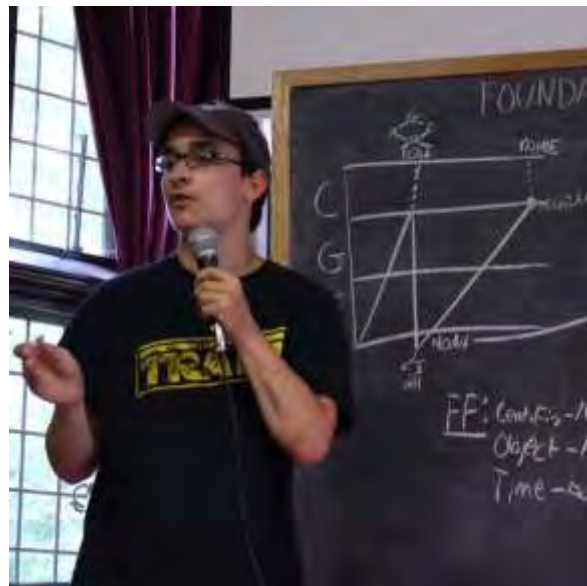
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## Youth Ministry

We want to highlight the experience of a youth attending the big celebrations that took place in Korea, the Champion Spotlight! This month will feature Luc Jean. He is a 17-year-old brother from Peabody, MA, who traveled to Korea with a clear purpose of deepening his faith in God: "I began my journey of trying to experience God and experience the victory of Vision 2020 with excitement, but also lingering doubts about the Movement..."

Read more about his journey of coming back stronger in faith and determination. [Read Luc's full testimony here.](#)

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## Campus Ministry

From February 21 to 23, CARP Las Vegas hosted its first two day workshop of the semester. The theme was "HyoJeong: Filial Piety." CARP members, Mia Taguchi, Chungbom Katayama, Micheal Cordero, and JungHyo Batino, taught Divine Principle through restoration to five guests. They also covered some of True Parents' life course. Through the experience, guests were able to apply some of Principle to their own life and gain a new respect for True Parents.

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## Generation Peace Academy

All GPA was blessed to spend most of February in Korea. We traveled to support all the world events, to inherit our church history through the pilgrimage, and unite with our fellow STF Europe brothers and sisters. On our pilgrimage, GPA traveled across Korea, from the DMZ to Busan, following a similar trail True Father took so many years ago. Through the events, we came to connect more with the global providence and True Mother's resolve for the next 7 years. Another highlight was bonding with our international brothers and sisters on STF Europe and doing service projects together with YSP Korea. Teaching English to poorer kids in our churches was especially memorable. After some sightseeing, shopping time and Korean cultural immersion, we concluded the trip with a 2-day stay at CheonBo Training Center with time to pray and reflect. As our final offering, we toured Cheon Jeong Gung (Palace) and offered flowers at True Father's burial site. The whole time we could feel how much spirit world was protecting us, and holding the coronavirus spread in Korea until after we got back.

[Learn More about GPA](#)



## Young Tribe

This month Young Tribe has been moving in many directions. We featured awesome testimonies on the Empower Hour (Mondays 9 p.m. EST) from young adults around the nation that went to Korea, played integral roles in the regional and national Famicons, and are invested in various outreach-focused initiatives such as YCLC and CARP! There was one theme that stood out above all else... Young Unificationist's are Stepping Up and Taking Ownership. We're excited and so proud to see the effort being made even amidst challenging circumstances!

We record and post all the Empower Hour calls and testimonies here: [YAYAM Youtube Channel](#)

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# HAPPENINGS

## Upcoming Events

GPA applications for next year are OPEN!

You can find it at [gpa.unification.org](http://gpa.unification.org) or on our website at [generationpeaceacademy.org](http://generationpeaceacademy.org).

Early Bird (\$0 application fee) will run until April 26, 11:59pm EST.



There is a Subregion 1 Middle School Divine Principle workshop coming up, with the theme as "Connect." It is a 3-Day Divine Principle workshop focusing on how we can develop our relationship with God, while also grasping an understanding of how valuable we are as God's children. The workshop is open to all Middle Schoolers (6th - 8th grade).

[More info & sign up here.](#)

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