

Summer Workshop in Hawaii - Contact your local pastor for application and details

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Dear Families,

A Special Invitation for 9th and 10th Graders from True Mother

Enclosed with this letter you will find an application form for a special two-week blessed children's workshop to be held in Kona, Hawaii from July 22nd to August 4th, the "2014 True Parents' Aloha Reunion." True Mother held the first Aloha workshop last year with a small group of participants that included several of her grandchildren, and several 2nd Generation youth of the same ages. This year, the scope is being expanded to include a total of 40 2nd Generation youth from around the world. All costs, including airfare, are covered by a scholarship.

We are now looking for a total of 9 participants from North America, including about 7 from the United States. It is important to note that the age of participants is tightly bracketed: 15-16 years old only, meaning 9th or 10th grades. Good grades in school are an important qualification, and a school transcript/report card is required.

Moreover, the organizers are looking for young men and women who already have a commitment to the life of faith; most likely those who are currently attending youth ministry, or helping teach a Sunday School, etc. Certainly, they should have an understanding and respect for True Parents, and be able to follow the schedule and observe all the workshop rules without difficulty. For this reason, every applicant must first be screened, interviewed and recommended by their local pastor.

Further details are expected, but overall we expect the program to be broadly similar to last year: the day will start fairly early with an hour of Hoon Dok Hae or other worship before breakfast. Some of the time, True Mother will attend in person. After breakfast, there will be Divine Principle or other study until lunchtime. After lunch, there will be opportunity for recreation Hawaii style: there'll be sightseeing, swimming, hiking and other sports. Following dinner, there will be personal time before a fairly early lights out. It goes without saying, but we'll say it, that the workshop will be tobacco, alcohol and substance-free, and that the highest standards of purity in brother/sister relationships will be maintained. There will be adequate adult staff for the number of participants, as well as such medical and other care required by state law.

This is an exceptional opportunity for some of our young people to spend a couple of precious weeks together with True Mother, members of True Family, and some of the best of the 2nd Generation from Korea, Japan, and Europe. In consultation with your pastors, youth ministers, and parents, please could you recommend and invite the best qualified young person to represent your district. The deadline is short: just 10 days from today.

Sincerely

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