

Peace Road 217 USA Continues in Hawaii, San Francisco and Sacramento

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HAWAII



Over 70 friends and families of Honolulu Family Church gathered together at Ala Moana Beach Park, located between Waikiki and downtown Honolulu, to hold “Peace Road 2017” on Sunday, August 27. First, during their Sunday Service in the park, Rev. Kazuo Takami, District Pastor of Hawaii explained the history and significance of Peace Road project.

He first mentioned the origin of Peace Road as the “International Highway Project” which was proposed by True Father in 1981. True Mother moved the project forward with the “Peace Road” project so that more people in the world could come to understand and get involved in the project’s promotion. He further explained that Peace Road is an educational program to end the various problems that divide people of the world, such as race and religion. Through Peace Road, the Unification movement also seeks to educate people on the importance of peaceful re-unification of the only divided country in the world, Korea.

Before starting the Peace Road program, the congregation enjoyed a performance of “Mujogeon” by the young Unificationist ladies.

Starting at the Magic Island, a small man-made peninsula, cyclists went around Ala Moana Beach Park. Tourists and locals noticed the flashy green Peace Road shirts and waved to the participants. Some of

them even took photos of the Unificationists as they continued to ride for peace. By riding the bicycles, participants –not only young people but also parents– were able to enjoy the wonderful weather and beautiful nature, while promoting peace and unity in the world.

SAN FRANCISCO



On a beautiful California morning, over 150 participants gathered at San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge for Peace Road 2017. The 7-mile round-trip across the bridge was taken by bicycles, by feet, and even by wheelchair. With a strong desire to join hands across the world to promote peace and True Parents' vision for Peace Road, the participants set off across the iconic bridge with prayer and much celebration. The fog of San Francisco was pushed off just long enough for the Peace Road event to be held successfully. Moments after it was, over the bridge became engulfed fully in fog. Many passersby cheered on the proponents of Peace Road and gave their well wishes.

SACRAMENTO



The Sacramento Valley Family Church community gathered for a worship service and picnic at William Land Park in Sacramento to celebrate True Parents' vision of the International Peace Highway. Pastor Charles de Wattville read from several of True Father's speeches about the International Peace Highway. 30 participants took turns riding the bicycles in a loop all around the vast park and lake, appreciating the beauty of God's creation with God's desire for peace in their heart.