

## YAYAM September 2019 Newsletter

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## PROVIDENTIAL SPOTLIGHT



### **True Mother Welcomed by the President of São Tomé and Príncipe**

True Mother is traveling around the world in preparation for Foundation Day 2020. Recently in São Tomé and Príncipe, an African nation, True Mother was welcomed by President Evaristo Carvalho and the Parliament on stage. Much of population was able to receive the Marriage Blessing. We are so inspired to see our True Parents finally honored on a national platform.

# AUGUST SUB REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



## Sub Region 1: Northeast

On August 7th-11th, the Northeast held the Blessed Cultural Sports Festival for the 15th year in a row. It creates the opportunity for heavenly competition between the states and districts, giving hundreds of young Unification members and their friends a chance to rep where they come from with pride. We hope to see even more people next year to partake in this amazing environment and bring pride to their district!

## Sub Region 2: Southeast

In early August, the Washington DC Family Church Children's Choir visited the Embassy of Afghanistan and sang a song in the local language. Afghan Independence Day is celebrated on August 19th and this year marks the 100th year. The children were taught to sing the Afghan song by Mrs. Rhonda Williams, which delighted the cultural ambassador. They were even invited to sing at the Centennial Festival on September 7th!



## Sub Region 3: Midwest

The Kansas City Youth Ministry hosted a special youth group this month! Their newest youth pastor organized a secret pre-meeting to create a Thank You video for their retired youth ministry pastors. They had a crazy blast brainstorming, recording, and editing the video right before the retirees arrived, where they surprised them with watching it on the spot. Afterwards, they had an entertaining game night together. The next day, they spontaneously continued their festivities with a CSG reading and more gaming. The CSG topic? The value of giving!



## Sub Region 4: Southwest

HARP Utah kicked off another semester of activities at their high school! HARP (High School Association for the Research of Principles) Utah started last year when two sisters felt called to create a space at their high school for #conversationsthatmatter, and to have a chance to talk with their friends about spiritual topics. They have regular discussion on World Scriptures, and actively participate in service projects. Their sponsoring teacher is so inspired by HARP that she leaves their poster up on the wall of her classroom the whole year!



## Sub Region 5: West

On August 17th, Junction hosted a Family Junction at the MacFarlane's Ranch in Southern California. Over 80 people came with whole families joining in the fun. They had internal guidance in the morning and then had tons of activities and games (with plenty of time to bond with the sheep, pigs, goats, and ponies). They closed the night off with War Room-style prayer as a group. Even though it was only for a day, they had so much fun with their parents, aunts and uncles, and brothers and sisters.

## NATIONAL YAYAM CORNER

### YAYAM Team

YAYAM hosted the 2nd National YAYAM Summit for Young Leaders Under 40 at UTS in Barrytown, NY from Aug. 30-Sept. 2. This year's theme, "It Takes a Tribe," manifested not only in the incredible young leaders and their passion representing Children's, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries, but also the many young families and parental mentors that attended as well - bringing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generations together. We had over 200 people attend breakouts, activities, the talks by Sun Jin Nim and President Demian Dunkley, testimonies, devotion services, worship music, and discussions around creating big visions, contributing our personal offerings, and building vibrant ministries.

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## Children's Ministry

National Children's Ministry hosted its first-ever Kids Camp during the National YAYAM Summit! Pioneering a new path for leadership, young families were able to attend and bring their children along. Around 20 kids ages 2-10 participated in the God's Explorers DP Camp each morning, learning about God's Principles of Creation. Afternoons were filled with water play, bounce house, and arts and crafts. Evenings were PJ parties and movie nights! Several local CMs sent their Sunday School teachers and helpers to make it possible from Bridgeport, Belvedere, Boston, and other surrounding areas.

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## Youth Ministry

The teens program at the National YAYAM Summit 2019 was attended by 7 participants. Listening to Sun Jin Nim's testimony and a few stories about the Hyo Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim, the teens learned more deeply about who True Parents and the True Children are. They had fun learning the Divine Principle and other traditions through Jeopardy and joined the Children's Program in water games. They even took a trip to Holy Cow to get some ice cream, provided by Dr. Kim. By then end, the participants wanted to stay longer and had a meaningful time together.

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## Young Adult Ministry

YAM recently shared its first draft of the "YAM Starting Packet," a compilation of tips and helpful resources to start and grow a Young Adult Ministry, along with best practices from YAMs around the country!

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**HAPPENINGS**

## Upcoming Events

We've got some awesome events happening around the country this fall coming up for youth and young adults!

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