

Generation Peace Academy Weekly Newsletter - April 6th, 2024

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GPA



First Years and Captains

The teams have completed their third week of spring competition! The theme for this fundraising time is: Let's Love and unite together to bring joy to God and True Parents. The hope is that all teams can fully invest in this time to connect and lovingly unite with God and True Parents.



Heavenly USA

HUSA finally ended their condition. After splitting between Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, they gathered once again in Upper New York, near the Kingston area, to share their experiences on the condition and transition into the exciting pilgrimage to Rome! After hearing each member's preparation on the frontline, they packed and flew to Italy! Once they landed, they met with the ministers, who had also arrived, and then drove to the Belvedere Colle Mattia in Rome, where the local leadership greeted them. After settling in, they had a 1.5-day workshop, where they received lectures from Rev. Joseppi Khali, learning a great deal about the start of Christianity, its origins, and how it spread to Rome and then to the world. After such fantastic content, they visited some historical sights, starting with the Santa Scala, the Holy stairs where Jesus went up to trial to Pontius Pilate, brought from Jerusalem. With profound experiences on these stairs where Jesus bled, they went to the Archbasilica of Saint John

Lateran, the oldest public church in Rome. The next day, they visited St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and spent the day continuing to learn and experience the history of Christianity in Rome. Stay tuned for next week; there's much more Rome to experience!



Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

The Cheon Il Guk youth missionaries are now well past the halfway point in their mission! In order to reflect and offer up their first half of the mission, two joint workshops will be held in Europe. One will be held in Romania with the Albania, Poland, and Romania teams and another in Austria with the Austria and Sweden teams. The Zambia team also had a retreat to recenter and redetermine for the rest of their mission. After this, the teams will be on their home stretch to make their offering to True Mother!

Albania

In the midst of final preparations for the Rinon Workshop in Tirana, the team hosted a CARP Talk! Taiyo spoke on the topic of "embrace" and how to become a more understanding person through a personal testimony. With a world cafe activity to close the event, a family atmosphere was created that felt a little closer to True Mother's vision in Vlorë. Over 21 participants were in attendance. Last weekend, the team attended the Rinon Workshop. Around 120 people, including staff, came. It was held in

Mullet, Tirana and coordinated by their very own Vlore center leader Albijona. They covered topics such as living a purposeful life, moral and ethics, value, importance of sharing, faith, peer pressure and integrity, and the power of a CARP-ist. Team leader Erika gave a morning inspiration on living a purposeful life and third-year participant Kienyen gave a talk on value. 4 guests from Vlore came to attend the workshop! On Tuesday, they held a Korean Class, led by UPA missionary Nori and second-year participant Jongpil, in which 4 guests attended. The purpose of the event was to teach Korean to those who are interested in the Korean culture.



Austria

The Austria team held their weekly Peace Talk! Young adult missionary Kaho O. gave a presentation about how to live a successful life based on a higher purpose and vision. Three guests came and the participants engaged in an activity to be clear about their vision and goal of the future. Many Holy Community members came to support the missionaries. The team travelled to Vienna for Easter and spent four days there. They went sightseeing and experienced the culture and history of Austria. They had bonding time together with the community members. They received testimonies from older brothers from the Holy Community and gained a lot of love from the community members. It was a meaningful experience for each missionary.



Poland

Over in Poland, the Chondo-so is putting more emphasis on online chondo (witnessing), so the team all helped make reels answering questions that young people of the last few years wonder about. Abraham, Keita, and Ju-Young also filmed their impressions of the "20 Days in Mariupol" documentary, representing the American perspective. After a long break, the center has brought back the English Speaking club for all levels of English speakers to come and practice their English with Hoon Dok Hwe. Afterwards, the group celebrated Easter with a chaotic chocolate egg hunt, and the Ancestry Fortune game where everyone got to know more about each other's families. One of the guests, Daria, a Psychology student in university, held a psychology event sharing the different branches of the field, interactive tests to better understand human nature, and personality tests which reveal the type of role in a team a person prefers to have. On Sunday, the center went to the Peace Embassy to celebrate with all the members and Global Future Leaders (GFL). They went to the Old Town for sight-seeing, saw a Chopin concert, and ate Ukrainian-style barbeque.

They even met a South-Korean student organization that performed K-pop dances and songs and played the infamous K-Pop Random Dance game. Lastly, the National Messiah came to Warsaw to give direction to the Ukrainian members, GFL members who left to America later that week, and the GPA members. He visited the center on Tuesday to specifically speak to GPA about the current state of America and the direction it will go in if they do not become the change for God.



Romania

The 3rd 21-day witnessing condition finished for the Romania CIGs. They concluded the condition by participating in the Mental Health Marathon for Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) Romania. During this event, they connected with the Moldova YSP leader who specializes in psychiatry. 15 participants attended and asked deeper questions on the topic of depression. As the condition finished, the team spent the rest of the week reflecting on how God is working in their lives. They were able to bond as a team as they went out with guests, explored the city, and enjoyed gelato together. On March 31st the local community hosted a community picnic at a beautiful park. The weather in Romania has been incredible. The community read and discussed the topic of "the family is the school of love". They ate food, listened to music, and played sports together. The team is now on a 4-day fundraising condition to prepare for the upcoming

4-day workshop.



Sweden

This weekend, the Sweden team was invited to come further north of Sweden, to the city of Uppsala, to spend Easter with a local Blessed family. They visited a sauna, did egg painting, and heard a testimony from one of the older second generation Unificationist member in the community. They also got to explore the old churches and nature, and in general, learned more about the history of Sweden. The team has been making solid plans for their upcoming workshop on April 21-23. They already have some guests who are interested! In addition, the team had their weekly Thursday CARP event with the theme "how do we see the value in others?" The team has been able to bring many consistent guests!



Zambia

This week in Zambia, the team continued to meet with their guests as they are in the middle of their mission time. Some guests have received contents beyond the sections of mission of Messiah and the restoration of the families. The team also had an opportunity to give Divine Principle lectures to the Tongil Il Moo Do students. They had an incredible time teaching students about how relevant the Principle is in their lives and how it also applied in Tongil Moo Do. Last Saturday, the members of CIGYM, Cheon Il Guk Citizens Academy (CIG CA), Shin Top Gun (HTG) and HJ Rang gathered to play sports. They played soccer, frisbee, volleyball, and many more sports. They had a lot of fun playing soccer against the different programs. Although none of the teams won, it was the most competitive and fun activity they've had so far. On Easter Sunday, the team had an opportunity to gather together as a team for a retreat where they reflected and digested their experiences of mission so far. They also had a call with the CIG staff and had a movie night to enjoy time as a team. The team was so grateful to have self-care time and recenter themselves to go back to their mission. After they came back, they had an opportunity to meet with

the international IAYSP president and one of the representatives of True Mother in Africa, Yuto Matsuda, who gave a talk about witnessing and the current providence that True Mother is leading. He also gave his life testimony about his witnessing experiences. Afterwards, they hosted some questions and answer sessions. The team is looking forward to see what witnessing is going to be like after receiving the content and have so much gratitude to President Matsuda.



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