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In today's news, Peace Starts With Me celebrates three years today since True Mother's landmark speech at Madison Square Garden. Young Unificationists bring summer camps alive from home. And an invitation to look at the state of inclusion in the matching process.

Peace Starts with Me

The Speech That Sparked It All



The Following is an excerpt of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's speech at the first Peace Starts With Me rally at Madison Square Garden on July 15, 2017.

Fallen humankind cannot return to God. They need to receive engrafting by the True Parents who among all human beings, achieved victory. That is the blessing, which the Family Federation offers. When this nation and the world is overflowing with these blessed families, God's dream, humankind's hope, True Parents' hope, and the one human family's hope can become reality.

That day is not far away. True Parents blessed Korea and Japan as the central nations of the providence and America as the eldest-son nation. These three nations need to unite and on the foundation of a revolution in the culture of heart, based on a heart of filial piety, we need to begin the era of the Pacific Rim civilization from Asia.

When the footsteps of blessed families and young people of the Youth Federation across the five oceans and six continents become sparks and lights in front of the world, 7.4 billion people will flock as one towards those lights. We need to create such an environment.

"Become sparks that light up this dark world."

A world of genuine freedom, equality, peace, unity, and happiness is not far off. When all of you gathered here today become one with True Parents and practice living for the sake of others with true love toward those around you—your tribe, your church and your nation—we can build a united world with our own hands.

Ladies and gentlemen, here today, I hope that all of you unite with me and become sparks that light up this dark world and guide people to God's bosom. God Bless America! May this country, blessed by God, truly uphold this statement: May you never forget that essence and become lights in the world with redoubled courage!

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Igniting Faith From Home

Young Unificationists Take Summer Camp to the Next Level



Camp Lone Star gave participants a virtual Zoom background of the main hall.

This summer, children are enjoying the perks of camp right from their own homes. From California to New York, digital devices have become the source of virtual camp experiences in households across the U.S. as organizers follow safety measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unificationist leaders are also connecting remote campers. One Heart Camp in California had two back-to-back camps on Zoom for high school and middle school kids in late June. “We got creative to make it as fun as possible,” said Sarah Takhar, Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) Northwest coordinator. “Summer camp is something many kids look forward to.”



The four-day camps, averaging 50 participants each, included everything you would expect at camp in person: singing, dancing, origami, puzzles, drawing, and exercise, among other activities. “Most of the activities were in groups organized in different chat rooms,” said Takhar. “We had an entertainment night with jokes and family skits, and we even had an ‘escape room’ activity where the participants had to solve riddles to break out of the chat rooms.”



Normally, the camp draws as many as 200 participants. But this year was more intimate, with fewer campers and about 15 team leaders. Takhar, a longtime camp volunteer, noted the difference while in her new director role. “I really felt this was the best camp we ever had,” she said. “We were so united and it was really amazing to read through the reflections of all the participants. God was really able to touch all of them.”

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Inclusion in the Matching Process



Join the Blessing and Family Ministry in a timely online discussion from Unificationists to listen and learn about attitudes toward race in the matching process.

Be part of an effort to begin shifting toward heavenly community principles and practices to create a more inclusive matching process.

You can [join on Zoom](#) Saturday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. EDT, 4:00 p.m. PDT.

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