

Los Angeles Peace Starts With Me: YAYAM Youth Revival with Sun Jin Moon

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The Los Angeles Family Church hosted a Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) Peace Starts With Me Youth Revival workshop on April 5, where approximately 400 youth from around the country gathered to prepare to welcome The Mother of Peace Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, affectionately known as True Mother, to the City of Angels, and to receive inspirational words from Sun Jin Moon, President of Family Federation International.



Sun Jin Moon leveled herself with the participants by sitting on the stage, presenting herself as an equal to all and encouraged everyone to voice any questions and comments they may have.

"I want to open tonight up to the audience in a more heart-to-heart level. Feel free to speak in this place.

Teacher and student are one," she said.

One participant raised his hand and asked for a personal testimony about True Mother for him to create a stronger relationship with her. Sun Jin Moon told of their time in Hawaii. She said, "True Mother arrived in a wheelchair, risking her life for peace. She risks her life every moment for God's dream."



In a response, another participant said, "I never realized just how hard True Mother worked until Sun Jin Moon gave that testimony, and she is still striving to be stronger."

Directing the topic to the Peace Starts With Me rally, Sun Jin Moon asked, "What do you think peace is?" Participants answered with, "Peace starts when we share as one, when we open ourselves and when we're vulnerable," "Peace is the lack of suffering, and uniting with God," and "When you focus on something, it becomes your reality. We need to focus on peace to make it a reality."



To close the evening, Sun Jin Moon lead the group in a guided meditation she calls "Crown of Glory Meditation" to strengthen their minds and hearts to meet life's challenges. "Your love has the power to

change the world."

"Through the meditation session, I felt the power of divine love for the first time, and I was able to embrace and forgive certain people from my past," said another participant.



The evening ended with Krispy Kreme donuts, short group discussions and dance practice for the Peace Starts With Me rally the next day.

The evening of the Peace Starts With Me rally, YAYAM and Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) held a special devotion service with 500 youth from various churches and college campuses which turned into a praise concert.



Special guests City of Refuge Music Minister Patrick Bolton, City of Refuge Youth Minister Brandon Twins, LA Family Church and the Las Vegas CARP Band performed uplifting songs throughout the evening, while Maryland Youth Pastor Gabriel Marchitelli and CARP LV Band Director Marcus Fuller gave empowering messages about sexual integrity, devoting one's self to God and connecting to Him to become peacemakers.

CARP LA leaders, Joshua Holmes and Jermanie Bishop ended the program by leading the youth in a pledge of devotion.