Divine Principle workshop and an ACLC Pastors' Forum in Atlanta

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April has been a busy month for the Atlanta Family Church community. A one-day Divine Principle workshop was held on April 11, 2015 for middle and high school Unification youth, and an American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) Pastors' Forum was held the following week on April 18, 2015. The programs had a wonderful turnout of Unificationists and guests.

The workshop was led by Choongkwon, a senior in college, who delivered a Hoon Dok Hae-style of study where participants could "express their understandings and ask questions openly." Many participants felt this was a good way to study and encouraged dialogue among everyone.

Not only were participants able to have meaningful exchanges surrounding the Divine Principle contents as a group, they also had separate discussions that enhanced their grasp of the topics. Shortly after the workshop, everyone headed to a park for sports activities.

At the ACLC Pastors' Forum, Rev. Samuel Mosteller, former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Georgia, served as the emcee for the program. Among the attendees was special guest speaker Bishop Jesse Edwards, and by phone, Min. Steen Miles, a former Georgia Senator and TV newswoman.

Bishop Edwards presented the topic "A Vision for America—The Genesis Ideal and Restoration of the First Family" in which he quoted Bible scripture and Divine Principle verses in an "eye-opening way," according to one participant. His energy, humor and insightful, warm remarks left the audience in good spirits.

Min. Miles shared about her experience of studying the Divine Principle once a week for six months. Her testimony was heartfelt and inspiring and encouraged others to open up about their experiences as well. The program ended with a greeting from Georgia Senator Donzella James, who is a longtime friend and supporter of the community.

The Atlanta Family Church has a lot more programs planned in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!