

# Belvedere Family Church: Youth Ministry Report- Up and Coming May-June, 2023!

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## **Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament**

On May 24, 2023, we had 6 participants from UC attend the Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament! Fresh from our Ocean Tribe Series, we wanted to put our lessons into action and filled up an entire boat for the tournament. The team that attended won the Ocean Tribe Content Competition and was chosen to represent UC at the fishing tournament. Although we didn't catch the winning fish like last year, we all had a fun and reflective time with each other, continuously encouraging one another to not give up. Each participant offered a condition prior to the tournament and it was beautiful seeing everyone invest so much. We hope to continue making this a yearly tradition for more to enjoy!



## **Peace, Unity, and Reconciliation March**

On May 27, 2023, Up & Coming participated in the Peace, Unity, and Reconciliation March hosted by YSP and other affiliate organizations. The purpose of this event was to get together to realize the goal of building a Memorial Park that represents all the lives who were sacrificed for peace. This goal is part of a greater mission to build stronger ties to the UN and our Local Governments. We had 12 participants from UC represent us there and everyone had a great time meeting new people, bonding, and rallying for peace.





## SR1 Youth Olympics

On June 3, 2023, we attended the Northeast Subregion Youth Olympics hosted by the NJ Youth Group. We had over 25 participants from UC attend and there was a total of 105 people! This was a great opportunity for us to showcase our strength and unity through a friendly sports competition. We played against several teams from around the Subregion including the DMV area! In the end we managed to place 3rd out of 8 teams. We hope to continue this partnership and bring the 1st place victory to NY next year!



## UC 5/20 - 6/17

In our last days of UC, we shifted a lot of our energy and focus into a new season: Rebirth! Our Rebirth Series was spread out from May 20 - June 17. We touched on different topics such as how to navigate big changes in our life, what can we do to refocus and repurpose our energy, and also talked about what it means to be reborn. As we navigate changes in our movement, we all want to find a place of belonging while also improving ourselves. The kids took a lot of time to reflect about the goals they have for the Summer Break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!





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## Summer Workshops

We successfully managed to sign up every single UC participant for a Summer Workshop experience! Everyone will either be attending Camp Aurora, Epic, Project Orenda, or Camp Shehaga. UC will offer scholarships to families in need as well.

## The White House

Over the summer, we hope to continue meeting at the White House regularly to provide a space where Youth can come and spend some fun time with their friends and continue their growth before the school year begins in September.

## Six Flags

We plan on having a community wide back to school event towards the end of August/beginning of September. We want this to be an opportunity for the youth and families to come back together after the long summer break before UC officially starts again.



# Thank You