

True Mother made a special dedication of 40 days remembrance of True Father

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Dear Brothers and sisters,

Thank you for your support for True Father's 8th

Seonghwa anniversary last week. Many of you sent in pictures of your home offering table and they were great. Also, thank you for your reflections. I heard that True Mother enjoyed the pictures and the reflections very much. At the East Garden celebration at which Ye Jin Nim and In Jin Nim attended, President Demian Dunkley received a call from True Mother at the end of the celebration and she asked him, "How was the celebration? How was my speech." She told him to tell the American members that she loves them very much.

Thank you for everyone who was able to make the donation for the Seonghwa anniversary.

Our goal is to get 100% participation in making this offering. The suggested donation is \$210 but please donate something. Let's show our love and appreciation for True Father and what he means to each one of us. You can donate online at hsa.givingfuel.com/seonghwa or send your check to the church office.

True Mother has made a special dedication of 40 days remembrance of True Father and all the activities taking place until October 10th are part of the celebration. True Mother is taking seriously the prayer condition which we are currently involved in.

I hope that you are well informed about the International Leadership Conference online activities taking place today, tomorrow and Sunday. www.upf.org/ilc2020-america Remember this is all a part of True Mother's online mega-ministry and worldwide outreach. Please see how you can attend some of the programs and inform your guest.

Please check out the YAYAM (Youth and Young Adult Ministry) summit taking place this Saturday. yayam.familyfed.org/summit

Also please check out the work of Youth and Students for Peace activities. yspusa.org

Our young adults are moving forward despite the challenges of no in person classes. CARP is holding events to recognize local peacemakers. Looking to build upon what True Mother is doing internationally they plan to host a series of events beginning September 24th. They are inviting local experts to address important topics to raise awareness. Also our Young Adult ministry at BAFC held a kickoff recently (see report below) and have plans for working together with Councilman Noel Gallo in Oakland. Recently when the Peace Starts With Me came to town we did a service project with Mr Gallo and it was a big success.

Here is the report of our YAM Kick Off:

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Blessings. Be safe.

Pastor Kevin

**BAFC YAM Kick Off Fall Semester
September 5th, 2020 1-3pm**

As young adults we were able to gather together online to kick off the Fall semester, checking in with one another and hearing about the vision of YAM. Kazuyasan gave the welcoming remarks as the Youth Pastor, sharing the significance of this time we are living in and the importance of creating a YAM to build a community and environment to nourish our spirit and relationships with each other. Lastly, he expressed how our value comes from who we are, not from what we do and contribute. It's who we are, our identity and striving to become better individuals, that is most important .

Our mission for YAM is: 'A thriving and supporting young adult community committed to *growth* and *discovery*. Where we challenge, nurture, and encourage ourselves along with others to live a principled life in our daily lives as we go to college, pursue careers, and other aspects of our life.'

Through our activities we can build such a community and authentic relationships that goes beyond our time in college. Erika Gordon, gave a testimony about friends of faith and being part of a trinity. She shared the impact it has made in her life, encouraging others and pointing out the benefits of having a trinity. We all gathered because we seek connection and growth. Having friends of faith is important for experiencing growth and having accountability. The testimony was followed by discussion in small groups, sharing and reflecting on the topic of friends of faith and trinities, as well as reflecting on what they've liked so far in YAM and what they are looking for.

Through a survey we took at the end, we could see how as young adults some of the common things we are most seeking for are; connection with peers, opportunities to serve, and activities with one another. For periodical education, the most popular topics of interest were "relating to the matching and blessing", and "balance in life with career, family, faith". Ultimately, we all seek to connect and grow. It was a great start of the semester in working towards building the YAM here in the Bay Area.

Photo Highlights: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/AuRYfJYYPC9tUuD86>

BAFC YAM Committee:

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