

Generation Peace Academy Newsletter: Daylight Savings - Using the Extra Hour to Sleep, and to Serve

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Pictured above:
Rev. Demian and Yumiko Dunkley with the youth missionaries in Texas

First Year & Captains

The GPA members are concluding their time in the centers and starting a mini competition for the next four days until the workshop at Morgan's Ranch in Blanco, Texas.

In the past few weeks, communities hosted various events for the youth and guests. The members celebrated the holidays with the communities and invested into Sunday service. At the same time, fundraising to connect deeper with our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Takanori Kogawa wrote a testimony about My Relationship with God so Far:

“Since I personally made effort in order to form this personal relationship with God, God answered all my prayers and really gave me a drive to

fundraise past my limitations.”

This is a brief conclusion of his testimony.

Lastly, the GPA members and communities were excited to meet President Demian Dunkley and his wife Yumiko Dunkley. He visited each community and talked to all the youth, shared words from True Mother, and showed personal attention and care to the young adults hard at work.

Right now, the members are heading towards their mini competition areas to prepare them for the winter experience they will have after the November workshop.

Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

New Jersey

To start the week off, everyone from the New Jersey CARP house went on a fun outing where they went bowling on Sunday.

We attend CARP talks twice a week, but this week we also hosted an exciting Halloween party!

On Saturday, the CIGs joined the Little Ferry Ocean Festival to experience the ocean culture that True Parents have created for us. A Peace Seminar was also held there, given by Shogo Nakaza.

Later that evening, they had their weekly youth prayer vigil where a testimony was shared and they listened to Assistant Pastor Takino share some words with us.



Indiana



This week, the missionaries of Indiana pushed forth in their witnessing work to bring success for the 3rd 21-day witnessing campaign. Each weekday was spent witnessing on campus through surveying or appointments in hopes to connect them to the community.

There was a Japanese culture night, hosted by the Heavenly Top Gun missionaries, where the community experienced some Japanese traditions or activities that gave exposure to the fun yet tranquil side of Japan.

On Saturday afternoon, people from the community were invited to play volleyball, experiencing the joy of unity through sports. The Indiana team also held their weekly youth night event that evening, having fun through hanging out and playing board games.

This is all in preparation for the big Sunday celebration as a way to connect the people to God's longing heart.

Bay Area

During this week of Bay Area CIG...

Demian Dunkley had a private meeting with the young missionaries (CIG, UPA, CARP) before the Monday dinner banquet started, having a heartfelt one-on-one talk with each missionary. Rev. Dunkley later shared the importance of parent-child relationships.

On Friday, they celebrated Children's Day and also helped prepare the fruits for the offering table.

The Bay Area team ended the week touring around Francisco Pier 39. That is all, have a good week!



Georgia

This week has been packed for the Atlanta Missionaries. The week started off with a dinner for all who helped with the victorious Atlanta Peace Weekend a couple weeks back, prepared by the Atlanta Family Church pastors.

The week was focused on the preparation and witnessing to bring guests to the many events happening. The CIG missionaries witnessed with GPA, helping the GPA members understand the joy of witnessing and experience God by investing into His children.

The biggest event was a visit from President Dunkley, who listened to the experiences of the missionaries and gave a talk based on their experiences. The event closed off with a Prayer Vigil, where many were left in tears and incredible experiences with God and the Holy Spirit.

Lastly, they celebrated True Children's Day, having a Hyojeong Nuri service with guidances and sermons on the relationship between parents and their children. There was lots of praise, laughter, and love.

The missionaries once again had a victorious week, not only inviting guests to experience god, but deepening their relationships with god as well.



Los Angeles

The CIG missionaries have been in their respective communities for over a month now. During that time, they experienced many trials, and also victories as a team. So here is a short testimony describing their time in mission as they have gone through different experiences.

Mina Matsumoto, third year CIG and captain of the team, expressed that

“The team has been growing a lot. Each one of us are taking a lot more initiative to create a stronger unity within the team and this has also helped us grow our heart even more. I have a lot of hope that we can be even more closer moving forward.”



This week also marked the last week of the 21 day activation period for the LA community, and to end with a bang, they celebrated with their Fall Family Festival.

The CIG missionaries, alongside the UPA missionaries, went flyering to the neighborhood homes in order to bring in the local community members surrounding the church. They offered total devotion, with intense days being out for nearly 14 hours, and prepared to offer this week to Heavenly Parents and True Parents.

The missionaries even went so far as to dress up in costumes and passing out flyers on Halloween night. But even with this busy schedule, they did not forget to integrate themselves into the local community, attending a Grog Halloween Party on Saturday.

To end off the whole week, they helped run the Fall Family Festival, all whilst enjoying the games, food, and petting zoo that the festival had to offer.

That concludes the very hectic, busy, yet fulfilling week of the CIG missionaries.

Heavenly USA

Sunday 10/27

Hello all! We had a very eventful week. It's our second-to-last week here in Little Rock, and we've been investing our all into this community (with joy of course!).

Before our praise and worship service, we were blessed to have Wess Morgan over for lunch! We went more in-depth about who we are as Heavenly USA, as well as who True Mother is.

Tuesday 10/29

We had a dinner program to connect a pastor couple with the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) and watched an ACLC video on the Blessing.

As the fruit of True Parents' love, Heavenly USA members shared about the Blessing and our movement's true family values as well, which was well received by many of our guests. We believe we accomplished our goal of loving them with True Mother's love.

Wednesday 10/30

We had our White Jacket Ceremony! This important ceremony marks the end of our 120 day training period. The members pledged to God their individual determinations for this year. Here's an example of a pledge from Reina Yamada, a second year participant:

"I, Reina Celesta Yamada, as a Heavenly USA missionary, pledge to build my relationship and trust in God and others, and to center my joys and my passions on God and True Parents. So help me God!"

After that, we received our white jackets and HUSA pins. Now, we are now all officially Heavenly USA missionaries!



Thursday 10/31

We drove to Dallas, Texas for a two-day trip. We shared our experiences with God and witnessing with our regional President, Demian Dunkely, at Dallas Family Church along with our fellow Heavenly Top Gun missionaries and Generation Peace Academy members.

Through this meeting, Demian Dunkely conveyed with us True Mother's

vision– which is for us to inherit the Christian foundation. She wants us to experience and include the Holy Spirit into our praise and worship, so that we can bring others into this environment of true love.

In His words, we are on the "frontline" of moving forward the providence.

Thank you all for reading and we'll see you next week!

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