

Healing and Fellowship Shared at Pacific Northwest Family Camp

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The 2013 Family Camp in Westport, Washington was blessed to have a cloudless, sunny, Labor Day weekend with friends and family on the Puget Sound. Unificationists and guests from Washington and Oregon gathered for lectures, prayer and frolicking in the sun.

Some arrived early Saturday, August 31st, for sports and kayaking, while many others arrived later in the evening.



Families arrived early to pitch tents at the 2013 Family Camp in Westport, Washington during the Labor Day weekend.

After setting up tents and settling in, various informal discussion groups were well underway. One formal circle, led by Janice Maddox, examined the varying degrees of development in the skills of “Listening and Self-disclosure.”

On Sunday morning, Portland Pastor David Coryell, preached on “Prayer,” describing to us how we can come nearer to Heavenly Parents using the Lord’s Prayer as our model.



Participants engaged in lively conversation with reflection of the lovely Puget Sound.

After breakfast, Robert Maddox gave a talk introducing concepts from his book *DEEP Origin Healing* entitled, “Why Do the Work of Introspection,” wherein he introduced the value of personal-process healing work. There was a good question- and _____ answer session afterwards, which underscored the value of this process in conjunction with positive psychology to nurture our original minds.



Participants laugh and swap stories during one of the breakout sessions.

Maddox expressed after his talk that, “The main insight I gained from giving the talk and the discussion that followed is that we can’t afford to focus only on identifying and dissolving our fallen natures — many people feel it’s too depressing and discouraging — but we can’t afford to ignore them either. Therefore, a DEEP Origin (Divine Energy Emotional Process) Healing session needs to involve sharing and examining a person or couple’s particular issue with honesty and non-judgment until we can get at the emotional wound; then with the truth of Divine Principle allow those suppressed emotions to be expressed in an undistorted way, in other words, to view the original emotions underneath; and finally we need to bring in the love of Heavenly Parents and acknowledge the original character of the person doing the process work. If we can’t recognize and love that original part of ourselves we continue to put up walls to defend ourselves again and again, because living ‘undefended’ is too painful without feeling the love of God.”



Young Unificationists from Washington and Oregon pause for reflection at the Family Camp.

Later in the afternoon there was an opportunity for in-depth analysis wherein participants had some challenges as well as breakthroughs. The serious investment of everyone involved brought in the spirit of Heavenly Parents very strongly.

There were many other sessions at the camp; Dario Pisano gave a talk on “True Ownership” from a principled perspective. Miyuki Pullman presented on the “Power of Words,” and she later led an afternoon circle she calls “Happy Coffee Hour.”

David Roberts gave a talk on the Divine Principle to guests from Oregon and many members, and John DeGoede introduced “Aquaponics” and “Intentional Communities.” Follow-up discussions could be heard on all variety of co-creation subjects until late into the night!



On Sunday, our Pacific Northwest District Leader, Rev. Larry Krishnek, joined us. His warmth and openness always have been an inspiration.

Throughout the weekend, the younger set enjoyed cards, volleyball, soccer, crafts, kayaking, dog-walking, swimming, and other games that defy description, but clearly qualified as "fun!"



Host David Lee Wolfenberger made sure to make his guests, of all ages, feel comfortable during the Camp.

A special thanks is owed to our hosts, David and Mitsue Wolfenberger, for their generous hospitality — even if the porta-potty was necessary — and to John DeGoede for organizing the event; and last but not least, our refreshing experience could not have been possible without all the wonderful sisters who volunteered to cook such delicious meals, making this year’s Family Camp a small piece of Heaven!