

Generation Peace Academy: Sent on a Tuesday, to Respect the Presidents

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Pictured above:

The closest thing that Generation Peace Academy has to a president, Director Nobu Iwamoto.

Fun fact:

Presidents Day was created to honor George Washington on his birthday which is February 22. Presidents Day was moved to the third Monday in February in 1971 by an act of Congress known as the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in next year's program, applications are currently open! Early bird rate is \$0, apply before it goes up.

Send them the application link, or have them go to generationpeaceacademy.org/apply.



Read on to see what the programs have been up to! And what one day you or your child could be a part of.

Heavenly USA

Howdy y'all! This week, Heavenly USA was summoned for a special mission outside of Little Rock. The whole group traveled to the town of Shreveport, Louisiana. There, the missionaries recorded a song with Wess Morgan, a very prominent singer in the Gospel music world. Monday through Tuesday was spent working in the studio with him and the team, who really work wonders in producing music. It will be a while until the song is released to the public, but rest assured that you, the readers of this newsletter, will know when it comes out!

Heavenly USA feels blessed to be able to invest into the Little Rock community. The rest of the week was spent investing into the guests and contacts of Little Rock. One highlight was the choir practices Heavenly USA has been hosting. The goal is to create a substantial choir made up of at least 10 committed members. Several guests have been coming to each choir practice, and so that goal is becoming closer and closer to a reality! These practices are preparation for the praise and worship nights the community has on Sunday, but also in the future to reach out and work with other churches as well.



On Saturday, after the community received a lecture on the Principles of Creation from Reverend John Jackson, pastor of the Little Rock Family Church, two people signed up to join Peace Starts with Me!

Up until this point, the missionaries have been staying in Little Rock for two weeks, and they will be dividing in half This upcoming Monday. Some were called to do mission at the Dallas Fort Worth Family Church, while the other half will stay in Little Rock. Wherever HUSA goes, their hearts will be ready to serve and unite with the mission—which ultimately is to comfort the heart of Heavenly Parent, True Parents, and Jesus.

Peace and love from Heavenly USA, and may God bless your week!

First Years & Captains

First years and captains are more than halfway through Mission Sunflower, with less than two weeks to go. They have continuously invested in the

five communities of New Jersey, Atlanta, Dallas, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles, supporting the communities in their witnessing efforts, community events, and more.

All teams have participated in a social media contest within GPA, so be sure to look out for those posts on our Instagram!

Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

Indiana

This week was full of many fun activities for the CIG missionaries. Preparing to conclude their first 21-day witnessing campaign, they invested extra hard into witnessing, guest meetups, and loving the community and people of Indianapolis.

The missionaries invited guests to their usual weekly Youth Nights, Peace Starts With Me Seminars, and Sunday Service. Everyone had lots of fun and felt lots of love expressing their appreciation for the wisdom, love, and community built here in the Indianapolis Family Church.

The seminar featured two speakers, Daniel Brinkmann and Mina Matsumoto, with Mihyang Belmonte emceeing the workshop. Guests stayed back afterwards to bond with the community and play board games. The week has been packed with many victories, and determinations for the future of the Indianapolis Family Church!



Bay Area

One of the new members here, Gracie Kour, brought us to a gurdwara on Tuesday, where we were able to experience the Sikh religion, and we learned some of their core values. We also served back by volunteering to wash the dishes and help peel and cut vegetables for them.

On Wednesday, CARP had their weekly club meeting, where the missionaries brought two new people, and we discussed determinations for this semester. Some of us also had meet-ups to get to know them better and create a deeper relationship with them.

On Friday, the CIG missionaries emceed and led icebreakers for the program, where they were able to invite four new people! Bento Leal gave the guidance, which was about the debate between a God and no God.



Saturday was much quieter than usual, but it was just as good. The CIG missionaries, Jon, Yoomi, and Kaelin went fundraising with one new member, Camilla Sanchez, and an HTG missionary, Kaori. Keita, Will, and Unja stayed to help with the Saturday seminar. There was one guest who came for all the events this week, which was a big victory.

Keita gave the first lecture, and Uncle Markus gave the next 2 sessions. We also helped with the CARP food bazaar to raise funds for workshops and other things to help support CARP.



Chicago

Welcome back to this week’s newsletter! The CIG missionaries have been busy cooking up ideas for how to invest into this community, so let’s check up on what they’ve been up to!

The CIGs have been very busy witnessing at the Harper Community College. Within this week alone, they had ten meetups and more scheduled to come in the following week. Their witnessing efforts in Chicago have picked up momentum, and they are ready to take up more projects to invigorate the community.

They also arranged a Youth Night, where they invited the local community for a fun night of board games and ping pong. Many braved the winter storm to hang out with each other, and created a bright and happy environment in the Chicago Family Church. Although this was the missionaries' first time hosting this, they planned to make this into a weekly event so that the youth of Chicago have a place to convene and have fellowship.



This week they also held Empower, a new event that CIG pioneered in Chicago. The vision for this event is for new members and guests to regularly come and feel inspired. Run entirely by the CIG members, Josef Buergi, 3rd year CIG, gave the main talk of "How to Build Authentic Relationships." David Lee, Young Adult CIG, also gave a very heartfelt testimony about the importance of loving yourself so that you can genuinely love others. It was a success, with over twenty people in attendance.

New members, as well as young Second Generation, attended to support the CIGs endeavors. All in all, it was a very busy week for the CIGs as they prepared many different events for the community to enjoy. Check back in next week to see what else they'll be pioneering here in Chicago!

D.M.V.

This week, the CIG DMV team continued their witnessing efforts and contributed to many community events.

On Monday evening, they visited the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in the Capitol to pray for the UCI court case the following day.

Together, they walked around the building while singing songs and gathered around the Lincoln statue to participate in a resonance prayer.



On Friday, the team joined CARP and NextGen members for a fundraising event. The flowers were assembled into bouquets the night before, and the team spent most of the day selling them. Most of the money raised was used to fund the NextGen Staff Retreat for the weekend, where young adults of the community gathered to discuss their hopes and plans for the DMV NextGen community.

The week was a meaningful expression of faith, unity, and service, with everyone coming together to support the community's growth.

Thank you for reading! We'll see you again in next week's newsletter
In the meantime...

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