

Archbishop Ki Hoon Kim addresses Generation Peace Academy

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Participants and staff members of the Generation Peace Academy take a group photo together with Archbishop Ki Hoon Kim, the Continental Director of North America.

On Saturday August 17, 2013 Archbishop Ki Hoon Kim met with 40 leaders of Generation Peace Academy (GPA) in the dojo of the Angora House on the Belvedere grounds in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Bishop Kim recalled his own experiences and challenges of being a young member and leader of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP). He described being asked by True Father to go out pioneering for two years and how that was a challenge, that he faced doubt and loneliness every day, but also how “it made him who he was today.” He expressed how those two years of public life helped him to decide to lead a life of service and of spiritual leadership.



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He also reported about his recent experience with True Mother in Kona, Hawaii, and how committed she was to the education of the Second Generation in America. He shared how lonely she is in her position but also how True Father is really working with her. He also stressed that, “when Mother looks at appointing someone to become a leader of our nation, she doesn't see what part of the world you are from or your family background, she sees the internal quality you have.”



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Afterwards, several of the GPA participants expressed their gratitude to Bishop Kim. Eiko Sullivan, a third year leader, observed: “Listening to Bishop Kim, I really felt his love for True Parents, especially True Mother. I'm really grateful for his investment in America, and I hope I can inherit his spirit to support True Mother and this movement in America.” Kristen Anthonis, one of the second-year team leaders shared, "It was such a blessing to meet Archbishop Kim. Who knew we would be meeting the Continental Director of North America! His heart of attendance towards God and True Parents is amazingly motivating. I am so grateful for how he conveyed the state of our movement.”



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