

## Community Support Workshop Report

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On the 13th February we gathered as Young Adults from many different regions for a weekend workshop at Livingstone House. The goal of the workshop was to share our ideas on how to support each other and our church communities, we also dedicated time to creating new material for small groups with the topics such as True Parents, the blessing, and life after death.



A practical and inspiring talk was given by Uncle Time Read on why it is so important to support our community. With the knowledge given by Uncle Tim, we met in groups to brainstorm new ideas for events and groups that we can create for our community.





We also spent bonding time together as BC's strengthening our relationships through fun games.



Hyanghee and Ruth both talked about their plans and goals for Young Adults Ministry and HARP and how we can support them both through our communities. At one point during the workshop we divided into two groups, and those who were keen to invest time into HARP met with Ruth, and those who wanted to help with Young Adults Ministry met with Hyanghee to discuss and create plan for each community.



On Saturday we had a prayer evening which began with Holy songs before we had time to share one on one with each other. The spiritual atmosphere allowed us to open up and share deeply with each other, this type of activity is conducive to strengthening our relationships and allowing us to support each other.





**Reflections from the workshop:**

I learned how important thinking about the wider community is. How is important to make goals that will effect or involve the BC community spiritually. it made me think of move ways I can take initiative, and help with projects or activities. How thinking and living for the greater purpose/ community is so important. I really enjoyed the structure of the workshop. I think the content was spaced out well so that you could focus on it better. I think its really good to hear from 1st gen. on a workshop, so I was glad to hear from uncle Tim Read.



One of the greatest lessons I've learned as a result of this workshop was that the only way we can build strong and loving community is together collaborating in regions and between several regions. Some of the ideas and improvements presented by Hyanghee for Young Adults Ministry was very good. As a young adult, I am very interested and looking forward to future events. Also the sharing evening and prayer night combination was very very good. It really helped to grow stronger bonds and real friendship. the words "would you like me to pray for you?" were so good to hear and move importantly allowed me to see what people really need.



I really enjoyed the sharing. I think its very important to be in our communities and in our families. I really liked the format of the weekend. It was a good mix between prayer/songs/discussions. It was good that everyone had a big interest in helping their community. this inspired me and makes me feel positive about the future of our church.

I think it has been a great workshop, I have learned that joy can come about through giving with the right heart, we often see it as a burden in having a role but if we give with a good mindset it gives us energy. I have also learned the power and change a single person or single activity can make such as starting something big, band, small group, they can really change someone's life. I think the feeling of everyone, sharing, supporting, being a team and working towards a goal was the best point the workshop. Sometimes we feel alone in our roles but having support is key to doing a good job in our roles. The sharing was really great too, I feel we don't go so deep in our communication usually it was really refreshing and also a bonding experience. I felt I could share for so much longer with the people it was great.

I really like the small group preparation and demonstrations I think that the material is good for any kind of small group. Having that 10min. sharing was a really nice experience.

This has been a great time for me to reflect and to look at my life as a elder 2nd gen. I have learnt many practical things to help me with my community. From small groups to mentoring. I have learnt that no matter what you do, you just have to be there for the younger brothers and sisters to be same one who can listen. This workshop has made me realise not just to do thing I do but to do them with a higher purpose on mind and sight.

I learnt from this workshop that there are many of us who actually really care about our community! There are really good ideas that we all have and can share between each other that why this is a good support network that we are creating. This was a really good workshop because, we could share among each other what we're doing in our groups, see who else really cares about community. And create a good support network I felt good on this workshop!