

The Next Generation –Teens Sector

Thanks to your prayers and support, the national teens' Bible camp 2015 Spring concluded successfully. I am grateful that the church provides this program; an opportunity for teenagers to meet people their age and of the same faith at a time when they probably grow most throughout their lifetime.

When I was a camper, there was no nationwide program like this, but I always loved the annual camp that was held in Mt. Aso. It gave me a different setting and joy that I had not known: for example, to praise and pray away from the home chapel or to meet many camp staff, not school teachers, who were strangers to me.

The staff includes those who have 'graduated from' the teens' camp and those who never experienced it. Yet everyone seems to work joyfully and willingly, united in the operations of the camp for the sake of teens. They seem to be responding to the call of God through this work.

Not only campers, but also staff members are led to baptism or confirmation through the teens' camp. Please remember it in your prayer.

I would like to ask your support for other sectors in the TNG project.

Kaoru Okada, pastor Megumino Church



"The Last Supper" by the campers

TNG-Teens official blog
Heep://tngteens.hamazo.tv/

TNG—Youth Sector

TNG-Youth Sector targets at a wide variety of people: from those who are no longer teens to whoever claims to be young.

Unfortunately, many young people seem to lose their relationship with church and/or God because they are so busy. Considering this situation, the sector initiated a Bible camp to help maintain their relationship with church and God two years ago. I hope that the camp will help the youth to strengthen their faith and share what they have learned with their church.

The sector maintains contact with the self-managed organization, the Youth Liaison Conference, in co-organizing or supporting the "National Youth Retreat."

I pray that the sector is closely tied to the youth across the country and provides various ways to be connected to God and the church.

Some churches have no young people. To them, TNG-Youth may be invisible. But there are young people in the JELC. So, I ask churchwomen all across the country to remember the young in your prayers and to welcome them when they come to your church. Please help them grow in faith.

I hope that we can support together, grow together, and work for the mission. I shall be happy if you remember the work of the Youth sector.

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