

## Naokimi Ushiroda, New CARP President

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*Naokimi Ushiroda, 34, was appointed as the next CARP President by the CARP Board of Directors on July 12, 2013.*

Naokimi Ushiroda has been appointed as the new president of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) in accordance with a resolution passed by the CARP Board of Directors on Friday July 12, 2013. Just prior to this appointment, Ushiroda was invited to Kona, Hawaii where he met with True Mother and Archbishop Ki Hoon Kim. She emphasized the importance of reaching out to students on campus as a way to impact the nation and world. "I feel a tremendous weight on my shoulders, but I trust that there's a reason that God asked me to fill this role at this time and I am going to do my best to figure it out and make it happen," Ushiroda told Unification News in an interview about his reaction accepting his appointment.

Ushiroda, 34, was Blessed in marriage in 2000 by True Parents. He has two children, one boy, eight, and girl, five. Ushiroda grew up in Queens, New York and went to school at the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) where he received a Bachelor's of Economics degree from the Wharton School of Business.



*Naokimi Ushiroda with his wife, daughter and son.*

When Ushiroda was a student at UPenn he co-founded a local CARP chapter called Philly CARP in 2001. There were six members then, and they held regular Divine Principle study sessions. "I was president and our main event was an Interfaith Symposium held every semester," Ushiroda said. He continued: "One of our most successful Symposiums that we did was on the theme of inter-religious cooperation in the fall of 2003. There were 140 students from six college campuses who were involved. The chaplain of UPenn gave welcoming remarks at the prestigious Benjamin Franklin Room. Dr. Frank Kaufmann, director of the Inter Religious Federation for World Peace, was the keynote speaker and spoke about real issues involving inter-religious cooperation."

Based on the foundation of his work on campus, upon graduation in 2004, Ushiroda was recruited directly by the then CARP President, Kazushi Mito to work together in building the CARP organization around the country. In 2007, Ushiroda moved on to serve as the Youth Education Director for the next two and a half years. His most recent role prior to this appointment was the Leadership Program Director in New York providing leadership skills training to members of the Generation Peace Academy.

Ushiroda said his main focus right now is to conduct a situation analysis to identify CARP's current state and to reach out to CARP's network to gather ideas and feedback on what CARP should focus on at this time. "I could use all the help I can get, because I know I can't do this alone," he said.